



# SUNSHINE LINES

## SEPT 2026

## SISTER CITY HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Clearwater and Nagano, Japan have been sister cities for 67 years, with student exchanges taking place since 1990. This Oct. 21 to 30, a group of high school students from Nagano will be visiting Clearwater, and we're looking for host families to welcome them. We also host a middle school group every March.

If you're interested in hosting or would like to learn more about the program, fill out an application at [MyClearwater.com/SisterCities](http://MyClearwater.com/SisterCities)



## PLASTIC RECYCLING: KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW

Recycling plastics can be confusing. While many items are made of plastic, that doesn't mean they can all be recycled the same way. For example, plastic bags should not be placed in your recycling cart. Instead, they can be reused or taken to participating grocery stores and other designated locations that offer plastic bag recycling.

Plastic bottles and containers, such as laundry detergent and sports drink bottles, can be placed in your recycling cart when accepted by your local recycling program.

Knowing what belongs in your recycling cart helps reduce contamination and ensures recyclable materials are processed properly. When in doubt, throw it out. Learn more at [MyClearwater.com/Recycling](http://MyClearwater.com/Recycling)



## UTILITY PAYMENT KIOSK

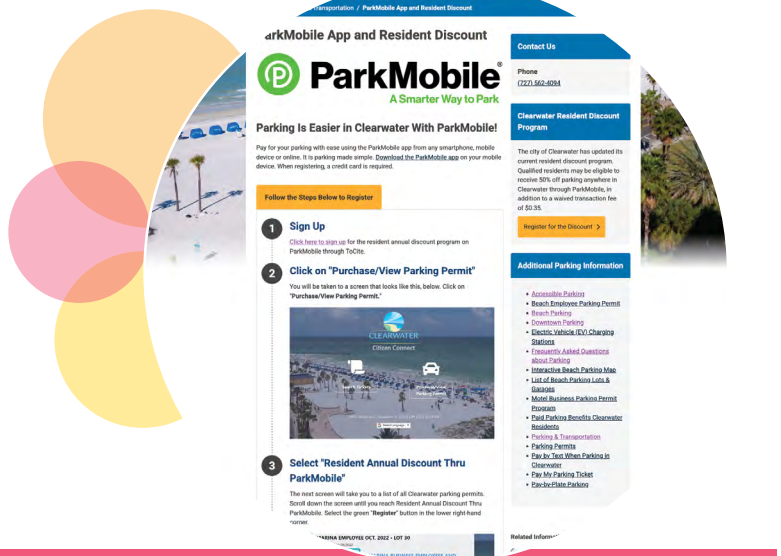
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## CLEARWATER RESIDENT PARKING DISCOUNT

Qualified city of Clearwater residents can receive 50 percent off paid hourly parking at city-owned parking facilities when paying through the ParkMobile app. The program also waives ParkMobile's transaction fee for qualified residents.

To receive the discount, residents must register annually through the city of Clearwater Parking System. Visit [MyClearwater.com/Parking](http://MyClearwater.com/Parking) and select "Parking Permits" and then "Purchase/View Parking Permit." Choose "Resident Annual Discount Thru ParkMobile," and complete the registration process. Applicants will be asked to provide their Florida driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of Clearwater residency. The city will review the application and notify applicants by email when they are approved. To purchase your parking permit, go to [MyClearwater.com/Parking](http://MyClearwater.com/Parking)



IT'S LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH AT CLEARWATER LIBRARIES

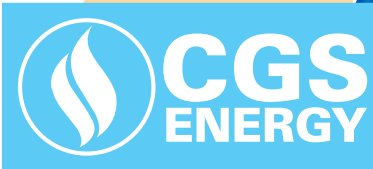
September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a great opportunity to explore everything Clearwater libraries have to offer. A free library card connects you to far more than books, providing access to digital collections, hands-on technology, educational resources and programs for all ages. Whether you're looking to learn a new skill, find your next great read or connect with your community, your library card is the key. Visit any Clearwater public library location to sign up for a free library card, or learn more at [MyClearwaterLibrary.com/Library](http://MyClearwaterLibrary.com/Library)



GET INTO THE GROOVE WITH A LIBRARY CARD

PUBLIC NATURAL GAS WEEK IS OCT. 4 TO 10

CGS Energy is gearing up to celebrate Public Natural Gas Week, Oct. 4 to 10. This week-long observance provides an opportunity for communities to recognize the importance of publicly-owned natural gas utilities. Throughout the week, CGS Energy will highlight the benefits of having a public natural gas utility and share information about the advantages of natural gas for homes and businesses. In celebration of Public Natural Gas Week, CGS Energy will also give away free 2027 wall calendars. To request a calendar, email [Lisa.Hadley@MyClearwater.com](mailto:Lisa.Hadley@MyClearwater.com)



FALL INTO FUN!

**Make a Difference Fishing Tournament** (Children)  
Oct. 3, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pier 60 Park

**Fall Y'All Festival**  
Oct. 3, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Coachman Park

**National Night Out**  
Oct. 6, 5 to 8 p.m., Countryside Mall

**Trunk or Treat**  
Oct. 8, 5 to 7 p.m., North Greenwood Recreation Center

**The Market Marie**  
Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Coachman Park

**Pumpkin Plunge**  
Oct. 10, Morningside Recreation Center

**47th Annual Clearwater Jazz Holiday**  
Oct. 15 to 18, Coachman Park

**Halloween JuBOOlee**  
Oct. 16, 5:30 to 5:30 p.m., Morningside Recreation Center

**Festival of Fright**  
Oct. 16, The Long Center

**Trunk or Treat**  
Oct. 22, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Beach Recreation Center

**Owl-oween**  
Oct. 24, Moccasin Lake Nature Park

**Community Family Fun Night**  
Oct. 24, 4:30 to 9:30 p.m., Buccaneer Field

**Halloween Extravaganza**  
Oct. 28, 4 p.m., Countryside Library

**Beetlejuice! Beetlejuice! Beetlejuice!**  
Oct. 29, 3:30 p.m., North Greenwood Library

**Trunk or Treat**  
Oct. 30, 5 to 7 p.m., Ross Norton Recreation Center

**Fall-o-Ween**  
Oct. 30, 6 to 10 p.m., Coachman Park

**Boo Bash**  
Oct. 31, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., BayCare Ballpark

**Salsa and Bachata Street Festival**  
Oct. 31, 6 to 11 p.m., Cleveland Street



Your Leadership Team

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