

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
August 19, 2016

Dates to Remember

August 29, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Budget Workshop
September 5, 2016 – Labor Day – City Offices Closed
September 6, 2016 – Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
September 12, 2016 – Clewiston Library Advisory Board Meeting
September 13, 2016 – Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
September 15, 2016 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting
September 15, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Workshop and Tentative Budget Hearing
September 19, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Microsoft Word and Excel training begins September 12, 2016. Please see the announcement below and share widely. Call the library at 863-983-1493 to register and ask questions.

MICROSOFT WORD & EXCEL



The program will involve hands-on instructor led classes for best learning benefit.

STARTING
September 12, 2016

LOCATION
Clewiston Public library
120 W Osceola Ave. Clewiston, FL 33440

WWW.HENDRYLIBRARIES.ORG
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CLEWISTONPUBLICLIBRARY/

MONDAYS
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Microsoft Excel II
Cost: \$25
Free to City of Clewiston employees

THURSDAYS
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Microsoft Word I
Cost: \$25
Free to City of Clewiston employees

CONTACT:

Stop by our library TODAY
or call us (863-983-1493)
for more information.

You can also send us an
email at
library@clewiston-fl.gov



- Two smart, high school students are needed to intern in the library as after school tutors, working along with certified teachers. This is a paid internship. Call with information on any candidates you think would be suitable.
- **For information regarding any of our programs, please call the library at (863) 983-1493 and remember to visit www.hendrylibraries.org.**

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- Palm Peterbilt now has its certificate of occupancy. They anticipate a grand opening by September 1st.
- The annual business tax receipt renewals have been mailed. These expire on September 30th of each year.
- We have received plans for the new single family home to be constructed at 431 East Ventura. This home will be 1,168 square feet and have 3 bedrooms/2 baths.

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.
- **Clewiston Golf Course** has been selected now to be on the **Florida Historic Golf Trail**.
- United States Sugar Corporation has started cleaning all the ditches and ponds and will finish next week.
- Renovation of number nine pond will continue August 20, 2016.
- Fairways were sprayed for weeds this week.
- The renovation of the greens is moving right along as scheduled. We are on temporary greens now until Labor Day weekend.
- CHS boys and girls golf team have their first match this week against LaBelle.
- 2016 Clewiston Masonic Lodge Tournament is scheduled for September 10, 2016. Sign-up is in the golf shop or call 863-983-1448. Foursomes (8:30am Shotgun Start)
- 2016 United States Sugar Employee Tournament is scheduled for September 17, 2016.
- 2016 Parent-Child Championship is scheduled for September 25, 2016.
- Golf staff is planning some new tournaments this season. (Clewiston Match Play, Clewiston Stableford Tournament, Clewiston Senior Stableford Tournament and 2-Person Team Championship)
- **Golf Quote of the Week:** "I know I'm getting better at golf, I'm hitting fewer spectators now." –Gerald Ford

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- Clewiston Recreation Staff and Supervisors have been working on budgets all week and meeting with the Finance Director.

- The C.S. Mott Pool will be open only on Saturdays from 10am-6pm and Sundays from 1-6pm 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.
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - Aug. 19th – PRO WRESTLING 2-11pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Aug. 22nd – USACOE Meeting 8am-5pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Aug. 23rd - USACOE Meeting 8am-5pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Aug. 24th - USACOE Public Meeting 5:30-9pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Aug. 24th – AYSO Coaches Meeting 6pm Youth Center
 - Aug. 25th – City of Clewiston “Open Enrollment” 9am-3:30pm Youth Center
- If you are interested in participating in a Co-Ed Dodgeball and/or Co-Ed Volleyball league contact Andre at 983-1492
- Go to 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 stayed consistently low for this time in the season. All four traps caught less than 1,000 mosquitoes. The last report from the Health Department shows there are 452 Travel Related and 30 Non-Travel Related ZIKA cases in Florida. 60 cases are women with child. The “blitz” in Miami was a success. Reports are there were no cases of ZIKA found in a sixteen block area around the “Hot Spot”. An additional four blocks were checked and no cases were found there either. The investigation included testing everyone door to door. There are still no ZIKA cases in Hendry County. This is good news.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff has been pulling standard street maintenance activities such as clearing street right-of-ways of debris, mowing grass, litter control and sign replacement. There are several large piles of debris left from tree contractors. These property owners will be assessed a Special Pick Up Fee because of the size and nature of the debris left by the road.
- Paving Project: Five paving contractors submitted bids for the three different aspects of this year’s paving project. The Commission took action at Monday’s meeting and awarded all three bids to Weekley Asphalt.
- Welcome New Staff: Please join me in welcoming Manny Gomez to the department. Manny will be working in the Facility Maintenance Division and taking over when Lee retires. All repairs requested need to be sent to Jay and he will produce the work order. Please restrain from stopping Manny and requesting work. He has a big learning curve in this new department and will need time to pick up on what Lee has been doing.
- Notice: Resident Reminder - If you pay a contractor to trim trees on your property, the contractor is required by ordinance to haul and dispose of the debris. The City “Special Pick Up Fee” is intended for the removal of debris produced by the property owner/homeowner that did the work themselves. The fee is assessed only on debris piles larger than a pickup truck bed.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- At the request of HCSO, CPD officers began a search for a suspect wanted for a robbery which occurred in unincorporated Hendry County. Patrol Officers were able to locate the suspect, detain him, and turn him over to deputies without incident.
- Officers responded to a report of a vehicle burglary on Laurel Street. The vehicle was left all weekend unlocked. A handgun and a purse were taken from the vehicle.
- Patrol was called to check on an unresponsive person in the street at the intersection of Avenida Del Rio and Francisco Street. Officers found a gentleman who had imbibed a bit heavily and couldn't remember where he belonged. They were eventually able to find his hotel room, and escorted him to safety.
- A disagreement over dogs at Everglades Mobile Home Park took a bad turn. One resident claimed another resident fired a gun at him over a dog. No one was injured, and the suspect was not immediately located. An arrest warrant has been applied for in the incident.
- A traffic stop on Sugarland Highway yielded an arrest for possession of illegal narcotics and driving without a license.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1179** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 558** Complaints Investigated
 - 50** Traffic Citations
 - 29** Arrests Made
 - 14** Alarms Responded To
 - 86** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 2** City Ordinance Violations
 - 50** Merchant Escorts
 - 4** Traffic Accident Investigations

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- **Hurricane Season Tip:** If you smell gas, evacuate immediately and contact 911 and your gas company's emergency number.
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Lift station maintenance: Performed maintenance on lift stations
 - Changed 4 water meters
 - Repaired 3 water breaks and assisted South Shore with 2 water breaks
- Electric Activities
 - Replaced 2 transformers; began setting transformers and pulling wire for Greentree Senior complex on West Ventura
 - Investigated several voltage problems and made repairs
 - Repaired several street lights throughout service area and trimmed trees
- 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.