

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
April 7, 2017

Applications for Summer Camp Counselors and C.S. Mott Pool Lifeguards are available at City Hall for all those over the age of 16 that are interested in summer employment. Applications will be accepted through April 28th.

Dates to Remember

- April 10, 2017 – Library Advisory Board Meeting
- April 12, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission US27 Corridor Zoning Regulations Workshop
- April 12, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Workshop (rescheduled from April 13, 2017)
- April 14, 2017 – Good Friday – City Offices Closed
- April 17, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting
- April 20, 2017 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

Staff Reports

Sr. Library Aide Shirley Reynolds reports:

- Remember you can get your e-books free at www.hendrylibraries.org.
- **For information regarding any of our programs, please call the library at (863) 983-1493 and remember to visit www.hendrylibraries.org. Like us at www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary .**

Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:

- **Get all Clewiston Golf Course news by signing up on Constant Contact.** Go to the City of Clewiston website, and sign up on Constant Contact. You will be automatically put on the golf course e-mail. The Clewiston Golf Course also has a Facebook page with pictures and all golf course information.
- Junior Golf Camps are scheduled for June 12-16, 2017 and July 24-28, 2017.
- Clewiston Golf Course is having a Blow-Out Sale on merchandise in the golf shop.
- Summer memberships will be available April 15, 2017.
- Summer rates go into effect April 15, 2017.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - April 7, 2017 Horse Race Tournament (4:00pm)
 - April 15, 2017 Moore Haven Terrier Boosters Golf Tournament (8:30am)
 - April 29, 2017 Nelson Fairbanks United States Sugar Tournament (9:00am)
- **For more information call golf shop 863-983-1448**

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- **WATCH OUT FOR THE KIDS...!** Clewiston Baseball and Softball season is going on...This means that kids will be all over town going to and from their practice fields... Please keep an eye out for our youth!
- Clewiston Recreation Summer Camp 2017 is right around the corner..! Check www.clewistonrecreation.com or our FB page [City of Clewiston Parks & Recreation Department](#) for more details!
- The City of Clewiston has received a “signed agreement” from the State of Florida regarding FRDAP Grant for Phase II of the Trinidad Park Project. Staff will begin the process this week.
- The Spartan Soccer Club will host the 2nd of a series of 4 qualifying tournaments at Sugarland Sports Complex on Saturday April 8th beginning at 8am... 16 teams from around the state are expected to play in this qualifier to the COPA Uni-Vision Tournament Series Finals, which will also be hosted by the City of Clewiston Recreation Dept. at Sugarland Sports Complex later this year.
- CHS Baseball will take on the visiting TC Williams Titans from Alexandria, Virginia on Monday April 10th @ 6pm on Stalls Field (field #1) at Sugarland Sports Complex. Let’s fill the stands and show support for the boys so they will always “Remember the day...they played the TIGERS!”
- CHS Softball will play LaBelle in a district contest on Thursday April 13th at 5 & 7:30pm on Field #8 at Sugarland Sports Complex. Come out and support the LADY TIGERS!
- ALL playing surfaces at Sugarland Sports Complex were treated with pre-emergent herbicide this week.
- Recreation staff pressure washed the front, sidewalks and drive of the John Boy Auditorium this week and re-painted the portico driveway.
- TC Williams “Remember the Titans” Baseball team from Alexandria Virginia will be in Clewiston for their spring break trip April 9-15th. The Titans will use Clewiston as a “home base” for the week...Here is their schedule and game itinerary:
 - Sunday April 9th - arrive and check-in at Roland Martin’s Marina
 - Monday April 10th – AM practice at Sugarland Sports Complex
 - **Monday April 10th vs. Clewiston @ 6pm in Clewiston**
 - **Tuesday April 11th – Sugarland Tour in the AM**
 - Tuesday April 11th - PM batting practice at Sugarland Sports Complex
 - **Tuesday April 11th vs Evangelical Christian @ 7pm in Ft. Myers**
 - **Wednesday April 12th – Museum Tour in the AM**
 - Wednesday April 12th – PM batting practice at Sugarland Sports Complex
 - **Wednesday April 12th vs. Glades Day @ 4pm in Belle Glade**
 - Thursday April 13th - AM practice at Sugarland Sports Complex
 - **Thursday April 13th vs. LaBelle @ 7pm in LaBelle**
 - Friday April 14th – Billie Swamp Safari Tours in the AM and Lunch
 - Friday April 14th – Miami Marlins vs. NY Mets @ Marlins Park in Miami
 - Saturday April 15th – Check-out and return to Alexandria Virginia
- **FOOD TRUCK INVASION** originally scheduled for Monday March 20th has been rescheduled to April 17th for 5-9pm on the Sugar Fest Field. This last event of the year will be sponsored by the Cameron Crawford Scholarship Committee. Come out for the last event to share fun, food and fellowship with our Community for a GREAT cause!

