

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
June 17, 2016

Dates to Remember

June 20, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

June 27, 2016 – Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- The structure at 438 West Pasadena Avenue has been demolished. Due to deterioration, the owner chose demolition versus repair;
- When do you need a permit? When in doubt regarding permitting, always call the Community Development Department at (863) 983-1500. Here are some of the policies we have:

The following work DOES NOT require a permit:

This list is not all-inclusive. Certain examples are listed. Call us for additional information if necessary.

Building

- Painting
- Carpeting or flooring
- Replacing Cabinets

Electrical

- Replacing existing light fixtures, fans, or cover plates

Plumbing

- Stopping of leaks
- Clear drain stoppages, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement/rearrangement of valves or pipes
- Replacing faucets

Mechanical

- Replacement of any part within a single piece of equipment
- Connection of portable equipment such as portable heating appliances, portable ventilation equipment, or a portable cooling unit

The following work DOES require a permit:

Usually, any work you are contracting out to a licensed contractor requires a permit. Call us and we can verify if the contractor is licensed and registered to do the type of work under his contract and if permits are required. Permits are required for most building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, roof

& gas work. All storage buildings (sheds) and other accessory structures (carports, garages, workshops, etc.) require a permit. Driveways require a permit (if the driveway connects to the street, two inspections are required prior to pouring concrete). Fences require a permit to determine compliance with zoning requirements. Fences must be placed entirely within the property lines, determined on a survey and NOT be placed in ANY easement or right-of-way.

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. 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. June 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016 (\$180.00) 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 July 5, 2016 and then on temporary greens until Labor Day weekend.
- Clewiston Golf Course Summer First Tee Junior Golf Camp started this week with 14 participants.
- YEC Belle Glade Golf Camp started this week with 12 participants. 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.
- **Clewiston Elks Lodge Golf Tournament** had 60 players Saturday, June 11, 2016. The winners were Tommy Spears, Carol Parham and Jim White. Congratulations!!
- **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 1st Session officially began last Monday. Please be aware of “our” kids around the Youth Center, Pool and Sweetest Town Playground!
- Registrations for 2016 Summer Camp 2nd Session continues! We currently have a waiting list for swim lessons in the 2nd session, but a few spots remain in both camps. Go to 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.
- AQUA ZUMBA will return to the C.S. Mott Pool next weekend June 25th at 9AM. A nominal fee will be assessed for the class through our Certified Aqua Zumba Instructor Deborah Barrios.
- If you are interested in taking “Adult Swimming Lessons” at the James Mason Pool in the evening after 6pm, please contact one of the Lifeguards at the pool or call the Youth Center at 983-1492.
- Ballfield crew is prepping ALL playing surfaces at Sugarland Sports Complex for aeration, top dressing and fertilizing.
- Check our website www.clewistonrecreation.com and our FB page Clewiston Recreation for the regular pool operating schedules for C.S. Mott and James Mason Pools and Splash Pad.
- Summer Co-Ed Softball, Men’s Softball and Men’s Basketball leagues are forming and schedules being made. All seasons will begin on June 27th. Call Andre at 983-1492 ASAP to make sure your team gets in for this summer.
 - UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - June 18th – Sweet 15 Party 6pm-Midnight John Boy Auditorium
 - June 18th – Birthday Party 2-6pm Youth Center
 - June 18th – Pool Party 6-9pm C.S. Mott Pool
- If you are interested in participating in an adult co-ed dodgeball league, summer co-ed softball 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 have increased significantly, Trap One: SW area - 2000; Trap Two: SE area - 1000; Trap Three: NE area - 2000; Trap Four: NW area - 2000. A ground ULV treatment is scheduled for Friday night and an air ULV treatment is scheduled for Saturday or Sunday depending on weather conditions. It was bound to happen...the Health Department has informed me that we have our first case of ZIKA in Hendry County. It is a travel related case that came in to western Hendry County out of Collier County. Residents are reminded to: 1) Stay inside during peak mosquito activity times; 2) Spray bare skin; 3) Cover with lightweight, light colored clothing; and 4) Check your property for containers and dump or cover all holding water.
- Street Maintenance: (1) East Alverde was graded and wash outs caused by heavy rain were repaired. (2) 60 feet of sidewalk was replaced at the corner of Ventura and Central Avenue.
- Building Maintenance: (1) The construction of the fence behind the Utility Building has been completed. The wood will need several days to dry out completely before it can be painted.
- Pasadena Project: The engineer and Public Works Director did a walk through on the project on Wednesday. Another “punch list” was put together for the contractor to complete before we will accept the project.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- We received our official Grant Notice of Award from FDLE this week for 1.5 million dollars to construct a new Police Department Building. We are working feverishly to complete a design / construction plan document for submittal. The entire project must be completed and occupied by 30 June 2017. It will be a major challenge.
- School is out and the normal invasion of golf carts, mini bikes, go karts and loud music has begun. The rapid rise of minor thefts from open garages and carports has also begun and is likely due to the higher number of people walking the streets. Please make every effort to secure your belongings and **LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS!**
- Officers began working Tuesday on what appears to be a large fraud / theft from a local business's online checking account. The business and bank involved are assisting in the investigation.
- A woman on East Trinidad returning home from a night away, found her apartment broken into. It appears entry was made from the roof through a second floor window. TV's and various appliances were taken.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1005** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 599** Complaints Investigated
 - 45** Arrests Made
 - 74** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 1** City Ordinance Violation
 - 70** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 28** Alarms Responded To
 - 3** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- **Hurricane Season Tip:** Following a power outage, unplug all your large appliances and electronics to prevent power surges when power is restored, which can often damage equipment and create fire hazards.
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Pulled lift station pumps for repairs at Angler's, Bass Capital, and Walgreens. In total, six pumps were sent for repair. All lift stations were read this week.
 - Reset tripped pump at Walgreens lift station and repaired lift station #38.
 - Repaired water breaks behind Beef O'Brady's and at 503 Harlem Gardens.
 - Fixed or repaired sewer caps throughout town.
 - Changed 18 water meters.
- Electric Activities
 - Repaired blinking traffic light at Bond Street/US27.
 - Changed transformer on Texas Avenue.
 - Installed arrestors in Harlem.
 - Raised all low junction boxes in Fairgrounds Trailer Park to prevent flooding.
 - Replaced pole on Okeechobee Blvd and transferred all wires from old pole to new.
- 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.