

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

December 15, 2017

Dates to Remember

December 18, 2017 – City Commission Meeting

December 20, 2017 – Special Magistrate Hearing

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

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- Wendy's and Burger King are both in the process of obtaining permits for exterior and interior remodels. They will be updating the look of their current restaurant.
- Taqueria Jalapenos 2 Inc is hoping to open in the next week. This restaurant is located at 728 E Sugarland Hwy, in the previous Dixie Fried Chicken building.
- The future Hampton Inn which will be located at 305 W Sugarland Highway has broken ground and is working on its foundation permit.



Library Director Hayes reports:

- The Library is working on organizing the Christmas Family Night program which will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 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.

- The Library is organizing the needs for our upcoming **Teen Room**. This room will provide a space for our Teen patrons to work on their STEM capabilities as well as have fun within the Library. We have already purchased Lego sets for this age group, but as you know these can be quite expensive. This will allow the teens to build upon their engineering skills and tap back into the STEM programs being taught within our schools. We would also like to include a gaming system that allows for physical activities. Such systems would be an Xbox with Kinect. This would allow the teens to become active in their own space all the while engaging in physical fitness. If there is anyone who can donate to this cause, the library staff and community would like to say “Thank you” in advance.
- Please stop by the Library and add to our suggestion box. This box is located in the foyer. We have already received several great suggestions and we always welcome more. We are here to serve the community and that’s what we plan to do. All suggestions are read and taken into account.
- 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.
- **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.
- Memberships for three months, six months and annual are available.
- Golf carts are now due in at 5:30pm.
- Please make tee times. Play is starting to pick up. 863-983-1448.
- Congratulations!! The World Team won the 2017 Sugar Cup Gators vs World Golf Tournament 22 ½ to 8 ½ for the fifth consecutive year.

- The Clewiston Golf Course will be closed until 2:00pm Saturday, December 16, 2017 for outside play due to the 2017 United States Sugar Employee Tournament.
- Christmas gifts (Gift cards, golf lessons, grips, golf balls, clubs, golf bags and clothing) are available in the golf shop for the golfers in your family.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - 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 is getting ready for Baseball & Softball season. They have been edging around and lining the bases and getting rid of the overgrown grass on the fields.
- Ballfields crew has started working to repair and install the foul poles that Hurricane Irma damaged.
- Turf Consultant will be spraying for invasive weeds and fertilizing on ALL game fields at Sugarland Sports Complex this week.
- Ballfields crew cleaned & organized the shop this week.
- Park attendant sprayed round-up and put down ant bait at all City parks.
- Park attendant has been doing maintenance at the parks as he does his walk through in his morning routine.
- Active Citizens for Children's Winter Wonderland will be held this Saturday, December 16th from 5pm – 9pm at the Sugar Festival Field. Come out and enjoy some of the cool weather, hot chocolate, & SNOW!!!
- 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:** Summary of 2017 treatment operation: 41,184 acres were covered in twelve fixed wing aircraft missions. 1,060 miles were sprayed in thirteen night ground missions. Staff is monitoring mosquito activity and is ready to order a mission when needed.
- **Street Division:** (1) The new Golf Course sign that was blown away during IRMA was installed this week. (2) Staff went around town removing "hangers" from City trees. There was a FEMA truck working this week also removing hangers hanging over the right-of-way only. (3) More trees had to be straightened and staked this week after the heavy winds and rain over the weekend. (4) Two very large trees that blew over into the City right-of-way during IRMA were cut up and disposed of. (5) Inlets were cleared and cleaned out of the San Jose / Sagamore intersection.
- **Paving Project:** (1) The contractor building the parking lot behind the new Captivating Dental Care Building has been given the "go ahead" to overlay a portion of the alley from Bond Street to an area behind the Badcock store. (2) The Commission will be given a recommendation for a paving contractor for this year's paving project. The project is to be completed in 30 days after mobilization.

- **Solid Waste Truck Bid:** Bids for a new side loading solid waste truck will be opened today, December 15, 2017 at 2:00p at City Hall.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) Several electric issues were addressed at the Golf Course. Rain seems to have made its way into some electrical boxes. (2) Walls were patched and painted in the auditorium where the new audio system was installed. Door hinge screws were replaced on doors with loose hinges.
- **Christmas Holiday Solid Waste Collection:** (1) There will be no solid waste collection on Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day. Monday's routes will be run on Tuesday, December 26th. 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:

- **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.