

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
May 11, 2018



The City Commission recognized the Hendry County Academic Team and Clewiston Police Officers at the May 7, 2018 Commission Meeting. The Hendry County Academic Team was recognized for winning first place in Division III of the Statewide Commissioner’s Academic Challenge and the Clewiston Police Officers were recognized in honor of National Police Week.

Dates to Remember

- May 16, 2018 – Special Magistrate Hearing
- May 21, 2018 – City Commission Meeting
- May 30, 2018 – Board of Building Commissioners Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- Seacoast Bank has been issued their certificate of occupancy after a complete interior remodel at 820 West Sugarland Hwy Ste. 108.
- Captivating Dental located at 100 E Sugarland Hwy has received their permanent certificate of occupancy after the completion of their landscape, interior and exterior remodel.

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:

- The City is currently seeking a board member for the Hendry County Library Cooperative Advisory Board. If you are interested in serving the community in this capacity, please pick up an application at the Library or City Hall.
- Ross Dynasty held a free APD Services, Medicaid Waiver & Social Security Workshop on Thursday May 10, 2018 at 6:00p.m.
- Meet Author Cynthia Morrison. She will present her Gothic Literature on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 6:00p.m.
- The Library's Lego Club continues to grow each week. We had a total of 13 participants. The Lego Club meets each Thursday from 4-5pm. The children are having fun as they create various masterpieces and participate in friendly, timed competitions each week. 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.
- 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:

- 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 due in now at 7:15pm. The Golf Shop is open until 5:45pm.
- Summer rates are now in effect.
- Summer Memberships are now available. Contact golf shop for info. 863-983-1448
- Eighty players participated in the Lakeport Garden Club Tournament on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Congratulations to Bill Belongy, Glen Baxter, Sam Todd and Jerry Curtiss. They scored sixty-five seven under.
- The golf course will be closed for regular play on Saturday May 12, 2018 until 2:00pm.
- Maintenance will be aerifying the greens the week of May 21, 2018.
- Junior Golf Camp registration is now open for the Summer. For more information contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448. Camp #1 June 11-15, 2018. Camp #2 July 23-27, 2018.
- **Upcoming Events:**

- May 12, 2018 Clewiston Tiger Booster Spring Fling
- June 9, 2018 Clewiston Elks Lodge Tournament
- **For more information, please call the Golf Shop at 863-983-1448.**

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- **Mosquito Control:** Trap stations are being serviced and needed repairs are being done as we get ready for the season. Trap counts for this week are: Okeechobee Blvd 0, Saginaw 5, Golf Course: 250, and Harlem 0. We will spray the Golf Course Thursday and Friday evening.
- **Street Division:** (1) Correction - the sixty yards of red mulch that was to be delivered and spread to select parks was postponed until Monday. (2) Trees in Trinidad Park were trimmed. (3) We worked with the water crew supplying irrigation to the new oaks in Trinidad Park. (4) We performed storm drain maintenance; 12 inlets were cleaned out and inspected. (5) All green spaces were mowed.
- **Solid Waste Division:** Our roll-off operation has been very busy with 16 of 20 bins in service.
- **Sports Complex:** (1) Staff had only two fields to prep this week as the season is coming to an end. Saturday will be the closing event.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) Manny has been very busy working with roofing contractors as we are trying to get the Country Club, Pro Shop and Youth Center roofs fixed as soon as possible. (2) Missing shingles on the sign at the Golf Course were replaced. (3) The Youth Center got new carpet on the lower area between the game room and office area.
- **Reminder from Public Works:** Tree trimming contractors are required to haul the debris they produce. Construction and remodel contractors are required to haul their debris. Your \$19.95 monthly solid waste collection fee only covers two garbage pick-ups per week and a normal/customary size (4' X 8') pile of horticulture. **Branches must be cut to no longer than six (6) feet in length. The Transfer Station will no longer take loads that do not comply with this policy.**

Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:

- The following is a brief synopsis of activity over the course of the past week:
 - 5 Arrests
 - Officers responded to and worked 5 traffic crashes
 - Officers responded to 280 Calls for service
 - Officers conducted 70 traffic stops.
 - Average response time to calls for service, 00:02:37, Avg. response time to priority one calls 00:00:46

Utilities Director Danny 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
 - Cut one service on Trinidad and one on East Sugarland Highway and one in Harlem
 - Reconnected one service at the weather head
 - Ran 2 new underground services and set meters in Orchard Park

- Replaced underground services in Fairgrounds Trailer Park
- Investigated 2 voltage problems
- Hung banner and checked all electrical outlets in preparation for Brown Sugar Festival to be held May 5th
- Changed meter can lugs at tennis courts
- Set pole and raised service drop at Badcock Furniture
- Installed a new rope and flag on the Fire Station flag pole
- Added 6 new LED lights at City Compound
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Investigated 1 water leak; problem on customer side
 - Repaired 1 water valve and 3 water breaks
 - Investigated 2 sewer back up problems and 4 water pressure problems
 - Did rereads for billing
 - Made repairs at lift station at Wal-Mart
 - Finished dismantling old main lift station at Public Works
 - Repaired pump at wash bay at Public Works
 - Flushed hydrants
 - Assisted South Shore Water with water break
 - Made water tap at Saginaw Park to water newly planted oak trees
 - Did locates for contractors
- Office Activities
 - 27 new service connections and 22 disconnects for final service
 - 53 disconnects for non-pay and 47 accounts reconnected
 - 49 work orders sent out to re-read meters
 - Changed 4 electric meters; resealed 3 electric meters in Orchard Park
 - Made repairs to 2 ice machines
 - Medically Essential Electric notice and Water Quality report notice 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.