



SUNSHINE LINES

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BEAUTIFUL NEWS FROM BAY TO BEACH

WATERING RESTRICTIONS HAVE TIGHTENED

Due to current drought conditions, the Southwest Florida Water Management District issued a water shortage order last month that impacts the city of Clearwater. This order comes after significantly below-normal rainfall and declining water resource levels, and it applies to properties using drinking water, private well or surface water sources for watering lawns and landscaping.

Knowing your assigned watering day is one of the easiest and most effective ways to protect our water resources. Residents can water once per week when watering with all sources, except reclaimed water, which can be used any day of the week:

- Wednesdays - Even-numbered addresses (or A-M)
- Thursdays - Odd-numbered addresses (or N-Z), or mixed or no street address

Watering is not allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on any day from any source. The allowed watering day in the city of Clearwater may differ from other water supply municipalities or areas within unincorporated Pinellas County.

Everyone is asked to reduce wasteful and unnecessary water use whenever possible. Visit [MyClearwater.com/Watering](https://www.myclearwater.com/Watering) for details



CITY CLOSURES & UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

City of Clearwater offices, libraries and some recreation facilities will be closed Feb. 16 for Presidents Day. Solid waste and recycling crews will be working that day, so there will be no change to the collection schedule.

Several city services continue to be available online at [MyClearwater.com](https://www.myclearwater.com) when the city is closed. Residents with questions about solid waste collections can call the Solid Waste Operations Line at (727) 562-4920.

SEE WHERE YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS GO

Clearwater has launched a municipal Property Tax Information Dashboard designed to help residents understand how the city's share of their property taxes is determined, allocated, and used to support essential services. The dashboard provides residents with easy-to-read visuals and detailed breakdowns of the property tax process — from how property values are assessed, to how tax revenues are distributed across city departments.

As one of several taxing authorities, the city receives only a portion of the total property tax bill. The Property Tax Calculator, which allows property owners to enter information from their own property tax bill, shows residents how their contributions support city services such as public safety, parks and recreation, street maintenance, libraries, and other services.

“Our city is guided by the strategic values of transparency, trust and integrity,” said City Manager Jennifer Poirrier. “This dashboard gives residents direct insight into how their tax dollars are used and demonstrates our ongoing commitment to providing clear, accessible information about city operations and finances.” Learn more at [MyClearwater.com/PropertyTax](https://www.myclearwater.com/PropertyTax)



THREE LANES OF TRAFFIC ALONG A PORTION OF COURT STREET TO CLOSE JAN. 20

Beginning Jan. 20, crews will be repairing aging sanitary sewer manholes beneath Court Street. For about two weeks, three of the four westbound lanes between South Prospect and Garden avenues will be closed.

Crews will be working around the clock to keep the project moving quickly. With only one westbound lane open, drivers may experience delays, so this is a great time to consider alternate routes, such as Drew Street, Fort Harrison Avenue, West Bay Drive or Gulf Boulevard.

Detour signs and message boards will help guide drivers through the area. Please use extra caution, especially near the Pinellas Trail. The work should be finished in about two weeks, weather permitting.



CLEARWATER SEA-BLUES FESTIVAL

The Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival returns to Coachman Park Feb. 28 and March 1. This year will feature headline performances by Robert John & The Wreck on Saturday and the North Mississippi Allstars on Sunday, in addition to many other artists both days. This free, two-day music and seafood festival will showcase amazing national talent and sensational local eats. To learn more and purchase premium seating packages, head to [MyClearwater.com/SeaBlues](https://www.myclearwater.com/SeaBlues)



CLEARWATER FIRE & RESCUE OFFERS FREE CPR CLASSES

Residents are invited to register for free CPR classes. Sessions are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Saturday of every other month at the Clearwater Fire & Rescue training facility at 1716 N. Belcher Road, next to Station 48. Dates include Jan. 17, March 21, May 16, July 18 and Sept. 19.

The focus is on being able to make a difference for a patient in the first few minutes before fire medics arrive on scene. Basic hands-on CPR related to chest compressions and AED usage are taught by Clearwater firefighters. Classes are free for city residents, and registration is required in advance. To learn more or to sign up, go to MyClearwater.com/CPR



NEIGHBORHOODS DAY IS MARCH 28

Clearwater’s annual Neighborhoods Day will be held Saturday, March 28. The event celebrates the strength and resilience of the city’s neighborhoods and brings neighbors together to build connections, share stories, meet city staff and council members, and highlight neighborhood initiatives.

Neighborhoods Day gives residents a chance to connect with one another and allows staff to hear about community needs. More details, including information about grant opportunities, will be announced soon. Stay tuned for more details, including information about grant applications, at MyClearwater.com/Neighborhoods



CLEARWATER HAPPENINGS

Salsa & Bachata at the District

Jan. 31, 6 to 11 p.m.
500 block of Cleveland Street
Come to downtown Clearwater for some salsa and bachata! This new event series kicks off Jan. 31 and happens monthly.

Collegiate Softball Returns to Eddie C. Moore

Feb. 5-8, The NFCA Division I Leadoff Classic
Feb. 12-14, The Clearwater Invitational
February brings two amazing weekends of softball to the Eddie C. Moore Complex. For more information, head to ClearwaterInvitational.com

Fresh Start Market

Feb. 7, 6 to 9 p.m., 400 and 500 blocks of Cleveland Street
This event is a partnership between the Clearwater Downtown Development Boards, St. Petersburg College, and Saturday Shoppes. Learn more at EventsPage.net/FreshStartMarketCLW

Clearwater Classic 3: Baddest on the Beach

Feb. 7, Pier 60 Park
This is the largest U.S.-sanctioned Strongman competition.

The Market Marie

Feb. 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Coachman Park
TheMarketMarie.com
Shop local from more than 130 small business owners. Enjoy live music, delicious food, art, clothing, jewelry, henna, handmade candles, soap, pet treats and home goods.

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Feb. 14, 5 p.m., The BayCare Sound

Philadelphia Phillies Spring Training

Feb. 22 to March 23, BayCare Ballpark
Baseball is back! The Philadelphia Phillies return to their second home for a new spring training season.

Styx Live in Concert with Special Guest Cheap Trick

Feb. 27, 7 p.m., The BayCare Sound



SUNSET ON THE ROOF AT CLEARWATER MAIN LIBRARY

Experience breathtaking views high above downtown Clearwater at the Clearwater Main Library’s Sunset on the Roof series. Held on Tuesday evenings on the library’s rooftop terrace, this free, all-ages event invites attendees to gather just before sundown to watch the sun set on Clearwater Harbor while learning about astronomy and the solar system. Guests meet at the Heritage Studio on the fourth floor before being guided by library staff to the terrace for this special rooftop experience. Learn more at MyClearwaterLibrary.LibraryMarket.com/event/sunset-roof-107059



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