



Gulfport Community Update

January 29 – February 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

"GULFPORT NEIGHBORS Helping a Gulfport Neighbor" event

Thanks to the Gulfport Neighbors volunteers and dozens of new faces, the organization had another hugely successful event, this time helping a Gulfport citizen with a major cleanup and repairs on his property. Last Saturday morning, 98 volunteers signed in to help!

Here are the list of the volunteers as known: Ann Marie Anderson, Mike Baggs, Barbara Banno, Oliver Baumgart, Diana Bear, Florence Bellis, Harry Bellis, Gail Biron, Allie Burke, Lula Burke, Gina Burke, Zoey Burke, Colin Burkhart, George Burkhart, Tyler Burkhart, Bill Butka, Dewayne Combs, Tim Coppola, Al Davis, Cindy Davis, Dotti Doyle, Sandy Duffy, Amanda Fleck, Julie Froelich, Guadalupe Gagnon, Karen Gates, John Gaudet, Mark Gildauskus, Emily Goodwin, Leigh Hanson, Mike Hanson, David Hassett, David Hastings, Jo Hastings, Kevin Hayden, Sam Henderson, Carol Hitchcock, Amy Hodges, Curt Hudson, Doug Hudson, Nancy Hudson, Susan Hudson, Iver Huincho, Alice Janisch, Cassandra Jordan, Mya Jordan, Gloria Kane, Mark Kay, Teddy Kehoe, Nancy Kelley, Mike Knettel, Richard Leach, Charles Lee, Dave Lilly, April Libby, Bob Lindstrom, Denise Lowe, Mike Masella, Jay McGuire, Dakota McKinney, Robert McLaughlin, Charlene Metrano, Robert Mills, Tom Moscarillo, Beverly Newcomb, Bob Newcomb, Gerry O'Regan, Jim O'Reilly, Amy Oatley, Jane Ogilvie, Art Padula, Ray Patanaude, Betty Pearson, Jim Perry, Annie Poloney, Elizabeth Poloney, John Poloney, Aubrey Premer, John Riesebeck, Luis Rodriguez, Frances Rodriguez, Kris Ryan, Jennifer Salmon, Mike Schnippering, William Seawall, Linda Simmons, Linda Smith, Joshua Stone, Mary Stull, Dolly Tickell, Margarete Tober, Bob Welch, Loretta Wentworth, Brian Wentworth, M Wimbley, Linda Worsham, Jon Ziegler

Also, a BIG thank-you to the businesses and organizations who donated goods and services: ABC Action News, BayNews9, Beachway Park, Burkhart Roentgen (USA XRAY), City of Gulfport, Coppola's Tree Service, Em's Eye Handyperson, Gabber Newspaper, Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce, Gulfport Police Department, Gulfport Patch, Habana Café, Jim Perry Cabinetry, McDonalds Restaurant, Michael Knettel General Contracting, Safety Tire & Auto, Smokin' J's BBQ, Stella's and Yabo Flea Market

Note: Information supplied from Doug Hudson, c one of the co-founders of Gulfport Neighbors.

Event video highlights at the City of Gulfport Youtube page

Upcoming Events:

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.

Celebrity DJ's will keep the place Rocking during the **Sweetheart Dance Party** fund raiser for Brookwoodflorida.org on Friday, February 17, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom, 5500 Shore Blvd. S. To benefit Brookwood Florida. Open to the public. \$50 per person admission. Full cash bar. Order tickets at www.brookwoodflorida.org or call 727-822-4789.

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.

Seniors can get Tax Exemption assistance on Friday, February 24 **Property Tax Exemption Application Assistance** from 9 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. Contact 727-893-2237 or 893-1231.

