



NOVEMBER WEATHER HISTORY TIDBIT

On Nov. 23, 1988 Tropical Storm Keith moved across Florida, entering near Sarasota and exiting just north of Melbourne. Maximum rainfall was 11 inches at Largo. A storm surge of nearly six feet maximum and three to four feet generally accompanied the storm. Damage was near \$3 million, mostly due to the storm surge. Two tornadoes touched down in Pinellas County just before landfall, damaging hangar doors at St. Petersburg Airport. On Nov. 28, 1912 in North Florida, one-half inch of snow was recorded making it the earliest snowfall on record in Florida.



NOVEMBER GARDENING TIPS

Tend to your lawn, and prepare for the colder months. You still have time to overseed your lawn with annual ryegrass until mid-month, and keep mulching tender plants and bulbs. Weeds such as chickweed and annual bluegrass begin germinating at this time of year, so apply the appropriate herbicide to your turf if you've had problems with these weeds in the past. Remember that herbicides wash into our stormwater, along with excess fertilizers. Prepare plants for the move indoors for when it gets cold. Plants should be brought inside when evening temperatures are below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Indoor plants need less water as days grow shorter. Let soils dry out and then water thoroughly.



FLORIDA TIDBIT

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Walt Disney World opens near Orlando, eventually attracting more people each year than Florida has permanent residents.

IRONMAN 70.3



Sarah Ryerson radiates the joy of finishing the Ford Ironman World Championship 70.3 race. Ryerson was one of a number of nationally-known, physically challenged athletes to qualify for the world championship held in Clearwater for the first time last year. The event brings athletes, sponsors and spectators from around the world. The economic impact to the area is estimated at more than \$3.5 million and brings national and international media attention to our beautiful city.

- Launched the Clearwater Neighborhoods Expansion Pilot project into the Countryside area.
- Improved service reliability via a double-feed gas main system expansion in addition to the installation of several interconnected facilities along north and south boundaries of our service territory. On average, Clearwater Gas service is interrupted less than 30 seconds per year - a 99.999% service reliability rate.
- Continued to offer a complete line of modern, energy efficient gas appliances with installation and maintenance services. Gas Installation, Service & Repair, and Appliance Sales divisions generated more than \$2.5 million in annual revenues.
- Total department revenue growth increased to nearly \$38 million in economic impact, an increase of more than 40% in the last five years.
- Accomplished the early pay-off of \$7.7 million in long-term bond debt, which results in significant savings on interest payments and shortens the term of our bond issue by five years.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR PARKS & RECREATION

- Coordinated 19 youth and adult co-sponsored activities, with close to 5,000 participants, ranging from horseshoe pitching to youth football. Partnered with the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Convention and Visitor Bureau Sports Commission to generate more than \$17 million for the community. Offered swim lessons to 10,700 children and adults, while providing recreation, youth development and child care for approximately 950 children in 7 staff-led summer camps and approximately 450 children in 4 contract camps.