

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
November 3, 2017

Dates to Remember

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:

- What is going on at the corner of W C Owen and Sugarland Highway? That was the question of numerous callers to the Building Department this week! We have issued permits for B A Hospitality to clear the land at 305 W Sugarland Hwy, to install a construction fence, and demolish a house on West Pasadena, in preparation of the **Hampton Inn**, that will be built on that site. This hotel will feature four floors with 86 rooms for a total of 52,652 square feet.
- Plans have been submitted for a single family home on Ponce de Leon. This particular lot has been vacant since December 2014, when a house fire caused the home to be demolished.
- McDonalds of Clewiston has a tentative re-opening date of December 15, 2017. They have been issued a temporary sign permit for banner and flags saying “NOW HIRING”!

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.
- 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. Beginning November 5, 2017, carts will be due in at 5:45pm.
- Congratulations to Tom Waddell and Matt Waddell – winners of the Gross Division of the Parent-Child Championship and Steve Conrad and Nathan Conrad – winners of the Net Division of the Parent-Child Championship. There were eighteen teams and the tournament sold out.
- On Saturday, November 11, 2017, the Golf Course will be closed for outside play until 2:00pm for the Clewiston Rotary Golf Tournament.
- There is a signup sheet in the Golf Shop for the His Vision Our Hands Wegscheid Memorial Golf Tournament on December 2, 2017.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - 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:

- Work continues on the stripping and waxing of the floors at the John Boy Auditorium between events.
- Recreation staff has been busy setting up, breaking down and cleaning up after many private, public and community activities this week.
- Ballfield staff has begun applying ant bait throughout Sugarland Sports Complex this week and spraying for invasive weeds on the game fields
- Recreation and Public Works staff continue to work together to remove and re-set several damaged trees within our park system and at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- Staff met with the consultant to develop plans for turf management 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
 - Nov. 4th – Sweet 15 4pm-midnight John Boy Auditorium
 - Nov. 4th – Birthday Party 2-6pm Youth Center
 - Nov. 4th – SFWMD Fundraising Softball Tournament 8am Sugarland Sports Complex Big Quad Field #7
 - Nov. 5th – Baby Shower 1:30-4:30pm Youth Center

- Nov. 5th – Miss Princess Pageant 1-7pm John Boy Auditorium
- 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:** Happily the cool weather has slowed down mosquito activity this week. Last week we sprayed aggressively for the Fall Festivals. We will continue to monitor mosquito activity so future public activities go smoothly.
- **Street Division:** (1) Staff has been very busy addressing fallen trees throughout the community. I expect to be finished by weeks end. The next phase will be the replacement of material we lost to the hurricane. (2) Staff will be working with the Rec. Department setting up for the Homecoming Parade today.
- **Post storm debris cleanup operation:** The “first pass” has been completed and City staff was in quickly behind them to clean up. There are still some “hangers” in trees throughout the community and I encourage residents to get them removed. The larger ones can be hazardous to people.

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.