



Gulfport Community Update

January 1 - 7, 2012

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Upcoming Events:

Start the New Year right at Gulfport **Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District on Friday, January 6, 6 - 10 p.m. Call 322-5217 for more information.

The City of Imagination monthly **Art Exhibit Opening & Reception** is scheduled for Friday, January 6, 6 p.m. in the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Avenue South. Call 344-5443 or 686-2564, or visit www.cityofimagination.info for more information.

The **Second Annual J West Prostate Cancer 5K Run & Walk for Awareness** is scheduled for Saturday, January 7, 8 a.m. at the Gulfport Casino. Free PSA test for the first 50 men registering. To register email diggermc@earthlink.net, call Mike Calimari at 638-2389 or visit www.jwestprostatefoundation.org.

Come hungry to the **Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner** on Saturday, January 7, 4 - 7 p.m. \$7 at the door. Call 327-2100 for more information.

Everyone is welcome at the **Crime Watch meeting** on Monday, January 9 at 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street South. Call 327-3509 for more information.

The next **Gulfport Fresh Market Clothing Swap to Benefit CASA** is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Peninsula Courtyard, 2937 Beach Boulevard. Call 366-4086 for more information.

The **49th Street South Business Association (So49)** invites everyone to attend the next meeting on Wednesday, January 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center. Call 515-4941 for more information.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of **Martin Luther King Day**. The Sanitation schedule will not be affected.

The next **Historic Preservation meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Museum, 5301 28th Avenue South. Call 893-1012 for more information.

Help plant a tree and take one home as the City of Gulfport celebrates **Arbor Day** at 10 a.m. Friday, January 20 at Tomlinson Park on the corner of 19th Avenue & 54th Street. Free refreshments. Call 893-1118 for more information.

Interested in volunteering at the Gulfport Museum? The **Historical Museum Board** will meet on Saturday, January 21 at 10 a.m. at the Gulfport Historical Museum. Call 327-0505 for more information.

Everyone is welcome at the **City of Imagination Open Creative Conversation** on Saturday, January 21 at 3 p.m. at the Gulfport Arts Center, 2726 54th Street. Call 344-5443 for more information.

Peruse the unique vendors, specialty shops and restaurants at the **Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District Saturday, January 21, 6 - 10 p.m. Call 322-5217 for more information.

Visit the Gulfport Public Library and learn how to save on your electric bill at the **Kill-a-Watt Energy Saving Program** at 10 11 a.m. Saturday, January 28. The Pinellas County Extension Service will instruct on use of the devices and info will be available for loan from the Library. For more information call 893-1074.

Weekly Events

- Every Tuesday, 12 p.m.: Ballroom lessons, August 2 & 9 - \$7
- Every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: Argentine Tango Dance/ Lesson - \$7
- Every Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Swing Dance/Lesson - \$7
- 1st and 3rd Thursday 7 p.m.: Salsa Dance/Lesson - \$7
- 1st and 3rd Sunday, 6 p.m.: Band/Ballroom Dance and Band - \$7
- 2nd & 4th Sunday, 6 p.m.: Ballroom DJ & dance - \$7

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Division staff tries to take special time to work with homeowners embarking on do-it-yourself projects. Whether it's deferred maintenance or new improvements, due to hard economic times many are electing to do these projects themselves. Before beginning home improvement projects give us a call at 893-1024 to discuss plans and inspections that may be necessary, to explain code requirements and help you through the process.

Code Enforcement activities have moved to Section 3 of the City, also known as the Southwest Neighborhood Area which generally extends south from Gulfport Boulevard to the water and west from 58th & 59th Streets to the City Limits.

High grass and weeds, and trash and debris make up the largest types of violations that staff deals with during the summer season. Because there is only one inspector who focuses on one section of the City at a time, we depend on residents to call in violations when they see them. We will inspect within one working day of a complaint to verify any violation. Please call (727) 893-1061 to report violations. If the inspector is unavailable, leave as detailed a message as possible to help us find the violation. Complaints can be anonymous, but if you want a follow-up you will have to leave contact information which means the complaint is no longer anonymous.

