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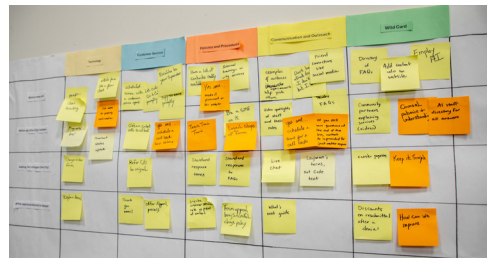
By the Innovation Team

In September 2025, Clearwater joined the ninth cohort of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, in partnership with the Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University, the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University, and the Centre for Public Impact.



The innovation team's deep research into city challenges paired with resident and staff discussions reinforced a key insight: while staff members are committed to helping, the process of asking permission itself can feel complex and unclear for residents and business owners trying to advance projects or events.

This initiative aims to identify and tackle a complex local challenge to improve the quality of life for residents. City leadership assembled an innovation team



to spearhead this project, led by Mayor **Bruce Rector**, City Manager **Jennifer Poirrier**, and Assistant City Manager **Daniel Slaughter**.

Over the past eight months, the team engaged more than 60 residents and staff in interviews and working sessions.

This year, the initiative moved into an active prototyping phase, where ideas were tested, refined, and shaped according to insight from residents and staff.



As the innovation team moves into the next phase of the initiative, it will develop a portfolio of recommendations that can deliver measurable improvements in efficiency, transparency, and customer experience. If employees are interested in participating in the next phase of the initiative, they can contact the team via email at BH9@MyClearwater.com.

Employee Spotlight: David Stoner

By Krystie Epperson



Library Division Manager **David Stoner** was one of 14 NASA Solar System Ambassadors invited to watch the historic Artemis II launch from the Kennedy Space Center April 1 on its way to orbit the moon. Stoner said that it was an incredible experience and that he plans to share more about the launch at future library programs.



Stoner will host several library telescope viewing events this summer at the Clearwater Main Library. Visit MyClearwaterLibrary.com, or the Clearwater Library's Facebook page for dates and times.

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Clearwater Neighborhoods Day 2026 Recap

By Kyree Sellman

Neighborhoods Day was a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish when we come together to serve our community. Across the city, employees from every department stepped outside their usual roles to connect with residents, support neighborhood initiatives and help create welcoming, vibrant spaces.

From engaging in meaningful conversations with residents to educating residents via touch-a-truck opportunities and playing fun games like cornhole with the neighborhood kids, your efforts made a visible impact.

Thank you to every staff member who participated, supported and helped bring Neighborhoods Day to life. Your dedication continues to shape stronger neighborhoods and a stronger Clearwater.



Solid Waste Competes in Road-E-O Competition

By Brooke Bosley

Clearwater's Solid Waste and Recycling Team returned home as winners from the Solid Waste Association of North America's 2026 Florida Road-E-O Competition held in Fort Myers April 24-25.

The competition challenges solid waste professionals as they compete in specialized obstacle courses, inspections, safety exams and maneuvering challenges.

- Solid Waste Equipment Operator **Tim Jones** is now a three-time, first-place winner in Automated Side Loading.
- Solid Waste Equipment Operator **Bradford Hardbarger** competed in Automated Side Loading, earning fifth place in his first competition.
- Solid Waste Equipment Operator **Donald Holcomb** took first place in Rear-End Loading.
- Solid Waste Equipment Operator **Josh Burdo** earned second place in the Roll-Off event.
- Solid Waste Supervisor **Mike Campagna** acted as a coach, helping the team practice and prepare for the competition

The first-place winners will advance to compete in the SWANA International Road-E-O competition later this year. Congratulations to the entire Clearwater Solid Waste team on these outstanding achievements.



Police & Fire Visit Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival

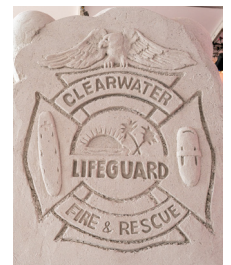
By Rob Shaw



Police department and beach lifeguard recruiting efforts made a big splash this year at the Pier 60 Sugar Sand festival.

