

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

June 16, 2017

City Manager Al Perry is proud to announce the appointment of Aaron Angell as the new Chief of Police for the Clewiston Police Department. Mr. Angell will formally take the Oath of Office Monday at the June 19, 2017 City Commission Meeting which will be held at 5:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember

June 19, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

June 28, 2017 – Special Magistrate Hearing

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- Director Reese is attending the annual conference for building officials this week in Daytona. The BOAF conference provides continuing education for maintaining Certified Building Official Certificate.
- Although the Burn Ban has been lifted, we encourage all residents to proceed with caution if they must burn. Contact Florida Forest Service at 239-690-8001 for a burn permit.
- With Hurricane Season beginning on June 1, 2017, it is an excellent time for residents to check on all their hurricane supplies and update their family hurricane plan should a storm system head our direction this season.

Sr. Library Aide Shirley Reynolds reports:

- 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. A Junior Golf Camp is scheduled for July 24-28, 2017.
- Summer memberships are now available.
- Summer rates are now in effect at the golf course.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - 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' has begun... Please watch out for our kids and Counselors moving around the Youth Center and Parks!
- Summer Camp(s) will be going on a Field Trip next week to Billie Swamp Safari.
- Clewiston Baseball All Star teams are still competing in District Championships in Cape Coral. Weather slowed them down a bit last week but all our teams are still in the hunt for District Championships! Good Luck...!!
- Clewiston U-14 Baseball All-Stars will advance to the State Tournament! Good Luck boys...
- 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. We will begin these projects next week.
- F.E.W. PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING returns to the John Boy Auditorium this Saturday evening June 17th at 6pm. Kids 10 and under are admitted free...
- Staff is putting information and interested feelers on social media regarding the wants/needs of Adult Swimming Lessons and Adult Swim times at C.S. Mott Pool beginning in July. Check in on our FB page to reply...
- 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 on the following schedule:
 - Saturdays 10am-6pm
 - Sundays 1-6pm
 - Monday-Friday 2pm-6pm
- **UPCOMING** Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - June 17th – F.E.W. Wrestling 6-10pm John Boy Auditorium
 - June 17th – Baby Shower 3-7pm Youth Center
 - June 20th – Clewiston All Stars Baseball Championship Games 6pm Cape Coral
 - June 21st – Camp Crayon Field Trip 8am-3pm Billie Swamp Safari
 - June 22nd - Camp Fun-A-Rama Field Trip 8am-3pm Billie Swamp Safari
- 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: No update at the time of this report.
- Mosquito Control: Traps are starting to produce counts that will warrant an application. The Harlem trap: 500, Okeechobee trap: 250 and the Saginaw trap produced 1,500. We had an air treatment on Monday, 12 June. The treatment happened between 7:45 and 8:15. A second trapping produced about the same numbers and a ground treatment is scheduled for Friday night, with a possible ground treatment on Monday. *Cover up - they are here.*
- Street Division: (1) Staff is patching potholes again. The County was notified of several potholes on Francisco Street. (2) Staff installed rock (rubble) in a persistent wash out on the south side of the lagoon. (2) Pothole patrol ran a second day. (3) Staff is liming up the Oaks on Esperanza preparing for the Hurricane season and to make room for tractors to operate.
- Facility Maintenance Division: The following were addressed: (1) Plumbing issues in the Sports Complex. (2) AC issues at the RO Plant and the Police Department. (3) Lighting repairs in the Library.
- DOT Notifications: The LaBelle Operations Office was notified on Monday of the following: (1) STOP signs down at two different locations; (2) Relocation of the Museum sign from Commercio to Central Avenue; (3) Drainage ditch on the south side of US27 on the west end of town has a blockage; (4) Follow up on slippery sidewalk in front of Everglades Machine Shop on the east end of town; and (5) We still have areas on US27 where the asphalt is pushing.

Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:

- During the early morning hours of June 12th officers conducted a traffic stop for a seemingly minor equipment violation. As officers approached the vehicle, they immediately ascertained that more was going on. They observed narcotics lying in plain sight inside the vehicle. As the officers continued their investigation it was further noted that the vehicle's occupants were acting extremely nervous. Officers conducted a search of the vehicle and its occupants; they recovered two handguns, which were loaded, methamphetamine and marijuana. They were arrested and booked into the Hendry County Jail.
- Officers responded to the 600 block of Concordia Ave. regarding a group of approximately 10 juveniles in the area. The caller reported that one of the juveniles had entered a yard and attempted to steal a bicycle which was thwarted by the homeowner. Officers quickly responded and the juveniles immediately fled, in no less than 10 different directions. Officers continued patrolling the area in an attempt to locate these juveniles to no avail.
- Officers responded to the boat ramp after receiving a complaint that a male and female were fighting at this location. Upon arrival officers learned that the subjects had left the area via a boat, however witnesses reported hearing the female screaming as the vessel left the area. With the assistance of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, the Clewiston Fire Department, deputies from the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, and Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission Officers the vessel was located "in the middle

of the lake”. Questioning both parties, they denied a physical altercation took place and stated that they were only arguing. Law Enforcement escorted the vessel back to shore where the vessel and occupants aboard remained for the rest of the night.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Electric Activities:
 - Repaired street lights
 - Repaired multiple underground servicedue to all the rain
 - Changed transformer by the Lake at the Harry Pepper compound
 - Cut trees out of power lines
 - Finished all prep work for feeder repair on Francisco Street
- Water Sewer Activities:
 - Repaired pump at Main Lift Station
 - Changed water meters in Harlem Gardens
 - Spread shell rock at substation
 - Repaired all cleanouts in alley behind VFW and YoGusto
 - Repaired bubbler at Trinidad Lift Station
 - Repaired display board at Rodeo Grounds Lift Station
- 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.