While often times a knock on the door or letter to an off-season property owner will take care of a violation, there are times when it takes a while to gain compliance. Staff has to make every effort to contact the property owner. With so many foreclosures and short sales in our present economy, this can become difficult and can take time. Just because nothing may appear to be happening, doesn't mean the City is unaware of, or ignoring a violation. Life/safety issues are abated as quickly as possible, depending on the extent of the problem. If a property owner cannot be found, the City will attempt abatement to alleviate any immediate problems. If you have questions about a property, give us a call at 893-1061.

To review the Code Enforcement Activities documents for more detailed information and a map of the Code Enforcement areas please visit the Special Documents section of the City's website at www.mygulfport.us.

January 3 City Council:

Outside Sales and Display Permit Application # OSD 11-01; 5102 Gulfport Boulevard South; Request for an Outdoor Sales and Display Permit for an existing scooter business. APPROVED

February 1 Planning and Zoning Board and February 14 City Council/CRA meeting:

- Review of an ordinance to streamline the site plan review process.
- Review of an ordinance to allow for sandwich board signs.

February 8 Board of Adjustment

Variance Application V12-09; 3014 - 57th Street South; Variance request to reduce the rear yard setback requirement by 15 feet, from 25 feet to 10 feet, to allow for the reconstruction of a proposed new master bedroom.

LEISURE SERVICES

Technical Events

Visit the City of Gulfport YouTube website at www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfport. Cable and DSL internet users can access streaming video from the City's website at www.mygulfport.us. Watch videos of recent events. It's a great way to keep in touch with out of town family and friends! Spread the word!

- Updated weekly program schedule. Copy available at the City Hall reception desk, or online at http://www.mygulfport.us/GTV615/Live_Webstream.htm.
- Distributed weekly press releases to Gabber, and upcoming events to press release group list.
- Rebooted GTV615 station equipment.
- Continued preparation of February calendar: contacting local organizations for details on upcoming events.
- Updated GTV615 and Recreation website with January information.
- Created promotional videos for Senior Talent Show & Arbor Day and added to GTV615 program lineup.
- Making final preparations for Arbor Day event.
- Received letter of approval for Tree City USA 2011.
- Commenced training on new video camera.

Marina

Pumped two thousand nine hundred ninety four (2,294) gallons of gas, and one thousand six hundred forty seven (1,647) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred thirty six (136) vessels.

Assisted in seven (7) pump-outs evacuating two hundred eighty one (281) gallons of sewage. This free service is well received by the boating public and helps keep our waters clean.

Other Activities:

- Replaced shrimp tank motor.
- Installed piling caps on fuel dock.
- Cleaned and prepped Ice machine for painting.
- Removed floating piling from Marina.

Transient Vessels

Staff welcomed a 38' sail cat and a 28' sailboat this week. Welcome to Gulfport!

Parks

Met with 5K event organizers and ordered barricades & cones for event.

Greased and repaired tires on air rater, and sharpened blades to all mowers.

Installed bubbler line for tree at Tomlinson Park in preparation for Arbor Day event.

Repaired bench at Tonkin Park.

Replaced timers & timer box at Skate Park, and repaired fence.

Retied green mesh on Hoyt field outfield fence.

Created slats and replaced rail on Tomlinson Park Bridge.

Repaired swings & playground equipment at beach, Recreation Center and Tonkin Park

Removed graffiti from playground equipment at R. W. Caldwell Park.

Continued cleaning and organizing maintenance shop.

Opened and cleaned Skate Park daily.

Trimmed, weeded and cleaned Senior Center, Library, Recreation Center, Tomlinson Park & Hoyt field.

Set up equipment at Senior Center for meetings & events, and removed following events.

Staff continues to rake Gulfport Beach & volleyball areas every Monday and Friday. Trash and debris were picked up along the water and children's playground areas. Trash and cigarette receptacles were emptied and the Bocce Ball courts were inspected for needed repairs.

