

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
June 9, 2017

Dates to Remember

June 12, 2017 – Library Advisory Board Meeting

June 15, 2017 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

June 15, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission US27 Corridor/Ventura Overlay District Zoning Regulations Workshop

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:

- A Building Permit has been issued for Dr. Van's dental office in the former Clewiston Theatre. Having been vacant for several years, we are excited to see some building activity on that corner and welcome the improvements to our downtown area.
- There was a Planning and Zoning Meeting held on Monday, June 5, 2017. This meeting was their annual re-organizational meeting, with Donnie Hughes remaining as Chairman, and Haitham Kaki continuing on as Secretary. Also discussed was the rezoning of Merchant Square. Under Public Comments, two citizens spoke in favor of increasing the maximum allowable size of accessory structures, which is currently 600 sq. ft. The Board will discuss the matter at their next meeting.

Sr. Library Aide Shirley Reynolds reports:

- Build a Better World Magic Show will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Please contact the library for more information.
- Stay Safe with the Sheriff's Office Presentation will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Please contact the library for more information.
- Zumba Class for kids will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. 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.
- Rain Count On The Golf Course: 12 inches of rain from Saturday June 3, 2017-Wednesday June 7, 2017
- **Upcoming Events**
 - June 12-16 2017 Clewiston Golf Course First Tee Junior Golf Camp
 - June 12, 2017 Greens Aerification and Topdress
 - June 17, 2017 Clewiston Elks Lodge Golf Tournament (9:00am)
 - June 18, 2017 Fairways Aerification and Fertilize
 - July 24-28 2017 Clewiston Golf Course First Tee Junior Golf Camp
- **For more information call golf shop 863-983-1448**

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- SUMMER CAMP 2017 begins Monday June 12th at 7:30am... Please watch out for our kids and Counselors moving around the Youth Center and Parks!
- 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 to parents and interested parties at the Youth Center Monday morning.
- ALL Summer Camp Counselors will receive Level II background screening, HR orientation and training in CPR, Basic 1st Aid, and AED on Friday June 9th.
- Clewiston Baseball All Star teams will be competing in District Championships in Cape Coral June 9-11th. Good Luck...!!
- Rain has kept us off the ballfields this week but provided an opportunity to clean, service and complete some PM all the equipment at Sugarland Sports Complex this week.
- 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.
- Staff has been working on the Trinidad Park project. Completing FRDAP grant criteria, form schedules and developing a presentation for the Commission.
- Work continues on the basketball court renovations, materials should be in this week for the in-ground support and one of the goals will be removed and taken to Basquin's Welding shop for measurements and bolt alignment for a new support plate and making of the cover plate for the old support. Staff will schedule with Utilities to assist with removing the goal(s).
- Storms last week caused some minor damage to the parks system mostly limbs down and palm fronds blown off. The winds did blow a light bar on the West Tennis Courts off the pole and move another light bar.
- 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 is open daily from 9am-7pm.
- C.S. Mott Pool is OPEN for public swim beginning June 12th on the following schedule:
 - Saturdays 10am-6pm

- Sundays 1-6pm
 - Monday-Friday 2pm-6pm
- **UPCOMING** Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - June 10th – Sweet 15 Birthday Party 5pm-12am John Boy Auditorium
 - June 10th – Baby Shower 2-5pm Youth Center
 - June 10th – Birthday Party Noon-5pm Sugarland Park Pavilion
 - June 12th – Summer Camp begin 7:30 am Youth Center
 - June 12th – Swimming Lessons begin 9am C.S. Mott Pool
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- **JUNE is Tree Trimming Amnesty Month** - Residents are reminded to call the Public Works Office at 983-1471 and get approval for the tree that you intend to have trimmed and placed by the road. **Only pre-approved trees placed by the road will be picked up without the Special Pickup Fee applied.**
- **Block 402 Drainage:** Business owners and residents around the work site have been contacted about the work schedule.
- **Mosquito Control:** Two traps set Tuesday night caught no mosquitoes, a third was set in the Harlem Community and caught 150. With low lake levels and the winds persistently out of the south southwest, our mosquito activity will stay low. Recent rains have started showing some larva activity and an air mission may be necessary by the end of the week.
- **Street Division:** (1) Staff spent two days cleaning the maintenance operations yard this week. (2) The pot-hole patrol ran last week. (3) Staff is still performing drainage maintenance; cleaning out inlets and culverts, clearing and spraying inlet grates and mowing ditches. (3) Staff has been prepping and installing a “drip irrigation system” in a planning area for the installation of 28 Hibiscus bushes at the Golf Course. (4) Staff planted 7 Bald Cypress trees in the Boat Basin down next to the water’s edge. (5) Several landscape boulders were installed at the entrance to the Commerce Park.
- **Facility Maintenance Division:** (1) Various electric and plumbing repairs of minor importance have been completed this week. (2) A door at the Water Treatment Plant had to be built.
- **Rainy Day Activities:** (1) Cleaned Building (2) Painted Barricades (3) Installed wash sink in warehouse (4) Organized culverts on rack (5) Cleaned shop (6) Removed old broken tiles on Sign Shop floor (7) Installed magnets on Utility Vehicles (8) Turned off all irrigations systems (9) Deep cleaned Solid Waste trucks (10) Performed drainage & Inlet inspection (11) Painted repaired roll-off dumpster.

Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:

- During the past week we did see an increase in property related crimes. We would like to remind everyone to please secure your valuables and do not hesitate to report anything to us that may seem suspicious or out of place.
- Officers responded to numerous situations directly related to the less than desirable weather conditions we experienced earlier this week.
- Two of our officers returned to us from Tallahassee after completing the first in a series of classes that will qualify them to investigate the more serious and complex traffic crashes that occur in the city. If all goes well they will continue their training and

eventually become certified in advanced traffic crash investigation as well as traffic crash reconstruction.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- IT Administration Activities
 - New battery backups were installed at the water plant. This should keep the vital equipment up and running in the event of a power loss until the generator picks up.
 - The BluePrince server will be moved from the Police Department server room to the Utilities server room this weekend. If you use BluePrince you will not have to do anything and it should be working as normal Monday morning. This will help prevent the Monday morning BluePrince outages.
 - I am waiting to hear back from Tyler but if all goes as planned we will be doing an upgrade on the 13th starting at 2pm. Tyler will be unavailable during the upgrade. You will be notified if this time changes.
- **Safety tip of the week:** Take care when typing in a web address. A popular hacker tactic is to register a domain very similar to a legitimate website but with one or two letters wrong (think google instead of goo~~g~~le). They will replicate the site very closely and attempt to trick you to log into the site. Always double check the web address before entering any log in credentials.
- 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.