



Gulfport Community Update

April 8 - 14, 2012

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jim O'Reilly reports he received an email from a City resident lauding Gulfport Police Officer Bob McLaughlin for his diligence in working to improve the 49th Street corridor. Below is the text of the email:

I wanted to take the time and mention my appreciation for the fine job the Rob McLaughlin has done on getting cleaned up the old Sunoco Station next to Wells Fargo. This property has been an eyesore for 25 years that I know of. His persistence and streetwise approach has gotten something that has been an embarrassment to the City of Gulfport and 49th Street looking 100 percent better. Please extend my thanks to him. He has done a fine job on working with the property owners and has succeeded where a lot of us have failed. Once again please tell him thank you. So often we forget to say thank you to those who work hard for our community.

Air Pollution Advisory in Effect for Pinellas County

Gulfport Fire Chief James Marenkovic reports that the Pinellas County Division of Air Quality has issued an air pollution advisory due to elevated levels of particulate matter and dense smoke. The episodes of elevated pollutants will occur sporadically as a smoke plume continues to move over the area, the main source of which continues to be wildfires burning in north Florida.

Today's Air Quality is considered moderate; however it may become periodically unhealthy for sensitive groups as the density of the smoke plume varies. For this reason the advisory will remain into effect until further notice.

Citizens, especially those with heart or lung disease, older adults and children should limit any exertion and outdoor activities, especially during periods of dense smoke.

Fun in the Sun for Everyone!

Kids under eight scooped up goody-filled eggs at the Gulfport Recreation Center last Saturday (photo below). There were plenty of vehicles to try, free popcorn, face painting, a giant slide and obstacle course, along with a lot of dancing, and lunch served by the Worthington Brothers, CERT and Stetson College of Law Public Service Fellows.



Thank you to our sponsors: Freeman Irrigation, Gulfport Gabber, Gulfport Lion's Club, Gulf Coast Seafood, La Cote Basque, Peg's Cantina, Safety Tire, Sons of the American Legion Post 125, and The Perfect Ten.

Thank you to our volunteers: Gulfport CERT, Gulfport Police Explorer Post 955, Gulfport Teen Council and Stetson College of Law Students.

Winners of the basket giveaway drawing: Nakota Jackson, Logan Allenferris, Zephania Rodriguez, Dakota Woodall, Lila Carter, Brianna Erickson, Alexis Venezia, Keshawn Fowler, Jaydon Delacruz, Jordan Miller, Debbie McMahon, Chrystal Paquette and Angela Schuffert

Upcoming Events:

Get your organization involved to support the fight against cancer in an overnight campout and walk for **Relay for Life** beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, until 8 a.m. Sunday, April 15 at the Recreation Center. For more information call Sandy Valentine at 320-2069.

The next **Historic Preservation Meeting** is Wednesday, April 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Museum, 5301 28th Avenue. For more information call 893-1012.

The next **Historic Museum Board Meeting** is Saturday, April 21 at 10 a.m. at the Gulfport Museum. For more information call 327-0505.

Celebrate water during **EarthFest 2012** on Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Clymer Park. Many earth friendly vendors and activities. For more information on activities and vendor opportunities call 744-7051.

The **Third Saturday Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District is April 21, 6 - 10 p.m. For information and vendor opportunities, call 322-5217.

Free Oral Cancer and Prostate Screenings will be offered in the Walgreens parking lot on Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information call 322-5669.

Boca Ciega Yacht Club FUNDAY on Saturday, April 28, 1 - 4 p.m. at the Yacht Club, 4600 Tifton Drive. Free sailboat rides, hotdogs & soda. For more information call 345-2764.

Bring a chair to Gulfport Beach and watch the **Gulfport Yacht Club Multi-Hull Regatta** on Saturday, April 28 at 11 a.m. & Sunday April 29 at 10 a.m. Participants can register online at <http://www.gulfportyachtclub.com>. For more information call Regatta Chairman Bob Feckner at 215-7982 or email bobfeck@aol.com.

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

Summertime is right around the corner and the longer days bring more time for home improvement projects. **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

Thinking of starting a new business? Checkout the city website for the “City of Gulfport New Business Checklist” at <http://www.mygulfport.us> under the Online Services/Documents and Publications section.

