

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
June 23, 2017



Aaron Angell was sworn in as the new Chief of Police for the Clewiston Police Department at the Clewiston City Commission Meeting on June 19, 2017. Chief Angell began his employment with the City of Clewiston as a Lieutenant in February 2016 and was appointed Interim Police Chief in March 2017 upon the retirement of former Police Chief Don Gutshall.

[Hendry County Economic Development Council Video Release - https://youtu.be/cgB21aJOK_k](https://youtu.be/cgB21aJOK_k)

Dates to Remember

June 28, 2017 – Special Magistrate Hearing
July 4, 2017 – Independence Day – City Offices Closed
July 13, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Workshop
July 17, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting
July 20, 2017 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

Staff Reports

Sr. Library Aide Shirley Reynolds reports:

- 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 available on Clewiston Golf Course Facebook and in the golf shop. Thirteen children between the ages of 6 and 11 completed the First Tee PGA Sports Academy Level 2 Junior Golf Camp at the Clewiston Golf Course on June 16, 2017. The participants learned life skills such as respect, confidence, responsibility and courtesy along with golf skills etiquette and rules of the game. The next Junior Golf Camp is scheduled for July 24-28, 2017. Contact the Clewiston Golf Course at 863-983-1448 to register.



- Summer memberships are now available.
- Summer rates are now in effect at the golf course.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - 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 “Lake Okeechobee Pontoon Boat Excursion” next week Monday-Thursday... Every kid, Counselor and CIT will have the opportunity to go out on the “Big Water” for a 1 hour ride. Thanks to USSC for the gift to allow this to happen and the Clewiston Police Dept. for providing their van for transportation.
- Clewiston Baseball U-12 All Star team WON the District Championships in N. Fort Myers last night and will be traveling to Ocala to compete in the State Championships June 29th-July 2nd. Good Luck...!!
- Clewiston Baseball U-14 All-Stars will also advance to the State Tournament and will be traveling to Sarasota July 13th-15th. Good Luck Boys...!
- Ballfield staff will be removing the soccer goals and equipment from Sugarland Sports Complex this week and cleaning, repairing and storing them for next season. Top dressing sand has been ordered for ALL game surfaces at Sugarland Sports Complex, we will begin aerating the fields and repairing goalie boxes next week.
- 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 24th – Wedding Reception 4pm-2am John Boy Auditorium
 - June 24th – Baby Shower 2-5pm Youth Center
 - June 25th – Baby Shower 5:30-8pm Youth Center
 - June 25th – Birthday Party 11am-7pm Sugarland Park Pavilion
 - June 26th thru 29th – Summer Camp Pontoon Boat Excursions 9am-2pm
- 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. Harlem trap: 1,500; Okeechobee trap: 1,000; and Saginaw trap: 1,000. A ground treatment was scheduled for June 21st. An air treatment is scheduled for June 23rd.
- Street Division: (1) Staff is patching pot-holes again. (2) Staff trimmed palms on Ventura Ave. (3) The last of the “Old Mill” pieces on display on Central are getting a coat of paint. (4) Staff is trying to mow grass as rain events permit. (5) Old wooden sign posts were replaced at the Golf Course.
- Facility Maintenance Division: A contractor looked at the roof of the RO Plant on Monday and found a few areas that could be the cause of the leak in the roof.

- **Fourth of July Fireworks:** The show has been set and we are on “go”. The show will be shot in the Sugarland Sport Complex. Show time is between 8:30 and 9:00p. Guests are reminded to cover up exposed skin with light long sleeves and long pants. **Spray exposed skin with a mosquito Repellent.**
- **Reminder:** Do not place debris offered by the road for collection on or near a storm drain. With heavy rain, debris will wash over the inlets and stop the storm runoff from entering the system.

Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:

- Officers did respond to a number of calls for service including several residential burglaries and they were able to locate and apprehend several individuals and arrest warrants have been issued.
- Officers also conducted regular traffic enforcement during which a number of citations were issued for infractions ranging from speeding to operating a vehicle with no valid driver’s license. While doing so, a vehicle being driven in a manner that led officers to believe the driver was impaired. The vehicle was unable to maintain its lane, nearly struck the curb, would slow down and speed up for reasons unknown. This obviously concerned the officer and ultimately decided to stop the vehicle and investigate further. It only went downhill from here. After activating his emergency lights, signaling to the driver of the vehicle to stop, the driver activated the right turn signal and then abruptly stopped in the middle of the road. After approximately thirty seconds the driver then decided to turn from the roadway into a parking lot. The officer approached the vehicle and made contact with the driver. During this interaction the officer noted the smell of alcohol and his personal observations of the driver only confirmed what he had suspected. His assumption was further reinforced when he asked for the driver’s license; instead of providing the requested documents the driver responded by telling the officer that she had been drinking and asked that he let her go. The officer, not feeling that this would be the prudent course of action, decided instead NOT to honor her request and continue his investigation. While doing so, he had the driver of the vehicle submit to a series of field sobriety exercises. Her performance of these exercises together with other indicators the driver exhibited, led him to believe the driver was in fact impaired. Her over consumption of alcoholic beverages resulted in her arrest. Following the arrest, and while inventorying the vehicle, officers also located prescription narcotics for which she did not possess a prescription. The driver was also charged with this and delivered to the Hendry County Jail.
- I would like to thank everyone for the congratulatory posts and messages. I cannot express to you how much I appreciate your support and how much your confidence in me truly means, it is truly an honor to serve this community. This organization however would be nothing and not enjoy the success it does without the men and women who work here; who are directly responsible for carrying out our mission of keeping our community safe, nor would it be possible without your support. It will be our goal to continue working closely with the community to ensure that we are providing the best service possible, and we can continue to enjoy the successes that a strong relationship with the community makes possible. Again THANK YOU and we look forward to what the future will bring.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- 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.