

*For Your Information*

*Weekly*

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

July 21, 2017

**The City of Clewiston is currently accepting nominations for the 2017 Outstanding Community Service Award. If you know of someone who you feel deserves this honor, please complete a nomination form and return it to City Hall. Nomination forms are available at City Hall and on the City's website. Nominations will be accepted until August 18, 2017.**

**Dates to Remember**

August 1, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Budget Workshop

August 7, 2017 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:**

- Two more single family homes were issued certificates of occupancy this week. They are located at 518 and 522 Old Farm Place. Both homes are 3 bedroom, 2 bath, with 1,098 square feet. Of the 21 single family homes permitted in the last several months for Orchard Park, seven have been issued certificates of occupancy, leaving 14 homes to be completed.

**Sr. Library Aide Shirley Reynolds reports:**

- Our Elected Officials will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Hendry County Supervisor of Elections Brenda Hoots will entertain and inform kids about our election process. Please contact the library for more information.
- Remember you can get your e-books free at [www.hendrylibraries.org](http://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](http://www.hendrylibraries.org). Like us at [www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary](https://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.
- The next Junior Golf Camp is scheduled for July 24-28, 2017. Contact the Clewiston Golf Course at 863-983-1448 to register.
- Summer memberships are now available.
- Summer rates are now in effect at the golf course.
- **Upcoming Events**

- July 24-28 2017 Clewiston Golf Course First Tee Junior Golf Camp
- **For more information call golf shop 863-983-1448**

**Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:**

- SUMMER CAMP continues this week thru the 28th ... Please watch out for our kids as they move around the City Commons Monday-Fridays from 7am-6pm...
- Adult Swimming Lessons and Adult Water Aerobics began at C.S. Mott Pool.
  - **Adult Swimming Lessons** will take place from 6-7pm on Monday and Thursday evenings beginning July 10<sup>th</sup> and ending July 27th.
  - **Adult Water Aerobics** “Cancelled for July 25<sup>th</sup>”...Classes will begin again on Tuesday Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-7pm. Cost is \$5.00 payable on the day of class.
- Ballfield crew has begun aggressively spraying for evasive weeds on “ALL” soccer game fields at Sugarland Sports Complex this week.
- Recreation staff completed spraying the parks and fence lines for evasive vegetation this week.
- Summer Camp kids will head back out onto Lake Okeechobee for their “Pontoon Boat Excursions” next week Monday-Thursday.
- Adult Men’s and Co-Ed Softball resume their season this week. Games begin at 6:45pm Monday-Thursday on Field #9 on the Big Quad at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- The Splash Pad is open daily from 9am-7pm.
- C.S. Mott Pool is OPEN for public swim on the following schedule:
  - Saturdays 10am-6pm
  - Sundays 1-6pm
  - Monday-Friday 2pm-6pm
- **UPCOMING** Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
  - July 21<sup>st</sup> – Pool Party 6-9pm C.S. Mott Pool
  - July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sweet 15 Birthday 6pm-Midnight John Boy Auditorium
  - July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Baby Shower 3-6pm Youth Center
  - July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pool Party 6-8pm C.S. Mott Pool
  - July 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Summer Camp “Pontoon Boat Excursions”
  - July 24<sup>th</sup> – Adult Swim Lessons 6-7pm C.S. Mott Pool
  - July 27<sup>th</sup> - Adult Swim Lessons 6-7pm C.S. Mott Pool
- Go to [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

**Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:**

- **Block 402 Drainage:** Paving of the area was completed on Monday. Rain prevented some final clean up but contractor said he would be back to sweep when the area was dry so that he wouldn’t fling mud everywhere.
- **Mosquito Control:** Trap counts were under 300 at two locations after the ground mission on Friday. The Okeechobee Blvd. trapped 1,500 mosquitoes.
- **Street Division:** (1) Staff continues to mow grass on a weekly basis. (2) Staff is out this week gathering shopping carts from street right-of-ways and vacant lots. A total of 17 shopping carts have been picked up this month. (3) Staff started work on a repair of an inlet on San Gabriel. (4) With the rain comes road shoulder and radius washout and rutting the right-of-ways. Staff was out this week repairing right-of-ways on Bond Street and radiuses on Berner Road.

- **Facility Maintenance Division:** (1) Staff had to clean out “drip pan drains” at the Youth Center and Police Department this week. A/C’s are working overtime and very hard pulling humidity out of the air in every building. The high humidity is due to daily rain and extreme heat. (2) Staff power washed the front and entrance to the Utility Building this week. (3) Overhead Door Company was at the Operations Building this week repairing one door in the mechanic shop, checking auto stops and pulling maintenance. (4) The Department is seeking quotes for the painting of the outside and replacing the flooring inside of the John Boy Auditorium. We have reached out to five painting companies and five flooring companies for quotes. We will be accepting bids until the 25<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested can call the office at 983-1471.

**Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:**

- In the early morning hours an officer discovered a car parked by the ball fields. He investigated the situation and found two sleeping individuals. The officer quietly left the location but ran the plates first only to discover the vehicle was stolen from the West Palm Beach area. The Officer patiently waited at a distance to not wake anyone while backup was called in. The two sleeping beauties were woken once backup arrived. Neither one knew the vehicle was stolen but admitted they were homeless and happy to have a great place to sleep. The driver was charged with Grand Theft Auto. As he was being booked he inquired which jail he was going to. He stated he didn’t like the Hendry County jail and would prefer if we would take him to the West Palm Jail, since that is where he was going to end up. Interesting enough the Officers on scene never told him where the vehicle was stolen from. That was the first time someone has asked for different jailing accommodations! He was delivered to the Hendry County Jail and will have to find another way to the West Palm Jail.
- At a crash scene Officers observed the driver was impaired and smelled the odor of recently smoked marijuana coming from the driver’s window. The driver’s eyes were glossy and he was having trouble speaking. The driver even had trouble walking when exiting the vehicle. While searching the vehicle a fully loaded Smith and Wesson 38 Special revolver was found. Communications advised the firearm was stolen. The Officer had the driver submit to a series of field sobriety exercises. The performance of these exercises together with other indicators the driver exhibited, led the Officer to believe the driver was in fact impaired. The driver was charged and delivered to the Hendry County Jail.

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- Electric Activities
  - Cut tree from power line
  - Repaired street lights
  - Repaired three meter cans
  - Cut service at Bass & Sun Condos for contractor to make repairs
  - Pulled old pole at fairgrounds
  - Repaired underground services at Aztec and Fairgrounds Trailer Parks
  - Hooked up service in horse pasture
  - Changed transformer on Arkansas damaged by lightning
  - Repaired overhead electric line torn down by truck at middle school
  - Replaced globes on street lights in Harlem

- Water Sewer Activities
  - Made repairs at the Pinewood and Saginaw lift station
  - Pumped down the lift station at the High School and installed 2 new pumps
  - Installed new ¾" poly line on Cortez Street
  - Pumped down Arkansas lift station and replaced pump
  - Changed meters and did rereads for billing
- Office Activities
  - 13 new service connections and 4 disconnects for final service
  - 15 disconnects for non-pay and 10 accounts reconnected
  - 2 accounts investigated for meter tampering (both were ok)
  - 36 work orders sent out to re-read meters
  - 5 meter changes were completed
- 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or [www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl](http://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.**