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.
- Continue distributing February calendars.
- Edited video highlights of Gulfport Neighbors. Posted on City of Gulfport YouTube site and in the loop of GTV615 programming.
- Continue contact with Events Supervisor on upcoming outside set ups for all meetings for February and March.
- Planning and Zoning audio/video set up, taping, breakdown, render of video to DVD and copies supplied to IT Director and Clerks Office.
- Continue confirming events on March Calendar.
- Recreation Web changes: February program calendars, update classes and upcoming events.
- Updated February information on Gulfport station GTV615
- Met with organizer to discuss press release on sculpture grand opening at Clymer Park
- Videotaped Kill-A-Watt Program at the Library 1/28/12. In process of video edit for rebroadcast.

Marina

Pumped one thousand six hundred and ninety nine (1699) gallons of gas, and one thousand four hundred and sixty four (1464) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling ninety five (95) vessels.

Assisted in seven (7) pump-outs evacuating two hundred and one hundred and seventy five (175) gallons of sewage. This free service is well received by the boating public and helps keep our waters clean.

Other Activities:

- Clean and painted concrete area around Marina store
- Completed pump out maintenance
- Completed maintenance on shrimp tank
- Worked on range marker light
- Replaced pin on gas pump four

Transient Vessels

Staff welcomed a 37' trawler, 31' sailboat this week and a 27' tugboat. Welcome to Gulfport!

Parks

Trimmed, weeded and cleanup: Tangerine block and 49th street signage area, fire station public works bldg., police compound

Equipment Repairs

- Changed out battery on Toro mower
- Greased all mowers
- Sharpened mower blades
- Made adjustments on back blowers and replaced throttle cable
- Repaired flat tire on Sand Pro

Mowed

- Recreation playing field and all Ball fields
- Chase block
- Both dog parks
- Back end of city complex
- Gulfport Neighborhood Center
- Tangerine and 49th St. S. block (for car show)

Irrigation repairs

- Hoyt field
- Little League Field
- Scout Hall building

Repairs

- Removed holiday lights from tree at Clymer park for repair/replace
- Put up new event banners
- Filled in holes at Tangerine Greenway
- Repaired and installed dog scoop holders on Beach Blvd. S.
- Continued checking on swings and playground equipment
- Removed graffiti from playground at R. W. Caldwell park and fence at chase block
- Opened skate park and cleaned up every day
- Continue to clean and organize maintenance shop

Checked timers on all City Park's lighting.

Get price on electrical work at tennis courts for new placement of a drinking fountain.

Hold meetings to schedule Clymer Park Sign dedication and Car Show.

Check out areas for pavers on Beach Blvd. S.

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 February at 1pm. Topics include: Benefits of exercise; therapies (yoga, meditation, massage, acupuncture); and patient self advocacy. Sponsored by Gardens of Yoga, The Longhouse, and RN Patient Advocates of South Pinellas.

The Senior Center will celebrate Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 21, 2-4pm. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door. Includes: refreshments, "Best Mask" contest, great door prizes, strawberries/chocolate fountain, entertainment, and more. The event is spearheaded by Senior Center volunteer 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:

- Tuesday, January 31 - President Preference primary voting. Polls open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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.
- 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
Weekly Circulation:	2,087	523
Sun. 1/22	11	4
Mon. 1/23	408	90
Tue. 1/24	405	96
Wed. 1/25	365	105
Thu. 1/26	282	74
Fri. 1/27	350	86
Sat. 1/28	266	68

Library Staff Activities/Meetings

Tuesday, January 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Suncoast Hospice

Tuesday, January 24, 5:50 to 6:30 p.m. – Feww Thinkers Open Twelve Step Meeting

Wednesday, January 25, 10 a.m. to Noon – Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers

Wednesday, January 25, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. – Teen Board Game Afternoon (Sheri Stanley)

Thursday, January 26 - Setup & scheduling of Purdy Friends Room and Library staff for polling location for Presidential Preference Primary (Carol Parker)

Thursday, January 26, 10 a.m. to Noon – PPLC SIG Circulation Meeting (Barbara Gaddy)

Saturday, January 28, 10 to 11:00 a.m. – Kill-a-Watt Energy Saving Program (Barbara Gaddy, Carol Parker)

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. Processed and submitted bills for payment.

