

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
October 14, 2016

Dates to Remember

October 17, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting
October 20, 2016 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- We were blessed with no significant damage from Hurricane Matthew. It did provide us with a much needed exercise in executing our emergency management team and procedures. Thanks to all who participated in the EOC meeting and weather briefings.
- With that in mind, we've noticed that some people have decided to leave their shutters up for the rest of the season but, hurricane shutters can be unsafe and even deadly when left on your windows the rest of the year. If a fire were to occur in your home, how would you get out? And just as importantly, how would firefighters get in to help you? Hurricane shutters are designed to withstand hurricane-force winds, and if they can keep debris from entering your home, they can keep firefighters from entering and you from escaping. City Code Section 110-530 (d)(1) reads:

Storm shutters and panels which are not permanently installed shall meet the following utilization standards: They may be put in place or closed not more than seventy-two (72) hours before and seventy-two (72) hours after a storm event.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- The very short 4 question survey is still available on our website (www.hendrylibraries.org), on our Facebook page, or in print. Your help in filling it out will be greatly appreciated.
- The after school homework help and tutoring program has begun in this library.
- English as a Second Language class began on Wednesday, October 12, 2016. It will run from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please spread the news.
- 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.
- Get your grips re-done. Contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Golf lessons are available. Contact Robbie Rush at 863-983-1448.

- 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)
- 2016 Clewiston Golf Course Parent-Child Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, October 30, 2016. Sign-up in the golf shop.

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- FOOD TRUCK INVASION...MONDAY OCT. 17th!! Food Truck Invasions in our community every 3rd Monday of the month in the Sugar Festival Field from 5-9pm for the next 6 months! The 1st event will be hosted by CHS Public Safety Academy; a portion of the proceeds from this event will go back to the host organization as a fundraiser. Come out and support the kids and see what it's like to be... INVADED!
- CHS Soccer seasons have begun as the girls teams try-outs were conducted last week and their 1st Home Game is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 1st against Sebring on Soccer West at Sugarland Sports Complex at 6pm JV and 7:30pm Varsity... GO TIGERS!
- CHS Boys Soccer program will hold try-outs next week at Sugarland Sports Complex on Soccer East. The boys 1st Home Game is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 29th vs. LaBelle 5:30pm JV start and 7pm Varsity game time on Soccer East... GO TIGERS!
- AYSO Soccer continues to play regular season games at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- The 2nd round of fertilization and herbicide application for evasive weeds will begin next week at Sugarland Sports Complex on ALL game surfaces.
- City of Clewiston, East Recreation and the YMCA will provide FREE "Water Safety" classes on Saturdays and will continue every Saturday until Oct. 22nd. Connect to www.clewistonrecreation.com to register for the classes.
- The Splash Pad will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 3-5pm, Thursdays from 10am-Noon and Saturday/Sundays from 9am-7pm.
- New Harvest Academy's 8 man football team game originally scheduled for last week has been rescheduled and they will play Thursday night, Oct. 20th at 7pm on Field #9 at the Big Quad.
- 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...!!
- Wounded Warrior Banquet & Fishing Tournament has been rescheduled for Nov. 5th & 6th.
- Staff has been working with "Drug Free Hendry County" to host a Turkey Trot at the Levee Park on Nov. 17th. More info as this event progresses.
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - Oct. 15th – Wedding Reception 4-10pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Oct. 15th – Birthday party 7-11pm Youth Center
 - Oct. 15th – Birthday party 10am-8pm Sugarland Park Pavilion
 - Oct. 17th – Food Truck Invasion 5-9pm Sugar Fest Field ** Hosted by CHS Public Safety Academy
- 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 in Clewiston are as follows:
Harlem trap: *too much wind*;
Golf Course trap: *too much wind*;
Okeechobee Blvd. trap: 250; and
Sports Complex trap: *too much wind*.
There are no confirmed cases of ZIKA in Glades or Hendry County. A ground ULV application is scheduled this week. Next scheduled air treatment is on October 29.
- Street Maintenance: (1) 35 feet of sidewalk was repaired. (2) Top soil was placed in the rock formation in the park. Staff started planting Ferns and Bromeliads. (3) 10 more Dwarf Alamanda and Crotons were planted at the City Hall. (4) The Sylvester Palms on Ventura were trimmed. (5) Two vacant overgrown lots were mowed at the request of Code Enforcement Office Debbie McNeil. (6) Staff removed storm shutters from City buildings.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) Doors in the Utility Building will be painted Saturday morning while staff is out. (2) The Gazebo in the Civic Park was power washed in preparation to be painted. (3) Staff is getting the Park ready for the Veterans Day Program. (4) The floors in the garage were power washed.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Patrol Officers performing a routine business check noticed a woman slumped over on the premises. Upon interviewing her, it was discovered she had been using narcotics and as a result had passed out. Officers found her four children ages 2-11 years, alone in a motel room. The suspect's mother came to town and took custody of the children. DCF now has the neglect case.
- Officers responded to a report of a dog attacking another dog on Del Rio. It was determined that a large dog was unattended outside and pushed open a gate next door to gain access to the neighbor's small dog. The smaller dog was gravely wounded in the attack. Animal Control is holding the dog in lieu of Rabies vaccination violation. The owner has been fined for numerous offenses, as well as a \$500 dangerous dog fine now pending a City Commission hearing.
- Several DUI cases were made this week. Two of those cases resulted in illegal narcotics charges as well. In one instance, the driver was discovered passed out in traffic at a red light intersection. It took officers several minutes to awaken the driver. When he did finally awaken, he attempted to flee only to run into a patrol vehicle which was parked directly in front of him. The driver remains in jail with a host of charges.
- Friday night patrol responded to a report of a stabbing at Green Tree Apartments. The suspect was arrested for aggravated assault. The victim was treated and later released from HRMC.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
1161 Commercial / Residential Security Checks
505 Complaints Investigated
29 Traffic Citations Issued
22 Arrests made
55 Merchant Escorts

17	Alarms Responded To
4	Traffic Accidents Investigated
76	Red Light Violations

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- 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.