Other Activities:

- All City park trash containers and cigarette waste containers were emptied.
- Watered all non-irrigated areas.
- Cleaned all City playground areas.
- Mowed, lined and dragged all ball fields.

Senior Center

A series of presentations on Pain Management will be offered every Thursday in January at 1 p.m. Topics include: different levels of pain; remedies for pain medication addiction; the role of nutrition; adaptive equipment/energy conservation and joint protection, etc.

Stetson College of Law's Professionalism Day is scheduled for Monday January 9. Several students will provide special services at the Senior Center. Technical assistance on I-pads, I-phones, digital cameras, laptops, and other electronic devices will be provided from 2 until 4 p.m. Other students volunteered to paint the parking lot bumpers.

The Senior Center will host a Memory Workshop facilitated by Peg Stella on Monday, January 9 at 1 p.m.

The Senior Center will hold open auditions for the upcoming *Senior Talent Show* on Wednesday, January 11, 1 - 5 p.m. If you are talented in comedy, dancing, juggling, playing a musical instrument, singing, etc., please come to the auditions. The talent show is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25 at 1 p.m. in the Catherine Hickman Theater. Tickets: \$5, available at the Senior Center.

The Senior Center will host a Great Backyard Bird Count presentation on Tuesday, January 17 at 1 p.m.

The Senior Center's Annual Health & Beauty Fair is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 9 a.m. - noon. This event is sponsored by Palms of Pasadena Hospital and includes a variety of free health screenings, health information, haircuts, manicures and more! Lunch will be available at noon for \$3. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Representatives from the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's office will visit the Senior Center from 9 a.m. until noon on Friday, February 24 to help seniors file applications for the 2012 Property Tax Exemption.

GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mini-Bus Service)

The City of Gulfport offers transportation service for residents 55 and older. GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mini-Bus Service) offers rides to grocery stores, medical appointments, etc. The \$55 annual registration fee entitles members to ride GEMS for \$1.00 per one-way trip and is good for one year from date of registration. GEMS has 160 active riders.

GEMS now offers hourly trips to South Pasadena on Wednesdays and Fridays per the request of GEMS riders. Call GEMS at 893-2242 for more info on the transportation service.

Library

The Gulfport Library offers free one-on-one computer instruction on a first come basis every Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

- Tuesday, December 27, 5:30 p.m. - Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.
- Wednesday, December 28, 10 a.m. - Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers meeting.
- Wednesday, December 28, 2:30 p.m. - Teen Board Game Afternoon.

Upcoming Events:

- Every Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting. For more information please call 916-0916.
- Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. - Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers meeting.
- Every Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. - Teen Board Game Afternoon.
- Tuesday, January 10, 10 a.m. - Suncoast Hospice volunteer recruitment. For more information call 773-7124.
- Saturday, January 14, 10:30 a.m. - Free Family Movie Day: *Kung Fu Panda 2 & Captain America*. Free popcorn provided by the Library! For more information call 893-1074.
- Thursday, January 19, Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of *The Wasteland* by T.S. Elliot. Copies of poem & discussion guides available at the Reference Desk.
- Saturday, January 21, 1:30 p.m. - Winter Crafts program. Enjoy making seasonal creations with Pat in the Youth Services area.
- Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m. - Kill-a-Watt Energy Saving program. James Stevenson of the Pinellas County Extension Service will instruct on the use of the devices, which will also be on loan from the Library.
- Through January - *World Harmony* exhibit of artworks by Sri Chimnoy. The late artist was renowned worldwide for his colorful paintings promoting peace. Frances Purdy Friends Room Gallery Walls.

Library Services/Statistics December 25-31, 2011:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,655	381
Sun. 12/25	10	4
Mon. 12/26	Holiday - Library closed	
Tue. 12/27	366	70
Wed. 12/28	354	87
Thu. 12/29	374	79
Fri. 12/30	328	77
Sat. 12/31	200	55

Library Staff Activities/Meetings

Tuesday, December 27, 10:15 a.m. - Installation of new Barracuda Web filter in Technical Services area (Richard Citta & Carol Parker).

