

STAY INFORMED



Catch a Ride

Instead of driving to work alone, you might want to carpool, ride the bus, bicycle, walk, telework, or take advantage of alternative work hour programs. If you carpool to work twice a week, you'll help reduce traffic and reduce greenhouse gases. To start a carpool, contact Bay Area Commuter Services at (800) 998-RIDE or visit www.tampabayrideshare.org.

Foster Grant World Championship 70.3, Presented by Ford

Race Information

The triathlon will take place beginning at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14. The event begins and ends near Pier 60 on Clearwater Beach. The 1.2-mile swim in the Gulf of Mexico will take place first; followed by the 56-mile bike which travels throughout northern and mid-Pinellas County and last will be the 13.1-mile run in downtown Clearwater. Lane and road closures will begin at 5 a.m. throughout the county. Also, Clearwater Beach road closures will begin at 3 a.m. Plan ahead if you need to leave the beach.

Bike Route

The bike route is the longest part of the race and travels from Clearwater Beach, to north Pinellas County, then to Largo and back to Clearwater Beach. The route will affect the following roads and bridges on race day: the Memorial Causeway Bridge, Drew Street, Countryside Boulevard, McMullen Booth Road, East Lake Road, the Bayside Bridge, Roosevelt Boulevard, Belcher Road, and Gulf to Bay. The bike portion of the race will be complete by 12:30 p.m.

Run Route

The run route is primarily on the beach and in downtown Clearwater. The Harbor Oaks neighborhood in downtown will be impacted. Affected roads in that area include the Memorial Causeway Bridge, Chestnut Street, East Avenue, Turner Street, Druid Road W, Magnolia Drive, Druid Road S, Orange Avenue, and Oak Avenue. If you live in the area and need to leave your home, please do so by 9 a.m. There will be limited access to the neighborhood. All roads will re-open completely by 4 p.m.



HELPFUL DRIVING HINTS FOR RACE DAY

To ease congestion on race day, drivers should leave early to allow for extra traffic and lane closures. Since the race route does not affect U.S. 19, use it as the main north-south route. Signalized intersections along the route will have police officers assisting motorists and will let vehicles through when and if it is safe to do so. Motorists who come upon a non-signalized intersection should yield to bicyclists as **bikes have the right-of-way** on the course. Drivers will have to share multi-lane roads with bicyclists. On McMullen Booth Road, cyclists will be traveling on the inside median lane, and vehicles will be traveling in the outside lanes. If possible, avoid traveling near the route, as traffic problems may arise.

More information can be found by calling (727) 562-INFO (4636) or visiting www.myclearwater.com/ironman.

You Have the Power



The buildings where we live, learn, work and play account for nearly half the nation's energy use. October is national Energy Awareness Month, and is a reminder to take steps to conserve resources. First, gather your utility

bills and separate the electricity and fuel bills. Start by figuring out which type of energy your household consumes the most, and commit to saving that source while saving money. The U.S. Department of Energy offers these suggestions:

- Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting, or 120°F, and add an insulating blanket to the heater. It will pay for itself in one year or less.
- Set the air conditioning or cooling system a degree or two higher than usual during summer months. Cooling costs can account for almost half of the

- average family's summer energy bill.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescents (CFLs) or light-emitting diode (LEDs) bulbs.
- Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms or consider installing timers, photo cells, or occupancy sensors to reduce the amount of time lights stay on.
- Install a programmable thermostat that can be adjusted to temperatures according to your schedule.
- Clean or replace filters in your air-conditioner and heat-pump regularly.
- Install low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, and toilet tumblers to save water.
- Replace aging, inefficient appliances with ones that make better use of energy.
- Keep your home cooler by planting shade trees and shrubs around your house.

These are a few ways to save not only power, water, and other utilities. Every effort you make to conserve makes a difference. To learn what the city is doing to conserve energy and to think green, visit www.myclearwater.com/green.



Thank You for Your Support

As a public, locally-owned gas system, Clearwater Gas System provides natural and propane gas service to more than 19,500 homeowners and business owners in the area. Each year, Clearwater Gas System's customer growth rate averages between five to seven percent and we proudly thank you, the community for your loyal support.

We recognize the importance of local community support and invite the public to stop by the Clearwater Gas Sales Office at 711 Maple Street, in Clearwater, during the month of October to receive a complimentary wall calendar. For more information on clean, affordable gas energy, visit www.clearwatergas.com.

America Recycles Day



The City and Buddy the Bottlenose Dolphin, Clearwater's recycling mascot, will be celebrating America Recycles Day. Through the City of Clearwater's Solid Waste/Recycling Department, speakers are available to visit elementary schools, scout troops, churches and other community organizations to discuss the basics of recycling and the city's recycling program. This free educational program for Clearwater schools and organizations, teaches the importance of recycling through age-appropriate

presentations. Solid Waste/Recycling Complex tours are also available. Please remember to book your presentation or tour early. We invite you to celebrate recycling on Nov. 15 and all year long.

For more information or to schedule a speaker or tour, contact the City of Clearwater Solid Waste/Recycling Department at (727) 562-4933 or send an email to kattrina.dowd@myclearwater.com.

RECYCLE, RENEW, IT BEGINS WITH YOU!

Thanksgiving Collection Schedule

The City of Clearwater Solid Waste Department will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009.

Thanksgiving Schedule Changes

- Residential Black Barrel and Bulk Thursday's Route on Wednesday, Nov. 25
- Residential Recycling and Commercial Solid Waste Wednesday's and Thursday's Route on Wednesday, Nov. 25

All other collection days remain unchanged.



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