The police department badge and the beach lifeguard logo were featured prominently

at the entrance to the exhibit, which ran for 17 days and used 1,000 tons of Clearwater Beach sand. Multiple television stations did stories about the unique approach to recruiting.



Police officers and beach lifeguards came out to view the amazing sculptures, just part of the artwork on display under the 24,000-square-foot tent structure.

Clearwater Rotary Club Honors First Responders

By Rob Shaw

Congratulations to three first responders who were honored recently by the Clearwater Rotary Club.



Police Officer **Andrew Billups** received the 49th Annual Joseph F. Cornelius Family Foundation's Outstanding Police Officer of the Year Award, the department's highest honor. He was recognized for two lifesaving efforts in 2025 just 10

weeks apart -- one involving an 8-year-old autistic girl and another involving a suicidal woman on the Memorial Causeway bridge.



Cpl. **Eric Mitchell** received the 2026 Rotary Public Safety and Service Award. He was recognized for his efforts with the Clearwater Blue

Foundation and Alpha House of Pinellas County.



Clearwater Fire & Rescue Lt. **Chris Quinn** received the 2026 Rotary Public Safety and Service Award for the fire department. He was recognized for his mentoring of the future generation of firefighters.

Bring Your Child to Work Day

By Krystie Epperson

The city of Clearwater invited children of city workers on Bring Your Child To Work Day to spend the day seeing where their parents work and what they do to make Clearwater bright and beautiful each day. They also got to see what the view is like from where city council meetings are held, chat with city staff members, watch a Clearwater Police K-9 demonstration, learn what it's like to be a Clearwater Fire & Rescue firefighter and check out a variety of heavy equipment up close.



Advanced Life Support Team Excels

By Rob Shaw

The Advanced Life Support team from Clearwater Fire & Rescue continues to shine in statewide competitions.



Team members finished fifth in the Connie Rhea ALS Invitational in April in Orlando, subsequently raising their state ranking to second. A total of 15 teams participated in the two-day competition. Members of the team are Lt. **Kenny Sweitzer Jr.**, Fire Medic **Chris Collins**, Fire Medic **Nolan Slone** and Fire Medic **John Zawojski**.

Police Employees Participate in Torch Run

By Rob Shaw



Several Clearwater Police Department employees supported the annual Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run in April.

Runners and bicyclists from several law enforcement agencies gathered at Philippe

Park and made their way to Paul B. Stephens School nearly 4 miles later.

They were greeted by dozens of cheering special-needs students as the torch arrived. Officers high-fived and fist-bumped students at the conclusion of the route and posed for photos with them. Four different Clearwater Police officers carried the torch along the route.



Those participating in the event were Sgt. **Lee Curtis**, Officer **Joel Delatorre-Castellanos**, Officer **Marvin Garcia**, Officer **Cole Klein**, Officer **Jim Perz**, Officer **Nicholas Milillo** and Police Office Specialist **Courtney Beasley**.

2026 Summer Reading Program

By Jack Donahue

The Clearwater Public Library System invites readers of all ages to take part in the 2026 Summer Reading Program, "Unearth a Story," running now through July 31. Open to children, teens and adults, the program encourages the community to explore new books, discover hidden histories and engage in a variety of library events and activities. Participants can track their reading, earn prizes and attend special programs throughout the summer. Registration is open at all Clearwater library locations and online at MyClearwaterLibrary.com.



Personnel Corner

Jan. 31 through May 20, 2026

NEW HIRES.....

