

***For Your Information***

***Weekly***

**FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF**

**November 2, 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. The deadline for nominations is today at 5:00 p.m.**

**Dates to Remember**

November 5, 2018 – City Commission Meeting  
November 12, 2018 – City Offices Closed – Veterans Day  
November 15, 2018 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting  
November 19, 2018 – City Commission Meeting  
November 22-23, 2018 – City Offices Closed – Thanksgiving  
November 28, 2018 – Special Magistrate Hearing

**Staff Reports**

**Library Director Natasha Hayes reports:**

- Family Movie Night was held on Monday. We showed Hotel Transylvania 3 and served popcorn. We had a large crowd who enjoyed this event. We received numerous compliments about the nice evening and most patrons wanted to know when we would hold it again. Due to its popularity, we have scheduled it again for November 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m.
- Library Advisory Board meeting was held yesterday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Great topics were discussed such as bringing new programs/presentations to the library, starting a book club, creating a monthly makerspace activity, as well as looking into the possibility of obtaining a lighted sign that we can place on the front lawn of the library. Having a sign outside will help inform the community of the programs and services we offer as well as the date and times of such. We will look into various options from an A-Frame to the best option which would be a permanent, lighted structure to gain the attention of all who pass by.
- Open Puzzle Fun...stop on in and try your hand at helping assemble the puzzle which is located on one of the tables within the library. This is open all day and to all ages. The first puzzle is almost completed, but don't worry as we will put a new one out.
- New Makerspace Projects...we have begun implementing a new idea for activities for all ages. This makerspace will provide monthly projects for our community to come and enjoy. This month there will be an opportunity to make your own fabric pumpkin. All

supplies are provided. Our goal is to let the community know that we are here as a quiet educational facility but also a relaxing fun environment to hang out in. All instructions for the monthly projects will be placed on a table on the main floor of the library and all community members are welcome to come enjoy the activity.



- Upcoming Book Club!!!! We would like to invite all community members to join our new book club. We will meet on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in order to gather ideas for starting up this wonderful group. If you would like to come and be an instrumental part of jump starting this book club, we would love to see you here. At this meeting, the dates for the club, book genres, book access, hot topics, and other pertinent information pertaining to beginning this book club will be discussed. Light refreshments will be served.
- Free Afterschool Tutoring has continued to grow in attendance this week. We had a total of 18 students participate. This tutoring service is provided to all students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It is held on Mondays from 4-6 p.m.

#### **Upcoming Library Events:**

- **Tutoring Program** - Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> (closed on the 12<sup>th</sup> due to Veterans Day and the 19<sup>th</sup> as school will be out) 4-6 p.m.
- **Public and Preschool Storytime** - November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> - 10-11 a.m.
- **Adult Coloring Club** - November 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – 10-11 a.m. - Come enjoy some quiet time and relax to peaceful music in the background, sip on coffee and juice as well as enjoy a muffin or danish while destressing with coloring!
- **Family Movie Night-Incredibles 2** – November 19<sup>th</sup> – 5-7 p.m. – Bring your favorite blanket and pillow while enjoying a fun movie night out with the family. Popcorn will be served.
- Library will be closed on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.
- 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:**

- The Clewiston Golf Course had its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Parent-Child Championship on Sunday, October 28, 2018. The gross division winners were Ray and Damien Rende with a score of 39. The net division winners were Skip and Martin Crawford with a score of 37.
- The Clewiston Rotary Club will have its annual golf tournament on Saturday, November 10, 2018. The golf course will be closed that day for regular play until 2:00pm.

- The Seminole Tribe of Florida will have a tournament for their tribe on Saturday, November 17, 2018. The golf course will be open for regular play all day.
- The His Vision Our Hands Golf Scramble will take place on Saturday, December 1, 2018. Sign-up is in the golf shop or call 863-983-1448.
- The Ryder Cup format Sugar Cup Gators vs World Tournament is scheduled for December 7-9, 2018. Sign-up is in the golf shop or call 863-983-1448.
- Winter rates are now in effect and tee times are suggested. Our winter residents are starting to show up.
- The golf shop is full of all the newest merchandise. Christmas is getting close, so come by and check it out.
- **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:** Trap counts for the week: Harlem 437 with very high landing rate; Golf Course 562; Saginaw 382; and Okeechobee Blvd. 691 with very high landing rate at that time. No new viruses reported. No complaints registered.
- **Street Division:** (1) All the Royal Palms on 27 were sprayed for weeds and mulched. Irrigation systems were checked and repaired where needed. (2) Planted areas on Bond Street were maintained by staff making a pass through pulling weeds. (3) I-Beams for the new score board were delivered to Field 6 and painted before installation. (4) Twenty loads of “millings” were picked up at the County facility in Hookers Point and delivered to the Sports Complex and Operations Yard. These millings will be used in accordance with the City ordinance and used in a fenced area, not open to the public and used to stage equipment and materials.
- **Sports Complex:** (1) All the soccer fields and Stall’s Field were fertilized and sprayed for ants and weed control. (2) The new score board for the girls softball, Field 6, has arrived and will be scheduled for installation.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) A community service person power washed the Animal Control building on Monday. (2) Boat dock maintenance was started this week. Projects included: Installing new boat bumpers on floating docks. New “CAUTION Slippery When Wet” decals were installed on each dock to warn boaters of a potential slip and fall hazard. An ADA required sidewalk was installed from the parking slots to the first dock. (3) Three more “Little People” picnic tables were pulled and delivered to the carpenter shop for maintenance. (4) Deteriorated aluminum rails, screens and destroyed doors were removed behind the Sikes Building. This opens up the porch so staff can clean and law enforcement can see the back of the building. Staff noticed the wind circulation/ breeze now passing through was wonderful.
- **Parks & Playgrounds:** (1) Sweetest Town Playground was sprayed for fire ants. (2) Play equipment was inspected and repaired where needed. (3) Landscape maintenance was pulled at the Sweetest Town Playground in preparation for the Police Department Trunk or Treat. Staff delivered barricades, trash cans and extension cords.

**Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:**

- The following is a brief synopsis of activity over the course of the past week.
  - 1 Arrest
  - Officers responded to and worked 5 traffic crashes
  - Officers responded to 295 Calls for service (Includes officer-initiated activity)
  - Average officer response time to calls for service, 00:01:46
- The police department would also like to thank everyone who either participated in or came out to enjoy this week's trunk or treat event. Thanks to all you this year's event was a huge success and we cannot wait to do it again next year.

Have a safe weekend!

**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](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.**