

## *For Your Information*

### *Weekly*

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

October 27, 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  
November 23-34, 2017 – Thanksgiving Holiday – City Offices Closed

#### **Staff Reports**

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

- Rainbow Preschool had 18 students along with teachers and chaperones tour the Firehouse on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. These young students thoroughly enjoyed the presentation by Fire Marshal Reese.
- Plans have been submitted for a 3,294 square foot Single Family Home, located at 214 E Crescent. This lot has been vacant since July 2016, when the older home on the lot was demolished.
- Plans have been submitted for new development at 526 Central Avenue. This will be a Quadplex with two 1,098 square foot units with 2 bedroom, 2 bath, and two 1,344 square foot units with 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Several of these lots have been vacant since 1995.

##### **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 receiving new merchandise for the season. Ladies clothes, men's clothing, golf bags and clubs.
- 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. There are lights at the driving range; look for the sign and turn them on.
- Winter rates are now in effect at the Clewiston Golf Course.
- Memberships for three months, six months and annual are available.
- Golf carts are now due in at 6:45pm.
- Sugarland Masonic Lodge had their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Outing October 21, 2017. Nine teams competed against each other to help raise money for Masonic Home of Florida.
- Clewiston Golf Course Parent-Child Championship is scheduled for Sunday October 29, 2017. For more information you can contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- **Upcoming Events**
  - October 29, 2017 Parent-Child Championship (3:00pm Shotgun)
  - November 11, 2017 Clewiston Rotary Tournament (9:00am Shotgun)
  - December 2, 2017 His Vision Our Hands Wegscheid Memorial Golf Tournament
  - December 8-10 2017 Gators vs World Ryder Cup Format Tournament
  - December 16, 2017 United States Sugar Employees Tournament
  - December 20, 2017 Seminole Tribe of Florida Executive Cup
  - December 30, 2017 Clewiston Golf Course Men's Club Championship
- **For more information, please call the golf shop at 863-983-1448.**

**Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:**

- **HRMC PINK Warrior Walk 5K** Saturday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-Noon at the Sugar Fest Field. Funds raised for local women's health.
- **COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREAT** Tuesday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-9:30pm at the Sugar Fest Field. The Agape Church of Moore Haven will offer a family-friendly alternative to trick or treating.
- Work continues on the stripping and waxing of the floors at the John Boy Auditorium between events.
- Recreation and Public Works staff has been busy replacing light switches and receptacles throughout the John Boy Auditorium.
- Recreation staff has begun to spray for invasive weeds throughout the park system this week and in parking lots.
- Ballfield and Recreation staff assisted Central Elementary School with establishing a U-8 size soccer field on their playground.
- Ballfield staff will begin applying ant bait throughout Sugarland Sports Complex this week and spraying for invasive weeds on the game fields and trimming and edging parking lots.
- AYSO Soccer games have begun at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- CHS Boys & Girls Soccer began practicing this week at Sugarland Sports Complex for this year's season. The Girls 1<sup>st</sup> Home Game is scheduled on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- Staff is continuing the efforts to coordinate the schedules of 7 different soccer organizations with several different age groups per organization, requesting the use of the soccer fields at Sugarland Sports Complex for practice and games. (CHS, AYSO, River's

Jr. Soccer, Club Spartan Soccer, and (2) Clewiston 3v3 Soccer Clubs and new this year...CMS Soccer)

- **UPCOMING** Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
  - Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – HRMC PINK Warrior Walk 5K 9-Noon Sugar Fest Field
  - Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Party 2-6pm Beardsley Room
  - Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Party 10pm-2am John Boy Auditorium
  - Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Dinner 6pm-Midnight Youth Center
  - Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – River’s Jr. Soccer Fundraiser 1-6pm Trinidad Park
  - Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – Baby Shower 2-6pm Youth Center
  - Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – Miss Princess Pageant Dress Rehearsal 1-3pm John Boy Auditorium
  - Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Agape Church Community Trunk or Treat 6-9:30pm Sugar Fest Field
- 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: Golf Course 800; Okeechobee Blvd. 1000; and Saginaw Park 1000. There was an air and ground treatment last week. Air treatments will be scheduled this weekend weather permitting. 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 are continuing 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 completed a mowing cycle. (3) Street sweeper is out in full force cleaning up city streets after debris cleanup crews. (4) Staff is string trimming and spraying guard rails along with utility poles.
- **Building & Facilities Maintenance:** (1) Repaired toilet at the Club house. (2) Unclogged the drain at the Animal Control building. (3) Repaired electrical outlet at the Library. (4) Replaced ceiling tiles and repaired toilet at Sikes Park.
- **Solid Waste Collection:** Staff is continuing normal collection duties.

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

- Electric Activities
  - Repaired street lights in town and Harlem
  - 2 power outages on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. A span of wire went down on West Ventura Avenue and, at the same time, a switch burned out at the substation causing a power outage on the east end of town. Power was restored in both instances within 1 ½ hours.
  - Cut trees away from power lines
  - Checked 2 instances of voltage problems
- Water Sewer Activities
  - Repaired 3 water breaks
  - Investigated 5 low water pressure complaints
  - Performed maintenance on lift stations and repaired pump on San Benito lift station
  - Changed 3 meters and did rereads for billing

- Investigated 2 sewer backup complaints
- Assisted golf course personnel with tree trimming
- Office Activities
  - 7 new service connections and 1 disconnect for final service
  - 60 disconnects for non-pay and 42 accounts reconnected
  - 30 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.**