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. UPDATE: Tech replaced motherboards in both PCs, but determined that one had a malfunctioning video card that also needed replacement. He placed service call and ordered part for subsequent service. Discovered that wrong PC had been specified after receiving service dispatch via email, used online chat to correct. Still awaiting repair as of Jan. 28.

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

Posted and distributed Reference and Circ/Tech schedules for February 2012.

Acknowledged monetary donation. Resolved issues with borrower accounts referred by staff.

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

Sunday, January 22	6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson with Carol Baker 7 p.m. - Mellotones's Band & Ballroom Dance (Turnout 71)
Tuesday, January 24	Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson (Turnout 10) 1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 12) 2 p.m. - Dancing 6:30 p.m. - Beginner Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 46)
Wednesday, January 25	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime 8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 245)
Thursday, January 26	6:30 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera 8 p.m. - Salsa dance (Turnout 40)
Friday, January 27	6p.m. – 1:30a.m. – Tampa Friends of Old Time Dance (Turnout 360)
Saturday, January 28	7:30a.m. – 12:30a.m. – Tampa Friends of Old Time Dance (Turnout 360)
Sunday, January 29	8a.m. – 3p.m. – Tampa Friends of Old Time Dance (Turnout 360)

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 22 2 p.m.- GCP performance of "The Curious Savage" (Turnout 150)
7:30p.m. - "LIPSTICK & LASHES" featuring Lucinda Holliday
A hilarious one "WO"MAN show.
Tickets \$15 or 2/ \$25 Senior & group discounts available.
Call 7247-812-7397 (Turnout 60)

Wednesday, Jan. 25 1p.m.- Sr. Talent Show (Turnout 175+)

Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)

Friday, February 3 5 – 7p.m. – Opening Art Reception
City of Imagination is featuring artist Rose Marie Prins
Free and open to the public. Light refreshments provided.

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, January 22 9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 13)
6:15 p.m. - Over Eaters Anonymous meeting(Turnout 18)

Wednesday, January 25 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 was a rental scheduled for Saturday, January 28th from 12-5 p.m. in the art room for a Baby Shower. There was approximately thirty people in attendance.

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

Mike Worthington monitored the Skate Park on Thursday evening from 6-9 p.m.

John Lapham drove the school bus for a field trip by Gulfport Montessori on Friday morning. He took the group to the Main Public Library in St. Petersburg.

Mike Worthington monitored the Skate Park on Friday evening from 6-9 p.m.

Mike Worthington worked the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

Brian VanSlyke monitored the Skate Park on Saturday evening from 6-9 p.m.

Alton Hooker drove the school bus for a field trip by Gulfport Montessori on Monday morning. He took the group to Lowry Park Zoo in Tampa.

Mike Worthington monitored the Skate Park on Monday evening from 6-9 p.m.

Brian VanSlyke monitored the Skate Park on Tuesday evening from 6-9 p.m.

Teen Council

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 36 New & 0 Closed
- Water payments: 1,069 totaling \$190,435.59
- On-Line Water payments: 115 totaling \$10,923.17
- Progress Energy payments: 192
- Bright House payments: 34
- Utility Bills Mailed 02/01/12: 1,260
- Accounts Payable 01/27/12: 524 transactions = 105 checks
Totaling \$302,015.10
- Mail processed 01/27/12: 1,393 pieces totaling \$745.25
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- Purchasing Cards 01/05/12 month report: 240 transactions totaling \$31,583.45

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 39 Emergency Medical Calls
- 3 Structure Fires
- 1 WFF
- 0 Vehicle Crashes
- 3 Fire Alarms
- 1 Fire Outside Structure
- 1 Odor/Smoke Invest

Life Safety:

