

CITY OF SWEETWATER



Dear Residents,

As your Mayor, I wanted to take a moment to connect with each and every one of you. Our city is a vibrant, prosperous and diverse community, and it's your spirit and dedication that make it such a special place to live. I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and commitment to our city.

Although we have faced numerous challenges, together we have always emerged stronger because of our unity and resilience. In the coming months, we will embark on new initiatives to make our city even better. I encourage you to stay engaged, share your feedback, and be part of the positive change we are working towards.

The City of Sweetwater's success is a reflection of each of you, and together, we can achieve great things. Let's continue to build a brighter future for ourselves, our families, and our entire community.

Thank you for being the heart and soul of our beautiful city.

-Mayor Jose "Pepe" Diaz

September Newsletter

Sweetwater City Hall

500 S.W. 109 Ave. Sweetwater, FL 33174

Phone: (305) 221-0411

Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Miami-Dade County Hurricane Preparedness

For more information click [here](#).



Community



Welcome Back-to School

School is back in session!
Mayor José “Pepe” Diaz welcomed our students, teachers and staff at Sweetwater Elementary School. Wishing everyone a successful and bright school year for the 2023-2024 session.



Back-to-School Summer Bash

What a fun time we all had at the Back-to-School Summer Bash! Our residents enjoyed pop up pool games, waterslides, fun games and sweet treats like ice cream at Ronselli Park. And a special thank you to our residents who make this special time memorable! You can always check out the recap video on our YouTube page.



National Night Out

Our law-enforcement and the community come together for National Night Out. Our Sweetwater police department showcased our K-9 Units and police protocol. The event aims to promote positive relationships between our local law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. Thank you to those that came out and connected with us!

Our City is looking great! Thanks to our partnership with the Andrea Believes Foundation and City Commissioners, a monthly street clean up takes place once a month to help beautify our streets from garbage.



Sweetwater Police Department Spotlight

Congratulations Officer Jenrry Martin for receiving the Officer of The Month Award for the month August. His dedication and professionalism is a staple that represents our agency as a whole.

Civil Air Patrol (CAP)

Mayor Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Commissioner Idania Llanio, who is also the Commander of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), along with Commissioner Jose Marti, had an honorable visit with Capt. Diego Leiva and Lt. Col. Trevor Stewart of the Civil Air Patrol. Sweetwater soon will have its own CAP cadet program once again!



United States Southern Command Center

The City of Sweetwater was represented at the United States Southern Command Center's 60th anniversary celebration to honor and commemorate U.S. Southern Command's service and dedication to protecting our Western Hemisphere for decades.

Diario Las Américas

Check out the latest issue of the Spanish news publication "Diario Las Américas." We have a dedicated special page in the magazine, as Mayor Diaz and our City Commissioners wished a very special 70th birthday to “Diario Las Americas” for their continued coverage and informing our great City of Sweetwater!



Miami Diaper Bank

Diaper need is a real problem in the United States. No family should have to struggle to provide their child with the basic necessities. As a way to provide much-needed relief to our community residents we partner with Miami Diaper Bank to host amazing free diaper distributions at various points throughout the year.



Field Trip

The Peter Pan Learning Center took an educational tour of our beautiful Sweetwater City Hall and visited our amazing Sweetwater Police Department as part of their summer camp field trip. Our officers gave the students a brief overview of what it takes to wear the honorable badge. The students even had the opportunity to sit in our Chambers where the Commission meets. Thank you to the teachers and staff for the lovely visit.

Local Business Spotlight



La Esquinita Habanera

Shout out to the Cuban sandwich! For National Cuban Sandwich Day, Mayor Diaz celebrated at the iconic “La Esquinita Habanera” restaurant, with none other than a classic Cuban sandwich. Congratulations to the establishment as they celebrate 29 years of business this year!



Hanna Tiger Asian Mart

Are you in the mood for Asian snacks and treats from around the world? Well you're in luck! Mayor Diaz and our city officials had the pleasure of visiting a popular Asian market and restaurant called Hanna Tiger Mart. This local business boasts of variety of foods and snacks from Asia. Make sure to stop by and try something new in your beloved city.



Badia

We are honored to have such a globally renowned establishment right here in the City of Sweetwater, and we couldn't be prouder. Mayor Diaz and Chief of Police Sergio Diez had the privilege of visiting the extraordinary Badia factory and warehouse in the heart of Sweetwater.

