



Gulfport Community Update

January 22 - 28, 2012

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Celebrated Florida's Arbor Day at Tomlinson Park on Friday, January 20, 2012.

Mayor Mike Yakes, Vice Mayor David Hastings, Councilmember Sam Henderson, Parks and Recreation staff, children from the After School Program, Teen Council and about 20 citizens enjoyed a beautiful day at Tomlinson Park during the City of Gulfport's Arbor Day Celebration. Information was given about each seedling from guest speakers Lindsey Alaimo, Bailee Reish and Capry Anderson. A Live Oak was planted at the event. Gulfport Teen Council's Michael Wos and Elizabeth Brown-Worthington served punch and cookies. Free Pecan and Myrtle Leaf Holley seedlings were given away after the program.



Upcoming Events:

Visit the Gulfport Public Library and learn how to save on your electric bill at the **Kill-a-Watt Energy Saving Program** at 10 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.

If it's first Friday it's time for **Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District. The next event is February 3, 6 - 10 p.m. For more information call 322-5217.

The City of Imagination's monthly **Art Exhibit Opening & Reception** is scheduled for Friday, February 3 at 6 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Avenue. For more information call 344-5443 or 686-2564, or visit www.cityofimagination.info.

Come hungry for the all you can eat **Lions Club Pancake Breakfast** 7 - 11 a.m. Saturday, February 4 at the Lions Club, 4630 Tifton Drive. Tickets: \$5 at the door. For more information call 327-2100.

Get ready to rev it up at the **SO49 Car Show** on the Tangerine Greenway at 49th Street & 17th Avenue Saturday, February 4, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Vendors should contact Phil at 327-3509 or email jsrtraining@aol.com. For Car Show registration email Vern@downshifters.com.

The Women's League of voters will host a **Meet the Candidates** forum on Monday, February 6 at 7 p.m. in the Catherine Hickman Theater. Ward 1 & 3 candidates will discuss current issues in Gulfport. For more information call 893-1012.

Everyone is invited to the **49th Street South Business Association (So49)** meeting on Wednesday, February 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street. For more information call 515-4941.

Meet the **Circle of Friends** during their First Annual meeting on Thursday, February 9 at 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue. Guest Speaker is *Unanswered Cries* author Thomas French. The meeting is open to all. For more information call 488-0663.

Do not miss the **PAVA 2Cool Art Show** on Saturday, February 11 & Sunday February 12, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Gulfport Casino. Free admission and parking. Visit www.pava-artists.org or call Susan Gehring at 916-0105 or Connie Parkinson at 709-4069 for more information.

Help fight crime in your neighborhood and join the conversation at the **Crime Watch meeting** on Monday, February 13 at 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center. This meeting is open to all Gulfport residents. For more information call 327-3509.

The second Tuesday is always the **Clothing Swap to Benefit CASA during Gulfport Fresh Market**, Tuesday, February 14. Bring your unwanted clothes to Peninsula Courtyard from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. For more information call 366-4086.

Bring your sweetie to the **City of Gulfport Valentine's Dance** 8 - 11 p.m. Tuesday, February 14. Live music by Lloyd Johns Gulf Bay Big Band. \$12 at the door. For more information call 893-1070.

The next **Historic Preservation meeting** is Wednesday, February 15, at the Gulfport Museum, 5301 28th Avenue. For more information call 893-1012.

Gulfport Chamber presents the **South Pasadena Band Concert Series** on Thursday, February 16 in the Casino ballroom. Doors open at 7 p.m.; concert begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 893-1070. Free admission.

The next **Historical Museum Board** is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m. at the Gulfport Museum. For more information call 327-0505.

Come on out for **Family Fun Day** at Tomlinson Park, Saturday, February 18, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lots of kids' activities such as inflatables, entertainment, arts & crafts, family competitions, and hot dogs & bottled water while they last. Free admission. For more information call 893-1068.

