

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

January 26, 2018

Dates to Remember

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:

- Hampton Inn is moving forward with the elevator shafts and stairwells; they plan on opening by 2020.
- Seacoast Bank's new location will be located at 820 W. Sugarland Hwy (next to Beef O' Brady's). The demolition process for the new interior remodel is taking place.
- Karen Esser Moore, our wonderful City/Community Development Employee of 32 years, will be retiring on January 31, 2018. She will be missed dearly and we wish her the best in the next chapter of her life.

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.
- 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.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - 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:

- The levee restrooms are all cleaned & have been painted inside & out.
- Ballfield crew began pressure washing the dugouts, bleachers, pads and concession stand. When that is completed they will begin painting.
- Ballfield crew have been 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.
- The youth baseball & softball league will be having tryouts Thursday, January 25th from 6-9pm for the boys 9-12 & girls 10-12 at the small quad. Tryouts for the boys & girls 13-15 will be held on Friday, January 26th from 6-8pm at the Big Quad.
- 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 activity, it's cold. Manny Gomez and Tim Burke are in training for Mosquito Control this week.
- **Street Division:** (1) Staff ran three days on "pot holes". (2) Unsightly palms were removed at the Boat Basin this week. (3) Landscape on Bond Street continues. We are doing this in phases because of other regularly scheduled maintenance operations. (4) Four Royal Palms were planted in the entrance to the John Boy Auditorium. (5) Staff is working on repairs to the irrigation system on 27. After system is running again, missing Royal Palms will be planted.
- **Paving Project:** No new news.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) Staff met with a local to discuss and get a quote for a bit of a face lift to the Community Development Building. (4) The Score Keeper booths and High School Girls Dugout in the Sports Complex are scheduled for post IRMA repairs.
- **Solid Waste Customer Reminder:** Place your cart at the street **the night before service** is to happen. Wheels toward your home. The lid must be closed. Remove from street by end of day of service. Do not offer garbage for collection that does not fit in the cart. Your cart should not be seen from the street in any direction when not at the curb. Wash and disinfect your cart every month.
- **Just a thought:** In my neighborhood there are small groups of residents that share the same location for their yard waste that is offered for collection. This is a good idea and encouraged. It brings four stops to pick up down to one. This makes for a faster more efficient system and cleaner community. Think about it.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Electric Activities
 - Repaired 9 street lights in town and in Harlem. Installed one new light for customer.
 - Cut trees away from power lines in town and Harlem.
 - Repaired 1 underground service in Fairgrounds.
 - Installed Hendry County Fair banners on both ends of US 27.
 - Investigated 2 voltage problems.
 - Checked sprinkler controls on both ends of US 27 to make sure they had power.
 - Installed 2 surge protectors on customer meters.
 - One power outage on E Ventura/Trinidad. A bird tripped a line fuse.
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Repaired 2 water breaks. Assisted South Shore Water with 2 water breaks.
 - Made repairs at Olympia, Rodeo Grounds and West Del Rio lift stations.
 - Did rereads for billing.
 - Investigated 4 instances of low water pressure.
- Office Activities
 - 17 new service connections and 11 disconnects for final service.
 - 16 disconnects for non-pay and 16 accounts reconnected.
 - 25 work orders sent out to re-read meters.
 - Changed 1 electric meter.
 - Repairs made to 4 air conditioner units.
- **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.