Code Enforcement activities have moved to Section 1 of the City, also known as the Stetson Area which comprises the northwest portion of the City. This area generally extends south from 7th Avenue South to Gulfport Boulevard and east from 64th Street to 58th Street South.

The number of code enforcement cases for February, 2012 was 143 for a year-to-date total of 1,217 cases. The number of citizen complaints was 7 which represent only 4.9 percent of the case load for February. The year-to-date complaint ratio is 6.8 percent of the overall cases.

Because the City has one inspector who focuses on one section 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 if you see 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.

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.

April 14, 2012 Board of Adjustment Results:

Variance Application V12-04; 2813 Seabreeze Drive South; Variance request to reduce the dock right-hand side one-third setback requirement 7.67 feet from 26.67 feet to 19 feet to allow for an addition of a catwalk to an existing cradle lift. APPROVED 5-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

Offenses	54
Arrests	6
Traffic citations	8

Officers were dispatched to the 1800 block of 50th Street on the afternoon of April 6 after receiving a call about a stabbing. They found a man with a stab wound to the chest and Michael Reid being held by neighbors. The investigation revealed that the residents at this address had been in an altercation, and Reid stabbed his roommate in the chest with a kitchen knife. The victim suffered non-life threatening injuries. Reid was charged with attempted murder and is in jail on \$100,000 bond.

Officers responded to the 5900 block of Bayview Circle on the afternoon after a caller reported that he was confronted by Joseph Pipino because he was allegedly driving a car in a reckless manner. Pipino told the complainant to stop driving in such a manner, then reached in the car and removed a hat from the complainant’s head. The complainant stated that Pipino also smacked him in the face. Officers spoke with both parties, and initially everyone agreed to shake hands and not pursue charges. An hour or so later the complainant reported that he wanted to prosecute so the matter has been referred to the State Attorney’s Office.

Officers performed a traffic stop on a vehicle driving erratically in the 6600 block of Gulfport Boulevard in the early morning hours of April 8. The driver was identified as Rachel McDonald.

Ms. McDonald initially gave a false name. Following further investigation, and after learning her true identity she was arrested on a warrant out of Lee County for prostitution.

On the morning of April 10 officers received a call from a complainant who observed a subject twice enter a vehicle in the 1400 block of 59th Street. The juvenile subject ran from the scene and was caught trying to reenter the BCHS campus. He was detained and during questioning and a search of his backpack, was observed attempting to remove a bag of marijuana from his pant leg and charged with possession. The vehicle belonged to his mother and he entered it after stealing her key. She didn't wish to press charges.

Officers responded to the scene of a major crash in the 6100 block of Gulfport Boulevard on the afternoon of April 9 after a GMC Sierra pickup driven by James Kister crossed the center line into oncoming traffic and hit three vehicles, one of them head-on. Three people went to Bayfront Medical Center with serious injuries. There was reasonable suspicion that alcohol was involved and a DUI investigation was initiated. The case is ongoing pending blood test results.

Investigations:

Detective Pham took the Marine Unit to the *Fun in the Sun* event on Saturday. He also participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics and investigated assigned cases, suspending several due to lack of evidence.

Detective Embry went to Bay Front Medical Center Emergency Room to interview a stabbing victim. The suspect was arrested by the patrol unit and charged with attempted murder. Detective Embry is currently investigating a sex crime case that occurred in 2011.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Motte assisted patrol with a burglary and made an arrest for possession of marijuana. He also assisted staff with an altercation between 2 students. SRO Beltran participated in the torch run for the Special Olympics.

Crime Analyst Palmisano completed the monthly PCSO call out report, the quarterly seat belt citation report to DHSMV, and the open case list. She also she also moved back into her office after being displaced due to air conditioner replacement taking place in the PD, and worked in records for 10 hours.

New Cases:	12
Cases Assigned:	3
Cases Closed-No Leads:	8
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	1
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	0

Supplements Received:	5
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	0
Cases Closed-No Leads:	1
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	0
Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Still Active:	4

Records

Reports reviewed:	44
Supplements reviewed:	78
Reports disseminated:	6
Public records requests:	4
Bike registrations:	1
Fingerprints:	7
Subpoenas processed:	9
Citizens assisted:	67

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.
- Sent May calendar to printer.
- Assisting Police Department with upcoming event press releases.
- Continued preparations for Hurricane Seminar event.
- Assisted with Senior Center Fashion Show.
- Updated class schedules on Recreation Center webpage.
- Updated GTV615 program lineup.
- Assisted with preparation of Annual Stewardship Award for Veterans Park.

