

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
**FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF**  
**June 24, 2016**

**Dates to Remember**

June 27, 2016 – Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

July 4, 2016 – City Offices Closed

July 11, 2016 – Library Advisory Board Meeting

July 12, 2016 – Hendry-Glades Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

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:**

- There is a Planning & Zoning Board Meeting on June 27, 2016. The agenda includes a variance request and a special exception request, along with reorganization of the board members, review of an ordinance and four (4) discussion topics;
- We have issued a certificate of occupancy for the new single family residence located at 745 East Concordia;
- We now have plans for a large tenant buildout. Beall's Outlet is relocating from Sugarland Plaza across the highway to Clewiston Town Center. They will occupy 22,300 square feet next to the New Life Church.

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- The Montura mini branch is still doing well including the computer class which now has 6 students in regular attendance. The service is especially popular with the children in the summer camp.
- Computer classes continue in the Clewiston library at 5:30 PM. All seats are full and students are reporting great satisfaction with the lessons.
- The Library Summer School Program is now winding down. Next week will be the last week of the program. US Sugar Corporation has already purchased and is preparing for a great back to school program for the students. They will also sponsor our annual field trip which this year will take the children to Lion Country Safari. Yogusto Manager (Director) Javier Rodriguez has also pledged that organization's annual support of the graduation program. Another community entity that has contributed to the success of this year's program is Seivista Group Solutions, a local computer repair company.
- The e-books collection of the library is underused. Not many realize they can download items at no cost that they would have to pay for from Amazon. A visit to your library's web page is all that it takes to begin downloading free e-books to any of your devices.
- **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 here at the golf course. We will be on the greens until June 25, 2016 and then on temporary greens until Labor Day weekend.
- Clewiston Golf Course Summer First Tee Junior Golf Camp started this week. 14 kids participated.
- YEC Belle Glade Golf Camp is in their second week. 14 kids participated this week. YEC Belle Glade Golf Camp is a four week twice a week program.
- 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.
- **Responsibilities we have as golfers when we play golf:** 1) Keeping our golf carts off green and tee slopes; and 2) Letting faster players through.

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

- 2016 SUMMER CAMP 1<sup>st</sup> Session is in its 2<sup>nd</sup> week. Please be aware of “our” kids around the Youth Center, Pool and Sweetest Town Playground!
- Registrations for 2016 Summer Camp 2<sup>nd</sup> Session continues! We currently have a waiting list for swim lessons in the 2<sup>nd</sup> session, but a few spots remain in both camps. The registration deadline is July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Go to [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) for pricing, registrations and more information regarding camp, or call the Youth Center at 983-1492.
- 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 soccer fields and game fields on the big quad. They are prepping the small quad, Field #8 and Field #1 for the same this week and next.
- The A/C circulation fan upstairs on the South 25 ton unit of the John Boy Auditorium failed last week. Thanks to Mike Whidden, Miguel Sanchez and Winford Thomas for identifying the problem, being proactive in finding a solution, and making the necessary repairs before a Quinceanera last Saturday and saving the City approx. \$1,200.00 in repair cost and saving the event!

