



SUNSHINE LINES

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BEAUTIFUL NEWS FROM BAY TO BEACH

CLEARWATER RESUMED CHARGING FOR RECYCLING SERVICE

In January 2023, the city conducted a massive overhaul of its recycling program. Clearwater recycling customers began receiving recycling credits in the form of free service Oct. 1, 2023, for six months. Effective April 1, the city of Clearwater has resumed charging customers for recycling.

Customers will now see a recycling rate of \$3.51 added onto future bills for recycling services. The recycling charge was \$3.38 per month on a resident's utility bill until Sept. 30, 2023, and current recycling rates are \$3.51 per month, per the city's solid waste rate ordinance and a five-year rate schedule that was approved Sept. 5, 2019.

The city would like to thank all of its residents who have continued recycling with us. In 2023, the city collected and properly processed more than 8,820 tons of recyclables from residents. See how much we are recycling each month at MyClearwater.com/WeAreRecycling.



HELP US HELP YOU

With the arrival of the spring season, plants and grass are growing quickly. It's time to put on the gloves and get to work. (Yard work, that is.)

The city recommends first tending to the area of the yard where your water meter is located. Here are a few tips for keeping your meter clear:

- Keep grass trimmed to the edge of the meter box.
- Keep a 2-inch clearance of landscaping rock or shell around the edge of the meter box.
- Keep everything off the meter box, including trash cans, recycling bins, bulk trash, mulch, sod and soil.

Also, keeping the inside of the meter box clean of dirt and debris will allow for accurate and timely reading. Thank you for helping our meter-reading team.



HOPE EXPO 2024 IS JUNE 8

Take part in this year's HOPE Expo 2024 on June 8. It is a free informational workshop and exhibit for potential homebuyers. Attendance is required to receive a certificate and qualify for certain down-payment-assistance programs. The event will be held at the Raymond James Financial Center, 800 Carillon Parkway, Tower 4, in St. Petersburg. The workshop runs from 7:15 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the exhibit hall is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is provided. Register to attend by May 30 at HopeExpo.org.



CLEARWATER GAS SELLS ITS PROPANE OPERATION

Clearwater Gas System has finalized the sale of its propane operation to Suburban Propane, as of April 12. Propane customers will not experience any service interruptions during the transition and will receive additional information by mail, if you haven't done so already, from the new service provider. For more information, visit SuburbanPropane.com, or reach out to their customer service center at (727) 584-1127.



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CLEARWATER
GAS SYSTEM
100 YEARS

SAVE MONEY WHILE AWAY FROM HOME

Going away for two or more months this summer? You can place your residential water account on vacation status. Save money and protect your home from water leaks while you're away. The water meter will be turned off, and you will be charged only for wastewater/sewer, solid waste and stormwater at the dormant rates. For additional information, call Utility Customer Service at (727) 562-4600.



CLEARWATER HAPPENINGS

The Market Marie

June 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Start your day by shopping in Coachman Park and supporting local small businesses at the Market Marie.

Scenes on the Green

June 14, 8 p.m.

Watch a free movie, "The Black Panther," under the stars at Coachman Park.

Clearwater Hurricane Expo

June 15, 9 a.m.-noon

Learn about the resources available to you during hurricane season at the Joe DiMaggio Sports Complex, 2450 Drew St.

Morningside Father's Day Cookout

June 15, 1-4 p.m.

Hang by the pool and cook out some hot dogs and hamburgers. Tickets are \$2 with recreation card or \$3 without.

Coachman Park 1-Year Celebration

June 28

Coachman Park has been open for one year already, and we're celebrating its anniversary.

Clearwater Celebrates America

July 4

Celebrate Independence Day in Coachman Park with breathtaking fireworks over Clearwater Harbor. Event is first come, first served this year, and tickets are not needed.

Visit MyClearwater.com/Events for more information.

CLEARWATER CELEBRATES JUNETEENTH

The Clearwater Urban Leadership Coalition, Pinellas County and African American History Museum are hosting several events in honor of Juneteenth in partnership with the city of Clearwater.

Painting with a Purpose

June 13, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Come to the North Greenwood Recreation Center for some fun painting. \$10 per person. Registration is required; space is limited.

Juneteenth Lunch 'n' Learn

June 14, noon-1:30 p.m.

Learn about the history of Juneteenth and its resilient people at the North Greenwood Library.



Juneteenth Family Day

June 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Stop by the African American History Museum at 1101 Marshall St. for a family-friendly day featuring the Buffalo Soldiers, games, speakers, food trucks, trivia, and more.

Gospel Experience

June 16, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Come to the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church's Matheos Hall for a gospel choir experience. \$10 per person.



GO ON AN ADVENTURE WITH READING!

Adventure is closer than you may realize at the Clearwater Public Library System this summer. Those of all ages can explore the theme of "Adventure Awaits" all summer long during the summer reading program. Free library programs and reading challenges encourage readers to step out of their comfort zones, visit new places or try new activities at various library locations or from the comfort of their homes.

To help track summer reading and earn prizes in the process, the library is offering a summer challenge, which can be accessed through Beanstack. It is a free online service that offers unique and fun ways to connect children, teens and adults with books, activities and challenges.

Participants can track their reading on the Beanstack website and mobile app and earn online badges and prizes along the way. Children ages 12 and younger can earn something from the prize machine for every five days of reading, and special prizes at 15 and 30 days, including a Threshers baseball game coupon. Teen prizes include a set of ear buds and a Threshers baseball game coupon. Anyone can sign up for the summer reading program – even adults! – at MyClearwaterLibrary.Beanstack.com/Reader365. Learn more at MyClearwaterLibrary.com, or call (727) 562-4970.



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