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

Tuesday, December 27	Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson (Turnout 16) 1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 5) 2 p.m. - Dancing 6:30 p.m. - Beginner Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 52)
Wednesday, December 28	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime 8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 232)
Thursday, December 29	6:30 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera 8 p.m. - Salsa dance (Turnout 46)
Friday, December 30	5 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 325)
Saturday, December 31	8 p.m. - New Years Eve celebration featuring the Caliente' variety band (Turnout 222)

Casino (Upcoming Events):

Every Sunday	6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson 7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom dance Admission \$7
Every Tuesday	Noon - Intermediate Ballroom dance lesson with Carol Baker 1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom dance lesson 2 p.m. - Ballroom dance Admission \$7 6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Practice/Milonga Admission \$7
Every Wednesday	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime 8 p.m. - Swing dance Admission \$7
Every Thursday	7 p.m. - Salsa dance lesson with Carol Rivera 8 p.m. - Salsa dance Admission \$7
Saturday, January 7	8 .m. - J. West Prostate Cancer 5K Run & Walk For more information call 638-2389

Catherine Hickman Theater (last week's events)

Saturday, December 31 Gulfport Community Players stage setup

Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)

Thursday - Saturday, January 5-7, 12-14 & 19-21, 8 p.m., and Sunday, January 8, 15 & 22, 2 p.m. - Gulfport Community Players present *The Curious Savage* by John Patrick. A heartwarming Comedy about Ethel Savage who has been committed to a "genteel asylum" by her children so they can bring her to her senses and get their hands on the fortune her husband has left her.

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, December 25 9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 12)
6:15 p.m. - Over Eaters Anonymous meeting(Turnout 10)

Neighborhood Center (Upcoming events):

Every Sunday 6 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting

Every first - third Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services

Every fourth Sunday 9:15 a.m. - Bible study

Scout Hall (Last week's events):

Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting

Scout Hall (Upcoming Events):

Every Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting

Recreation Center

Programs, Classes & Activities

Forty one (41) children are registered for the 2011/12 School Year Child Care Program for children in Kindergarten thru age 14. The non-refundable annual registration fee is \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents, with monthly fees of \$133 for residents and \$266 for non-residents (fees subject to change). Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Gulfport Montessori, Bear Creek Elementary and Douglas Jamerson Elementary. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an additional fee.

Eight (8) children are registered for the 2011/12 Tot Time Program and nine (9) for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK). The Tot Time Program is a preschool, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. Registration fees are \$15 for residents and \$100 for non residents. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1. Parents must apply at Coordinated Child Care and the child must receive a Certificate of Eligibility. Both programs aim to make learning fun for children and help prepare them for Kindergarten. Classes are limited to 10 children each.

Contractual classes currently in session: Cheerleading, Fencing, Gymnastics, Karate, Tai Chi, Tennis, Watercolor and Yoga.

Six (6) FY 2011/12 Gulfport Skate Park stickers have been sold to date.

Fifty eight (58) teens have been registered for the 2011/12 Teen Night Program, a great hang out for teens in grades 6-12 providing recreation and social activities, and offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, game room and outdoor area.

Recreation Staff Activities

Alton Hooker used the school bus to transport Recreation Center Holiday Break participants to Lake Seminole Park on Thursday afternoon.

Teen Councilmember Elizabeth Brown-Worthington continued working on the Florida League of Cities Youth Council video on Friday morning.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service & Finance:

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 15 new, 0 closed
- Water payments: 1,132 totaling \$191,796.91
- On-Line Water payments: 142 totaling \$16,392.04
- Progress Energy payments: 292
- Bright House payments: 33
- Utility Bills Mailed 01/04/11: 1,233
- Purchasing Cards 12/12/11 month report: 173 transactions totaling \$28,583.88

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 42 Emergency Medical Calls
- 6 Structure Fires
- 2 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Gas Leak
- 3 Fire Alarms
- 1 Single Engine Response
- 1 Odor/Smoke Invest
- 1 Transformer/Pole Fire

Life Safety:

- 13 Fire Inspections
- 9 Re-Inspections
- 1 C.O.

