

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
July 29, 2016

The City of Clewiston is currently accepting nominations for the Outstanding Community Service Award for 2016. If you know of someone who you feel deserves this honor, please stop by City Hall and pick up a nomination form. We will accept nominations until August 12, 2016.

Dates to Remember

August 1, 2016 – Special Commission Meeting
August 1, 2016 – Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
August 8, 2016 – Library Advisory Board Meeting
August 9, 2016 – CRA Advisory Committee Meeting
August 10, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission, CRA and Budget Workshops (Note Date Change)
August 15, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting and CRA Meeting
August 18, 2016 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- We are getting close to issuing a certificate of occupancy to Palm Peterbilt. They have a few small details to complete.
- The temporary construction trailer for the Florida Community Health Center project has been placed. They are building a 3,940 square foot addition on the rear of their existing building and expanding their parking lot.
- We have issued two (2) demolition permits this week – one at 431 East Ventura Avenue, a 1,300 square foot house built in 1940 and one at 214 East Crescent Drive, a 1,700 square foot house built in 1928.

214 East Crescent (before)



214 East Crescent (during)



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.

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.
- 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 renovation of the greens is moving right along as scheduled. We are on temporary greens now until Labor Day weekend.
- The second Clewiston Golf Course Summer First Tee Junior Golf Camp is underway with ten junior golfers participating.
- Clewiston Golf Course has finished the renovation of the ladies tee on Hole #15. It looks great. Thank you Carol Giddens for the sod and Morris Ridgill for the soil.
- Next week the renovation of #16 fairway will begin.
- Starting the first week of August we will be cleaning out all the ponds and canals on the golf course. Thank you United States Sugar Corporation.
- Golf staff has new ideas and is planning to introduce some new golf tournaments for this coming season.
- Bubba Ramer and I lit it up last week at the youth center camp with the kids. We taught some new golf games and etiquette to the children attending the camp and plan to do it again this last week of camp.

Recreation Director Lance Ramer Reports:

- 2016 SUMMER CAMP has ended today with an End of Camp “Water Day” after a busy schedule of weekly activities from trips to the Clewiston Museum, visit with Ronald McDonald at the Library, a magic show and demonstrations from and tribute to our Community Heroes (Fire, EMS, Clewiston PD and HCSO K-9). It has been a GREAT Summer Camp and Thank You to everyone that was a part of its’ success! Already making plans for Summer Camp 2017...
- ALL the Oak Trees leading up to and around the John Boy Auditorium, Levee Park bathrooms, and Levee Park Picnic areas have been trimmed up this week.
- C.S. Mott Pool will be going on a scaled back schedule after this weekend, as staff and kids get ready to go back to school next week. The C.S. Mott Pool will be open only on Saturdays from 10am-6pm and Sundays from 1-6pm beginning August 1st.
- James Mason Pool will close for the season beginning August 1st.
- The Splash Pad will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 3-5pm, Thursdays from 10am-Noon and Saturday/Sundays from 9am-7pm.

- Clewiston Recreation staff will be taking the CITs to City Place on Tuesday, August 2nd for a movie and bowling as an “Appreciation Blast” for the many hours of Community Service the kids donated over the summer.
- Clewiston Recreation Co-Ed Softball League is winding down. Co-Ed Softball completed their season Thursday night and will begin post-season tournament play Tuesday, August 2nd on Field #9 at Sugarland Sports Complex beginning at 7pm. (weather permitting)
- Clewiston Recreation Men’s Softball will end their regular season on Wednesday, August 3rd. Post-season tournament play begins Monday, August 8th on Field #9 at Sugarland Sports Complex beginning at 7pm. (weather permitting)
- Clewiston Recreation Men’s Basketball Leagues’ regular season ends Thursday, August 4th. Post-season play begins on Tuesday, August 9th at the Harlem Gym beginning at 6pm.
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - July 30th – Family Reunion 10am-2pm Youth Center
 - July 30th – Birthday Party 5-11pm Youth Center
 - July 31st – Birthday Party 6-9pm Youth Center
 - Aug. 2nd – CIT “Appreciation Blast” 9am – 4pm City Place WPB
 - Aug. 2nd – Ft. Myers High School ROTC Leadership Training 7-10pm Youth Center
- 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:

NOTICE: The City does not pick up or haul hazardous waste. Residents are reminded NOT to place hazardous waste by the street or in their cart for collection. Electronics, paint, gas tanks, florescent lights, batteries, poisons and cleaning chemicals are just a few items that are considered hazardous waste. Contact Hendry County at (863) 675-5262 AND SET UP AN APPOINTMENT to deliver these items to them.

- Mosquito Control: Trap counts in quadrants (areas) of town are as follows:
 SW Trap (Golf Course-Harlem area): 50;
 SE Trap (Sports Complex – Elks Property area): 150;
 NE Trap (Okeechobee Blvd. end of San Gabriel area): 150; and
 NW Trap (Berner Road area): N/A.
 There is a report of one intrastate transmission of the Zika virus in the Miami/Dade County area. Residents are reminded to be diligent about checking their property for water in containers. Dump it and cover it. Keeping gutters clean and treat uncovered skin before going outdoors. We seem to be winning the fight right now but the environment can change with the wind direction.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff is trimming the trees on Ponce de Leon this week. (2) Repairs on the Welcome signs have been completed with a fresh coat of paint.

- Building Maintenance: (1) The windows on the west side of the Utility Building have been replaced or blocked in. The paint contractor has been contacted to get the painting completed.
- Paving Project: The bid opening for this year's project is August 9 at 2:00pm in Commission Chambers. There are two different aspects to this year's project. One, overlay and street striping and the second, road reconstruction.
- The Public Works Department is looking for a few volunteers to paint the last three mill displays on Central Avenue. We also have some other community projects for civic clubs, students in need of required community service hours or a retired person looking for something positive to do in their community. Contact the office at 983-1471 for more information.
- Special Pick Up Required: It has been noted at several locations throughout the community, residents and owners have been cutting down or severely cutting back large trees. The debris left from an operation like this will require a "Special Pick Up Fee". Please contact the office at 983-1471 to get a quote and set up a pick up schedule.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Officers continue to respond to Harlem several times each week. Tuesday night our officers were asked to go quell a large disturbance at Club Gossip. HCSO were busy on SR 80. The scene was dispersed peacefully.
- Patrol Officers conducted a traffic stop on West Sugarland Saturday Night. Both Occupants were arrested. Driver charged with possession of a concealed weapon by a convicted felon, Possession of narcotic equipment, and false ID. The passenger was charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and false ID.
- Domestic disturbance calls were unusually high this week. Patrol Officers made numerous domestic violence arrests.
- A home on West Ventura was burglarized this week. Following an investigation, Officer Hodge arrested Nathaniel Waugh and charged him with burglary.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1050** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 613** Complaints Investigated
 - 15** Arrests Made
 - 23** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 1** City Ordinance Violation Issued
 - 61** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 28** Alarms Responded To
 - 3** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- **Hurricane Season Tip**: Clear your patio and yard of lawn furniture, toys, potted plants, and other debris that can blow around in high winds, causing damage or injury. Bring these items indoors or place them in a garage.
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Lift station maintenance: Checked all lift stations
 - Assisted South Shore with water break
 - Repaired force main at 7th and Georgia that was hit by a contractor

- Electric Activities
 - Trimmed trees
 - Replaced secondary span on West Avenida Del Rio and trimmed trees
 - Repaired several street lights throughout service area
 - Repaired bad underground service in Harlem Gardens
- 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.