

## *For Your Information*

### *Weekly*

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

July 12, 2019

#### **Dates to Remember**

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

July 29, 2019 – City Commission Budget Workshop

July 31, 2019 – Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

#### **Staff Reports**

##### **Library Director Natasha Hayes reports:**

- Monday Movie Madness was held on Monday from 1-3 p.m. There were a total of 47 participants.
- Night at the Library with Eastside Elementary began on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. This program is provided by the administration and teachers from Eastside Elementary. Children are able to come in for an evening of storytelling. Students also learn how to access the library's catalog in order to search for books that interest them as well as find the AR (Accelerated Reading) level and point value of each book. This week, there were a total of 22 participants. Thank you Mrs. Irey for the wonderful storytelling. Stop in on July 15<sup>th</sup> as the guest reader will be Mrs. Sanchez, July 22<sup>nd</sup> with Mrs. Mann, and on July 29<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Gutierrez from 6-8 p.m.
- Universe of Stories summer library program continues to be a big hit. Total for those involved was 19 for Tuesday and 26 on Thursday. On Tuesday, the age group is from 5-7 years old and on Thursday it is 8-11 years old. Please do not exclude yourself or child from participating in either group simply due to the age estimate. We welcome all ages but the arts & crafts as well as stories are geared towards that audience but with parental assistance, younger children can accomplish the crafts as well. So please feel free to bring your baby, toddler, or even older teen to join in on the fun. Make sure to stop in the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. as we explore the various aspects of space with stories and arts & crafts.
- Family Coloring Event was a huge success on Wednesday as we had a total of 16 participants. This program is open to all ages as we hope to encourage artistic exploration as a family.
- LEGO Club once again continues to astonish and excite all library staff and parents as we had a total of 64 participants this week. The library did purchase additional LEGO sets a couple weeks ago and I must say, they are being enjoyed by all in attendance. Stop in,

take part in the challenges, and create your very own masterpiece to put on display here in the library every Thursday from 3:30-4:30.

- The Early Learning Coalition utilizes the computer lab on Wednesdays in order to assist community members with registering their children into the preschool program. If you would like more information, please stop by the library on Wednesdays from 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
- If you have not done so already, please join our Facebook page (Clewiston Public Library) in order to remain up to date on the library's events and programs.
- Remember you can get your e-books free at [www.hendrylibraries.org](http://www.hendrylibraries.org).
- For information regarding any of our programs, please call the library at (863) 983-1493.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Accelerated Reading Night at the Library with Eastside Elementary**

Every Monday through the month of July from 6-8 p.m.

#### **Monday Movie Madness**

Every Monday from -3 p.m.

#### **Universe of Stories Summer Program**

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11 a.m.

#### **Crafternoon-Family Craft Event**

Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 p.m.

#### **Family Board Game Day**

Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:30

#### **Gardening Class**

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

#### **Magician-Showtime for Kids**

Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 a.m.

#### **Crafternoon-Family Craft Event**

Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 2-3 p.m.

#### **Golf Course Director Robbie Rush reports:**

- 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 selected items.
- Pay for 18 holes play all day is going on through the summer.
- Golf Carts have to be in at 7:15pm.

#### **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:** Counts from July 01, 2019 were: Saginaw 123 (down from 131); Okeechobee Blvd. 126 (down from 136); Sports Complex 130 (up from 115); Golf Course 101 (down from 122); and Harlem 142 (down from 218). Traps continue to catch consistent numbers and are in the low range for this time of year. Mosquito activity is up and a ground mission is scheduled for Friday, July 12, 2019.
- **Paving Projects:** Community Asphalt is scheduled to start on July 22, 2019. The streets addressed in this 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-ROW to Trinidad. Hot spots being addressed are: selected median cuts on *North Berner Road* and intersections on *San Luiz* at Ventura and 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.
- **Street Division:** (1) Trimmed trees and performed right of way maintenance throughout City (2) Performed asphalt repairs (potholes)
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) Two dumpsters at the John Boy Auditorium were burned to the ground on the night of July 4. The fire was so hot that the enclosure was badly damaged. The Building Official will determine if the structure must be demolished and rebuilt. (2) The John Boy Auditorium will be closed for maintenance from July 15 through July 19. Please check with Corrine at City Hall before you book an event.
- **NOTE from Public Works:** Summer rains have started again. Mosquitoes will be coming off in broods soon. It is important that you check your yard daily for toys, containers and items that will hold water and become a breeding spot. Even small amounts of water combined with long hot days speed up the metamorphosis process in the mosquito life cycle. Remember only adult female mosquitoes require a blood meal to produce eggs. The easiest way to get rid of mosquitoes is to eliminate breeding habitats.

#### Utilities Director Danny Williams reports:

- **Electric Crew Activities**
  - Mounted meter can and ran underground service for lift station on Francisco Street;
  - set two poles and installed six lights for new police department parking lot;
  - set transformer and junction box for underground primary service;
  - located underground utilities on Sugarland Highway for landscape project;
  - repaired street lights.
- **Water Sewer Crew Activities**
  - Replaced pump at Berner Road lift station;
  - cleaned lift station wells with vacuum truck at numerous locations throughout service area.
- **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](http://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](http://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.**