



Gulfport Community Update

April 22 - 28, 2012

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Library News

In response to citizen concerns voiced at the Town Hall meeting chaired by Councilmember Jennifer Salmon on April 12 and ongoing customer feedback the Gulfport Library's Wi-Fi network has been upgraded with a new Cisco Linksys Range Extender. The connection was unstable in the window reading area facing south, which is furthest from the wireless router. Acting Library Administrator Carol Parker addressed the issue with IT Director Sam Rivera, who quickly ordered the device. Customers and staff expressed great satisfaction with the resolution of the problem. One user commented that he is looking forward to visiting the Library more often now that he can use his laptop anywhere in the building and be confident of a strong connection.

Another topic discussed during Councilmember Salmon's Town Hall meeting was a storytime program for young children at the Library. Carol Parker consulted with staff in order to begin planning implementation of a program. Diann Morningstar, who also planned last year's very successful children's summer reading program, enthusiastically began working on the storytime program targeted to toddlers. She selected three bright and appealing picture books and shared them with her young, appreciative audience on April 26. It was an enjoyable experience for all who participated, and everyone is looking forward to the next program, scheduled for Thursday, May 3 at 10:30 am.

The rain didn't spoil the festivities during the **First Earth Fest at Clymer Park** on Saturday, April 21. Stories, music, kids' crafts and earth friendly vendors lined the park. Paul Rousseau from the City of Gulfport Public Works Department signed up citizens for recycle bins. This event was organized by Elizabeth Neily (top left photo).



Upcoming Events:

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.

The next **First Friday Gulfport Art-Walk** is May 4, 6 - 10 p.m. on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront district. Call 322-5217 for more information.

Join the **City of Imagination** for the Art Exhibit Opening & Reception on Friday May 4 at 6 p.m. in the Catherine Hickman Theater lobby, 5501 27th Avenue. For more information, call 344-5443, 686-2564 or visit www.cityofimagination.info.

Eat all you can at the **Lions Pancake Breakfast** at 4630 Tifton Drive on Saturday, May 5, 7 - 11 a.m. Admission is just \$5.00.

Grab a few gently worn items from the closet and bring them to the Peninsula Courtyard, 2937 Beach Boulevard from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 8 for the **Clothing Swap to Benefit CASA during Gulfport Fresh Market**. For more information call Daniel Hodge at 366-4086.

Everyone is invited to the **49th Street South Business Association (So49)** meeting on Wednesday, May 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street South. For more information call 515-4941.

Do not miss the **SO49 Art Tour** on Saturday, May 12, 3 - 8 p.m. This event has quadrupled in size since last year! Tickets: \$5 until April 28; \$10 day of event, and can be purchased online at www.so49.org using Paypal. For reservations without pre-payment email bien50@gmail.com or call 347-4786.

The next **Crime Watch meeting** is Monday, May 14 at 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center. For more information call 327-3509.

The next **Historic Preservation meeting** is Wednesday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Historical Museum, 5301 28th Avenue. For more information call 893-1012.

The **Historic Museum Board** will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at the Gulfport Museum. Call 327-0505 for more information.

The **Third Saturday Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District is May 19, 6 - 10 p.m. For more information call 322-5217.

Everyone is invited to the **Hurricane Vendor Open House** on Thursday, May 24 at 6 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater. The Senior Center Snack Bar will offer two slices of pizza slices and a drink for \$3. Then stay for the **Hurricane Seminar** at 7 p.m. This year's guest speaker is Meteorologist Dan Noah from the National Weather Service. For more information call 893-1118.

City Hall will be closed Monday, May 28 in observance of **Memorial Day**. The sanitation schedule will not be affected.

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 continue in 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.

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.

Beginning in May Code Enforcement activities will move to Section 2 of the City, also known as the Northeast Area which generally extends north to 7th Avenue, south to Gulfport Boulevard, west to 58th Street and east to 49th Street. 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.

May 9, 2012 Board of Adjustment:

- Variance Application V12-05; 1514 61st Street South; Variance request to reduce the minimum distance setback requirement from the rear property line by 11 feet, from 15 feet to 4 feet, to allow for the construction of a proposed new 12'x 16' shed.

- Variance Application V12-06; 6117 Pasadena Point Boulevard; Variance request to reduce the rear lot line setback requirement by 6 feet 6 inches, from 20 feet to 13 feet 6 inches to allow for the construction of a proposed stairway leading from a proposed new first floor balcony down to the ground level patio.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

Offenses	77
Arrests	12
Traffic citations	4

On the evening of April 19, while assisting with a disorderly intoxication call, Officer Cavanah was bitten by a dog when he attempted to hand some property to a woman standing on the other side of a fence. He received a laceration that required several stitches.

