

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

August 23, 2019

Dates to Remember

August 26, 2019 – City Commission Budget Workshop

September 2, 2019 – Labor Day – City Offices Closed

September 9, 2019 – City Commission Workshop, Tentative Budget Hearing and Meeting

September 19, 2019 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

September 23, 2019 – City Commission Workshop, Final Budget Hearing and Meeting

Staff Reports

Code Enforcement Officer Debbie McNeil reports:

- Code Cases Opened: 19
- Case Re-inspections: 22
- Notice of Violations: 14
- Notice of Hearings: 1
- Code Cases Resolved: 17
- Code lien search requests completed: 4
- Rental Inspections Completed: 9
- 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.

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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:

- Friends of the Library Book Club met on Monday to discuss their latest book. With seventeen patrons involved, the next book was selected. Please join in on this exciting club as they begin reading *Summer of '69* by Elin Hilderbrand. The next book club meeting will be held on September 23rd at 5:30 p.m. Hope to see you all there.
- Family Board Game Day was held on Wednesday.
- LEGO Club was well attended this week. We invite the public to stop in to library every Thursday from 3:30-4:30 to join in on the fun.
- 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.
- The library is scheduled to have its carpets retouched again this Saturday.
- Library staff is diligently working on several upcoming programs since the school year has begun and students, parents, and faculty are settling back into their routines.
- Beginning September 30th, the library will offer afterschool homework help. The instructor is a Florida Certified teacher. As space is limited, please make sure to stop in the library and register your child. If all spaces become filled, please continue to register and we will call to inform if a spot opens.
- All library staff attended two training sessions offered by the Emergency Operations Center on Tuesday.
- Need a place to hold a meeting? What about a computer lab to host your organizations/company's training? The Clewiston Library does have a classroom and computer lab available with a total of 16 computers for use. For more information or to secure the room, please stop in or call the library at any time.
- 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.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Family Movie Night with Popcorn – Monday, August 26th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 - Library Cooperative Meeting – Thursday, August 29th at Noon at Barron Library in LaBelle
 - Lego Club – Every Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

- Free Customer Service 101 Training – open to the public – Thursday, August 9th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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:** Trap counts this week: Saginaw 300; Okeechobee Blvd. 900; Golf Course 1,000; Harlem Community 400; Sports Complex 75 (high winds). Clewiston and the County were sprayed at the same time on Friday. We get a good overlap this way. Because of high counts in two locations, a ground mission was run on August 21st. While talking with the contractor about identifying a sack of 1,100 mosquitoes from the Golf Course, I was told counts are up like crazy all over the state. Hendry County had one location trap 11,000 over one night. Please protect your children if they must go outside. Check your property for objects holding water and dump and cover.
- **Project Updates:**
 - The new Ventura Sidewalk and Welcome Signs Project is still scheduled to start in late September.
 - The palms for Phases 3 and 4 of the U.S. Highway 27 Beautification Project are planted and mulched. Sod to repair the disturbed soil will be installed and final inspections will be done.
 - Received notice from Hendry County that the W.C. Owen Paving Project will go to bid in September.
- **Parks Department Activities:**
 - Swing seats and chains in the Tot Lot in the Sports Complex were replaced.
 - More vandalism in the Sports Complex has brought about the need for another round of boulder replacement. Boulders have been very successful in controlling people from driving inside the park. Plans are to review some boulders at a pit in Moore Haven next week and arrange for pick up.
 - Staff is already working on this year's Fall Festival. Mark you calendars – the event will be held on October 12, 2019 at the Festival Grounds from 2:00 pm. till 6:00 p.m. There will be exciting games, candy, costume contest and a new event you don't want to miss. Call 863-983-1484 and ask for Corrine for information on how to get a booth.
- **Street Division Activities:**
 - Trimmed the Sabal Palms on Ponce de Leon and Ventura.
 - Corrected handicap parking slot and inspected and repaired wheel stops on Ventura.
 - Installed two new 30 MPH speed limit signs on North Berner. The automated speed detection sign will also be placed in that area.
 - Straightened signs, repaired road shoulder, repaired parking aprons at picnic tables, detached finger dock from binding on a post, painted over graffiti, repaired gabion baskets and made arrangements to remove litter at the boat basin.
- **Facility Maintenance Activities:**
 - Continued painting the back wall of the stage at the John Boy Auditorium
 - Repaired more lights in the Commission Chambers
 - Our new custodian began work this week. Alma has hit the ground running and feedback so far has been very positive. Welcome Alma when you get a chance.

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 that day until 2:00pm.
- The Seminole Tribe of Florida Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 24, 2019.
- 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 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 must be in by 7:15pm.

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. 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.