Adam Alicea, Firefighter, Fire & Rescue

Leslie Ambs, Accountant II, Finance

Andre Andersen, Recreation Supervisor,
Parks & Recreation

Scott Artis, Parking System Assistant
Manager, Public Works

Abigale Asklar, Planner II, Planning &
Development

William Bateman, Fire Medic, Fire & Rescue

Walter Beasley, Recreation Leader I,
Parks & Recreation

Benjamin Boussum, Fire Medic,
Fire & Rescue

Aaron Brodowski, Fleet Mechanic,
General Services

Enrico Brooks, Recreation Facilities
Support Custodian, Parks & Recreation

Hallie Bushar-Zentz, Police
Telecommunicator I, Police

Taylor Byrd, Firefighter, Fire & Rescue

Connor Byrd, Parks Service Technician I,
Parks & Recreation

Crystal Carlevaro, Police
Telecommunicator I, Police

Hayley Cox, Library Assistant I, Library

Oswaldo Cruz-Huapilla, Parking,
Facility & Security Aide, Public Works

Joshua Dallmann, Marine Facility Operator,
Parks & Recreation

Joseph Davidson, Firefighter, Fire & Rescue

La'marr Dixon, Fleet Parts Specialist,
General Services

Trey Dixon, Solid Waste Worker I,
Solid Waste & Recycling

Christopher Edwards, Director,
Economic Development & Housing

Fatmire Fejzowski, Payroll Technician I,
Fire & Rescue

Rashaad Fennell, Water Plant Operator A,
Public Utilities

William Fisher, Assistant Fire Marshal,
Fire & Rescue

Edward Galan, Police Officer, Police

Samuel Howard, Parks Service Technician I,
Parks & Recreation

Raegan Johnson, Police Cadet, Police

Rodney Malpass, Fire District Commander,
Fire & Rescue

Kimberly McGurk, Recreation Leader I,
Parks & Recreation

Jasia Martinez, Solid Waste Worker I,
Solid Waste & Recycling

Javion McNair, Recreation Leader I,
Parks & Recreation

Eddie Medina, Solid Waste Equipment
Operator, Solid Waste & Recycling

Michael Mennella, Police Cadet, Police

Luke Mirabal, Recreation Leader I,
Parks & Recreation

Marjorie Mitchell, Accounting Technician II,
Finance

Arlind Mucka, Plumber, General Services

Jair Olguin, Water Distribution Operator
Trainee, Public Utilities

Richard Oliver, Police Telecommunicator I,
Police

Timothy Oshea, Solid Waste Worker I,
Solid Waste & Recycling

Michael Piotski, Water Distribution
Operator Trainee, Public Utilities

Corin Pizzo, Fire Medic, Fire & Rescue

Luis Quintanilla, Gas Technician II,
CGS Energy

Ryan Schwartz, Variable Recreation
Leader I, Parks & Recreation

Joel Seabo, Police Officer, Police

James Sfachios, Parks Service Technician I,
Parks & Recreation

Matthew Sfachios, Skilled Tradesworker I,
General Services

Ali Shallal, Engineer II, Public Works

Michael Shane, Firefighter, Fire & Rescue

Keith Sheets, Parks Service Technician I,
Parks & Recreation

James Smaldone, Police Officer, Police

Jasmyne Smith, Variable Recreation
Leader I, Parks & Recreation

Rashard Stephens, Firefighter, Fire & Rescue

Paul Swikey, Police Cadet, Police

Robert Thurman, Parks Service Technician I,
Parks & Recreation

Paige Tucker, Senior Assistant City Attorney,
City Attorney's Office

Lindsey Van Deusen, Police Office
Specialist, Police

Luis Vassallo, Water Plant Operator Trainee,
Public Utilities

Jonathon Weaver, Stormwater Technician I,
Public Works

Kyle White, Recreation Facilities Support
Custodian, Parks & Recreation

Johnny Williams, Solid Waste Equipment
Operator, Solid Waste & Recycling

Jaylin Williams, Solid Waste Worker I,
Solid Waste & Recycling

Lauren Wolf, Planner II, Planning &
Development

TRANSFERS.....