On the afternoon of April 22 officers stopped a female in the 2600 block of 44th Street who matched the description of a panhandler in the area. The woman admitted to panhandling, a city ordinance violation. She repeatedly identified herself as Amber M. Schmitt, a name that did not check out in the computer. Suspicious that the woman was being untruthful, officers had a Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) deputy respond with facial recognition software, which identified the woman as Colleen Alicia who is under court-ordered supervision. She was arrested for giving a false name while detained by police.

On the evening of April 22 Officer Priest stopped Keith Warren on the Pinellas Trail after dark, a County Ordinance Violation. Warren had a felony warrant for failure to redeliver leased property. When searched incident to arrest, Warren was found to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana.

On the evening of April 23 a Stetson College of Law security guard observed a male park a maroon Ford F150 near the cafe. The driver then took two unsecured bicycles from the bicycle rack, put them into the truck and drove away. There was an eleven minute time lapse before the guard called police, and the truck was gone by the time officers responded. The incident was most likely a theft, but it cannot be proven until a victim comes forward. Stetson Security will notify students and staff in an effort to find the bike owners.

The Marine Unit was not used this week. Sergeant Burkhart completed mutual asset paperwork for the United States Coast Guard in preparation for the Republican National Convention.

Investigations:

Detective Pham investigated the theft of a diamond ring. He recovered the ring at a local pawn shop, and located and interviewed suspect Timothy Tanksley. Tanksley admitted taking the ring and was arrested for Grand Theft, Dealing in Stolen Property, and False Verification of Ownership.

Detective Embry interviewed a suspect involved in a sexual battery case. The suspect refused to give a statement without his attorney present. Detective Embry did not have enough Probable Cause to make an arrest at that time; however, he set a non-arrest court date for the case to present evidence to the prosecuting attorney assigned to the case.

SRO (School Resource Officer) Motte mediated several verbal altercations, preventing fights occurring. He also located a suspect in a burglary, recovered a runaway, assisted patrol on several occasion regarding students skipping school, and mentored several students on making better choices in life. SRO Beltran was on vacation this week.

New Cases:	21
Cases Assigned:	3
Cases Closed-No Leads:	17
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	1
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	1

Supplements Received:	10
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	0
Cases Closed-No Leads:	1
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	2
Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Still Active:	7

Records

Reports reviewed:	571
Supplements reviewed:	55
Public records requests:	30
Bike registrations:	1
Fingerprints:	5
Subpoenas processed:	23
Citizens assisted:	62

Professional Standards

Lt. Susan Manney from the Orlando Police Department, Inspector James Fannin from the Walton County Sheriff's Office and Administrative Services Supervisor Wanda Binz from the Ponce Inlet Police Department conducted GPD's accreditation onsite review April 24 - 26. The assessors reviewed approximately 260 accreditation related files. They also toured our facility, examined records and conducted interviews with staff. Assessor team leader Manney recommended Gulfport Police Department be reaccredited. This reaccredited status is not official until the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation meets in Bonita Springs in July, when the official accreditation report is presented.

The Gulfport Police Department was originally accredited in 2000, with reaccreditations in 2003, 2006, and 2009.

LEISURE SERVICES

Technical Events

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

- Updated weekly program schedule. Copy available at the City Hall reception desk, or online at http://www.mygulfport.us/GTV615/Live_Webstream.htm.
- Distributed weekly press releases to Gabber, and upcoming events to press release group list.
- Rebooted GTV615 station equipment.
- Continued preparations for Hurricane Seminar event.
- Provided photographic coverage for Earth Day event.
- Met with Oral Cancer screening organizer to plan for event.
- Emailed pictures of damaged tennis net poles to repair company to arrange for repairs.
- Spoke with Paradise News representative regarding Recreation Summer Camp.
- Reviewed upcoming events schedule with Parks Superintendent Bob Williams.
- Commenced preparation of June calendar, and contacted various organizations for event information.
- Attended County/City PIO quarterly meeting at Largo Library.

Marina

Pumped one thousand eight hundred eighty three (1,883) gallons of gas, and eight hundred seventy three (873) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling eighty (80) vessels.

Assisted in five (5) pump-outs evacuating one hundred forty five (145) gallons of sewage. This free service is well received by the boating public and helps keep our waters clean.

Transient Vessels

Staff welcomed a 27' sailboat, a 44' motorboat and a 30' motorboat this week. Welcome to Gulfport!

