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Beach Days Are Here Again: This is how families used to dress for a day at the seashore on Clearwater Beach in 1910.

“Happiness is Fish and Good Friends”

Spring is here and the weather is clear. It’s time to come out of hibernation and mosey on over to the Spring Fish Fry! Clearwater Historical Society President Bill Wallace says to come meet up with old friends and make some new ones, all for a good cause.

Saturday, May 5, 2018

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Ross Norton Recreation Center

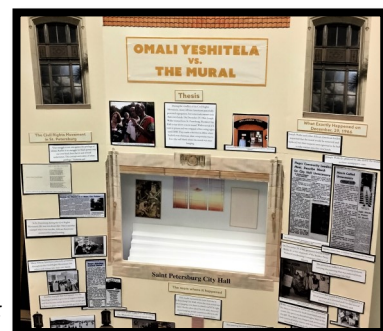
1426 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue

Adults -\$12 Children (12 and Under) - \$6

Tickets can be purchased in advance from any Clearwater Historical Society Board member, online through PayPal at: <http://www.clearwaterhistoricalsociety.org/purchase-fish-fry-tickets/> or at the door the day of the fry.

History Fair Award

Each year, the Clearwater Historical Society chooses one outstanding student entry in the Pinellas History Day program to receive the David Perkins Memorial Award. This year’s prize was awarded to middle schooler Sofiya Idiyatullina for her project on St. Petersburg civil rights activist Omali Yeshitela. The Memorial Award was created several years ago to encourage interest in local history. No Clearwater-area projects have been submitted to date. If you know a student that might be eligible to participate in the history fair, suggest that a Clearwater project would be welcome, and the Society will help with materials where possible. *Picture: Idiyatullina’s exhibit board for Pinellas History Day.*



Museum Updates

Clearwater Historical Society Wins Prestigious Grant

The Clearwater Historical Society Museum and Cultural Center and the Plumb House Museum have been selected to participate in the Museum Assessment Program (MAP), which is administered by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). Through guided self-study and on-site consultation with a museum professional, participation in MAP will empower the Clearwater Historical Society to better serve the citizens of Clearwater by facilitating its meeting and exceeding the highest professional standards of the museum field.

The museum's participation is made possible through funding provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). MAP helps museums strengthen operations, plan for the future, and meet standards through self-study and a consultation site visit from an expert peer reviewer.

The MAP Organizational Assessment should bring the Clearwater Historical Society and both of its museums closer to becoming the pride of Clearwater and better serving the Clearwater community.

"Choosing to be part of the MAP program is indicative of the commitment to civic involvement, public service and overall excellence on the part of the Clearwater Historical Society," said Laura Lott, president of AAM. "Studies have shown America's museums to be among the country's most trusted and valued institutions. MAP is designed to make them even better."

Since its creation in 1981, the MAP program has served over 4,600 museums. MAP is supported through a cooperative agreement between AAM and IMLS. For more information, including a complete list of museums participating in MAP, please visit www.aam-us.org/map, call 202-289-9118 or e-mail map@aam-us.org.

AAM is the only organization representing the nation's entire museum community and has been dedicated to promoting excellence within the museum field for over 100 years. For more information about AAM, visit www.aam-us.org. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. To learn more about the Institute, please visit: <http://www.imls.gov>.

CHS Engages Shearer Companies Inc., to Manage Projects

Clearwater Historical Society has engaged Skip Wilkinson of Shearer Companies Inc., to oversee the remaining work at the Clearwater Historical Society Museum and Cultural Center at South Ward School. Mr. Wilkinson, an experienced construction project manager, oversaw the planning stages for the ADA ramp and restroom renovation with great care. He showed the ability to work seamlessly with project architect Jeff Pelszynski, the city and subcontractors. Work on these projects will begin at the end of April. The Board of Directors looks forward to having Mr. Wilkinson help the Clearwater Historical Society complete the remaining renovation work quickly and smoothly. As an added bonus, Mr. Wilkinson has had previous experience restoring buildings designated as historical landmarks.



