

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

February 23, 2018

Dates to Remember

March 1, 2018 – Clewiston Library Advisory Board Meeting

March 5, 2018 - Clewiston City Commission Meeting

March 12, 2018 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

March 15, 2018 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

March 21, 2018 – Special Magistrate Hearing

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- The Building Department has received plans for an addition and remodel of Everglades Federal Credit Union located at 1099 W Ventura Ave.
- A permit has been issued for a remodel of Burger King to start later in the month of March.
- Seacoast Bank has been issued a permit for the new location inside of Sugarland Plaza located at 820 Sugarland Hwy next to Beef ‘O’ Brady’s.

Code Enforcement Officer Debbie McNeil reports:

- The City of Clewiston is offering the Code Enforcement Amnesty Program as an incentive to property owners who may have outstanding Code Enforcement violations to bring their property into compliance with City codes and obtain quick reduction of the outstanding liens. The Program is being administered by the City’s Community Improvement Division. Hours of availability are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, excluding weekends and legal holidays. You can schedule an appointment to discuss specific information or amounts owed by contacting the Community Improvement Division at 141 Central Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440 or 863-983-1454. For more information, please visit http://www.clewiston-fl.gov/egov/documents/1515079385_31793.pdf.

Library Director Hayes reports:

- The City is currently seeking board members for the Clewiston Library Advisory Board and the Hendry County Library Cooperative Advisory Board. If you are interested in serving the community in either capacity, please pick up an application at the Library or City Hall.
- The Library held its 4th annual African American Students of Excellence Awards yesterday, February 22, 2018. This was a huge success as we had over 100 people in attendance. This program honored 23 students, 3 from Clewiston High School, 2 from Clewiston Middle School, 2 from Eastside Elementary, 11 from Central Elementary and 5 from Westside Elementary. The program consisted of various performers, speakers,

slideshow of honorees, and a small dinner. As Library Director, I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to La Frontera and Dominos Pizza as they helped provide the meal for the evening. I would also like to thank Beverly at Lyons Printing for the elegant trophies. Also a huge thank you is necessary for the Friends of the Library for their support with decorations and food as well as their attendance/assistance last night.



- The library is also providing free Income Tax Preparation daily for those individuals who earn less than \$64,000 per year. Please call the library and schedule your appointment.
- The library's Lego Club continues to grow each week. The children are having fun as they create various masterpieces and participate in friendly, timed competitions each week. We would like to thank those who have donated Legos to the library already, but we are still accepting donations as we wish to see this program continue to grow. Please feel free to drop them off to the circulation desk. These do not have to be complete sets. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated.



- Thank you to all those who have participated in our suggestion drop box. The suggested materials are being ordered and will be in soon. Keep an eye out for them as we will create a display with those handpicked titles. Please come in and grab those that you suggested as well as many more.
- 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:

- Friendly reminder - Please let faster players play through.
- No single golf carts unless your group is a threesome or a fivesome. If you would like to take a cart alone, there is an additional fee. See the golf shop staff.

- Golf carts are now due in at 5:30pm.
- Please make tee times. Play is starting to pick up. 863-983-1448.
- January 2018 Thru June 2018 Tournament Schedule, Ladies Golf Clinics and Junior Golf Clinics have been posted on Clewiston Golf Course Facebook. This information can also be picked up in a booklet form in the golf shop.
- Congratulations!! Clewiston Ladies Golf Association. Eighty-Four ladies competed Tuesday February 20, 2018 in the annual tournament. The theme was Holy Cow!! and it was and the best one yet. Five different clubs were represented from South Florida in the event. The Clewiston Ladies represented well in the one best ball gross and net. Results are posted on Clewiston Golf Course Facebook.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - February 24, 2018 CLGA Rally for the Cure Mixed Golf Scramble (Course Closed Until 2:00pm)
 - March 3, 2018 Ladies Golf Clinic (Sand Shots) 4pm-5pm
 - March 4, 2018 Couples Championship (11:00am Start 18 Holes)
 - March 6, 2018 Men's Senior Stableford Championship
 - March 10, 2018 Junior Golf Clinic 4pm-5pm (Short Game and Rules)
 - March 16, 2018 Night Golf Glow Ball Tournament
- **For more information, please call the golf shop at 863-983-1448.**

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- **Mosquito Control:** Got my first mosquito attack this week. Staff trapped and the counts are as follows: Okeechobee Blvd. 50; Harlem 59; and Sports Complex 40. The counts too low to trigger a mission.
- **Street Division:** (1) Broken wheel stops were replaced at different locations. (2) Civic/Memorial Park was mulched to get ready for coming events. (3) All open green spaces have been mowed and were quickly covered by children of every age playing ball. (4) The "Pot Hole Patrol" was out this week and ran a couple of days. (5) A new flag pole was installed in the Festival Grounds in front of the stage area. The old one was taken to the Senior Citizen Facility. (6) The Pickle Ball courts got a fresh coat of paint. (7) The Festival grounds and Sikes Park were treated for ants.
- **Sports Complex:** (1) All but the Concession Stand in the small quad has been painted. (2) The "Big Quad" has been painted completely. (3) We have a good quote for the public safety netting in the small quad. Hope to be moving forward on this quickly. (4) A request for quote was sent to three fence contractors in the area. Two quotes came back. We hope to issue a notice to proceed soon. (5) Davco was here this week to adjust the lights at all ball parks. (6) The benches for the score keepers have been replaced. (7) Several quotes for the repair/replacement of the score keeper booth and dugout came in. Cost was high and staff is looking at going a different route.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) A new water valve was replaced in the water plant. (2) Plantation shutters in the lobby of the John Boy Auditorium were inspected and one location was repaired. (3) The auditorium floors are scheduled to be buffed next week.
- **Reminder from Public Works:** All garbage from the inside of your home is to be placed in a plastic bag and closed tightly before placing it in the cart offered by the street for service. NEVER place plastic bags from a store in the recycle materials. These bags get wrapped up and wound around moving parts of machines and cause expensive down time and repair cost.

Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:

- The following is a brief synopsis of activity over the course of the past week.
 - 4 Arrests
 - Officers responded to and worked 7 traffic crashes, one resulting in an arrest for DUI.
 - 234 Calls for service
 - Officers conducted 41 traffic stops
 - Average response time to calls for service, 00:02:11

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Electric Activities
 - Repaired street lights in town and in Harlem
 - Cut trees away from power lines in town and Harlem
 - Installed new primary cable across Corona Street
 - Straightened 1 pole in Fairgrounds Trailer Park and 1 on Francisco Street
 - Replaced service drop on Mississippi and repaired one underground service on West Avenida Del Rio
 - Ran new underground primary at High School
 - Mike Cox attended substation class in Orlando Tuesday & Wednesday
 - Checked 2 instances of power outages
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Repaired 2 water breaks
 - New main lift station was put online Monday; made repairs at El Paso lift station
 - Set 3 water meters on US 27 for beautification project
 - Changed 1 water meter
 - Did rereads for billing
 - Repaired 3 sewer taps on West Pasadena broken by contractor rerouting sewer line
 - Investigated 3 instances of low water pressure and 2 sewer backups
- Office Activities
 - 9 new service connections and 9 disconnects for final service
 - 32 disconnects for non-pay and 24 accounts reconnected
 - 37 work orders sent out to re-read meters
 - Changed 3 electric meters
- **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.