



CITY GIVES SIDEWALKS A FACELIFT

Ever notice a sidewalk that needs repair in your neighborhood? The city of Clearwater is on it.

With 365 miles of sidewalks in the city, there are bound to be occasional cracks and other needed repairs. A major effort is under way to repair hundreds of sidewalk issues that have been identified. That's great news for walkers, runners, bicyclists and anyone else who uses sidewalks to get around the city.

"I'm committed to improving our neighborhoods," said Jon Jennings, Clearwater's city manager. "When I started here at the city, I noticed we had a backlog of sidewalks that are in a state of disrepair. Our teams are working hard, and they're making significant progress, having fixed many of these backlogged requests already."

Residents should notice a difference in the sidewalk problems soon, if they haven't already.

In just a few short months, the city already has repaired many of the city's broken sidewalks. Some repairs are easy, but others are more complicated, because of tree roots that are buckling the concrete or trees that need to be removed. The city has a plan for these tricky repairs, too.

This year alone, the city is spending an estimated \$1.62 million on sidewalk improvements. Work is being done by city crews and contracted staff.

The city is also in the beginning stages of building a program that collects 3D imagery of Clearwater's sidewalk surfaces. It's basically radar for pavement, scanning the ground. A sidewalk condition index is created, which helps staff prioritize which sidewalks to repair in a more strategic manner.

The goal is to speed up the process of fixing sidewalks, which ultimately will improve our neighborhoods and the safety of our walkways. The database should be complete in late 2022.

If you see a sidewalk that needs to be repaired, let us know about it. Visit [MyClearwater.com](https://www.myclearwater.com), click on "News & Info," and select "Report an Issue." Submit it using the street and sidewalk maintenance request.

PLANT A TREE

Join us for the city's Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Giveaway Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the parking lot of the Joe DiMaggio Sports Complex, 2450 Drew St. More than 2,200 trees will be given away on a first-come, first-serve basis. Residents can receive two free trees per household and can choose from several species. Proof of residency is required. Call (727) 562-4270, ext. 7803 with questions.



SPRING BREAK PARK 'N RIDE SERVICE TO CLEARWATER BEACH RETURNS

The city of Clearwater has teamed up with PSTA to make your trip to Clearwater Beach easier during spring break season. Park & Ride is a program that offers beach visitors a place to park in a free designated lot, and then ride the trolley to the beach for free. Trolley Park & Ride service runs:

- Monday through Thursday, every 30 minutes from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Friday to Sunday, every 15 minutes from 10 a.m. to midnight

Park for free at the former Clearwater City Hall location, 112 S. Osceola Ave., and board for free there, at the Clearwater Beach Transit Center, or the Clearwater Beach Marina. Return service to the parking lot boards at the Clearwater Beach Marina. This service began March 1 and runs through April 30.

For information about beach parking, visit [MyClearwater.com/Parking](https://www.myclearwater.com/Parking) or [PSTA.net/SpringBreak](https://www.psta.net/SpringBreak). For information on other ways to get around, visit [ClearwaterFerry.com](https://www.clearwaterferry.com), [Uber.com](https://www.uber.com), [Lyft.com](https://www.lyft.com), [FloridaFreeRides.com](https://www.floridafreerides.com), and [GoUnitedTaxi.com](https://www.go-unitedtaxi.com)



NOTICE OF RESIDENTIAL GAS CUSTOMER CHARGE RATE INCREASE

The city of Clearwater has approved a Clearwater Gas System customer charge rate increase for all residential natural and propane gas customers, effective March 1, 2022. The proposed rate increase is as follows:

\$2 Residential natural gas customers can expect a \$2 increase in their monthly customer charge.

\$20 Residential propane gas customers can expect a \$20 increase in their annual customer charge.

Visit [ClearwaterGas.com](https://www.clearwatergas.com) to review the gas rates frequently asked questions section.

SUNSHINE LINES

SUGAR SAND FESTIVAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Do you love Clearwater Beach and appreciate the masterful art of sand sculpting? If so, the Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival presented by Visit St. Pete-Clearwater is seeking energetic volunteers to assist with the return of the eighth annual event on Clearwater Beach April 8 to 24. Be a part of something sandtastic and head to Clearwater Beach for fun in the sun!

From merchandise sales to greeting guests - no matter your age or preference, there is a volunteer opportunity for you. Get volunteer perks, such as a free Sand Ambassador T-shirt, meal, transportation, access to the Sugar Sand Walk Exhibit day-of-shift, and a free general admission ticket for a return visit. Visit SugarSandFestival.com to register or to buy tickets.



REGISTRATION OPENS FOR SUMMER CAMP

Summer is right around the corner, and it's time to iron down your kids' summer camp plans. Clearwater summer camps happen May 31 to Aug. 5. Campers will enjoy a wide variety of fun activities including games, crafts, sports and exciting weekly themes. Each week a different positive character trait will be discussed and celebrated. Clearwater resident camp registration is March 17, and open registration is March 18.

- Entire 10-week summer: \$1,000 with card, \$1,100 without card.
- Session 1 (May 31-July 1): \$550 with card, \$600 without card.
- Session 2 (July 5-Aug. 5): \$550 with card, \$600 without card.
- Individual Week: \$125 per week with card, \$138 per week without card.

Visit MyClearwater.com/SummerCamp for details.



SEE CLYDE BUTCHER'S ICONIC LANDSCAPE ART DISPLAY

Don't miss this exhibit of world-renowned Florida Artists Hall of Fame photographer Clyde Butcher, whose work is on display in Downtown Clearwater through May 31.

achievement of his work, earning him the recognition of being the foremost landscape photographer in America of the 21st century.

Late last year, the Clearwater Community Redevelopment Agency brought Butcher's exhibit, "America's Everglades," to the Clearwater Main Library, at 100 N. Osceola Ave., where the public can see the natural beauty, boldness and technical

Clyde Butcher's black-and-white monumental photographs have been exhibited in museums around the world, with this exhibit in Clearwater showcasing a collection of his Everglades photography that is an important display of art in an accessible public space.

The entrance to the exhibit and parking at the library are free during open library hours. For exhibit information, visit DowntownClearwater.com/ClydeButcher, call the library at (727) 562-4970, or visit MyClearwaterLibrary.com.



CLEARWATER HAPPENINGS

Dive-In Movie at Morningside

- April 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 - Morningside Recreation Complex, 2400 Harn Blvd.
- Bring your float, family, and friends, and watch "How to Train Your Dragon: Hidden World."

Aqua Easter at the Long Center

- April 9
 - The Long Center, 1501 N. Belcher Road
- Children will jump into the pool to search for Easter eggs. There may even be a special appearance from the Easter Bunny.

Countryside Eggstavanza

- April 16
 - Countryside Recreation Center, 2640 Sabal Springs Dr.
- More than 10,000 eggs full of candy, toys and other prizes will be scattered for children and adults. Grab your Easter basket, camera and hop on over for this free egg hunt.

Market Marie

- April 9
 - 710 Court Street
- Shop at Market Marie, an open-air market for local small businesses and artisans in Downtown Clearwater. Visit the MarketMarie.com, or call (727) 667-3060.

Eggquatic Egg Hunt

- April 16
 - Morningside Recreation Complex, 2400 Harn Blvd.
- Children can hop in the pool to hunt for eggs. This free event will have games, music and inflatables.

Shopping with a Vibe

- April 23, 3-8 p.m.
 - Walter C. Campbell Park, 801 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.
- Visit this new market in the North Greenwood community to buy from local vendors, listen to spoken word and eat at one of the food trucks. Visit SatMorningShoppe.com for details.

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