

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
May 6, 2016

Clewiston Recreation Summer Camps are currently open for registration for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> sessions. Please visit [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) or call the Youth Center at 863-983-1492 for registration information.

**Dates to Remember**

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**

**Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:**

- We have issued a certificate of occupancy for the new office building located at 206 Lotus Street;
- There is a new bakery opening this weekend just in time for Mother's Day. Ruby's Bakery is located at 720 East Sugarland Hwy.;
- Two (2) new boutiques are now open for business – Pink Pearls Couture in the Clewiston Town Center, 935 West Sugarland Hwy.; and Young Ladies of Tomorrow at 402A East Sugarland Hwy.

**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 Memberships (\$200.00 including tax) are available now through September 30, 2016.
- Member Rate for unlimited holes the same day is \$19.00 plus tax.
- Non-Member Rate for unlimited holes the same day is \$28.00 plus tax.
- Clewiston Golf Course Summer First Tee Junior Golf Camps are **June 13-17, 2016** and **July 11-15, 2016**. For more information, contact the golf pro shop at 863-983-1448.

- 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 hitting a chip shot, use a less lofted club such as an 8 or 9 iron. Narrow your stance, playing the ball off your back foot. Choke down on the club and put your weight on your target side. Your swing motion should be a mirror image of your putting motion. I always say, “Keep the club head below your knees swinging back and forward”.

#### **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.
- 2016 Baseball and Softball season was completed this week. All-Star teams are being selected to participate in an End of Season Tournament at Sugarland Sports Complex May 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.
- COPA UNIVISION Soccer Tournament will be back at Sugarland Sports Complex this weekend for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of a 3 part tournament series. Games begin at 8am and will continue all day.
- Staff has completed work on C.S. Mott Pool and has scheduled HCHD/DEP Inspections for Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>. The deck, all the elements, front porch, sidewalks & building have been pressured washed. Staff completed touch-up painting this week to get ready for summer activities. Tentatively we plan to open the Pool on Saturday, May 28, 2016.
- Staff began working on the James Mason Pool last weekend and worked with Hendry County staff to clean the facility and decks. HCHD/DEP Inspections are scheduled for Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Lifeguard and LIT applicants will begin training at C.S. Mott Pool next week in the afternoons for re-certifications and testing for their Lifeguard Certifications.
- Staff has begun to review the applications for Summer Camp Counselors and CIT's.
- Negotiations have begun to host a 2 day “Challenger 3v3 National Qualifying Soccer Tournament” at Sugarland Sports Complex this summer.
- Staff will be participating in the Brown Sugar Parade on May 7<sup>th</sup> with the “Ducks”...
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
  - May 6<sup>th</sup> – CHS FFA practice 3-5pm John Boy Auditorium
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> – Lion’s Club Boston Butt Sale 6am – 6pm Sikes Park
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day Dinner 7-9pm Beardsley Room
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> – Wedding Shower 11am – 2pm Youth Center
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> – COPA UNIVISION Soccer Tournament – 8am Sugarland Sports Complex
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> – Brown Sugar Parade 10am Harlem Community
  - May 10<sup>th</sup> – CHS FFA Banquet 5-10pm John Boy Auditorium
  - May 12<sup>th</sup> – Sr. Bar-B-Que Noon CHS
  - May 12<sup>th</sup> – CHS Band Awards Banquet 4:30-9pm John Boy Auditorium

- If you are interested in participating in an adult co-ed dodgeball league, summer co-ed softball league, or 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-237; Trap Two-22; Trap Three-45; Trap Four-940. Ground ULV applications are Tuesday and Friday. Please call 983-1471 to register a mosquito complaint. My last ZIKA Virus report from the Health Department showed an increase of confirmed cases in Florida and still no cases in Hendry County. Mr. Scheffler would be happy to discuss what the City is doing in mosquito control, containing the ZIKA Virus and what residents should do to protect themselves and their families.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Safety Yellow bull noses and white street markings were painted around the Government Complex this week. (2) The right turn radius at 27 and Circle was repaired. (3) Staff is working on street signs. Sixty (60) signs have been reset and straightened.
- Pasadena Drainage & Paving Project: This project is coming to a finish. The “punch list” of items is being addressed. Thank goodness for the rain that gave the new sod a nice drink of water.
- Paving & Street Striping Projects: These two projects are being put together now and will soon be going out to bid.
- Building Maintenance: (1) The Firehouse has been painted and the outside lights repaired. Painting of wheel stops and “No Parking Zones” are being worked on. (2) Community Development has been painted and we are looking at installing awnings over the doors and windows. (3) We are getting quotes and ideas for new signage in front of the City Hall and the Utility Building. (4) The contractor has started working on the Utility Building.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- Following complaints of loud music and general disorder, officers responded to a large party on Royal Palm overnight last weekend. Adult revelers were asked to leave and several juveniles were detained until their parents could pick them up. The party was disbanded. Peace restored.
- Patrol responded to a burglary in progress on West Ventura. A woman and her boyfriend awoke to find a strange man in their bedroom touching the woman. Suspect fled on foot upon officer’s arrival. He ran to Alverde Street and jumped into the canal refusing to come out. Officers were eventually able to grab him and drag him out of the canal. A struggle ensued, but was short lived after a brief application of Taser. Shyrell Smith was arrested and transported to jail charged with numerous offenses.
- All shifts have prepped for a busy weekend. Cinco de Mayo and Brown Sugar Festival are back to back this week. We will have extra units working during anticipated peak activity hours. Here’s hoping for a safe enjoyable weekend.

- A couple of interesting “Dog” calls this week. Officers first responded to a dog that walked into Beef O’Brady’s and sat as if he were expecting to be waited upon. Patrol officers picked him up and took him to the Animal Control Building. Later the same night a highly intoxicated woman called the Police Department saying, “Please help me. My dog ran away and I’m too drunk to catch him”. Fido was safely reunited with his tipsy owner.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the weekly activity:
  - 1106** Business / Residential Security Checks
  - 663** Complaints Investigated
  - 98** Traffic Citations
  - 40** Arrests Made
  - 3** City Ordinance Violations
  - 69** Merchant Escorts
  - 22** Alarms Responded To
  - 5** Traffic Accidents Investigated

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- Water Sewer Activities
  - Repaired water breaks at 340 Bond St and 1103 Florida Avenue. Assisted South Shore Water Association with a 2” water main repair.
  - Replaced lift station pumps at Berner Road, Sugarland Circle, Walgreens, Mississippi and East/Westside Elementary. Jetted sewer line on West El Paso. Read all lift stations.
  - Made a new sewer tap on North Francisco and assisted South Shore with a ¾” tap.
  - Assisted Winford Thomas with the air conditioner repair at John Boy Auditorium.
- Electric Activities
  - Checked all electrical outlets for Brown Sugar Festival.
  - Set pole on Francisco and repaired 3 sets of CT’s.
  - Ran new underground electrical service at Fairgrounds; repaired service on Trinidad due to fire; and repaired underground service at Harlem Gardens.
  - Responded to trouble call on Virginia, half power.
  - Removed a bird nest; cut trees on Trinidad and repaired light on Alverde.
  - Exercised all switches at Substation.
  - Took picture for newspaper.
- 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.**