Gerred Burney, Solid Waste Worker I,
Solid Waste & Recycling

Trey Dixon, Solid Waste Worker I,
Solid Waste & Recycling

John Hurry, Police Cadet, Police

Amanda Paukert, Payroll Technician I,
CGS Energy

Colin Shea, Recreation Leader I,
Parks & Recreation

Karen Swafford, Human Resources
Information Systems Division Manager,
Human Resources

Joseph Tuttle, Custodial Worker,
Parks & Recreation

Zachary Whittle, Police Cadet, Police

Gage Wilson, Wastewater Treatment Plant
Operator Trainee, Public Utilities

PROMOTIONS

Atley Acker, Survey Assistant I, Public Works

Krista Akers, Recreation Supervisor, Parks & Recreation

William Bechtel, Systems Programmer II, Information Technology

Skyler Belloise, Engineering Specialist II, Public Utilities

Quinn Blauvelt, Survey Assistant I, Public Works

Angel Bravo, Solid Waste Equipment Operator, Solid Waste & Recycling

Wade Brockman, Streets & Sidewalks Technician III, Public Works

Leon Brown, Solid Waste Equipment Operator, Solid Waste & Recycling

Joshua Cross, Police Officer, Police

Brian Cservak, Mechanic Fabricator, General Services

Sherrick Cuffie, Solid Waste Equipment Operator, Solid Waste & Recycling

Jaice Currie, Network Analyst II, Information Technology

Dustin Dean, Water Distribution Operator II, Public Utilities

Krystie Epperson, Public Information Coordinator II, Public Communications

Justin Felix-Feliciano, Police Officer, Police

Nicholas Finch, CAS & GIS Technician I, Public Works

Michael Flanigan, Public Utilities Director, Public Utilities

Devin Furlow, Gas Technician II, CGS Energy

Sarah Green, Code Compliance Division Manager, Planning & Development

Cage Gregory, Gas Technician III, CGS Energy

Nathan Hamel, Public Utilities Assistant Manager, Public Utilities

Nathaniel Hampton, Parks Service Supervisor II, Parks & Recreation

Colleen Hanko, Contracts & Procurement Specialist, CGS Energy

Jessica Harmeson, Human Resources Assistant Director, Human Resources

Devon Heathfield, Fire Lieutenant, Fire & Rescue

Donna Hemberger, Information Technology Division Manager, Information Technology

Nicole Hernandez, Division Controller, Parks & Recreation

Jason Haynor, Fire Medic Lieutenant, Fire & Rescue

Joseph Kraus, Fire Division Chief, Fire & Rescue

Wayne Lafleur, Public Utilities Division Manager, Public Utilities

Petra Lara, Payroll Technician I, Parks & Recreation

Miguel Marcos, Arborist, Public Works

Shawn Markussen, Fire Lieutenant, Fire & Rescue

Benjamin McBride, Fire Division Chief, Fire & Rescue

Eric Miller, Fire District Commander, Fire & Rescue

Peyton Munson, Recreation Leader II, Parks & Recreation

Justin Newland, Fire Lieutenant, Fire & Rescue

John Pierce, Parks Service Technician II, Parks & Recreation

Courtney Roberts, Human Resources Division Manager, Human Resources

Tristan Robey, Fire Medic, Fire & Rescue

Amanda Santiago, Accountant II, Parks & Recreation

Nicholas Spach, Parks Service Technician II, Parks & Recreation

Caden Skaggs, Gas Technician I, CGS Energy

Jason Thibault, Fire Training Officer, Fire & Rescue

Timothy Titus, Fire Lieutenant, Fire & Rescue

Brian Ulbricht, CRA Coordinator, Community Redevelopment Agency

Tania Vasquez, Network Engineer II, Information Technology

Davon Watson, Network Engineer III, Information Technology

Logan Wells, Arborist, Public Works

Joseph White, Police Telecommunicator Supervisor, Police

Jacob Williams, Fire Lieutenant, Fire & Rescue

RETIREMENTS

Jonathan Cappa, Police Officer, Police

Timothy Chaplinsky, Parks Service Technician III, Parks & Recreation

Kris Familiari, Fire Lieutenant, Fire & Rescue

Kimberly Handville, Payroll Technician I, CGS Energy

Phil Kirkpatrick, Economic Development Coordinator III, Economic Development & Housing

Nichole Loux, Police Telecommunicator Supervisor, Police

George Phillips, Police Officer, Police

Robert Reedy, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator A, Public Utilities