Everyone is invited to the **City of Imagination's Mad Hatter Tea Party** on Saturday, February 18 at 3 p.m. in the Gulfport Arts Center, 2726 54th Street. For more information call 344-5443.

The Third Saturday **Gulfport Art-Walk** is February 18, 6 - 10 p.m. on Beach Boulevard. For more information call 322-5217.

All well behaved leashed doggies welcome at the **Gulfport Merchant's Get Rescued fundraiser** on Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Beach Boulevard. Vendors should call 322-5217. Don't miss the fun at the **Get Rescued Party** at the Gulfport Casino. Doors open at 7 p.m. Live music, fun auction items and light snacks. Tickets: \$20. For more information on both events call 439-1485.

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.

Business Tax Receipts

A checklist for new businesses is available on the City's website under the documents section.

Code Enforcement activities continue in 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.

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.
- Variance Application V12-02; 5625 29th Avenue South; Variance request to reduce the separation distance from the principal structure requirement by 11 feet, from 12 feet to 1 foot, to allow for the installation of a proposed 8'x 10' shed.

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.
- Updated class schedules and upcoming events on Recreation Website.
- Assisted at Arbor Day Event.
- Continue distributing February calendars.
- Meeting with one of Gulfport Neighbors founders to talk about upcoming project.
- Meeting with Events Supervisor on upcoming set ups for all meetings for February and March.
- Commenced on March Calendar. Calls to various organizations to confirm events and times.
- Attended two days of Certificate Basic PIO Training in Clearwater.
- Filled out and emailed Clam Bayou Clean up event form for Great American Cleanup. Event scheduled for March 17 from 9 a.m. – noon.

Marina

Pumped two thousand and sixteen (2016) gallons of gas, and two thousand and fifty one (2051) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling two hundred and twenty five (225) vessels.

Assisted in nine (9) pump-outs evacuating two hundred and thirty nine (239) gallons of sewage. This free service is well received by the boating public and helps keep our waters clean.

Other Activities:

- Replaced water valve on fuel dock
- Replaced pin on gas dispenser
- Completed pump out maintenance
- Prepped deck for painting

Transient Vessels

Staff welcomed a 37' trawler and a 31' sailboat this week. Welcome to Gulfport!

Parks

Continued cutting in base lines and foul lines at baseball fields.

Removed and replaced bike rack on Beach Boulevard.

Replaced 2 trees at 5525 27th Avenue South.

Inspected/repairs irrigation at City Hall Complex and Neighborhood Center.

Met with the Police Department about Skate park issues.

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

Opened and cleaned Skate Park daily.

Trimmed, weeded and cleaned all ball fields.

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

The Senior Center is hosting a series of presentations on Pain Management every Thursday in January and February at 1pm. The speakers for January were provided by Palms of Pasadena Hospital.

The Senior Center partnered with Palms of Pasadena Hospital on Monday, January 23 for the Senior Center's annual Health & Beauty Fair. Palms provided numerous health screenings while 25 other vendors provided screenings and health related information. Free massages, haircuts and manicures were also provided. The Worthington's (Bob, Lou & Mike) grilled hot dogs and hamburgers on the outdoor grill following the fair. About 150 seniors attended the event.

The Senior Center hosted a Senior Talent Show at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater on Wednesday, January 25. Two judges rated the performances with cash awards given to the top two contestants. The sellout event was a fundraiser for the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation, Inc.

The Senior Center will celebrate Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 21, 2-4pm. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door. The event is spearheaded by Julie Fuce. All proceeds benefit the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation.

Representatives from the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's office will visit the Senior Center from 9am 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 Gulfport residents 55 years and over. GEMS (Gulfport Extended Min-Bus Service) provide 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. The GEMS minis bus currently has 160 active riders.

GEMS now offers hourly trips to South Pasadena on Wednesdays and Fridays as 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:

- 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.

