



SUNSHINE LINES

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BEAUTIFUL NEWS FROM BAY TO BEACH

ELECTION DAY IS MARCH 19

Clearwater residents will vote for candidates running for Clearwater City Council seats 1 (mayor), 2 and 3 during the city's general election March 19. Seats are elected citywide. Residents can learn more about those running for City Council at a Candidates Forum in February. The event will be broadcasted live on MyClearwater.com, YouTube.com/MyClearwater and city social media channels. Visit MyClearwater.com/Election for details.

There will also be a referendum question on the ballot about changing the date of Clearwater's elections beginning in 2026 to coincide with state and federal primary elections, creating a run-off election when necessary, and modifying dates related to election activities.

The last day to register to vote in this election is Feb. 20. For questions about Clearwater's election, visit MyClearwater.com/Election or go to VotePinellas.com.

CLEARWATER NEIGHBORHOODS DAY IS MARCH 23

The city of Clearwater is gearing up for another great Neighborhoods Day, an annual citywide series of neighborhood block parties celebrating Clearwater's neighborhoods. This year's event will be March 23.

As always, city leaders and staff members will visit each block party, giving both residents and city staff an opportunity to meet, socialize and discuss any potential issues. The Kona Ice Trucks will also tour block parties, offering free snow cones to all who attend Neighborhoods Day.

The deadline to register your neighborhood is Feb. 1. To participate, visit MyClearwater.com/Neighborhoods. If you're interested in hosting an ocean-friendly block party, visit MyClearwater.com/SustainableEvent.



WAYS YOU CAN HELP SAVE WATER IN THIS DROUGHT

Tampa Bay Water suggests these essential tips to save water inside and outside your home:

1. Know Your Watering Day. Residents and businesses should know and follow their local watering restrictions, and water your lawn only when needed and allowed.
2. Smart Lawn Watering. By skipping an irrigation cycle when it rains or has rained, you can save between 1,500 and 2,500 gallons of water.
3. Leak Detection. The average family can save 180 gallons per week, or 9,400 gallons of water per year, by fixing household leaks.
4. Toilet Flapper Check. A warped or poorly fitting flapper can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day and may cost you hundreds of dollars a year. Find and fix leaky flappers.
5. Conserve for Dormant Grass. Lawn and landscape plants are dormant this time of the year and need minimal irrigation. Watering every 10-14 days should be sufficient for most landscapes in winter.
6. Turn Off the Tap. Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth can save 8 gallons of water per day.
7. Maximize Dishwasher and Laundry Loads. Running dishwashers and clothes washers only when full can save up to 320 gallons of water per year.
8. Hose Nozzle Usage. Using a hose nozzle saves about 8 gallons per minute by keeping the water from running constantly.
9. Fix Broken Sprinklers. A broken sprinkler can waste 25,000 gallons of water in six months.

Visit MyClearwater.com/Watering to see when you can water in Clearwater.



THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!

As we start a new year, the city of Clearwater would like to thank all of our residents who continued recycling with us in 2023. Last year, we collected and properly processed approximately 7,000 tons of recyclable material from homes and businesses. It helps us greatly when people recycle only the items that are accepted in our program: plastic bottles and containers #1-7, glass bottles and jars, tin/steel cans, cardboard and mixed paper. Items that contaminate our recycling include plastic bags, bubble wrap, food, yard waste and electronics. Non-recyclable items can damage machinery and create hazards for workers. When in doubt, throw it out.

If you aren't sure what can go in your bin, check out MyClearwater.com/Recycling. To learn how much we recycle in a month, visit MyClearwater.com/WeAreRecycling.



CLEARWATER HAPPENINGS

Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational Presented by EvoShield

Feb. 15-18
The Eddie C. Moore Softball Complex
ClearwaterInvitational.com



Clearwater Lawn Bowls 100th Anniversary Centennial Tournament

Feb. 17
Clearwater Lawn Bowls Club
ClearwaterLawnBowlingClub.org



'Mad Scientist' Wastewater Plant Tours

Feb. 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Marshall Street Water Reclamation Facility
1605 Harbor Dr.
MyClearwater.com/Utilities



Long Center Dive-In Movie

Feb. 23, 7-9 p.m.
Long Center, 1501 N. Belcher Road
MyClearwaterParks.com



Clearwater Waterfront Craft Festival

Feb. 17-18
Coachman Park
300 Cleveland St.



Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival

Feb. 24-25
Coachman Park
300 Cleveland St.
MyClearwaterParks.com



REVERSE-ANGLED PARKING COMES TO DOWNTOWN GATEWAY

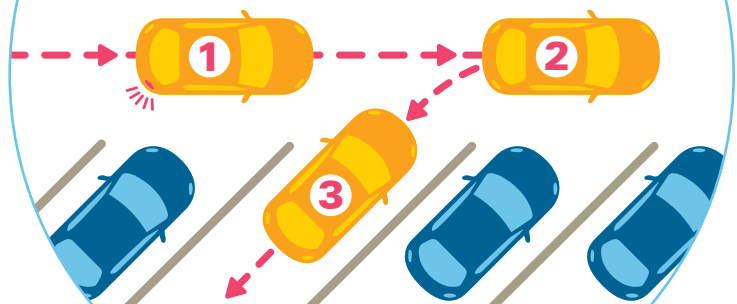
You may see some new signs along Cleveland Street as you approach downtown, indicating that you should back into your parking space. This style of parking – reverse-angled parking – may be new to Clearwater, but it's been in use in cities all over the country. You will now find reverse-angle parking spots along Cleveland Street from Missouri Avenue to Lady Mary Avenue and also some at Crest Lake Park.

Reverse-angle parking is a safer type of angled parking. Instead of pulling head-first into the parking spot, cars back into their spots along the same side of the road. This allows them to make eye contact with oncoming traffic when leaving a parking space, and it allows for easier loading and unloading, keeping people closer to the sidewalk when getting in and out of the vehicle. Parking headfirst in these spots is incorrect and is significantly more dangerous when leaving the space.

(Note: The city's parking enforcement team uses license plate readers to enforce parking in Clearwater. Therefore, back-in parking is not allowed in most parking spaces in Clearwater. Back into your space only when reverse-angle parking is specifically marked.)

HOW TO

- 1 Signal for turn
- 2 Stop just past the parking space
- 3 Back into the space using side mirrors to view lines



NEED A SMOKE ALARM?

Clearwater Fire & Rescue participates in the Smoke Alarm Giveaway Program for residents of Clearwater who are unable to purchase an alarm. Clearwater Fire & Rescue also installs smoke alarms for citizens who need special assistance.

Those who receive a free smoke alarm are responsible to properly maintain it by checking batteries monthly and replacing batteries on an annual basis. The average life span of the city's free smoke alarms is about seven to 10 years from the date of manufacture. To apply for this program, call (727) 562-4334.



Your Leadership Team

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