

# SUNSHINE LINES

March 2019

## Beautiful News From Bay to Beach



### WATER MAINTENANCE PROGRAM TO BEGIN

Each year, Pinellas County's drinking water distribution system undergoes a maintenance program in which the disinfectant is temporarily switched from chloramines to chlorine. Clearwater customers are affected by this switch, because the city buys some of its water from Pinellas County. The maintenance program occurs in two different segments each year. The first segment is April 22 to May 11. The second will take place Sept. 23 to Oct. 12.

Some residents may notice a slight difference in the taste or odor of their drinking water. Although the disinfectant is slightly more noticeable, the water is still safe to drink. Residents and businesses with kidney dialysis machines and tropical aquatic life tanks should not be affected, but should contact their respective industries with questions about this temporary change. This routine maintenance is required to ensure the drinking water provided to Clearwater utility customers continues to be of the highest quality. The annual process continues to run smoothly every year. Thank you for your patience.

### SPRING BREAK PARK & RIDE SERVICE TO CLEARWATER BEACH

The city of Clearwater has teamed up with PSTA to make your trip to Clearwater Beach easier during spring break season. Park & Ride is a program that offers beach visitors a place to park in a free designated lot, and then ride the trolley to the beach for free. The trolley Park & Ride service leaves every 30 minutes from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and every 15 minutes from 10 a.m. to midnight on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Park for free at the former Clearwater City Hall location, 112 S. Osceola Ave., and board for free there, at the Clearwater Beach Transit Center, and the Clearwater Beach Marina. All riders boarding at these locations get a free day pass for all-day travel on the entire PSTA bus and trolley system. Return service to the parking lot boards at the Clearwater Beach Marina. This service began March 1 and runs through April 30.

For information about beach parking, visit [myclearwater.com/parking](http://myclearwater.com/parking) or [psta.net/springbreak](http://psta.net/springbreak).

For information on other ways to get around, visit [clearwaterferry.com](http://clearwaterferry.com), [clearwaterjolleytrolley.com](http://clearwaterjolleytrolley.com), [uber.com](http://uber.com), [lyft.com](http://lyft.com), [floridafreerides.com](http://floridafreerides.com), and [gounitedtaxi.com](http://gounitedtaxi.com).



### Spring Break Park & Ride



### IS YOUR UTILITY ACCOUNT UP TO DATE?

Clearwater's Utility Customer Service Department has procedures in place to notify customers who may receive a high water bill before the bill comes in the mail. Representatives reach out to those who may have an unusually high water consumption or if their meter is continually running. The goal is to get to the root of the problem quick and to stop the wasting of water (and money!).

But sometimes, the customer's phone number or email address that is listed on the account is outdated, and representatives cannot reach the customer. Make sure that your mailing address, phone number and email address associated with your Clearwater utilities account is correct and up to date. To update your information, call Utility Customer Service at (727) 562-4600.

### SAVE THE DATE: SHRED-A-THON & OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Police officers and solid waste workers will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 27 at Westfield Countryside Mall, 27001 U.S. 19 N., to collect and shred any paperwork that Clearwater residents no longer need. Clearwater Police also will accept old, unused and expired prescription medication at the same time, as part of a nationwide Operation Medicine Cabinet. Call (727) 562-4920 or visit [myclearwater.com](http://myclearwater.com) for details.



### NEIGHBORHOODS DAY IS MARCH 30

Clearwater staff and elected officials will tour the city and visit Clearwater's many neighborhood block parties during the 2019 Celebrate Clearwater Neighborhoods Day. The event is Saturday, March 30, from noon to 6 p.m. Clearwater will offer \$250 grants to neighborhoods hosting a neighborhood block party. Visit [myclearwater.com/neighborhood](http://myclearwater.com/neighborhood), or call (727) 562-4559 to learn more.





