

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
October 21, 2016

Dates to Remember

October 24, 2016 – Special Commission Meeting
November 7, 2016 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting
November 11, 2016 – Veterans’ Day – City Offices Closed
November 14, 2016 – Clewiston Public Library Advisory Board Meeting
November 17, 2016 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting
November 17, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Workshop
November 21, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- The month of October is Fire Prevention Month.
- We encourage everyone to check their smoke detectors and replace the batteries with new ones.
- Check Fire Extinguishers and have them serviced or replaced if necessary.
- All properties should be checked for clear and accessible escape routes.
- We again want to remind everyone to remove their hurricane shutters and boards covering windows and doors. This is an extreme fire safety issue both for you trying to get out and for the firemen trying to get in.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- 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 is Saturday, 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.
- Winter rates started Saturday October 1, 2016.
- Fairways, greens and tees were fertilized this week. Also, green banks and fairways were sprayed for weeds this week.
- Mulch and flowers are being put out this week.

- CHS Boys Golf Team finished off their season last week by winning the Hendry Glades Championship. Congratulations!!
- Play is starting to pick up here at the golf course. Tee times are required.
- Clewiston Golf Course is starting to get in all our new merchandise for the season.
- Remember the Clewiston Golf Course Facebook Website has a lot of info and great pictures. Check it out.
- **Putting Tip:** It is very important to keep your head still to hole putts. Try keeping your head down and listen for the ball to go in the hole. This was one of Golf Digest's top ten all time tips for improving your score.

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- Clewiston Recreation KID'S FALL FESTIVAL will take place on Saturday Oct. 29th in the SugarFest Field from 2-6pm. There will be kid costume contests, a pet costume contest, a car show and booths set-up selling food, drinks and baked goods as well as interactive games for the kids and the family.... OOowww and CANDY! Check www.clewistonrecreation.com if you are interested in having a booth (just a few spots left) or call the Youth Center at 983-1492. Hope to "scare" you there...!
- F.E.W. (Fighting Evolution Wrestling) will be coming back to Clewiston on Oct. 29th for their 1st ever "outdoor" event on the Tennis Courts behind the Youth Center! Gates open at 6pm and bell time at 7pm. \$25.00 VIP seating and \$15.00 general admission, kids in costumes get FREE admission! Nathan Vann, Gemini, Chuckles, Alaskan Assassin and The Boogeyman are on the card. Check www.fightingevolutionwrestling.com for more information.
- CHS Soccer seasons have begun practicing 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 held try-outs this 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 was completed this week at Sugarland Sports Complex on ALL game surfaces.
- CHS Tiger Football returns to Cane Field Friday Oct. 21st against Ft. Myers Green Wave...Kick-Off is 7:30pm... GO TIGERS!
- The Splash Pad will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 3-5pm, Thursdays from 10am-Noon and Saturday/Sundays from 9am-7pm.
- 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. 22nd – AYSO Picture Day 8am-1pm Beardsley Room
 - Oct. 22nd – Lion's Club Boston Butt Sale Sikes Park
 - Oct. 22nd – Birthday Party 4-9pm Youth Center
 - Oct. 23rd – Breast Cancer Awareness Dinner 4-6pm Youth Center
 - Oct. 23rd - 4-H Livestock Meeting 2-4pm Beardsley Room

- 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: Okeechobee Blvd. 800; Sports Complex 150; and Harlem 250. A city wide ground ULV application is scheduled for Friday evening this week. Hot spot treatments are scheduled for daily application. The next scheduled air treatment is October 29.
- Street Maintenance: (1) We started painting street markings on Ventura this week. (2) Diaz Place was graded and a large pothole was filled. (3) Shopping carts and potholes were a major issue a couple of days this week. Staff responded quickly. (4) Two truckloads of mulch were delivered to the Golf Course as they get ready for the increase of play when our winter guests return to our community. (5) Three truckloads of mulch will be delivered and installed in the Park before the Veterans' Day program.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) Minor adjustments were made to the doors in the Operations Building. (2) The Gazebo got a few minor repairs and a new coat of paint. (3) Staff is working on a removable style mounting plate for the basketball goals in the park.
- Mowing & Mosquito Contracts: Staff is working on the 2016/17 contract specs. They will be out to bid soon.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- We are encountering scores of people weekly who are either driving with a suspended license or no license at all. Both are arrestable offenses. We are making a push to ensure compliance in our community.
- I will be interviewed Tuesday morning by Wotts Mercy for CALLFM. The conversation will consist of discussion surrounding community safety and involvement.
- The Food Truck Invasion was without incident from a law enforcement perspective. The large crowd was well behaved and seemed to enjoy themselves.
- All of our Patrol Vehicles were calibrated for speed this week as required by law.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1055** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 575** Complaints Investigated
 - 35** Traffic Citations issued
 - 22** Arrests made
 - 14** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 51** Merchant Escorts
 - 13** Alarms Responded To
 - 2** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Water Sewer Activities
 - Repaired 2" water line on East Trinidad and repaired water breaks on 13th Street, East Ventura and West Sugarland Highway
 - Assisted South Shore Water 4 hours with water main break

- Lift Station Maintenance: Repaired Harlem Academy, Alabama and Main lift stations; changed out #2 pump at Walgreens lift station. All lift stations were read.
- Jetted sewer service at 901 Harlem Academy.
- Changed 25 water meters.
- Electric Activities
 - Ran 2 new services and repaired 4 bad underground services.
 - Replaced rotten poles on East Haiti and Bond Street.
 - Set 47 electric meters at Greentree Senior Complex on West Ventura.
 - Changed breaker counters and replaced batteries at substation.
 - Repaired tennis court lights and several street lights throughout service area.
 - Changed out lightning arrestor on West Osceola.
 - 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.