

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
April 22, 2016



Clewiston Animal Control Officer Tammy Henry and Animal Control Volunteer Kathy Irely were honored for their service at the City Commission Meeting on Monday, April 18, 2016. A Proclamation recognizing April 10-16, 2016 as Animal Control Appreciation Week was presented by Vice Mayor Kristine Petersen.

We are currently accepting applications for lifeguards and counselors for summer camp. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Stop by City Hall for an application.

Dates to Remember

May 2, 2016 – Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
May 7, 2016 – Brown Sugar Festival – Visit www.1BrownSugarFestival.info
May 9, 2016 – Clewiston Library Advisory Board Meeting
May 12, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Workshop
May 16, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting
May 19, 2016 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

Staff Reports

Library Director Barrett reports:

- **For information regarding any of our programs, please call the library at (863) 983-1493 and remember to visit www.hendrylibraries.org. Your library truly has a lot to offer.**

Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:

- Get all Clewiston Golf Course news. Visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov and sign up under Constant Contact. You will automatically be put on the golf course e-mail.
- Get your grips re-done. Contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Golf lessons are available, contact Robbie Rush at 863-983-1448.
- Fairways, Tees and Green Banks were fertilized this week.
- The Moore Haven Terrier Boosters Golf Tournament had 112 players on Saturday, April 16, 2016. Congratulations to the winners Lee Davis, Trini Reyes, Tim Burke Sr. and Isandro Marquez.
- A Glow Ball Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 22, 2016. You can sign up by calling 863-983-1448.
- A Clewiston First Tee Junior Golf Clinic is scheduled for April 23, 2016. Full swing is our lesson and **Honesty** is our life skill. The Clinic is from 4pm-5pm.
- The Golf Course will be closed all day for maintenance on Monday, April 25, 2016.
- The 2016 U.S. Sugar Nelson Fairbanks Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2016. The Golf Course will be closed until 2:00 pm.
- The CHS Tiger Boosters Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2016.
- Golfing Rates change on May 1, 2016.
- **Responsibilities we have as golfers when we play golf:** 1) Replacing or sanding our divots; 2) Raking sand traps after we exit them; 3) Repairing our pitch marks on the green; 4) Keeping our golf carts behind the white lines; and 5) Letting faster players through.

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- Please visit www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

The Flu is making its way through the City staff. Public Works had three employees out this week.

- Mosquito Control: Trap counts are as follows: Trap One-568; Trap Two-95; Trap Three-532; Trap Four-752. Ground ULV applications are Tuesday and Friday. Staff checked with the Health Department this week and there are still no confirmed cases of ZIKA in Hendry County. Residents are encouraged to take this virus seriously and take responsible precautions. Avoid outside activity during the mosquitoes' most active time. Spray or cover exposed skin. Check your property for containers that hold even a small amount of water, which is where this mosquito lays her eggs.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff ran potholes and repaired road shoulders two days this week; (2) Staff installed additional boulders around another monument at the Golf Course; (3) Removed dead palms on Central Ave.; and (4) Both Grab Loaders are operating and the newest operator seems to be picking up speed as she becomes familiar with the controls.
- Pasadena Drainage & Paving Project: All driveway aprons have been poured and the sidewalk repairs are underway. Setting finish grades are next, followed by new sod and signage.
- Paving Project: The next scheduled project review is April 21.

- Building Maintenance: (1) Firehouse and Community Development buildings are being painted; (2) All the lights in the Youth Center have been upgraded to the T8 bulb and new ballast; (3) The roof of the Animal Control Building was power washed; and (4) Security lights on the outside of the Firehouse were replaced and systems checked.
- Canal Maintenance: The Clewiston Drainage District sprayed the canals for vegetation last week and the results are starting to show.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- We have a contractor on site today calibrating all of our radar and laser speed measuring devices. The state requires each unit be certified every six months.
- Following a complaint regarding careless and aggressive driving by students leaving the High School every afternoon, officers began to closely monitor the activity. An unexpected by product was the number of drivers we discovered travelling Sonora and/or Francisco with suspended, revoked, or no Driver's License at all. This anomaly is mostly responsible for the unusually high number of arrests this week.
- An alert officer conducting a traffic stop also arrested three men for felony drug possession. One also had a warrant for burglary. All three were transported to the Hendry County Jail.
- Officer McLeod organized the departmental participation in the Special Olympics Torch Run. There was great participation for the event.
- Last week was National Animal Control Officer Week. We are grateful for the proclamation and recognition offered by the City Commission at their Monday Meeting. Our Animal Control Officers are the greatest; and Kathy Irely is the very best volunteer in the world!
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1090** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 674** Complaints Investigated
 - 49** Arrests Made
 - 98** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 69** Merchant Escorts
 - 3** City Ordinance Violations
 - 22** Alarms Responded To
 - 7** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City's website page www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at any time through the same link.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call our office.
- **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION!** Visit our office today.

- **ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE** on our web site at www.clewiston-fl.gov or www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS: Scam artists are calling Utility customers posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware:

- 1) **Clewiston Utilities will NEVER request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.**
- 2) **Clewiston Utilities will NEVER contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.**
- 3) **Clewiston Utilities will NEVER speak to our customers in a threatening tone.**

If you feel you have been a victim of this scam please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department and file a report.