

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
December 22, 2017

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE CITY OF CLEWISTON,
AMERICA'S SWEETEST TOWN**

Due to the Christmas Holiday, there will be no solid waste service offered on Monday, December 25th. This service will be provided on Tuesday, December 26th.

Congratulations to the City of Clewiston's 2017 Employees of the Year! Shirley Reynolds, Buffie McLeod, Robbie Hansen and JD Lucas were recognized at the December 18, 2017 Commission Meeting.



Dates to Remember

December 25-26, 2017 – Christmas Holiday – City Offices Closed
January 1, 2018 – New Year Holiday – City Offices Closed
January 4, 2018 – Clewiston Library Advisory Board Meeting
January 8, 2018 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting
January 18, 2018 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting
January 22, 2018 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

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.
- Memberships for three months, six months and annual are available.
- Golf carts are now due in at 5:30pm.
- Please make tee times. Play is starting to pick up. 863-983-1448.
- Christmas gifts (Gift cards, golf lessons, grips, golf balls, clubs, golf bags and clothing) are available in the golf shop for the golfers in your family.
- The Golf Course will be closed all day on Christmas Day. Merry Christmas from the golf staff.
- Congratulations to Gary Walker, Lazaro Davila, and Glen Beck!! With a score of 60, they won the United States Sugar Corporation Employee Tournament on Saturday, December 16, 2017.
- The Seminole Tribe of Florida had their annual Chairman's Golf Classic for the first time here at the Clewiston Golf Course on Wednesday, December 20, 2017. Marcellus Osceola Jr. won the Men 50 & Under Division with a score of 77 and Charlie Cypress won the Men Senior Division with a score of 74.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - December 30, 2017 Clewiston Golf Course Men's Club Championship
 - January 6, 2018 Ladies Golf Clinic (Putting) 4pm-5pm
 - January 12, 2018 Night Golf Glow Ball Tournament
 - January 13, 2018 Junior Golf Clinic (Golf Games) 4pm-5pm
 - January 16 & 23, 2018 CLGA Ladies Club Championship
 - January 20, 2018 Deputy Brian Haas Memorial Tournament
- **For more information, please call the golf shop at 863-983-1448.**

Recreation Department reports:

- Work continues on the stripping and waxing of the floors at the John Boy Auditorium between events.

- Ballfields crew is getting ready for Baseball & Softball season. They have been edging around and lining the bases and getting rid of the overgrown grass on the fields.
- Turf consultant will be spraying for invasive weeds and fertilizing on ALL the game fields at Sugarland Sports Complex this week.
- Active Citizens for Children's Winter Wonderland was a GREAT success. All the children enjoyed the snow, slide & inflatables.
- The permanent Pickleball posts & nets have arrived. We will be installing them the first of the year.
- For more information or for any of your rental or recreational needs, visit our website at www.clewistonrecreation.com.

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- **Mosquito Control:** Trap counts this week were low: Okeechobee Blvd. 250; Saginaw 75; and Harlem Community 150. Landing rate counts at two locations were very low as well: Harlem Community 9; and Brasilan Crescent 3. The air mission scheduled for this weekend has been cancelled.
- **Street Division:** (1) A section of sidewalk broken by a large fallen branch was repaired on West Del Monte this week. (2) Pot-holes were patched two days this week. (3) Staff repaired 77 street signs this week, all compliments of IRMA. (4) The plant holding area at the Operations Yard got some maintenance and was made ready to sustain over two hundred plants scheduled to be delivered and planted on Bond Street after Christmas. (5) Berner Road is scheduled to be striped using paint and thermoplastic materials from Aztec to Caribbean after Christmas. Residents are cautioned to watch for this operation. Workers will be in the street and wet paint will be on the travel surface.
- **Paving Project:** (1) At the December 18, 2017 Commission Meeting, the Commission awarded this year's paving contract to the low bidder, Lynch Paving and Construction for the amount of \$114,143.55. Another \$7,500 of paving was done by a separate contractor in the alley from Bond Street to behind the Badcock store. Streets to be addressed this year's project are: West Sugarland Circle from Berner to Berner; West Alverde from Berner to Lopez; Gloria Street from Aztec to Alverde; and Obispo from Olympia to Lopez.
- **Solid Waste Truck Bid:** Nine bids were opened for the purchase of a new solid waste collection truck Thursday afternoon. During Monday night's meeting the Commission awarded the bid to Palm Peterbilt for \$226,708. This purchase is for a smaller truck and will load from the side. Our research shows the smaller truck will reduce the operating cost, the amount of litter blowing during the dump cycle and the amount of wear and tear on our streets.
- **Facility Maintenance:**
- **Holiday Solid Waste Collection:** (1) There will be no solid waste collection on Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day. Monday's route will be run on Tuesday, December 26th. Dumpsters will again be placed throughout the community for residents to dispose of their Christmas debris. (2) On Monday, January 1, 2018 there will be no solid waste collection. Monday's route will be run on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:

- On December 15th, 2017, officers responded to the area of North Francisco Street in reference to the report of a reckless driver. Officers were able to locate the vehicle and

observed several traffic infractions prior to affecting a traffic stop. Upon making initial contact with the occupants of the vehicle, officers were met with an overwhelming smell of marijuana; this prompted further investigation. As officers were removing the occupants from the vehicle, one of the officers observed a small baggie of suspected cocaine fall from the pant leg of the driver. The driver of the vehicle was subsequently arrested for possession of cocaine and delivered to the Hendry County Jail without further incident. The white powdery substance tested positive for cocaine.

- On December 19th, 2017, officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic control infraction. As officers approached the vehicle and made contact with the driver, officers immediately observed the smell of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. During subsequent investigation, officers located and seized 18.5 grams of marijuana. The driver of the vehicle was arrested and delivered to the Hendry County Jail without further incident.
- The Clewiston Police Department would like to thank everyone again for your support of our first annual “Shop with a Cop” event. As we have stated before, the support we received for this event from the community was nothing short of remarkable. Our success with this event allowed our department to assist fifty eight children and their families. These families will be able to experience the joys of Christmas for the 2017 Holiday Season.
- As we embark upon this holiday weekend, we would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas. We would also like to remind everyone that our officers will be conducting enhanced traffic enforcement activities and being vigilant for drunk and impaired drivers during this holiday weekend. Once again, if you do choose to drink and drive, please have a plan in place.

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.