# Clearwater Happenings

## Dreams of Dalí Virtual Reality Experience

Wednesday to Sunday,  
various hours  
Second Century Studios  
331 Cleveland St.  
[downtownclearwater.com](http://downtownclearwater.com)

## Ruth Eckerd Hall's Arts on the Road

Saturday, April 6  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Downtown Clearwater  
[rutheckerdhall.com](http://rutheckerdhall.com)

## Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival

Friday, April 12 to  
Sunday, April 28  
Pier 60, 1 Causeway Blvd.  
[sugarsandfestival.com](http://sugarsandfestival.com)

## Blast Friday

Friday, April 26  
5:30 to 10 p.m.  
Downtown Clearwater  
[blastfridayclearwater.com](http://blastfridayclearwater.com)

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED: SAND AMBASSADORS

The Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival will be held April 12-28, and the city needs your help. An estimated 800 volunteers, or “sand ambassadors,” are needed to co-host this signature community event. Receive a free volunteer t-shirt, a complimentary meal voucher and free admission to the exhibit on the day of one’s shift.

A volunteer must be able to walk in the sand and tolerate the Florida heat. Sunscreen, shorts and casual beach attire is recommended. Don’t forget a hat and sunglasses. High school students ages 15 and older may volunteer; anyone younger than 18 years old must have parental permission. If volunteering for Bright Futures credit, bring all forms to your shift, and they will be signed upon completion. To register, contact Valerie Christou at [Valerie.Christou@myclearwater.com](mailto:Valerie.Christou@myclearwater.com), or call (727) 562-4832.

## PAINT YOUR HEART OUT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS, DONORS & SPONSORS

Paint Your Heart Out, Clearwater is seeking volunteer painters, financial donors and sponsors to help with this year’s event. On April 6, volunteers will help paint 12 Clearwater homes. The group needs professional and amateur painters who can volunteer and get the job done in a day.

Afterward, there will be a celebration in Downtown Clearwater with food, drinks and prizes for volunteers.

The organization is also seeking financial donations and sponsors to help continue the work that has benefited the Clearwater community for 26 years. For more information, email [PYHOCpaintmyhouse@gmail.com](mailto:PYHOCpaintmyhouse@gmail.com), or call (727) 562-4664.

## CLEARWATER THRESHERS

Get out your peanuts and Cracker Jacks because another season for the Clearwater Threshers has started. Games begin April 4; home games are played at Spectrum Field, 601 Old Coachman Road. Tickets are available for as low as \$6. It’s a great way to score a home run with your family. For more information, visit [threshersbaseball.com](http://threshersbaseball.com).



## OLDER ADULT SURVEY

The city of Clearwater is conducting a survey to learn about the current and future needs of older adults.

Starting March 15, a postcard will be sent to homes in which an adult 60 years or older resides. It will contain survey information, which they can mail back or complete it online. Participation in this survey is important, and the feedback will help the city better understand and plan for the needs of older adults living in Clearwater.

The survey is being done in partnership with Pinellas and Pasco County governments, the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco Pinellas and the Pinellas Community Foundation. Call (727) 724-3070 with questions or if you need assistance with the survey.

## THE HARBORVIEW CENTER IS COMING DOWN

The city of Clearwater will host a public celebration in preparation for the demolition of the Harborview Center in Downtown Clearwater. The community event will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. March 29 outside of the Harborview Center, 300 Cleveland St. A ceremony with Mayor George Cretekos, Clearwater City Council and city staff will be held at 5 p.m. to mark the final phase of the Harborview Center.

This ceremony will mark the beginning of the demolition of the Harborview Center. It will take several weeks and will officially begin the second week in April. The demolition will initiate the first visible phase of Imagine Clearwater, which will transform Coachman Park and Downtown Clearwater.

The city is soliciting historical photos of the Harborview Center from the community for this event. If you have one, please share it with us. Send your photos to [photo@myclearwater.com](mailto:photo@myclearwater.com) by March 22.



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