

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

April 18, 2019

Dates to Remember

April 19, 2019 – Good Friday – City Offices Closed

May 6, 2019 – City Commission Workshop and Meeting

May 7, 2019 – Hendry County Board of County Commissioners Lake O Joint Meeting

May 14, 2019 – Special Magistrate Hearing

May 16, 2019 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

May 20, 2019 – City Commission Workshop and Meeting

Staff Reports

Code Enforcement Officer Debbie McNeil reports:

- Code Cases Opened: 23
- Case Re-inspections: 22
- Notice of Violations: 3
- Notice of Hearings: 0
- Code Cases Resolved: 22
- Code lien search requests completed: 1
- Rental Inspections Completed: 8
- Next Scheduled Magistrate Hearing: May 14, 2019

**IS YOUR SWIMMING POOL IN COMPLIANCE WITH CITY OF CLEWISTON
ORDINANCE?**

City of Clewiston Ordinance

Sec. 110-2. - Definitions and construction.

Swimming pool means a portable pool or permanent structure that contains a body of water 18 inches or more in depth of 250 square feet or more of water surface area and intended for recreational purposes, including a wading pool. The term "swimming pool" excludes an ornamental reflecting pool, fish pond, or other type of pool, regardless of size, unless located and designed so as to create a hazard or be used for swimming or wading.

ARTICLE VI. - SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Sec. 110-524. - Fences, walls and hedges.

(18) Swimming pool enclosures. **All swimming pools must** be within a screened cage, or **shall** be enclosed on all open sides by a fence which is a minimum of four feet above the existing

ground grade and a maximum of six feet above the existing ground grade. All gates which are part of a pool fence or screening cage **must** have safety locks.

Florida leads the country in drowning deaths of children ages 1-4 years.

www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/prevention/drowning/4/18/2019

Pool Safety is Everyone's Responsibility

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- ***If you have any recreational needs or questions, please drop by City Hall from 8:00am to 5:00pm or call 863-983-1484.***
- **NOTICE: The Public Works Department got word this week from the Transfer Station staff, Saying anything over six feet long will be denied. So residents offering debris must make sure nothing is longer than six feet long for the City to pick.**
- **Mosquito Control:** Trap counts: Golf Course 121; Okeechobee Blvd. Trap failed; Sports Complex Trap failed; Saginaw Trap failed; Harlem Trap failed. Trap counts last week were at a level to warrant a ground mission on the south side of US27.
- **Paving Projects:** Nothing new to report. Expected to have contractor's signed contract back by end of week.
- **Country Club Roof:** The roof is expected to be finished this week.
- **Trinidad Park FRDAP Grant:** The picnic pavilion is finished. The new picnic table and park bench will be installed on Thursday.
- **Street Division:** (1) Eight oaks were planted around the picnic pavilion this week and forty palms were planted in the median on US27. (2) Pot holes were run for two days. (3) The final grade around the Trinidad Park bathroom was set.
- **Facility Maintenance:** Plumbing problems in the library were repaired.
- **NOTE from Public Works:** Hurricane season is around the corner. May is Tree Trimming Amnesty Month. **You must call the office at 983-1471 and get pre-approved to get the "Special Pick-up" fee waived.**

Golf Course Director Robbie Rush reports:

- The Lakeport Garden Club will have their annual tournament here at the Clewiston Golf Course on May 4, 2019.
- The Clewiston Tiger Booster Spring Fling Golf Scramble Tournament is scheduled for May 11, 2019.
- All merchandise has been marked down in our end of the season sale.
- Summer memberships start May 1, 2019.

Utilities Director Danny Williams reports:

- **Electric Crew Activities**
 - Repaired and replaced street light fixtures throughout town;
 - removed vegetation from power lines;
 - replaced old underground services with new lines on Lopez St.;
 - sprayed weed suppression at substation and around workshop;
 - replaced broken pole top pin on Kentucky St.;

- removed old distribution pole on Kentucky St.
- **Water Sewer Crew Activities**
Contractor USSI crews will return soon to install inflow dishes in all our manholes. Other activities reported by our water/sewer department include:
 - Replaced water meter at La Hacienda Restaurant;
 - repaired water break on W. Crescent St.
- Did you know your **Customer Service Department** offers several bill paying options?
 - ONLINE bill pay is available on our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl.
 - AUTOPAY is also available; come visit our office and complete an application, choose a payment date (5th, 15th or 25th) and your bill will be deducted from your checking, savings or major credit card account.
 - Of course, payment by cash, check, money order or credit card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express) is always welcomed.
- **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.

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.