- Replaced dock lines on fuel dock.
- Cleaned tee docks three and four.
- Replaced deck boards on Coast Guard Auxiliary dock.
- Completed pump-out maintenance.
- Removed swim buoy from Gulfport beach.
- Read and calculated electrical readings.

Parks

Trimmed, weeded & cleaned Neighborhood Center, Scout Hall, Casino area and hand raked around beach pavilions and benches as well as Casino bed areas.

Greased all mowers and sharpened blades, and repaired hedge trimmers and handheld blower.

Mowed Chase Block, Dog Parks, Trail Spur, 55th Street medians, York Street & 49th Street termini, Clam Bayou, Recreation Center and City Complex.

Repaired irrigation at Lum Field and Recreation playing field.

Removed past events banners and installed Oral Cancer Screening event banners.

Repaired bench and tree lights on Beach Boulevard, and flag pole rope at Wood Ibis Park.

Set up equipment in preparation for Earth Day, and removed following event.

Created weights to stabilize pop-up tents during special events.

Contacted Tennis Court repair person to arrange for repair of damaged net poles.

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.

An 8-week *Fit & Fine Exercise* course designed to improve strength, balance, flexibility and endurance is offered at 1 p.m. every Monday through June 7. The course is facilitated by Karen Muller and the \$10 fee includes exercise bands, light weights and aerobic movement. Participants also receive a copy of *Exercise and Physical Activity* from the National Institute of Aging. Class size is limited.

May is Older Americans Month and the Senior Center & Gulfport Chamber of Commerce are planning for a weeklong celebration involving the whole community. The GEMS mini-bus will transport clients to participating businesses throughout the week. Gulfport businesses who wish to take part by offering coupons or discounts for seniors

50 & up during Senior Citizens Week, May 21 - 25 should call the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce at 344-3711. Look for details in the Gulfport Gabber.

The Senior Center will host a Variety Show on Wednesday May 23 at 1:30 p.m. in the Senior Center Dining Hall. The free event includes great entertainment, refreshments, door prizes and an opportunity drawing. Free tickets available in advance.

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:

- Tuesday, April 17, 10:30 a.m. - Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.
- Tuesday, April 17, 5 p.m. - *Art Afternoon* youth art program.
- Wednesday, April 18, 10 a.m. - Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers meeting.
- Wednesday, April 18, 2:30 p.m. - Teen Board Games facilitated by Sheri Stanley.
- Wednesday, April 18, 3 p.m. - Art Afternoon
- Thursday, April 19, 10 a.m. - Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.
- Saturday, April 21, 1:30 p.m. - Earth Day Crafts program.

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, May 12, 10:30 a.m. - Free Family Movies: *The Muppets* and *War Horse*. For more information call 893-1074.

Library Staff Activities/Meetings

Wednesday, April 18, 8:30 a.m. - Senior Staff meeting with City Manager (Carol Parker).

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

- Sunday, April 15 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson with John
7 p.m. - Mario DeLeon's Band & dance (Turnout 69)
- Tuesday, April 17 Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson (Turnout 14)
1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 10)
2 p.m. - Dancing
6:30 p.m. - Beginner Argentine Tango lesson
8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 38)
- Wednesday, April 18 6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime
7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime
8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 225)
- Thursday, April 19 6:30 p.m. - Salsa Lesson and Dance with Carol Rivera (Turnout 24)
- Saturday, April 21 7 p.m. - Boca Ciega High School Class of '65 Turns 65 party (Turnout 225)

Casino (Upcoming Events):

- Sunday, April 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)

- Sunday, April 15 10 a.m. - Gulfport Community Players (GCP) stage setup & technical rehearsal
- Monday, April 16 6 p.m. - GCP play rehearsal
- Tuesday, April 17 6 p.m. - GCP play rehearsal

Wednesday, April 18 6 p.m. - GCP play rehearsal

Thursday, April 19 8 p.m. - GCP presents *Breaking Legs* (Turnout 50)

Friday, April 20 8 p.m. - GCP presents *Breaking Legs* (Turnout 66)

Saturday, April 21 8 p.m. - GCP presents *Breaking Legs* (Turnout 76)

Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)

Thursday - Sunday, April 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 15 9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 13)
6:15 p.m. - Over Eaters Anonymous meeting (Turnout 11)

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: \$17 for residents; \$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 seven (67) 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. Sixteen (16) Tot Time/VPK participants and nine (9) adults went to Lakeview Stables in Pinellas Park on Wednesday.

