

# SUNSHINE LINES

Beautiful News From Bay to Beach



## THE NORTH MARINA AREA & SEMINOLE BOAT LAUNCH TAKE SHAPE

Improvements to the North Marina Area and Seminole Boat Launch are coming soon. The city of Clearwater broke ground on the project last month. A contractor has been selected, and the project is fully funded, according to Michael Delk, the city's Planning and Development Department director.

The contractor's work should take around nine months to complete. The improvements and enhancements to the North Marina Area and Seminole Boat Launch include a new parking area, landscaping, lighting, and permanent restrooms. It will feature a new kayak launch area, floating docks, and a new trail extension through the marina to the waterfront park. Residents will enjoy enhanced public walkways, additional public benches, more green space, and improved park area at the end of Seminole Street.

## Spring Break Park & Ride

### PARK & RIDE TO CLEARWATER BEACH

If you're visiting Clearwater Beach this spring break season, don't forget about the free Park & Ride program, now through April 30. Park & Ride offers beach visitors a place to park in a free designated downtown lot, and then ride the trolley to the beach for free.

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. The trolley 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. Return service to the parking lot boards at the Clearwater Beach Marina. For information about beach parking, visit [myclearwater.com/springbreak](http://myclearwater.com/springbreak).

## FREE TREES FOR CLEARWATER RESIDENTS TO CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

The city of Clearwater will celebrate Arbor Day by giving away 2,100 trees to its residents. The annual tree giveaway event takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Public Service Complex, 1650 N. Arcturas Ave.

Proof of residency is required and may include a voter's registration card, Florida driver's license or a recent utility bill. City arborists and a state urban forester will be available to answer questions about properly planting and caring for the trees. For more information about the tree giveaway, call parks service supervisor Matt Anderson at (727) 462-6563, ext. 233.

## SAVE A TREE WITH E-BILLING

One way to save trees is to get your utility bill sent to you electronically. The city of Clearwater prints about 51,000 utility bills each month, which equals 102 reams of paper. It takes 6 percent of one tree to make one ream of paper, and one tree makes 16.67 reams of paper. If every utility billing customer who received a bill went paperless, then we could help save approximately 6.1 trees per month or 73 trees per year. So save a tree, and go paperless. Visit [myclearwater.com](http://myclearwater.com) or call (727) 562-4600 to sign up today.



## NEED HELP BUYING A HOME?

H.O.P.E. Expo 2019 can help people interested in buying a home. The H.O.P.E. (Home Ownership for People Everywhere) Expo will be held Saturday, May 18 from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Raymond James Financial Center, 880 Carillon Parkway Tower 4, St. Petersburg.

There will be more than 30 professional organizations with experience in home buying, including lenders, realtors, credit counselors, down payment assistance specialists and local government agencies that offer programs to assist in home buying. A home buyer workshop will also be held. Register and learn more by visiting [hopeexpo.org](http://hopeexpo.org).



# Clearwater Happenings

## Clearwater Children's Day/El Día Del Niño

Clearwater Children's Day, or El Día Del Niño, will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 27 on Cleveland Street between Lincoln Avenue and Betty Lane. The free festival will feature a DJ, dance groups, rides, art activities, children's amusement rides, raffles to win prizes, food vendors and more.

Free parking will be available at Cleveland Street and Lincoln Avenue. For more information,

call (727) 562-4047 or email [gabe.parra@myclearwater.com](mailto:gabe.parra@myclearwater.com).

## 97X BBQ Music and Arts Festival

May 19, 2019  
Coachman Park  
[97xonline.com](http://97xonline.com)



## Come to Taste Fest X

The 10th annual Clearwater Beach Taste Fest celebration kicks off Friday, May 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Pier 60 Park, 1 Causeway Blvd. Enjoy food samples from more than 30 participating restaurants, wine and craft beer, live entertainment and fireworks. This year's event will be ocean-friendly and will not include plastic bags, plastic straws or Styrofoam.

Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$15 for children (ages 6-13). For more information, visit [clearwaterbeachtastefest.com](http://clearwaterbeachtastefest.com).



## LEAKS & YOUR HOME

April is Water Conservation Month. One important way you can conserve water in your home is to watch for and repair leaks as soon as they start. Over the years, experience has indicated that water meters are extremely reliable and rarely fail. If your utility bill is unusually high, the problem generally will lie within either water usage or leaks.

Here are some examples of items in your home that can leak and their impact:

- A water hose that is three-quarter-inch in diameter and 100 feet long can create a leak of 13.1 gallons per minute, or 786 gallons per hour. This equals 565,488 gallons and would cost \$6,409.44 per month.
- A toilet leak with a chain under the flapper can create a leak of 1.6 gallons per minute, or 96 gallons per hour. This equals 68,816 gallons and would cost \$756.99 per month.
- A toilet leak with the flapper removed can create a leak of 6.8 gallons per minute, or 408 gallons per hour. This equals 293,216 gallons and would cost \$3,310.67 per month.

If there is a leak after the water runs through the meter, the charge will appear on the bill and must be paid by the account holder. Paying careful attention to leaks will not only help conserve water, but it also will keep consumer costs low. For more information, call the Utility Customer Service Department at (727) 562-4600.

## SHRED IT OR REGRET IT

Do you have important financial documents to get rid of or old medication you no longer need? The Clearwater Police Department and the city's Solid Waste Department are teaming up for an event April 27 that will help both causes.

Police officers and solid waste workers will be on hand at Westfield Countryside Mall, 27001 U.S. Highway 19 N., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to collect and shred any paperwork that Clearwater residents no longer need. Giant shredders will be on scene to help protect the valuable financial information that otherwise could become compromised.

## KEEP CLEARWATER BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

Spring is here, and leaves, grasses and greenery are growing tall and strong. Branches will be cut and may end up in the city's storm drainage system. Remember that stormwater flows directly into ponds, lakes, rivers and bays. Because water runs off our yards, it is important to reduce the amount of pollutants on private property.

Trash, debris and pollutants in yards – such as fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides – can wash into the stormwater system, polluting the environment and causing blockages in storm pipes. Substances such as detergents, motor oil or clippings from chemical-treated grass are dangerous to local waterways.

Clearwater Police also will be accepting old, unused and expired prescription medication at the same time. That is part of a nationwide Operation Medicine Cabinet that is done twice a year. Bringing the medication to the police for proper disposal is much safer than throwing it in the trash or flushing it down the toilet.

Both drop-offs are meant for Clearwater residents and not for businesses. Needles and other types of hazardous materials will not be accepted. The event will take place in the mall parking lot near the Crunch Fitness.



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