

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
June 2, 2017

Dates to Remember

- June 5, 2017 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting
- June 12, 2017 – Library Advisory Board Meeting
- June 15, 2017 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting
- June 15, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission US27 Corridor/Ventura Overlay District Zoning Regulations Workshop
- June 15, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Workshop
- June 19, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting
- June 28, 2017 – Special Magistrate Hearing

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- The Florida Community Health Center, located at 315 South W C Owen has completed their building addition and received their Certificate of Completion. This will allow them to increase their General Medical Practice as well as their Dentistry Practice.
- The former Clewiston Theatre is currently undergoing interior demolition. The owner and his engineer are currently working with staff on the site development plan, in order to relocate his dental practice there in the future.
- Jimmy Pittman Electrical (John Wellslager) has remodeled the former Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall at 501 S Francisco. They are in the process of relocating their electrical business there. We are happy to see this renovation, as it is a welcomed improvement to the South Francisco area.

Sr. Library Aide Shirley Reynolds reports:

- Summer School begins June 5, 2017. Please contact the library for more information.
- Plant Care I Gardening Class will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 6:15 to 7:15 pm. Please contact the Library for more information.
- 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 and remember to visit www.hendrylibraries.org. Like us at www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary .**

Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:

- **Get all Clewiston Golf Course news by signing up on Constant Contact.** Go to the City of Clewiston website, and sign up on Constant Contact. You will be automatically put on the golf course e-mail. The Clewiston Golf Course also has a Facebook page with pictures and all golf course information.

- Clewiston Golf Course Junior Golf Camp information is now available on Clewiston Golf Course Facebook and in the golf shop. The Junior Golf Camps are scheduled for June 12-16, 2017 and July 24-28, 2017.
- Summer memberships are now available.
- Summer rates are now in effect at the golf course.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - June 10, 2017 Clewiston Elks Lodge Tournament (9:00am)
- **For more information call golf shop 863-983-1448**

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- LAST CHANCE...! Clewiston Recreation Summer Camp 2017 is right around the corner and both sessions and swimming lessons are filling up fast! Registrations are now being accepted for the 1st and 2nd sessions until June 2nd at midnight. 1st session start date is scheduled for June 12th and the 2nd session will begin July 10th. Visit www.clewistonrecreation.com to sign your child up and pay on-line for Summer Camp(s) and Swimming Lessons.
- Activity plans/schedules for Summer Camp 2017 have been finalized. A detailed schedule regarding daily activities and times, field trips, lunch menus, swimming lesson schedule and other important dates will be available on our FB page and website as soon as possible.
- ALL Summer Camp CIT's and LIT's have received Level II background screening, Recreation Dept. staff orientation and completed their training in CPR, Basic 1st Aid, AED and Babysitting class.
- UniVision Soccer will return to Sugarland Sports Complex on June 3rd for the Championship Tournament. Twenty-six teams will compete in this year's tournament. Good Luck to Clewiston's Spartan Soccer Club and Rivers Jr. Soccer Club!
- Clewiston Performing Arts Center (CPAC) will hold its "End of the Year Recital" at Moore Haven High School Auditorium on Saturday, June 3rd at 5pm. Tickets are available at the CPAC Building on S. Central Ave.
- ALL Summer Camp Counselors will receive Level II background screening, HR orientation and training in CPR, Basic 1st Aid, and AED on Friday, June 9th.
- Clewiston Baseball All Star teams will be competing in District Championships in Cape Coral June 9-11th. Good Luck to all of Clewiston's Finest...!!
- Ballfield staff has been cleaning, staging equipment, supplies and developing schedules to begin athletic field turf repairs, turf management and preventive maintenance on ALL game surfaces and equipment throughout the summer at Sugarland Sports Complex. As soon as all scheduled activities are completed the 2nd week of June, we will begin...
- Clewiston Recreation along with Clewiston AYSO will be hosting a "British Soccer Camp" at Sugarland Sports Complex July 10th – 14th. More information to follow...
- The Splash Pad will open daily from 9am-7pm.
- C.S. Mott Pool is open for public swim until June 12th on the following schedule, unless pool parties are scheduled and posted at C.S. Mott Pool front porch:
 - Saturdays 10am-6pm
 - Sundays 1-6pm
 - Monday-Friday Noon-6pm
- **UPCOMING** Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation:
 - June 3rd – Birthday Party 6-12am John Boy Auditorium

- June 3rd – Baby Shower 3-6pm Youth Center
- June 3rd – UniVision Soccer Tournament 8am Sugarland Sports Complex
- June 3rd – UniVision Soccer Finals 8am-5pm Sugarland Pavilion w/bounce houses (2)
- June 3rd – CPAC Recital 5pm Moore Haven High School Auditorium
- June 3rd – Pool Party 6-8pm C.S. Mott Pool
- June 4th – Club River’s Jr. Soccer Team Celebration 5-9pm Sugarland Pavilion
- June 4th – Birthday Party 3-7pm Beardsley Room
- June 5th – EAP Meeting 2-4pm Beardsley Room
- June 7th – Emergency Management Council Meeting 10am-Noon Beardsley Room
- June 7th – Healthy Family Parent Group Meeting 9am-1pm Splash Pad
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- **JUNE is Tree Trimming Amnesty Month** - Residents are reminded to call the Public Works Office at 983-1471 and get approval for the tree that you intend to have trimmed and placed by the road. **Only pre-approved trees placed by the road will be picked up without the Special Pickup Fee applied.**
- **Block 402 Drainage:** Business owners and residents around the work site have been contacted about the “restart” of work scheduled for Thursday.
- **Mosquito Control:** Two traps were set Tuesday night and again no mosquitoes were caught. No complaints received and no activity reported when I did a survey of residents in different parts of town. As of this date we have had one air mission flown this season.
- **Street Division:** (1) Staff spent two days cleaning the maintenance operations yard this week. (2) The pot-hole patrol ran last week. (3) Staff is still performing drainage maintenance by cleaning out inlets and culverts, clearing and spraying inlet grates and mowing ditches. (3) Staff has been prepping and installing a “drip irrigation system” in a planning area for the installation of 28 Hibiscus bushes at the Golf Course.
- **Facility Maintenance Division:** (1) Various electric and plumbing repairs of minor importance have been completed this week. AC repairs are still the flavor of the month.

Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:

- During the early morning hours of May 27th officers noticed a suspicious person loitering around a closed business. Their attention was first drawn to this individual due to his use of a flashlight while standing at the window of the business. Upon realizing that law enforcement had been alerted to his activities, the individual wearing dark clothing began walking away. Several law enforcement officers responded to the area and began an attempt to locate this individual. While doing so another officer inspected the business and noted pry marks where the individual was attempting to access the building. A subsequent search of the area did reveal several individuals who were unable to provide reasonable explanations for their presence in the area at this time. One individual matching the description of the person outside of the closed business was apprehended. During the investigation, officers discovered this was in fact a failed attempt to burglarize the business; their presence in the area had in fact prevented a burglary. The appropriate arrests were made and the involved perpetrators now face charges of criminal mischief, attempted burglary, loitering and prowling.

- The Clewiston Police Department would like to remind everyone that seatbelts save thousands of lives every year, and that it is our goal to make this summer the safest possible. On May 22nd the Clewiston Police Department joined agencies across half the United States in mobilizing the “Click It or Ticket” Campaign. This operation will run until June 4th during which time officers will be enforcing our state’s seatbelt laws to ensure this is one of the safest summers possible.
- On May 29th officers from the Clewiston Police Department Honor Guard, were honored to participate in the Memorial Day Services held at Ridgelawn Cemetery. We would like to thank the Clewiston High School Criminal Justice Program for putting this event on and inviting us to participate, it is truly an honor.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Electric Activities
 - Cut trees in the alley on West Crescent
 - Repaired street lights
 - Replaced pole on Harlem Academy
 - Set two new pole at Francisco & Aztec for railroad crossing
 - Replaced flag pole rope for golf course
 - Connect service on 600 block Sugarland Hwy
 - Change arrestor on Ponce de Leon
 - Install guy guards on down guys on Georgia Ave
 - Clean and inspect traffic light cabinets for any problems
 - Change transformer and cross arm behind 202 W Sugarland Hwy
 - Straighten pole on 10th Street
 - Located underground lines
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Changed 2 water meters
 - Unclogged drain at Animal Control
 - Repaired 3 water breaks
 - Made repairs at Main Lift Station
 - Replaced hydrant West Sugarland Hwy and San Pedro
 - Checked 4 addresses for low water pressure
 - Located water & sewer lines
- Office Activities
 - Connected 12 accounts for service and 14 disconnections of service
 - Changed 2 electric meters
 - Investigated 1 account for meter tampering
 - Completed 24 rereads
 - Cutoff 44 accounts for non-payment and reconnected 30
 - Completed month reporting
- IT Administration Activities
 - The update server is reporting a lot of PCs that need restarts. Please restart at your earliest convenience.
 - We had a minor scare at the Police station this week. An AC unit leaked water into the server room. With the rainy season approaching please check around your PCs and monitors and report if you see any signs of water.

- Plans are in place to update the Water Plant battery backups in order to keep the computers and appliances running during the gap in time when the power goes out and the generator kicks in.
- **Safety tip of the week:** Attachments in email are one of the leading causes of computer virus infection. I know many of your jobs require the sending and receiving of attachments and I ask that you be vigilant when handling them. Please double check the sender and be sure it is an expected attachment. Be extra cautious of unsolicited attachments.
- 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.
- ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE on our web site at www.clewiston-fl.gov or www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl.

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.