



Gulfport Community Update

May 5 - 11, 2013

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Gulfport City Hall will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of **Memorial Day**. The Sanitation schedule will not be affected.

The City's Recreation Division hosted **First Friday Movie Night** at the Catherine Hickman Theater on May 3. Twelve (12) attendees enjoyed *Jack and the Beanstalk* starring Abbott & Costello. Join us at 7 p.m. on June 7 for *Casablanca* starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Admission is Free.

Upcoming Events:

Registration for the **2013 Summer Recreation Program** continues for Gulfport residents. Non-resident registration begins Monday, May 20. The program lasts eight weeks and is available to children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Pre and post-camps will also be offered. Program hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. with extended care until 6 p.m. for an additional fee. Participants will enjoy activities, field trips, lunches, positive role models and a safe environment to call their own. For more information call the Recreation Center at 893-1068.

The **Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market** is a weekly year-round open-air market featuring fruits, vegetables and a wide variety of foods, hand-made art and crafts, bath, body and wellness products, live music and more. Over 50 vendors and exhibitors participate each Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and personal needs for the **Gulfport Multipurpose Center Pantry** to the Gulfport Merchants Association tent each Tuesday. Donate your gently used clothes to the **Clothing Swap to Benefit CASA** (Community Action Stops Abuse) at the Peninsula Courtyard 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on May 14. Bring your own hangers. Extra clothing donations for CASA are appreciated. For more information call Laura Garrison at 278-4285, email gulfportmarket@gmail.com or visit www.GulfportMA.com or www.facebook.com/gulfportfreshmarket.

Find the perfect painting or sculpture during the **Third Saturday Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District on May 18, 6 - 10 p.m. For more information call 322-5217.

Everyone is invited to the **2013 Hurricane Seminar** at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Avenue at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23. A Hurricane Vendor Open house is scheduled for 6 p.m. in the Theater Lobby. For more information on this event or to become a vendor please call Technical Events Specialist Justin Shea at 893-1118 or email jshea@mygulfport.us. The Senior Center Snack Bar will offer 2 slices of pizza and a soda for only \$3.00 from 5 until 7 p.m.

The **Third Annual SoStudio Tour** is scheduled for Saturday, May 25, 1 - 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 26, 1 - 4 p.m. The tour will feature artists' open studios, galleries, receptions and demonstrations, and will showcase many well-known Gulfport artists as well as newfound artists. A silent auction and closing reception will take place at the Gulfport Arts Center on Sunday, 4 - 6 p.m. A \$10 tour guide will serve as a pass into the studios, galleries, and receptions around town, and may be purchased beginning May 18 at Domain Home Accessories & Gallery, 3129 Beach Boulevard; Beach Bazaar, 3115 Beach Boulevard; the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce, 4926 Gulfport Boulevard, and; T and Me Tea Company, 2908 ½ Beach Boulevard in the Art Village Courtyard. Guides will also be available at the Gulfport Arts Center and the Longhouse, 2309 49th Street South during the event. This event is sponsored by The 49th Street South Business Association and the Gulfport Merchants

Association. For more information call Barbara Nicolazzo at 347-4786 or email bien50@gmail.com.

Weekly Casino Ballroom Events

- Every Tuesday, 12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons, - \$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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Administration

Calls for Service:

Offenses	43
Arrests	8
Traffic citations	30

Examples of arrests and significant incidents or calls this week:

Officers responded to the 1200 block of 63rd Street in the early morning hours of May 1 after a caller reported two males arguing in front of a house. Officer Obrart made contact with Karl Little who consented to a search. He had a small amount of marijuana on him and was issued a Notice to Appear for the misdemeanor violation.

Officers responded to the 5800 block of 28th Avenue in the early morning hours of May 2 after a caller reported that a door to a business was smashed and a laptop stolen. There are no suspects.

Charles Ross was issued a notice to appear on a Petit Theft charge after he was caught on a store video camera taking a phone from an individual at a business in the 5000 block of Gulfport Boulevard. The phone's owner had reported it stolen on May 2.

On the afternoon of May 2 officers made contact with a subject that SPPD had probable cause to arrest on a charge of, "deposit with intent to defraud." Whitney Coston was detained in the 1400 block of Gray Street and transferred to St. Petersburg Police who placed him under arrest.

Officers responded to the 5400 block of Essex Avenue on the evening of May 2 regarding a possible burglary in progress. Upon arrival they were advised that two subjects had kicked the door in of a vacant house. The owner of the property wished to press charges. The suspects, identified as Tiffany Henry and Jaquan Jordan were arrested for burglary.

Officers responded to Backfin Blue on the evening of May 3 regarding an intoxicated subject. They made contact with former employee John Morrison. He was belligerent with other staff members and knocking over items inside the kitchen. Staff was forced to subdue Morrison until officers arrived.

