

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
**FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF**  
**November 20, 2015**

**We're trimming our City for the holiday season...**decorations are beginning to be seen throughout the City. This is a task accomplished by many departments working together to make this happen. We hope you enjoy this season's holiday décor. Many thanks to everyone involved in this project.

**Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, there will be no solid waste service offered on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. This service will be provided on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to place your cans out early Friday morning.**

**Dates to Remember**

November 26-27, 2015 – Thanksgiving Holiday – City offices will be closed.  
December 15, 2015 – Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Board Meeting  
December 17, 2015 – Golf Course Advisory Meeting  
December 17, 2015 – City Commission Workshop  
December 21, 2015 – City Commission Meeting  
December 24-25, 2015 – Christmas Holiday – City offices will be closed.

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- The last six permits have been issued for Greentree West – three more 1 bedroom/1 bath quadplexes, two 1 bedroom/1 bath triplexes and the Community/Office/Laundry center. The walls have been erected on eight of the buildings and the roof & interior framing work has started;
- We have received plans for another single family residence in Orchard Park. This one is 1,152 square feet and will have 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. This home represents #41 of the 79 platted lots;
- There was a fire at 402 East Ventura Avenue back in June 2015. The house was determined to be more than 50% damaged in September. A demolition order has been issued to the owner who has hired a local company to remove the structure;
- K&M Drugs located 340 East Sugarland Hwy., has added a juice bar with limited seating inside their business that should be opening soon.

**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 by signing up on Constant Contact. Go to the golf link on the City of Clewiston website and sign up on Constant Contact. You will be automatically put on the golf course e-mail.
- Golf lessons are available, contact Robbie Rush at 863-983-1448
- The greens were fertilized this week.
- The pond on number 9 was rocked this week.
- Get your grips re-done. Contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Saturday, November 7, 2015, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Deputy Brian Haas Golf Tournament was played. There were 87 players. Money was raised for Hendry County Sheriff employees and volunteers to further education in criminal justice.
- Thanksgiving Holiday Scramble is Friday, November 27, 2015. To sign up call the golf shop at 863-983-1448. The Scramble starts at 3pm and is 9 holes.
- Stan Wegscheid Memorial Golf Tournament is Saturday, December 5, 2015. To sign up call the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Christmas Holiday Scramble is Friday, December 18, 2015. Sign up is in the golf shop. The Scramble starts at 3pm and is 9 holes.
- Men's Club Championship is Saturday December 19, 2015. Sign up is in the golf shop. The tournament starts at 10am and is 18 holes. There is a net and gross division. The golf course will be open for regular play.
- Christmas is soon, so get your golfer gifts from the golf shop. We are stocking up our shop for Christmas and the season.
- Season is here. We suggest making tee times here at the golf course.

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

- Officers on patrol discovered a suspicious person in an alley on the East end of town approximately 4 am Sunday Morning. As they were talking with him they saw multiple packets of what appeared to be cocaine on and around him. The suspect tried to flee and a brief struggle ensued. Both officers suffered minor injuries. The suspect was not injured. The suspect remains in the Hendry County Jail on various drug and battery charges.
- The annual Click-it-or-Ticket campaign is under way. Officers are particularly vigilant to enforce seat belt laws. Be safe.....Buckle Up!
- As the holiday season approaches, the number of shoplifting cases is on the rise. This is an annual spike.
- Magistrate Hearings are set for Wednesday with 42 cases on the Docket.
- Animal Control has been working with HCSO on an illegal puppy mill in Montura for months. Monday a search warrant was served on the property at the Court's direction. More than 100 dogs were removed from poor and unsanitary conditions. All were placed with rescue organizations.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:

**1069** Commercial / Residential Security Checks  
**612** Complaints Investigated  
**24** Arrests Made  
**18** Traffic Citations issued

6	City Ordinance Violations Issued
5	Rental inspections Conducted
11	Code Enforcement Violations
14	Alarms Responded To
61	Merchant Escorts Provided
6	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
  - Repairs were made to the Main Lift Station and the lift station at KFC; the power panel was replaced on the lift station on West Sugarland Circle
  - A catwalk was changed out on one of the ditches at the Wastewater Treatment Plant Three, more are scheduled to be repaired/replaced
- Electric Activities
  - Crews are working at night checking street lights
  - Christmas decorations were installed
- Florida DOT is installing street and information signs. The sign for the Department of Motor Vehicles was installed in the wrong location. It will be relocated.
- 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).