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 31 - President Preference primary voting. Polls open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m. – Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library Annual Meeting. Location is the Senior Center. The public is invited to this program which features guest speaker, Thomas French, author of *Unanswered Cries*; and, *Zoo Story*.
- Every Monday & Friday beginning February 10, 10 a.m. - AARP Income Tax assistance for seniors. Bring a copy of last year's tax return as well as 2011 tax documents.
- Thursday, February 16, 10 a.m. – Discussion of *American Tragedy*, by Theodore Dreiser. Copies of book and discussion guides available at the reference desk.

Library Services/Statistics January 15-21, 2012:

| | Items Circulated | Patrons |
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| Weekly Circulation: | 1,970 | 496 |
| Sun. 1/15 | 21 | 7 |
| Mon. 1/16 | 10 | 4 |
| Tue. 1/17 | 517 | 134 |
| Wed. 1/18 | 349 | 85 |
| Thu. 1/19 | 415 | 95 |
| Fri. 1/20 | 399 | 104 |
| Sat. 1/21 | 259 | 67 |

Library Staff Activities/Meetings

Tuesday, January 17, 2 p.m. - Suncoast Hospice representative meeting with Administrator (Carol Parker).

Tuesday, January 17, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step Meeting.

Wednesday, January 18, 10 a.m. to Noon – Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers.

Wednesday, January 18, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Teen Board Game Afternoon. (Sheri Stanley)

Thursday, January 19, 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. – Coffee/Talk Book Club. (Alex Hooks)

Thursday, January 19, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. – Friends of the BOD Meeting. Private residence. (Carol Parker)

Saturday, January 21, 1:30 to 2:20 p.m. – Winter Crafts Program (Pat Brinkley)

Individual Staff Reports – January 15-21, 2012:

Carol Parker:

Ongoing staff cross-training and delegation of tasks. Continuing to process employee performance evaluations. Received and reviewed applications for Library Page position. Input and submitted payroll.

Reported two malfunctioning PCs to Dell Support. Engaged in detailed diagnostic procedures over the phone with service technician. Determined that hardware failure was the cause, so local tech was scheduled to visit Jan. 23.

Attended meetings with library staff members and submitted reports to City staff. Submitted press releases and calendar information to local media.

Drafted Reference and Circ/Tech schedules for February 2012.

Resolved issues with borrower accounts referred by staff.

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

Sunday, January 15 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson with John
 7 p.m. - Mario DeLeon's Band & Ballroom Dance (Turnout 90)

Tuesday, January 17 Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson (Turnout 12)
 1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 9)
 2 p.m. - Dancing

6:30 p.m. - Beginner Argentine Tango lesson
8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 59)

Wednesday, January 18 6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime
7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime
8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 213)

Thursday, January 19 6:30 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera
8 p.m. - Salsa dance (Turnout 43)

Casino (Upcoming Events):

Every Sunday 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson
7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom dance Admission \$7

Monday, January 30 7 – 10:15p.m. - USA Ballroom Dance
\$5 Members, \$7 Non-members

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

Catherine Hickman Theater (last week's events)

Sunday, January 15 2 p.m. - Gulfport Community Players (GCP) present *The Curious Savage* (Turnout 165)

Thursday, January 19 8 p.m. - GCP presents *The Curious Savage* (Turnout 95)

Friday, January 20 8 p.m. - GCP presents *The Curious Savage* (Turnout 91)

Saturday, January 21 8 p.m. - GCP presents *The Curious Savage* (Turnout 84)

Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)

Thursday - Saturday, January 19-21, 8 p.m., and Sunday, January 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.

Sunday, January 22, 7:30 p.m. & Sunday, January 23, 2:30 p.m. - *Lipstick & Lashes*: a hilarious one "WOMAN" show. Tasteless humor, hilarious songs & jokes that are just plain dumb! Tickets: \$15, or 2 for \$25; Senior & group discounts. For more information call 712-7397.

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, January 8 9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 20)
6:15 p.m. - Over Eaters Anonymous meeting(Turnout 13)

Wednesday, January 18 6:30 – 9p.m. – Sea Scouts

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

Family Fun Day – Saturday, February 18, 2012 - Family Fun Day is presented by the City of Gulfport Recreation Division. The event is Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tomlinson Lake Park (corner of Tangerine Avenue South & 54th Street South). The FREE event will include inflatables, entertainment, arts & crafts, family competitions and food (hot dogs and bottled water while they last).

