

# SUNSHINE LINES

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## Beautiful News From Bay to Beach



### NEXTDOOR: CONNECTING NEIGHBORS ONE BY ONE

With the ever-changing pace of technology, many conversations that used to occur over the fence between neighbors are now happening online. The city of Clearwater has partnered with Nextdoor, a free social network for neighbors to connect. Nextdoor allows Clearwater residents to create neighborhood pages where they can share news and

information with one another about community events, road closures and even lost pets. The app allows the city of Clearwater to post information such as urgent alerts, upcoming programs, road closures in a particular area and neighborhood-specific safety information.

Currently, there are more than 17,000 residents in the city of Clearwater who are already signed up for Nextdoor. Clearwater residents are encouraged to join Nextdoor by entering their address on [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com). If a neighborhood page has not already been established, residents can create one and invite their fellow neighbors to join. Anyone who lives in the city of Clearwater and joins Nextdoor will automatically receive city of Clearwater updates and alerts.



If you have questions  
or need help setting up  
an account, e-mail  
[support@nextdoor.com](mailto:support@nextdoor.com),  
or go to  
[help.nextdoor.com](http://help.nextdoor.com).

### WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT

By recycling, Clearwater residents can conserve natural resources and have a positive impact on the environment. But not everything can be recycled in your curbside cart. Placing unaccepted items into your recycling cart not only makes the city's recycling hazardous and expensive, but it can ruin true recyclables, causing them to be disposed of as garbage.

Plastic bags and wraps are not accepted by the city's curbside recycling program. This includes plastic wrapping and packaging for paper towels, toilet tissue, dry cleaning, newspaper delivery bags and other materials. These materials cannot be processed by the facility Clearwater uses to separate recyclables because they get tangled in the equipment, leading to equipment failures and fires. Instead, plastic grocery bags should be returned to the grocery store for recycling, or they should be thrown in the trash. For more information on recycling, call Solid Waste/Recycling Operations at (727) 562-4920.



### OPEN A BOOK TO DISCOVER A UNIVERSE OF STORIES

Readers of all ages will explore the cosmos this summer as the Clearwater Public Library System presents "A Universe of Stories" during its annual summer reading program. The 2019 Summer Reading Program is open to all young people, preschool through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, story times, a reading club and more. Registration starts June 10, and the program is free. For more information, visit your nearest branch, call (727) 562-4970 or visit [myclearwaterlibrary.com](http://myclearwaterlibrary.com).





# Clearwater Happenings

## Clearwater Music & Arts Festival

Saturday & Sunday, May 25-26  
Coachman Park, 301 Drew St.  
clearwaterartsfestival.com

## Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 27  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Crest Lake Park  
201 S. Glenwood Ave.  
myclearwaterevents.com

## Blast Friday

Friday, May 31  
5-10 p.m.  
Downtown Clearwater  
blastfridayclearwater.com



## Downtown Clearwater Craft Beer Fest

Saturday, June 1  
Noon to 11 p.m.  
Downtown Clearwater

## Taste of Downtown Clearwater

Friday, June 14  
Station Square Park  
612 Cleveland St.  
clearwatermerchants.com



# News You Can Use

## CITY OFFICES TO CLOSE FOR MEMORIAL DAY

City offices, libraries and recreation facilities will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. The Solid Waste/Recycling Department will be working, and there will be no changes to the collection schedule.

## STINGRAY SEASON IS UNDER WAY

Stingrays are in area waters, so do the “stingray shuffle” when entering beach waters. By shuffling your feet in the sand, you will scare off any stingrays that might be around. If you do get stung, see a lifeguard. Those who get stung will be treated by the lifeguard, and then they will be transported to the nearest fire station for monitoring. Stingray season is expected to last through October. For more information, call (727) 462-6963.

## SAVE MONEY WHILE AWAY FROM HOME

Going away for two or more months this summer? You can place your residential water account on vacation status. Save money and protect your home from water leaks while you’re away. The water meter will be turned off, and you will be charged only for wastewater/sewer, solid waste and stormwater at the dormant rates. For additional information, call Utility Customer Service at (727) 562-4600.

## GET A DEAL ON A WATER HEATER

If your gas water heater is more than eight years old, now is the perfect time for a new one. For a limited time, residential gas customers can qualify for up to \$800 in savings toward the purchase of a residential gas tankless water heater. With tankless water heating, homeowners usually save more than 50 percent in water heating costs. Clearwater Gas System stocks various water heater brands, such as Rinnai, Noritz and Navien. Call today at (727) 562-4980, ext. 7454.



## IT’S SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON

Sea turtle nesting season begins May 1 and ends Oct. 31. Newly hatched turtles find their way to the Gulf of Mexico by following the natural light reflected by the water. If you play at the beach, take all personal belongings with you, flatten sand castles and fill in holes. Shut off or dim any artificial light that might shine toward the beach at night. If you find a new turtle nest on the beach, don’t disturb it. Call the Clearwater Marine Aquarium at (727) 441-1790.



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