

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
January 6, 2017

**Dates to Remember**

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:**

- Fire/safety inspections were completed on three (3) new businesses:
  1. In & Out Discount at 132 South WC Owen (beverage/convenience store)
  2. Boost Mobile at 112 East Sugarland Hwy. (2<sup>nd</sup> location for phone sales)
  3. Valdes Unlimited, Inc. at 426 West Sugarland Hwy. (sewing/alterations)We wish them all the best in their ventures.

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- **For information regarding any of our programs, please call the library at (863) 983-1493 and remember to visit [www.hendrylibraries.org](http://www.hendrylibraries.org).**

**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.
- 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.
- Tees were treated for weeds and ants this week.
- Ponds were treated for algae and pond banks were sprayed.
- **Upcoming Events**
  - 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
- **For more information, call the golf shop at 863-983-1448.**

**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. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Licensed Instructor Gretchen DeBree will be conducting the class.
- Clewiston Recreation Kids Basketball season will get back together on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at the CMS gym for practice and games from 9am-2pm.
- CHS Softball will begin try-outs next week and start regular scheduled practices the following week.
- CHS Baseball should begin try-outs the last week of the month.
- AYSO Soccer All-Star teams continue to practice at Sugarland Sports Complex, getting ready for the AYSO State Games in Wellington over MLK weekend.
- Ballfield crews are busy getting fields #1 and #8 ready for CHS baseball & softball seasons. Check and like our FB page and [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) for the team schedules.
- Clay has been delivered to Sugarland Sports Complex and we have begun to spread it around the base paths and bases.
- Painting of the new fencing at Trinidad Park will begin next week.
- Painting of the playground structures has begun to meet a deficiency on a DCF audit at Sikes Park as part of the corrective action plan.
- Jesse Gutierrez has returned to the Recreation Dept. to fill the Custodial position vacancy. Wish him well and happy return as you see him around town...
- 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
  - Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – Miss Sugar registrations 6-8pm Youth Center
  - Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – AYSO Coaches meeting 6-8pm Youth Center
  - Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – Dinner Party 6-10pm Youth Center
  - Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Party 2-6pm Sugarland Park Pavilion
  - Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> – Miss Sugar practice 6:30pm John Boy Auditorium
  - Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – Miss Sugar practice 6:30pm John Boy Auditorium
- 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:** Because there was too much wind to trap mosquitoes at the boat basin, a landing rate count (LRC) was done. The count was between 40 & 50. A special “hot spot” treatment was given in the area. We will be paying attention to the boat basin area and marinas.
- **Boat Basin Maintenance:** (1) The gates on the top of the levee have been painted. (2) Bottle Brush trees have been trimmed and mulched. (3) Curbs have been painted. (4) Parking lots have been reviewed for weeds growing in cracks and where found removed. (5) The street sweeper will start running nightly in January during tournament events.

- Road Reconstruction: Bid documents are ready to be sent out in January for the rebuilding of three locations: (1) The alley in the 402 block of W.C. Owen; (2) The intersection of Olympia and Aztec; and (3) 340 foot stretch on Saginaw at Banyan.
- Street Division: (1) Christmas decorations have been taken down and stowed away for another year. (2) The next section of sidewalk on Royal Palm Ave to be repaired is scheduled to start this week. (3) The bridge on Royal Palm was painted white.
- Drainage Project: The contractor has been contacted about the required “pre-construction meeting” and instructed to contact all parties involved and set up a date and time for this to happen.
- NOTICE: A correction from last week’s report...The correct total weight of garbage picked up at all of the “Special Christmas” pick-up sites was 5,800 lbs. That’s 5,800 lbs. that did not hit the street. Thanks again.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- During the holidays we had a number of husbands and children reported missing. All were located unharmed and reunited with their family. This time of year can be difficult.
- As expected, unfortunately, we saw a spike in drug and alcohol related arrests. At times the celebratory antics got out of hand, as the arrest numbers show.
- A traffic stop resulted in the arrest of two of the three vehicle occupants after officers found trafficking amounts of cocaine powder, crack cocaine, cash and various narcotic prescription pills. Forfeiture proceedings will be filed for the cash and vehicles.
- A reported aggressive dog took a turn when responding officers detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the complainant’s home. The patrol officers then obtained a search warrant. While executing the search warrant, they found evidence of a possible identity theft operation and a small amount of illegal narcotics. All of the items were confiscated. Investigation is ongoing. The aggressive dog was turned over to Animal Control.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week’s activity:
  - 980** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 688** Complaints Investigated
  - 42** Arrests
  - 41** Traffic Citations
  - 3** City Ordinance Violations
  - 59** Merchant Escorts
  - 2** Traffic Accidents

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- Water Sewer Activities
  - Repaired 10” water pipe at the water plant
  - Replaced 30’ of 4” pipe at 610 West Haiti
  - Repaired 2” main on Date and Circle Dr.
  - Helped South Shore to install 4” valve
  - Repaired water leaks at 605 Ponce de Leon and Fairground Trailer Park
  - Repaired lift station on Saginaw and at Walgreen’s
- Electric Activities
  - Changed transformer at Commerce Park for the Juice Plant
  - Repaired street lights on North and South side of town

- Ran new service to old K & J store in Harlem
- Repaired several transformers in Harlem Gardens
- Removed Christmas decorations
- Replaced transformer in Harlem Gardens damaged by a vehicle
- Straightened poles in Harlem along 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- Sewer Plant Activities
  - Replaced the last of 4 catwalks at the oxidation ditch
  - Replaced several pumps
- Water Plant Activities
  - The City of Clewiston took over the operations of running the Water Plant on January 1, 2017. The plant operators are Joel Sims and Roy Hawkins.
- 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.**