

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

August 11, 2017

The City of Clewiston is currently accepting nominations for the 2017 Outstanding Community Service Award. If you know of someone who you feel deserves this honor, please complete a nomination form and return it to City Hall. Nomination forms are available at City Hall and on the City's website. Nominations will be accepted until August 18, 2017.

Dates to Remember

August 17, 2017 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

August 17, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Workshop and Budget Workshop

August 21, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

August 28, 2017 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

August 30, 2017 – Board of Building Commissioners Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- **Ten permits were picked up this week for single family homes to be built in Orchard Park of Clewiston. We now have 16 homes in Orchard Park in various stages of construction.**
- **A Certificate of Occupancy was issued this week for a 1,168 square foot 3/2 single family residence at 431 E Ventura.**

Library Director Hayes reports:

- 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.
- **The First Tee Junior Golf Camp was held July 24-28 at the Clewiston Golf Course. Seven junior golfers were certified.**
- **Upcoming Events**

- September 9, 2017 USSC Employee Tournament (9:00am) (Course will open at 2:00pm for regular play)
- **For more information, please call the golf shop at 863-983-1448.**

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- **School began this week**... Please be aware of our kids early morning and mid-afternoon going to and from school and crossing the roads!
- Ballfield crew will begin aggressively spraying for evasive weeds on “ALL” baseball/softball game fields at Sugarland Sports Complex next week.
- Ballfield crews have completed aerating and will begin to top dress the Soccer Fields at Sugarland Sports Complex this week.
- All Soccer Fields at Sugarland Sports Complex were also fertilized and washed in this week.
- Ballfield crew will begin to work on goalie boxes next week. Removing old sod, leveling and re-sodding 6 boxes.
- Recreation staff and Lifeguards have begun to clean, inventory, repair and put back into storage equipment at C.S. Mott Pool to close for the season on Sept. 5th.
- Adult Men’s and Co-Ed Softball will complete their season this week and will hold a “Midnight Madness” Tournament on Saturday Aug. 12th beginning at 6:30pm and playing every hour until 7:30am Sunday August 13th. So if you can’t sleep come out and watch some games...
- C.S. Mott Pool is CLOSED during the week but OPEN for public swim on the following schedule till Labor Day Weekend.
 - Saturdays 10am-6pm
 - Sundays 1-6pm
- The Splash Pad will remain OPEN daily through Labor Day Weekend.
- **UPCOMING** Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - Aug. 12th – Baby Shower 11am-2pm Beardsley Room
 - Aug. 12th – Family Reunion 11am-3pm Youth Center
 - Aug.12-13th – Midnight Madness Softball Tournament 6:30pm-7:30am Sugarland Sports Complex Field #9
 - Aug. 13th – Baby Shower 2-7pm Youth Center
 - Aug. 14th – Depositions 9am-5pm Beardsley Room
 - Aug. 15-16th – CPAC Registrations 5-7:30pm 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 Repairs:** The base has been replaced and compacted. Asphalt is expected by end of week.
- **Mosquito Control:** A ground mission was run on Wednesday evening and an air mission was flown end of week. Three traps caught under 300 each.
- **Street Division:** (1) The “pothole patrol” was out this week. (2) The contractor finished trimming the Sabal Palms on Ponce de Leon. (3) Another large old Oak Tree had to be taken out in Trinidad Park because of wind damage. (4) A large branch from the Orchid Tree in the picnic areas at the lake had to be cut up and hauled. Another causality of the storm. (5) The DOT has been notified a second time about slow drains on 27. We have

not received any word as to when this issue will be addressed. (6) More benches have been refinished and put back on Bond Street. A few still need to be done. This is a project we are working on between larger projects. (7) Several street signs had to be replaced Monday and Tuesday this week. Seems a lot more driving was done in the ROW than on the travel surface.

- **Facility Maintenance Division:** (1) New paint is going on the outside of the JBA. (2) Eight interior doors are being “reskinned”. (3) The stage is scheduled to be refinished by the first of September. (4) A chair rail is being installed on the walls in the Main Auditorium. (5) Two cabinet contractors are working up quotes to create a garbage can hiding place.
- **Reminder:** All driveway aprons are required to be installed by February of 2018. For more information, call Community Development at 983-1500, Public Works at 983-1471 or the Code Enforcement Division at 983-1454. A permit and inspections are required.

Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:

- This past week was largely uneventful, which is not necessarily a bad thing in this business. Officers did make a number of traffic related arrests for reasons ranging from driving under influence to operating a vehicle with a suspended license, or no license at all, to reckless driving. Officers also picked up several individuals for outstanding arrest warrants.
- We would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone to be extra cautious on the roadways as school is back in session. We are well aware of the traffic problems created around our schools and rest assured we are working with our partners to resolve these issues. Please be patient and plan accordingly in the meantime.
- We should be all set to start registering golf carts towards the end of next week. Until this time I would like to remind everyone that you may not operate a golf cart on a city street until it meets the minimum equipment requirements and you have properly registered your golf cart with the City of Clewiston. I have included a link to the ordinance below so that you may familiarize yourself with the ordinance and make sure that your golf cart meets the minimum equipment requirements. Should you have any questions please feel free to call us.

[Golf Cart Ordinance](#)

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.