

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
**FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF**  
**April 21, 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 28<sup>th</sup>.

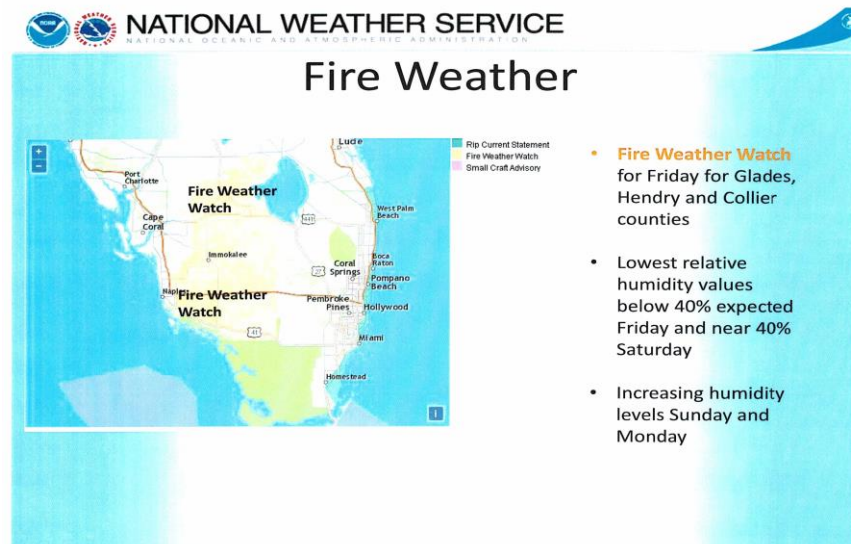
**Dates to Remember**

- May 1, 2017 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting
- May 8, 2017 – Library Advisory Board Meeting
- May 11, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission CPID Land Use Regulations Workshop
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- May 15, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting
- May 18, 2017 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:**

- **REMINDER**: There is still a burn ban in Hendry County. Hendry, Glades and Collier Counties are now under a “Fire Weather Watch” for this coming weekend.



- The Fire Department assisted Okeechobee County on Easter Sunday with a large 500 acre brush fire. If you see one of these firefighters, please thank them for selflessly giving up family time on a holiday to assist a neighboring county.

- The Hendry County Regional Medical Center Rehabilitation Building is nearing completion. Final inspections have been completed with minor corrections needed.
- We have received a set of plans for another 3 bedroom/2 bath single family residence in the Orchard Park S/D. The 1,096 square foot house located 701 Harvest Lane has started construction. It is the 53<sup>rd</sup> home to be built in this subdivision, leaving 26 vacant lots.

**Sr. Library Aide Shirley Reynolds reports:**

- Space is still available for the Microsoft Excel class.
- The after school tutoring program will end on April 27, 2017.
- Staff is preparing for the Summer Reading Program and Summer School.
- Remember you can get your e-books free at [www.hendrylibraries.org](http://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](http://www.hendrylibraries.org). Like us at [www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary](http://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.
- Congratulations!! Rick Throop, Rusty Hingstenburg, William Dilliard and Phillip Quinlan are the winners of the 2017 Moore Haven Terrier Boosters Golf Tournament. The tournament had 106 players.
- Clewiston Golf Course Junior Golf Camp information is now available on Clewiston Golf Course Facebook and in the golf shop. The Junior Golf Camps are scheduled for June 12-16, 2017 and July 24-28, 2017.
- There is a 20% sale on merchandise in the golf shop until May 1, 2017.
- Summer memberships are now available.
- Summer rates are now in effect at the golf course.
- Greens were top-dressed, fertilized and groomed this week.
- Fairways were fertilized this week.
- Greens banks and fairways were sprayed for weeds this week.
- **Upcoming Events**
  - April 29, 2017 Nelson Fairbanks United States Sugar Tournament (9:00am)
  - May 6, 2017 Lakeport Garden Club Tournament (9:00am)
  - May 13, 2017 Clewiston Tiger Booster Tournament (9:00am)
  - June 10, 2017 Clewiston Elks Lodge 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](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) or our FB page [City of Clewiston Parks & Recreation Department](#) for more details!

