



Building a Brighter Future Together

Recently, Clearwater celebrated the completion of several projects and will now begin some new ones. Residents, businesses and visitors have been patient through many of these projects and have already begun to enjoy the facilities and infrastructure and will continue to see new development in the years to come. We are truly partners in building a brighter future together.



Impressive architecture, a beautiful setting, and outstanding programs, exhibits and collections, make Clearwater's Main Library a focal point of downtown Clearwater.

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Main Library

One of the most spectacular and impressive public library facilities in North America opens May 1 in downtown Clearwater. The new, 90,000-square-foot Main Library, with its distinctive roofline and expansive western façade of multi-story glass, was designed by world-renowned architect Robert A.M. Stern. The new building occupies its historic home on the bluff, the site of the original 1916 Carnegie library.

The new library features a local history center, a larger children's program room, a teen room, a computer lab and expanded reading areas. It will also serve as a cultural center, offering national and local gallery exhibits and special programs for all ages. In addition to breathtaking views of Clearwater Harbor, a four-story grand staircase rises at the north end of the main concourse, adding to the stunning visual experience.

With a natural backdrop of gorgeous sunsets and views, the new library's rooftop terrace is an ideal location for receptions, luncheons, charity events and more. Other areas, including the Meeting Room and Conference Room, can also be rented for business events, workshops and other gatherings.

In late March, the 220,000-item collection, divided between storage and the temporary library, was transported to its new home and now occupies nearly five linear miles of shelving.

Memorial Causeway Bridge

The new Memorial Causeway Bridge, a Florida Department of Transportation project, is approximately eighty-five percent complete. The City is working closely with the DOT to make sure the construction-related issues with the piers and the road decking are resolved and that the bridge is safe before it is opened to traffic. The new high-span structure will be a safer and more efficient connection between the beach and downtown. For bridge updates, call the hotline at (727) 562-4549 or tune in to C-VIEW TV 15, Clearwater's 24-hour information station.

Clearwater Fire & Rescue Continues Progress on the Northwest Fire Station

The Northwest Fire Station, located at 1720 Overbrook Drive, is approximately 65% complete. Almost all exterior work is complete, office interior frame and drywall is in place and the construction is progressing well. The building's design follows Clearwater Mall Station 49 plans to save both time and money. This new station, which will bring quicker response times to a growing section of our community, will be completed by June 2004.

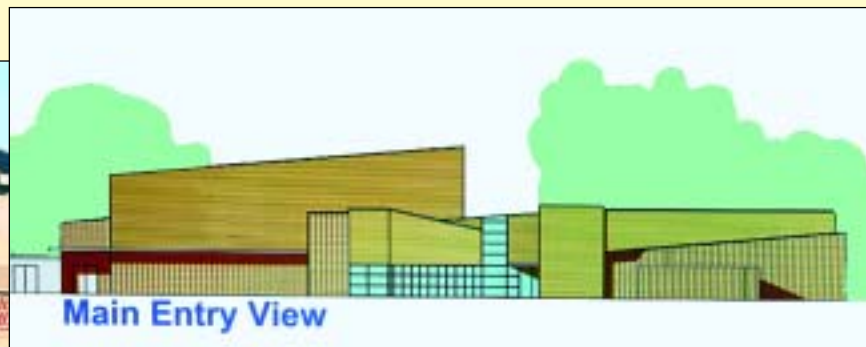
Ross Norton Recreation Center and Extreme Sports Park

The much-anticipated makeover to the Ross Norton Recreation Complex began with a groundbreaking ceremony in February. When completed, the 21,000-square-foot center will feature a teen lounge, fitness room, multipurpose meeting room, gymnasium and outdoor patio area. Outside, the city's first Extreme Sports Park is also under construction. In-line skaters, skateboarders and BMXers will enjoy the 30,000-square-foot playground with Woodward ramps, jumps and rails. Huna Designs created separate areas for beginners and experts, ensuring a safe experience for participants.

The city applied for a \$200,000 grant for the Extreme Sports Playground and another \$200,000 grant for pool renovations from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program. Total projected cost is \$3.7 million, with funds coming from Penny for Pinellas sales tax revenues. After construction is completed, which should be early 2005, Ross Norton will be another great addition to Clearwater's state-of-the-art recreational facilities.



The Northwest Fire Station will be completed June 2004.



An artist's rendering of the Ross Norton Recreation Center.