Marina

Pumped three thousand thirty one (3,031) gallons of gas, and two thousand five hundred ninety five (2,595) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred forty nine (149) vessels.

Assisted in nine (9) pump-outs evacuating three hundred eighty (380) gallons of sewage. This free service is well received by the boating public and helps keep our waters clean.

Transient Vessels

Staff welcomed a 13' powerboat, a 38' sailboat, 34' sailboat and a 28' sailboat, 20' sailboat, and an unidentified 38' vessel this week. Welcome to Gulfport!

Staff Activities

- Bolted down kayak racks.
- Removed and disposed of alligator carcass from bay.
- Washed down and cleaned marina vessels.
- Repaired gangway and replaced skirt at casino dock.
- Completed pump-out maintenance.

Parks

Trimmed, weeded and cleaned City Complex and 49th Streetscapes.

Raked leaves at City Complex.

Greased all mowers and sharpened blades, and repaired line trimmer & hedge trimmer.

Mowed Tangerine Greenways, Ted Phillips Wood Ibis Park ditch area, Recreation Center grounds, 56th Street drainage area and Marina.

Repaired irrigation at Library, Senior Center, City complex and Recreation field.

Removed past events banners and installed upcoming events banners.

Repaired bench at Clam Bayou and tree lights on Beach Boulevard.

Replaced fence boards at Caldwell Park.

Opened & cleaned Skate Park daily.

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 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 daily.

Senior Center

The Senior Center is looking for a few good drivers to transport seniors to medical appointments. Must have an excellent driving record and pass a background check. A vehicle will be provided.

A series on *Hearing Healthcare* is being offered every at 1 p.m. every Thursday in April. Presenters discuss how to cope with hearing loss, improving relationships through better communication, taking charge of your hearing healthcare, etc.

A *Fit & Fine Exercise* course designed to improve strength, balance, flexibility and endurance will begin Monday, April 16 at 1 p.m. The 8-week course will be facilitated by Karen Muller and will include exercise bands, light weights and aerobic movement. Participants also receive a copy of *Exercise and Physical Activity* from the National Institute of Aging. There is a \$10 fee to cover cost of materials and equipment. Class size is limited.

May is Older Americans Month and the Senior Center is making plans for a weeklong celebration involving the whole community. Gulfport businesses are invited to take part by offering coupons or discounts for seniors 50 & up during Senior Citizens Week, May 21 - 25. The GEMS mini-bus will transport clients to participating businesses throughout the week. Look for details in the Gulfport Gabber.

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 offers hourly trips to South Pasadena on Wednesdays and Fridays. Call GEMS at 893-2242 for more information.

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:

- Monday & Friday, April 2 & 6, 10 a.m. - AARP Income Tax assistance for seniors.
- Tuesday, April 3, 5 p.m. - *Art Afternoon* youth art program.
- Tuesday, April 3, 5:30 p.m. - Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.
- Wednesday, April 4, 10 a.m. - Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers meeting.
- Wednesday, April 4, 2:30 p.m. - Teen Board Games facilitated by Sheri Stanley.
- Saturday, April 7, 11 a.m. - *Intro to eBooks* facilitated by Martha Loyd.

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.
- Every Tuesday & Thursday, 3 p.m. - *Art Afternoon* art program for children ages 8 - 13. For more information call Sheri at 893-1074.
- Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m. - Voter registration. Volunteers from the League of Women voters will be onsite to register new voters and to update voter information.
- Saturday, April 14, 10:30 a.m. - Free Family Movie Day: *Puss in Boots & Hugo*. For more information call 893-1074.
- Thursday, April 19, 10 a.m. - Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy of the book. For more information call 893-1073.
- Saturday, April 21, 1:30 p.m. - Earth Day Crafts program. Celebrate the day with Pat by creating green-themed holiday items. All ages welcome.
- Monday, April 23, 7 p.m. - World Book Night at the Gulfport Recreation Center. Program features a guest speaker from the Florida Holocaust Museum, and includes a free drawing to win one of 20 copies of *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. Sponsored by the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. For more information email zora@tampabay.rr.com or call 813-971-4865.

