

## ***For Your Information***

### ***Weekly***

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

August 2, 2019

#### **Dates to Remember**

August 5, 2019 – City Commission Budget Workshop

August 6, 2019 – City Commission Budget Workshop

August 7, 2019 – Board of Building Commissioners Meeting

August 15, 2019 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

August 19, 2019 – City Commission Workshop, Meeting and Budget Workshop

#### **Staff Reports**

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

- Make sure to inquire and join the Clewiston Library Book Club. The Friends of the Clewiston Public Library will meet on Monday, August 19th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. If you need help getting a copy of the book, contact the library and we can help!
- Universe of Stories summer library program was a big hit. As this program came to a close, it ended with a big bang. On Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m., we enjoyed a magic show. And on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, the public enjoyed arts and crafts and a book bag give away as well as made their own space food (Astronaut Pudding) . A big thank you to the Friends of the Clewiston Library and US Sugar for their donation of book bags, school supplies and lunch.
- Family Crafternoon Day was a huge success on Wednesday.
- LEGO Club continues to be active each week. 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.
- 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.
- Please stop by the library to pick up a calendar with a list of events so you can join in on the fun.

##### **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:** No trap counts this week. Landing rates are enough to trigger a ground mission.

- **Paving Projects:** The 2019 Overlay and Hot Spot Paving Projects have been completed.
- The City was notified that funding for repairs to Ventura Avenue from South Francisco to South Deane Duff through the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) was awarded. This project is scheduled to begin in 2020.
- **Parks Department:** (1) YMCA Summer Camp is winding down. The YMCA staff did a wonderful job and the campers had a great time. (2) The new sign identifying the funding source of the Trinidad Park improvements has been installed and the new bathrooms are in service.
- **Street Division:** (1) Staff extended the culvert and reinforced the back of the canal on Circle Drive due to washouts caused by the recent heavy rains. (2) Staff poured the first of four sidewalk repairs on Olympia. (3) Staff changed all the door locks and installed new directional signage at the Police Department.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) Staff replaced a broken “EXIT” light at the Sikes Building. (2) A power surge burned up the control box for the front door at the Youth Center. A technician is scheduled to repair the door opener today.
- **NOTE from Public Works:** The public buildings and parks are “NO SMOKING” areas. Please be mindful of this.

**Code Enforcement Officer Debbie McNeil reports:**

- Code Cases Opened: 13
- Case Re-inspections: 28
- Notice of Violations: 10
- Notice of Hearings: 9
- Code Cases Resolved: 19
- Code lien search requests completed: 6
- Rental Inspections Completed: 9
- Special Magistrate Hearing held on July 17, 2019 - 22 Agenda items were heard.
- Next Scheduled Magistrate Hearing: Special Magistrate Hearing September 17, at 10:00 am in the Commission Chambers located in City Hall at 115 W Ventura Avenue.

**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:**

- The Annual United States Sugar Employee Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 7, 2019. The Golf Course will be closed for regular play until 2:00pm.
- A Seminole Tribe of Florida tournament is scheduled for September 24, 2019.
- Please join our Facebook page (Clewiston Golf Course) to receive information on all Golf Course events.
- There is a big sale going on in the Golf Shop with 50% off on selected merchandise.
- The Golf Shop hours are 8:00am – 5:30pm.
- Golf Carts are required to be in by 7:15pm each day.
- Greens were top-dressed and tree rings were sprayed this week.
- For more information, please call the Golf Shop at 863-983-1448.

**Utilities Director Danny Williams reports:**

- **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.**