South Ward School's New Landscaping

Gets a Great Start

The South Ward School campus, future home of the Clearwater Historical Society Museum and Cultural Center, is upgrading its landscaping look and curb appeal. Clearwater Historical Society thanks Ceann Lane-Hayes for all of her volunteer help coordinating this project. Ms. Hayes supervised tree and moss removal effort on March 28 with the wonderful Veteran Tree Service. That effort made the building much more visible and begins to restore the campus to its former glory. She also is working with Wilcox Nursery, whose staff have offered to donate a Florida-friendly native-plant-focused landscaping plan for the campus. Find out how to get involved in the clean-up efforts on the next page.

Volunteer Outreach

Great Clean-Up-and Fix-Up Fun Day on April 21 at South School Ward Campus

Help make history look great by participating in the Clearwater Historical Society's Great Clean-Up-and Fix-Up Fun Day!

Place: Clearwater Historical Society Museum and Cultural Center at South Ward, 610 S. Fort Harrison Ave.

Time: April 21 at 9 a.m.

In between work sessions, win prizes by playing fun games related to Clearwater history! Bring your work gloves, water bottles, coolers, lawn chairs and tools to join in the fun. Ceann Lane-Hayes brings her experience with nursery management to lead us on April 21. The Great Clean-Up-and Fix-Up Day needs help from those of you with basic gardening skills, as well as y'all who know a bit of carpentry or how to run a tiller.

Here's what's needed!



PROJECTS, PEOPLE AND TOOLS NEEDED

The following is a list of projects with an estimated number people and tools required. The South Ward School campus doesn't have a lot of tools on property, so it's BYOT (bring your own tools). Don't forget to label them with your name. Feel free to bring extra tools for other projects besides the ones you'd like to work on!

Raking: There will be a LOT of raking—bring your tined grass rakes, plastic leaf rakes and the heavier duty prong rakes.

Branch removal: Some branches are rather high; we could use four or so people with pole saws.

Small tree removal: There are trees of around six-inch circumference in three different sections of the grounds. We need a couple of folks with their gas powered chain saws to help out.

Trimming: We need a team of several people with loppers.

Debris removal: There is debris along the front, side and back fence areas of the campus. We'll need four or so people with wheelbarrows. We need lots of wheelbarrows!!!

Plant bed preparation: Help prepare the future planting beds. We have obtained a tiller, but need someone who can run one! Or help install and secure weedcloth in plant beds, in addition to possible plant removal. A few people with rounded shovels would be handy for this job.

Sharpening shovels: We need someone who can sharpen shovels on a grinder that Ceann will provide. A perfect job for a members with back injuries or health issues, or those who can't be in the sun for long.

Spreading mulch: Pending mulch delivery, we will need people with pitchforks and lots of wheel barrows to help spread mulch.

Removing fencing: We will remove only the chain link portion of the fencing outside the Kindergarten. We need people with experience and chain cutters, pliers, big screwdriver and a ladder to reach the top of the 10-foot fence .

Planter bench repair: People with carpentry skills with boxes of wood and deck screws and power drills would be helpful here.

Painting: We need helpers with paint brushes for staining and putting down newspaper or drop cloths to protect concrete.

For further information, call or text Ceann Lane-Hayes at 727-565-6558.

More Volunteer Opportunities

Looking to get involved with your history? Lots of fantastic volunteer opportunities are available within the Clearwater Historical Society. Opportunities exist within the following areas: artifacts and documents, membership, public relations, museum, historical research, programming, fund-raising, and homestead. Particular help is needed with sorting artifacts and documents. And that is extra fun because you get to see our history (and some history mysteries) unfold right before your eyes. Please call Susan Raineri at 727-424-0868 or email susan.raineri@hotmail.com for more information.

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Visit our webpage at: <http://www.clearwaterhistoricalsociety.org/>

Visit the Plumb House Museum at: 1380 South Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Clearwater

E-mail the Society at: clearwaterhistory@gmail.com

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