



SUNSHINE LINES MAR. 2026

BEAUTIFUL NEWS FROM BAY TO BEACH

SEE CLEARWATER'S SUGAR SAND COME TO LIFE

The 2026 Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival, presented by Visit St. Pete-Clearwater, proudly invites you to experience a dynamic showcase of teamwork, triumph and tradition. This year's festival begins March 27 and goes through April 12 at Pier 60 on bright and beautiful Clearwater Beach.

This year's Sugar Sand Walk Exhibit will highlight the unifying power of sports and the spirit that inspires generations. In addition to the main exhibit, guests will step into a special immersive tribute honoring the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the semiquincentennial, brought to life through stunning sand art and cutting-edge projection mapping.

Join us as we celebrate the champions, the dreamers, and the defining stories that shape our nation, all carved in sugar sand on Clearwater Beach. General admission tickets are \$16 plus tax, and VIP tickets are available for \$75 in advance or \$80 at the door, plus tax. Visit SugarSandFestival.com for details.



SPRING BREAK PARK & RIDE SERVICE RETURNS

The city of Clearwater has once again teamed up with PSTA to make your trip to Clearwater Beach easier during spring break. Park & Ride offers beach visitors a place to park in a free designated lot, and then ride a trolley to the beach for free.

Due to the construction happening in downtown Clearwater, this year's Park & Ride schedule and pickup places will be different from years past:

March 1 to March 22, and April 17 to May 3

Monday–Thursday | NO FREE SERVICE
Friday* & Saturday | 10 a.m. to midnight
Sunday | 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

* Parking Garage Parking is free beginning at 6 p.m.
Gould Lot is free entire day of service.

March 27 to April 12 (Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival)

Sunday to Thursday | 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday and Saturday | 10 a.m. to midnight

Park and Ride Lot Locations

- Gould Parking Lot, at the corner of Gould Street and Martin Luther King Avenue (served by PSTA buses)
- Osceola Avenue Parking Garage, at 311 S. Osceola Ave. (served by trolleys)
- Garden Avenue Parking Garage, 28 N. Garden Ave. (served by trolleys)

Return service to the downtown parking locations is at Pier 60 and Clearwater Beach Marina. And don't forget about the Clearwater Ferry service, the Grouper Airport Express, Snapper On Demand, and other fun ways to get around. Visit PSTA.net/SpringBreak.



FIXED INCOME BILLING SUPPORT

Clearwater Utility Customer Service offers fixed income billing support to help customers with disabilities or those living on a fixed income avoid late fees on city of Clearwater utility bills. The program allows eligible customers to delay their payment due date by 10 days to better align with monthly income such as Social Security, retirement or disability benefits.

How to Apply

Eligible customers must:

- Complete an application.
- Provide a valid ID (Social Security number, driver's license or state ID).
- Submit proof of fixed income, such as a Social Security or retirement award letter.

Indicate the date monthly income is received.

For more information or assistance, contact Clearwater Utility Customer Service at (727) 562-4600.



CELEBRATE EARTH MONTH!

Happy Earth Month! This April, the city of Clearwater invites residents to celebrate with fun, educational and family-friendly events throughout the city.

Earth Month is a time to recognize how the planet supports us and how small changes at home can help create a healthier, greener future for Clearwater. Learn more at MyClearwater.com/EarthMonth

OPERATION SHRED AND MEDICATION-TAKE-BACK EVENT

The Clearwater Police Department and the city's Solid Waste and Recycling team will host a prescription-drug-takeback and document shredding event for Clearwater residents from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 25, at Countryside Mall, 27001 U.S. Highway 19 N., in the parking lot near Whole Foods.

Residents may bring sensitive documents for secure, on-site shredding and unused or expired prescription medications for proper disposal. The event is for residents only and not for commercial purposes. Hazardous materials and needles will not be accepted. Shredding is limited to 10 boxes per vehicle.

SOLAR PROJECTS APPROVED AT CITY FACILITIES

The city of Clearwater is moving forward with new solar installations at City Hall, the Long Center, North Greenwood Recreation Center and Countryside Library. By using federal funding and incentives, the city is able to offset up to 80 Percent of project costs while reducing

long-term electricity expenses. Over time, these projects are expected to save the city approximately \$6 million in energy costs. Find out more MyClearwater.com/Sustainability-Greenprint/Clearwater-Clean-Energy

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

USF Volleyball: Stampede Beach Opener

March 27 to 28, all day, Clearwater Beach

Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival

March 27 to April 12, Pier 60 Park

School's Out! Day Camp

April 3 and April 27, various recreation centers

Countryside Eggstravaganza

April 4, 9 a.m.-noon, Countryside Recreation Center

Rockin' Hoppin' Easter Egg Hunt

April 4, 10 a.m. to noon, Ross Norton Recreation Center

The Market Marie

April 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Coachman Park

USF Volleyball: Gulf Front Invitational

April 17 to 18, all day, Clearwater Beach

Clearwater Waterfront Craft Festival

April 18 to 19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, along the Clearwater waterfront

Eggquatic Egg Hunt

April 4, various times, Morningside Recreation Complex

Tree Giveaway and Arbor Day Celebration

April 25, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Public Works Complex
1650 N. Arcturas Ave.

Operation Medicine Cabinet Drug-Take-Back Event

April 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Countryside Mall,
27001 U.S. 19 N., near Whole Foods

iCelebremos Día!

April 25 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., East Community Library @ SPC

Earth Day at Moccasin Lake

April 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Moccasin Lake Nature Park

Casino Night

May 2, 6-9 p.m., Morningside Recreation Complex



SUMMER CAMP

Unleash endless fun and create unforgettable memories at Clearwater summer camps! With a wide range of exciting activities, weekly themes, and positive character development, your children will have the time of their lives. Under the guidance of carefully-selected, experienced and loving camp counselors, they'll make new friends and have a summer to remember.

Camps run June 1 through Aug. 7. Registration for camps at Countryside, Long and Morningside recreation centers starts at \$990 with a recreation plus card. Ross Norton and North Greenwood camps are funded through a grant with the Juvenile Welfare Board and cost \$75 for the summer. Registration can be done in person at the preferred recreation center.

Learn more at MyClearwaterParks.com/SummerCamp



CITY RESIDENTS SAVE MONEY ON FLOOD INSURANCE

The Community Rating System, helps our residents save money on their flood insurance policies through our participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. More than 1,500 communities participate nationwide.

In Clearwater and other Community Rating System communities, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community's efforts that help mitigate flooding. The ratings go from 1 (best) to 10 (least).



The city of Clearwater's rating is a 5, as of Oct. 1, 2025, which results in a 25-percent discount that residents receive on their flood insurance.

Now is a good time to consider purchasing flood insurance, whether it is required for your property or not. Having a policy may bring you peace of mind as we enter into storm season. To find out other ways you can protect your home and property, visit MyClearwater.com/Stormwater

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