

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

June 28, 2019

The City's annual fireworks display will take place in the Sugarland Sports Complex just after dark on July 4, 2019. Food trucks will be present.

There will be no residential solid waste service offered on Thursday, July 4, 2019. This service will be provided on Friday, July 5, 2019.

Dates to Remember

July 4, 2019 – Independence Day - City Offices Closed

July 16, 2019 – City Commission Budget Workshop

July 17, 2019 – Special Magistrate Hearing

July 18, 2019 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

July 22, 2019 – City Commission Workshop, Meeting and Budget Workshop

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- Two more houses were issued a Certificate of Occupancy for Brian Sullivan Contractor, Inc. in Orchard Park this week.
- A Certificate of Occupancy was also issued for a 4-unit multi-family apartment on Central Avenue this week.
- The 13-unit multi-family apartment on W.C. Owen is moving along quickly. The roof is being installed on the south building this week.



Code Enforcement Officer Debbie McNeil reports:

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.

Golf Course Director Robbie Rush reports:

- Clewiston Golf Course held their annual Junior Golf Camp June 17-21, 2019. 34 Junior Golfers attended. The kids learned golf skills, life skills and healthy eating habits. The program that is used is The First Tee and PGA Sports Academy. Junior Golf Camp #2 is July 22-26, 2019. Sign-up is in the golf shop or call 863-9831448.
- Get all information of what's going on at Clewiston Golf Course Facebook.
- There is a big sale going on in the golf shop at 50% off on all merchandise.
- Pay for 18 holes play all day is going on through the summer.
- Golf Carts have to be in at 7:15pm.
- The Golf Course is open on Thursday July 4, 2019.

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.***
- **Mosquito Control:** (2) Counts from June 25, 2019 were: Saginaw 140 (up from 89); Okeechobee Blvd. 139 (up from 107); Sports Complex 121 (up from 83); Golf Course 40 (up from 26); Harlem 55 (up from 30). Trap counts are good for this time of year. Do not become complacent and stop taking precautions. Young children and senior adults should still use an approved mosquito repellent. We have an Air Mission scheduled for the second of July.
- **Paving Projects:** Community Asphalt is scheduled to start the Overlay and Hot Spot Paving Projects on July 22, 2019. The streets addressed in the Overlay Project are: Circle Drive from 27 West to 27 East; Arcade from 27 to Royal Palm; Esperanza from Osceola to Magnolia; Valencia from Circle to Crescent; Date Street from Circle to Esperanza; and Olympia Street from 27 right-of-way to Trinidad. Hot Spots being addressed are:

Selected median cuts on North Berner Road and intersections on San Luiz at Ventura and at Sagamore. New signage and street markings are also part of this project.

- **DOT Sidewalk & New Welcome Signs Project Update:** The new Ventura sidewalk and Welcome signs are still on track to start in late September.
- **Trinidad Park FRDAP Grant:** All required elements of the Grant have been met. We are doing some research for a quality “high/low” water fountain for the park and will get it installed as soon as we can.
- **Parks Department:** (1) **NOTICE:** The pool will be evacuated if the weather makes it unsafe to be in the water. After the second water evacuation because of weather, the pool will be closed. (2) The new bilingual “No Diving” signs were installed at the pool. (3) After three attempts, we received the right “10 FT” marker for the pool and it has been installed. (4) Two fence posts were replaced in the north fence in the Sports Complex. (5) Activity in the Sports Complex: Men’s Softball on Field Six; Travel ball team practices on Field Three; and Clewiston High School Girls’ Softball Team conditioning on Field Eight.
- **Street Division:** (1) Two planters donated by the Green Thumb Garden Club were placed and planted and irrigation was installed. (2) An “all hands on deck” weeding pass was made on Bond Street and the dead grass was removed from the next area to be planted. (3) Sand bags were placed at the S-169 structure at the Boat Basin. This is intended to redirect the flow of storm water away for the structure where an erosion problem has started. (4) Two Crepe Myrtle trees and one Bottle Brush tree was planted in front of the Animal Control Building. (5) Staff placed another row of sandbags next to the levee access road across from the S-169 structure. Storm water runoff has caused some erosion problems. (6) Bunting was hung across the front of City Hall and patriotic banners will be going up. (7) New “No Parking” signs were installed on South San Jose and East Obispo. Service was performed on several others. (8) Fifteen feet of “new” sidewalk was destroyed by a semi truck over the weekend. Staff pulled, formed it and will pour by the end of the week.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) The Animal Control Building was bleached and power washed. (2) A dangerous wiring problem in the kitchen at the Senior Hall was repaired. All is safe now. (3) Several holes in a wall in the new Police Department volt were repaired. (4) Doors of the bathroom at the Boat Basin got a fresh coat of paint.
- **NOTE from Public Works:** Hurricane Ready? Do you know the main reason a structure loses its roof, causing it to be deemed a total loss? It’s because of a breach in the walls under it. The first place a breach will happen is your windows. If your windows are 20 years old or older, you need to replace them with a new wind rated window. You should also invest in a good easy to install shutter system. Flying debris, not necessarily from your neighborhood, can knock a hole in a window. Once a hole is made, damage happens quickly. If you already have shutters, (1) find them; (2) clean and lubricate them; (3) be sure to have all the necessary pieces; and (4) have a plan to put them up before the storm is right on top of you.
- **REMINDER from Public Works:** Your tipper cart is to be placed at the edge of the pavement with the wheels toward your house the night before the day of service. The cart is to be removed by sun down on the day of service. Failure to do these ordinance requirements could result in a \$25 service fee for an employee to remove your cart from the right-of-way. Call Jay at 863-983-1471 if you have any questions.

Utilities Director Danny Williams reports:

- **Electric Crew Activities (Week ending June 21, 2019)**
 - Repaired underground service on Pinewood St., South Lopez and Everglades Trailer Park,
 - Repaired/replaced street lights,
 - Installed new service for customer on WC Owen Avenue,
 - replaced overhead and underground services on Saginaw Avenue,
 - exercised transfer switches in Clewiston substation,
 - replaced batteries in three red light cabinets,
 - installed guy wires to distribution poles on Francisco Street.
- **Electric Crew Activities (Week ending June 28, 2019)**
 - Installed underground piping on W.C. Owen Avenue,
 - repaired/replaced street lights,
 - installed new service for customers in Orchard Park development,
 - exercised transfer switches in Clewiston substation,
 - repaired sports light at tennis court complex.
- **Water Sewer Crew Activities (Week ending June 21, 2019)**
 - Repaired lift station pumps: Ridgewood community and Corona Street.
 - Installed second pump at lift station and cleaned piping on Ventura Avenue.
- **Water Sewer Crew Activities (Week ending June 28, 2019)**
 - Repaired pressure switch at San Benito lift station
 - moved water meter at San Benito Avenue and El Paso St.
 - located buried utilities along Berner Road,
 - inspected lift stations.
- **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.