Officers responded to the 5800 block of 13th Avenue on the afternoon of May 5 after a pizza delivery driver observed three people driving away in her car after she left it running while she delivered a pizza. Officer Obrart tracked the iPhone inside the car and located the car a short time later at 34th Avenue & 37th Street South in St. Petersburg. SPPD processed the car before releasing it to the victim. Shortly after finding the car, the iPhone was pinged to the Child's Park Recreation Center. GPD responded to the park and made contact with several individuals but could not find the phone. However, they found the victim's keys, ID, paperwork, etc. in the grass

nearby. The subjects claimed they knew nothing about the theft. Officer Obrart is following up with the recreation center to view surveillance video for evidence of the subjects discarding the phone and other items. It should be noted that Officer Obrart took the initiative to use her own iPhone's "find my phone" application to track the stolen phone. Good job Officer Obrart!

Officer Chris Randazzo stopped a vehicle traveling westbound on Gulfport Boulevard at a high rate of speed in the early morning hours of May 6. The driver consented to a search. Cocaine, morphine, a syringe, two pipes and an unknown clear substance were found in the car, and the driver was arrested for possession of controlled substances.

Investigations:

New Cases:	17
Suspended - no leads	3
Assigned:	12
Cleared With Arrest:	0
Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Unfounded/No Crime:	1
Referred Back to Patrol:	1

Supplements Received:	21
Cleared With Arrest:	1
Previously cleared with Arrest:	2
Closed-No Leads:	0
Unfounded/No Crime:	1
Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Still Active:	17

Detective Hanh Pham investigated a Lewd/Lascivious Battery in which a 19 year-old male had inappropriate contact with a 15 year-old female and obtained a confession from Philip Corson. Corson was arrested and transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

Detective Embry attended a Non-Arrest State Attorney Invest involving David Isom. The Prosecuting Attorney Richard Ripplinger advised he would pursue the case. Isom is wanted for Burglarizing the Church of Christ. Detective Embry also continued investigating assigned cases.

Officer Motte mentored a student, mediated a situation preventing a fight, completed a Baker Act assessment, and assisted other agencies on several occasions. He also attended a volunteer appreciation meeting and signed up to mentor a student for the 2013-14 school year.

Officer Langston responded to a burglary on campus. A vending machine was damaged. Attempts are being made to identify two suspects seen on video surveillance. Officer Langston also assisted with transporting a student who was Baker Acted by the school's social worker, attended a seminar on "Why Teens Kill" and met with a student she volunteered to mentor through the campus mentoring program.

Records Section

Reports reviewed:	19
Supplements reviewed:	94
Public records requests:	27
Bike registrations:	1
Fingerprints:	10
Subpoenas processed:	3
Citizens assisted:	45

MARINA

Pumped one thousand one hundred sixty (1,160) gallons of gas, and one thousand one hundred fifty eight (1,158) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling sixty (60) vessels.

Assisted with twenty one (21) pump-outs evacuating three hundred fifty five (355) gallons of sewage. This free service is well received by the boating public and helps keep our waters clean.

Transient vessels:

Marina staff welcomed a 52' motorboat this week. Welcome to Gulfport!

Staff Activities:

- Replaced lines on fuel dock.
- Cleaned dock boxes on pier three.
- Completed pump out maintenance.
- Replaced flood light on northeast corner of building.
- Installed gate closer on pier one.
- Cleaned dock boxes on pier three.
- Completed pump out maintenance.

LEISURE SERVICES

Technical Events

Visit www.mygulfport.us or www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfport to watch videos of recent City events. Cable and DSL internet users can access live and web stream rebroadcasts at www.mygulfport.us/GTV615/Live_Webstream.htm. It's a great way to keep in touch with out of town family and friends! Spread the word!

- Distributed press releases to Gabber, and weekly Constant Contact newsletter to email distribution list.
- Rebooted GTV615 station equipment.
- Posted GTV Program schedule on City Website.
- Provided Control Room coverage for May 7 City Council meeting, May 8 Board of Adjustment meeting, and May 9 City Council Workshop. Rebroadcast on GTV615 and made DVD copies for IT Department and City Clerk.
- Continued contacting vendors and media for participation in 2013 Hurricane Seminar.
- Continued updating 2014 Historic Calendar and architectural design & updates for new website.
- Sent June Events/Meetings Calendar to printer.
- Successfully troubleshoot and fixed alert warning light on GTV web stream appliance.
- Attended Senior Staff meeting for vacationing Leisure Services Director.
- Uploaded production software to GTV Media Computer.
- Updated GTV forms.

Parks

Added 10 yards of washed shell to Clam Bayou canoe ramp.

Moved/repaired fence at Recreation Center playground.

Repaired ground outlets outside & around Recreation Center, fences at Wood Ibis Park, Clam Bayou & Marina areas, fountain at Wood Ibis Lake, and bench at Tennis Court.

Replaced vandalized light on artwork at 28th Avenue & Beach Boulevard.

Emptied trashcans on Beach & Shore Boulevards following weekend events.

Trimmed, weeded, mulched & cleaned City Complex, trimmed bushes & trees along roadway on 14th Avenue ROW, trimmed low branches at Caldwell Park, raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.