Recreation Staff Activities

Marivel Gutierrez and John Lapham interviewed two (2) Summer Recreation Leader applicants on Thursday, one (1) on Monday and one (1) on Tuesday.

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

Alton Hooker drove the school bus to Tampa on Friday morning to have the back door replaced.

Alton Hooker used the school bus to transport seventeen (17) the Tot Time/VPK participants and nine (9) adults to Lakeview Stables in Pinellas Park on Wednesday morning.

Five (5) regular Teen Council attended the monthly meeting on Thursday. Advisor Marivel Gutierrez and Coordinators Jeri Reed and Christine Brown-Worthington were also in attendance. Topics discussed: approval of March minutes; meeting date change, and; upcoming events and fundraisers.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service & Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 18 new, 0 closed
- Water payments: 1,186 totaling \$120,853.14
- On-Line Water payments: 175 transactions totaling \$14,121.70
- Bright House payments: 34
- Utility Bills Mailed 04/25/12: 1,309
- Accounts Payable 04/20/12: 510 transactions totaling \$422,856.19
- Mail processed 04/20/12: 429 pieces totaling \$423.15

- Purchasing Cards: 224 transactions totaling \$28,328.10

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 37 Emergency Medical Calls
- 1 Structure Fire
- 1 Single Engine Response
- 1 Fire Alarm
- 1 Wires Down
- 1 Gas Leak
- 1 Transformer/ Pole Fire

Life Safety:

- 0 Fire Inspection
- 10 Re-Inspection
- 3 Plans Review

The **CERT** Team meets monthly. The next meeting is Thursday, May 17 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

- 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*.
- Chief Marenkovic taught a Heart Saver with AED/CPR Course to the Sea Scouts of Boca Ciega Bay adult leaders. All six successfully passed.
- Chief Marenkovic assisted the Gulfport Police Department with their Accreditation this week, providing supplies and reports needed by the assessors.
- Two St. Petersburg College EMT students continue Field Internship Program ride-along time with Gulfport Fire Department ALS Engine 17.
- Inspector Vento conducted Plan Reviews on Fire Alarm Control Panel System for the Town Shores Hampton and Ivanhoe buildings. He also conducted a Plan Review for the Gulfport Recreation Center fire alarm upgrade.
- Inspector Vento attended Pinellas County Hazardous Materials training.
- Inspector Vento conducted a follow-up inspection at Kipps Colony II (3 buildings). The report was turned over to Gulfport PD for failure to comply. All buildings are behind annual inspection/certification of the Fire Alarms systems, standpipe annual service/ maintenance, and a five year flow test.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Assembled office chair for Public Works Director.
- Reattached closing mechanism on restroom door, secured stripping on stage and repaired steps at Scout Hall.
- Secured residential door for Police Department.
- Repaired light fixture at Library.
- Replaced key card at Neighborhood Center, and dock boards at Coast Guard Station.
- Replaced time clock at Public Service Building.
- Performed semi-annual preventive maintenance on air conditioning units citywide.
- Set up for daily events at the Senior Center.
- Performed routine daily maintenance duties at all City buildings.

Streets & Sanitation:

- Installed new stop signs and poles at various City locations.
- Delivered recycling bins and information sheets to residents.
- Removed bagged leaves from roadways.
- Repaired automated carts.
- Removed illegal dumping at Osgood Point, Gulfport Beach, Casino, Tangerine Greenway and other locations throughout City per direction.
- Removed debris & seaweed, and graded Beach area.
- Completed additions to alley entrance at 29th Avenue per direction.
- Set up garbage and recycling containers for Earth Fest at Clymer Park, and removed and disposed of debris following event.
- Removed several loads of debris from 49th Street holding area and tires from Garage.
- Installed and repaired traffic control signage throughout the City damaged by vehicles.
- Leveled sidewalk on Beach & Shore Boulevards.

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 36 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 7 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 80 miscellaneous customer service department-generated service orders.
- Completed 5 Sunshine One-Call Call Before You Dig Utility Locates
- Replaced 2 meters that were stuck and not recording water usage
- Reviewed permit application for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach for quality testing.
- Completed annual DEP required testing of 22 backflow devices due in April.

- Collected information for CCR Report due in July.

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.
- Cleaned and televised sewer main in alley between Essex & 31st Avenues.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced tailgate molding on tailgate of Streets Department Vehicle #69.
- Replaced emergency strobe light on Fire Truck #E17.
- Replaced A/C blower motor switch on Police Vehicle #12.
- Repaired hydraulic oil leak on Recycle Truck #40.
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various City vehicles.

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