

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
**FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF**  
**October 30, 2015**

**A great way to start the weekend and make a difference...Putts Fore Pets Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2015 at the Clewiston Golf Course. Sign-up is in the golf shop. Even non-golfers can participate; activities include a breakfast fundraiser at the Country Club and a pet supply drive. Proceeds to benefit Clewiston Animal Shelter. Please call the Golf Course at (863) 983-1448 for further information.**

**Dates to Remember**

November 02, 2015 – City Commission Workshop Regarding Recreation  
November 02, 2015 – City Commission Final Budget Hearing  
November 10, 2015 – Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Board Meeting  
November 12, 2015 – City Commission Workshop  
November 16, 2015 – City Commission Meeting  
November 19, 2015 – Golf Course Advisory Meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- The library's pre-kindergarten program now impacts the life of 95 children in 4 daycares here in Clewiston. The children have fun hearing stories read to them, singing and dancing sometimes, as well as learning computer skills. The daycare centers are extremely excited about our offerings. Other children from the community can also make use of this opportunity to be prepared for kindergarten. Please call the library for more information.
- Announcing our first "Sweetest Ever English Café" - this is a program designed for non-native speakers of English who would like to practice their conversational skills in English. Join us for coffee on Thursdays and let's talk about some fun things. You are allowed to bring a friend. Call for more information and to register.
- ABCmouse is free at your library!!! Good for pre-school, Pre-K, kindergarten, and early elementary. With more than 5,000 learning activities and 650 lessons ABCmouse is the most comprehensive early learning curriculum available online. Contact the library for further details.
- After school tutoring is still available at your library for students from grade 1 to grade 5. This year we have the help of 2 qualified teachers as well as honor students from your high school. Call for details.
- English as a Second Language classes will start on November 10th, 2015. Call the library to register.

- 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:**

- Stay up to date with all Clewiston Golf Course news. Visit the City website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov), follow the golf link and sign up on Constant Contact. You will automatically be added to the golf course e-mail blast.
- Golf lessons available - contact Robbie Rush at (863) 983-1448.
- Get your grips re-done – contact the golf shop at (863) 983-1448.
- Clewiston Golf Course is now Junior/Kids friendly. We have set up a new short course for the kids. The new tee color is green and measures 1854 yards in distance. Front nine only.
- Golf Course Maintenance
  - The greens were spot sprayed, top dressed and sprayed with insecticide.
  - The sand traps were edged.
  - 6 new cypress trees were planted on the golf course - thank you Miller Couse.
  - All flower beds were re-mulched.
- Effective October 1, 2015, rates changed. Please call the shop for prices – (863) 983-1448.
- Held last Saturday, October 24, 2015 the Seminoles in Recovery Golf Tournament had 17 players.
- Putts Fore Pets Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2015. Sign-up is in the golf shop or call (863) 983-1448.
- Saturday, November 7, 2015 the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Brian Haas Golf Tournament will take place. The golf course will open for regular play at 2:00 p.m. The tournament starts at 9:00 a.m. and you can register to play by calling (863) 674-5622 or sign-up in the golf shop.

#### **Recreation Director Lance Ramer Reports:**

- Please visit [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

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

- Officers responding to a reckless vehicle complaint around 1 a.m. Monday morning discovered a car crashed against a light pole several hundred feet into the brush off the intersection of Sonora and WC Owen. The occupants had fled the scene leaving behind the crashed Infiniti and a broken power pole. Following an investigation, officers filed for warrants on the suspected driver.
- A woman, awaiting transport to the Hendry County Jail for theft, attempted to strangle herself by tying part of her shirt around her neck in the holding cell. Officers were able to intercede and get EMS over to transport her for treatment. After being checked and released from the ER, the transient woman was transported to the Hendry County Jail.

- Tuesday afternoon, a motorist drove her car into the canal at El Paso and Lopez; she managed to escape the submerged vehicle without serious injury.
- A pedestrian crossing Francisco was hit by a motorist on Monday; injuries were minor. No charges are expected to be filed against the driver.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
  - 1060 Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 599 Complaints Investigated
  - 29 Traffic Citations
  - 16 Arrests Made
  - 62 Merchant Escorts
  - 19 Alarms Responded To
  - 6 Rental Inspections
  - 4 Code / Ordinance Violations
  - 4 Traffic Accidents Investigated

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

**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 of the following.**

- 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.**

- Water Sewer Activities
  - Repaired 8 lift stations.
  - Repaired several water breaks.
- Electric Activities
  - Began building a 3 phase line for Harry Pepper.
  - Ran 3 services for Greentree Housing on W. Ventura Ave., as well as services on Circle Drive and East Ventura Ave.; ran an underground service on West Aztec Avenue.
  - Repaired an underground service to the street lights on US 27 that was hit by the contractor. There were also higher than normal requests for street light repairs and location of electrical lines.
  - Located valves and sprinkler lines for the Golf Course and repaired lighting at the driving range and flagpole.
  - Assisted Public Works with tree trimming.

- 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 these 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).

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

- Mosquito Control: Traps this week have been subjective at best, as the wind has prevented scheduled air and ground ULV applications. Trap Counts: Golf Course – 200, Harlem – 400, Berner Rd. - 250 and Okeechobee Blvd - 400. Staff and contractor are monitoring conditions closely and treatment will continue as soon as possible.
- Street Maintenance:
  - This year's sidewalk project is ready to go out for bid and includes 1,200 L/F (linear feet) on W. Avenida Del Rio, 300 L/F in Civic Park and 100 L/F behind the Youth Center.
  - Several trees from a nursery in Moore Haven were donated allowing for the planting of 6 Cypress trees at the Golf Course and 50 Bismarck Palms being slated for planting on W.C. Owen Ave. – Many Thanks to Miller Couse.
- US27 Rebuild: Paving has been completed; signage and traffic control devices are now at the top of the list for completion. The temporary striping is still in place and the finished street marking has not been installed. The DOT has requested the side street markers be replaced to the new standard.
- Civic Park Rebuild:
  - The "Arbor" in the Monument area has been completed; it will "dry out" for several weeks and then be painted. Lee Marvin is working on some of the "finer details" that didn't work out as imagined on the new columns, but he has done some pretty amazing things in the past and I feel he will come through again.
  - 6 donated Ligustrum trees will be planted in the park.
  - 2 misguided palms, which happen to be growing in the wrong place, are scheduled to be removed; making room for planned improvements.
- Facility Maintenance: A painting project that will include the City Hall, Utilities, Community Development, Fire Station and Police Department buildings will be going out for bid.