

*For Your Information*

*Weekly*

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

July 20, 2018

**Dates to Remember**

July 31, 2018 – City Commission Budget Workshop

August 2, 2018 – Clewiston Library Advisory Board Meeting

August 6, 2018 – City Commission Meeting and Budget Workshop

August 16, 2018 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

August 20, 2018 – City Commission Meeting and Budget Workshop

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:**

- The City is currently seeking a board member with a construction background for the Board of Building Commissioners. If you are interested in serving the community in this capacity, please click on the following link [Citizen Board Application](#) or visit City Hall for an application.

**Library Director Natasha Hayes reports:**

- 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 and remember to visit [www.hendrylibraries.org](http://www.hendrylibraries.org). Like us at [www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary).**

**Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:**

- Junior Golf Camp registration is open for Camp #2 July 23-27, 2018.
- YEC (Youth Empowerment Camp) Junior Golf Camp continued on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. Eleven kids participated in the camp. The camp runs every Wednesday from 9:00am to 11:00am through August 1, 2018.
- If interested in advertising your business at the golf course on our new tee signs out on the golf course, please contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448. The Clewiston Golf Course did over 16,000 rounds of golf last year.
- The Clewiston Golf Course will be hosting Wilbur's UnForegettable Golf Classic Golf Tournament on July 21, 2018. The proceeds will benefit The Alzheimer's Association. For more information, contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- The Golf Course will be closed for regular play until 2:00pm on Saturday, July 21, 2018. Seventy-two players will be participating for the Alzheimer's Association cause.

- PGA Professional Robbie Rush will be the special guest **Live** on The Golf and Travel Show on 95.3 FM and 1470 AM radio stations on Friday, July 20, 2018 at 7:15pm. He will be talking about our Clewiston Golf Course, golf instruction and the 2018 British Open. This is a sports radio talk show that airs out of Boca Raton and will air again on Sunday, July 22, 2018 on 740 AM, 96.9 FM and 103.9 FM between 6:00 and 7:00 pm. It will also stream worldwide and on IHeart radio plus HD radio. Check them out on Facebook.
- Fairways and tees were sprayed with herbicide and growth regulator this past week.
- The water and pond banks were sprayed and treated this week.
- **Golf Tip of the Week:** We have always heard when putting we need to keep our head still to be a good putter and I agree. Most putts are missed when we move during the putting stroke. Try to listen for the ball to go in the hole keeping your head down after you've sent the ball to the hole. It will keep you a lot more still and hopefully you will make more putts. If you need help with your golf game, I'm always around to help you. Call me at the golf shop.
- **For more information, please call the Golf Shop at 863-983-1448.**

#### **Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:**

- **Mosquito Control:** Trap counts: Golf Course 700; Okeechobee Blvd. 600; and Saginaw 350. The ground truck is scheduled to spray Friday night.
- **Street Division:** (1) Old plant material around the Sikes building was removed and the area was cleaned up. (2) Missing Royal Palms were replaced on Royal Palm Avenue. (3) The Bottlebrush trees in the Sports Complex have been topped in hopes of them coming back in better shape. (4) Staff built a shell rock apron at the lift station in Ridgewood.
- **Sidewalk Project:** Only one bid was submitted and was over budget. The Commission rejected the bid and wants to rebid the project.
- **Sports Complex:** (1) Staff called for locates at the intersection of Carmita and Arroyo so that Chinese Fan Palms can be planted around this intersection to help hide the maintenance area from the public.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) A small "shadow box" fence was built on the south side of the Youth Center to hide tipper carts.
- **Parks & Playgrounds:** (1) The old edging around the now gone play structures in the Trinidad Park were removed. Their condition made them a "trip hazard" and served no purpose.
- **Reminder from Public Works:** According to Sec. 102-118 of the City's Code of Ordinances, residents are responsible for the maintenance of the rights-of-way (ROW) adjacent to their property. Maintenance means: to keep all litter picked up; grass mowed; sidewalk edged and free of obstructions. Broken sidewalks from normal use will be repaired by the City. Sidewalks broken from residents crossing the ROW where there is no apron will be the responsibility of the property owner.

#### **Utilities Director Danny Williams reports:**

- **Electric Activities**
  - Cut trees from power lines
  - Repaired street lights
  - Replaced rotten utility pole on 11<sup>th</sup> Street

- Replaced pole behind Sunrise restaurant
- **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.
- **ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE** on our web site at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or [www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl](http://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.**