

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

October 25, 2018

The City of Clewiston is currently accepting nominations for the 2018 Outstanding Community Service Award. If you know of someone who you feel deserves this honor, please complete a nomination form and return it to City Hall. Nomination forms are available at City Hall and on the City's website and will be accepted until November 2, 2018.

Dates to Remember

November 1, 2018 – Clewiston Library Advisory Board Meeting

November 5, 2018 – City Commission Meeting

November 15, 2018 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

November 19, 2018 – City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Library Director Natasha Hayes reports:

- **FREE Homework Help and Tutoring Program** will be offered at your local Hendry County Library branches for children in grades 1st through 5th. Pre-registration for students is required and seating is limited. Please note each locations day(s) and time(s) in which the program will be held.
 - Clewiston Public Library on Mondays from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 - Florida B. Thomas Library on Mondays from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Residents can learn more about ***Career Online High School*** at Clewiston Public Library or by visiting the library's website www.hendrylibraries.org. Please share this information with those who need to have their diplomas. It will help with advancement in jobs and provide a gateway to higher education. For more information or questions, please contact **863-983-1493**.
- Check out our new books and movies available for you to review in our library.
- **ABCmouse** is still free at your library!
- Build something fun at Lego Club! Clewiston Public Library's Lego club is every Thursday at 3:30 p.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:

- The Sugarland Masonic Lodge had sixty-two players compete against each other on Saturday, October 20, 2018 to raise money for charity. Results can be found on Clewiston Golf Course Facebook.
- The Parent-Child Championship will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018. Sign-up is in the golf shop.
- Winter rates went into effect Monday, October 1, 2018. The Summer 18-hole play all day rate ended October 1, 2018.
- The greens were top-dressed and patched this week.
- Trees were trimmed around the clubhouse.
- **For more information, please call the Golf Shop at 863-983-1448.**

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- *New Youth Center visiting hours are Monday through Friday 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Calls are still being received and answered from 8:00am to 5:00pm. If you have any recreational needs or questions, please drop by City Hall from 8:00am to 2:00pm or by the Youth Center from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.*
- **Mosquito Control:** Mosquito activity appears to be slowing down. Winds prevented trapping, however Tim did landing “three minute” counts in “protected areas” and found the following results: East end of Esperanza 25; and East end of Del Monte 15. No spray missions have been scheduled at this time. Tim will continue to trap and respond as results dictate.
- **Street Division:** (1) Several days were devoted to preparing for and setting up this year’s Fall Festival. Tear down went much faster. (2) A paving contractor is repairing the “utility cuts” at locations in Clewiston and Harlem. (3) Handicap parking spot maintenance, including replacement of signs with new state standard and painting lines and symbols, is scheduled for next week. (4) Staff did a weed blitz on Bond Street. Weeds, another one of those “silent killers”. Turn you back for a second and they got you.
- **Sports Complex:** (1) Normal maintenance operations. Working to get the spray schedule in a “working” mode. (2) The scoreboard for the girls’ softball field has been ordered. The second one was lost to strong winds. The I-beam post arrived this week.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) A toilet in the women’s room at the Pool was rebuilt. (2) A hose bib is being installed at the Animal Control facility to aid in outside cleaning operations. (3) Power washing of the outside of the Animal Control facility is scheduled for Monday.
- **Parks & Playgrounds:** (1) We will continue working our way through picnic tables; a slow and ongoing project. (2) The Sweetest Town Playground is scheduled to be sprayed for ants this week.

Utilities Director Danny 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.