

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

May 17, 2019

**SPLISH SPLASH
WE ARE GETTING READY FOR SUMMERTIME
C.S. MOTT POOL WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU**

On-line registration for swimming lessons (ages 5-12) is now available. Please visit www.clewistonrecreation.com to register.

We are working hard to make this happen...

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND – C.S. MOTT POOL HOURS

Saturday, May 25th 12:00 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 26th 1:00 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Monday, May 27th 2:00 p.m. – 6 p.m.

LET'S GO TO SUMMER CAMP – YMCA is offering another fun-filled summer camp program at the Youth Center. Please visit www.swflymca.org for details and registration.

Dates to Remember

May 20, 2019 – City Commission Workshop and Meeting

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

June 3, 2019 – City Commission Workshop and Meeting

June 10, 2019 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

June 17, 2019 – City Commission Workshop and Meeting

June 20, 2019 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

June 28, 2019 – Special Magistrate Hearing

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- One Certificate of Occupancy was issued this week for 701 Harvest Lane; a 1,425.6 sq. foot home with 3 bedrooms/2 baths located in Orchard Park.

Code Enforcement Officer Debbie McNeil reports:

- Code Cases Opened: 16
- Case Re-inspections: 19
- Notice of Violations: 7

- Notice of Hearings: 0
- Code Cases Resolved: 8
- Code lien search requests completed: 2
- Rental Inspections Completed: 3
- Next Scheduled Magistrate Hearing: Special Magistrate Hearing June 28, 2019; Regular Special Magistrate Hearing July 16, 2019

Hurricane Season June 1 until November 30
Remove or enclose in a building all Openly Stored Items on Your Property
before a Storm is Named

City of Clewiston Ordinance

Sec. 18-246. - Sanitation requirements.

(d) *Care of premises.* It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of a residential building, structure, or property to utilize the premises of such residential property for the **open storage** of any abandoned motor vehicle or appliance, icebox, refrigerator, stove, glass, building material, building rubbish or similar items. It shall be the duty and responsibility of every such owner and occupant to keep the premises of such residential property clean and to remove from the premises all such abandoned items as listed in this subsection, including, but not limited to, weeds, dead trees, trash, garbage, etc., upon notice pursuant to this division.

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.**
- **Mosquito Control:** Trap counts for the week were all below 50. As a reminder, if you have a mosquito problem, please call my office at 983-1471.
- **Paving Projects:** Sean will be attending a pre-construction meeting in Sebring on May 22, 2019 regarding the DOT Sidewalk Project on Ventura Avenue from Lopez Street to Berner Road.
- **Trinidad Park FRDAP Grant:** Staff is seeking quotes for the construction of ADA handrails for the Trinidad Park bathroom.
- **Parks Department:** (1) Minor repairs and touch up work to the C.S. Mott Pool are almost complete as we get ready for summer. (2) Staff is performing maintenance to the Youth Center in order to be ready for summer camp. (3) Staff replaced sod (3 pallets) in Candy Cane Park.
- **Street Division:** Staff will be working on storm drains this week; removing litter and cutting back grass.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) Plumbing and electrical problems in the Golf Course maintenance building were taken care of. (2) The door ordered for the men’s room at the boat basin bathroom came in wrong. We have sent it back and ordered another one. A faucet was repaired in the Men’s room at the boat basin also. (3) The dumpster enclosure

at the new Police Department is scheduled to start this week. (4) A crew from the Harry Pepper Company has completed the replacement of damaged sidewalk at the Boat Basin. (5) A leak in the roof of the John Boy Auditorium was found and repaired this week.

- **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:

- There were 100 players in the Clewiston Tiger Booster Spring Fling Golf Scramble Tournament on May 11, 2019. The winners were Tom Waddell, Joe Whitehead and Matt Waddell.
- Wilbur’s Unforgettable Classic Annual Golf Tournament will be take place on June 1, 2019. Sign-up is in the golf shop.
- 2019 Junior Golf Camp sign-up is now available by calling 863-983-1448. Junior Golf Camp #1 will be held June 17-21, 2019 and Junior Golf Camp #2 will be held July 22-26, 2019.
- 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 2 arrests
 - Officers responded to 318 Calls for service (Includes officer-initiated activity)
 - We responded to and investigated 3 traffic crashes
 - We conducted 88 business and 85 residential security checks
 - Average officer response time to calls for service, 00:00:40

Utilities Director Danny Williams reports:

- **Electric Crew Activities**
 - Repaired and replaced street light fixtures throughout town;
 - removed vegetation from power lines;
 - relocated overhead to underground service on Saginaw Ave;
 - set new distribution poles on Haiti St. and rerouted power lines to clean up alley;
 - relocated distribution pole on Ventura Ave. due to conflict;
 - changed breakers on sprinkler timer at baseball field;
 - installed banner for hospital week and placed three banners for Sheriff Department;
 - ran services to new underground cable on Del Monte Ave.;
 - replaced transformer at USSC Gate B;
 - disconnected service on Royal Palm to enable breaker repair
 - helped Eastside Elementary School with their rewards “ball drop”;
 - changed fuse on service line to city’s sewer plant.
- **Water Sewer Crew Activities**
 - Repaired sewer service line on W. Sugarland Circle;
 - repaired waterline break on Arcade Ave.;
 - “flushed” fire hydrants at various locations.

- **Customer Service Department**

- We offer several bill paying options; please visit or call the office at 983-1454 if you'd like to learn more!
- **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.