Library Services/Statistics April 1 - 7, 2012:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,710	436
Sun. 4/1	12	4
Mon. 4/2	301	83
Tue. 4/3	347	76
Wed. 4/4	293	88
Thu. 4/5	270	66
Fri. 4/6	287	80
Sat. 4/7	200	39

Library Staff Activities/Meetings

Monday, April 2 - PPLC Library Directors Advisory Council meeting at PPLC Headquarters (Carol Parker).

Wednesday, April 4 - PPLC SIG meeting at PPLC Headquarters (Martha Loyd).

Wednesday, PPLC Interlibrary Loan Sig meeting at PPLC Headquarters (Alex Hooks).

Thursday, April 5 - Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library BOD meeting in the Purdy Friends Room (Carol Parker).

Friday, April 6 - Outreach Services: Consultation with Pinellas Park Library Staff at Pinellas Park Library (Carol Parker & volunteer Marilyn Field).

Friday, April 6 - PPLC Children's SIG meeting at Clearwater Main Library (Diann Morningstar).

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

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| Sunday, April 1 | 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson with Carol Baker
7 p.m. - Mario DeLeon's Band & Ballroom dance (Turnout 75) |
| Tuesday, April 3 | Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson (Turnout 10)
1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 7)
2 p.m. - Dancing
6:30 p.m. - Beginner Argentine Tango lesson
8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 49) |
| Wednesday, April 4 | 6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime
7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime
8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 191) |
| Thursday, April 5 | 6:30 p.m. - Salsa Lesson and Dance with Carol Rivera (Turnout 25) |

Casino (Upcoming Events):

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| Sunday, April 15, 22 & 29 | 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson
7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom dance |
| Monday, April 30 | 7 p.m. - USA Ballroom Dance Admission: members \$5;
nonmembers \$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 |
| 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 | 6:30 p.m. - Salsa lessons with Carol Rivera
8 p.m. - Salsa dance Admission \$7 |

Catherine Hickman Theater (last week's events)

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| Sunday, April 1 | 2 p.m. - <i>Freedom Found - the Musical Drama</i> (Turnout 25) |
| Wednesday, April 4 | 5 p.m. - Play rehearsal |
| Friday, April 6 | 5 p.m. - City of Imagination Art Reception (Turnout 75) |

7 p.m. - *Freedom Found - the Musical Drama* (Turnout 38)

Saturday, April 7 7 p.m. - *Freedom Found - the Musical Drama* (Turnout 37)

Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)

Thursday - Sunday, April 19-22 & 26-29 - Gulfport Community Players present *Breaking Legs* by Tom Dulack. Tickets \$15, available at the Gulfport Casino, Eileen's Resale Boutique, Beach Bazaar and the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, or by calling 322-0316.

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, April 1 9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 25)
6:15 p.m. - Over Eaters Anonymous meeting (Turnout 12)

Thursday, April 5 2:30 - Juvenile Welfare Board meeting (Turnout 28)

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

The Game Room is reserved 6-11 p.m. Saturday, April 28 for a Sweet 16 party.

Registration for the 2012 Summer Program begins on Tuesday, May 1 for Gulfport residents and non-residents currently enrolled in the School Year Child Care Program. Hours of registration: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration for a maximum of 30 non-resident children not enrolled in the School Year Child Care Program begins Monday, May 21. Hours of registration are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The program is available to children who have **completed** Kindergarten thru age 14. Registration fees are \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. Summer camp program hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (structured hours 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra fee.

Contractual classes currently in session: Braveheart Boot Camp, Fencing, Gymnastics, Karate, Stretch & Tone, Tai Chi, Tennis, Walking Club, Watercolor and Yoga.

Seventeen (17) FY 2011/12 Gulfport Skate Park stickers have been sold to date.

Sixty six (66) teens are 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.

Forty three (43) 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.

Ten (10) 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.

Recreation Staff Activities

Marivel Gutierrez, John Lapham, Nicole Latragna, Tomeka Junious, Joanne McRoberts, Mike Worthington, Leah Erbe, Alton Hooker, Kristin Ossola and Justin Shea worked the *Fun in the Sun* event on Saturday.