Terri Rowland, Staff Assistant I, Solid Waste & Recycling

Emery Rumsey, Fleet Mechanic, General Services

Philip Ruppel, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator A, Public Utilities

David Storck, Air Conditioning Technician, General Services

Joseph Taylor, Parks Service Supervisor II, Parks & Recreation

Sue Tellier, Parking System Assistant Manager, Public Works

Bernadette Weiers, Library Assistant I, Library

WELCOME BACK

Angela Reardon, Staff Assistant I, Parks & Recreation

John Savage, Recreation Leader I, Parks & Recreation

Service Awards

20 YEARS

- Sean Becker**, Fire Lieutenant, Fire & Rescue
- Brody Burke**, Water Distribution Supervisor I, Public Utilities
- Daniel Crider**, Recreation Supervisor, Parks & Recreation
- Jamaar Jackson**, Container Maintenance Worker, Solid Waste & Recycling
- Anne Lopez**, CRA Assistant Director, Community Redevelopment Agency
- Adam Mittler**, Fire Lieutenant, Fire & Rescue
- Jason Rath**, Fire Lieutenant, Fire & Rescue
- James Roberts**, Athletic Official, Parks & Recreation
- Kyle Wilson**, Water Plant Operator A, Public Utilities
- Shannon Winthrop**, Wastewater Collection Technician II, Public Utilities

25 YEARS

- Michelle Arnold**, Librarian III, Library
- Jason Clark**, Fleet Parts Specialist, General Services
- Timothy Coleman**, Traffic Sign & Marking Technician II, Public Works
- Samantha Freeland**, Police Telecommunicator II, Police
- Lamon Green**, Police Officer, Police
- Julian Johnson**, Solid Waste Service Supervisor I, Solid Waste & Recycling
- Brandon Kinnecom**, Maintenance Worker, General Services
- Tony Magganas**, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator C, Public Utilities
- Terry Malcolm-Smith**, Housing Coordinator III, Economic Development & Housing
- Arnold Retzer**, Stormwater Heavy Equipment Operator, Public Works
- Anthony Tedesco**, Fire Division Chief, Fire & Rescue
- Charles Walden**, Lead Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Public Utilities

30 YEARS

- Andrew Blauvelt**, Public Utilities Assistant Manager, Public Utilities
- Dan Mayer**, Information Technology Director, Information Technology
- Kenneth Smith**, Stormwater Technician II, Public Works
- Tanya Smith**, Police Service Technician, Police

35 YEARS

- Gregory Klamo**, Stormwater Supervisor I, Public Works

Employees of the Month

APRIL 2026

Melody Yin
Sustainability Specialist
Public Works

MAY 2026

Amanda "Mana" Zabytko
Library Assistant II
Library

JUNE 2026

Michael De Koter
CAD & GIS Technician II
Public Works

Bi-Monthly Team Winners

MARCH/APRIL 2026

The Public Works Grant Writing Team
Team members include:
Melody Yin, Sam Reilly, Annabella Hullen, Leand Skenderasi, Robert Kasmer, Nate Jozefik, Cassie Cordova, Sara DeLorenzo & Gene Henry

MAY/JUNE 2026

The 'Nailed It' Team
Team members include:
Marcos Toro, Spencer Fortmuller, Andy Liz & Marcus Blackwell

Births

- To Fire Medic **Kyle Brynjulson**, a son, born Feb. 27
- To Legal Office Administrator **Brooklyn Wascher**, a son named Theo, born Dec. 31, 2025

Sympathies

To the family, friends and colleagues of these retired city employees who passed away:

