

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
May 26, 2017

Clewiston Recreation Summer Camp registrations for the 1st and 2nd sessions are now being accepted until June 2, 2017. Please visit www.clewistonrecreation.com or call the Youth Center at 863-983-1492 for registration information.

City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017 in observance of Memorial Day. There will be no garbage pickup on Monday, May 29, 2017; garbage will be picked up on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

Dates to Remember

May 29, 2017 – Memorial Day Holiday – City Offices Closed

May 30, 2017 – Special Commission Meeting

June 5, 2017 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

June 12, 2017 – Library Advisory Board Meeting

June 15, 2017 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

June 15, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Workshop

June 19, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

June 28, 2017 – Special Magistrate Hearing

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- Certificates of Occupancy have been issued for 3 single family homes in Orchard Park. These are for the homes located at 530, 534, and 538 Old Farm Place.
- Even though we have enjoyed several nice rain showers recently, our Fire Danger Index is currently rated at “high” for our area. Please be extra diligent with any of your Memorial Day BBQ’s.
- We are losing a valued member of our department this week. Debbi Towner is retiring as of Wednesday, May 24, 2017, after 12 years of service. Even though we hate to see Debbi go, we wish her well in the next chapter of her life, and welcome our newest employee, Cristina Rodriguez, who started work this past Monday.

Sr. Library Aide Shirley Reynolds reports:

- Summer School begins June 5, 2017. Please contact the library for more information.

- Plant Care I Gardening Class will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2017 and June 8, 2017 from 6:15 to 7:15 pm. Please contact the Library for more information.
- 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.
- 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.
- Summer memberships are now available.
- Summer rates are now in effect at the golf course.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - June 10, 2017 Clewiston Elks Lodge Tournament (9:00am)
- **For more information call golf shop 863-983-1448**

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- Hendry County Schools will release students after a half day on Friday, May 26th for their Summer Break. Please be aware that our kids will be out and about every day until August. Have a GREAT Summer!
- CHS Public Service Academy will lead and present a “Memorial Day Remembrance and Honor” Ceremony at Ridgelawn Cemetery on Monday, May 29th at 9:30am. Recreation will assist by providing tents, chairs and power equipment from Utilities.
- Clewiston Recreation Summer Camp 2017 is right around the corner and both sessions and swimming lessons are filling up fast! Registrations are now being accepted for 1st and 2nd session until June 2nd. 1st session start date is scheduled for June 12th and the 2nd session will begin July 10th. Visit www.clewistonrecreation.com to sign your child up and pay on-line for Summer Camp(s) and Swimming Lessons.
- Recreation staff worked throughout last week cleaning, stocking supplies and making repairs to C.S. Mott Pool to receive its HC Operating Permit and ensure the passing of its State and HCDOH Pool Inspection earlier this week.
- “New” Lifeguard applicants completed their training and/or re-certifications this week. The remaining summer Lifeguarding roster positions were offered this week and will proceed to background checks, physicals and drug screens next week.
- Returning Lifeguards will complete their HR orientation on Friday, May 26th.
- C.S. Mott Pool is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend Saturday, May 27th for public swim until June 12th on the following schedule, unless pool parties are scheduled and posted at C.S. Mott Pool front porch:
 - Saturdays 10am-6pm
 - Sundays 1-6pm
 - Monday-Friday Noon-6pm

- Activity plans/schedules for Summer Camp 2017 have been finalized. A detailed schedule regarding daily activities and times, field trips, lunch menus, swimming lesson schedule and other important dates will be available on our FB page and website as soon as possible.
- ALL Summer Camp CIT's and LIT's will receive Level II background screening, Recreation Dept. staff orientation and begin their training in CPR, Basic 1st Aid, AED and Babysitting Class on Wednesday, May 31st at 10am.
- Clewiston Baseball & Softball All Star teams have been formed in several different age groups and will practice at Sugarland Sports Complex before competing in District, Regional & State tournaments throughout the summer. District Championships will be played in Cape Coral June 9-11th.
- Humble Ambitions U-16 Travel Baseball team has begun practice at Stalls Field (Field #1) getting ready for their Summer Baseball League.
- Ballfield staff has been cleaning, staging equipment, supplies and developing schedules to begin athletic field turf repairs, turf management and preventive maintenance on ALL game surfaces and equipment throughout the summer at Sugarland Sports Complex, as soon as all scheduled activities are completed the 2nd week of June.
- Recreation met late last week with Public Works and Utilities Directors to develop and establish an action plan to renovate the East Tennis courts for Pickle Ball and Tennis play and build a half-court basketball area with lighting on the asphalt pad on the NW corner of the block.
- Clewiston Recreation along with Clewiston AYSO will be hosting a "British Soccer Camp" at Sugarland Sports Complex July 10th – 14th. More information to follow...
- The Splash Pad will open daily through the summer beginning May 26th from 9am-7pm.
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - May 26th – Hendry County Schools release students for Summer Break
 - May 26th – Splash Pad opens daily 9am-7pm for Summer
 - May 26th – Summer Lifeguard HR Orientation 3pm Youth Center
 - May 27th – C.S. Mott Pool opens for Summer 10am
 - May 27th – Birthday Party 1-8pm Sugarland Park Pavilion
 - May 27th – Birthday Party 2-6pm STP #4
 - May 27th – Birthday Party 4-8pm Youth Center
 - May 27th – Wedding Reception 8pm-Midnight John Boy Auditorium
 - May 29th – Memorial Day Service 9:30am Ridgelawn Cemetery
 - May 29th – Pool Party Noon-3pm C.S. Mott Pool
 - May 30th – CPAC Recital Ticket Sale 5-7pm Youth Center
 - May 31st – FWC Stakeholder meeting 10am-4pm Beardsley Room
 - May 31st – CIT/LIT Summer Camp Orientation/Training 10am Youth Center
 - June 1st - CPAC Recital Ticket Sale 5-7pm 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:

