



## Building a Brighter Future Together

*Clearwater is entering its second phase of redevelopment projects and infrastructure redevelopments. We ask residents, businesses and visitors for their continued patience as these projects progress. We are truly partners in building a brighter future together.*



Construction is well underway on the Ross Norton Recreation Complex and Extreme Sports Park.

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### Ross Norton Recreation Complex and Extreme Sports Park

The walls of the new recreation center at the Ross Norton Complex rise behind scaffolding as workers prepare trenches for additional footers. The existing swimming pool is being refurbished with new decking, pool surfacing, and landscaping. New pools will accommodate a slide and kids activities. The new 21,000-square-foot complex will include a teen lounge, fitness room, gymnasium and outdoor patio. Outside, the park will boast the city's first Extreme Sports Park. In-line skaters, skateboarders and BMXers will hone their skills in the 30,000-square-foot playground designed by Huna with Woodward ramps, jumps and rails. Participants will be ensured a safe experience with areas for beginners as well as experts. The project is being funded through Penny for Pinellas revenues and a recently awarded Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grants of \$200,000 for the Extreme Sports Park, and \$200,000 for pool renovations. For more information on the new complex, call 562-4800.

### Myrtle Avenue Improvements

In April, construction work started on Myrtle Avenue between Lakeview and Fairmont. As infrastructure maintenance remains one of the City Council's five priorities, an improved roadway drainage system, installation of new water mains, hydrants, gas mains and sewer pipes



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are among the upgrades. New sidewalks, curbs and asphalt will be installed after construction is finished. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on Myrtle Avenue at all times during construction, with completion expected by 2005.

This construction also prepares for the redesign of Alternate U.S. 19, which will improve traffic flow. When construction is complete, Missouri Avenue will become Alternate U.S. 19 from East Bay Drive North to Court Street, then will be routed west on Court Street to Myrtle Avenue and North on Myrtle Avenue to Ft. Harrison Avenue. Total project cost is \$16.13 million.



The Northwest Fire Station will open this summer.

### Clearwater Fire & Rescue Continues Progress on the Northwest Fire Station

The Northwest Fire Station, located at 1720 Overbrook Drive, is approximately 90% complete and firefighters are almost ready to move into their new home. Computer and phone systems, fire equipment and utilities have been installed and only a few details remain. The intersection at Betty Lane and Overbrook Avenue was redesigned to better accommodate traffic and fire trucks. Ramp and driveway work has been delayed due to the worldwide shortage of steel and concrete, but the station is still scheduled to open this summer. The building uses Clearwater Mall Station 49 design plans to save both time and money. This new station will bring quicker emergency response times to a growing section of our community.

### Memorial Causeway Bridge

Completion of the new Memorial Causeway Bridge has been delayed due to several construction-related issues. The Florida Department of Transportation, manager of the project, requested that the contractor remove damaged piers and one bridge footing and reconstruct them to ensure that the new structure is safe and reliable for traffic. The city is working closely with DOT to ensure that the new high-span structure is a safer and more efficient connection between downtown and the beaches. For bridge updates, call the hotline at (727) 562-4549 or tune in to C-VIEW TV 15, Clearwater's 24-hour information station.

### Downtown Wayfinding

Clearwater residents and visitors will soon be greeted with new entrance and directional signs unique to the downtown area. By the end of July, workers will begin placing new signs that will welcome drivers to downtown and direct them to Clearwater's key destinations. The project is expected to take approximately three months to complete and includes approximately 50 signs placed throughout the downtown core. Signs will direct visitors to both city landmarks and restaurants/retail destinations. The entire project will cost \$569,084 and is the first part of the improved Streetscape design for downtown.



**Memorial Causeway Bridge**

**Cost\*:** \$64.2 million  
**Funding:** Utilities \$2.8 million  
 Penny for Pinellas \$12.1 million  
 Trans. Impact Fee \$500,000  
 Gas Tax \$1.4 million  
 Federal Grant \$20.7 million  
 State Grant \$15.5 million  
 Pinellas County \$10 million  
 Interest \$1.2 million  
*Estimated Completion Date:* To Be Determined

**Downtown Wayfinding**

**Cost\*:** \$569,084.25  
**Funding:** Community Development Block Grant \$335,000  
 Trans. Impact Fee \$34,084.25  
*Estimated Completion Date:* October 2004

**Northwest Fire Station**

**Cost\*:** \$2.2 million  
**Funding:** Penny for Pinellas \$2 million  
 City \$198,650  
*Estimated Completion Date:* Summer 2004

