

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

May 24, 2019

City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019 in observance of Memorial Day. There will be no residential garbage pickup Monday, May 27, 2019; garbage will be picked up on Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

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

REVISED MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND – C.S. MOTT POOL HOURS

Saturday, May 25 th	CLOSED
Sunday, May 26 th	CLOSED
Monday, May 27 th	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 27, 2019 – Memorial Day Holiday – City Offices Closed
June 3, 2019 – City Commission Workshop and Meeting
June 19, 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

Code Enforcement Officer Debbie McNeil reports:

- Code Cases Opened: 10
- Case Re-inspections: 31
- Notice of Violations: 15
- Notice of Hearings: 0
- Code Cases Resolved: 20
- Code lien search requests completed: 3

- Rental Inspections Completed: 0
- Next Scheduled Magistrate Hearing: Special Magistrate Hearing June 28, 2019; Regular Special Magistrate Hearing July 17, 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 have been slowly on the rise. Counts on May 20th were: Saginaw 41 (up from 18); Okeechobee Blvd. 20 (up from 10); Sports Complex 18 (up from 7); Golf Course 42 (down from 83); and Harlem 29 (up from 9). Counts are still not in the range to trigger a spray mission.
- **Paving Projects:** Nothing to report at this time.
- **DOT Sidewalk Project Update:** Sean attended a Preconstruction meeting in Sebring on May 22, 2019 for the sidewalk on Ventura Avenue from Lopez Street to Berner Road and welcome signs on the East and West ends of Clewiston.
- **Trinidad Park FRDAP Grant:** Staff is close to issuing the “Notice to Proceed” for the construction of ADA handrails for the Trinidad Park bathroom. This will be the last of the deliverables for this phase of the project. From the looks of it, use has picked up and the improvements have made a big impact on the park. We are still planning, and have the material, for the replacement of the twisted and disfigured three rail fence. The new one will be more durable and designed a little bit different.
- **Parks Department:** During the rainy season, staff will be closing fields that are too wet in the Sports Complex. These closures are necessary to keep from tearing up the play surface and possible injury to participants. Thank you for your understanding during this

time. If you are scheduled for use of one of the fields, call the office and check on its availability. (1) Floors and doors of the lobby, halls to the locker rooms and office at the pool were painted. (2) An aluminum plate was installed over a service access hole in the pool office floor. (3) Another broken tile was found and repaired.

- **Street Division:** (1) Staff spent Thursday mowing all non-contracted areas. Trimming and weeding Bond Street was also taken care of. (2) The street sweeper was out early in the morning Monday and Tuesday of this week sweeping areas that usually have a lot of traffic and parked cars. (3) A storm drain on South Berner was discovered under a sidewalk while doing maintenance of inlets. Staff cleared the opening and installed a grate.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) Staff replaced the water cooler in the mechanic shop. (2) Florescent light guards were installed on four light fixtures in the Youth Center. (3) Assembled a desk in the Youth Center and set it up for the Recreation Administrative Assistant. (4) The dumpster enclosure at the new Police Department has been started. (5) Staff has removed two deceased rodents from the ceiling of the old Police Department. Their extended stay revealed their location.

Golf Course Director Robbie Rush reports:

- 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.

Utilities Director Danny Williams reports:

- **Electric Crew Activities**
 - Repaired and replaced street light fixtures throughout town;
 - Changed cross arm on distribution pole behind Harlem Civic Center;
 - Returned substation to normal operation;
 - Installed new pole and overhead service for Paradise Recycling;
 - Removed capacitor banks from system;
 - Wired in backup generator for new police department building;
 - Installed lighting for flag pole at police department;
 - Set anchors on two feeder lines.
- **Water Sewer Crew Activities**
 - Repaired water line break;
 - Abandoned/collapsed old master lift station wells.
- **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.