

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

August 9, 2019

Dates to Remember

August 15, 2019 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

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

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- Walmart has begun their remodel. We look forward to seeing the improvements!
- The latest 2 houses permitted in Orchard Park are moving quickly. One is 4bed/3bath, approximately 2,000 sq ft. The other is 3bed/2bath, approximately 1,700 sq ft.
- The Building Official met with the Hampton Inn owners and contractors. You will be seeing a lot of work on site in the next few weeks as the project moves along.

Code Enforcement Officer Debbie McNeil reports:

- Code Cases Opened: 15
- Case Re-inspections: 24
- Notice of Violations: 12
- Notice of Hearings: 3
- Code Cases Resolved: 21
- Code lien search requests completed: 3
- Rental Inspections Completed: 4
- 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.

The installation of reflective glass and/or reflective window film is prohibited

City of Clewiston Ordinance

Sec. 110-530. - Residential development and improvement.

(a) Applicability. These regulations shall apply to all single-family and two-family residential dwellings located in zoning districts R-1A, R-1B, R-1C, RM-1, RM-2, R-2 and R-3 as designated on the future land use map.

(c) Windows. The installation of reflective glass and/or reflective window film is prohibited. This prohibition shall not be interpreted to prohibit the installation of non-reflective window film designed to protect glass from wind damage.

Effect on Neighbors: Highly reflective window film can be very aggravating for neighbors who may become the unwilling recipients of the reflected light. A setting sun might be a glorious sight but not if it is reflected directly into your picture window by a neighbor's window film.

Is Aluminum foil use in windows considered a reflective window film? Yes, aluminum or tin foil when utilized in the covering of windows is by this use considered reflective window film.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other City of Clewiston Ordinance contact the Community Improvement Division in person at 141 Central Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440, by phone 863-983-1454, or email debbie.mcneil@clewiston-fl.gov.

Be a good neighbor...Help fight the blight

Library Director Natasha Hayes reports:

- 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.
- 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:** There was an aerial treatment on Friday, August 2, 2019 and a ground treatment is scheduled for tonight.
- **Project Updates:**
 - Signage and street markings for this year's paving project are being reviewed.
 - The new Ventura Sidewalk and Welcome Signs Project is still scheduled to start in late September.
 - Royal Palms for Phases 3 and 4 of the U.S. Highway 27 Beautification Project will be on site Monday, August 12.
- **Parks Department Activities:**
 - Painted back stage walls at the John Boy Auditorium
 - Inspected parks for safety and removal of graffiti
- **Street Division Activities:**
 - Removed form boards and installed pedestrian handrail on the Olympia Street sidewalk
 - Formed new generator pad for the Police Department
 - Patrolled for pot holes
 - Swept road shoulders of the newly paved streets to remove aggregate and shoulder clipping debris

- **Facility Maintenance Activities:**
 - Repaired lights in the Commission Room
 - Repaired plumbing issue at City Hall
 - Repaired A/C in the Animal Control facility

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.
- Pay for 18 holes play all day is going on through the summer.
- 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 this week.
- The Golf Course received a total of 6.5 inches of rain this week.
- For more information, call the Golf Shop at 863-983-1448.

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 6 arrests
 - Officers responded to 306 Calls for service (Includes officer-initiated activity)
 - We responded to and investigated 4 traffic crashes
 - Officers conducted 98 business and 68 residential security checks
 - Average officer response time to calls for service, 00:00:39
- We would like to thank all of the local organizations and businesses as well as the Clewiston Police Department staff who donated to and worked so tirelessly on our National Night Out event. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the event due to inclement weather. We are tentatively looking at October 1st as a make-up date for this event. Please follow our Facebook page for any updates.

Utilities Director Danny Williams reports:

- **Electric Crew Activities**
 - Replaced underground service for 802 & 803 Harlem Garden Apartments;
 - Ran temporary service to business on Kentucky Avenue;
 - Repaired underground service at 700 Seminole Avenue, 807 N Lopez Street, and 614 Saginaw Avenue;
 - Replaced transformer south of USSC mill;
 - Replaced broken pole top pin and closed fuses on Wastewater Treatment Plant power line;
 - Removed flags from poles on Sugarland Highway;
 - Ran temporary service to Hendry County Fairgrounds lot 57 due to bad service;
 - Disconnected service during electric repair/meter can replacement on Royal Palm Avenue;

- Removed vegetation at 1036 Kentucky Avenue.
- **Water Crew Activities**
 - Replaced four lift station pumps: Alabama Street, Arkansas Street , Saginaw Avenue and East Sugarland Circle lift stations;
 - Repaired three water main breaks.
- **Information Technology Report**
 - **We are in the process of transitioning to a new phone system.** After-hour calls to the utilities office are automatically routed to the Police Department. When you hear the “auto attendant” pick up, please press 1 and your call will be directed to dispatch for assistance. Menu options will be available soon to aid you in reporting your problem; in the meantime, we appreciate your patience!
- **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.