Rentals

There is a rental scheduled for Saturday, January 28th from 12-5 p.m. in the art room for a Baby Shower.

There is a rental scheduled for Saturday, February 4th from 12-4 p.m. in the art room for a Baby Shower.

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.

Nine (9) children are registered for the 2011/12 Tot Time Program and eight (8) 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, Walking Club, Watercolor and Yoga.

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

Sixty (60) 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 drove the school bus for a field trip by Gulfport Montessori on Thursday morning. He took the group to the Largo Cultural Center.

Marivel Gutierrez held the Teen Council monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon.

John Lapham drove the after school program to Tomlinson Lake Park for the City's Arbor Day Celebration on Friday morning.

Marivel Gutierrez and John Lapham attended the School-Age Coalition Meeting on Monday morning in St. Petersburg.

Brian VanSlyke drove the school bus for a field trip by the Tot Time Program on Wednesday morning. He took the group to the Glazer Museum in Tampa.

Teen Council

The Teen Council had their monthly meeting on Thursday. There were three (3) regular members in attendance plus Advisor Marivel Gutierrez and Coordinators Jeri Reed and Christine Brown-Worthington. Topics discussed were the approval of the December minutes, the update on the Florida League of Cities Youth Council Video, the City's Arbor Day Celebration and the Recreation Division's Family Fun Day. There was also a presentation from Phil Reed regarding the So49 Classic Car Show.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 29 New & 0 Closed
- Water payments: 1,060 totaling \$120,596.51
- Online Water payments: 138 totaling \$12,829.70
- Progress Energy payments: 467
- Bright House payments: 62
- Utility Bills Mailed 01/25/12: 1,314
- Payroll 01/20/12: 166 Total Checks & Direct Deposit Printed totaling \$179,488.50
- Payroll-Accounts Payable: 12 totaling \$20,276.63

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 40 Emergency Medical Calls
- 1 Trauma Alert
- 1 Structure Fire
- 1 Vehicle Crash
- 1 Fire Alarm
- 1 Fires Outside Structure
- 1 Tree Fire
- 1 Odor/Smoke Invest

Life Safety:

- 1 Fire Inspections
- 1 Re-Inspections
- 1 Plans Review
- 2 C.O.'s

The CERT Team will have their monthly training meeting on February 16, 2012. The training will be @ 7:00pm at 5501 27 Avenue South the Gulfport Senior Center. Visit our website at www.gulfportcert.com. You may choose to contact Bob Worthington at 727-916-8014.

Other Activities

- The Gulfport Fire Department Paramedics and EMT's are taking their CME for the month of January. The January 2012 Continuing Medical Education (CME) presented by St. Petersburg College, Emergency Medical Services CME Program. The Topic is "Prehospital Pediatric Pitfalls - Newborn to Adolescent Emergency Care" DVD program and support outlines are provided by Florida Emergency Medical Services for Children.
- The new hurricane season is just around the corner. The Pinellas County Emergency Management has been working on a draft of the Special Needs Evacuation Registration form. We have previously received this form for review and there were no objections, but it has taken until now to get it ready for the Pinellas County Web Site. All current data will remain in place and only the new registrants or new information will begin the collection of the new data.
- Chief Marenkovic met with Joshua Peacock from VSC Fire and Security Systems to give the City of Gulfport a proposal for a new Fire Alarm Control Panel and devices for the Recreational Center building. Inspector Frank Vento met with CSS for their proposal on the building on January 26, 2012.
- Lt. Poirrier was the preceptor Fred Lauro an EMT student from the St. Petersburg College EMS program is continuing his field internship.
- Inspector Vento and Chief Marenkovic reviewed a plan for the installation and update of a Fire Alarm Control Panel System at the Kenmore Building in Town Shores provided by DART Electronics Inc.
- Inspector Vento is trying a new inspection reporting data entry program in the county computer system. This is a change over from the old Beta system to a window based system. Gulfport is the testing site for the county's new system.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

