

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
April 29, 2016

**We are currently accepting applications for lifeguards and counselors for summer camp. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Applications are available at City Hall. The deadline to apply is today, April 29, 2016.**

**Dates to Remember**

May 2, 2016 – Planning & Zoning Board Meeting  
May 7, 2016 – Brown Sugar Festival – Visit [www.1BrownSugarFestival.info](http://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](http://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](http://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.
- Clewiston Golf Course Summer Rates go into effect May 1, 2016.
- The Clewiston First Tee Junior Golf Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2016. USGA Rules and Games is our lesson and **Integrity** is our life skill. The clinic is from 4pm-5pm. You can sign up that day before the clinic.
- CHS Tiger Boosters Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 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.
- **Golf tip of the week:** When putting, try to listen for the golf ball to go in the hole. That will help you to keep your head still and stay down in your posture.

**Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:**

- SUMMER is right around the corner...! CIT and LIT applications are available at the Youth Center. Deadline is May 6, 2016. Registrations for 2016 Summer Camp will start on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Check [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) for pricing and registrations and get more information regarding camp, or call the Youth Center at 983-1492.
- Baseball and Softball teams continue to practice all over town. Please be aware of the kids...Please SHARE!
- GREAT NEWS ...! The FHSAA has “verbally” approved the City of Clewiston to host a 2017 Spring Break Baseball Tournament at Sugarland Sports Complex with 8 teams (JV and Varsity) from around the area and the City of Clewiston will be hosting the TC Williams High School (Remember the Titans) teams from Alexandria, Virginia during the tournament week. Staff is currently working with VHSAA/ACPSD regarding eligibility and criteria.
- Staff continues working to develop budgets, staffing patterns and schedules for summer activities.
- Staff completed work on the C.S. Mott Pool last weekend and has scheduled HCHD/DEP Inspections for next week. The deck, all the elements, front porch, sidewalks & building have been pressure washed. Staff will start touch-up painting next week to get ready for summer activities. We tentatively plan to open the Pool on Saturday, May 28, 2016.
- Staff began working on the James Mason Pool this week preparing it for HCHD/DEP Inspections and summer activities.
- Staff replaced the frog slide in the tot area at Sweetest Town Playground.
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
  - Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> – Brown Sugar Pageant 6pm – 10 pm John Boy Auditorium
  - CPAC recitals will be this weekend Saturday & Sunday. Visit CPAC’s Facebook page for more information.
- If you are interested in participating in an adult co-ed dodgeball league, summer co-ed softball league, Summer K-5<sup>th</sup> AAU Track and Field, please contact Andre at 983-1492.
- Please visit [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

**Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:**

- Mosquito Control: Trap counts are as follows: Trap One-210; Trap Two-45; Trap Three-188; and Trap Four-518. Ground ULV applications are Tuesday and Friday. Please call 983-1471 to register a mosquito complaint.
- Street Maintenance: (1) 70 feet of sidewalk was replaced this week; (2) Main traffic areas were swept this week and inlets cleaned; (3) Much needed Operations Yard Maintenance was pulled two days this week. This was accomplished as a result of both equipment and staff operating at full capacity; and (4) Five Bougainvillea plants that were donated to the City have been harvested and cut back. They will be planted at the Golf Course once they recover.
- Pasadena Drainage & Paving Project: A punch list of issues to be addressed by the contractor has been put together and sent this week.

- Paving Project: The April 21 project review was rescheduled to April 27 because of needed work on the Master Lift Station plans.
- Building Maintenance: Work at Animal Control facility: (1) New exhaust fans are scheduled to be installed in the gables of the kennel; (2) Five sets of new shelves were ordered; (3) The building and roof were power washed; (4) The drains in the facility were cleaned out; (5) A work order for a new exhaust fan to be installed in the Cat Room was submitted; and (6) A contractor did a review of the underside of the roof in the kennel. A proposal for foam insulation to be sprayed is forthcoming.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- Officer McLeod alertly stopped a suspicious vehicle on East Del Monte Tuesday afternoon. During her traffic stop an alarm sounded at the residence the suspects had just exited. Investigation showed the home had been burglarized. Four suspects from South Bay and Belle Glade were charged with burglary, possession of burglary tools, and possession of a stolen handgun. Well done Buffie!
- Patrol Officers assisted HCSO with a number of calls in Twin Lakes and Harlem through the week including a Domestic Violence involving a firearm.
- In another traffic stop, Officer LaRosa arrested two men for possession of narcotics, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a concealed weapon and possession of a stolen firearm.
- Communications received a call from a cell phone with inaudible words and multiple people screaming in the background. The phone was eventually tracked and resulted in a traffic stop at Flagler and Hwy 27. One man was arrested for DUI and two women arrested for battery.
- Over the weekend Sgt. Williams was called to assist an iguana who was stuck in a fence near the marina. The reptile was granted his freedom.
- We welcomed a new Communications Officer to our family this week. I hope you will all stop in and say hello to Belkis Mejia.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
  - 1229** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 646** Complaints Investigated
  - 69** Traffic Citations Issued
  - 40** Arrests Made
  - 68** Merchant Escorts Provided
  - 5** City Ordinance Violations
  - 22** Alarms Responded To
  - 5** 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or [www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl](http://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.**