

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
**FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF**  
**September 16, 2016**

**Dates to Remember**

September 19, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting  
September 21, 2016 – Special Magistrate Hearing  
September 26, 2016 – Final Budget Hearing  
September 27, 2016 – Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- Microsoft Word and Excel classes started this week. Excel is on Mondays at 5:30 PM, and Word is on Thursdays at the same time. There are still a few open seats in either of these classes. Call the library at 863-983-1493 to register and ask questions.
- Computer classes for seniors coming soon.
- We really want to improve on our services and programs as well as our collections. Please help us by filling out a very short 4 question survey available on our website ([www.hendrylibraries.org](http://www.hendrylibraries.org)), on our Facebook page, or in print. Your help will be greatly appreciated.
- For further questions the Library's telephone number is 863-983-1493. You can also visit our website at [www.hendrylibraries.org](http://www.hendrylibraries.org) for more information and like us at [www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary).

**Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:**

- Clewiston high school public safety class held their 911 ceremony on Friday, 9-9-16. Several of our Clewiston Firefighters attended this impressive ceremony. We were all very proud of our young citizens for remembering the tragic events of that day and the bravery of our citizens and first responders.
- Bealls Outlet relocation to the Clewiston Town Center is moving along. Interior wall, mechanical and framing are nearing completion.
- Greentree West 50 residential units are in the final stages of construction. Landscape materials will be delivered next week with final construction expected to be completed within 30 days.
- Florida Community Health Center is progressing on schedule. Vertical Construction is expected to begin next week.

**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.
- 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**.
- Saturday, September 17, 2016 is the United States Sugar Employees Tournament. The tournament will start at 8:30am.
- 2016 Clewiston Masonic Lodge Tournament has been re-scheduled for October 22, 2016. Sign-up is in the golf shop or call 863-983-1448. Foursomes (8:30am Shotgun Start)

#### **Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:**

- Rain continues to hold us up a bit...but, repairs and repainting of the tennis courts move forward. The East Courts have received attention this week and we will move to the West Courts as soon as possible.
- AYSO Soccer has officially begun! There are 240 kids registered this year which means 27 teams from U-5 to U-14 will be playing. Ballfield staff has begun staging equipment for AYSO Soccer and has been squaring fields and setting goals. There will be 13 soccer fields in use this year; 3 more than last year. Games are tentatively scheduled to begin Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Recreation and Ballfield staff has treated every game field at Sugarland Sports Complex for fire ants this week.
- Recreation and Ballfield Staff has modified usage and placed a football field on Field #9 at Sugarland Sports Complex to host 3 home games for the New Harvest Academy's 8 man football team that will play Thursday nights at 7pm on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> this year.
- Recreation Staff is developing a corrective action plan for a DCF Inspection report for Sikes Park which identifies ceiling tiles, mulch, ants, fencing and equipment as needing attention.
- Staff has completed corrective action plans from a Hendry County DOH Inspection last month for C.S. Mott Pool regarding replacement of 2 drain covers and re-setting of tiles, securing loose ladders and normalizing PH levels after all the rain.
- Recreation Staff has begun spraying for emergent vegetation and weeds around the parks and fence lines and ants as we find mounds, in between the rain.
- City of Clewiston, East Recreation and the YMCA will provide FREE "Water Safety" classes to begin on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> and continue for 5 weeks.
- The Splash Pad will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 3-5pm, Thursdays from 10am-Noon and Saturday/Sundays from 9am-7pm.
- Staff has been working with Wounded Warriors to host their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fishing Tournament on Lake Okeechobee at the John Boy Auditorium on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff has been working with "Drug Free Hendry County" to host a Turkey Trot at the Levee Park on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. More info will be provided as this event progresses.
- FYI...Clewiston Recreation's Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>... 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. 15<sup>th</sup> – Glades Planting Training 8:30am-Noon Youth Center
  - Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – New Harvest Academy Football 7pm Field #9 Sugarland Sports Complex
  - Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – Sweet 15 Birthday 6-Midnight John Boy Auditorium
  - Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Party 10am-7pm STP #1
  - Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – Baby Shower 1-4pm Youth Center
  - Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Party Noon-7pm Trinidad Park w/ Bounce House
  - Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – Water Safety Class 9am-Noon C.S. Mott Pool
  - Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> – Baby Shower 2-6pm Youth Center
  - Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> – 4-H Meeting 2-4pm Beardsley Room
  - Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – 4-H Ethics Seminar 4-7pm Beardsley Room
  - Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – 4-H Open House 3-6pm Youth Center
  - Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> - New Harvest Academy Football 7pm Field #9 Sugarland Sports Complex
- 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](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 Clewiston are as follows:  
We are catching *Aedes vexans* (flood water mosquitoes) in the Okeechobee Blvd. trap (4,000); *Mansonia dyari* (floating vegetation breeders) and *Culex restuans* (breeders in polluted standing water, ditches and stagnant ground pools) in the traps at the Sports Complex (150) and in the Harlem Community (175).
- **Street Maintenance:** (1) A sink hole was repaired on West Crescent. An old piece of drainage pipe will have to be replaced. (2) Staff was out patching potholes. (3) Completed a Special Pick-up on Palmetto (4) 5 “No Parking” signs were installed behind the Best Western to control trucks from driving over our curbs. (5) New street markers were installed at Francisco and Trinidad. More “STOP” signs and street markers are scheduled. (6) Assisted with the movement of bleachers in the Sports Complex.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) Lighting repairs in the Library and JBA were taken care of last week.
- **Highway Beautification Project:** The landscape contractor and Terry Lowman made a walk down US27 this past week identifying irrigation control box locations.
- **Civic Park Project:** (1) The Criminal Justice Class at the High School has raised the money to purchase the Solider Memorial to be installed in the Monument area in the center of the park. A call was made to the Large Art Company in Baltimore. (2) Staff will be back in the park on Friday working on rock placement for the new Fern/Bromeliad Garden.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- Patrol assisted by Animal Control Officers, responded to a report of puppies being sold too young and without health certificates. Charges have been filed.

- A Warrant for Justin Troy Moore has been issued for a Forgery/Fraud case back in August. Mr. Moore is charged with passing counterfeit currency. Officer Hodge did a commendable job gathering evidence for a strong case.
- During routine traffic stops a total of 4 arrests have been made for Outstanding Warrants.
- Friday evening officers were dispatched to Hendry Regional Medical Center in reference to a stabbing. The female victim refused to cooperate or file a report.
- Forgery/Fraud reported for unemployment benefits being filed. The victim's current employer was notified of a fraudulent unemployment claim filed in her name. Her financial institutions have been notified of the identity theft.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
  - 1041** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 312** Complaints Investigated
  - 37** Traffic Citations
  - 24** Arrests Made
  - 43** Merchant Escorts Provided
  - 4** Alarms Responded To
  - 3** City Ordinance Violation
  - 104** Red Light Camera Violations
  - 5** Traffic Accidents Investigated

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- Water Sewer Activities
  - Repaired 6" sewer line on East Trinidad and a 2" sewer line on East Ventura
  - Repaired water break at 108 Royal Palm
  - Lift Station Maintenance: Pulled pumps and made repairs at Bass & Sun and Corbin lift stations
  - Reviewed manholes with FRWA representative
- Electric Activities
  - Ran new service on East Ventura and a new underground service on Sugarland Circle
  - Set a new pole to re-route underground primary on East Sugarland Circle
  - Assisted Recreation Department with movement of bleachers
  - 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](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.**