

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

December 21, 2018

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE CITY OF CLEWISTON,
AMERICA'S SWEETEST TOWN**

Solid waste collection will remain on the regular schedule through the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Dumpsters will be placed throughout the community for residents to dispose of their Christmas debris. Please note that no food, construction debris or yard waste should be placed in these dumpsters.

Dates to Remember

December 24-25, 2018 – City Offices Closed – Christmas Holiday
January 1, 2019 – City Offices Closed – New Year Holiday
January 4, 2019 – Clewiston Library Advisory Board Meeting
January 7, 2019 – City Commission Workshop and Meeting
January 23, 2019 – Special Magistrate Hearing
January 28, 2019 – City Commission Workshop

Staff Reports

Library Director Natasha Hayes reports:

- 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 Seminole Tribe of Florida hosted their second and final golf tournament of the year on December 19, 2018. Big Cypress, Brighton, and Hollywood Reservations competed in a 2-Person Format.
- The Clewiston Men's Club Championship is scheduled for December 29, 2018. Sign-up is in the golf shop or call 863-983-1448. The golf course will be open for regular play all day.
- The Ladies and Junior Golf Clinics will start at the beginning of January 2019. They are free of charge and you can call or pick-up a complete schedule in the golf shop.
- Booklets are now available in the golf shop of all our tournaments and clinics from January-May 2019.
- We are now open on Monday through the season. This started November 26, 2018.

- Golf carts are due in at 5:30pm.
- 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.
- Clewiston Golf Course hours for the holidays are as follows: Christmas Eve - Golf Shop: 7:30am to 3:00pm, golf carts are due in at 4:45pm and Christmas Day - the golf course is closed.
- Frances Geraldine Eaton has retired with 30 years of service at the golf course. We thank you and wish you the best in the future!!
- **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:** No control activity at this time.
- **Street Division:** (1) Staff removed and stored equipment used at the Winter Wonderland on Saturday night. (2) Broken wheel stops in the Sports Complex were replaced. (3) Streets were swept. (4) Two Royal Palms growing in the ditch on US27 in front of the idle School were relocated.
- **Sports Complex:** (1) The buildup along the transition from infield to outfield was removed and drainage restored. (2) City staff worked with school maintenance staff and put the Field One batting cage back together. (3) Three loads of clay were delivered to the complex as it is an annual operation. One was dumped on Field Nine to complete the restoration work. (4) Staff has started going through the complex looking for and making repairs to fences. (5) The second post for the Field 8 score board was set. We are scheduled to install the board on Thursday after Christmas. (6) The batting cage in the Sports Complex on Field One has been repaired. City supplied all of the material needed and worked along with school staff on the repair. I have reviewed the work and facility and feel it is in better shape than it has been in 10 years. This project is completed and to my understanding is now the responsibility of the School Athletic Director to keep in this condition.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) A new handicap toilet has been ordered to replace the one that was destroyed in the men's bathroom at the boat basin. It will be installed once it is received. (2) All of the leaks and the ceiling at the Youth Center have been repaired. We will monitor the area for any additional leaks. If all is well, painting will be scheduled.
- **Parks & Playgrounds:** (1) Cool weather has reduced activity on the splash pad. We have closed it for a period to inspect and paint any rusted areas caused by constant water exposure.
- **NOTE from Public Works:** The Christmas dumpsters have been placed and residents are reminded to place Christmas boxes and paper of any kind in them. No food stuffs, metal or construction debris. Thank You and Merry Christmas.

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.