

MAYOR'S UPDATE

September 26, 2024

It's time for an update and for a plea for assistance!

The update concerns Code Enforcement.

For as long as I've been involved in the city as a councilmember and mayor, we have struggled with code compliance and enforcement. The City Administrator has been assigned the primary responsibility of following up when a complaint is made to the city for a code violation, which are typically overgrown weeds, blight, or safety concerns due to a deteriorating or damaged building structure, etc.

This has been an effective way to handle the complaints which are reported. We also hear constantly from residents that believe the city should be proactive and not require one neighbor to report another for action to be taken.

Over the past few meetings, the process was reviewed. The Governing Body decided to contract with a code compliance company called Professional Code Compliance (PCC). PCC will work with the City Administrator and provide a city-wide proactive approach to code enforcement. PCC will have identification on their vehicle and have an ID to identify him as PCC.

This service will start on October 1st and a "windshield survey" will be done by driving through town and notating the obvious violations according to our City Code. The first step in this process will be to hang door knockers on any property that has a violation. This will include the violation and timeframe for the violation to be corrected without formal action. The company will ease into the process to help residents get used to this new service. The second step (if the violation has not been addressed) is a formal letter sent to the property owner certified and hand delivered to the tenant stating the violation and setting a legal timeframe to abate the issue. The third step (If the resident does not abate the issue) is to follow through with the violation process. Before any legal action is taken the case will be brought before the City Council for their review and decision.

We all desire to have our community safe and clean. As we have done over the years, we will do all we can to work with individuals that might have need of assistance in getting a concern corrected.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact City Hall for further information.

With Respect to the Plea for Assistance!

With the Clearwater Fall Festival quickly approaching, the Fall Festival Committee still needs your help. Here are the links to the events that need volunteers. Please sign up and show your support!

- **Trash:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A9A62DA5F8C70-51486643-trash>
- **5K Race:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A9A62DA5F8C70-51486902-5krun>
- **Bouncy House:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A9A62DA5F8C70-51327502-bouncy>
- **Mechanical Bull:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A9A62DA5F8C70-51327996-mechanical>

- **Axe Throwing:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A9A62DA5F8C70-51487228-axethrowing>
- **Information Booth:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A9A62DA5F8C70-51487333-information>
- **Email:** fallfestival@clearwaterks.org

Thank you!
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