

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

October 13, 2017

Dates to Remember

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:

- Tee's Sewing Class will be held on 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.
- **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 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.
- Driving Range Tokens are available in the golf shop and after hours at the police station.
- Winter rates are now in effect at the Clewiston Golf Course.
- Memberships for three months, six months and annual are available.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - October 21, 2017 Sugarland Masonic Lodge Golf Scramble (8:30am Start)
 - October 29, 2017 Parent-Child Championship (3:00pm Shotgun)
 - November 4, 2017 Buckhead Ridge V.F.W. Tournament (8:30am Shotgun)
 - November 11, 2017 Clewiston Rotary Tournament (9:00am Shotgun)
- **For more information, please call the golf shop at 863-983-1448.**

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- **FOOD TRUCK INVASION IS HERE!! Monday Oct. 16th from 5-9pm in the SugarFest Field.** Active Citizens for Children (ACFC) will be hosting this month's community event. Come out and get some GREAT food, check on and visit with your neighbors and find out what ACFC has got going on!!
- Work continues on the stripping and waxing of the floors at the John Boy Auditorium between events.
- Ballfield crews and Recreation Staff are continuing to clean-up and recover from Hurricane Irma. Some companies contacted earlier in the month have begun to call back and set appointments regarding preparing quotes for repairing/replacing damaged buildings and/or equipment sustained during the storm to the park system and at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- Ballfield Staff has begun to square, paint lines, set/anchor goals and attach nets to the 11 Soccer Fields needed for this year's Soccer seasons at Sugarland Sports Complex this week.
- Ballfield Staff has been working with AYSO Soccer to get this season up and going after the storm. Approximately 150 youth have signed up for the season and Practice has begun at Sugarland Sports Complex this week. Games will "tentatively" begin Oct. 16th.
- CHS Girls Soccer will have tryouts on Oct. 16th on Soccer West right after school.
- CHS Boys Soccer has begun conditioning drills this week and will host tryouts next Monday Oct. 23rd on Soccer East right after school.
- Recreation Staff will begin another round of invasive weed control within the park system. They will also assist the Ballfield Staff with placing fire ant treatments to the game surfaces at Sugarland Sports Complex this week.
- Recreation Staff has replaced several table tops and bench seating at the Levee Park this week.
- Staff is working to coordinate the schedules of CHS, AYSO, River's Jr. Soccer, Club Spartan Soccer, Clewiston 3v3 Soccer and new this year...CMS Soccer for use of the Soccer Fields at Sugarland Sports Complex for practice and games.
- Applications are being accepted for booth space for the Clewiston Recreation Department Fall Festival on Oct. 21st in the SugarFest Field. Please visit www.clewistonrecreation.com to download an application.
- **UPCOMING** Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - Oct. 13th – FWC Regional Meeting 8am-5pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Oct. 14th – Birthday Party 7pm-Midnight Youth Center
 - Oct. 14th – Birthday Party 1:30-6pm STP #1
 - Oct. 14th – Birthday Party 1-4pm Sugarland Pavilion Park
 - Oct. 15th – Family Reunion 10am-2pm Youth Center
 - Oct. 15th – Miss Princess Pageant practice 1-3pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Oct. 15th – HC 1st Responder softball practice 10am-2pm Sugarland Sports Complex Field #9
 - Oct. 16th – Food Truck Invasion 5-9pm SugarFest Field (ACFC hosting)
- Go to 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 this week: Harlem 250; Okeechobee Blvd. 300; and Sports Complex 280. We are scheduled for an air mission on Thursday and a ground truck mission was Saturday.
- **Street Division:** (1) Wet conditions on the Golf Course last week slowed the clean-up operation, but staff was back at it Monday morning. (2) Staff was able to get three more days of sign work done. Every sign has to be pulled up and replaced, repaired or straightened. (3) The giant Oaks in the Commerce Park that had major damage were dug up and piled for disposal. (4) Staff formed and poured a transformer pad for the electric department at McDonalds. (5) Staff was in the Sports Complex on Thursday removing fallen trees so a lighting company could get to the lights on the ball fields.
- **Facility Maintenance Division:** (1) The fuel station was washed and paint was touched up. This is a regular operation required to keep our fueling station in compliance with DEP. (2) A sticking door at the Firehouse had to be adjusted and serviced. (3) Light diffusers were replaced in the Library.
- **Post Storm Debris Clean Up:** To date there has been 10,551 cy of debris picked up from the streets of Clewiston. There is more than one crew running now and collection should pick up speed. Residents are required to **REMOVE ANYTHING THAT IS NOT HORTICULTURE** from your trash pile. Stack it in a separate pile. **Once the contractor has picked up in front of your property, residents should rake the small debris into one pile.** I have noticed several locations where there is a row of tiny piles. Even share a location with the neighbor. The one pile approach will speed up the removal process.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Electric Activities
 - Installed temporary service for contractor at McDonalds and made preparations for new permanent underground service
 - Repaired 25 street lights in town and Harlem
 - Changed pole at 1008 Mississippi
 - Ran new services to building behind Police Department
 - Pulled old pole at fairgrounds
 - Ran new underground services on East Avenida Del Rio & 402 E Ventura
 - Filled in ruts left from repairs during Hurricane Irma
 - Changed out three old transformers
 - Cut trees away from power lines
 - Fixed burnt secondary line on Pump 4 for Water Plant
 - Repaired broken phase on line going to Waste Water Treatment Plant
 - Hung banners at the lake
 - Repaired two low hanging service lines
 - Ran new temporary service on Florida Avenue
 - Checked 3 instances of voltage problems and 2 power outages
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Repaired 5 water breaks through out service area
 - Investigated 3 low water pressure complaints
 - Repaired pump at main lift station
 - Inspected new sewer connection for McDonalds

- Replaced one meter lid
- Changed meters and did rereads for billing
- Repaired two lift stations
- Investigated 2 sewer backup complaints
- Office Activities
- Things are slowly getting back to normal in our office after Hurricane Irma.
 - 18 new service connections and 8 disconnects for final service
 - 42 disconnects for non-pay and 26 accounts reconnected
 - 36 work orders sent out to re-read meters
 - 2 meter changes were completed
- **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.