

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
June 1, 2018

Dates to Remember

June 4, 2018 – City Commission Meeting and Budget Workshop
June 7, 2018 – Clewiston Library Advisory Board Meeting
June 11, 2018 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting
June 18, 2018 – Budget Workshop
June 18, 2018 – CANCELLED - City Commission Meeting
June 21, 2018 – Golf Course Advisory Board 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:

- We are gearing up for our summer program, *Library Rocks*. Please keep an eye out for our calendar, check Facebook, or call/stop in the library at any time to gather additional information. The theme this year will focus on Geology/Archaeology. Our first session will be on June 12th at 10 a.m.
- 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.
- Effective June 4, 2018, the Golf Course will be closed on Mondays for the Summer.

- Summer Memberships are now available. Contact golf shop for info. 863-983-1448
- Summer Rates for nonmembers are currently \$31.00 each plus tax (unlimited holes).
- Maintenance will be aerifying the greens the week of June 4, 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:**
 - July 21, 2018 Alzheimer's Fundraising Golf Tournament
 - September 8, 2018 U.S. Sugar Employee Tournament
- **For more information, please call the Golf Shop at 863-983-1448.**

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- **Mosquito Control:** Trap counts: Okeechobee Blvd. 1,000; Saginaw 75; Golf Course 150. I have ordered a ground spray for this week. Folks, we still have not seen the big brood come off yet.
- **Street Division:** (1) Staff is still mowing green spaces and spraying around obstacles in those spaces. (2) A dead Royal Palm in front of the John Boy Auditorium was replaced. (3) Another section on Bond Street was planted out and another was sprayed. (4) Staff is replacing street signs. School is out; the annual attack on signage has begun. (5) Litter control is in high gear with an average of 25 to 30 pounds collected daily.
- **Sports Complex:** (1) With all the rain, staff is hustling to keep the grass mowed. (2) The list of signs needed has been turned in for production. (3) Scoreboard posts were painted.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) Six lighted EXIT signs were replaced at the pool facility; one over the front door and over both exit doors in each locker room. (2) Two fans were replaced at the pool facility; one in the office and one over the front door. (3) Eight signs were replaced throughout the pool facility. (4) A door closer was replaced in the men's locker room at the pool facility.
- **Parks & Playgrounds:** Two loads of red mulch were delivered to the "Tot Lot" in the Sports Complex. The mulch was spread by staff.
- **Reminder from Public Works:** Without being said, daily rains have now saturated the ground and standing water will be the norm for brief periods of time. You can help keep storm water moving by NOT placing yard debris on or near an inlet; by NOT placing debris on a canal bank and by NEVER driving in a park or green space. **Check and make sure your irrigation systems are turned off.**

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 3 locates for contractors
 - Replaced underground service repaired 4 others in Harlem Gardens, Fairgrounds, Everglades and Aztec
 - Investigated 4 voltage problems
 - 2 power outages caused by bad underground wires
 - Ran new service at Hare Lumber
 - Repaired banners at the Lake
 - Straightened wire on Corona feeder line

- Disconnected one service at the pole
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Repaired 3 water breaks throughout service area including one on a 6” line on West Avenida Del Rio
 - Increased rain has been causing the lift station pumps to trip around town
 - Assisted South Shore Water Association with water break
 - Investigated 3 sewer back up problems and 2 water pressure problems
 - Did rereads for billing
 - Did 3 locates for contractors
- Office Activities
 - 12 new service connections and 8 disconnects for final service
 - 41 disconnects for non-pay and 33 accounts reconnected
 - 79 work orders sent out to re-read meters
 - Changed 2 electric meters
 - Made repairs to leaky outside faucet at new PD building on South Berner Rd and repaired 2 a/c units
- **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.