

## *For Your Information*

### *Weekly*

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

October 20, 2017

#### **Dates to Remember**

October 30, 2017 – City Commission Workshop regarding overall projects  
November 6, 2017 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting  
November 10, 2017 – City Offices Closed in observance of Veterans' Day  
November 13, 2017 – Library Advisory Board Meeting  
November 16, 2017 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting  
November 16, 2017 – City Commission Workshop  
November 20, 2017 – City Commission Meeting

#### **Staff Reports**

##### **Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- October is Fire Prevention Month. The National Fire Protection Association announced this year's official theme as **"Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out"**. This is the time of year when all smoke alarms are checked and batteries are replaced. All doors and windows should be checked for easy access should the need arise to exit the building quickly.

## **WHAT SHOULD BE ON YOUR ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY CHECK LIST?**

1. *Test each fire and smoke detector and replace batteries.*
2. *Check the expiration date on all alarms.*
3. *Make sure there is an alarm on each level of your home.*
4. *Install escape ladders on upper level floors of your home.*
5. *Make sure there is an alarm outside each bedroom.*
6. *Make and practice your family escape plan.*

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

- 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.
- 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 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:**

- **Clewiston Recreation's Kids Fall Festival Saturday Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 2-6pm in the SugarFest Field.** Pet costume contest, kid's costume contest, music, food, vendors, games and candy!
- **F.E.W. Championship Wrestling Saturday Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> gates open at 6pm and belltime 7pm on the Tennis Courts behind the Youth Center.** This performance is FREE to the public and kids in costume will receive VIP front row seating!
- Work continues on the stripping and waxing of the floors at the John Boy Auditorium between events.
- The game field lights on the soccer fields and field #9 at Sugarland Sports Complex have been checked, serviced and re-aimed earlier this week.
- Kudo's to the Public Works Department for trimming, re-setting and removing damaged trees at Sugarland Sports Complex earlier this week!
- Ballfield Staff has completed the squaring, painting of lines, setting/anchoring goals and attaching nets to the 11 Soccer Fields needed for this year's Soccer season at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- Ballfield staff assisted Central Elementary School with establishing a U-8 size soccer field on their playground.
- Sugarland Sports Complex will host the Regional Elks Soccer Shoot-Out on Saturday Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Individuals from all over South Florida will come to Clewiston to compete in U-8 to U-16 divisions to qualify for the State Championships later in the year in Umatilla.
- AYSO Soccer Games will begin Saturday Oct. 21<sup>th</sup> at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- CHS Girls Soccer have concluded their try-outs earlier this week and are set to begin their season with their 1<sup>st</sup> home game on Soccer West on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- CHS Boys Soccer will host tryouts Monday Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> on Soccer East right after school.
- Staff is continuing the efforts 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.

- **UPCOMING** Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
  - Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – CCS Fall Festival 6-9pm CCS Campus
  - Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – AYSO Soccer 8am Sugarland Sports Complex
  - Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – Elks Regional Soccer Shoot-Out 9am Sugarland Sports Complex
  - Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – Clewiston Rec. Kid’s Fall Festival 2-6pm SugarFest Field
  - Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> - F.E.W. Wrestling 6-10pm W. Tennis Courts
  - Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – S.W.A.T. meeting 9-10am Youth Center
  - Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – Birthday Party 9am-5pm Sugarland Park Pavilion w/ bounce house
  - Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – Baby Shower 4-7pm Youth Center
  - Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – HC 1<sup>st</sup> Responder softball practice 10am-2pm Sugarland Sports Complex Field #7
  - Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Baby Shower 2-5pm Beardsley Room
  - Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> – SFWMD Meeting 5:30pm 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 this week: Harlem 200; Okeechobee Blvd. 500+; and Sports Complex 150. We did get an air and ground treatment last week. Air treatments will be scheduled the next two weekends with community Fall Festivals happening. If you have a community event scheduled, please contact the Public Works office at 983-1471 and let us know. We will look at populations and treat that area if possible. However with or without a treatment, wear light clothing and spray exposed skin with a mosquito repellent that has DEET as the active ingredient.
- **Street Division:** (1) The pot-hole patrol was out last week on a short mission. We were able to hit some of the serious spots and know we still need to run again. A phone call to the office will help us to get a list together and make this process faster. So please call 983-1471. (2) Staff was pulled off of clean up to mow some grass. We will be back at it after the mowing is done.
- **Post Storm Debris Clean Up:** At last count there were four crews picking up in town. If you noticed the pile in front of your house was not picked up, it might be because you have offered a contaminated pile for collection. Contaminated means there is debris other than horticulture mixed in the same pile. Separate it and it will be picked up on the second pass. The Street Sweeper has picked up 30 tons of debris in the last two weeks off the shoulders of the streets behind the clean- up operation.
- **Solid waste collection activity since January:**  
 Commercial: 2,459 tons  
 Residential: 3,014 tons  
 Horticulture: 1,047 tons  
 Recycled Material: 149.5 tons  
 Construction debris from Roll Offs: 977.5 tons

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- Electric Activities
  - Repaired street lights in town and Harlem
  - Straightened leaning poles throughout service area
  - Replaced overhead service with new underground service at East Pasadena

- Filled in ruts left from repairs during Hurricane Irma
- Cut trees away from power lines
- Ran new underground service and repaired an underground service damaged by tractor
- Raised low hanging wires around town that were caused by Hurricane Irma
- Reconnected service after customer repaired meter can on Florida Avenue
- Checked 4 instances of voltage problems
- Water Sewer Activities
  - Repaired 1 water break
  - Investigated 2 low water pressure complaints
  - Performed maintenance on lift stations as needed
  - Changed 8 meters and did rereads for billing
  - Investigated 2 sewer backup complainnts
- Office Activities
  - 21 new service connections and 6 disconnects for final service
  - 27 disconnects for non-pay and 19 accounts reconnected
  - 28 work orders sent out to re-read meters
- **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.**