

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

April 6, 2018

**Notice of South Florida Water Management District
Year Round Watering Rules for Hendry County**

- Residents and businesses with an **odd-numbered** street address may water lawns and landscapes before 10:00 am and after 4:00 pm on **Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Saturdays**.
- Residents and businesses with an **even-numbered** street address, no street address or those that irrigate both even and odd addresses within the same zones, which may include multi-family units and homeowners associations, may water lawns and landscapes before 10:00 am and after 4:00 pm on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and/or Sundays**.

Dates to Remember

April 9, 2018 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

April 16, 2018 – City Commission Meeting

April 19, 2018 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- A Planning and Zoning Board Meeting will be held on April 9, 2018 regarding 1) Aztec Commons at 710 S W C Owens is requesting to be re-zoned from RM-1 to R3; and 2) MSW Holdings at 700 W Sugarland Hwy is requesting to vacate 2 easements located in the center of the property for future Auto Zone.
- A Technical Review Committee Meeting was held on April 5, 2018 for the following future projects: 1) Alan Jay Remodel at 202 W Sugarland Hwy; 2) Auto Zone at 700 W Sugarland Hwy; 3) Everglades Credit Union at 1099 W Ventura; 4) Aztec Commons Townhomes at 710 S W C Owen; 5) Hendry Regional Parking Lot at 0 W Sagamore; and 6) Sweet Lake Villas at Sweet Lake Circle for 20 Townhomes.

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 Hendry County Library Cooperative Advisory Board still has a vacancy and we would like to invite members of our community to submit an application. If you are interested in serving, please pick up an application at the Library or City Hall.
- The Library is providing free Income Tax Preparation daily for those individuals who earn less than \$66,000 per year. Please call the Library and schedule your appointment.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Holocaust Survivors Program - April 12th at 6 p.m. Bring the family to hear firsthand accounts from a Holocaust survivor. Refreshments will be provided. No registration is needed. Provided by the Holocaust Museum of SouthWest Florida.
 - It's Story Time at the Library – April 11th, and 12th at 9:30 a.m. Join us for a fun time to meet other parents and kids for interactive reading, rhymes, music and arts and crafts. No registration required.
 - LEGO Club – April 12th, 19th and 26th at 4:00 p.m. Free for all...Come have fun as you design your own pieces of art. No registration required.
 - Coffee & Coloring for Adults – April 10th and April 24th from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Supplies will be provided...Come relax as we color our stress away while listening to calming music and enjoying coffee and donuts!
- 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 7:15pm. The Golf Shop is open until 5:45pm.
- Please make tee times – 863-983-1448.
- Summer rates will go into effect on May 1, 2018.
- Summer membership will be available May 1, 2018. Contact the golf shop for information.
- Saturday, March 31, 2018, sixty-four players competed and raised money for the Presbyterian Nicaragua Medical Mission. The winners of the golf tournament were Mateo Jiminez, Roger Stone, Nathan Gee and Kevin Osceola.
- The Moore Haven Terrier Boosters will host their annual golf event on April 14, 2018. The Golf Course will be closed for regular play that day until 1:30pm.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - April 6, 2018 Horse Race Golf Tournament
 - April 14, 2018 Moore Haven Terrier Booster Golf Tournament
 - April 20, 2018 CLGA Glow Ball Night Golf Tournament
 - April 28, 2018 U.S. Sugar Nelson Fairbanks Golf Tournament
- **For more information, please call the Golf Shop at 863-983-1448.**

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- **Mosquito Control:** It was too windy for mosquito traps to work this week.

- **Street Division:** (1) Rotten boards on the east floating dock in the boat basin were replaced. (2) We are working on the Bond Street landscape again. (3) A request for the water crew to provide water at a select location has been made. When this has been completed, we will begin planting oak trees. (4) 20 catch basins were inspected and cleaned out if needed.
- **Sports Complex:** Utility and Street crews came together for two days this week to install the public safety net at the small quad.
- **Facility Maintenance:** A broken water line at the pavilion bathroom facility had to be repaired. It had been broken off in the wall.
- **Reminder from Public Works:** Ball season is in full swing. The Sports Complex is active with children and spectators as well. Vehicles are not allowed in the park. All spectators and coaches are to park in areas designated for parking. The City staff has been and will continue to work very hard to make this facility the best it can be. We ask that you refrain from driving or parking in the park.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Electric Activities
 - Repaired street lights in town and in Harlem. Installed security light on Harlem Academy.
 - Cut trees away from power lines in town and Harlem
 - Did locates for contractors
 - Repaired 5 underground services in Harlem Gardens and replaced 1 transformer hit by a car; repaired underground service at 1110 W Ventura
 - Repaired a pipe, electrical wire and 2 traffic light loops on US 27 hit by contractors in three different locations
 - Straightened pole behind 413 E Sugarland Hwy
 - Assisted Recreation Department hanging netting at baseball field
 - Repaired lights at CHS football field
 - Disconnect service line at 715 S Corona
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Repaired 4 water breaks
 - Changed 3 water meters
 - Did rereads for billing
 - Made repairs at lift stations on Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kentucky and San Jose
 - Did locates for contractors
- Office Activities
 - 12 new service connections and 10 disconnects for final service
 - 37 disconnects for non-pay and 35 accounts reconnected
 - 8 work orders sent out to re-read meters
 - Completed installation of new meter reading equipment, software and training
 - Mailed out letter for Code Enforcement concerning hurricane shutter removal
 - Made repairs to 2 A/C units and one ice machine
- **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.