



# SUNSHINE OCT. 2025 LINES

BEAUTIFUL NEWS FROM BAY TO BEACH

## SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR THANKSGIVING

City of Clearwater offices, libraries and recreation facilities will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28, for Thanksgiving. Thursday collections will be made on Wednesday, Nov. 26, for both residential service and commercial garbage service. Thursday's commercial cardboard collection will be picked up on Friday, Nov. 28. Residents with questions can call the Solid Waste Operations Line at (727) 562-4920.



## DEPARTMENTS RETURN TO THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUILDING

Renovations on the Municipal Services Building are nearly complete, and city of Clearwater staff are moving back into the updated building this month. Departments will be moving back in phases, and all teams are expected to be operating in the renovated space by Thanksgiving.

The renovated building will house Utility Customer Service, Public Works, Engineering, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Development, Code Compliance, Economic Development & Housing, Finance, Information Technology and the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Improvements go beyond basic repairs, transforming more than 66,000 square feet of interior space to better serve the public and our staff. These updates reflect a modern and thoughtful approach to workplace design, aimed at supporting customer service, staff productivity, employee wellness, and the building's long-term value.

Visit [MyClearwater.com](http://MyClearwater.com) to find out when specific departments will be open to the public at the Municipal Services Building.



## THE ACHIEVA CLEARWATER TURKEY TROT IS NOV. 27

One of Tampa Bay's most anticipated holiday traditions, the 2025 Achieva Clearwater Turkey Trot, will take place on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, Nov. 27, at Clearwater High School. Participants of all ages and abilities can choose from three signature race options:

- 5K Timed Run — 7 a.m., for more competitive runners
- FrankCrum Family Fun Run 5K — 8 a.m.
- Abe's Place 1-Mile Gobbler Run — 9 a.m.

The Fun Run and 1-Mile events offer options to bring strollers and leashed, well-behaved dogs. They also offer more of a relaxed experience than that of the timed-5K run.

Beyond the starting line, families can expect a morning packed with live music, a spirited costume contest, and a pre-race party full of games, food and entertainment. To register, go to [MyClearwater.info/TurkeyTrotRegistration](http://MyClearwater.info/TurkeyTrotRegistration).



## SIDEWALK REPAIRS ARE UNDER WAY

Residents may notice construction crews working on sidewalks in their neighborhoods over the next months. A contractor working for the city of Clearwater will be grinding down lifted sidewalk panels throughout the city. Construction began in September and goes through early 2026.

This work will improve safety and accessibility by smoothing out uneven surfaces, and crews will work as quickly and safely as possible, with minimal impact to residents. Work will begin in the southeast region of the city and move north and west until the project is complete. Thank you for your patience.

## REQUEST A SPEAKER

We're excited to introduce a new feature that makes it easier than ever to request a city speaker for your next neighborhood meeting or event. Whether you'd like someone to provide updates on city projects, answer questions, or share resources, you can now submit a speaker request directly through our online form at [MyClearwater.com/RequestASpeaker](http://MyClearwater.com/RequestASpeaker).





CLEARWATER HAPPENINGS

Wednesday Night Cornhole

Every Wednesday through Nov. 19, 500 block of Cleveland Street  
Practices at 6:30 p.m., games at 7:30 p.m.

Boo Bash

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

Sweet Swap

Nov. 1 to 7, bring candy and toiletry items to various  
recreation centers to support our troops

SALSA at the District: Dia De Los Muertos Costume Party

Nov. 1, 6 to 11 p.m., 612 Cleveland St.

Beach Mahjong Mondays

Nov. 3, 10, 17 and 25, 2 to 4 p.m., Clearwater  
Community Sailing Center

1st Friday Lunchtime Market

Nov. 7 and Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Cleveland Street

Stroller Stories @ Moccasin Lake Nature Park

Nov. 7, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., 2750 Park Trail Lane

Fall Fest

Nov. 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Ross Norton Recreation Center

The Market Marie

Nov. 8, 10 a.m., Coachman Park

Patriot Fest: Service After Sacrifice

Nov. 8, 11 a.m., Crest Lake Park

Customer Appreciation Day

Nov. 12, all day, Morningside Recreation Center

The Big Cleanup Clearwater

Nov. 14 to 22, multiple times and locations

Piñata Decorating Party (children and teens)

Nov. 15, 2 to 3:30 p.m., East Community Library

Sunsets on the Roof

Nov. 18 and 25, 5 to 6 p.m., Main Library

Magical Yoga Storytime and Meet & Greet with Author Betty Larrea

Nov. 21, 3 to 4 p.m., Countryside Library

Festival of Trees

Nov. 22 and 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Long Center

Dinovember Dinorama

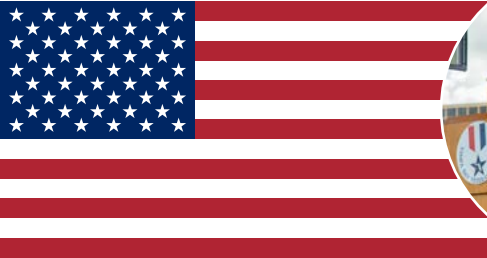
Nov. 25, 3 to 4:30 p.m., North Greenwood Library

Clearwater CRA Community Outreach Meeting

Nov. 25, 3 to 4 p.m., Clearwater Main Library

VETERANS DAY

City of Clearwater offices, libraries and some recreation facilities will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Solid waste and recycling crews will be working, and there will be no change to the collection schedule. A special Veterans Day ceremony called the “Patriot Fest: Service After Sacrifice” will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Crest Lake Park, 201 S. Glenwood Ave.



DON'T RECYCLE CANDY WRAPPERS

When candy wrappers are thrown in the recycling bin, they contaminate the recycling stream, jam machinery, or are sorted out and sent to the landfill anyway. This is because they're made of materials that include plastic film and other items that are not accepted in Clearwater's recycling program. Instead of recycling them, throw them into the trash. This is a better option than contaminating the stream and ruining clean recyclables.



BIG SAVINGS ARE HEATING UP

The autumn season has arrived, making it an excellent opportunity to take advantage of CGS Energy's amazing offers on gas appliances. This includes both tankless and traditional gas water heaters, with discounts reaching up to \$550 on your next gas water-heater purchase. Additionally, CGS Energy also offers energy-efficient gas pool and spa heaters at lower prices, ideal for maintaining warmth in your pool or spa during Florida's cooler months. To learn more about these appliance promotions, visit CGSEnergy.org.



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