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- The backstop was re-installed in the SugarFest field this week.
- CHS Prom is Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the John Boy Auditorium.
- CHS Baseball will play 2 games next week on Field #1 at Sugarland Sports Complex. Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> vs. Moore Haven at 4 & 7pm and SR. NIGHT on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> vs. Glades Central at 6pm. Come out and support the TIGERS!
- Pickle Ball will be played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays on the East Tennis Courts from 4-6pm. Beginning lessons will be given the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 22<sup>nd</sup> – CHS PROM 7-11pm John Boy Auditorium
  - Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – CHS FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team and Installation of Officers practice John Boy Auditorium
  - Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> – South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Taskforce Public Meeting 10am – 3pm John Boy Auditorium
  - Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> – CHS Baseball vs. Moore Haven 4 & 7pm Field #1 Sugarland Sports Complex
  - Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> - CHS Baseball “SR. NIGHT” vs. Glades Central 6pm Field #1 Sugarland Sports Complex
- 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:**

- Road Reconstruction: City Engineer Scott Jones has been in contact with Community Asphalt and has not received a start date yet.
- Boat Basin Paving: Weekley Asphalt will schedule a start date after City Electric crews finish their work installing new lights and poles.
- Block 402 Drainage Project: The contactor plans to resume work on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Mosquito Control: Mosquito trap counts: Harlem - less than 25; Golf Course - less than 25; and Okeechobee Blvd. - less than 25. There have been no mosquito complaints recorded. Trap counts remain too low to support spray treatments of any kind.
- Street Division: (1) Sidewalks at Ventura and Saginaw were repaired. A second location on Ventura is scheduled for the first of the week; (2) Staff started trimming palms in small parks; (3) Staff worked on irrigation repairs on Bond Street; and (4) 100 flowers were planted at the City Hall.
- Facility Maintenance Division: (1) The new aluminum back door at the Animal Control Kennel has been scheduled for installation the first of next week.

#### **Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:**

- During the late night hours of April 15<sup>th</sup>, Officers responded to a hit and run. The caller reported having heard a loud crashing noise, which prompted her to go outside and investigate. Upon doing so, she discovered that her vehicle had been damaged. The caller also reported hearing what was described as a possible argument between two parties just

prior to this. As officers were arriving on scene, a second call reporting a hit and run accident was received. Officers responded to this call and found that a vehicle was rear ended and pushed from the roadway by a vehicle similar in description to the one involved in the initial crash. Officers immediately began searching for the suspect vehicle with the reported information available. While searching, they were waived down by a citizen who directed their attention to a partially submerged vehicle matching the description involved in both crashes. Officers also found the suspected driver still behind the wheel of the vehicle. They successfully removed the driver from the vehicle and out of harm's way. During their subsequent investigation, it was determined that the driver was in no condition to be operating a motor vehicle due to the consumption of an intoxicating beverage and was then arrested on multiple violations.

- Officers responded to a theft complaint in which the victim reported that a swimming pool had been taken from the front porch of her residence. The victim was able to provide a possible suspect and with the assistance of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, responded to this persons last known residence. When they arrived at the suspect's residence, Officers did observe property matching the description of what had been taken, which was clearly visible in the back of the suspect's pick-up truck. During their investigation, Officers received a full confession from the suspect who was subsequently arrested and the property was returned to the victim.
- Officers participated in a joint training venture with our partners at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office. The training was designed to expose law enforcement officers to the world of Autism and how to identify someone who is on the Autism spectrum. In addition to this, once our law enforcement officers complete the training, they will have the tools and abilities necessary to communicate and interact with people dealing with Autism. We would like to thank those who put this very important training on and made it available to our law enforcement personnel.

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

- Electric Activities
  - Cut trees around town and in Harlem
  - Replaced underground service in Harlem Gardens
  - Repaired street lights
  - Added side walk extension guy wires to poles on Saginaw
  - Replaced rotten pole on Trinidad near the nursing home
- +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.**