

Kathleen Beckman
YOUR
Clearwater City Councilmember



Welcome to Clearwater
New City Manager
Jon Jennings!

On September 2nd the Clearwater City Council voted unanimously to offer the position of City Manager to Mr. Jon Jennings, who is currently serving as City Manager in Portland,

Main. Mr. Jennings has an extensive resume with experience in both the business world and government. After a nationwide search and a thorough interviewing process, Mr. Jennings was chosen from a narrowed field of five. I believe we chose the best fit for Clearwater as we are on the threshold of a great opportunity to be seen as leaders in our region, embracing the challenges we face and the possibilities of a bright and beautiful future for all of Clearwater's residents and businesses. Welcome aboard Mr. Jennings. I look forward to working with you.

Important Resources and Updates

Information here about ARPA and how funds may be used. This will be an important discussion for Council and staff. [American Rescue Plan Act](#) (\$22.4 MILLION for Clearwater)

This is the compact our Council signed that articulates our priorities related to our housing crisis. I plan to reference it frequently. [Advantage Pinellas Housing Compact - Addressing the Need for More Affordable Housing](#)

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

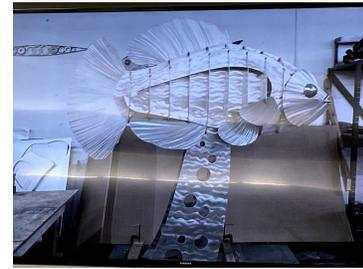
UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

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

The City of Clearwater has many volunteer opportunities. Here is a link to our website. Find out how you can make a difference: [Volunteers Needed](#)

The City recently installed a live web-cam facing Coachman Park where residents can view construction progress 24/7. Check it out here: [Imagine Clearwater Web-Cam](#)

The Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition is a community based non-profit that works closely with the City of Clearwater to achieve its goals. It aims to enhance quality of life, sustainability and safety for Clearwater and its



Art Installations Coming to Crest Lake Park

Above is one example of the stunning art that will soon be installed at Crest Lake Park. Artist Donald Gialanella created five stainless steel sculptures, a dragonfly, frog, fish, spider, and bird that will be displayed near a corresponding "habitat" in the park. Thank you to Christopher Hubbard, Clearwater Cultural Affairs Coordinator, for providing an update on this and other art initiatives at our Clearwater Public Art & Design Advisory Board meeting on Sept. 9th.

Highlighting a Clearwater Business



Restoration Café is a favorite local coffee shop. This cozy

coffee/sweet shop at 38 N. Fort Harrison Ave. has reasonable prices and flavorful selections. Cozy chairs, tables to work at, and super friendly staff make this the perfect place to stop in for a tasty beverage or a special treat. Find out more here: [Restoration Cafe](#).

Celebrating Residents Who Care



The Lake Bellevue community always invites me to their monthly

neighborhood meetings, and I

neighborhoods. They are ALWAYS looking for new members - people who care about their community and want to share their concerns and ideas. You can learn more here: [Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition](#)



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Please note: I am thrilled that you have taken the time to read my newsletter, and one of the reasons I compose it and send it out is to receive feedback from you. However, please be aware that any communication you do with me related to the newsletter is public record.



Come join me and your friends and neighbors as we gather on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 8 a.m. until about noon to paint up to 12 homes in Clearwater. The Paint Your Heart Out non-profit organization has been painting the homes of needy Clearwater residents for 28 years! This year, as always, we're inviting you to join in. You'll be part of a team that paints a home. It is truly great fun and a real community building event. Please let me know if you're interested - you can email me at kathleen.beckman@myclearwater.com.



Please click here: [The Big Clean Up](#) to learn more about our COMMUNITY WIDE initiative to clean up our city and raise the bar on keeping our communities trash free.



Sept. 15 thru Oct. 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month. We celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the achievements and contributions of

happily attend. They are committed to improving their community and champion resident engagement. Once a month they gather to clean up around Lake Bellevue; I attend when my schedule allows. On Sept. 6th I enjoyed my time with Lake Bellevue Neighborhood Association President, Val Hinkley as we picked up trash and solved the world's problems.

Keeping a Pulse on Legislative Actions



On September 9th I attended the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation meeting. This is an annual event where regional leaders and residents speak directly to our State elected officials before they begin their pre-legislative session. Each speaker had approximately two minutes – and topics covered ranged from home rule to mask mandates, the need for attainable housing and criminal justice reform to sustainability initiatives and funding for education. It was a fascinating three-hour program that highlighted the myriad of challenges we face in our region. As your councilmember, I'm committed to advocating for home-rule legislation, policies that protect our environment, and funding that supports attainable housing – along with a whole host of other concerns.



Due to our continued high Covid numbers, my Meet and Greets have been put on hold - but if you'd like me to visit your neighborhood or organization and we can be outside - please let me know.

Hispanic American champions who have inspired others
to achieve success. Check out this website for more
information: [National Hispanic Heritage Month](#)