- Pickle Ball will be played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays on the East Tennis Courts from 4-6pm. Beginning lessons will be given the 2nd Friday of each month. Come out, learn and check out the “Hottest” new sport sweeping the nation...!
- The Splash Pad will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 3-5pm, Thursdays from 10am-Noon and Saturdays/Sundays from 9am-7pm
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - Apr. 7th – Relay for Life registrations 5-6:30pm Youth Center
 - Apr. 8th – COPA Uni-Vision Soccer Tournament 8am Sugarland Sports Complex
 - Apr. 8th – High Heel-A-Thon 5K Race 8am Hendry County Fairgrounds
 - Apr. 8th – Wedding Reception 4-Midnight John Boy Auditorium
 - Apr. 8th – Birthday Party 2-5pm Youth Center
 - Apr. 8th – Lions Clun Boston Butt Sale 6am Sikes Park
 - Apr. 9th – Birthday Party 2-6pm STP Pavilion #3
 - Apr. 10th – CHS Baseball vs. TC William’s Titans 6pm Stalls Field (field #1) Sugarland Sports Complex
 - Apr. 11th – Jehovah’s Witness Yearly Commemoration 5-9pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Apr. 11th – Lake Okeechobee Public Meeting 6-8pm Clewiston Inn
 - Apr. 13th – CHS Softball vs. LaBelle 5 & 7:30pm Field #8 Sugarland Sports Complex
 - Apr. 13th – EEW Fighting Evolution Wrestling 6-10pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Apr. 13th – Relay for Life registrations 5-6:30pm 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:

- Road Reconstruction: Community Asphalt contacted us this past week to let us know they are having some equipment malfunction. As soon as things are up and running they will be on site.
- Boat Basin Paving: City electric crews are looking at adding a couple more light poles and getting all overhead power wires underground. This will require asphalt cuts. We want to bring Weekly in after poles and cuts are finished so a good repair can be done.
- Drainage Project: This project was put on “stop” waiting for a different style of inlet to be delivered. Delivery is expected this week.
- Mosquito Control: Mosquito trap counts: Harlem Community 100; Sports Complex 25; and Okeechobee Blvd. 50. Counts not high enough to call for a ground ULV treatment. Plane scheduled to fly on April 13/14.
- Street Division: (1) The French Drain project on Arcade is progressing nicely. Staff should be laying sod by the end of this week. (2) Staff mulched planted areas and trees on Bond Street. (3) Responded to an “Oil Spill” at Popeye’s Chicken Tuesday night. Staff was able to control the spill before it entered the storm drain. (4) More “Dead End Diamonds” were repaired or replaced on canal banks. (5) Staff cleaned storm drains on Wednesday.
- Facility Maintenance Division: (1) One work order at the Animal Control Facility is still in process. The bottom third of a metal door is rusted off. Staff is talking with a welding contractor about building an aluminum door with expanded metal to prevent this rust issue from being a problem again. (2) A welding contractor has been contacted about replacing the broken mounting brackets on the hand rail between the PD and the laundry mat.

- Scheduled Projects: (1) Install guard rail on San Diego. (2) Install culvert on Circle Drive at Diaz Place.

Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:

- During the early evening hours of April 6th one of our officers was nearly struck by another motorist who blew through a stop sign without even making an attempt to stop. The officer immediately began following the motorist during which time he noticed there was obviously something wrong with the driver based on his lack of ability to adequately control his vehicle and the fact that he ran a second stop sign while the officer was following him. A subsequent traffic stop, for obvious reasons, immediately revealed to the officer that the motorist's lack of compliance to traffic control devices and general lack of ability to safely operate a vehicle was alcohol induced. Furthermore it was discovered that the motorist did not, nor had he ever possessed a driver's license. A DUI investigation revealed that the suspect had no business operating a motor vehicle in his current alcohol induced state.
- On the afternoon of April 3rd officers responded to a very unusual incident. The victim of the crime reported to officers that he had been approached by a single male subject initially in Wal-Mart parking lot. The victim reported that the subject informed him he was in possession of a winning lottery ticket but was unable to redeem it. The suspect informed the victim that he would share the winnings if he redeemed the ticket with one catch. The suspect reportedly informed the victim that in return for his sharing the winnings the victim would have to pay the taxes on the winnings in the amount of \$5,000. At this point, almost as if it was choreographed, a second subject approached the two individuals and offered to help them for a share of the winnings. The two men then convinced the victim, and even traveled with him, to his bank where he withdrew money and gave it to them. The suspects then concocted a story in which they convinced the victim to exit the vehicle and they drove away with the victim's money and the winning lottery ticket.
- Our detectives continue to follow up on the rash of vehicle burglaries from last week. It has been brought to our attention that there are possibly victims in the community who have not reported their vehicle was burglarized. I would encourage anyone who has not done so, to report the incident no matter how trivial they might think it is. Our detectives have developed solid leads in all the reported cases and suspects have been identified. Furthermore we are still in possession of recovered property that may belong to you. If you have any questions or information please contact Det. McNeil or Sgt. Clay.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Electric Activities
 - Replaced bad transformer at 610 S. Corona Street
 - Repaired street light wire at La Frontera
 - Repaired line on Harlem Academy
 - Set two new poles at John Boy Auditorium
 - Cut tree on Ponce De Leon
 - Raised low wires on 13th Street
 - Replaced old pole at 604 East Del Rio
 - Located URD utilities for upcoming jobs
 - Replaced old pole at 700 Block of Mississippi

- Repaired bad URD service at 804 Harlem Gardens
- Cut trees on 8th Street and San Benito
- Repaired bad pole top pin on Florida Street
- Repaired Street light work orders
- Cut tree limb off wire and raised service at 215 E. Crescent
- 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.