- David Pettay**, retired Customer Service Representative, March 21, and to **Scott Pettay**, Firefighter, on the loss of his father
- Sam Brown**, retired Solid Waste Supervisor I, April 9
- William Cantlin**, retired Administrative Support Manager II, March 28
- Iracema Drysdale**, retired Utilities Chemist, April 5
- Michael Faulkner**, retired Fire Lieutenant, June 9
- Jana Fine**, retired Librarian III, March 15
- Gregory Hoover**, retired Fire Lieutenant, March 10
- Robert W. Jones**, retired Police Captain, March 31
- John Murray**, retired Solid Waste Equipment Operator, March 5
- Dennis Olmstead**, retired Public Services Technician I, March 8
- James O'Neill**, retired Police Captain, May 11
- Mark Sena**, retired Police Officer, March 23
- John Witkowski**, retired Building Construction Inspector, March 13
- Walter Yasenky**, retired Firefighter, March 18

To **Leanne Bell**, Public Information Coordinator, on the loss of her grandmother

To **Sandy Clayton**, Recreation Division Manager, on the loss of her mother

To **Tasha Hadley**, CRA Specialist, on the loss of her sister

To **Johnareus Young**, Recreation Specialist, on the loss of his aunt

Former Police Chief Enters Hall of Fame

By Rob Shaw

Former Clearwater Police Chief **Daniel Slaughter** was inducted into the Florida Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame in Tallahassee.

Chief Slaughter, who is now an assistant city manager for the city of Clearwater, was chief from 2014 through 2023. He retired in 2023 after a 30-year career with the Clearwater Police Department.



Police Department Awards

The **Clearwater Police Department's** most recent award recipients are as follows:



PURPLE HEART

Officer **Samantha Negron**

LIFE SAVING AWARD

Officer **Alex Krolick**

Officer **Jose Medina**

Officer **Brian Rowell**

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Sergeant **Ashley Hinkebein**

Officer **Andrew Billups**

Officer **Ryan Chandler**

Officer **Jose Deleon**

Officer **C.J. Giardino**

Officer **Isaiah Henderson**

Officer **Cole Klein**

Officer **Lane Lightfoot**

CHIEF'S UNIT CITATION

CPR Teams

Sergeant **Lee Curtis**

Sergeant **Craig Murray**

Officer **Matthew Capone**

Officer **Ryan Chandler**

Officer **Marvin Garcia**

Officer **Ivan Hernandez-Perez**

Officer **Cole Klein**

Officer **Michael Kontodiakos**

Officer **James Perz**

Officer **David Race**

Officer **Christian Rodriguez**

Officer **Xavier Rodriguez**

Officer **Cole Van Deusen**

Officer **Adrian Washington**

Street Crimes Team

Sergeant **Stephen Baris**

Officer **Matthew Bremis**

Officer **Courtland Harrison**

Officer **David Kurinsky**

Officer **Austin Pullaro** & K9 **Dale**

Officer **Cody Steele**

Officer **Zachary Zarra**

Employee and Team of the Year Awards

By Krystie Epperson

The Employee and Team of the Year Awards celebrate the contributions of employees and teams who demonstrate outstanding dedication and service to the community in Clearwater. These awards were presented March 31 at the annual employee appreciation event, which recognized the hard work and selflessness of employees who make Clearwater thrive.

2025 William B. Horne II Employee of the Year Award

Congratulations to **Lisa Perkins**, Customer Service Representative II, who was named the William B. Horne II Employee of the Year for 2025 for going above and beyond to help a customer in need.



2025 Team of the Year Award

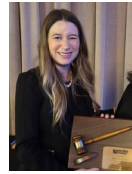
Congratulations to **Stefan Burghardt** and **Daniel Kasman** (not pictured), Code Compliance Inspectors, who were named the Team of the Year for 2025 for going above and beyond to help a man in need.

Cause For Applause

Congratulations to **Sarah Crowell**, the Clearwater Public Library System's 2025 Employee of the Year. Sarah is a reference librarian at the Main Library.



The city's most recent Motivational Mentor Award recipients include **Macie Tripple**, Recreation Center Manager in Parks & Recreation, **Jim Hawkins**, Utilities Mechanic in Public Utilities and **Pawel Dembinski**, GIS Assistant Manager in Public Works.



Allie Chandler Baier was sworn in as President of Leadership Pinellas for the 2026-27 year. **Monica Lueking** completed the Leadership Pinellas program and graduated in May.



