

## *For Your Information*

### *Weekly*

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

September 29, 2017

#### **Dates to Remember**

October 2, 2017 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

October 9, 2017 – City Commission Workshop regarding the Inflow Removal Inflow/Infiltration Project Phase I

October 9, 2017 – Library Advisory Board Meeting

October 12, 2017 – City Commission Workshop

October 16, 2017 – City Commission Meeting

October 19, 2017 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

October 30, 2017 – City Commission Workshop regarding overall projects

#### **Staff Reports**

##### **Library Director Hayes reports:**

- FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance teams at the library have been assisting residents in signing up for assistance this week.
- Tee's Sewing Class will be held on October 2, 2017 and October 23, 2017. The morning session is from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and the afternoon session is from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. To register, please call 863-983-1493.
- Remember you can get your e-books free at [www.hendrylibraries.org](http://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](http://www.hendrylibraries.org). Like us at [www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary](https://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 is having a sale on all ladies clothes and men's shirts and all the golf clubs in the golf shop have been reduced in price.
- Clewiston Golf Course is junior golf friendly. Come in the golf shop to get free range tokens. We have clubs if needed.
- The Clewiston Golf Course has accounts with all manufacturers. If you need anything to do with golf, we can get it for you.
- Winter rates go into effect on Sunday, October 1, 2017.
- Golf Course greens were top-dressed this week.
- **Upcoming Events**
  - October 21, 2017 Sugarland Masonic Lodge Golf Scramble

- October 29, 2017 Parent-Child Championship Golf Tournament (sign up in the Golf Shop)
- November 4, 2017 Buckhead Ridge VFW Golf Tournament
- November 11, 2017 Annual Campbell and Frances Nall Scholarship Rotary Golf Tournament
- **For more information, please call the golf shop at 863-983-1448.**

**Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:**

- Recreation Staff has completed the installation of the “new stage curtains” at the John Boy Auditorium.
- The “new” public address system at the John Boy Auditorium has been installed and has been inspected by IT and Recreation Staff.
- Ballfield crews are continuing to clean-up and recover from Hurricane Irma. Mowing, string edging, and chemical edging of all fence-lines and playing areas were completed this week.
- Recreation Staff is also continuing to clean-up and recover from Hurricane Irma. Chemical edging of all fence-lines and playing areas within the park system were completed this week.
- Recreation and Ballfield Staff have completed an evaluation of the game field lighting systems at Sugarland Sports Complex. Musco Control-Link Systems performed a diagnostic test to the system and assessed that all systems were functioning correctly. However, 18% (25 out of 139 bulbs) of the game field lighting did not respond when powered up. Hendry County School Board has offered the use of a “rented” snorkel truck at help with assessing the sport field lighting system next week.
- Recreation and Ballfield Staff will assess and evaluate the 8 scoreboards located throughout Sugarland Sports Complex next week.
- Contractors have been requested to inspect and quote repair/replacement costs estimates for all buildings and structures that received damage during Hurricane Irma throughout the park system, buildings, and at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- Sugarland Sports Complex played host to the 2017 Elks Lodge Soccer Shoot-Out on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the winners of each age division who will go on to compete in the Elks Southeast District Soccer Shoot-Out at Clewiston’s Sugarland Sports Complex on Saturday Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Mckenzie Lanford from Central Elementary School was the U-8 Girls winner. Julianna Aragus, a Westside Elementary student, placed second.
  - Wildes Redish, a student at Clewiston Christian School, was the U-8 Boys winner. Terrance Ford, from CES, placed second.
  - Sebastian Aragus, from WES, won the U-10 Boys division scoring 46 points, which included four 5 point kicks. Jace Vallejo, from CCS, placed second. Gray Redish from CCS placed third.
  - Fransisco Trevino, a student at CES, won the U-12 Boys division. Bentley McIlwain, also from CES, placed second.
  - Cari Anthony, from CCS, won the Girls U-12 division. Katelin Aragus, from Clewiston Middle School won the U-16 Girls division with the top score of the day, 53 points, which included five 5 point kicks. Jaylin Aragus, also from CMS, placed second.