**Ross Norton Recreation Complex and Extreme Sports Park**

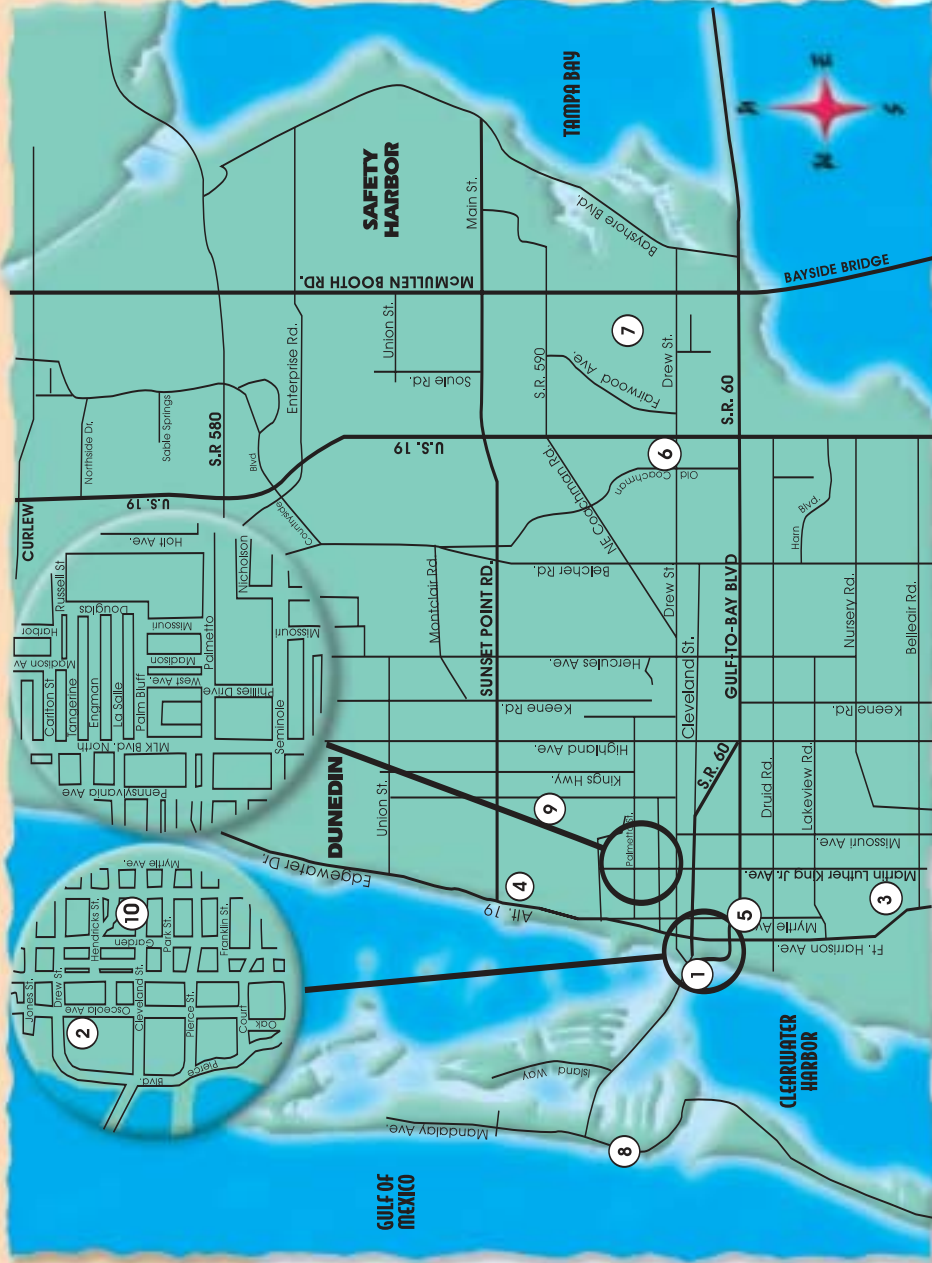
**Cost\*:** \$3.72 million  
**Funding:** Special Development Fund \$257,212  
 Penny for Pinellas \$2.82 million  
 Recreation Facility Impact Fees \$360,076  
 State Grant (FRDAP) \$400,000  
 General Fund \$74,995  
*Estimated Completion Date:* Early 2005

**Beach Walk**

**Cost\*:** \$931,070  
**Funding:** HUD Grant \$490,000  
 Penny for Pinellas \$441,070  
*Estimated Completion Date:* To Be Determined

**Myrtle Avenue Reconstruction**

**Cost\*:** \$16.13 million  
**Funding:** Gas Tax \$1 million  
 Dev. Impact Fees \$217,199  
 Penny for Pinellas \$379,831  
 Stormwater Bond Issue \$11.52 million  
 Other City Utilities \$3.01 million  
 Other City Funds \$5,653  
*Estimated Completion Date:* Fall 2005



1. Memorial Causeway Bridge
2. Main Library
3. Ross Norton Recreation Center and Extreme Sports Park
4. Stevenson's Creek
5. Myrtle Avenue Resurfacing
6. Drew Street Overpass (FDOT)
7. Kapok Floodplain Restoration
8. Beach Walk
9. Northwest Fire Station
10. Downtown Wayfinding

\*estimated total construction cost.

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