



# SUNSHINE LINES

MARCH 2024

BEAUTIFUL NEWS FROM BAY TO BEACH

## NEIGHBORHOODS DAY UPDATE

Because the upcoming election will not be certified by March 23, Neighborhoods Day is moving from March 23 to March 30. This decision was made so newly elected city councilmembers could participate and have an opportunity to interact with our community. Some neighborhoods, however, have decided to keep their block parties on March 23 or are scheduling them later in the year. Please check with your neighborhood association for the date of your Neighborhoods Day block party.



## CITY TO HOST TREE GIVEAWAY

Join us for the city's Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Giveaway Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the parking lot of the Public Works Complex, 1650 N. Arcturas Ave., in Clearwater. More than 2,200 trees will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents can receive two free trees per household and can choose from several species. Proof of residency is required. Call (727) 562-4950 with questions.



## SHRED-A-THON & OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Police officers and solid waste workers will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 27, at Countryside Mall, 27001 U.S. 19 N., near the Whole Foods store to collect and shred any paperwork that Clearwater residents no longer need. Clearwater Police also will accept old, unused and expired prescription medication at the same time, as part of the nationwide Operation Medicine Cabinet. Call (727) 562-4920 or visit MyClearwater.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 the trolley to the beach for free. Trolley Park & Ride service runs:

- Monday through Thursday, every 30 minutes from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Friday to Sunday, every 15 minutes from 10 a.m. to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays and until 10 p.m. on Sundays.

Park for free at the former Clearwater City Hall location, 112 S. Osceola Ave., and board for free there, at the Clearwater Beach Transit Center or the Clearwater Beach Marina. Return service to the parking lot boards at the Clearwater Beach Marina. This service began Feb. 25 and runs through April 27. And don't forget about the Clearwater Ferry service, which offers a fun alternative getting to and from the beach. Visit [PSTA.net/Spring](http://PSTA.net/Spring).

## UTILITY CUSTOMER SERVICE TO CLOSE EARLY ON MARCH 29

On Friday, March 29, the Utility Customer Service Department will close early at 4 p.m. Normal operations will resume April 1. In the meantime, you can use MyClearwater.com or send an email to [CustomerService@MyClearwater.com](mailto:CustomerService@MyClearwater.com) to pay your bill, submit a request to start or stop service, or sign up for paperless billing.



## HOUSING REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM

The city of Clearwater's Housing and Rehabilitation Loan Program may help homeowners who qualify with code-related repairs to bring their homes into compliance with the city's minimum housing code and the Department of Housing and Urban Development quality standards.

A Clearwater homeowner may receive up to \$60,000 in a 0% interest home rehabilitation loan for home improvements such as: roof replacement, electrical/plumbing repairs, air conditioner installation, door/window replacements, and American with Disabilities Act modifications of an immediate nature.

Depending on level of hardship, borrowers may qualify for a deferred loan. For program eligibility, visit [MyClearwater.com/HomeRehab](http://MyClearwater.com/HomeRehab) or call (727) 444-7167.



## CELEBRATE EARTH MONTH 2024

April 22 is Earth Day! Clearwater is hosting a range of environmental and educational activities throughout April to celebrate the beauty of our coastal city and honor our shared home.

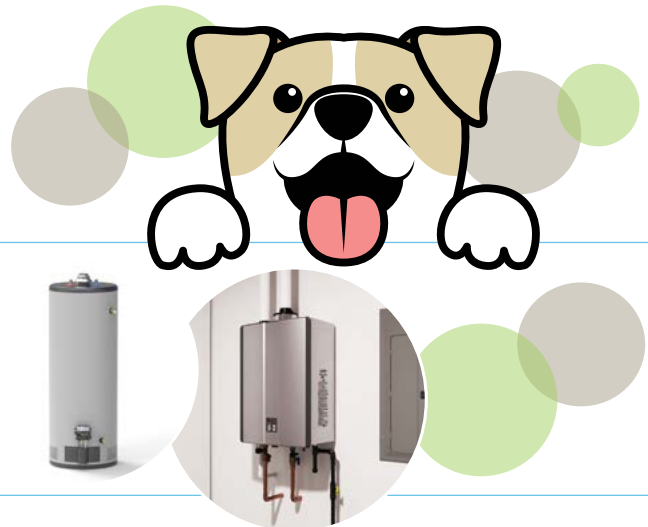
- April 6, 2-4 p.m.: Earth Day Pressed Flower Crafting, East Community Library
- April 7, 4-7 p.m.: Beach Cleanup at Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival, Clearwater Beach
- April 11, 5-6:30 p.m.: Earth Day Terrarium Workshop, East Community Library
- April 18, 2 p.m.: Paint-Poured Album Bowls Workshop, Countryside Library
- April 20, 9 a.m.-noon: Stevenson Creek Cleanup, Stevenson Creek
- April 22, 4 p.m.: Earth Day at the Library, ages 7-11, Countryside Library
- April 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.: Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Giveaway, Public Works Complex
- April 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Earth Day at Moccasin Lake Nature Park
- April 27, noon-2 p.m.: Designer Genes - Sustainability Science Fair, Main Library
- Earth Month and Beyond: "Check out" seeds from the Seed Library and grow them at home, Countryside Library & East Community Library

