

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
July 8, 2016

Dates to Remember

July 11, 2016 – Library Advisory Board Meeting
July 12, 2016 – Hendry-Glades Recreation Board Meeting
July 14, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Workshop and Budget Workshop
July 18, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Library Director Barrett reports:

- The Montura Library, which operates from the Montura Clubhouse, is alive and doing very, very well. Each Tuesday and Wednesday evening, the library is open for service from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Services provided include the opportunity to check books out and in, place holds on items not available in that branch, and sign up for cards. The branch also provides computers for those needing to access the internet or even write a document. Very soon we will be offering printing, faxing, scanning and copying at that facility as well.
- For the summer reading program this year, our most avid readers are being rewarded, compliments of McDonalds, with a free burger for every 10 books they read. The children who read the most by the end of July will receive a cash prize, compliments of the Friends of the Clewiston Public Library. In Montura this year, the library is providing a series of fitness programs for the camporees, with the assistance of Eric Green, local fitness trainer. The program is sponsored by the Concerned Citizens of Montura (C-COM) group and funded by the Royals (furniture) Foundation. T-shirts will be bought for the participating children and equipment purchased for the program.
- **For information regarding any of our programs, please call the library at (863) 983-1493 and remember to visit 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 and sign up under Constant Contact. You will automatically be put on the golf course e-mail.
- **Clewiston Golf Course** is having a 20% off sale on all golf shop merchandise now, except golf balls and gloves.
- 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 are available now. July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016 (\$150.00) which includes tax.
- 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.
- The process has begun to renovate all 18 greens at the Golf Course. We are on temporary greens now until Labor Day weekend.
- The next Clewiston Golf Course Summer First Tee Junior Golf Camp is scheduled for July 11-15, 2016. To sign-up contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.

Recreation Director Lance Ramer Reports:

- 2016 SUMMER CAMP 2nd Session will begin Monday July 11th... Please be aware of “our” kids around the Youth Center, Pool and Sweetest Town Playground!
- The C.S. Mott Pool is offering “Adult Swim” times on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-8pm. You must be 18 and over to swim and the cost is \$3.00.
- “Aqua Zumba” will be offered on Tuesday evenings during “Adult Swim”. The class is FREE with a paid pool admission.
- “Adult Swimming Lessons” have begun at the James Mason Pool in the evening at 6pm. We still have a couple spots open. Please contact one of the Lifeguards at the pool or call the Youth Center at 983-1492 if interested.
- Ballfield crew have aerated, top dressed and fertilized ALL game fields at Sugarland Sports Complex. Another round of herbicide applications for emergent vegetation will take place the end of this week and the next.
- Men’s Softball and Co-Ed Softball leagues continue at Sugarland Sports Complex on Field #9 Mon-Thurs. evenings, games beginning at 7, 8 & 9pm.
- Men’s Basketball Leagues began play this week - Tues. and Thurs. evening at the Harlem Gym. Game times are 6, 7 & 8pm.
- Men’s Basketball leagues have a couple spots - we can fit your team in while still early in the season... Call Andre at 983-1492 ASAP to make sure your team gets in for this summer.
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation:
 - July 7th – CPD Training 8am-5pm Beardsley Room
 - July 9th – Wedding Reception 5-9pm John Boy Auditorium
 - July 9th – Baby Shower 3-7pm Youth Center
 - July 9th – Birthday Party 3-7pm Sugarland Park Pavilion w/ bounce house
 - July 9th – Meet & Greet Dwayne Brown 1-4pm Trinidad Park Pavilion
 - July 9th – Pool Party 6-9pm C.S. Mott Pool
 - July 11th – 2nd Session Summer Camp begins with early drop off @ 7:30pm
 - July 13th – CPD Training 8am-5pm Beardsley Room
 - July 14th – FWC Meeting 10am-5pm Beardsley Room
- If you are interested in participating in an adult co-ed dodgeball league or Summer K-5th AAU Track and Field, please contact Andre at 983-1492.
- Please visit 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 in quadrants (areas) of town are as follows:
SW Trap (Golf Course-Harlem area): 216;
SE Trap (Sports Complex – Elks Property area): 242;
NE Trap (Okeechobee Blvd. end of San Gabriel area): 222; and

NW Trap (Berner Road area): 423.

We are continuing to run our program with ground ULV applications on Tuesday and Friday nights. The plane flew Saturday evening during perfect weather conditions. City staff trapped on Tuesday night and results were in the 75 each range. Another case of ZIKA has been confirmed in Lee County, totaling six cases. All are confirmed “travel related” cases. Hendry County has no ZIKA cases.

- This year’s fireworks display went off without any problems. The weather was perfect and dare I say it; no mosquitoes showed up.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff cut back the trees and vegetation in both the north side and south side alley; (2) The wheel stops in the Fire Dept. parking lot were painted; and (3) The street sweeper has been getting her miles. This is one of several functions in the City’s “clean water, storm runoff requirements that are reported to the DEP annually.
- Building Maintenance: (1) The parts for an exhaust fan to be installed in the Cat Room at the Animal Control Facility have been ordered; (2) A call went out to the contractor replacing windows in the west wall of the Utility building. He reported that the new windows have not come in yet. Work is expected to start soon.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- The most important news of the week was the 1st appearance of little Miss Riley Lynn Hester. Riley is the newborn daughter of Officer James Hester. She arrived Wednesday morning the 29th of June....all 3 lbs. and 4 ounces of her. Riley was born a bit premature and remains in the ICU; but she is fighting to gain ground and is showing some toughness and grit. Please remember this family in your prayers.
- Patrol recovered a vehicle reported stolen earlier in unincorporated Hendry County. It was discovered wrecked in Orchard Park. No occupants or driver were found. Case turned over to HCSO.
- An aircraft was forced to make an emergency landing at the old airport next to the golf course Sunday afternoon. The plane experienced mechanical failure, but the pilot was able to land without incident. The plane and pilot were out of Pembroke Pines.
- The Independence Day weekend was a rough and tumble event. A brawl erupted in Harlem requiring multiple Deputies to intervene and request the backup of CPD Officers. Later, the same group met up on Commercio Street in Clewiston and reports of firearms were called in via 911. Officers made arrests when one of the participants got unruly and tried to interrupt the investigation. The suspect reacted violently and officers were forced to TASE him. The crowd was dispersed and peace temporarily restored. Later in the evening, the same group clashed again in Harlem Gardens prompting more complaints of firearms. CPD Officers responded again to assist HCSO. One woman reported being shot at in a diner, but refused to cooperate with officers. No one was willing to offer a witness statement in any of the clashes.
- Officers responded to a disturbance on East Trinidad where they found a man alone in a home he did not belong in, claiming he had been beat up by a woman’s boyfriend after he hit the woman with a lamp. He refused treatment and officers removed him from the premises. A few hours later the same man called from the same house where he had returned uninvited. Again, he was alone but suffering from a broken nose and various other injuries. EMS responded and transported him for medical care. Officers were unable to contact the homeowners.

- A customer entered a store on WC Owen and found a man lying unresponsive behind the counter. Responding officers found the store owner on the floor. The owner told officers he was working when he began to feel unwell, so he lay down on the floor and went to sleep. The man refused medical treatment.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1027** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 655** Complaints Investigated
 - 9** Arrests
 - 22** Traffic Citations
 - 77** Merchant Escorts
 - 27** Alarms Responded To
 - 3** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- 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. 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 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 or 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.