Men Wear Pink



Mayor Diaz is proud to announce his partnership with the American Cancer Society as a “Men Wear Pink” ambassador. Mayor Diaz is passionate about raising awareness to this vital cause. We will be wearing pink throughout the this month to show our pride and raise awareness! You can also show your support by donating to the American Cancer Society to save lives and fund the future of breast cancer research, patient support, and advocacy through Men Wear Pink! Scan this QR Code to join the FUNraising season and show your support with us!



[Donate Here](#)

Hurricane Idalia Relief

On Wednesday, August 30th, 2023, Hurricane Idalia struck the Florida bend as a powerful category 3 hurricane. Many homes and lives will never be the same. But as devastation hit, many were ready, willing and able to help the moment the time call for it. The Mayor, City Commissioners, the City of Sweetwater Police Department and Maintenance were onsite at Crosspoint Baptist Church in Perry, Florida, there a day later to assist the affected areas from Hurricane Idalia. Our Mayor teamed up with the amazing teams of Global Empowerment Mission and Farm Share to help organize and distribute community aid to those who were impacted. As always the City of Sweetwater is there to help those in need and pay it forward. Our prayers are with those who were affected by Idalia's path.

Watch our recap video [here](#).



The Mayor in the Media



Click to see an interview with news Local 10 on the City's Hurricane Idalia Relief support in Perry, Florida.



Click to see an interview with CBS4 on the City's Hurricane Idalia Relief support in Perry, Florida.

Senior Center

MILDRED & CLAUDE PEPPER SENIOR CENTER

10600 S.W. 4th Street
Miami, FL 33174



The Senior Center

plays a vital role in enhancing the lives of senior citizens in the community. It serves as a place for various activities and programs that promote social interaction, physical fitness, mental stimulation, and overall well-being. Here are some of the activities offered at no cost:

- **Bingo**
- **Dominoes**
- **Music**
- **Arts+Crafts**
- **Health & Wellness Activities**
- **Educational Programs**
- **Social Events, and more!**

Open to seniors age 60 and above

- **Transportation provided to Sweetwater residents at no cost.**
- **Free daily nutritional hot meals provided Monday thru Friday.**

Hours of Operation:
Monday- Friday
8:00 A.M. - 4 P.M.

TO REGISTER PLEASE CALL



305-552-1319



cityofsweetwater.fl.gov/elderly-program



MILDRED & CLAUDE PEPPER SENIOR CENTER

10600 S.W. 4th Street Miami, FL 33174

Call to Register
305-552-1319

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28 	29 	30 	31 	01 
04 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo • Live Music • Domino • Knitting Class • Art Class 	05 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo • Live Music • Domino • Knitting Class 	06 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo • Live Music • Domino • Knitting Class • Art Class 	07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo • Live Music • Domino • Knitting Class 	08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo • Live Music • Domino • Knitting Class • Art Class
11 Musical Entertainment 9 AM- 11:30 AM Health Talk 9 AM- 11:30 AM	12 Understanding Medicare & Educational Talk 9 AM- 11:30 AM	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo • Live Music • Domino • Knitting Class • Art Class 	14 Ice Cream social 9 AM- 11:30 AM DJ & Giveaway 9 AM- 11:30 AM	15 Social Services Informational Session 9 AM- 11:30 AM
18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo • Live Music • Domino • Knitting Class • Art Class 	19 Mobile Barber Services 9 AM- 11:30 AM 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo • Live Music • Domino • Knitting Class • Art Class 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo • Live Music • Domino • Knitting Class 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo • Live Music • Domino • Knitting Class • Art Class
25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo • Live Music • Domino • Knitting Class • Art Class 	26 Music Therapy 9 AM- 11:30 AM	27 Dancing Contest 9 AM- 11:30 AM 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo • Live Music • Domino • Knitting Class 	29 Free Mobile Phone Qualifications 9 AM- 11:30 AM 

Passport Information



Passport Office

New office hours:

Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday Closed

The Passport Office attends

APPOINTMENTS ONLY.

To make an appointment visit,

cityofsweetwater.fl.gov/passportoffice





REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

► PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- Original Proof of U.S. Citizenship & a Photocopy
- (U.S. Birth Certificate, Birth Abroad Certificate, Certificate of Citizenship or Certificate of Naturalization)
- Valid State of Florida Driver License or Identification Card & a Photocopy of the Front and Back (16 years old and older)
- Social Security Number Required on the Application (Not the Physical Card)
- Expired U.S. Passport (If Applicable)
- 1 Passport Photo (White or Off White Background, 2x2)
- All Applicants Must Be Present
- Minors Under 16 Must Be Accompanied By Both Parents
- Ages 16-17 Only One Parent Present or alone with an acceptable ID
- Print Legibly in Black Ink Only & Do Not Sign Application

