

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
**FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF**  
**July 1, 2016**

**City offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2016 in observance of Independence Day. There will be no residential garbage pickup on Monday, July 4, 2016; garbage will be picked up on Tuesday, July 5, 2016.**

**Dates to Remember**

July 4, 2016 – City Offices Closed

July 11, 2016 – Library Advisory Board Meeting

July 12, 2016 – Hendry-Glades Recreation Board Meeting (Cancelled – to be rescheduled)

July 14, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Workshop and Budget Workshop

July 18, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:**

- At the Planning & Zoning meeting, Margaret Wuerstle from the South Florida Regional Planning Council presented Deliverable #5 for our US27 corridor revitalization which includes a draft ordinance. Staff and the Planning & Zoning Board will review and provide recommendations to the City Commission;
- Vertical construction has started on two (2) single family homes located on East Del Monte and East Avenida del Rio. There is renewed interest in the North Francisco area. We have many inquiries regarding the remaining vacant lots in the area;
- Palm Peterbilt is nearing their renovation of the old Fry Hardware building located at 111 South Benito Street. The exterior has been painted, the parking lot is being striped and the signage is up.

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- The Summer School Program is now over. US Sugar provided back to school supplies for thirty students. They also sponsored the annual field trip to Lion Country Safari this year. A total of 40 persons were in attendance including four parents who drove their own cars.
- Yogusto was again very good to our summer school students. They provided drinks for all the children and then some. It is very gratifying to know that there are community entities that are so willing to go the extra mile for the children in this city. Manager (Director) Javier Rodriguez ensured we were satisfied and sent his assistant Ms. Bridgette Castro to speak to the students.
- The Library's summer programming will now begin in Montura.
- **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. Visit our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://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.
- YEC Belle Glade Golf Camp is in their third week. There were 16 participants this week. YEC Belle Glade Golf Camp is a four week twice a week program.
- 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.
- The Clewiston Golf Course has begun the renovation on the ladies tee on Hole #15.
- 13 junior golfers were certified two weeks ago in our junior golf program at the Golf Course. All junior golfers can play golf or use the driving range free of charge. Inquire in the golf shop.

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

- If you are interested in participating in an adult co-ed dodgeball league or Summer K-5<sup>th</sup> AAU Track and Field, please contact Andre at 983-1492.
- Please visit [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://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): 197;  
SE Trap (Sports Complex – Elks Property area): 428;  
NE Trap (Okeechobee Blvd. end of San Gabriel area): 157; and  
NW Trap (Berner Road area): 787.  
We are continuing to run our program with ground ULV applications on Tuesday and Friday nights. Residents are reminded to call the Public Works Office at 983-1471 with comments or complaints. An aerial application is scheduled before the July 4th celebration. We have trapped four *Aedes* mosquitoes and will be testing them for the ZIKA virus. The only confirmed Zika case in western Hendry County has had two consecutive negative test results for the virus and has been cleared by the Health Department. At this time there are no cases in Hendry County.
- Street Maintenance: (1) The DOT contractor was back in town to make a couple repairs to some asphalt on 27 that started “pushing”. (2) Staff spent three days this week removing debris from the street.

- **Building Maintenance:** (1) Lee has repaired a wall in the Animal Control Building from the roof leak that was repaired last week. (2) Lights were repaired in the Community Development Building. (3) Bunting has been hung on the City Hall for the July 4th celebration.
- **Fireworks Display:** Come join your friends and family in the Sports Complex in Sugarland Park and enjoy the show. First shot will be just after dark. Come early and enjoy the festivities sponsored by the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce.
- **Solid Waste Collection:** There will be no residential collection on Monday, July 4th. Monday's routes will be run on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Please do not place your cart at the street until Monday night after the fireworks show. Commercial routes will operate on a normal schedule.
- **NOTICE:** There is a lot of debris being placed by the street for collection that should be placed in your cart. Please remember, only horticulture waste and bulky items are to be offered for collection by the street. Cardboard boxes should be recycled or broken down and placed in the cart.
- **Tree Trimming Amnesty:** The end of July is the end of amnesty for the "Free" removal of approved tree trimmings done for hurricane preparedness. Debris piles larger than the bed of a pickup truck once a month will trigger a "special pick up service" charge.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- A youngster came to the PD and reported that an adult on West Ventura was hurting his dog. Officers responded and removed the dog first for protection. Secondly they interviewed the suspect and found he had an active warrant for his arrest. He was transported to jail. Animal Control Officers inspected the animal thoroughly and could find no sign of injury. He was returned to the owner who had made the complaint.
- The Police Department is hosting a free training / workshop for all citizens on personal firearms and home safety. The workshop is Thursday night June 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm inside the City Commission Room at 115 West Ventura.
- Officers Vandetti and Larosa made a good felony drug trafficking case following a traffic stop on Highway 27. Two people were arrested and charged in the incident.
- A woman made a 911 call reporting that her boyfriend was beating her and her mother inside a vehicle travelling on Highway 27. Officers spotted the vehicle as it passed through town and were able to stop them. The male (Darryl Perry) was arrested for the abuse and also charged with a number of outstanding warrants including Attempted Murder, Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, and Robbery with a Firearm.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
  - 1220** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 617** Complaints Investigated
  - 42** Arrests made
  - 85** Traffic Citations Issued
  - 60** Merchant Escorts provided
  - 28** Alarms Responded To
  - 2** City Ordinance Violations
  - 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](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 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).

**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.**