- 14 Fire Inspections
- 7 Re-Inspections
- 0 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 Emergency Medical Technicians are taking their online CME for the month of February. The February 2012 online continuing Medical Education (CME) presented by St. Petersburg College, Emergency Medical Services CME Program. The Topic is the second part of Newborn to Adolescent Emergency Care and Assessment.
- The Gulfport Fire Department is preparing the 2011 end of the year Fire Report Data for submission to FFIRS. The Fire Reports for FDID 04071Gulfport are being completed and submitted by January 30, 2012.
- Lt. Huffman attended the monthly Operations Meeting in Clearwater on February 1, 2012.
- Chief Marenkovic attended the monthly Pinellas County Fire Chief's Association in Largo on February 2, 2012.
- The Gulfport Fire Department participated in Pinellas County training at Station 20. The training consisted of Individual Performance Standards NFPA 1001. The standard measures the ability for a firefighter to properly don the SCBA while wearing proper PPE. The proper connection to a hydrant using a forward lay. A two-firefighter ladder flat raise and a two-firefighter method for forcible entry through an inward-swinging door.
- Inspector Vento reviewed a plan and met with a representative from Eldorado Hood Manufacture for the installation of a new Hood System/suppression system at Stetson Law College at the student center.
- Inspector Vento and Chief Marenkovic conducted a formal investigation of a Structure Fire @ 907 Hull Street South along with Florida State Fire Marshal's Office. Reports are being finalized.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

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:

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

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

Beach Parking Lot Repairs

The Gulfport Beach Parking Lot will be undergoing repairs starting Wednesday, February 8th. The work will be performed weekdays on half of the parking lot at a time so there will be access to the Public Beach. The contractor will remove the loose sand and all parking bumpers, begin re-grading and adding shell to the lot, compact the material and reset the parking bumpers. The work should take approximately two weeks.

Building Maintenance

- Completed monthly air conditioner filter replacement on all city buildings
- Set up Neighborhood Center for Planning and Zoning meeting
- Repaired fence at Neighborhood Center
- Moved furniture at City Hall in preparation of HVAC work being performed
- Hauled boxes from City Clerk's office to storage area at Public Service building
- Installed exhaust fan cover in Women's restroom at Casino
- 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 AT Casino driveway entrance and 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
- Placed caution cones and tape at broken sidewalk hazard at Clymer Park
- Removed and disposed of old tires from City Garage
- Delivered and removed trash containers at 5200 – 8th Avenue S for Neighborhood Clean-up
- Removed several loads of debris from 5200 – 8th Avenue S
- Completed sidewalk grinding at 30th Avenue S and Beach Boulevard, per direction
- Added fill dirt and graded several right-of-ways and alleys throughout city
- Graded Beach and removed debris by stormwater outfall
- Installed concrete ballard at 49th Street S and 8th Avenue S
- Delivered loads of recycled mulch to Neighborhood Center's Free Mulch Pick-up site
- Repaired commercial dumpsters per direction
- Removed old and prepared for installation of new sidewalk at 60th Street S and 11th Avenue S, 11th Avenue S and Gray Street

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)
- Disconnected water service at 65 locations for non-payment of service
- Completed 8 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off
- Completed 134 miscellaneous service orders generated by customer service department
- Completed 4 Sunshine One-Call Call Before You Dig Utility Locates
- Reviewed permit application for fences, driveways and irrigation
- Collected bimonthly TTHM's and HAA5's samples on water distribution system
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach
- Continued semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP
- Completed annual DEP required testing of 15 backflow devices due in January
- Repaired water break at 3058 52nd St S
- Found leak at Gulfport Marina (disconnected illegal connection)

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

Vehicle Maintenance

- Found and repaired air leak in air brake system on Sanitation Truck #46
- Removed hydraulic packer cylinders. Had cylinders rebuilt. Reinstalled both cylinders back into packer body of Sanitation Truck #41
- Replaced vacuum pump on GEMS Vehicle #11

- Installed flashing LED strobe lights on rear of Backhoe
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc on various city vehicles

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