

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

November 9, 2017



The Clewiston High School Public Safety Academy will hold their annual Veteran's Day Program on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Civic Park.

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 23-24, 2017 – Thanksgiving Holiday – City Offices Closed

Staff Reports

Library Director Hayes reports:

- New Ebooks titles are being added to the Library's website today. Please browse the selection within the next few days and pick out your top new read for the upcoming weeks!
- The Library is also accepting donations of any Legos. Please feel free to drop them off to the circulation desk. These do not have to be complete sets. We have begun our Lego Club and are interested in gathering additional blocks. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated.
- 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 5:45pm.
- 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 Dept. completed its site visit on disaster recovery from FEMA on Wednesday where they toured Sugarland Sports Complex and the John Boy Auditorium and assessed documentation on damages sustained with Hurricane Irma.
- FEMA will be set up with a Mobile Disaster Recovery Center (MDRC) in the Beardsley Room next week from Nov. 13th - Nov. 18th from 9am-7pm and on Nov. 19th from 9am – 1pm.
- Turf consultant will be spraying for evasive weeds on the game fields at Sugarland Sports Complex this week.
- Recreation staff continues to spray for evasive weeds within the park system.
- CHS Girls Soccer will host Jenson on Friday Nov. 10th on Soccer West in their Home Opener at Sugarland Sports Complex at 6 & 7:30pm. Come out and support the LADY TIGERS!

- Recreation Staff has completed all appropriate documentation to DEP regarding the FRDAP grant for Trinidad Park Renovations Phase II. We are currently awaiting the “Letter to Commence” from the state to begin this project.
- 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. 10th – Lady Tigers Soccer vs. Jenson 6pm & 7:30pm Sugarland Sports Complex Soccer West
 - Nov. 11th – CHS PSA Veteran’s Day Remembrance Ceremony 11am Civic Park
 - Nov. 11th – Birthday Party 1-4pm Sugarland Park Pavilion w/ bounce house
 - Nov. 11th – D.I.M.E Fashion Show 6pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Nov. 13th-16th – FEMA MDRC 9am-7pm Beardsley Room
 - Nov. 15th – SFWMD Public Meeting 5:30-8pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Nov. 16th – FWC Public Meeting 5-9pm 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:** Trap counts this week are as follows: Harlem Community 300; Golf Course 150; Sports Complex 75. No complaints registered. These numbers indicate we still have mosquito activity but not at a level to spray.
- **Street Division:** (1) Staff has one more tree to stand up at the Golf Course. (2) Staff will be removing dead palms this week. (3) The pot hole patrol ran on Wednesday.
- **Post storm debris cleanup operation:** The “second pass” through Clewiston will happen as soon as contractor crews finish up in Montura. The second pass will be for big stumps and large debris that was not picked up the first time through.
- **Special Pick ups:** Please make notice that all storm related debris has been picked up and residents are reminded: (1) If a contractor trims or removes a tree from your property, the contractor is to haul the debris. Do not leave it on the street for City service. (2) If the resident cuts the tree themselves, call 983-1471 and arrange a special pick up. Special pick up fees will be apply.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) Staff is finishing up the base boards in the John Boy Auditorium this week. (2) The floor contractor is finishing up the floors. (3) A light at the back door of the Utility building had to be replaced.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Electric Activities
 - Repaired street lights in town and Harlem
 - Cut trees away from power lines in town and Harlem
 - Repaired CT wires at 433 W Sugarland Hwy and repaired CT meter can at 641 E Sugarland Hwy
 - Disconnected and reconnected service on Mississippi for repairs and disconnected on service on E El Paso for demolition of trailer
 - Checked all traffic light loops and identified ones that need repairs

- Replaced pole and street light behind Hare Lumber that went down during hurricane
- Repaired one underground service in Aztec Trailer Park
- Checked 2 instances of voltage problems
- One power outage on West Sugarland Highway
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Repaired 2 water breaks
 - Investigated 3 low water pressure complaints
 - Performed maintenance on lift stations. Repaired pump on Bayberry Loop and re-installed pump at main lift station after repairs
 - Replaced one water lid and did re-reads for billing
 - Disconnected one water and sewer service for demolition of trailer
- Office Activities
 - 11 new service connections and 7 disconnects for final service
 - 35 disconnects for non-pay and 14 accounts reconnected
 - 3 cases of tampering with electric meters
 - 55 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. 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.