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City of Clearwater Invites Community to Explore the Future of Historic North Ward School

CLEARWATER, Fla. – The city of Clearwater invites residents, community members, stakeholders, developers, investors and preservation advocates to attend Night at the North Ward, an open house event at the historic North Ward School July 30 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The event will provide an opportunity for the community to explore one of Clearwater's historic landmarks and share ideas for its future redevelopment and adaptive reuse.

Night at the North Ward will be held at:

North Ward School
900 N. Fort Harrison Ave.
Clearwater, Fla. 33755

Visitors may tour the school at their own pace, learn about the building's history and discuss possibilities for the future of the property. The evening will also feature community conversation, music and refreshments.

Event schedule:

- 5:30 p.m. – Arrival
- 5:45 p.m. – Welcome remarks from Mayor Bruce Rector and City Manager Jennifer Poirrier
- 6 to 8 p.m. – Self-guided tours of the school

Community members are encouraged to share photographs, stories and memories of North Ward School at MyClearwater.com/NorthWardIdeas. Selected submissions may be featured during the event to help celebrate the school's legacy and significance to the community.

As part of Night at the North Ward, the city of Clearwater has partnered with the Clearwater Historical Society to showcase historic memorabilia, photographs and artifacts that tell the story of North Ward School and its lasting impact on the community. The city also extends its appreciation to CGS Energy for serving as an event sponsor and supporting this opportunity to celebrate Clearwater's history.

Registration is available at MyClearwater.com/NightAtNorthWard

For additional information about the project and the future of North Ward School, visit MyClearwater.com/NorthWard

Limited parking will be available onsite. Overflow parking is available at the Seminole Boat Ramp, 198 Seminole St., Clearwater.

Please note that North Ward School is not currently ADA accessible.

About North Ward School

North Ward School is one of Clearwater's most recognizable historic buildings. The city is exploring opportunities for the property's future redevelopment and adaptive reuse while preserving its historic character and ensuring it continues to serve as a valued community asset.