Alton Hooker used the school bus to transport thirty one (31) Gulfport Montessori students and four (4) adults to Tampa Bay Watch in St. Petersburg on Tuesday.

Marivel Gutierrez attended VPK Standards Training in Largo on Tuesday evening.

Teen Council members Elizabeth Brown-Worthington, Malcolm McGruder and Michael Wos helped man the inflatables at the *Fun in the Sun* event on Saturday.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service & Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 19 new, 0 closed
- Water payments: 1,258 totaling \$148,861.51
- On-Line Water payments: 144 totaling \$14,385.33
- Bright House payments: 38
- Utility Bills Mailed 04/11/12: 1,259
- Accounts Payable 04/06/12: 595 transactions totaling \$376,746.41
- Mail processed 04/06/12: 553 pieces totaling \$273.30
- Purchasing Cards 03/05/12 month report: 208 transactions totaling \$29,698.23

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 43 Emergency Medical Calls
- 3 Trauma Alerts
- 2 Structure Fires
- 2 Vehicle Crashes
- 2 Fire Alarms
- 1 Fuel Spill
- 1 Fire Outside Structure

Life Safety:

- 3 Fire Inspections
- 1 Re-Inspection

- 2 C.O.'s

The CERT Team meets monthly. The next meeting is Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. For more information visit www.gulfportcert.com or call Bob Worthington at 916-8014.

Other Activities

- Chief Marenkovic and the Administrative Finance Director have submitted the ALS First Responder Program Budget for FY 2012/13. The auditor also completed the review of the FY 10-11 budget and signed off for the County.
- GPD continues preparing an RFP for a bid for the Fire Protection Service Agreement in the unincorporated area of the County that borders Gulfport & South Pasadena.
- The Gulfport Fire Department continues their April St. Petersburg College Continuing Medical Education (CME). This month's topic is *PCR Documentation & Trauma Transport Protocol Updates - Scenarios*.
- Lt. Huffman was acting Chief while Chief Marenkovic was on vacation during the Easter Holiday.
- The Gulfport Fire Department had two St. Petersburg College EMT students doing their Field Internship Program ride-along time with ALS Engine 17.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Installed switch and electrical wiring to exhaust fan in Police Department.
- Installed new light fixture in men's restroom at Gulfport Dog Park.
- Replaced door handle and locking mechanism at City Clerk's office.
- Moved furniture at the Senior Center in preparation for floor waxing.
- Replaced P-Trap on sink at Casino men's outside restroom.
- Installed new exhaust fan motor for restrooms at City Hall.
- Repainted City Hall/Police Department sign.
- Delivered floating ramp from Tampa to Marina.
- Set up for daily events at the Senior Center.
- Performed routine 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 residential & commercial properties.
- Completed billable work orders for brush, trash, electronics and Code Enforcement.
- Cleaned and maintained storm drains, grates and inlets throughout City.
- Inspected and removed debris from stormwater boxes throughout City.
- Removed animal carcasses on City roadways.
- Completed asphalt patch work on potholes throughout City.
- Removed and disposed of illegal dumping at Osgood Point, Gulfport Beach, Casino, Tangerine Greenway and other locations per direction.
- Removed bagged leaves from residential properties citywide.
- Removed debris and emptied containers following Tuesday Morning Market.

- Detailed trucks & equipment and set up generators & garbage/recycling containers in preparation for *Fun in the Sun* event.
- Removed and disposed of broken playground equipment and painted speed bumps at Recreation Center per direction.
- Delivered a fresh load of recycled mulch to the Neighborhood Center free mulch site.
- Removed several loads of debris from 49th Street holding area.
- Completed installation of new sidewalks on Beach Boulevard and 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 #23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 37 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 7 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 110 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.
- Replaced 1 meter that was stuck and not recording water usage.
- Replace water service at 5950 Bay Drive
- Repaired water leak at fish table.

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, Police & Fire Departments and Senior Center.
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced pressure sensor on engine of Sanitation Truck #42.
- Repaired hydraulic oil leak on Lightning loader #88.
- Replaced bad seal on power steering oil reservoir on Sanitation Truck #45.
- Repaired/replaced two emergency strobe lights on Fire Truck #E17.
- Replaced bad starter relay on Police Vehicle #102.
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various City vehicles.

Distribution:

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