

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
January 11, 2019



Congratulations to the City of Clewiston's 2018 Director and Employees of the Year! Director of the Year Sean Scheffler and Employees of the Year Bill Engel, Daniel Whitehead, Diana Porter and Miguel Carmona were recognized at the January 7, 2019 Commission Meeting.

Dates to Remember

January 14, 2019 – Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
January 17, 2019 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting
January 21, 2019 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – City Offices Closed
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 first Ladies Golf Clinic was Friday, January 4, 2019. The clinic was a Wine and Putt Clinic. Seven ladies participated. The next ladies clinic is February 1, 2019 and it's a Chip and Sip Clinic. The clinic starts at 4:00pm and is free of charge.
- January 11, 2019 is our first Glow-Ball Tournament. Sign-up is in the golf shop or call 863-983-1448.
- The first Junior Golf Clinic is scheduled for January 12, 2019. The clinic will be from 11:00am to 12:00pm and is free of charge.
- Ladies Club Championship starts Tuesday, January 15, 2019.
- The Deputy Brian Haas Memorial Tournament is scheduled to be held on Saturday, January 19, 2019. For more information call the golf shop at 863-983-1448. The golf course will be closed that day for regular play until 2:00pm.
- 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. Our Ladies clothes are in now.
- **Golf Tip of the Week:** Staying centered when hitting a golf shot is very important to making a solid strike when hitting the golf ball. Try practicing with your feet together/touching. It will help you hit the golf ball more solid.
- **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) The ADA ramp behind City Hall has been repaired and truncated dome mats have been ordered. (2) Bubblers for the two newly planted Royal Palms on Olympia were installed. (3) The Leader Board at the Golf Course was relocated. (4) A review of the Boat Basin has been done and a punch list prepared to get the area ready for up-coming fishing tournaments.
- **Sports Complex:** (1) The High School girls' score board installation has been completed and tested. All is ready to go. (2) Two pallets of fertilizer came in and will be scheduled for application. (3) Staff is busy getting Field One ready for the start of the High School boys' baseball season. (4) A new concrete pad was poured and the pad mount transformer replaced in the Big Quad. A fence is scheduled to be installed around it for public safety.
- **Facility Maintenance:** **NOTICE - The John Boy Auditorium will be closed February 25 through 28 for maintenance.** (1) Walls around window A/C units improperly installed in the Cougar Building in the Sports Complex have been repaired. (2) All handicap parking signs have been replaced. We will be making another pass painting lines and wheel stops. (3) All of our fabric banners are being washed and the print

repainted; man they look good. New racks will make it much easier to keep up with them and put them out by season.

- **Parks & Playgrounds:** (1) The Splash Pad and Pool decks have been power washed. The poles in the Splash Pad, where they stand in water, have been painted. We will be patching cracks and holes in the water area and painting with epoxy paint.
- **NOTE from Public Works:** There will be no solid waste pick up on January 21, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr Day. Monday's collections will be done on Tuesday, January 22.

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.