

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
December 30, 2016

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Because of the high volume of residential garbage expected, even though it is a City holiday, residential garbage will be picked up on Monday, January 2, 2017.

Dates to Remember

January 2, 2017 – New Year Holiday – City Offices will be closed
January 9, 2017 – Library Advisory Board Meeting
January 9, 2017 - Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
January 16, 2017 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – City Offices will be closed
January 19, 2017 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting
January 19, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Workshop
January 23, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- We have received applications for ten (10) new single family homes in the Orchard Park S/D. The four (4) on South San Pedro Street are 4 BR/2 BA with 1,428 square feet and the six (6) on Old Farm Place are 3 BR/2 BA with 1,098 square feet.
- Fire Marshal Reese conducted a Portable Fire Extinguisher Class for the employees at Anderson's Fertilizer Plant. Each of them received a Certificate of Completion for a job well done.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- On behalf of the Staff of the Clewiston Public Library, please accept this wish for a happy and prosperous New Year in 2017.
- Look out for the following upcoming events in the library:
 - Senior Computer Class part 2
 - Excel Class – advanced
 - Graduation for the Career Online High School students who have successfully completed the required courses and will be awarded their high school diploma (not GED) from an accredited program and which is accepted by all major colleges.
 - The Prime Time Family Reading program with celebrated professional story teller Carrie Sue Ayers all the way from Miami.
- 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.
- Play is starting to pick up at the golf course. Tee times are required.
- Remember the Clewiston Golf Course Facebook Website has a lot of info and great pictures. Check it out.
- The golf staff has put together our January-June Tournament Schedule and Ladies/Junior Golf Clinics. You can pick up the booklets in the golf shop.
- **Upcoming Events** – For more information, call the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
 - January 7, 2017 Men’s Match Play Championship
 - January 7, 2017 Ladies Golf Clinic
 - January 13, 2017 Glow Ball Night Golf Tournament
 - January 14, 2017 Junior Golf Clinic
 - January 14, 2017 SE District Elks Tournament
 - January 17 and 24, 2017 Ladies Club Championship
 - January 21, 2017 Ladies Golf Clinic
 - January 21, 2017 Deputy Brian Haas Memorial Tournament
 - January 26, 2017 CLGA Twilight Golf Scramble
 - January 28, 2017 Junior Golf Clinic

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- **FREE 50+ T’ia Chi Classes** Free T’ia Chi classes for those individuals 50 years old and older at the Youth Center from 9am – 10am will continue every Wednesday thru Jan. 25th, 2017. Licensed Instructor Gretchen DeBree will be conducting the class.
- Clewiston Recreation Kids Basketball season will get back together on Jan. 7th at the CMS gym for practice and games from 9am-2pm.
- All parks within our system have been treated for emergent vegetation this week.
- Clay has been delivered to Sugarland Sports Complex and we have begun to spread it around the base paths and bases.
- Edging has begun on the bullpen areas around fields #1 and #8.
- Painting of the new fencing at Trinidad Park will begin next week.
- Painting of the structures will begin next week to meet a deficiency on a DCF audit at Sikes Park as part of the corrective action plan.
- Staff has been working on the “Boat Basin” list as forwarded to Dept.
- The Splash Pad will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 3-5pm, Thursdays from 10am-Noon and Saturday/Sundays from 9am-7pm.
- **UPCOMING** Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - Dec. 31st – Birthday Party 3-6pm Youth Center
 - Dec. 31st. – Birthday Party Noon-4pm STP #4 with bounce house
 - Jan. 5th – Miss Sugar Registrations 6-8pm Youth Center
- 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:** Plenty of spray activity happened during the Christmas & New Year’s Holidays. Mosquito activity was way down.

- Boat Basin Maintenance: (1) Staff painted the yellow “ramp” lines and replaced delineators at the boat launch. (2) The Welcome banners have been hung. (3) All parking lot lights & pole mounted “Bass” have been checked. (4) The bathroom facility has been checked and any repairs needed have been completed. (5) The dumpster & enclosure have been cleaned and painted. (6) Weeds on the C21 Canal Bank have been cut down and the grass has been cut off the curb.
- The Mowing Contract: IVG Corp. has been notified of the upcoming fishing tournaments and asked to keep an eye on the boat basin area.
- Street Division: (1) Trees along Hoover Dike Road have been trimmed and mulched.
- Drainage Project: The Project will begin after the first of the year.
- A **Special Thank You** to all residents for properly using the “Special Christmas” pick-up sites. All bins have now been pulled. A combined total of 58 lbs. of garbage was picked up at these sites.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Officers responded to a disruptive Glades County prisoner at the Emergency Room. The troops were able to get him confined and calmed down. The Glades Deputy issued an NTA (pre hearing release) and left the premises. Hospital staff wanted the arrestee to remain due to significant head injuries. After some time, the nurse was confident the patient was calm and allowed CPD officers to leave. Moments after their departure, the man fled. He was not located.
- Christmas Eve produced a two vehicle crash on Highway 27 near Wendy’s. Both vehicles were heavily damaged and slid off the roadway up against the temporary tent housing a fireworks vendor display. Both vehicles stopped just short of entering the tent. We very nearly had BIG BOOM!
- A woman on Sugarland Circle complained of a man in her yard peering into her windows after dark. A local man was located and arrested for the offense.
- During a three day period leading up to Christmas; officers visited 16 needy families in the area, delivering new wrapped Christmas presents to 31 children.
- A couple nights before Christmas, Sergeant Chamberlain and Officer Hodge found numerous homes had their Christmas Decorations vandalized. The offenders were never located, so the two officers spent much of the evening repairing and resetting the displays as best they could. WELL DONE Chamberlain and Hodge! Never let the Grinch win.
- Following is a synopsis of the week’s activity:
 - 1232** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 599** Complaints Investigated
 - 41** Traffic Citations
 - 15** Arrests
 - 41** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 62** Merchant Escorts
 - 14** Alarms Responded To
 - 7** Traffic Accidents Investigated

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.