

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

November 17, 2017

There will be no solid waste service on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, 2017. This service will be provided on Friday, November 24, 2017. Please remember to place your carts out early Friday morning.

Dates to Remember

November 20, 2017 – City Commission Meeting
November 23-24, 2017 – Thanksgiving Holiday – City Offices Closed
December 7, 2017 – Clewiston Library Advisory Board Meeting
December 14, 2017 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting
December 14, 2017 – City Commission Workshop
December 18, 2017 – City Commission Meeting
December 25-26, 2017 – Christmas Holiday – City Offices Closed

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- Over 120 Pre-K students received their first introduction to Fire Safety recently at the Clewiston Fire Department. Groups from Central Elementary and from Montura toured the Firehouse over the last week. Fire Marshal Reese instructed the children on all the Do's and Don'ts of Fire Safety. They especially enjoyed interacting with 911 dispatch in learning how to report a fire by phone.
- Plans have been received from Clewiston Marina for a Parking Lot Expansion Project. This is currently a grass lot that will be improved for additional parking.
- Dr. Van's new dental office at 100 E Sugarland Highway is nearing completion, with some minor work remaining on the interior and the exterior needing landscaping and pavement of the parking lot.
- The Hampton Inn has demolished the house on Pasadena, and has started the lot clearing and site work for the new hotel. The contractor, Sunny Coast Construction, should be starting work in the very near future.

Library Director Hayes reports:

- 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.
- Winter rates are now in effect at the Clewiston Golf Course.
- Memberships for three months, six months and annual are available.
- Golf carts are now due in at 5:45pm.
- There is a signup sheet in the Golf Shop for the His Vision Our Hands Wegscheid Memorial Golf Tournament on December 2, 2017.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - December 2, 2017 His Vision Our Hands Wegscheid Memorial Golf Tournament
 - December 8-10 2017 Gators vs World Ryder Cup Format Tournament
 - December 16, 2017 United States Sugar Employees Tournament
 - December 20, 2017 Seminole Tribe of Florida Executive Cup
 - December 30, 2017 Clewiston Golf Course Men's Club Championship
- **For more information, please call the golf shop at 863-983-1448.**

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- Work continues on the stripping and waxing of the floors at the John Boy Auditorium between events.
- FEMA will be set up with a Mobile Disaster Recovery Center (MDRC) in the Beardsley Room till Nov. 18th from 9am-7pm
- Turf consultant will be spraying for evasive weeds, ants and fertilizing on ALL the game fields at Sugarland Sports Complex this week.
- Staff is continuing the efforts to coordinate the schedules of 7 different soccer organizations with several different age groups per organization, requesting the use of the soccer fields at Sugarland Sports Complex for practice and games. (CHS, AYSO, River's Jr. Soccer, Club Spartan Soccer, and (2) Clewiston 3v3 Soccer Clubs and new this year...CMS Soccer)
- CHS is considering moving their Boys & Girls "Home" JV and Varsity soccer games to Cane Field by Nov. 27th. More details as they develop...
- **UPCOMING** Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - Nov. 17th – FEMA MDRC 9am-7pm Beardsley Room
 - Nov. 17th – Little Disciples Family Feast 11am-1pm Youth Center
 - Nov. 18th - FEMA MDRC 9am-7pm Beardsley Room
 - Nov. 18th – Birthday Party Noon-3pm STP #1
 - Nov. 18th – Birthday Party 1-5pm Youth Center

- Nov. 18th – Birthday Party 11am-3pm Sugarland Park Pavilion
- Nov. 18th – Lion’s Club Boston Butt Sale 6am-5pm Sikes Park
- Nov. 19th – Birthday Party 1-4pm STP #1
- Nov. 23rd – Family Reunion Thanksgiving Dinner 3-6pm Beardsley Room
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- **Mosquito Control:** Trap counts this week are as follows: Harlem Community 150; Okeechobee Blvd. 1,000; Saginaw 150. No complaints registered. A ground mission was run on Friday last week before Veterans Day.
- **Street Division:** (1) Staff mowed public areas this week. (2) Pulled Christmas decorations and started cleaning, repairing and painting. (3) Flowers and shrubs for the Golf Course were ordered and will be delivered on Tuesday. (3) Staff will be focusing more on Bond Street in the coming days. Our new staff member has a great approach to landscaping and keeping it nice. I am looking forward to some new things to happen.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) Staff repaired the bathroom in the Library. (2) The shutters on the lower sections of the Library were removed and stowed properly. The top portion will be removed when the Hurricane season has passed.

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.