

*For Your Information*

*Weekly*

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

December 8, 2017

**CONGRATULATIONS to Kathy Irey and Dana Westberry who were recognized at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner with the Outstanding Community Service Award for 2017.**

**Dates to Remember**

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:**

- **New Preliminary Flood Maps** City staff met with representatives from FEMA and Taylor Engineering to discuss the new preliminary flood maps issued by FEMA. Staff was pleased to see many homes will be removed from the SPHA (Special Flood Hazard Area). If no appeals are filed, these maps would become effective sometime in March, 2019. However, staff will be working with FEMA to eventually remove most parcels from the Special Flood Hazard Area. The new preliminary maps can be found at <http://www.clewiston-fl.gov/department/division.php?structureid=31>.
- Crews are working diligently to complete the new McDonalds of Clewiston on schedule. They are slated to begin paving the parking area on Thursday, with the landscaping to immediately follow the paving. The interior finishes and equipment are moving along quickly.

**Library Director Hayes reports:**

- On December 21<sup>st</sup>, the Library will hold a Christmas Family Night from 6-8 p.m. Christmas themed stories will be read, crafts made, and movie watched, while goodies are handed out. We invite all to come celebrate the Christmas Holiday here at our local library.
- Over 200 new titles have been added to our Library's DVD collection. Please stop in and check out the new movies!!
- 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.
- Congratulations to Mondo Tiger, Charlie Cypress, Don Hickey and Mateo Jimenez. They were the winners of the His Vision Our Hands Golf Tournament on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Eighty four players competed in the tournament to raise money for the seniors in our community.
- 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 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.
- Ballfields crew prepared Cane Field for CHS Boys & Girls soccer games.
- Ballfields crew repainted all soccer fields for game day.
- Ballfields crew is weeding around all fences & bases, spraying for ants, mowing all fields and spraying round-up where needed.
- This will be the last week for AYSO Soccer games. U10 age division will be going to STATE!! They will begin practice tonight.
- 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 after Saturday's air mission were: Okeechobee Blvd. 300; Harlem Community 30; Sports Complex 25.
- **Street Division:** (1) Staff was out removing "hangers" from trees. (2) The last of the Christmas decorations have been installed and lit. (3) Plant material has been ordered for the first step in landscaping of Bond Street. The City is looking to partner with the businesses in the area to insure the landscape in front of their business is clean of litter and pampered.
- **Paving Project:** Five bids were submitted for this year's paving project. A recommendation will be made to the City Manager and go before the Commission at the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **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 repaired floor molding in the lobby of the John Boy Auditorium. (2) Lights were repaired in the City Hall. (3) Shelves in the Library were relocated and walls prepped for paint.
- **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.

### **Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- Electric Activities
  - Repaired street lights in town and Harlem
  - Cut trees away from power lines in town and Harlem
  - Repaired 3 underground services
  - Located and marked poles for new feeder line on West Osceola
  - Straightened pole on Del Rio and removed old pole
  - Tightened one service line to house
  - Checked 2 instances of voltage problems
- Water Sewer Activities
  - Repaired 2 water breaks
  - Performed maintenance on lift stations. Flushed lines at Auditorium
  - Did rereads for billing
  - Repaired 2 sewer breaks in Harlem
- Office Activities
  - 19 new service connections and 9 disconnects for final service
  - 67 disconnects for non-pay and 55 accounts reconnected
  - 40 work orders sent out to re-read meters
  - Checked all A/C units and changed filters at Auditorium. Repaired A/C units at Library, Senior Citizens, CPAC, Country Club and Pro Shop. Repaired Christmas lights at City Hall.
- **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.**