



October 2025 ROSS Newsletter

Barbee Towers & Ralph Richards Tower



Emergency Help for Special Needs Residents



Pinellas County assists residents with medical, functional or special transportation needs in an emergency.

Residents of all ages who have special needs are eligible for the program. Some examples include but are not limited to:

- Needing oxygen.
- Requiring assistance with routine care and medications.
- Requiring mobility assistance.
- Dependence on electricity
- Requiring transportation assistance.



Ways to register:

- Ask your home health care provider.
- Call **727-464-4333** to request a form.
- Register online at www.Pinellas.gov/SpecialNeeds



ROSS Zone October Events!

Barbee Towers



Salvation Army Silver Bells Registration

Monday, October 6, 2025 at 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

The ROSS Coordinator will assist residents in signing up for the turkeys and the holiday gifts provided by this organization!



Hope Villages Food Distribution

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 11:30 AM-1:30 PM



FL Dream Center Food Distribution

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Ralph Richards Tower



Salvation Army Silver Bells Registration

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

The ROSS Coordinator will assist residents in signing up for the turkeys and the holiday gifts provided by this organization!



Hope Villages Food Distribution

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 9:30 AM-11:00 AM



FL Dream Center Food Distribution

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 2:00 PM-4:00 PM



Clearwater FALL-O-WEEN at Coachman Park!

Friday, October 24, 2025

5:00 PM-10:00 PM

300 Cleveland Street, Clearwater FL 33756

Clearwater Last Friday is a new monthly event the city is launching at **Coachman Park**, taking place on the last Friday of each month. Each event will feature live entertainment, delicious food, and a variety of engaging activities. For October's event will also feature fall activities for the whole family such as a children's costume contest, a candy trail, music, a touch-a-truck experience and other activities.



For more information, call **727-562-4800** or visit www.myclearwaterparks.com



Florida Botanical Gardens 9th Annual Pumpkin Fest

Saturday, October 25, 2025
10:00 AM-2:00PM

12520 Ulmerton Road
Largo, FL 33774

Florida Botanical Gardens offers a fun experience for families! Bring your own pumpkin to decorate or you can purchase one at the event for \$10. All the tools needed to clean and carve pumpkins will be available on site. Get ready to put your carving skills to work at this **FREE** event. For more information, contact **Emily Goot** at **727-582-2117**. To pre-register and purchase your pumpkin, visit

www.flbgfoundation.org/pumpkinfest



Neighborhood Transportation Group Shopping

Every 2nd & 4th Thursday for residents who are registered (must be 60 years or older)!

Thursday, October 9th @ 11:15 AM - Sprouts
Thursday, October 23rd @ 11:15 AM - Publix

- ♦ Please sign up at least 2 days prior to the scheduled trip date!
- ♦ Pick up and drop off at your location!



Contact the ROSS Coordinator for details at (727) 446-1045, ext. 248 or email at swhite@clearwaterhousingauth.org



Breast Cancer Screenings Available



If you're uninsured and between the ages of 40 and 64, there's help available through the Florida Department of Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (BCCP) that offers **free** or **low-cost** screenings for those who are eligible. The DOH-Pinellas BCCP application is available online at

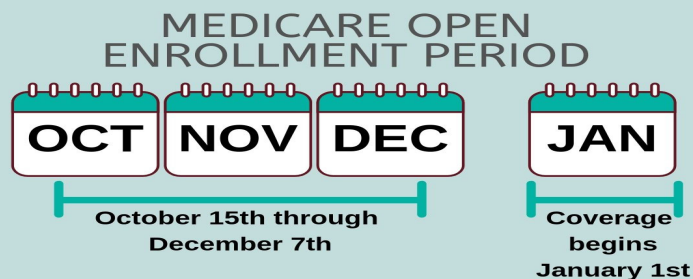
<http://pinellas.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition-services/bccp/index.html>



Women without internet access can call (727) 824-6917 to have an enrollment package sent by mail.

For more information about DOH-Pinellas call (727) 824-6900 or visit www.PinellasHealth.com

When is Medicare Open Enrollment?



The Medicare Open Enrollment period for 2026 coverage will be from **October 15, 2025 through December 7, 2025**. During the annual enrollment period, you may make changes to your coverage.

For more information, visit www.medicareresources.org

If you need to speak with someone, contact **Samuel White - ROSS Service Coordinator** 727-446-1045, ext. 248 or email at swhite@clearwaterhousingauth.org



You will be referred for free personal consultation, or to register to attend a local Serving Health Insurance Needs of the Elderly (SHINE) event.

The Salvation Army—Clearwater Silver Bells Program 2025



Christmas Assistance for Seniors 65 and Older Program Qualifications:

- ♦ You must live in service area
- ♦ Must provide proof of residency
- ♦ Photo ID required

Please provide clothing sizes and/or specific gift needs.



To register, contact and/see the **ROSS Coordinator** at (727) 446-1045, ext. 248 or visit www.saangeltree.org

(Deadline is **October 9, 2025** by 4:00pm)



Salvation Army Joy Center
1521 E. Druid Road
Clearwater, FL 33756
(727) 446-4177



www.clearwater.salvationarmyflorida.org

Salvation Army Thanksgiving 2025 Turkey & Food Basket Registration

Receive a ticket to pick-up a **FREE** Thanksgiving Turkey for your family. The ticket will include the date, time, and location for the turkey pick-up. One ticket per family will be provided until all the tickets have been disbursed.



Registration begins on October 15, 2025. You can visit www.saturkey.com

You can scan the code and complete the form. A ticket will be mailed to you on/after **November 10th, 2025**. For assistance, contact the **ROSS Coordinator** at (727) 446-1045, ext. 248 or swhite@clearwaterhousingauth.org.



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