- Boat Basin Paving: Project completed.
- Block 402 Drainage: All material has finally arrived. The contractor has been notified and will start again in a couple of days.

- Mosquito Control: The first mosquito air mission was flown on Saturday after Graduation. Windy conditions caused the change of date. Looks like rain could be coming and residents are reminded to take care of their property so that it is not a breeding habitat for the mosquito that carries ZIKA and other unwanted viruses.
- Street Division: (1) Staff repaired 30 feet behind the Clewiston Inn. (2) Maintenance of drainage system continues. Staff is cleaning out inlets and the line cleaner is run through culverts that are discovered to be full of debris. (3) Holes in the ROW where the grab loader leaves her mark were filled in this week. (4) Oil coolers had to be rebuilt on the front line mowing tractor. The power steering pump went out on the second line tractor and the PTO out-put shaft on the third line tractor. Parts have been ordered. Once they come in, we will be mowing grass.
- Facility Maintenance Division: Lights and sink faucets were replaced in the Senior Hall.

Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:

- Officers were conducting business checks during the early morning hours of May 19th when they stumbled across a suspicious vehicle parked behind a business that had been closed for some time. As the officer approached the vehicle to further investigate, he observed several people acting rather suspicious and attempting to conceal themselves. The officer made several requests for the people to show themselves, which they did not readily comply with. After a tense couple of moments several male subjects finally complied and stepped from the shadows. During their investigation, officers noted more than 100 wooden pallets on the trailer the vehicle was towing. When officers initially questioned the individuals they stated they were trying to fix a mechanical issue with their vehicle. Having a suspicion this was not the case, officers investigated further and learned that the subjects were actually stealing pallets. The business declined to prosecute, however the subjects were still arrested for loitering and prowling.
- During the past week officers did respond to several vehicle burglaries. We would like to remind everyone to please secure your valuables properly so they do not become an easy target for a potential burglar.
- On May 19th Sgt. Chamberlain traveled to Orlando where he participated in this year's opening ceremony for Special Olympics. This was a privilege for us to be part of something of this magnitude and to be able to represent the City of Clewiston. The following links are video of the final leg of the Torch Run as they make their way to the ESPN Wide World of Sports:
 - <https://youtu.be/gUguxLSRoL0>
 - <https://youtu.be/eMQKA7GLPFE>
- We would also like to remind everyone to be safe as we embark upon this holiday weekend, and we would ask that you take time this weekend to honor and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in our nations armed forces.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Electric Activities
 - Cut service for electrician at 324 W Sugarland Hwy
 - Repaired street lights
 - Made repairs to power line that fell on Harlem Academy
 - Clean shop and around yard
 - Repair underground service damaged by contractor

- Cut tree out of power line on 10th Street
- Checked timing on all traffic signals
- Put bird protector on feeder pole on Esperanza
- Cut service for customer to move shed
- Cut down old cable and wires through trailer park on W C Owen
- Straighten pole on 10th Street and Harlem Academy
- Water Sewer Activities
 - A Precautionary Boil Water Notice was issued for all customers of the City of Clewiston and South Shore Water Thursday, May 25, 2017, after a power outage and generator malfunction at the Water Treatment Plant resulted in a pressure drop across our distribution area. The boil water notice will be lifted once clear results are received for the water samples.
- IT Administration
 - The update server is working correctly again. All your Windows OS updates will once again be handled automatically. You may be asked to restart your computer, please do so at your earliest convenience.
 - We have escaped the WannaCry ransomware unscathed. All servers are patched against it, desktops are in the process. Thank you to everyone for being vigilant with their emails and web traffic.
 - IT Administrator Justin Lucas has taken a look at our password policy and feels it needs to be updated. Everyone will be notified before any changes are made. Strong passwords are necessary for strong cyber security.
 - There is a new attack scheme that utilizes USB thumb drives to short circuit PCs. It accomplishes this by storing a charge from the USB port then sending that charge back and overloading the motherboard. Effectively this kills the PC. Please do not stick randomly found USB drives into your PC.
 - **Safety tip of the week:** Be on the lookout for Phishing emails. A Phishing email will look as if it has come from a popular website (Google, Facebook, Yahoo, etc.) and usually tells you that your account at that site has been compromised and you need to change your password. It will then instruct you to follow a link to change your password. This link does not take you to the correct site. Instead it takes you to one that looks almost identical where they ask for your username, old password, and new password. The malicious site now has username and password. It is best practice to navigate to the website yourself and look for a change password link if you suspect your account has been compromised.
- 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.