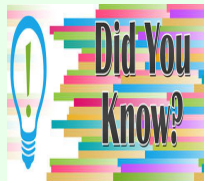




August 2026 ROSS Newsletter



Fairway Gardens & Paradise Trail



National Watermelon Day - Monday, August 3, 2026

National Watermelon Day encourages the consumption of Watermelons. Watermelons can lower the risk of heart disease and reduce hypertension. About 92% of a watermelon is water making it a popular refreshing fruit. Watermelons have high Lycopene levels that promote cardiovascular health, bone health, and prevent prostate cancer. With proper growing conditions, watermelons grow to enormous sizes. Around the world, competitions award prizes each year for the largest one. The Guinness Book of World Records states that the heaviest watermelon weighed 262 pounds. To learn more refreshing watermelon facts, check out www.watermelon.org.



Monthly Food Distribution

Tuesday, August 18, 2026
1:30 PM-3:30 PM
Ralph Richards
(Front Lobby)



Tuesday, August 25, 2026
1:30 PM-3:30 PM
Barbee Towers
(Community Room)

Contact the ROSS Coordinator prior to the event at **(727) 446-1045, ext. 248** or email at swhite@clearwaterhousingauth.org.

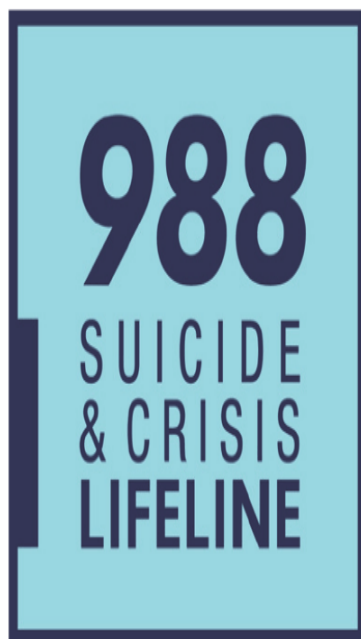


Mobile Drive Thru Food Pantry



WEDNESDAY
August 12th & 26th, 2026
3:30 PM-5:00 PM
Salvation Army Clearwater
1521 Druid Road
Clearwater, FL 33756
(727) 446-4177

FREE pre-packages boxes of food
No ID, paperwork, or pre-screening required



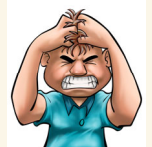
If you or someone you know
needs support now,
CALL OR TEXT: 988
CHAT: 988lifeline.org

Talk with us.



FREE Family Support!

Are you stressed?
Overwhelmed?
Anxious?



Children's Home Society (CHS) of Florida's Family Support Line is available to anyone who needs support during this difficult time. Our services include:

Free, confidential counseling and support
Counselors available 24 hours/7 days
Connections to additional programs and providers
Callers/texters can remain completely anonymous



We're here to help!
CALL or TEXT
1-888-733-6303
www.chsfl.org





Parents' Back To School 2026-2027 Checklist



Ensure a smooth start to the school year! Keep the beginning organizational steps simple:

- ♦ Find your child's exact school supply list on the **TeacherLists website** and shop right on your phone.
- ♦ Get familiar with any dress codes.
- ♦ Identify your school point person(s) to contact if your child gets sick.
- ♦ Make sure your child is up-to-date with required immunizations and recommended vaccines.
- ♦ Develop daily preparation routines before and after school.
- ♦ Talk to your child in about safety precautions to take at school.
- ♦ Make sure your information is current at school, including emergency contacts.
- ♦ With your child likely spending more time learning online, discuss online safety and being a good digital citizen.



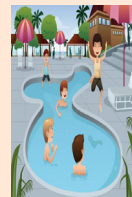
For more information, visit
www.teacherlists.com



Saturday, August 8th, 2026
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

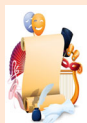


Morningside Recreation Complex
2400 Harn Blvd.
Clearwater, FL 33764



- Free backpacks with school supplies
- Outdoor family cookout w/hot dogs
- Pool access and splash pad fun for the kids
- FREE parking & FREE entry

Saturday, August 8th, 2026
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center
4951 78th Avenue N
Pinellas Park, FL 33781



- Free backpacks with grade-level school supplies
- Food, games & prizes for the kids
- No registration needed, while supplies last



www.myclearwater.com



FREE CLOTHING FOR SCHOOL!

Eligible Shoppers:

1. You must live in **Hillsborough** or **Pinellas County** with school aged children on free or reduced lunch program or have referral from an approved agency.
2. Call Clothes To Kids for an **appointment (only)** at **727-441-5050**. During busy months, it may take up to two weeks.
3. Come shopping! We look forward to seeing you!



1059 N. Hercules Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33765



If you need a referral, please contact the ROSS Program Coordinator at **(727) 446-1045, ext. 248** or email at swhite@clearwaterhousingauth.org

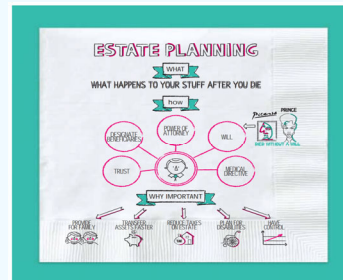
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