

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

January 19, 2018

Dates to Remember

January 22, 2018 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

February 1, 2018 – Clewiston Library Advisory Board Meeting

February 5, 2018 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

February 15, 2018 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

February 19, 2018 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- The residents of Clewiston will have something to look forward to when this cold snap is over and the warm days return! A frozen yogurt shop will be opening in mid-February. Berrylicious Frozen Yogurt will be located at 307 E Sugarland Highway, right next to Café Tropical.
- The renovations at Wendy's Restaurant continue to move forward and are starting to be visible when you pass by.

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.



- **Sec. 34-55. - Junk on real property prohibited; exceptions.**

No person in charge or control of any property, whether as owner, occupant, lessee or otherwise, shall allow any junk to remain on any real property within the city for a period longer than 72 hours, nor shall any person deposit junk upon the real property of another person. This prohibition shall not apply to junk in an entirely enclosed building, a junkyard maintained in a lawful manner, or junk vehicles on the business property of a new or used vehicle business maintained in a lawful manner.

(Code 1982, § 9-4; Code 1999, § 34-84; Ord. No. 88-5, pt. 1, 8-15-1988)

Junk means wrecked, derelict, dismantled, partially dismantled or non-operative vehicles, washing machines, refrigerators, dishwashers, water heaters, television sets, similar machinery, boats, old scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper, lumber, trash, rubber, debris, oddments, wastements, litter, leavings, ruins, castoffs, rummage, waste, and any other old scrap ferrous or nonferrous materials.

- 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:

- The City is currently seeking board members for the Clewiston Library Advisory Board and the Hendry County Library Cooperative Advisory Board. If you are interested in serving the community in either capacity, please pick up an application at the Library or City Hall.
- 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.
- 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:

- Friendly reminder - Please let faster players play through.
- No single golf carts unless your group is a threesome or a fivesome. If you would like to take a cart alone, there is an additional fee. See the golf shop staff.
- Golf carts are due in now at 5:30pm
- Please make tee times. Play is starting to pick up. 863-983-1448.
- January 2018 Thru June 2018 Tournament Schedule, Ladies Golf Clinics and Junior Golf Clinics have been posted on Clewiston Golf Course Facebook. This information can also be picked up in a booklet form in the golf shop.
- Congratulations!! Fred Waid Gross Champion and Dwight Hatfield Net Champion. Winners of the 2017 Clewiston Golf Course Men's Club Championship.
- The first round of the 2018 Clewiston Golf Course Ladies Club Championship got underway Tuesday January 16, 2018. The leaders after round one are Gross Division

Toni Couse and Debbie Miller. The Net Division leader is Carol Knox. The second and final round is Tuesday January 23, 2018.

- **Upcoming Events**
 - January 16 & 23, 2018 CLGA Ladies Club Championship
 - January 20, 2018 Deputy Brian Haas Memorial Tournament
 - January 22, 2018 Okeechobee Landings Golf Tournament (Course Closed Until 1:30pm)
 - January 25, 2018 CLGA Twilight Golf Scramble
 - January 27, 2018 EWGA Ladies Golf Tournament
 - February 3, 2018 Ladies Golf Clinic 4pm-5pm (Full Swing)
 - February 6 & 7, 2018 Clewiston Golf Course Men's Senior Club Championship
 - February 9, 2018 Glow Ball Night Golf Tournament
- **For more information, please call the golf shop at 863-983-1448.**

Recreation Department reports:

- Park attendant began pressure washing and painting the interior restrooms at the levee.
- Ballfield crew began pressure washing the dugouts, bleachers, pads and concession stand. When that is completed they will begin painting.
- Ballfield crew have been trimming trees, dragging fields and preparing for the upcoming Baseball & Softball Season.
- 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.

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- **Mosquito Control:** No trapping or treatment activity during the cold breezy time. Mosquitoes will be back as the weather warms up. We would need about three days at freezing temperatures to put mosquitoes into a dormant stage.
- **Street Division:** (1) Staff started landscaping the first of the islands on Bond Street this week. We will be taking it two at a time to make sure we can do it cleanly, do not disturb local business and have time to meet all other responsibilities. (2) Staff worked on removing the floating vegetation in the Lake side boat ramps. Floating vegetation islands moved by wind and water currents hang up and collect in the ramp and floating dock areas. Gone today back tomorrow. (3) The dumpster enclosure, lake side, is being washed and painted. (4) New banners promoting our wonderful community are here and scheduled to be installed on light poles on US Highway 27 soon.
- **Paving Project:** Nothing new to report as we are still waiting for signed contracts from the contractor.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) New toilets were installed in the bathrooms on the course last week. (2) Lights in the Pavilion will have to be replaced with an industrial, vandal proof light fixture. Seems people like to destroy these and bathroom fixtures in the Sports Complex. (3) A new water heater was installed at the Fire House. (4) Two more cigarette butt trays were placed in front of the John Boy Auditorium this week. The last few events indicated a need for more opportunities for smokers to dispose of their butts properly. Hopefully this will keep the front door cleaner. (5) The interior walls of the

Boat Basin bathroom were painted. (6) Started power washing the buildings and dugouts in the Sports Complex.

- **Memorial/Civic Park:** New picnic tables purchased by the Lions Club were ordered this week. Four new round tables with checker boards imbedded will be a very nice addition to the park.
- **Solid Waste Customer Reminder:** It has been noticed a lot of debris that should be placed in your tipper cart is being offered on the ground at the curb for collection. Please make sure everything, other than construction debris, is placed in your tipper and not on the street. Break down boxes to fit in the tipper. Old plastic toys should be recycled or placed in your tipper for disposal. Small amounts of yard waste, like a handful of weeds or small branches, can be placed in your cart. By doing these simple things, it will speed up service, make it a more efficient process and keep our community cleaner.
- **Just a thought:** Litter is unsightly and a problem everyone sees and should address in their neighborhood. Many residents walk for exercise and by taking one of the 100 shopping bags you have stuffed somewhere, you could pick up the litter along your walk path. Bending and stretching is a valuable exercise and the results are unmeasurable. It also gives you something to do with all those plastic bags YOU CAN'T RECYCLE.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Electric Activities
 - Repaired street lights in town and 14 in Harlem
 - Cut trees away from power lines in town and Harlem
 - Repaired 1 underground service in Fairgrounds
 - Installed FLW banner on Francisco
 - Set a transformer; ran service for new main lift station on Olympia
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Repaired 3 water breaks
 - Made repairs at Olympia and West Del Rio lift stations.
 - Did rereads for billing
 - Investigated 2 instances of low water pressure
 - Changed 1 water meter, installed 1 hydrant meter for contactor
- Office Activities
 - 10 new service connections and 6 disconnects for final service
 - 1 disconnect for non-pay and accounts 2 reconnected
 - 68 work orders sent out to re-read meters
 - Changed 1 electric meter
- **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.