

Kathleen Beckman *YOUR* Clearwater City Councilmember

Hello friends - I'm happy to have this opportunity to connect. George C. Lichtenberg said, "I cannot say whether things will get better if we change; what I can say is they must change if they are to get better." I feel I was elected because voters were open to something/someone different. I think I've demonstrated I'm that. I've been consistently focused on listening to residents, asking questions from a resident's perspective and advocating for what I feel is in our residents' best interest. As your councilmember - I am committed to listening to, learning from and collaborating with residents and business owners. One of my goals is to increase and improve communication with residents; this newsletter is just one avenue. Please share it with others, offer constructive criticism and don't hesitate to offer suggestions for content. I also have a webpage; it is connected with a link below. Check it out for more complete information. Thank you for being an engaged resident.



Top Priorities Get Involved!

Fiscal Responsibility
Saving Money

Protecting our
Environment

Affordable Diverse-
Workforce Housing

Supporting Business

Diversifying Jobs

Increasing Civic
Engagement

Building Community
and Celebrating
Diversity

Raising the Bar on
What it Means to be
your Councilmember



UPCOMING EVENTS

I will be at Morningside Meadows Rec. Center on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 10-11:30 to answer questions, provide updates and learn what's important to residents. Please plan to attend, and wear a mask.

I also have a Meet and Greet planned at Cherry Harris Park in N. Greenwood on Saturday, March 13 at 10 a.m. More details to follow in my March Newsletter.

COVID19 has made outreach a challenge, but I'm willing to meet people in a park or back yard - 6 feet apart. I am attending (Zoom) neighborhood association meetings and I'd love to join in other meetings, as well. **CONTACT ME IF YOU'D LIKE TO HOST A MEET AND GREET in YOUR neighborhood, or if you'd like me to speak to your group/organization.**



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

Click on the link above to City meetings, agendas and attached documents.



Staying Safe - Working for YOU

Please get in touch to see how you can help make positive change. I love to speak with residents and collaborate on solutions. Don't be a stranger.

VOLUNTEER



I LOVE to volunteer with a number of organizations and work alongside others who give of their time and talents. Below are just a few examples of recent efforts. Thank you to EVERYONE who volunteers; you make our world a better place.



Jammie and Sebastian Bush live in Clearwater and celebrated Dr. MLK Jr. Day by participating in the NAACP/Clearwater virtual event. They made these beautiful yard signs that

City Business

Great News! The City Council approved an Request For Proposal for the Bluff Properties. It requires all proposed buildings and structures be designed to LEED Silver certification standards, or a recognized and documented equivalent standard. [Here is the RFP.](#)

The City and City Council are looking for feedback on our Advisory Boards. If you are serving, if you have served or if you'd like to serve on one of our Advisory Boards please let me know about your experience. I'd like to engage and utilize our boards more. Feb. 16 and 18 are slated for this discussion.

Our Clearwater police officers are now fully equipped with police body cameras. They are about the size of a box of 24 crayons and they are worn on an officer's shirt, at about sternum level.

Working with our Sustainability Coordinator, Sheridan Boyle, the City is hosting a "Building Better Neighborhoods" series about home gardening and Florida-friendly landscaping. [Here is the link.](#)

Clearwater's second painted street mural is set to be sketched and painted on Feb. 19th and 20th in the Skycrest neighborhood, at the intersection of Mars Ave. and Rainbow Dr. Stop by to help paint or to just celebrate "placemaking."

Council will also be voting on spending approximately \$1.4 million on decorative Causway Bridge lighting. I would really like to know how you feel about this.

On March 2nd there is a special Work Session to discuss an Imagine Clearwater Conservancy and Management of the Venue.

were displayed in neighborhoods to spread Dr. King's message of unity and action.



Thank you to members of our Environmental Advisory Board. They met on January 20, 2021.



Clearwater Community Garden members working at a "volunteer hours" clean up in the garden. I have a plot too- my cabbage and tomatoes are looking good.



Happy to work with Lake Bellevue Neighborhood Association President Val Hinkley in a community cleanup in conjunction with the Clearwater Greenies. In just two hours, volunteers collected over two hundred pounds of trash.

Want to save money and reduce your carbon footprint? Solar is a great way to do both. Over 800 homes in Clearwater now have solar, cumulatively saving well over \$1 Million per year and eliminating an estimated 19 million pounds of CO2 per year. A new Pinellas-wide Solar Coop is now open to get your own solar. [Check it out here.](#)

The Phillies' spring training home opening game is scheduled for Sat. Feb. 27; they will play the Toronto Blue Jays. The game will be one of the Phillies' 17 home games at Spectrum Field.

City Council approved an agreement between the City, the Clearwater Historical Society and (non-profit) Kairoi Performing Arts and Cultural Center to occupy the Plumb House at Ed Wright Park. Kairoi will offer performing arts programming that is focused on providing a creative outlet for at risk youth and young adults. I'm super excited about this; I can't wait to hear music and laughter coming from this beautiful historic building.

Here is a link to [My Clearwater Magazine.](#)



I attended the Jan. 26 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting to thank members for their service, to inform them of upcoming items of interest, to invite them to reach out to me and to encourage them to use the map of our parks that I shared with them.



Friends Alethea Winston and Beth Davis, along with my husband Bryan and I, created our own MLK Day of Service and cleaned up Cherry Harris Park. We collected nearly two hundred pounds of trash.

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February is Black History Month - Check out my FB Page for a daily entry celebrating

New Year's Resolution Update: Monthly newsletters are on track - still struggling with weekly updates to the website. I'll try harder...

the history and achievements of African Americans.



Thank you so much for
subscribing to - and
reading my newsletter.
Hope you have a great
day!

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