



Dear Resident:

We are truly blessed that Clearwater is enjoying an extended period of prosperity and growth. And I am proud to present to you, our citizens, the accomplishments within these pages as evidence of the partnerships we have established and continue to nurture in shaping the beautiful city we call home.

We've worked hard to develop dynamic urban and seaside plans that are guiding resurgence in housing and construction for our downtown core and large redevelopment projects on the beach. The new Main Library, Community Sports Complex, Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant, two new fire stations, and an abundance of road and drainage projects are among many visible changes this past year that reflect our commitment to community. In addition, innovative engineering solutions for the Memorial Causeway Bridge should have us celebrating the next jewel of our city by late 2005.

With caring, creativity, determination, optimism and integrity, together we share the journey of building Clearwater's bright future each day. Please join me as we applaud these successes and take pride in the positive legacy that we will leave for the generations to come.

Sincerely,

William B. Home II

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Clearwater City Manager

In six years as Mayor, I've had the honor to see this city greatly expand the quality of services and facilities provided to our residents. With the support of our residents and funding sources like Penny for Pinellas, we've been able to add fire stations, recreation centers, libraries and new infrastructure that has set the stage for a new civic and urban renaissance in Clearwater that will continue to improve the quality of life for all of our citizens.

—Brian J. Aungst, Mayor



The city is completing an unprecedented period of infrastructure investment that will help maintain our quality of life for years to come. I believe that now is the time to step back and evaluate our direction for the future, being ever mindful of our financial responsibility to each of you as citizens.

—Frank Hibbard, Vice-Mayor

As a beach business owner, former beach resident and current Countryside resident, I've been able to see how infrastructure improvements and redevelopment can have a lasting city-wide effect. By funding BeachWalk and moving forward with downtown redevelopment plans, we've taken a major step toward a revitalization that will create new opportunities and experiences for our residents, business owners and tourists. I look forward to continuing to be a part of that in the coming year.

—Hoyt Hamilton, Councilmember

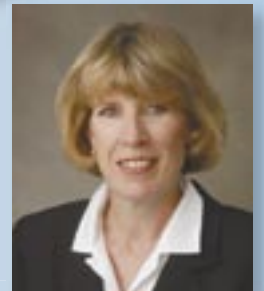


One of the things I really enjoy about being on the Council is the opportunity to have meaningful discussions with residents about their concerns. During the next year, we plan to continue building bridges with each of you and expanding the two-way dialogue about your directions and dreams for our city.

—Bill Jonson, Councilmember

My first year as a City Councilmember has been one of impressive challenges and even more impressive progress. As I look back on the accomplishments of 2003-2004, I can't help but look forward to building on this foundation of success as we work together to maintain and build upon the high quality of life that has become the signature of our beautiful city.

—Carlen A. Petersen, Councilmember



On the cover: Clearwater celebrated the grand opening of its new 90,000-square-foot Main Library on May 1, 2004. Renowned architect Robert A.M. Stern, dean of the Yale University School of Architecture, designed the \$20.2 million, four-story library. The new building features art galleries, Joffrey's Café, the Friends Book and Gift Shop, a Teen Room and a rooftop terrace for special events.