

# SUNSHINE LINES

## Beautiful News From Bay to Beach



### News You Can Use

#### Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

When you set your clocks back on Nov. 6 at the end of daylight saving time, don't forget to change your smoke-alarm batteries at the same time. The same holds true for any carbon monoxide detectors you might have. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors save lives, but they don't work very well if they have dead batteries. So remember, when you fall back, take the time to swap out your batteries. It's a simple way to keep you and your family safe.



#### Election Day

People from all over the country will head to the polls to vote Tuesday, Nov. 8. For information on Clearwater precincts, poll information and ballot questions, visit [votepinellas.com](http://votepinellas.com) or call (727) 464-VOTE.

#### Annual Report

On Sept. 1, the City Manager presented the city's successes in the Fiscal Year 2016/17 annual report. Find it online at [myclearwater.com/annualreport2016](http://myclearwater.com/annualreport2016).

#### Thanksgiving Solid Waste Trash Collection Dates

The Solid Waste Department will close on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24. There will be no residential or commercial black barrel, bulk trash and recycling collections on that day. Thursday collections will be made on Wednesday, Nov. 23 instead. Regarding commercial dumpsters, no collections will take place Nov. 24; Wednesday and Thursday collections will be made on Nov. 23 as well. The schedule for all other residential and commercial collection days (including Veterans Day on Nov. 11, Christmas Day on Dec. 25 and New Year's Day of Jan. 1, 2017) will remain the same, and business will be as usual. Residents with questions can call (727) 562-4920.

#### Save Money While Away From Home

Going away for two or more months this holiday season? You can place your residential water account on vacation status. Save money and protect your home from water leaks while you're away. The water meter will be turned off, and you will be charged only for wastewater/sewer, solid waste and stormwater at the dormant rates. For additional information, call Utility Customer Service at (727) 562-4600.

#### Groundwater Replenishment Public Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 15  
4-6 p.m.

Countryside Library  
2642 Sabal Springs Drive

The city of Clearwater is working to ensure the future of our water and is moving forward with the design and permitting phase of its groundwater replenishment project. Learn more at [myclearwater.com/groundwater](http://myclearwater.com/groundwater).

### Code Sweep: Lake Bellevue Neighborhood

The city's Code Compliance staff will carry out a neighborhood sweep Oct. 28 in the Lake Bellevue neighborhood. The sweep will focus on areas bordered by Woodlawn Street, Fort Harrison Avenue, Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and Belleair Road. The team will inspect overall maintenance of the properties to bring them into compliance.

Code Compliance officers will inspect properties for violations that include: yard overgrowth, poorly maintained fences, trash and debris on the property, damaged driveways, inoperable vehicles, etc. Staff will contact and work with the property owners to bring their properties into compliance voluntarily. Any non-compliant property owner who fails to respond to the city may be subject to enforcement actions.

On Oct. 26, the city's Solid Waste Department will carry out a bulk collection targeted to the sweep zone. The Solid Waste Department cannot collect tires, propane tanks, paints or chemicals during the bulk collection. For more information on the neighborhood sweep, contact the city's Code Compliance Department at (727) 562-4720.

### Clearwater Supports Its Veterans

Veterans Day is a time for all of us to honor and thank military veterans. The city of Clearwater will do just that by hosting a few events during Veterans Day weekend on Saturday, Nov. 12. For more information on the Clearwater For Youth Sports Fan 5K race, see the back page of this issue of Sunshine Lines.

The first Veterans Day ceremony at the newly dedicated Florida Veterans Memorial Plaza at Crest Lake Park will take place Saturday, Nov. 12 beginning at 10 a.m. Congressman Gus Bilirakis, Mayor George Cretekos and other dignitaries will speak at the ceremony. Afterward, there will be entertainment, food and displays for visitors to enjoy.



Clearwater Beach will play host to the 11th Warrior charity event. Wounded veterans, professional athletes, and fitness enthusiasts will work out together and compete while raising money for Companions for Heroes, a non-profit organization that works to save shelter dogs and cats by pairing them with American heroes who are dealing with the stresses of their jobs. This will be Clearwater Beach's first CrossFit-style event. Events will kick-off at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. For more information, visit [11thwarrior.com](http://11thwarrior.com).

# Clearwater Happenings

## Christmas Under the Oaks

Sunday, Nov. 13  
Coachman Park, 301 Drew St.  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
[gfwcnpwc.org/christmas-under-the-oaks.html](http://gfwcnpwc.org/christmas-under-the-oaks.html)



## Festival of Trees

Friday to Sunday, Nov. 18-20  
Long Center, 1501 N. Belcher Rd.  
(727) 797-8712  
[thearcctbfoundation.org](http://thearcctbfoundation.org)



## Take Precautions to Protect Against Zika

The Florida Department of Health encourages Florida residents and visitors to protect themselves from mosquito-borne illnesses. Zika fever is a mild febrile illness caused by a virus similar to those that cause dengue and West Nile virus infection.

To help prevent infection and to reduce the spread of mosquito-borne diseases, it is important for everyone to practice basic mosquito bite prevention. Cover your skin with long clothing, and wear bug repellent. Repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus and IR3535 are effective. You also should spill sources of standing water around the outside of your home, to eliminate places they can breed. Fewer mosquito bites reduces everyone's risk for illness, and a smaller mosquito population means fewer bites. If you have questions, visit [pinellas.floridahealth.gov](http://pinellas.floridahealth.gov) or call the Florida Department of Health, Zika Virus Information Hotline at (855) 622-6735.

## Clearwater For Youth Sports Fan 5K

Saturday, Nov. 12  
Coachman Park, 301 Drew St.  
[clearwaterforyouth.com/sports-fan-5k](http://clearwaterforyouth.com/sports-fan-5k)



## Tampa Bay Times Turkey Trot

Thursday, Nov. 24 at 7 a.m.  
Clearwater High School Stadium, 540 S. Hercules Ave.  
[tampabay.com/turkeytrot](http://tampabay.com/turkeytrot)



## Report Illegal Dumping

Everyone can play a role in keeping Clearwater bright and beautiful. Clearwater Police and Code Enforcement have had recent increases in the number of cases of illegal dumping on vacant lots and residential properties throughout the city. Innocent property owners bear the expense of having to rid properties of trash, construction debris, appliances, grass clippings and tree trimmings that are intentionally littered onto their properties.

Illegal dumping and littering is unfair to property owners, the taxpayers, the affected neighborhood and the community. It's not just unfair; it's unlawful. According to Florida law (F.S.S. 403.413) and the city's Codes of Ordinances (sections 21.02, 32.238 and 32.394), the intentional acts of littering, illegally dumping and the illicit discharging of litter and materials is against the law, punishable by criminal prosecution and/or Code Compliance violations.

This illegal act should not be tolerated. If you see something like this happening in your neighborhood, report it by calling Clearwater Police at (727) 562-4242, option 1.



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