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| Offenses | 56 |
| Arrests | 7 |
| Citations | 7 |

On 01/19/12 at 6:28 p.m. a caller reported that there was a trespasser at Tomlinson Skate Park. He was identified as Kivon Morris. Morris was found at the park and initially was transported to his house where he was released into the custody of his mother. It was discovered later that Morris just turned 18 years old, so a Notice to Appear was issued for the trespass violation.

On 01/21/12 at approximately 4:00 p.m. a caller reported group of 15 to 30 individuals, possibly juveniles were fighting in the street in the Tomlinson Park vicinity. Officers responded and observed juveniles of yelling at one another, including racial slurs, however the group was separated and just one subject continued to try to incite the crowd. The individual is identified as Curtis Daniels (juvenile). He was handcuffed and placed in time out in the back of vehicle 16. When he was calm he was released without charges.

On 01/23/12 at 6:08 p.m., officers responded 5100 block of 15th Avenue South at the request of a subject identified as Sean Mehmood. Mr. Mehmood was trespassed from this location approximately an hour prior to him calling. He was requesting a stand by for his property. His pregnant girlfriend, who was having a medical emergency while we were on scene and had to be transported, allegedly had a phone that he had given her and he wanted it back. He began yelling obscenities at her and a female that was with her and when told to stop he continued. Due to his conduct, he was going to be charged with disorderly conduct. When the officers attempted to place him in custody, he ran from the officers. He was located and taken into custody at 48th St. S. and 14th Ave. S. in St. Petersburg.

On 01/25/12 at 4:33 p.m. and Arrest on Warrant (AOW) at 2700 Miriam St. S. Officers located a subject that had several arrest warrants. The suspect, Bryan Davis had 2 warrants out of Pinellas County. One for failure to appear on a no dog license charge and one for failure to appear on a no vehicle registration charge. He was arrested.

Investigations:

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| New Cases: | 14 |
| Cases Assigned: | 2 |
| Cases Closed-No Leads: | 11 |
| Cases Cleared With Arrest: | 1 |
| Cases Unfounded/No Crime: | 0 |
| Supplements Received: | 12 |
| Cases Cleared With Arrest: | 0 |
| Cases Closed-No Leads: | 1 |
| Cases Unfounded/No Crime: | 0 |
| Exceptionally Cleared: | 1 |
| Cases Still Active: | 10 |

Detective Pham went to Clearwater to interview a 17 year-old girl, who was allegedly sexually abused by a family member. The girl's father called the police department and stated that he believes his daughter was sexually abused by a family member a few years ago, when they lived in Gulfport. Detective Pham interviewed the female victim and determined the alleged

crime occurred in New York, when the girl was between 4-9 years of age. Detective Pham also went to Hudson to follow-up on a theft of fishing nets

Detective Embry issued probable cause for the arrest of a suspect in Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Website called VIPAR for two counts of dealing in stolen property. Detective Embry also has identified a suspect who pawned a stolen Xbox 360 Game in a burglary case he is currently investigating. Detective Embry will wait until the fingerprint comparison return he submitted for fingerprints to positively identify the suspect in that case. In addition, Detective Embry has identified a possible suspect in an armed robbery case he is investigating. Detective Embry will interview the suspect soon regarding that case.

School Resource Officers (SRO) Beltran and Motte mediated several altercations from occurring and arrested one subject for battery. SRO Beltran and I also arrested two subjects for trespassing on school grounds after warning. SRO Beltran worked an off duty basket ball game between Bogie and Gibbs and SRO Motte taught the explorer post.

Crime Analyst Palmisano submitted the completed and approved Uniform Crime Reporting numbers to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. She completed the statistics for the annual report and completed the Criminal Investigations Section monthly end of year report. In addition she also completed an analysis on burglaries occurring in Gulfport and worked in records for 10 hours.

