

## *For Your Information*

### *Weekly*

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

August 17, 2018

#### **Dates to Remember**

August 20, 2018 – City Commission Meeting and Budget Workshop

August 29, 2018 – Board of Building Commissioners Meeting

September 3, 2018 – Labor Day Holiday (City Offices Closed)

September 6, 2018 – Clewiston Library Advisory Board Meeting

September 10, 2018 – City Commission Meeting and Tentative Budget Hearing

September 19, 2018 – Special Magistrate Hearing

September 24, 2018 – City Commission Meeting and Final Budget Hearing

#### **Staff Reports**

##### **Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:**

- The City is currently seeking a board member with a construction background for the Board of Building Commissioners. If you are interested in serving the community in this capacity, please click on the following link [Citizen Board Application](#) or visit City Hall for an application.

##### **Library Director Natasha Hayes reports:**

- **PAINTING CLASSES TOMORROW!!** Make sure to stop by and register for our Confident Creator Workshop. Children ages 8 and up will be from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and adults will run from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Space is limited so please call or stop in to sign up.
- YALSA Soccer Signups will be here at the library tomorrow beginning at 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Stop in and register your child.
- Hosted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Thursday as they provided an overview of the USAJOBS website. Kristina M. Coco, Gary R. Russ and John P. Dilla did an awesome job of providing insight into what jobs and services are offered. They worked diligently with the library to ensure this program reached the community members in order to ensure this wonderful opportunity was delivered.
- Intermediate Excel class was held on Monday. This was the first class of the 5 week series. Classes are held on Mondays from 5:30-6:30. Cost is \$20.00 per person.
- Library has added a large amount of new materials this week. Please keep your eyes out for the new items to hit the shelves in the coming days....
- We are gearing up for a busy school year. Keep an eye out for our September calendar!!!
- Remember you can get your e-books free at [www.hendrylibraries.org](http://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](http://www.hendrylibraries.org). Like us at [www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary).

#### **Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:**

- **Upcoming Events:**
  - September 8, 2018 - United States Sugar Corporation Employee Tournament
  - September 21, 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 counts: Golf Course 280, Harlem 400, Saginaw 250, and Okeechobee Blvd. 300. A ground treatment was performed on Tuesday evening. Tim the Mosquito Man did some larva surveillance and treated an area along Okeechobee Blvd.
- **Street Division:** (1) Signs around the schools were serviced and installed with new school times. All areas were swept and mowed. (2) Maintenance was pulled on the new Royal Palms on 27 - string trimming, spraying herbicide and mulch. (3) Four new Royal palms were planted at the John Boy Auditorium. (4) Debris in the curb cut inlets on W.C. Owen was washed out. (5) Pot holes were run.
- **Sports Complex:** (1) Scorekeeper booths, benches and tables were painted and stored. (2) Foul poles for the Girls' Softball Field were prepped and painted. (3) A badly disfigured tree was removed in the Big Quad. (4) The picnic domed pavilions were painted. Tables were cleaned and will be sanded to remove graffiti.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) Two storage facilities were power washed and painted. (2) Fixtures in the girl's bathroom in the Sports Complex had to be replaced because of vandalism. (3) Two bids were turned in and opened on Thursday for a new AC in the John Boy Auditorium. Glades Gas of Okeechobee was low bidder. After reviewing the bid document, a P.O. was let and notice to proceed was issued. (4) Beck Construction was issued a P.O. and notice to proceed for the repair of the Pro Shop fascia/soffit and new cart storage roof. (5) The leaking area of the Library has been repaired.
- **Parks & Playgrounds:** (1) Irrigation systems were checked and two repairs were made. (2) A new (industrial style) timer was installed at the Splash Pad. Systems will be checked to ensure the proper duration of each cycle is set. A new operating schedule will soon be posted.
- **Reminder from Public Works:** The hurricane season is upon us and people usually put tree trimming off until the last minute when they become afraid their tree could blow into their home. This creates a serious problem for City staff getting the community ready for a storm. Please look at your trees, call in a licensed & insured tree contractor to make your trees storm ready. Be sure the contractor knows and understands they are responsible for properly disposing of the debris they create.

#### **Utilities Director Danny Williams reports:**

- **Electric Activities**
  - Repaired street lights around town
  - Installed light on basketball court at Trinidad Park

- Ran new URD service - Lot 58 Aztec Trailer Park
- Reinstalled wires at Cane Field for field lights
- Replaced bells and arrester on transformer bank on Osceola
- Changed cutout on pole by USSC gas pumps
- Tightened lines going to Sewer Plant
- **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](http://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](http://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](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or [www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl](http://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.**