

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

May 3, 2019

Dates to Remember

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 16, 2019 – City Manager Candidate Meet & Greet Reception – Clewiston Chamber of Commerce

May 20, 2019 – City Commission Workshop and Meeting

May 27, 2019 – Memorial Day Holiday – City Offices Closed

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- Two houses were permitted this week for Orchard Park. They are 3 bedroom, 2 bath; each are 1100 square feet.

Code Enforcement Officer Debbie McNeil reports:

- Code Cases Opened: 20
- Case Re-inspections: 17
- Notice of Violations: 11
- Notice of Hearings: 1
- Code Cases Resolved: 8
- Code lien search requests completed: 2
- Rental Inspections Completed: 7
- 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: Residents offering debris for pick up must make sure nothing is longer than six feet. The Transfer Station will no longer take material longer than that. Drivers have been instructed to "Yellow Tag" debris that needs to be cut shorter.**
- **Hendry County Waste Management Toxic Round Up will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the County Road & Bridge facility located at 1381 Evercane Rd. from 8:00am to 12:00pm. This is a free service. Residential hazardous waste only. No commercial waste accepted.**
- **Mosquito Control**: Trap counts are averaging around 25 throughout town. The Golf Course remains the only location with 100 in the traps.
- **Trinidad Park FRDAP Grant**: Staff poured the ADA ramp for the Trinidad Park restroom and installed a retainer wall to finish grade level at the site.
- **Street Division**: (1) Staff worked on clearing roadside shoulders to address drainage issues in some areas. (2) The opening date for the C.S. Mott Pool is scheduled for May 27, 2019. Staff is checking the pool for any issues.
- **Facility Maintenance**: (1) Staff made repairs to light fixtures at the Police Department. (2) Staff checked on a toilet issue at the Community Development Officer.
- **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 with a shotgun start at 8:30am on May 4, 2019. The golf course will be open for regular play until 1:30pm. Sign-up is in the golf shop or call 863-983-1448.
- The Clewiston Tiger Booster Spring Fling Golf Scramble Tournament is scheduled for May 11, 2019.

- Wilbur's Unforgettable Classic Annual Golf Tournament will be take place on June 1, 2019. Sign-up is in the golf shop.
- Summer memberships went into effect on May 1, 2019. You can purchase them in the golf shop.
- Beginning June 3, 2019, the Golf Course will be closed on Mondays for the summer.

Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:

- The following is a brief synopsis of activity over the course of the past week.
 - Officers made a total of 6 arrests
 - Officers responded to 369 Calls for service (Includes officer-initiated activity)
 - We responded to and investigated 5 traffic crashes
 - We conducted 117 business and 77 residential security checks
 - Average officer response time to calls for service, 00:01:12
- Criminal Activity continues to trend down for the second month in a row even though we experienced a slight increase in the number of burglaries during the month of April. During the month of April, only thirty-nine part one offenses were reported.
- There has been an increase in the number of complaints regarding juveniles that are being allowed to operate golf carts. Your police department would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that only licensed drivers may operate golf carts on the roadways in Clewiston and that these golf carts must have the required safety equipment installed as outlined in section seventy of the City of Clewiston Code of Ordinances. Please use the following link to access this ordinance. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. Thanks to everyone and have a great weekend!

https://library.municode.com/fl/clewiston/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH70TRVE

Utilities Director Danny Williams reports:

- 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.