



Educating, Collecting, Preserving, Exhibiting and Promoting the People, Culture and Events of Clearwater's Rich Past

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### **Clearwater Historical Society Museum Is Now Open**

*The Clearwater Historical Society opened the Clearwater Historical Society Museum and Cultural Center in downtown Clearwater is now open Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

**CLEARWATER** - The Clearwater Historical Society Museum and Cultural Center at South Ward School is now open. Visitors will enjoy the setting of the historic school while exploring exhibits that tell stories of the area's tourism, leisure, sports, trains, restaurants and schools.

"We are excited to be open," said Allison Dolan, President of the Clearwater Historical Society. "We've come so far and plan to keep adding to our exhibits and getting the other buildings up-to-speed."

The museum campus is approximately five acres. It contains five buildings with two open to the public. Heritage Hall, the original South Ward Elementary School, houses the exhibits. The Event Center serves as the research area and meeting space.

Museum hours are Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free and donations are gratefully accepted.

The Clearwater Historical Society, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with the mission to educate, collect, preserve, exhibit and promote the people, culture and events of Clearwater's rich past. Its vision is to create a place where the community comes together to explore Clearwater's past, share its present and imagine its future.

The Clearwater Historical Society Museum and Cultural Center is located at 610 S. Fort Harrison Ave, Clearwater 33756. Parking is available on Mulberry Alley, between the museum and First United Methodist Church. Additional parking is available behind the museum, accessible via N. Hamilton Crescent.

For further information, donations, and volunteer activities, visit website at [clearwaterhistoricalsociety.org](http://clearwaterhistoricalsociety.org), email at [clearwaterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:clearwaterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com), like on Facebook/Instagram @ClearwaterHistoricalSociety, or call (727) 754-8019.

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From left, David Allbritton, Clearwater City Councilmember; Sam McClelland, dressed as early Clearwater resident Robert J. Whitehurst and Clearwater Historical Society Vice President; George Cretikos, Clearwater Mayor; Charlie Justice, Pinellas County Commissioner; Allison Dolan, Clearwater Historical Society President and Bill Wallace, Clearwater Historical Society Past President. The group led the unveiling of South Ward School's historical marker during the Grand Opening of the Clearwater Historical Society Museum and Cultural Center.



From left, Frances Wallace, South Ward alumna; Bill Wallace, Clearwater Historical Society Past President; David Allbritton, Clearwater City Councilmember; Allison Dolan, Clearwater Historical Society President; Charlie Justice, Pinellas County Commissioner; George Cretikos, Clearwater Mayor; Marv Siple, Ginger Darling and Tom Fox, South Ward school alumni at the ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the Clearwater Historical Society Museum and Cultural Center.