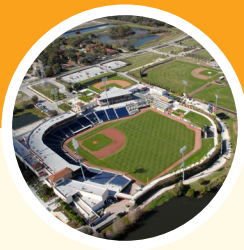


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OPERATION SHRED IS NOV. 2

The city's Solid Waste and Recycling Department will offer free shredding for Clearwater residents from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Morningside Recreation Center, 2400 Harn Blvd., Clearwater. The on-site shredding is offered as a deterrent to identity theft.

Residents can bring documents that have sensitive information, and they will be shredded. Throwing such items away in the trash is not a good idea, as they can be obtained by criminals who go through your trash. It is designed for Clearwater residents, not businesses. Call the Solid Waste Operations line at (727) 562-4920 with questions.



HALLOWEEN FUN AT THE LIBRARY

The Clearwater Public Library System will feature several Halloween-themed events at multiple library locations this year. Learn more about these and other events at myclearwaterlibrary.com.

Main Library

100 N. Osceola Ave.

- Eerie Florida: Chilling Tales from the Panhandle to the Keys, Oct. 23, 6 to 7 p.m.
- Little Ones Music and Stories/ Halloween Spooktacular, Oct. 29, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
- Preschool Power Storytime: Halloween Fun, Oct. 30, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
- "It's the Great Pumpkin" book character contest, all month

Beach Library

69 Bay Esplanade

- Halloween Spooktacular for all ages, Oct. 23, 4 to 6 p.m.

Countryside Library

2642 Sabal Springs Drive

- Halloween Craft, Oct. 23, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Little Learners Halloween!, Oct. 31, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

East Community Library

2465 Drew St.

- "Nightmare Before Christmas" Watch and Paint, Oct. 24, 5 to 7:30 p.m.
- Halloween/Day of the Dead Party, Oct. 26, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

North Greenwood Library

905 N. MLK Jr. Ave.

- Monster Mash Halloween Bash, Oct. 30, 5 to 7 p.m.



SAVE MONEY WHILE AWAY FROM HOME

Going away for two or more months this holiday season? 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.



Clearwater Happenings

Tunnel to Towers 5K

Nov. 2 at Coachman Park, 301 Drew St. This run or walk event honors America's brave first responders and military heroes. tunnel2towers.org

Veterans Day Celebration

Nov. 11 at Crest Lake Park Memorial Plaza, 201 S. Glenwood Ave. Take time to honor those who have served and are currently serving in the armed forces. tampabayveteransalliance.org

Festival of Trees

Nov. 22-24 at the Long Center, 1501 N. Belcher Road. This winter wonderland features locally decorated holiday trees and wreaths, all available for purchase. thearctbfoundation.org

Tampa Bay Times Turkey Trot

Nov. 28 at 7 a.m., Clearwater High School Stadium, 540 S. Hercules Ave. This is the largest running event in the Tampa Bay area with more than 17,000 participants. tampabay.com/turkeytrot

CLEARWATER CAUTIONS CONSUMERS ABOUT WATER QUALITY TESTING SALES PITCHES

Residents should know that companies promoting water quality testing to individual homes are not associated with the city of Clearwater or Clearwater Public Utilities. Private, for-profit water testing companies have been approaching homeowners in Clearwater and throughout Pinellas County, informing them that they should have their water tested for quality. In the past, companies also have made claims to be able to improve the quality and safety of tap water.

All water supplied by the city of Clearwater meets or exceeds all federal and state standards for safe drinking water. The city does not endorse any private water companies, nor does the city's water require additional testing or filtering. Clearwater Public Utilities has stringent processes including water sampling to ensure water quality.

Residents are urged to exercise caution if any company offers free testing, a free gift with demonstration, makes claims or generalizations concerning water contamination or adds a coagulant (or thickener) to your water to solidify harmless minerals. If you're approached by a water testing company, look them up at the Better Business Bureau website at bbb.org before doing business with them. Residents who feel they have been misled in any way should contact the Attorney General's Economic Crimes Office at (813) 287-7900.

THE HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA RETURNS

The holidays are fast approaching and the city of Clearwater wants you to celebrate with us. From Nov. 30 to Dec. 22, Downtown Clearwater will host the second annual Holiday Extravaganza with shopping, dining, movies, music, family fun, holiday decorations and much more.

Here are some planned events for this year's Holiday Extravaganza:

- **Nov. 30 and Dec. 1**
Food Truck Rally in Coachman Park and Downtown Clearwater
- **Dec. 7**
Macy's and Ruth Eckerd Hall's Miracle on Cleveland Street and the tree lighting ceremony
- **Dec. 8**
Santa & Suds Run in Downtown Clearwater
- **Dec. 14**
Island Estates Boat Parade with viewing from Coachman Park
- **Dec. 14**
Holiday Movie Night at Station Square Park
- **Dec. 21**
Holiday Movie Night at Station Square Park

Be a part of this great event!

Visit downtownclearwater.com to apply today to become an event sponsor or host and to get more details about all the events.

CODE SWEEP IN DOWNTOWN GATEWAY

The city's Code Compliance Division staff will carry out a neighborhood sweep on Wednesday, Nov. 6 in the Downtown Gateway, focusing on the area within Drew Street, Court Street, Highland Avenue and Missouri Avenue. Code Compliance officers will inspect residential and commercial properties for a range of violations:

- Yard growth
- Poorly maintained fences
- Trash and debris on the property
- Damaged driveways
- Inoperable vehicles
- Vehicles parked on the grass
- Vehicles with no tags or expired tags
- Hauling trailers
- Exterior surface issues on the home

On Wednesday, Nov. 6 the city's Solid Waste Department will also carry out a bulk collection in the designated sweep zone. Items to be collected must be placed on the curb by 7 a.m. Along with bulk items, the Solid Waste Department will pick up televisions and other electronics. It will not collect any tires, propane tanks, paints or chemicals during bulk collection. For more information, call (727) 562-4720. For information in Spanish, call (727) 562-4664.



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