

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

April 27, 2018

Senator Kathleen Passidomo and Representative Byron Donalds will be hosting an informative Legislative Town Hall for the community on May 10, 2018 at 5:30 pm at Clewiston City Hall. The Legislators will be answering questions and updating community members about the 2018 Legislative Session. This event is free and open to all who wish to attend.

Dates to Remember

May 3, 2018 – Clewiston Library Advisory Board Meeting

May 7, 2018 – City Commission Meeting

May 10, 2018 – Legislative Town Hall

May 17, 2018 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

May 21, 2018 – City Commission Meeting

May 30, 2018 – Board of Building Commissioners Meeting

Staff Reports

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:

- 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.
- The Course will be closed for regular play until 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 28, 2018.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - 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:** Trap counts this week: Harlem 25; Saginaw 50; and Golf Course 25. These numbers mostly reflect windy conditions affecting trap success. If you are having mosquito problems, please call 983-1471 and talk to Jay. Give us your address and time of day you experience the most activity.
- **Street Division:** (1) Staff trimmed the Oak trees at the boat basin and picnic area lake side. (2) Three dead Royal Palms were removed. (3) Parking areas and road shoulders in the picnic areas by the lake were repaired. (4) Three stumps in the Trinidad Park were removed and holes in the parking area filled in.
- **Sports Complex:** (1) Two more contractors visited and will be submitting a quote to repair and/or replace structures in the small quad. (2) During the inspection of the Sweetest Town Playground, we discovered a broken “bounce toy” and some maintenance parts on the big play structure were needed. These parts were ordered and installed.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) A cold water fountain in the Library was replaced. (2) Old lights that did not provide adequate light in the Library were replaced with LED fixtures. (3) An emergency eye wash was ordered and scheduled to be replaced at the RO Water Plant. (4) The filter room at the pool was painted. (5) The front and back around the Utility Building and City Hall were power washed. (6) Some rusted areas on concession stands roofs were treated with a sealer/patch to hopefully buy more time.
- **Reminder from Public Works:** As we continue to look at ways to prepare for the summer rains and hurricane season, remember this: **Placing any kind of debris on a canal bank is prohibited.** Debris blown into the water will make its way to a pump station and plug intake openings, which will slow or even stop the pump’s ability to pull potential flood water out of our community.

Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:

- The following is a brief synopsis of activity over the course of the past week:
 - 9 Arrests
 - Officers responded to and worked 4 traffic crashes
 - Officers responded to 249 Calls for service
 - Officers conducted 57 traffic stops.
 - Average response time to calls for service, 00:02:27

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Electric Activities
 - Repaired street lights in town and in Harlem.
 - Cut trees away from power lines in town and Harlem
 - Did locates for contractors
 - Repaired 2 underground services in Harlem Gardens and 1 in Everglades Trailer Park
 - Disconnected service for repairs on W Ventura and reconnected 2 services
 - Investigated 3 voltage problems
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Repaired 2 water breaks
 - Repaired 3 water valves
 - Investigated 1 sewer back up problem and 2 water pressure problems
 - Did rereads for billing
 - Made repairs at lift station at Royal Palm and Pinewood
 - Began dismantling old main lift station at Public Works
 - Did locates for contractors
- Office Activities
 - 12 new service connections and 7 disconnects for final service
 - 24 disconnects for non-pay and 21 accounts reconnected
 - 68 work orders sent out to re-read meters
 - Changed 3 electric meters
 - Investigated 1 case of tampering; no tampering was found
 - Made repairs to 3 a/c units
 - Medically Essential Electric and Water Quality report notices are being mailed this month
- **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.