

*For Your Information*

*Weekly*

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

December 1, 2017

**Dates to Remember**

December 7, 2017 – Clewiston Library Advisory Board Meeting

December 14, 2017 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

December 14, 2017 – City Commission Workshop

December 14, 2017 – City Commission Workshop regarding Highway 27 Corridor

December 18, 2017 – City Commission Meeting

December 25-26, 2017 – Christmas Holiday – City Offices Closed

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:**

- Thursday, November 30, 2017, marks the last day of hurricane season. With that in mind, we want to remind everyone that all hurricane shutters should have been removed by now. This would also include all the plywood still on windows.
- The Permitting Department has seen a marked increase this last month over the same period last year. Most of the increase in applications is for fence and roof permits being pulled as a result of Hurricane Irma damage.
- McDonalds of Clewiston has added additional crews and are working 7 days a week, to meet their December 15, 2017 re-opening deadline. The race is on!

**Library Director Hayes reports:**

- Over 200 new titles have been added to our Library's DVD collection as of this week. Please stop in and check out the new movies!!
- The Library Advisory Board will be meeting on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.
- 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](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.

- 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.
- There are many different groups of players that play at specific times during the week. Contact the golf shop and we will be happy to set you a game up.
- Please make tee times. Play is starting to pick up. 863-983-1448.
- On Saturday December 2, 2017 the golf course will be closed for regular play until 2:00pm.
- Christmas gifts (Gift cards, golf lessons, grips, golf balls, golf bags and clothing) are available in the golf shop for the golfers in your family.
- **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 Department reports:**

- Work continues on the stripping and waxing of the floors at the John Boy Auditorium between events.
- FEMA Site Visit staff met with Recreation Staff on Wednesday of this week to complete Hurricane Irma Disaster Worksheets.
- Turf consultant will be spraying for invasive weeds and fertilizing on ALL the game fields at Sugarland Sports Complex this week. Ant bait was distributed last week.
- Ballfield staff moved CHS Soccer from Sugarland Sports Complex to Cane Field last week and we rolled, double-cut and re-painted lines this week for their home games. CHS will continue to practice at Sugarland Sports Complex, but all games (boys & girls) will be played at Cane Field.
- Ballfield staff moved the two U-8 soccer fields from behind the racquetball courts to the east end of Soccer East for the remainder of the AYSO season.
- Ballfield staff set-up field #7 for a Hendry County 1<sup>st</sup> Responder softball game this Saturday at 1pm.
- Recreation staff has set-up the East Tennis Courts for "Pickleball"... A "Beginners" clinic will take place Saturday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am.
- **UPCOMING** Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
  - Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pickleball 'Beginners' Clinic 10am East Tennis Courts
  - Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – HC 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Softball game 1pm Sugarland Sports Complex Field #7
  - Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary 4-7pm John Boy Auditorium
  - Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Benefit Concert 8-11pm John Boy Auditorium

- Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Baby Shower 2-6p, Youth Center
- Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Birthday Party 1-5pm Sugarland Park Pavilion
- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Birthday Party 3-7pm Youth Center
- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – CHS Lady Tigers Soccer vs. Lake Placid 6 & 7:30pm Cane Field
- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – Chamber Dinner 5:30-9pm John Boy Auditorium
- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – CHS Boys Soccer vs. Bishop Verot 5:30 & 7pm Cane Field
- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – Miss Sugar Pageant registrations 6-7pm Youth Center
- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – CHS Boys Soccer vs. LaBelle 5:30 & 7pm Cane Field
- 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:**

- **Mosquito Control:** Trap counts were: Okeechobee Blvd. 500; Golf Course 250; and Harlem Community 350. Staff is watching populations to determine if a treatment will be needed before Christmas.
- **Street Division:** (1) Electric and Street crews have been installing decorations around Clewiston. Tis the Season. (2) 300 red and white Salvia plants were planted at the Golf Course. (3) Trees lost during IRMA were replaced on Bond St., at the Sweetest Town Playground and at the John Boy Auditorium. (4) The “Pot-Hole Patrol” was out on a search and destroy mission this week.
- **Paving Project:** Bid opening, December 5, 2017 at 2:00p in the City Hall.
- **Solid Waste Truck Bid:** The City will be accepting bids for a new side loading solid waste truck on December 15, 2017 at 2:00p in the City Hall.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) Staff replaced all the Armed Forces Division Flags in Civic/Memorial Park.
- **Christmas Holiday Solid Waste Collection:** (1) There will be no solid waste collection on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day. Monday’s routes will be run on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. Dumpsters will again be placed throughout the community for residents to dispose of their Christmas debris. (2) On Monday, January 1, 2018, New Year’s Day, there will be no solid waste collection. Monday’s route will be run on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.
- **Building Shutters:** The 2017 Hurricane Season is over. All shutters are required to be removed from all building and structures.

**Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:**

- We have started issuing the 2018 golf cart registrations. If you would like to renew your registration please stop by and see us. Remember that you must renew your golf cart registration prior to January 1, to receive the \$15.00 renewal rate. Any renewals after December 31<sup>st</sup> will be charged the full \$20.00 registration fee.
- I would like to thank everyone that has donated to our “1<sup>st</sup> Annual Shop with a Cop” event. The community’s response to this has been nothing short of amazing, and because of you, there are many children in our community that will be able to experience the joys of Christmas. You are truly an amazing community and words cannot express how grateful we are for your support.
- As many of you have seen our very own, Odalys Del Rio, graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy this past Wednesday. We would like to extend sincere

congratulations to her, and we wish her the best of luck this upcoming week as she takes her state exam.

- The holiday season is a joyous and special time. While we should be celebrating with our families and friends, I would like to remind everyone that there are those out there who see this as an opportunity. As you go about your holiday activities – especially shopping – please be aware of your surroundings. Make sure you park in well-lit areas and do not leave valuables or packages in your vehicle in plain sight. If you are carrying a purse or handbag, make sure that you are holding on to it all times. I realize it is difficult this time of year, but when you go shopping, try to go during the daytime. If you must go after dark, please go with a friend or family member. Also don't be afraid to ask store security for an escort to your vehicle. Lastly, if you are attending a party or social event, please do not drink and drive as our officers will be conducting enhanced traffic enforcement activities. If you decide to drink, please have a plan in place. There is nothing we hate worse during this time of year than having to respond to a preventable tragedy.

#### **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](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.**