

# SUNSHINE LINES

Beautiful News From Bay to Beach



## Get Involved: Apply for Citizens Academy

If you'd like to learn more about how your city government works, apply for Clearwater's Citizens Academy. This 10-week program begins in September. Classes are held once per week, on Tuesday evenings, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Clearwater residents who are selected for this free program meet at different locations each week to learn how different city departments function. Participants interact with city councilmembers and staff. Previous graduates now serve on city boards and volunteer at events. Applications for the program will be available beginning Friday, July 1 on the city's website, [myclearwater.com](http://myclearwater.com), or call (727) 562-4708 to receive an application by mail.



## Fire Department Provides Free CPR Classes to City Residents

Clearwater Fire & Rescue offers free CPR classes to city residents. Early intervention by someone who knows CPR before rescue crews arrive is integral to a patient's survival. Fire department officials are hoping to train more Clearwater residents to learn this life-saving procedure.

Classes are held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month through November at Station 45, 1140 Court St. Dates include June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15 and Nov. 19. Those who successfully complete the class are issued an American Heart Association provider card and a certificate from Clearwater Fire & Rescue. To register, call Deborah Humes at (727) 562-4334, ext. 3048, or email [deborah.humes@myclearwater.com](mailto:deborah.humes@myclearwater.com).



## Groundwater Replenishment Survey

Clearwater Public Utilities and its partners, including the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the project engineers, are in the design phase of building a full-scale groundwater replenishment water treatment plant. The city would add up to 3 million gallons a day of purified water into the Upper Floridan aquifer. A 2011 feasibility study concluded this groundwater replenishment project to be safe and economical.

The city and its consultants are conducting a public perception telephone survey this month about Clearwater's water and the groundwater replenishment concept. If you receive a call from the University of Florida regarding groundwater replenishment, please take a few minutes to complete the survey. Your participation will help the city and its partners better understand the views of all residents. To learn more about the groundwater replenishment project, visit [myclearwater.com/groundwater](http://myclearwater.com/groundwater).



## Experience Wildlife Wednesdays at the Countryside Library

The Clearwater Public Library System will host the Wildlife Wednesday Webinar Series, in partnership with University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Services Extension. The program will be held on the third Wednesday of each month through November from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in the Countryside Library's studio room at 2642 Sabal Springs Drive.

Wildlife Wednesdays webinars provide tips and tools on how to improve home yards and better support local wildlife with an emphasis on habitat needs. Learn how we can coexist with wildlife. For more information, call (727) 562-4970 or visit [myclearwater.com/cpl](http://myclearwater.com/cpl).

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# Under Construction

## Magnolia Drive Outfall Improvements

Construction on the Magnolia Drive Outfall project will begin this month. Stormwater improvements include adding and replacing drainage pipes, curb inlets, stormwater baffle boxes, replacement of sewer lines and manholes, water lines and the addition of new pavement and curbing. Construction is expected to last through March 2018.

## Greenlea-Otten Traffic Calming & Stormwater Improvement Project

Construction on this long-awaited project began late last month and should continue through August 2017. The scope of work includes roundabouts, landscape medians and speed tables; new roadway drainage system and stormwater facility; and, utility adjustment for water and sewer, landscaping, irrigation, signs, pavement markings and decorative paving elements.

## Island Estates Bridges

Construction is proceeding forward on replacement of four Island Estates bridges. Two bridges are on Island Way (between Skiff Point and Palm Island South East), and two are on Harbor Passage (from Island Way to Snug Island and also Harbor Island). Construction updates are now available online at [myclearwater.com/islandwaybridges](http://myclearwater.com/islandwaybridges) and will be updated monthly. Construction began in 2015 and is expected to last through April 2017.

For more information about these or other city projects, call the city's Engineering Department at (727) 562-4750.



# Clearwater Happenings

## Clearwater Celebrates America

**Monday, July 4**  
**Coachman Park, 301 Drew St.**  
**Gates open at 4 p.m.**  
**Fireworks start at 9:30 p.m.**  
**(727) 562-4700**

Honor America's independence at Clearwater Celebrates America, sponsored by Bright House Networks featuring the Clearwater Gas "Spark the Sky"

fireworks display. Family-friendly activities include the annual Mascot Meet & Greet Parade from 4 to 6:30 p.m., and the patriotic concert starts at 7:30 p.m. General admission is free.



## Pitch for Pink

**Friday, July 22**  
**Breast cancer survivor lap is at 6 p.m.**  
**Game starts at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Bright House Field, 601 N. Old Coachman Road**  
**(727) 712-4300**

The Clearwater Threshers will host the 11th annual Pitch for Pink Breast Cancer event at Bright House Field. Several items will be auctioned off to benefit breast health services and programs at Morton Plant Mease. The first 1,000 women to attend will receive a pink tumbler.

For more event information, visit [myclearwater.com/events](http://myclearwater.com/events). Note: event schedules and information are subject to change.



## The Health of Clearwater's Waterways

Clearwater's floodplains are all around us – they are relatively flat areas adjacent to a body of water that becomes flooded, or inundated with water, when capacity exceeded and overtopping occurs. These are vital to keep homes in Clearwater from flooding. Ditches, streams, lakes and other inland waters are part of the city's floodplains, too.

Floodplains provide a range of benefits to Clearwater's ecosystem. They store flood waters during rain events, provide erosion control, and improve water quality by reducing sediments and filtering nutrients from water. Floodplains also serve as habitat for a variety of fish and wildlife, including some endangered species.

No one should be dumping anything in Clearwater's waterways or floodplains. It is illegal to do so. Trash and lawn debris that is deposited in a stream or finds its way to a floodplain through a storm drain can impede a floodplain's natural function, which can flood streets or homes. The city's Code of Ordinances, Section 32.283 (2), reads: "No person shall throw, place, or deposit any solid waste in any ditch, stream or body of water anywhere within the city." Please keep Clearwater's water clean.



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