The Gulfport Community Emergency Response Team (**CERT**) meets monthly at Gulfport City Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19 at 7 p.m. Call 916-8014, look for CERT on Facebook, or visit www.gulfportcert.com for more information.

Other Activities

- Chief Marenkovic and Paramedic Michael Hays assisted the Gulfport Police Department with the Physical Abilities Test program. A total of 9 sworn officers participated.
- Chief Marenkovic attended the monthly Pinellas County Fire Chief's Association meeting at the Oldsmar Library on January 5.
- Lt. Fuchs taught a Health Care Provider CPR/AED course.
- Inspector Frank Vento and Chief Marenkovic reviewed the Commercial Fire & Communications, Inc. Fire Alarm Control Panel installation permit application for the Town Shores Dover Building.

With the cold winter months still ahead the Gulfport Fire Department offers the following information to keep residents safe:

Residential Building Fires report shows that each winter an estimated 108,400 residential building fires occur in the United States, resulting in 945 deaths, 3,825 injuries, and \$1.7 billion in property loss. Cooking is the leading cause of winter residential building fires at 36 percent

followed by heating at 23 percent. Winter residential building fires occur mainly in the early evening hours, peaking from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

“The winter season brings the highest number of home fires, more than at any other time of year,” said USFA’s Deputy Fire Administrator Glenn Gaines. “Home fires increase in part due to cooking and heating. Winter storms can also interrupt electrical service and cause people to turn to alternative heating sources that contribute to the increased risk of fire during the winter months.”

The NFPA and USFA recommend following these safety tips to prevent winter home fires:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period, turn off the stove.
- Space heaters need space; keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from each heater.
- Check electrical cords often and replace cracked or damaged cords. Do not try to repair them.
- Never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home. They are not designed for this purpose and can be a fire hazard. In addition, carbon monoxide (CO) gas might kill people and pets.
- Avoid using lighted candles. If you must use candles, place them in sturdy candleholders that won’t burn.
- If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes and smoke outside.

“Winter fires are preventable,” Gaines emphasized. “Everyone should find out what they need to know to prevent a tragedy and have a safe winter season.”

For more information about the causes of winter fires, winter storm fire safety, holiday fire safety, and tips that will help prevent the incidence of fire in the home visit www.nfpa.org/winter or www.usfa.fema.gov/winter.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Gulfport Police communications transition is complete and the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office has now taken full control of dispatching and call taking functions. The switch occurred on January 3 at 8 a.m.

Police took reports on New Years Eve & Day documenting five incidents in which individuals discovered property damage or other contact with falling projectiles from celebratory gunfire. In one such instance, a man was struck in the bill of the hat he was wearing.

On the evening of December 31 officers received a call regarding a fight. They received information that three subjects, Melissa Stackpole, Chris Wallace, and Timothy Wallace were intoxicated and, while walking on Gulfport Boulevard jumped in front of a passing car and started to harass the driver. The passenger told them to get out of the road. The victim and witness stated that Chris and Timothy Wallace then proceeded to punch and kick the victim. After hearing the accounts of this incident, Chris was arrested, but Timothy fled before officers arrived. There is probable cause for his arrest.

Investigations:

New Cases:	11
Cases Assigned:	2
Cases Closed-No Leads:	9
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	0
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	0
Supplements Received:	16

Cases Cleared With Arrest:	1
Cases Closed-No Leads:	4
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	0
Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Still Active:	14

Detective Embry assisted Detective Pham in arresting a juvenile suspect involved in a burglary. He also interviewed the suspect regarding a burglary that he is investigating. The suspect admitted to the burglary in Detective Pham's case, but denied any involvement in Detective Embry's case.

Detective Pham arrested a 16 year-old student from Boca Ciega High School for Burglary and Criminal Mischief. The suspect allegedly smashed a bedroom window at a residence in the 900 block of 55th Street with a cinder block, and attempted to gain entry. Detective Pham located the suspect and interviewed him, and he confessed to the crime. Detective Pham has also developed Probable Cause for the arrest of Jamie Lucier for Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card and Grand Theft, and for the arrest of a 16 year-old student from Boca Ciega High School for Burglary and Grand Theft.

