



# SUNSHINE LINES

SEPT. 2025

BEAUTIFUL NEWS FROM BAY TO BEACH

## NEW UTILITY CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS

Utility Customer Service phone lines will close daily from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. During this time, representatives will be unavailable. We encourage customers to email, or call back after 1:30 p.m.



CLOSED



## FALL Y'ALL FESTIVAL

Oct. 4 to 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Celebrate the season at the Fall Y'all Festival, a weekend full of free and festive fun for the whole family! Head to Coachman Park in Downtown Clearwater, where the Downtown Development Board is sponsoring a two-day festival on Oct. 4 and 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the Lil Miss & Sir Pumpkin Contest, delicious seasonal treats from food trucks, local vendors with unique crafts and goodies, a lively kids zone, fun contests, and more. Want to be a vendor? Text (813) 299-3600.



## 1ST FRIDAY LUNCHTIME MARKET

First Friday of each month  
Oct. 3 to Feb. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
400 block of Cleveland Street

Come for the deals. Stay for the vibe. Turn your lunch break into a mini adventure! The 1st Friday Lunchtime Market brings together local vendors, fun raffles, and downtown dining deals to energize your midday routine.

What You'll Find:

- Local vendors with handcrafted goods
- Specials from downtown restaurants
- Enter-to-win raffles with prizes from community partners



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Lunchtime Market



## PUBLIC NATURAL GAS WEEK IS OCT. 5 - 11

CGS Energy is celebrating Public Natural Gas Week. Stop by CGS Energy headquarters at 777 Maple St. in Clearwater, Oct. 5-11 for a free calendar and a small token of our gratitude. Hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS OCT. 7

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Oct. 7, for National Night Out, a community engagement event organized by the Clearwater Police Department. This year marks a change in location as the popular family-friendly gathering moves to Coachman Park, 300 Cleveland St., on the city's beautiful downtown waterfront.

The police department and Clearwater Fire & Rescue will have many of their personnel and vehicles on hand. You can climb aboard the police boat, sit inside a fire truck, or watch a police K-9 in action, among other activities.

Representatives of several police department specialty units, including crossing guards, communications center, traffic enforcement team, SWAT, K-9, and multiple detective units will attend. The event runs from 5 to 8 p.m.

We hope to see you there!



## SAFE STORAGE OF CHEMICALS DURING STORM SEASON

As temperatures in the ocean and the gulf continue to heat up, be sure to properly safeguard chemicals in your home and storage spaces during hurricane season. During tropical storm events, waters can flow into garages, sheds, kitchens and bathrooms where families store chemicals, such as fertilizers, paints, automotive fluids, pesticides and cleaners. Elevating dangerous chemicals onto shelves can keep them from leaking into the environment.

Rid your home of harmful chemicals that you no longer use, and take them to the Household Hazardous Waste Center operated by Pinellas County, 2855 109th Ave. N., St. Petersburg. For details on what the facility accepts, visit [Pinellas.gov/HHW](http://Pinellas.gov/HHW), or call (727) 464-7500.





UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

**Hispanic Heritage Month – Ofrenda Shadow Box Workshop**  
East Community Library @ SPC  
Oct. 8, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Register by Oct. 8, at 3:30 p.m.  
Ages 18 and older.

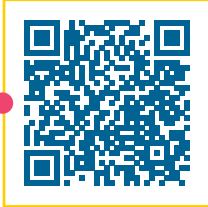
**Grow Your Own Soup Garden**  
East Community Library @ SPC  
Oct. 10, 2 to 3 p.m. Register by Oct. 9.  
Ages 13 and older.

**After-Hours Teen Halloween Murder Mystery**  
Main Library  
Oct. 17, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Register by Oct. 15.  
Ages 13 to 18.

**Halloween & Dia De Los Muertos Celebration**  
East Community Library @ SPC  
Oct. 25, 2 to 3 p.m.  
All ages welcome.

**Halloween Extravaganza!**  
Countryside Library  
Oct. 29, 4 to 5 p.m.  
Ages 12 to 18.

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LIBRARY EVENTS



UPCOMING PARKS EVENTS

**Family Fall Festival**  
Oct. 3, 5:30 p.m.  
Countryside Recreation Center

**The Market Marie**  
Oct. 11, 10 a.m.  
Coachman Park

**Pumpkin Plunge**  
Oct. 11, noon  
Morningside Recreation Center

**Halloween JuBOOlee**  
Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m.  
Morningside Recreation Center

**Fall-O-Ween at Moccasin Lake**  
Oct. 25, 3 p.m.  
Moccasin Lake Nature Park

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PSTA BREAKS GROUND ON DOWNTOWN CLEARWATER TRANSIT CENTER

In partnership with the city of Clearwater, Pinellas County, the Florida Department of Transportation, CSX, and with support from other organizations, the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority recently broke ground on a new state-of-the-art, sustainable transit center.

Located at 710 Court St., the new Clearwater Station will replace the outdated and over-capacity facility, Park Street Terminal, currently serving downtown Clearwater. Adjacent to the new City Hall, Clearwater Station will offer improved access to thousands of jobs and the scenic beaches of Pinellas County. The project is scheduled for completion by the winter of 2026.

Learn more at [PSTA.net/About-PSTA/Projects/Clearwater-Station](https://PSTA.net/About-PSTA/Projects/Clearwater-Station).



PLANTING A BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Creating a butterfly garden is a beautiful way to add color and life to your yard while also contributing to nature. Pollinators like butterflies are essential to produce many fruits, vegetables, and flowers we enjoy every day.

By choosing to plant native plants, you can provide food, shelter, and safe spaces for this important species. Even a small patch of native flowers can make a big difference in maintaining pollinator populations year-round. Your garden will not only attract butterflies and other pollinators but also help maintain biodiversity in our community. Together, we can create thriving spaces that benefit both pollinators and people.

Some examples of Florida-friendly pollinator plants are milkweed, pentas, firebush, blanketflower, and tropical sage.



Your Leadership Team

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