

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
**FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF**  
November 4, 2016

**Remember to set your clocks back one hour. Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 2:00 a.m.**

**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:**

- **WHEN IS A FIRE SAFETY PERMIT NEEDED?** A Fire Safety Permit is required for:
  - **Special Event:** An event whether indoors or outdoors, that is held on public property or streets, non-profit organization property or non-residential private property that can reasonably be expected to cause a public gathering that is not part of the normal course of business at the location.
  - **Carnival:** A mobile enterprise principally devoted to offering amusement or entertainment to the public in, upon or by means of portable amusement rides or devices or temporary structures in any number or combination, whether or not associated with other structures or forms of public attraction.
  - **Fair:** An enterprise principally devoted to the exhibition of products of agriculture or industry in connection with the operation of amusement rides or devices, or concession booths.
  - **Parade:** A parade with floats for public performance, presentation, spectacle or entertainment.

A Fire Safety permit application form must be completed and submitted not less than thirty (30) days in advance of the event.

- Beall’s is nearing the completion of their remodel. They are anticipating a grand opening event from November 10<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> at their new location at 955 West Sugarland Hwy. in the Clewiston Town Center.

### **Library Director Barrett reports:**

- We have extended the time for residents to do the survey. Please respond even if you don't use the library. It will take less than 5 minutes of your time and 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 in print and fill it out. Thanks.
- The senior computer class began on Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM. Good Wheels bussed the seniors to our library as planned and turned around and took them to the senior center after the class. We have 16 seats in the lab and more people than seats. Fortunately, because this class was introductory we were able to create space for all. Next week I will probably have to resort to adding the laptops to the class.
- If you have read the book *Florida Roadkill* by Tim Dorsey, you will be happy to know that he will be doing a book signing in our library on November 17, 2016 at 6 PM. Come on out and hear a short presentation by this New York Times best-selling author. 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.
- This week Clewiston Golf Course did a chemical mow on the high rough. The fairways were top dressed and the tree rings were sprayed.
- The 2016 Clewiston Golf Course Parent-Child Tournament was Sunday, October 30, 2016. The tournament had a record 17 teams in its three years existence. Congratulations!! Clyde and Richard Carter were the winners of the Gross Division and Tom and Matt Waddell were the winners of the Net Division.
- The 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 has Sun Mountain Golf Bags, Titleist 917 Drivers, Imperial Logo Hats, Golf Buddy Range Finders, Tervis Tumblers, Ping Irons, Ping Woods, Putters, Wedges, Donald Ross Men's Shirts, Greg Norman Collection Women's Clothes and Outerwear for both men and women.
- Staff at the golf course can get anything for you that pertains to golf. You can find great **Christmas Gifts** here in the golf shop.
- Remember Clewiston Golf Course Facebook Website has a lot of info and great pictures. Check it out.
- Starting this coming Monday, November 7, 2016 the Clewiston Golf Course will be open on Monday for the Fall and Winter season.
- Starting Sunday, November 6, 2016 golf carts must now be in by 5:45 pm for the Fall and Winter season. First tee time every day is 7:30 am.

**Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:**

- **LEAGUES ARE FORMING NOW!** If you are interested in participating in a Youth Basketball, Adult Kickball and/or Co-Ed Softball league, contact Andre at 983-1492...
- CHS Homecoming Parade will take place Friday Nov. 4th beginning at 2pm along Francisco, Ventura and WC Owen.
- CHS Homecoming “Tailgate Party” Friday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the parade at the CMS Cafeteria parking lot.
- CHS Tiger Football returns to Cane Field Friday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> against Okeechobee for Homecoming...Kick-Off is 7:30pm... King and Queen will be announced at halftime... GO TIGERS!
- Sugarland Sports Complex will host the Southeast Regional Elks Soccer Shoot-Out on Saturday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> behind the racquetball courts. Champions and runner-ups in 5 age groups and their families from 36 different Elks Clubs in Southeast Florida will descend upon our community to see who will claim the right to move on to the State Finals at the Elks Camp in Umatilla later in the year! GOOD LUCK to all...
- CHS Homecoming Dance Saturday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at CMS Cafeteria.
- CHS Ladies Soccer will play their next Home Game on Tuesday Nov. 8th against Jensen Beach on Soccer West at Sugarland Sports Complex at 5:30pm JV and 7:00pm Varsity... GO TIGERS!
- CHS Ladies Soccer will also play on Thursday Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> against Bishop Verot in their 1<sup>st</sup> District game of the season on Soccer West at Sugarland Sports Complex at 5:30pm JV and 7:00pm Varsity... GO TIGERS!
- Mulch has been spread at Sikes Park completing a DCF Inspection Corrective Action Plan.
- CHS Softball pitchers and catchers reported to field #8 at Sugarland Sports Complex last Tuesday and a scrimmage game was held against LaBelle last Thursday evening.
- AYSO Soccer continues to play regular season games at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- Love Lake O Rally in the SugarFest Field on Saturday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-6pm... Guest Speakers, Food Trucks, Live entertainment, Bounce Houses, etc. Come out and be informed about Lake Okeechobee and her natural wonders right here in our backyard!
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wounded Warrior Appreciation Banquet and Fishing Tournament return to Clewiston on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Banquet for fishermen, their families and guides will be hosted by First Baptist Church of Clewiston on Nov. 5th and weigh-in will be at Roland Martin’s Marina on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 “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
  - Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – CHS Homecoming Parade 2pm
  - Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – CHS Homecoming “Tailgate Party” CMS Parking Lot 3:30pm
  - Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – CHS Homecoming Football game Clewiston Tigers vs. Okeechobee Brahmans 7:30pm Cane Field
  - Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Southeast Regional Elks Soccer Shoot-Out Sugarland Sports Complex behind the racquetball courts

- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Love Lake O Rally 2-6pm SugarFest Field
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Wedding Ceremony 4:30-6pm Civic Park Pavilion
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Wounded Warrior Banquet 6-10pm First Baptist Church
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – CHS Homecoming Dance CMS Cafeteria
- Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – Baby Shower 3-6pm Youth Center
- Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> – General Election 6am-8pm Youth Center and John Boy Auditorium
- Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> – CHS Ladies Soccer vs. Jensen Beach 5:30 & 7pm Sugarland Sports Complex Soccer West
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - CHS Ladies Soccer vs. Bishop Verot 5:30 & 7pm Sugarland Sports Complex Soccer West
- 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: All trap counts have gone down due to contractor application and heavy winds.
- Street Department: (1) Staff helped the Recreation Department with set up and take down of the Fall Festival. (2) Staff has been repainting parking spaces at the John Boy Auditorium and Sugarland Sports Complex. (3) Litter control has been ongoing due to the non-stop winds. (4) New plants and flowers will be delivered this Friday and planting should start on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at Civic Park. (5) Staff will be getting 30 yards of bulk mulch for the Civic Park to be installed next week..
- Facilities Maintenance: (1) Staff is handling repairs as they arise. (2) Staff will set the judges' stage on Friday afternoon for the Homecoming Parade.
- Solid Waste: Staff continues to keep roadside debris and household collection maintained in spite of mechanical issues. *Please remember to have your tipper carts roadside for household collection by 6:00 a.m.*
- 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:**

- While the overall activity for Halloween was down in activity and participation, we did field a few calls about clowns with knives chasing children in the area of North WC Owen. Officers who were already in the area searched thoroughly and found nothing suspicious.
- Friday night most of the “TRUMP for President” signs in town were vandalized or stolen. No other candidate’s signs were reported molested. Two persons of interest have been interviewed. We will continue to look into the case.
- A gentleman using a power sprayer to paint his home on Cortez Street Saturday during the high winds created quite a dustup. He managed to paint three of his neighbor’s vehicles in the process. Our investigative report has been filed with his homeowners insurance.
- A report of the attempted kidnapping of a child at a local business turned out to be a father disciplining his child for misbehaving at the store....he was doing a good job of it.
- Library officials discovered what appears to be a suicide note inside the bathroom. Minutes later they found an animal organ of some kind outside. The organ appears to be

the heart of a medium sized mammal (NOT HUMAN). Both incidents are likely connected as a prank and possibly had been left since Halloween.

- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
  - 1020** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 553** Complaints Investigated
  - 25** Arrests
  - 37** Traffic Citations
  - 55** Merchant Escorts
  - 11** Alarms Responded To
  - 40** Red Light Camera Violations
  - 2** Traffic Accident Investigations

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

**NOTE:** The City of Clewiston will be performing Sanitary Sewer Smoke Testing on Nov. 8 & 9 in selected areas north of Hwy 27. Smoke testing is a common test used in the utility industry to determine if there are leaks and or cracks in underground sewer lines. The smoke is odorless and one hundred percent safe. For more information, please call Clewiston Utilities at 863-983-1454.

- Water Sewer Activities
  - Repaired water break on the 1100 block of Harlem Academy.
  - Assisted South Shore Water with water break at Sky Valley.
  - Lift Station Maintenance: Repaired probe sensor at KFC lift station; fixed riser on Roland Martin lift station. All lift stations were read.
  - Repaired broken sewer main on the 1100 block of Mississippi and repaired sewer service on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - Jetted sewer line on Kentucky and repaired blockage at sewer main 400 block of West Sugarland Highway.
- Electric Activities
  - Running new service for US Corps of Engineers.
  - Repaired bad underground service.
  - Repaired several street lights and trimmed trees 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.**