View all event details at [MyClearwater.com/EarthMonth](http://MyClearwater.com/EarthMonth). Share your experience on social media and hashtag #ClearwaterEarthMonth.



## THE INCREDIBLE DOG CHALLENGE

The 27th annual Purina Pro Plan Incredible Dog Challenge takes place April 12-13 at Coachman Park. This canine athletic event brings together the country's top dogs to compete. Pups will star in various competitions, such as dog diving, flying disc, fetch, agility and more. It is filmed and nationally syndicated.



## GET A DEAL ON A PROPANE GAS WATER HEATER

Now is the perfect time to replace your propane gas water heater. If your current gas water heater is more than 10 years old, now is the time for a replacement. For a limited time, get a great deal on a tank-type or tankless propane gas water heater. Don't delay, call Clearwater Gas System today at (727) 562-4980.

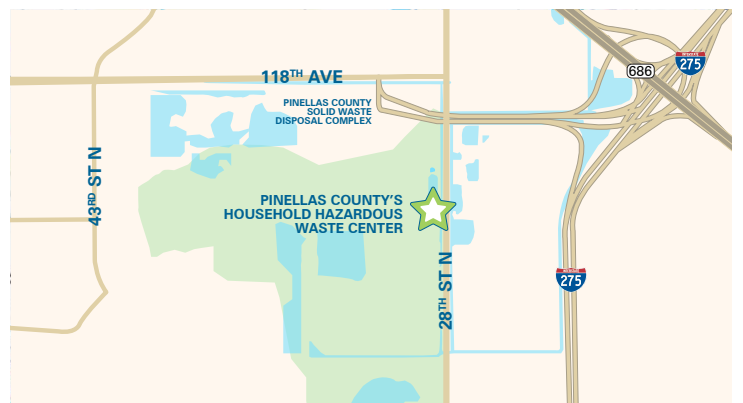
## CLEARWATER HAPPENINGS

- Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival, March 29 to April 14, Clearwater Beach
- Purina Pro Plan Incredible Dog Challenge, April 12-13, Coachman Park
- The Market Marie, April 13, Coachman Park
- Florida State Horseshoe Tournament, April 17-20, Ed Wright Park
- Clearwater Comic Con, April 20, North Greenwood Recreation Center
- Scenes on the Green, April 26, Coachman Park
- School's Out! Day Camp, April 26, various recreation centers

## DOING SOME SPRING CLEANING?

Remember to dispose of chemicals, paint, rechargeable batteries, and other household hazardous waste properly. They cannot be placed with your regular garbage and create hazards when compressed in our service vehicles.

Instead, take these items to Pinellas County Household Hazardous Waste Center, a free drop-off location for Pinellas County residents, at 2855 109th Ave. N., in St. Petersburg. Check [Pinellas.gov/HHW](http://Pinellas.gov/HHW) or call (727) 464-7500 for hours and mobile collection events. If you are not sure if an item can go into your regular trash or recycling bin, call Clearwater Solid Waste and Recycling at (727) 562-4920.



## Your Leadership Team

<b>MAYOR</b> Brian J. Aungst Sr.	<b>CITY MANAGER</b> Jennifer Poirrier	<b>CITY ATTORNEY</b> David Margolis
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