

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



Please join City Staff and the City Commission in a special farewell to Mr. Lee Marvin. After sixteen years of service he has retired. He was the example of the employee we should all strive to be. He was a man among men and loved by all. He never spoke an ill word about anyone or of what he was asked to do and he could do anything. His talent and skill saved the City thousands of dollars and gave us the opportunity to have and do things we otherwise would not have been able to. Thank you Mr. Lee, you will be missed.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be no residential solid waste collection on Monday, September 5, 2016. Monday's route will take place on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Thursday will be back to normal service.

Dates to Remember

September 1, 2016 – City Commission Budget Workshop
September 5, 2016 – Labor Day – City Offices Closed
September 6, 2016 – Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
September 8, 2016 – City Commission Budget Workshop
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:

- Only one week left to sign up for Microsoft Word and or Excel classes. Starting September 12, 2016 at 5:30 – 7:30PM, there will be Excel on Mondays, and the same time starting September 15, 2016 for Word on Thursdays. You may sign up for either or both. Call the library at 863-983-1493 to register and ask questions.
- Keep looking out for computer classes for Seniors.
- We are still searching for tutors for our after school program.

- Please help the library improve on our services and programs as well as our collections. Please fill out our very short 4 question survey available on our website, Facebook page, or in print. Thanks so much for your help.
- For further questions the Library's telephone number is 863-983-1493. You can also visit our website at www.hendrylibraries.org for more information and like us at www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary.

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 to be on the **Florida Historic Golf Trail**.
- Clewiston Golf Course has created a YouTube video about the 2016 golf season. Just go to YouTube.com and search for Clewiston Golf Course or go to the Clewiston Golf Course Facebook page.
- The Greens Renovation Project is moving right along as scheduled. We are on temporary greens now.
- CHS boys' and girls' golf teams are off to a good start, 2-0, after beating Labelle and Moore Haven. Their next match is against Immokalee.
- 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.

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- Staff has begun working with other departments and putting together a “working plan” for Phase II construction of Trinidad Park.
- Staff has been working with Wounded Warriors to host their 3rd Annual Fishing Tournament on Lake Okeechobee at the John Boy Auditorium on Oct. 7th.
- New drain grates have been placed in C.S. Mott Pool this week and tiles replaced/repared.
- The C.S. Mott Pool will be open over the Labor Day holiday on Saturday from 9am-6pm, Sunday 1-6pm and Monday 9am-6pm and then close for the rest of the year.
- The Splash Pad will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 3-5pm, Thursdays from 10am-Noon and Saturday/Sundays from 9am-7pm.
- FYI...Clewiston Recreation's Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 29th... Mark your calendars and save the date! Bigger and Better is on the horizon...! Stay tuned for details...!!
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - Sept. 1st - 4-H Silver Spurs 6-7:30pm Youth Center
 - Sept. 3rd – Baby Shower 11am-5pm STP #2 & #3

- Sept. 6th – AYSO Coaches Meeting 6-8pm 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 are going up due to all the wet weather. Shallow standing water and very wet ground exposed to the sunlight is bringing off the *Psorophora ciliate*. She feeds day or night. Not a vector for any virus. Just a nuisance to people. Cover up and treat exposed skin. The plane is scheduled for a treatment on September 2nd or 3rd. Ground operations are still running on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Five more “Special Pick-up” operations were done this week. (2) Twenty-four more new “STOP” signs, six Red Diamonds and twenty-four posts were ordered and scheduled to be installed. (3) Two more wooden barricades were replaced with steel guardrail at the corner of San Diego and Alverdez, on the south side of the canal. (4) The “pot hole patrol” was out this week. Lots of rain means lots of “pot holes”. Please call 983-1471 and report any pot holes you see so we can get them taken care of quickly.
- Paving & Striping Project: We expect the signed contract back from Mr. Weekley this week. We will send a “Notice to Proceed” and get this operation started.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) We have a good drawing for the awning across the front of the Community Development Building. We will be seeking quotes for this project. (2) Door locks were changed on the “Record Storage Building”. Manny learned to repair and “re-key” our locks. (3) Work Orders for AC repairs and filter changes are still topping the charts this month.
- REMINDER: With all the rain we have been getting, drainage is of utmost importance. Residents are reminded and cautioned about placing debris on canal banks or on storm drain inlets. Not only is this a violation of City ordinance, it could cause flooding because storm water cannot enter the system. Please refrain from driving or parking in the ROWs as this area is very soft and wet. Damage to road shoulders and the swale will become unsightly and costly to repair. For this reason, by ordinance, all residents are required to have a paved driveway apron no later than February 1, 2018. Please call 983-1471 if you have any questions about this requirement and deadline.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- We have two new Animal Control Officers patrolling the streets. Annemarie Sprague and Dakota Brennan started this week. Please welcome them as you run across them.
- Miss Riley Lynn Hester will finally be welcomed home from the hospital this weekend by parents James and Asia. You may recall Riley was born premature a couple of months ago. She has finally reached 6 lbs. and is a healthy little girl.
- An armed burglary occurred Monday morning just before daylight. A young lady walking was accosted and had cash taken from her. Detectives have arrested one suspect and have submitted warrant requests for the arrest of three others.
- Patrol Officers noticed two suspicious persons at a motel on East Sugarland. After a brief observation and investigation, the two were arrested for possession of illegal narcotics.

- Following a traffic stop on East Ventura, officers arrested the driver for driving with a suspended license, possession of illegal narcotics and possession of a concealed firearm by a convicted felon.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1052** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 540** Complaints Investigated
 - 52** Traffic Citations
 - 26** Arrests Made
 - 50** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 19** Alarms Responded To
 - 1** City Ordinance Violation
 - 65** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 5** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Water Sewer Activities
 - Lift station maintenance: repaired main lift station
 - Repaired 3 water breaks
 - Disconnected services for demolition in Harlem
- Electric Activities
 - Work continues at the Greentree Senior complex on West Ventura running new underground services
 - Removed unused transformer from service
 - Checked 5 services for voltage problems and had several power outages due to weather
 - Repaired several street lights throughout service area
- 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.