

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
January 12, 2018

Due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, there will be no solid waste service offered on Monday, January 15, 2018. This service will be provided on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

Dates to Remember

January 15, 2018 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – City Offices Closed

January 18, 2018 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

January 22, 2018 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- Wendy's of Clewiston began its renovations on January 2, 2018 and is planning on finishing a full exterior including landscape and partial interior remodel within a 2 week timeframe.
- Certificate of Occupancy was issued to homeowners of 402 W Ventura Ave. that was residential property that had burnt down several years back.
- Plans were received for a new 4 bedroom / 3 bathroom single family home located at 205 Cypress Ave.
- New single family home being constructed at 214 E Crescent Drive.
- Kings Academy located at 601 Caribbean Ave is receiving a little facelift that will include new awnings located at the exterior of 4 entrance doors.

Code Enforcement Officer Debbie McNeil reports:

- The City of Clewiston is offering the Code Enforcement Amnesty Program as an incentive to property owners who may have outstanding Code Enforcement violations to bring their property into compliance with City codes and obtain quick reduction of the outstanding liens. The Program is being administered by the City's Community Improvement Division. Hours of availability are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, excluding weekends and legal holidays. You can schedule an appointment to discuss specific information or amounts owed by contacting the Community Improvement Division at 141 Central Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440 or 863-983-1454. For more information, please visit http://www.clewiston-fl.gov/egov/documents/1515079385_31793.pdf.
- The City of Clewiston Code of Ordinances 14-125 prohibits keeping domestic fowl as follows:



Sec. 14-125. - Keeping domestic fowl prohibited.

- (a) The term "domestic fowl" means chickens, turkeys, ducks or geese.
(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep domestic fowl within the city.
(Code 1960, § 4-5; Code 1982, § 4-15; Code 1999, § 14-112)

Sec. 14-125. -Mantener prohibidas las aves domésticas.

- (a) el término "aves domésticas" significa pollos, pavos, patos o gansos.
(b) será ilegal que cualquier persona mantenga las aves domésticas dentro de la ciudad.

- Contact the Community Improvement Division with any questions or concerns at 141 Central Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440 or 863-983-1454.

Library Director Hayes reports:

- A Snack and Learn, sponsored by World Book with Instructor Erick Farley, will be held at the Library on January 26, 2017 from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. Registration required.
- We Help Communities To Develop Corporation will be offering free financial coaching sessions at the Library from 9:00am until 7:45pm on January 22nd & 29th.
- Story Time with Littles Disciples will be held at the Library on January 17th, 2018 at 9:30am and Rainbow Preschool on January 18th at 9:30am.
- The Lego Club will meet January 18th from 4-5pm.
- The Library is 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.
- 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.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - 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:

- The Park Attendant has been the painting the levee restroom.
- The Adult Softball league had a great 1st week of games.
- The ballfields crew has been trimming trees, dragging fields & preparing for the upcoming Baseball & Softball Season.
- The Turf Consultant will be spraying for invasive weeds and fertilizing on ALL the game fields at Sugarland Sports Complex this week.
- For more information or for any of your rental or recreational needs, visit our website at www.clewistonrecreation.com.

Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:

- On January 7th, officers responded to the area of Highway 27 in front of Stanton Mobile Homes in reference to a vehicle fire. Upon their arrival, officers observed a pick-up truck fully engulfed in flames. Officers immediately determined that the vehicle was unoccupied; however, the vehicle and its contents were a total loss.
- On January 7th, officers conducted a traffic stop that quickly turned into a narcotics investigation when officers were met with the overwhelming smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, officers located felony amounts of marijuana as well as drug paraphernalia. The driver of the vehicle was subsequently arrested.
- The following is a brief synopsis of calls for service either responded to, or initiated by the Clewiston Police Department within the past week:
 - Traffic Accidents: 7
 - Alarms: 18
 - Citizen Assists: 13
 - Business Checks: 31
 - Fights: 4
 - Assist other agency: 10
 - Traffic Stops: 60
 - Total Calls for service from 1/5/2018 – 1/12/2018: 230 (This number reflects both self-initiated activity as well as citizen complaints)

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Electric Activities
 - Repaired street lights in town and Harlem

- Cut trees away from power lines in town and Harlem
- Repaired 2 underground services
- Ran new underground service at Wastewater Plant
- Installed flags at boat basin and re-hung fish lights that came down in Hurricane Irma
- Set a pole and transformer; ran underground service to new building at Christian School
- Cut 2 services for repairs and reconnected; cut 1 service for demolition
- Checked 6 instances of voltage problems and 5 power outages
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Repaired 3 water breaks
 - Made repairs at Olympia and Rodeo lift stations.
 - Did rereads for billing
 - Investigated 2 sewer backups and 1 low water pressure
 - Disconnected water service for trailer demolition
 - Jetted sewer lines at Auditorium
 - Changed 1 water meter, installed 1 water meter
- Office Activities
 - 27 new service connections and 13 disconnects for final service
 - 50 disconnects for non-pay and accounts 39 reconnected
 - 75 work orders sent out to re-read meters
 - Changed 4 electric 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.