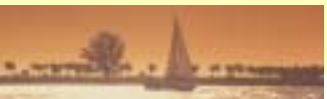
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Memorial Causeway Bridge
Cost*: \$64.2 million
Funding: Utilities \$2.8 million
Penny for Pinellas \$12.1 million
Trans. Impact Fee \$500,000
Gas Tax \$1.4 million
Federal Grant \$20.7 million
State Grant \$15.5 million
Pinellas County \$10 million
Interest \$1.2 million
Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2004

Main Library
Cost*: \$20.25 million
Funding: Penny for Pinellas \$14.5 million
Clearwater Library Foundation \$5 million
Bequest \$500,000
Library Cooperative \$100,000
Interest \$150,000
Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2004

Northwest Fire Station
Cost*: \$2.2 million
Funding: Penny for Pinellas \$2 million
City \$198,650
Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2004

Ross Norton Recreation Center and Extreme Park
Cost*: \$3.72 million
Funding: Special Development Fund \$257,212
Penny for Pinellas \$2.82 million
Recreation Facility Impact Fees \$360,076
State Grant (FRDAP) \$200,000
General Fund \$74,995
Estimated Completion Date: Early 2005

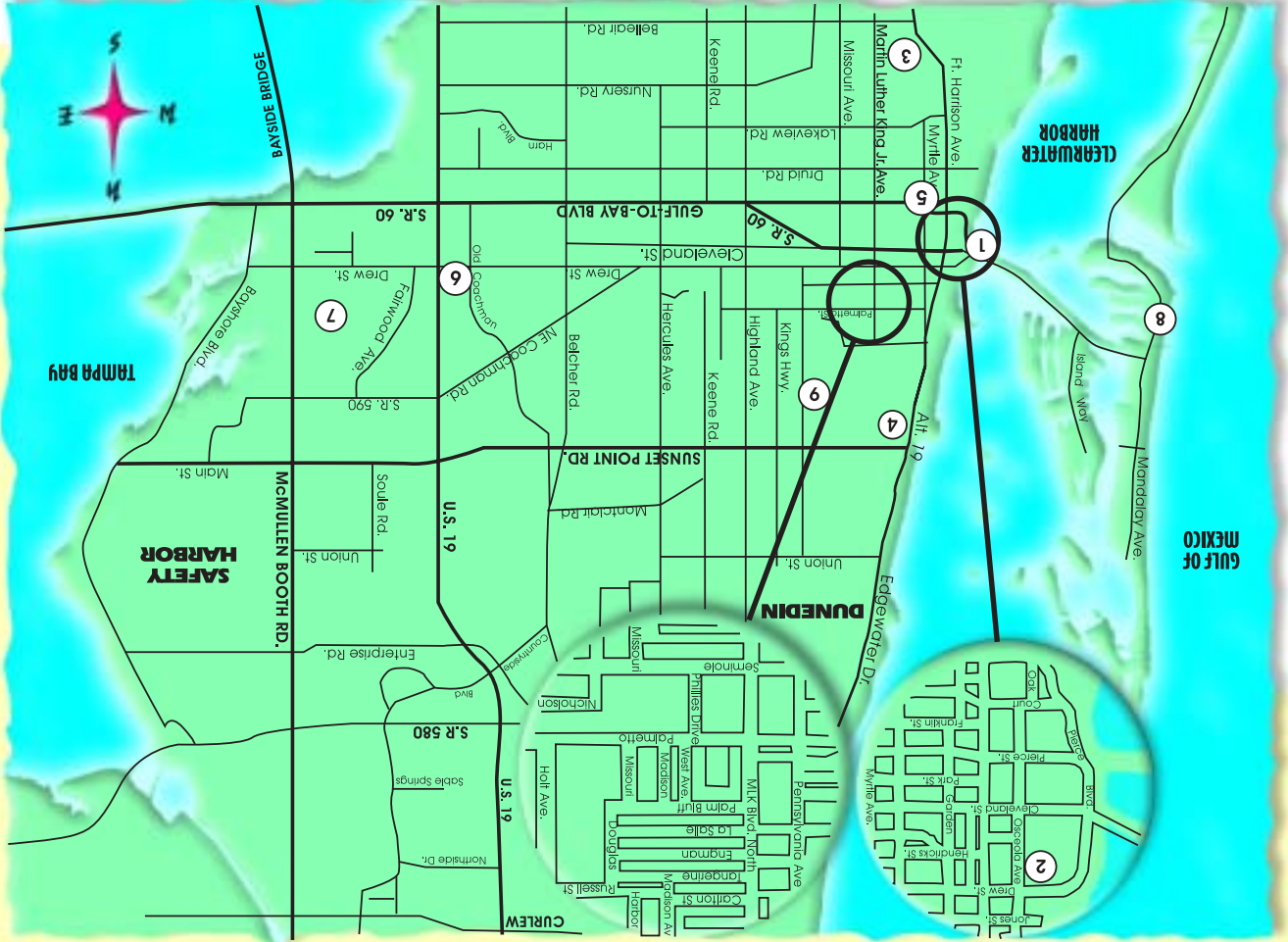
Beach Walk
Cost*: \$500,000 (design only)
Funding: HUD Grant \$490,000
Penny for Pinellas \$10,000
Estimated Completion Date: To Be Determined

Myrtle Avenue Reconstruction
Cost*: \$16.13 million
Funding: Gas Tax \$1 million
Dev. Impact Fees \$217,199
Penny for Pinellas \$379,831
Stormwater Bond Issue \$11.52 million
Other City Utilities \$3.01 million
Other City Funds \$5.653
Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2005

*estimated total construction cost.

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