- Miguel Figueroa, a CMS student, won the U-16 title. Isias Raya, also from CMS, placed second, John Molina and Diego Perez, also from CMS, tied for third place.
- **UPCOMING** Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
  - Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – Tigers vs. Mariner 7:30pm Cane Field
  - Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Baby Shower 2-6pm Youth Center
  - Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Party 11am-5pm Youth Center Chickee w/ bounce house
  - Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Party 7pm-2pm Beardsley Room
  - Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Baby Shower 2-6pm Youth Center
  - Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Miss Princess Pageant practice 1-3:30 pm John Boy Auditorium
- Go to [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

**Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:**

- **Mosquito Control:** Trap counts: Harlem Community 900; Okeechobee Blvd 2,000; and the Sports Complex 700. FDACS has been providing air mosquito control missions the last three days. These missions are taking place around midnight to reduce public exposure as much as possible. I think we already see a difference.
- **Street Division:** (1) A two man team is still working on signage throughout town. There are over 500 signs in Clewiston and every one will need to be straightened, repaired or replaced. (2) Staff is cutting up trees at many locations in town. Staff, like everyone else, is placing the debris by the street to be picked up by the County's post IRMA debris collection contractor. (3) Staff will be removing the rest of the hurricane shutters on public buildings this week. We were a bit hesitant because of all the activity going on in the Atlantic Ocean.
- **Facility Maintenance Division:** The AC in the Animal Control Building went out and has to be replaced. A new one has been ordered.
- **Post Storm Debris Clean Up:** The County Engineer notified the City this week that the debris contractor will be in Clewiston this week. A list of priority streets was submitted for the contractor to start on first. These streets were chosen based on public safety and health. All streets will be taken care of so please be kind and supportive of those that are still working hard to get our community cleaned up at a cost that we all can live with.
- **NOTE:** Please keep in mind that we were not the only community suffering from Hurricane damage. Let's not forget Texas, all of Florida, Puerto Rico and others that FEMA is assisting.

**Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:**

- This week was largely uneventful, until last night that is. Officers responded to a number of, while I don't like to use this word, routine calls for service. Officers also conducted traffic enforcement, which led to the arrest of two individuals for DUI and a number of traffic citations being issued for varying traffic infractions.
- Now to the until last night comment from above, officers were dispatched to a disturbance call at one of our local establishments. When they arrived, officers observed security attempting to restrain an unruly patron. Officers immediately took control of the scene and ordered all involved to cease and desist, which they did by placing their hands in the air signifying their willingness to cooperate with officers. Before our police officer could say anything else, the unruly patron changed his mind, punched the officer in the face, and took flight in an attempt to flee from law enforcement. The officer immediately

gave chase and was able to subdue the suspect. As you can probably imagine by this point, the suspect was then placed under arrest and delivered to the Hendry County Jail on charges of disorderly intoxication, resisting an officer with violence, and battery on a law enforcement officer.

- I would also like to remind everyone to be please be wary of any calls you receive in which the person identifies them self as the IRS or a representative thereof. It seems as if people are still receiving calls in which they are given directions on how to send money to the IRS for payment of tax bills. In the most recent incident reported, the victim was advised to go to Walmart and retrieve \$4,000 in gift cards and provide them with the number from the cards in order to pay the IRS. Should you receive any calls like this, or any that you are uncertain of, please call the police department and report them immediately.

#### **Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- Electric Activities
  - Fixed flashing light on the east end of town
  - Continued Hurricane Irma recovery repairs
  - Our crews did an excellent job in restoring power after Hurricane Irma. Most areas were restored by Wednesday afternoon and 90% of our customers had power by Friday. A big thank you to our out-of-state crews who helped with our recovery and to our guys.
- Water Sewer Activities
  - Water crew has been busy with water breaks as a result of damage from Hurricane Irma
  - Our crew did an excellent job keeping the Water Plant, Wastewater Plant and lift stations running throughout Hurricane Irma.
- **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](http://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](http://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](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or [www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl](http://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.**