

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
May 1, 2015

**We are looking for volunteers to fill vacancies on our Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee and the Planning & Zoning Board. If you are interested in serving your community in either of these capacities, please call City Clerk Marilyn McCorvey for information.**

**Dates to Remember:**

May 02, 2015 - Brown Sugar Festival Visit their web site [www.1Brownsugarfestival.info](http://www.1Brownsugarfestival.info)  
May 14, 2015 - City Commission Workshop  
May 18, 2015 - City Commission Meeting and Budget Workshop

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- As stated in last week's FYI, we have been experiencing an increase of inquiries about the new floodplain maps that are effective on July 6<sup>th</sup>! Some residents may have received their letter from their lending institution advising them of upcoming changes and requirements of flood insurance.
- For the next few weeks, we will be including some of the common terms used by FEMA to aid understanding flood insurance and flood map changes in our city:
  - *Special Flood Hazard Area* - Land areas that are at high risk for flooding are called Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), or floodplains. These areas are indicated on Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). In high-risk areas, there is at least a 1 in 4 chance of flooding during a 30-year mortgage.

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

1. The library's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Summer School will begin June 8, 2015 and run through July 2, 2015. Call the library at 863-983-1493 to register your child. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided free of cost.
2. The library will be closed next Wednesday, as staff attends the annual regional all staff day training in Fort Myers.



**Library Facts**

- **The world's oldest library** is the oldest continually running library in the world. It is at the St. Catherine's Monastery in Africa, in Sinai, Egypt. It was built in the middle of the 6th century and

houses the second largest collection of religious material in the world (after the Vatican). However it is not accessible to the public, only by monks and invited scholars.

- The **largest library** in the world is The Library of Congress, with more than 158 million items on approximately 838 miles of bookshelves. The collections include more than 36 million books and other print materials, 3.5 million recordings, 13.7 million photographs, 5.5 million maps, 6.7 million pieces of sheet music and 69 million manuscripts.
- The **smallest library** in the world has appeared on the streets of New York City – and it has space for just one reader at a time.



#### **Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- A Tractor Trailer got wedged underneath the canopy of the Marathon Station. Officers were able to assist the driver and free the truck. There was damage to the structure and vehicle.
- Officers responding to an unrelated call in Sugarland MHP discovered a home with animals abandoned and locked inside. With the help of Animal Control Officers, the animals were freed without damaging the home. They are being held at the Animal Control Facility.
- Saturday Night, officers were dispatched to a fight on East Trinidad. As they arrived several H/M's were fleeing the area. Officers detained those they could round up, but none were willing to prosecute or cooperate. Most had minor injuries. Patrol Officers later found and confiscated 15 small baggies of cocaine lying about in grass nearby.
- A stolen boat trailer and motorcycle were both recovered in separate incidents.
- While arresting a driver for DUI, the officer discovered illegal narcotics in the driver's possession. The driver is being held at the Hendry County Jail charged with both violations.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
  - 1144** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 610** Complaints Investigated
  - 22** Arrests Made
  - 38** Traffic Citations Issued
  - 18** Traffic Warnings Issued
  - 35** Red Light Camera Violations
  - 58** Merchant Escorts Provided
  - 17** Alarms Responded To
  - 14** City Ordinance Violations Issued
  - 11** New Code Enforcement Cases Opened (**57** so far for April)
  - 5** Traffic Accidents Investigated

### **Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Mosquito Control: Trap counts were up significantly this week. An air ULV application was performed on Monday night. The season is upon us.
- Street Maintenance: (1) 220 feet of sidewalk was replaced on east Arcade. (2) The pot hole patrol is on the move, *if ya see um call um in*. Looks like we are in a rainy cycle. Water is bad on old roads. If you see a pot hole, please, call my office at 983-1471 and report it. (3) Culvert failures caused two small sink holes that required repairs on east Del Rio.
- Landscaping: (1) Forty Florida Rose were planted at the Golf Course on Tuesday.
- Building Maintenance: (1) The “Royal Duck Family” will be featured in the Brown Sugar Parade this Saturday.
- Museum Display: The permit for the ATHEY Wagon display has been let. Locates have been done and staff is scheduled to start pouring the pad next week.

### **Recreation Director Ramer reports:**

- CHS Boys Tiger Baseball team will play Bishop Verot in the District 12 4A FHSAA Regional Championship this week. GO TIGERS!
- The deck and the buildings at the C. S. Mott Pool were cleaned this week and some minor painting and touch-ups will begin next week. The pressure washing of the buildings and deck at the James Mason Pool in Harlem has begun this week. The diatom filters at the James Mason Pool will be replaced before the pool is inspected. DOH inspections are tentatively scheduled for April 30th. Our time-goal to open both pools is Memorial Day weekend Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Clewiston Spray Pad has “NEW” operating hours. Beginning April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Splash Pad will be opened on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-Noon and Saturdays and Sundays from 9am-7pm.
- CIT and LIT applications are available at the Youth Center and must be returned by May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm to the Youth Center.
- Clewiston Recreation staff met with a consultant and we are formulating a “Turf Management” plan and schedule for Sugarland Sports Complex to begin after the baseball/softball season ends in May.
- Softball Boot Camp and Showcase at Sugarland Sports Complex on Memorial Day weekend has been confirmed! Approximately 75 players will participate in the 2 day showcase and stay overnight in America’s Sweetest Town! We are EXCITED to welcome our guests!
- 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. More information to follow
- 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 Mon., Wed., and Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30pm! Contact Tanya (our Certified Instructor) directly at (914) 338-6577
- Go to [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

### **Utilities Department Director Williams reports:**

- Street light repairs were done this week in the Harlem area by the Electric crew. Monthly red light maintenance was done and several repairs were made. A pole was changed out by Clewiston Middle School.

- Water/Sewer crew installed a pump at the Water Treatment Plant lift station, repaired a water line break on Royal Palm and Crescent and completed all connections to new water line on West Crescent. Hydrant flushing was done this week also.
- 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 or 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 UTILTY PAYMENT AVAILABLE! 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](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) and click on the link at the bottom of the page or by going to <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl>.