

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
April 2, 2015

The City of Clewiston offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 3, 2015. We will resume our normal business hours on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

Dates to Remember:

April 10 and 11 – Sugar Festival - Visit www.clewistonsugarfestival.net for more information

April 16, 2015 – City Commission Workshop

April 20, 2015 – City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- The Clewiston Fire Department responded to a Mutual Aid call for Glades County at the intersection of US27 & CR78 West in the early hours of Monday, March 30th. Several Fire, EMS and law enforcement units aided in assisting the injured occupants of a multi-passenger van that was in a canal on the north side of US27. This accident resulted in eight (8) deceased and ten (10) injured and made national news. Fire investigators and the Fire Marshal have met with the National Transportation Safety Board, who will be in the area conducting their investigation.
- Moore & Moore Beauty Supplies will be opening for business at 1030 South WC Owen.
- AJ Home Remodel has applied for Business Tax Receipt at 204 East Sugarland Hwy. This is a cabinet showroom where you can choose new cabinets and they will be custom made in Miami for you.
- The Cricket phone store is now open for business at 301 East Sugarland Hwy.
- Clewiston Fire Department assisted Pioneer, LaBelle, Montura, Glades County & Lee County battle a 200 acre brush fire in Pioneer. One unoccupied structure was lost.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Hope you saw the Library's column in the Clewiston News last Thursday. That was the first publication of "*On Your Shelf at the Clewiston Public Library*", which we hope to make a monthly feature.
- IT Academy Microsoft Excel classes are in progress. However, **we need an instructor on a contractual basis for the LaBelle Library**. Contact your Library at 983-1493 if you know anyone who would be interested in this opportunity.
- E-books are coming! Keep looking for them!

Did You Know?



- Libraries have become agents of e-government, providing access to federal, state and local services available via the Internet, some of which are available *only* online.
- Many of Florida's state agencies lack public access computers and Internet access and routinely direct recipients of their services to public libraries for Internet access and the assistance of library staff in explaining agency services, navigating agency Websites, locating contact information, and helping download, complete or submit applications.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Patrol recovered a vehicle in town which had been reported stolen in Glades County. The vehicle was processed and returned to the owner.
- Sunday afternoon, two CPD officers responded to a Sheriff's Office call for assistance in Harlem. A large unruly crowd had been reported. Peace was restored and the officers returned to town without incident.
- Officers responded to a report of a burglary on Ponce De Leon. Three juveniles were detained at the scene. The youngsters were later released to their parents and the Juvenile Justice authorities have been notified.
- Over the weekend officers found a deceased person in the Goodwill Apartments on West Ventura. The gentleman had been ill for some time. The death does not appear suspicious.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1226** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 651** Complaints Investigated
 - 22** Arrests Made
 - 19** Traffic Citations issued
 - 6** New Code Enforcement Cases Opened
 - 36** Red Light Camera Offenses
 - 65** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 17** Alarms Responded To
 - 5** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: Ground treatments for the City are scheduled for Friday April 3, 2015. The first air application of the season is scheduled just before the Sugar Festival.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff made irrigation repairs on Central Ave. and on Royal Palm Ave. (2) Ventura Ave is scheduled to be striped on Tuesday April 7th. Everyone is asked to be aware of the painting operation and avoid that street until the contractor is finished.
- Spring Cleaning Recap: 104 volunteers came together and picked up 1,620 pounds of litter. Five people participated in the "No Butts About It" contest and a total weight of 26.6 pounds of butts were picked up. 14 local merchants donated door prizes or food and the Green Thumb Garden Club cooked and served lunch for everyone. Great job Clewiston.

- Good Friday: Only Commercial solid waste collection will be offered on Friday this week.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- The Clewiston Recreation Department and Everglades Lodge #548 will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt & a Movie Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 4th at the Sugarland Sports Complex. The Easter Egg Hunt will start at 10:00 a.m. for ages 10 & younger. The movie that will be showing is “BIG HERO 6” at the John Boy Auditorium starting at 1:00 p.m. Come out & bring your towels and/or blankets!
- SUGARFEST 2015 will take place next weekend April 9 -12. City staff from every dept. has had a hand in preparing, repairing and getting the City Commons ready for the 29th year of the Sugar Festival.
- Staff met last Friday afternoon to discuss plans regarding staffing patterns, curriculum, daily time goals, staff/CIT training days (babysitting, CPR and 1st Aid, City orientation, physicals and drug screens), Lifeguard certification classes (Basic and WSI) and field trip activities for Summer Camp 2015 in both the City of Clewiston and the Harlem Communities.
- We have begun accepting applications for Counselors and Lifeguards. Applications may be picked up at City Hall and must be returned to City Hall on or before April 24th.
- We have begun cleaning the James Mason Pool and the C.S. Mott Pool and getting ready for DOH inspection tentatively scheduled for April 30th. Our time-goal to open both pools is Memorial Day weekend May 23rd.
- Plans have been finalized to host a Softball Boot Camp and Showcase at Sugarland Sports Complex on Memorial Day weekend.
- Negotiations are continuing and a “Host Application” has been submitted with Challenge Sports to host a 2 - 3 day national qualifying 3V3 Soccer Tournament in Clewiston at Sugarland Sports Complex during the summer.
- If you are interested in participating in an adult men’s and co-ed softball league this spring, an adult co-ed volleyball league in the early summer or youth flag football and AAU Track and Field during the late summer, please contact Andre at 983-1492.
- ZUMBA at the Youth Center on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. Contact Tanya (our Certified Instructor) directly at (914) 338-6577.
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- The Water/Sewer crew completed the replacement of the 2” water line and made all new connections between West Crescent and West Circle.
- The Electric crew is changing out and downsizing the Library transformer. A light was added to the flagpole at the Little League field and they are trimming trees on the south side of town.
- ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE! Our Online Utility Website is up and running. Payments can be made by credit or debit card. You can also review your account activity, consumption history and request certain work orders. You can register your account by visiting our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov.