**NOTICE TO TRI-CITY LEDGER PLEASE RUN AS A SMALL DISPLAY AD IN THE SEPTEMBER 17th EDITION OF THE NEWSPAPER. SEND INVOICE AND PROOF OF PUBLICATION TO THE TOWN OF CENTURY**

THE TOWN OF CENTURY FIRST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

 The Town of Century is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Town is eligible to apply for up to $700,000.00 in the Neighborhood Revitalization, Commercial Revitalization and Housing Rehabilitation categories and up to $1.5 million in the Economic Development category. Construction activities funded through the CDBG Program must meet one of the following National Objectives:

1. To provide benefit to low and moderate income persons;
2. Prevent or eliminate or elimination or slums or blight conditions;
3. To meet a need of recent origin having a particular urgency.

 The categories for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing or neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, and economic development and include a variety of activities including:

 Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization: housing rehabilitation, demolition of dilapidated housing and relocation of residents, weatherization and energy- efficiency improvements, code enforcement, land assembly or site preparation for new construction, physical improvements activities such as water and sewer improvements, street improvements, drainage and neighborhood facilities. Commercial Revitalization: rehabilitation and demolition of dilapidated buildings, relocation of residents, physical improvement activities such as water and sewer improvements, street improvements, drainage and neighborhood facilities. Economic Development: infrastructure improvements, acquisition of real property loans to private-for-profit business, purchase of machinery and equipment or energy conservation.

 For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons. In developing a CDBG application, the Town of Century must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of the activities. In addition, the Town of Century is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

 A public hearing to obtain citizen comment concerning the Town’s economic and community development needs will be held at Century Town Hall, located at 7995 North Century Blvd. on Tuesday, September 22 at 5:00 p.m. For information concerning the public hearing, contact Kristina Wood at (850) 256-3208 or by e-mail at kwood@centuryflorida.us. The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise the Town at least three days before the hearing by contacting Kristina Wood at (850) 256-3208. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Town using the Florida Relay Services, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice). In addition, the public hearing will be available via Zoom Conferencing by calling 1-888-475-4499 or 1-646-876-9923, entering 570 703 5793#, and then #.

 Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Kristina Wood at (850) 256-3208 at least three days prior to the hearing and an interpreter will be provided.