Front-end loader operators **Joel Donagan** and **Timothy Palmese** worked hard to move 1,000 tons of sand to help bring this year's Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival to life.



The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10304 presented the VFW Public Servant Award Officer **Justin Hennis** and Telecommunicator **Will Young**.



Utilities Mechanic **Jim Hawkins** won a 2025 Wastewater Plant Operations Excellence Award from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Congratulations to Water and Sewer Infrastructure Division Manager **Michael Vacca** on completing the Water and Wastewater Leadership Center at UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School in March.



CGS Energy's Employees of the Year are Utility Dispatcher II **Robert Simon**, in the administration division and Construction Supervisor **Robert Malick** in the operations division. The Team of the Year is the Construction Team whose members



include Construction Supervisor **Robert Malick**, and Gas System Specialists **Cory Huberty**, **Kyle Cresci** and **Chris Brown**.



The Public Utilities Department's 2025 Employee of the Year is **Charles McAbee** (SCADA) and the Team of the Year recipients include

maintenance employees **Jeff Barnes**, **Jim Hawkins**, **Edward Feaster**, **Lloyd Gardner**, **Chris Winder**,



Leduan Viamonte, **William Kostka**, **James Cooney** and **Alex West**.



CGS Energy employees **Eric Matherly** and **Peter Smutko** recently received praise from Belleair Mayor Mike Wilkinson for their outstanding customer service, professionalism, kindness and helpfulness while installing a gas range.

Congratulations to the members of the second class of the city's Executive Leadership Program who recently completed the program. They include

Allie Chandler Baier, **Cassie Cordova**, **Graham Donaldson**, **Brooke Harris**, **Fred Hemerick**, **Jarett Hood**, **David Kadau**, **Meredith Kambic**, **Jesus Niño**, **Heather Parsons**, **Kaylynn Price**, **Michael Vacca**, and **Alexis Wells**.





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David Allbritton, Councilmember
Lina Teixeira, Councilmember

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Future Women In STEM

The Utilities Engineering Manager **Kaylynn Price**, Engineering Specialist II **Samantha Myers**, and city consultant Rama Pandkar inspired possible future employees in March when they attended the Seminole Middle and High School Women in STEM breakfast to speak with middle- and high-school students about what they do and other opportunities available in different STEM careers.



Parks & Recreation Employees Prep for Summer Camp



Parks and Recreation employees recently attended a Florida Recreation and Parks Association summer games training at the Largo Community

Center. Staff from each city led camp-counselor groups through examples of games, crafts, activities and sports, so that they could learn tools and tips to keep campers engaged and excited while attending Clearwater camps this summer.



New Fire & Rescue Recruits

By Rob Shaw

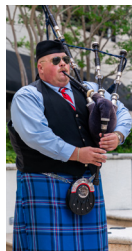
Clearwater Fire & Rescue has a new class of eight recruits that just completed their training. The new members are **Adam Alicea**, **William Bateman**, **Benjamin Boussum**, **Taylor Byrd**, **Joseph Davidson**, **Corin Pizzo**, **Michael Shane** and **Rashard Stephens**. The recruits graduated in May, got their station and shift assignments and had badges pinned on by loved ones.



Annual Police Memorial

By Rob Shaw

The Clearwater Police Department's annual police memorial service was conducted in May at Station Square Park to remember our four fallen officers. City Manager **Jennifer Poirrier** and Chief **Eric Gandy** thanked the families of the officers -- Patrolman **Harry L. Conyers Jr.**, Patrolman **Peter M. Price**, Patrolman **John F. Passer** and Patrolman **Ronald J. Mahony**. Their service, dedication and sacrifice will never be forgotten, and the police department continues to carry their legacy each day as they serve our community.



The police department is thankful to the Tampa Police Department mounted unit, the Pasco County Sheriff's Office for lending a bugler and **Graham Donaldson** of the Dunedin Pipe Band for his beautiful bagpipe music.



REMINDER

City offices will be closed June 19 for Juneteenth and July 3 for Independence Day.

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