- Lightening took out the control timer on the Splash Pad. Thank you to the Utilities Dept., Miguel Sanchez, Mike Whidden and Mr. Lee for getting us back up and running. The kids appreciate it!
- Co-Ed Softball, Men's Softball and Men's Basketball leagues are forming and schedules being made. All seasons will begin on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Call Andre at 983-1492 ASAP to make sure your team gets in for this summer.
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation:
  - June 25<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Party 5pm-Midnight John Boy Auditorium
  - June 25<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Party 3-6pm Youth Center
  - June 25<sup>th</sup> – Pool Party 10am-Noon C.S. Mott Pool
  - June 25<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Party 1-5pm Sugarland Park Pavilion
  - June 26<sup>th</sup> – Miss Latina of the Glades Pageant 1-3pm John Boy Auditorium
  - June 29<sup>th</sup> – Summer Camp Field Trip to South Florida Science Center and Aquarium (Camp Crayon)
  - June 29<sup>th</sup> – Healthy Families Party 10am-Noon Splash Pad
  - June 30<sup>th</sup> – Summer Camp Field Trip to South Florida Science Center and Aquarium (Camp Fun-A-Rama)
- 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): 100;  
SE Trap (Sports Complex – Elks Property area): 0;  
NE Trap (Okeechobee Blvd. end of San Gabriel area): 300; and  
NW Trap (Berner Road area): 150.  
We are continuing to run our program with 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. A specialized trap for capturing the *Aedes* mosquito will be set in the southeast area of town. If an *Aedes* mosquito is captured, other areas of town will be trapped. If an *Aedes* mosquito is caught, she will be tested for the ZIKA virus.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Three loads of shell rock were delivered and graded on East Alverdez. (2) Staff repaired pot holes this week.
- Building Maintenance: (1) A wall leak in the Animal Control facility revealed a roof problem. Lee is fixing the issue.
- Paving Project: This year's paving project is ready to be advertised for bid. This project will include: (1) Overlaying streets in the southwestern section; (2) Reconstruction of the alley at W.C. Owen and Aztec; (3) A section of road on Saginaw at Banyan; (4) Street striping of Berner Rd. from Aztec to Caribbean; and (5) Paving of through lanes and striping of the western parking lot at the boat basin.
- Summer is here: In the first two weeks of this month, staff picked up 146 tons of debris from the streets in town. This is more than we average on a monthly basis.

- Clewiston Drainage District reported that all canals have been sprayed for floating vegetation.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- The K-9 Officer made a routine traffic stop last Thursday. During the course of the stop, K-9 “Dax” alerted to the scent of illegal drugs. A search was conducted of the vehicle and narcotics were found. The driver was arrested.
- Officers responding to a suspicious person report in the early morning hours near the Clewiston Inn found two juveniles and one adult in the area. A brief investigation / search of the area revealed stolen items tossed aside and two nearby vehicles which had been burglarized. All three suspects were tied to the crimes and arrested. Property recovered.
- Saturday afternoon and early evening had the troops hustling with weather related events. Two area roadways were blocked due to downed trees and power lines. Otherwise traffic was backed up at major intersections due to inoperable traffic lights. The officers worked in the elements for approximately three hours alongside the City utility workers.
- Tuesday night a homeowner reported a burglary on Lopez Place. The victim’s vehicle was stolen during the course of the crime. Officers located the vehicle and recovered it. Suspect Orlando Mata was arrested and charged with burglary and grand theft.
- Officers responded to a report of a vehicle in the Circle /Via Del Aqua canal on Wednesday morning. Officers found a young woman getting out of the car which was submerged. The two officers jumped into the water and pulled the woman to safety. The vehicle and canal were searched for any other victims with negative results. Charges are pending against the young woman who suffered only minor injuries.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week’s activity:
  - 1077** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 650** Complaints Investigated
  - 31** Arrests Made
  - 16** Traffic Citations Issued
  - 33** Alarms Responded To
  - 60** Merchant Escorts Provided
  - 6** Traffic Accidents Investigated

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- **Hurricane Season Tip:** After a storm, check to see if your home’s weatherhead is damaged- it is located above the electric meter where the wires come out of the pipe. **Utility workers cannot reconnect service if this piece of equipment – which is the homeowner’s responsibility - is damaged.** If your weatherhead needs repair, please contact a licensed electrician.
- Water Sewer Activities
  - Pulled lift station pumps for repairs at Corbin’s and Saginaw.
  - Performed preventive maintenance on all lift stations.
  - We are checking lift stations for storm water infiltration.
- Electric Activities
  - Extreme lightning and high winds from the storms on Friday and Saturday (June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>) caused numerous outages. Some of the damage included an electrical

line down in Harlem, a pole broken on Banyan, and trees down on power lines. 2 traffic light control boxes were damaged by lightning. The feeder line (main line) on the east end of town was tripped by lightning but reset itself. The feeder line on the west end of town had trees down and a concrete pole took a direct hit melting two insulators. Service was restored as soon as possible. **Please keep in mind that the safety of our workers and customers is our number one priority and repairs can not begin until storms have passed.**

- Set pole and trimmed trees on Della Tobias.
- Repaired several street lights throughout service area.
- Repaired burned up underground service.
- 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.**