► MINORS OBTAINING AN AMERICAN PASSPORT THROUGH PARENTS:

- Minor's Original Foreign Birth Certificate
(Must Be Translated to English if in another language)
- Minor's Original Resident Card
- Parent or Parent's Original Certificate of Naturalization
- Parent's Original Certified Marriage Record or Divorce Decree
(Must be translated to English if in another language)

***Note: The above is a general list of required documents. For a complete list visit travel.state.gov or call 1-877-487-2778**

Free Food Distribution

**MAYOR JOSE "PEPE" DIAZ AND
CITY COMMISSIONERS ALONG WITH
FARM SHARE INVITE YOU TO OUR MONTHLY**



Mayor
Jose "Pepe" Diaz



Commissioner
Marcos Villanueva



Commissioner
Isidro Ruiz



Commissioner
Saul Diaz



Commission President
Reinaldo Rey



Commission Vice President
Ian Vallecillo



Commissioner
Jose Marti



Commissioner
Idania Llanio

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Farm Share food distributions will take place the
first Friday of every month for the year of 2023.

WALK-INS ARE PERMITTED

Next Distributions

- October 6, 2023
- November 3, 2023
- December 1, 2023



**HOURS: 8 A.M. - 12 P.M.
OR UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST
CARLOW PARK
10601 SW 5TH STREET, SWEETWATER, FL 33174**
*For more information call,
(305) 221-0411*

"Farm Share, Inc. This institution is an equal opportunity provider."



Parks and Recreation

The City of Sweetwater Parks are open to play! Enjoy the various amenities our parks have to offer today! The City of Sweetwater promotes physical activity, social interaction, and overall well-being. Here are the following parks we offer in our beautiful city.



Carlow Park

10601 SW 5th St, Sweetwater, FL 33174

Open: Monday to Friday

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



Ronselli Park

250 SW 114th Ave, Sweetwater, FL 33174

Open: Monday to Friday

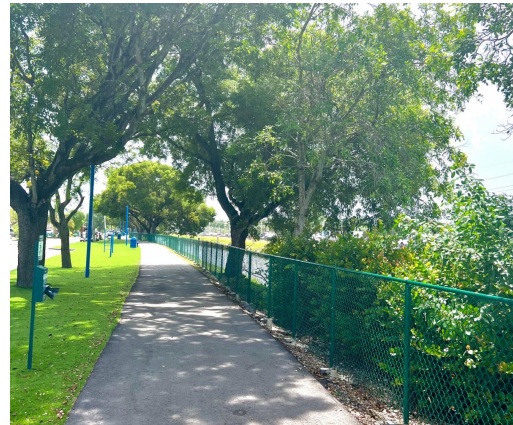
Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Jose "Lolo" Villalobos Dominoes Park

10620 SW 7th Terrace, Sweetwater, FL 33174

Open: Monday to Friday

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



James M. Beasley Park

This Park is located along the Tamiami Canal between S.W. 107 Avenue and S.W. 117 Avenue.



*Happy
Birthday!*



Mayor Jose "Pepe" Diaz

In August, we celebrated the Mayor's birthday! Thank you to all who wished Mayor Jose "Pepe" Diaz a special day.

Our City Leaders



Mayor
JOSE "PEPE" DIAZ



Commission President
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Commission Vice President
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Saul Diaz



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Commissioner
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Tune In >>>

**Regular Commission Meeting
Monday, October 2
@ 6 P.M.**

Stream on YouTube



We're Hiring!



JOB OPENINGS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Mechanical Chief
- ✓ Mechanic
- ✓ Front Desk PD Clerk
- ✓ IT Manager
- ✓ Procurement Specialist
- ✓ Driver
- ✓ Parking Enforcement Officer

Visit cityofsweetwater.fl.gov and click on [City Jobs](#).
All applications must be sent to the Deputy Human Resource
Manager Lorena Uribe luribe@cityofsweetwater.fl.gov.

Upcoming Dates

- Friday, September 15th Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Monday, September 18th U.S. Air Force Day.
- Stay tuned for our Halloween celebration event happening later in October.
- Saturday, November 11th, mark your calendars for a Veterans Day Festival. More details to come.

I hope this newsletter is helpful and as always, I look forward to building our prosperous city. I am honored to serve the great City of Sweetwater once again.
The best is yet to come.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jose “Pepe” Diaz

Stay Connected

Make sure to follow us on social media for up to date information.
Tag us with your Sweetwater pride for a chance to be reposted!

[Visit our Website](#)



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