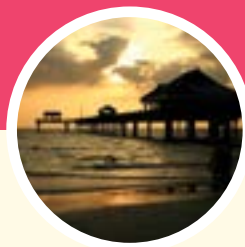
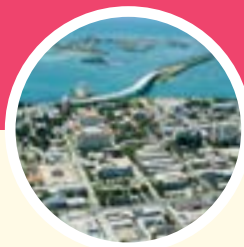
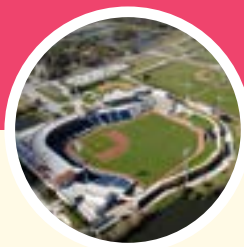
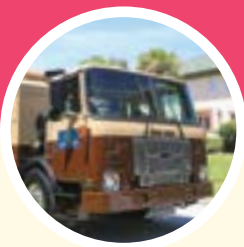


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SPRING BREAK PARK 'N' RIDE SERVICE TO CLEARWATER BEACH

The city of Clearwater has teamed up with PSTA to make your trip to Clearwater Beach easier during the spring break season.

The PSTA Park 'n' Ride is a program that offers beach visitors a place to park in a free designated lot downtown, and then ride the trolley to and from the beach for free. Park for free at the former City Hall lot (112 S. Osceola Ave.) and the Harborview/Coachman lot (301 Drew Street). A trolley will pick up passengers every 30 minutes from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday to Thursday and every 15 minutes, 10 a.m. to midnight, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Return service to the Park 'n' Ride lot boards at the Clearwater Beach Marina located at 25 Causeway Blvd.

For information about beach parking, visit myclearwater.com/parking or psta.net/springbreak. For information on other ways to get around, visit clearwaterferry.com, uber.com, lyft.com, gounitedtaxi.com, and floridafreerides.com.

WHAT'S A SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION?

Last month, Clearwater opened its brand new, solid waste transfer station. The facility is at 1005 Old Coachman Road, just north of Spectrum Field, and it's about two times bigger than the facility the city previously operated. And it's a big deal.

If you don't know what a transfer station is or if you've never seen one before, you're not alone. Transfer stations are industrial buildings where municipal solid waste is temporarily held before it is loaded into trucks and shipped off to the Pinellas County waste-to-energy plant.

City solid waste equipment operators take their truckloads of trash here after their routes or after their trucks fill up, and they offload the trucks into the transfer station. The garbage then is loaded into larger, specialized trucks, which take it to the waste-to-energy plant, where it is burned or buried in the landfill.

When a community has a transfer station, it saves time and money, improving efficiency of the city's solid waste services. It does this by keeping solid waste trucks at work in the neighborhoods serving customers, rather than driving back and forth outside of the city to empty out their truckloads of solid waste. This transfer station is expected to serve the public for 50 years.



NEW GAS HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Clearwater Gas System's staff has moved into the new state-of-the-art gas facility located at 777 Maple St. near downtown Clearwater. Highlights of the new facility include more than 41,600 square feet of operations, administration, sales and warehousing space, complete with a showroom area to display various gas technologies to new gas customers.

Clearwater Gas System serves its 27,000 customers while continuing to offer a wide range of services, including gas sales, installation, maintenance, service and repair. To learn more, call (727) 562-4980 or visit clearwatergas.com.

SHRED-A-THON & OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Police officers and solid waste workers will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 25 at Westfield Countryside Mall, 27001 U.S. 19 N., 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 a nationwide Operation Medicine Cabinet. The event is planned for the southwest corner of the mall parking lot, just south of Whole Foods. Call (727) 562-4920 or visit myclearwater.com for details.

EVERYONE COUNTS!

America gets one chance each decade to count its entire population – the 2020 Census is your chance to make sure we get our fair share as a community. The census count determines both the size of our state's political representation and how billions of dollars are spent on federal and local programs. In March, your residence will get an invitation by mail to take the census online.

Your response is secure, confidential and protected by law. This short survey is a civic duty laid out in the Constitution and it's also vitally important to our community's future. Let's make Clearwater count. Learn more: PinellasCounty.org/Census2020.

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Clearwater Happenings

LOOK UP CLEARWATER

Saturday, April 4
2 to 8 p.m.
Downtown Clearwater
lookupclearwater.com

PIER 60 SUGAR SAND FESTIVAL

Friday, April 10 to Sunday, April 26
Pier 60, 1 Causeway Blvd.
sugarsandfestival.com

BLAST FRIDAY

Friday, April 24
5:30 to 10 p.m.
Downtown Clearwater
blastfridayclearwater.com

IS YOUR UTILITY ACCOUNT UP TO DATE?

Clearwater's Utility Customer Service Department has procedures in place to notify customers who may receive a high water bill before the bill comes in the mail. Representatives reach out to those who may have an unusually high water consumption or if their meter is continually running. The goal is to get to the root of the problem quick and to stop the wasting of water (and money!).

But sometimes, the customer's phone number or email address that is listed on the account is outdated, and representatives cannot reach the customer. Make sure that your mailing address, phone number and email address associated with your Clearwater utilities account is correct and up to date. To update your information, visit myclearwater.com/customerservice or call (727) 562-4600.

CLEARWATER THRESHERS

Get out your peanuts and Cracker Jacks because another season for the Clearwater Threshers starts soon. Games begin April 4; home games are played at Spectrum Field, 601 Old Coachman Road. Tickets are available for as low as \$6. It's a great way to score a home run with your family. For more information, visit threshersbaseball.com.

SEA TURTLE AWARENESS DAY

Join the Clearwater Marine Aquarium's special day to celebrate sea turtle nesting and conservation. The free event will kick off at Pier 60 with an 8 a.m. beach cleanup, followed by live music and food until 1 p.m. The city of Clearwater and many local conservation groups will share information at educational booths, so be sure to stop by and discover how you can help these endangered marine animals.

GREEN & CLEAN CLEARWATER

The city of Clearwater has launched a new webpage devoted to the city's sustainability and resiliency challenges, successes and resources: myclearwater.com/sustainability. The webpage focuses on eight categories, including green energy and buildings, transportation, livability, waste reduction, water conservation, local food, green economy and resiliency.

The website also features Clearwater Greenprint, the city's sustainability master plan, and sustainability news and accomplishments within Clearwater. Each page contains resources to help web users find links to lifestyle tips, local organizations and volunteering opportunities. Check it out!



Learn more and register for the beach cleanup here at seewinter.com/event/sea-turtle-awareness-day-2020.



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