Marine Unit:

The marine unit was placed on the trailer in preparation for Gasparilla on Saturday. Sergeant Burkhart and Officer Cavanah will assist Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Tampa Police, and FWC with security on the waterways.

Records

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| Reports reviewed: | 2 |
| Supplements reviewed: | 9 |
| Reports disseminated: | 13 |
| Public records requests: | 5 |
| Bike registrations: | 2 |
| Fingerprints: | 6 |
| Subpoenas processed: | 4 |
| Citizens assisted: | 89 |

Communications:

PCSO is unable to differentiate calls received for GPD and PCSO through their phone system. Thus, there will no longer be communications stats provided.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Completed monthly pest control on all city buildings
- Set up Senior Center for Health Fair
- Prepared Council Chambers for HVAC project
- Repaired sink faucet in Men's restroom at beach
- Repaired toilet in the Women's restroom at Recreation Center

- Removed old and installed new tile flooring in the Women's outside restroom at the Casino
- Delivered several boxes of clothing to charity from the Senior Center
- Performed normal daily maintenance duties at all city buildings

Streets & Sanitation:

- Removed traffic control obstructions and debris from various roadways and alleys throughout city
- Assembled and delivered recycling bins and trash containers to multiple residential and commercial properties
- Completed billable work orders for brush, trash, electronics and Code Enforcement
- Cleaned and maintained storm drains, outfalls and inlets City-wide
- Removed dead animals on roadways
- Completed asphalt patch work on various potholes throughout city
- Removed and disposed of illegal dumping at Osgood Point and other locations throughout city, per direction
- Removed and disposed of debris from abatement properties
- Removed bagged leaves from residential properties citywide
- Assembled and installed new traffic control signage at various locations
- Installed STOP sign and pole at 9th Avenue S / 49th Street S, 8th Avenue S / 49th Street S, 53rd Street S / 8th Avenue S and 52nd Street S / 31st Avenue S
- Removed debris from Neighborhood Center and transported it to Pinellas County Landfill
- Disposed of debris from Gulfport trail spur ditch
- Continued storm water drain inspections
- Completed grade work in alley of Diston School area and removed debris
- Completed concrete work on stormwater lid at Beach Boulevard and Shore Boulevard
- Completed concrete work on sidewalk at Shore Boulevard

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 # 45, 46, 47 and 48 of the monthly meter reading schedule
- Disconnected water service at 44 locations for non-payment of service
- Completed 18 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off
- Completed 111 miscellaneous service orders generated by customer service department
- Completed 2 Sunshine One-Call Call Before You Dig Utility Locates
- Reviewed permit application for fences, driveways and irrigation
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach
- Repaired water break at 2715 54th Street S
- Repaired water break at 5836 Skimmer Point Drive S
- Repaired water break at 5120 28th Avenue S
- Started semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP
- Completed annual DEP required testing of 21 backflow devices due in January
- Removed water line that was installed to water trees at Clam Bayou

Sewer

- Daily preventive maintenance and service to lift stations #1 and #2 including (Saturday & Sunday)
- Daily rain fall check and documentation (includes Saturday & Sunday)
- Daily ground water elevation recording (including Saturday & Sunday)

- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance check on lift stations # 1, # 2
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Fire department / Garage
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Police / City Hall
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Senior Center
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection
- Cleaned out debris and graded ditch along Gulfport trail spur

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced hydraulic oil pressure switch, hydraulic oil filter and air lines for front air brakes on Sanitation Truck #42
- Repaired air leak and replaced air dryer for air brake system on Sanitation Truck #46
- Repaired hydraulic oil leak on Sanitation Truck #31
- Replaced throttle advance switch on Lightning Loader #88
- A/C compressor and A/C manifold hose replaced on GEMS Bus #11
- Replaced both cutting edge blades on bucket of backhoe
- Replaced shift tube bushings inside of steering column Water Department Vehicle #78
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc on various city vehicles

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