

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

May 4, 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 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 Natasha 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:

- Golf carts are now due in at 7:15pm. The Golf Shop is open until 5:45pm.

- Summer rates are now in effect. If you pay for 18 holes, you can play as many holes as want in the same day.
- Summer memberships are now available. Contact the Golf Shop for information.
- The Course will be closed for regular play until 2:00pm on Saturday, May 5, 2018 and Saturday, May 12, 2018.
- Congratulations to Branden Pena, Erik Knudsen and Jeff Smith, winners of the 2018 J. Nelson Fairbanks U.S. Sugar Golf Tournament. 108 players competed. Thank you to U.S. Sugar, City of Clewiston, volunteers and participants.
- Junior Golf Camps for ages 6-11 are scheduled for June 11-15, 2018 and July 23-27, 2018. For more information or sign-ups, please call the Golf Shop at 863-983-1448.
- Clewiston Golf Course was chosen as the featured golf course for the month of May 2018 on the Florida Historic Golf Trail. Click the following link to read the full article: <http://dos.myflorida.com/communications/press-releases/2018/clewiston-golf-course-featured-as-florida-historic-golf-trail-course-of-the-month/>
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - May 5, 2018 Lakeport Garden Club Tournament
 - May 12, 2018 Clewiston Tiger Boosters Tournament
- **For more information, please call the Golf Shop at 863-983-1448.**

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- **Mosquito Control:** No trap counts this week.
- **Street Division:** (1) The Oak trees in Sikes Park were trimmed. (2) The pothole patrol was out. (3) More landscape work was performed on Bond Street. (4) Forty yards of red mulch was delivered and spread to select parks. (5) The last six Oaks donated by US Sugar were planted. Two in Osceola Park and four in Trinidad Park. (6) Shoulder repair on Olympia and Alverde.
- **Sports Complex:** (1) Staff is continuing to prep fields for play for a couple more weeks. Then there will be a weekend tournament with all the teams bringing the season to an end. (2) There was some vandalism to signage and Oak tree supports that had to be addressed on Friday morning.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) A leak in the Library roof was addressed. This is one of those repairs you can't tell if you fixed it till the next rain. (2) Staff started painting the back room in the Youth Center. (3) Park inspections will be performed in the playgrounds. A list of needed repairs will be made and scheduled.
- **Reminder from Public Works:** First of the month - time to wash your tipper cart. Hose it out, add a splash of bleach or Pine Sol and slosh it around. Hose it out again and let it dry in the sun. When summer heat gets here, you will be glad you did. Time to clean your gutters too. This controls erosion around the foundation of your home and eliminates small pools of standing water known to produce mosquitoes.

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.