School Resource Officers Beltran and Motte are back to work at the high school after enjoying their Christmas and New Year's break.

Crime Analyst Palmisano worked in records for 10 hours. She created a bulletin for Detective Pham regarding a subject wanted for fraudulent use of a credit card and grand theft. She also trained on the new records management system and started calculating the Uniform Crime Reporting report for 2011 for submission to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Professional Standards

The following Gulfport Police Written Directives are being staff reviewed:

- Written Directive 425 (Bicycle Patrol)
- Written Directive 426 (Problem Oriented Patrols)
- Written Directive 131 (Interview Room Procedures)
- Written Directive 101 (Responding to Resistance)

Accreditation File Maintenance

Of the 263 standards files required for the PD's upcoming accreditation assessment, 114 are complete and another 143 are in progress. Chapters 26 & 27 are currently under review.

The on-site assessment for reaccreditation has been scheduled for April 17 - 19. A mock assessment is being planned prior to the actual on-site.

Applicant Screening

Officer McLaughlin is completing background investigations on several applicants regarding one police officer vacancy and one expected vacancy in January 2012. One applicant is in the final phases of evaluation.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Replaced ceiling tiles in men's restroom at Theater.
- Adjusted lock on game room doors at Recreation Center.
- Repaired two cabinets in Senior Center kitchen.

- Hung two bulletin boards in Police Department.
- Removed holiday decorations from City Hall and Senior Center.
- Performed routine daily maintenance duties at all City buildings.

Streets & Sanitation:

- Removed traffic control obstructions and debris from various roadways throughout City.
- Assembled and delivered recycling bins and trash containers to multiple residential and commercial properties.
- Completed billable work orders for brush, trash and Code Enforcement.
- Cleaned and maintained storm drains, outfalls and inlets citywide.
- Removed animal carcasses from City roadways.
- Completed asphalt patch work on various potholes throughout City.
- Removed and disposed of illegal dumping at Coast Guard Station and other locations throughout City.
- Removed and disposed of debris from abatement properties and Neighborhood Center.
- Removed and disposed of tires and metal from City Garage.
- Assembled and installed new traffic control signage at various locations.
- Street/curb sweeping continues throughout City.
- Installed pole ballard to protect street lights at 18th Avenue & 49th Street.
- Installed new sidewalks on Beach Boulevard.
- Collected Christmas trees for recycling program.
- Removed and disposed of debris from Lincoln Cemetery.
- Emptied green cans on Beach & Shore Boulevards, bus stops on Gulfport Boulevard, and Little League.
- Performed daily vehicle safety and maintenance check lists.
- Recycling personnel added new containers/pickups to route and replaced old and broken bins. Residents interested in participating in the recycling program should call 893-1089 for information and to request a recycling bin.

Water:

- Daily Chloramines sampling at the points of connection to water distribution system (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily inspection and read of Wholesale meters (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Completed routes # 09, 10, 11 and 12 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 49 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 11 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 122 miscellaneous customer service department-generated service orders.
- Completed 3 Sunshine One-Call Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Reviewed permit application for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach for quality testing.
- Collected biweekly bacteriological samples on water distribution system.

Sewer

- Daily preventive maintenance and service at lift stations 1 & 2.
- Daily rainfall check and documentation.
- Daily ground water elevation recording.
- Daily per trip vehicle check inspection.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance check on lift stations 1 & 2.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Police and Fire Departments.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Senior Center.

- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection.
- Cleaned and televised sewer lateral at 5703 19th Avenue.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced idler pulley and driver's seat belt in Police Vehicle #09.
- Replaced tensioner pulley and serpentine belt on Police Vehicle #103.
- Repaired light bar on Police Vehicle #12.
- Repaired wiring harness at back of truck for all rear lights on Recycle Truck #40.
- Replaced water pump on Facility Maintenance Vehicle #65.
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various City vehicles.

Distribution:

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