

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
October 28, 2016

**Dates to Remember**

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:**

- Beall’s has a temporary Certificate of Occupancy so that they can start to stock their shelves. This will allow them time to organize the store prior to opening.
- The children attending Rainbow Preschool visited the fire station for their annual tour. The kids learned about fire safety and toured the fire engines.
- The fire department conducted their annual fire/safety tour of Anderson’s Fertilizer plant after fire practice on Monday night. This tour familiarizes our firefighters with the current fire/safety action plans should there be an emergency at the plant.

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- We are appealing to you to please respond to our survey even if you don’t use the library. It will take less than 5 minutes of your time and that could help us make your city library the best in this part of Florida. Please go to our website ([www.hendrylibraries.org](http://www.hendrylibraries.org) ), on our Facebook page, or print and fill it out. We will be grateful.
- The Senior computer classes will begin next Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM. Good Wheels will bus the seniors in to our library and take them to the senior center after the class. I have 16 seats in the lab and already have 21 people signed up. Have to do some creative space arrangement.
- There are lots of new books and movies available for you to review in our library. Just take a few steps to our facility and you may be surprised at the array. But, you can also find new books on our E-books site as well, so visit us soon.
- 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).

**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.
- Get your grips re-done. Contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.

- Golf lessons are available. Contact Robbie Rush at 863-983-1448.
- Winter rates started Saturday October 1, 2016.
- Green banks, tees and fairways were sprayed for weeds and ants this week.
- 2016 Clewiston Masonic Lodge Tournament was Saturday October 22, 2016. They had 32 players. The winners were Cicero Osceola, Salaw Hummingbird, Fred Waid and William Mergott. Congratulations!!
- 2016 Clewiston Golf Course Parent-Child is scheduled for Sunday October 30, 2016. The tournament is sold out.
- Moore Haven Junior Class has scheduled to have a fundraiser golf tournament Saturday, November 12, 2016. To sign-up call Angie Hough at 239-243-7376.
- 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 Clewiston Golf Course Facebook Website has a lot of info and great pictures. Check it out.

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

- Clewiston Recreation KID'S FALL FESTIVAL will take place on Saturday Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> in the SugarFest Field from 2-6pm. There will be kid costume contests, a pet costume contest and booths set-up selling food, drinks and baked goods as well as interactive games for the kids and the family.... OOOOO and CANDY! Check [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://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. 29<sup>th</sup> for their 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.fightingevolutionwrestling.com) for more information.
- CHS Tiger Football returns to Cane Field Friday Oct. 28<sup>st</sup> against Glades Central Raiders for the District Championship...Kick-Off is 7:30pm... GO TIGERS!
- CHS Ladies Soccer will play their 1<sup>st</sup> Home Game Tuesday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> against Sebring on Soccer West at Sugarland Sports Complex at 6pm JV and 7:30pm Varsity... GO TIGERS!
- AYSO Soccer continues to play regular season games at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- 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. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<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 as this event progresses.
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
  - Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – CHS vs. Glades Central for District Football Championship at Cane Field @ 7:30pm
  - Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – Baby Shower 3-6pm Beardsley Room
  - Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Party 2-5pm Sugarland Park Pavilion
  - Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – Clewiston Recreation KIDS FALL FESTIVAL 2-6pm Sugarfest Field

- Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – F.E.W. Wrestling 6-10pm West Tennis Courts behind Youth Center
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – CHS Powder Puff Football 6pm Cane Field
- If you are interested in participating in Youth Basketball, Adult Kickball and/or a Co-Ed Softball 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: Saginaw Park 150; Okeechobee Blvd. 500; and Harlem 200. 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 Department: (1) Spent time hauling bulk mulch for the Golf Course and the Recreation Department. (2) Sidewalks and light poles were pressure cleaned in the Civic Park in preparation for the upcoming Veterans’ Day activities. (3) Staff has been keeping up with right-of-way and lot mowing. (4) Staff is helping the Recreation Department with the set up for the Fall Festival. (5) Sidewalks on Bond Street were pressure cleaned.
- Facilities Maintenance: Daily repairs are made as they arise and staff is working with the Street Department in preparation for the Veterans’ Day event.
- Solid Waste: Staff continues to keep roadside debris and household collection maintained in spite of mechanical issues.
- Note: Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving Day holiday, the Solid Waste collection for Thursday, November 24, 2016, will be collected on Friday, November 25, 2016.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- A severely beaten woman was found lying outside a local drugstore after dark. Her five young children were standing next to her. Officers were able to determine the offense had happened in South Bay and was later dumped here by the offender. Her husband was later located in Montura and arrested for domestic violence. The victim was transported to the ER.
- During the course of a routine traffic stop, officers located a felony amount of drugs in the vehicle. The driver was also in possession of an illegal concealed firearm. The suspect was arrested for both offenses and transported to Hendry County Jail.
- We are prepared for the Halloween hoards expected on Monday night. You can expect to see extra officers patrolling on bicycles during Trick or Treat hours. PLEASE use caution that night and drive as if you expect a child to dart out in front of you.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week’s activity:
  - 1045** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 503** Complaints Investigated
  - 45** Traffic Citations issued
  - 29** Arrests Made
  - 3** City Ordinance Violations
  - 42** Red Light Violations
  - 48** Merchant Escorts
  - 12** Alarms Responded To
  - 4** Traffic Accidents Investigated

### **Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- Water Sewer Activities
  - Repaired water breaks on Kentucky and at the Library. Ran new service lines on East Ventura and North Lopez.
  - Assisted South Shore Water with a 2” tap and water service line and with 2 water breaks.
  - Lift Station Maintenance: Repaired Alabama and San Benito; replaced #2 pump at main lift station with new 6” pump. All lift stations were read.
  - Jetted sewer service on Carolina and assisted Foxbriar with faulty lift station.
  - Changed out 2” valve at sewer plant.
  - Changed water meters.
- Electric Activities
  - Reconnected 2 services that were disconnected at pole/transformer.
  - Installed lights at Greentree Senior Complex and the Hospital.
  - Repaired several street lights and trimmed trees throughout service area.
  - Changed out lightning arrestor.
- 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.**