Mowed Clymer & Veterans Park, Recreation Center, Senior Center, Library, 28th Street Signage area, Tangerine Greenway and Neighborhood Center.

Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades, and replaced fuel lines on line trimmer, choke cable and air filters on Sandpro, and primer ball on hedge trimmer.

Repaired irrigation at Senior Center & Recreation Center.

Opened & cleaned Skate Park daily.

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, raked, lined and dragged all ball fields daily.

GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mini-Bus Service)

The City of Gulfport offers transportation service for residents 55 and older. GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mobility Service) offers rides to grocery stores, medical appointments, etc. The \$65 annual registration fee entitles members to ride GEMS for \$2 per one-way trip and is good for one year from date of registration. Want to go shopping? GEMS offers hourly trips to: South Pasadena on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays; the Tyrone shopping area on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons, and; Walmart & Aldi every Tuesday afternoon. Call 893-2242 for more information on this door-to-door service.

Multipurpose Center

The Senior Center's **singing group** meets in the dining area on Mondays at 2 p.m. The group is looking for a volunteer pianist. Please call Gail at 893-2237.

Like us on Facebook at **Gulfport Senior Center and Foundation**. Help our page grow and get daily valuable information!

Sign up today to enjoy all the classes and events offered at the Gulfport Senior Center. Ask Gail or Rachel to give you a tour! This is your Center! Pick up a copy of the March schedule at the Senior Center or online at www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org. The Senior Center currently offers 49 monthly classes for residents over 50 to choose. Membership required.

Ready to get fit and meet new friends? If you're over 50 visit the **Foundation Fitness Center** Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Fridays 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Annual membership is \$25 or \$40 a couple. Stop by the Multipurpose Center and take a tour of our state-of-the-art fitness facility.

The next monthly **Movie Day** at the Snack Bar is scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 14. Watch a FREE movie and get a great deal on lunch for \$2.50!

Actors 2-Go will help The Gulfport Senior Center celebrate Older Americans Month with **Shorts For Seniors: A Comedy Show** in the Catherine Hickman Theatre at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 15. The two-act performance will benefit the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation. Actors will revisit vaudeville's doctor routines, examine what happened in Pinellas County households when the recession brought lower property taxes, poke fun at the Gulfport chicken ordinance struggle, and parody a politician deciding whether or not to sell out his principles for campaign cash. Actors 2-Go is a troupe of some of South Pinellas County's best community theatre actors, most familiar to Gulfport audiences. Tickets are available at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center for \$7 each, or two for \$10.

Problems and obstacles occur all the time, and it's important to provide quick and effective solutions to them. Join Peg Stella for the **What's Your Problem workshop** on Thursday, May 16 at 1 p.m. Peg will discuss difficult issues such as memory, money and health. Free for Senior Center members.

Wartime era veterans & spouses are invited to the **Tour of Duty Conference** on Wednesday, May 22 at 2 p.m. Speakers Michael B. Osadchey from Lasting Legacy & Attorney Spiro Verras will discuss benefits veterans may not be aware of. Topics Include: Eligibility Requirements Benefit Coverage, Eligibility of Spouses, Advanced Directives, Wills & Probate. This event is sponsored by Lasting Legacy and is free to the public.

Want to learn more about Hospice? Join Janet Pattison for a free informational seminar on **Hospice and Caregiving** on Thursday, May 28 at 1 p.m.

Join Barbara Newborn at Scout Hall on Wednesday, May 29 at 1:30 p.m. for a talk on **The Empowerment of Healing**. Her FREE lecture will discuss methods and new insights into the amazing power of healing.

Sign up now for May **beginner and intermediate computer classes**. This month long course will help participants learn more about their computer and the internet. Call Rachel at 893-1231 for more information.

Dance Fusion classes are offered at Scout Hall every Monday at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Eastman guides participants through salsa-type line dancing moves followed by a Pilates cool down.

A representative from the Community Law Program visits the Multipurpose Center at 10 a.m. every third Friday offering **free legal help** for people over 60 who meet certain criteria. Call 582-7480 for more information.

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

Sunday, April 28	6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson with John 7 p.m. - The Mellotones Band & Ballroom Dance (Turnout 42)
Monday, April 29	7 p.m. - USA Ballroom dance (Turnout 107)
Tuesday, April 30	Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson with Carol Baker (Turnout 12) 1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 2) 2 p.m. - Ballroom dancing 6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 38)
Wednesday, May 1	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime 8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 205)
Thursday, May 2	6:30 p.m. - Salsa lessons with Carol Rivera

	8 p.m. - Salsa dance (Turnout 22)
Saturday, May 4	6:30 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 97)

Casino (Upcoming Events):

Every Sunday	6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson 7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom dance Admission \$7
Every Monday	7 p.m. - Hustle dance lessons with Carol Baker
Every Tuesday	12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker 2 p.m. - Ballroom dance Admission \$7 6:30 p.m. - Beginning Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Milonga 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	7 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera 8 p.m. - Salsa dance Admission \$7

Catherine Hickman Theater (last week's events)

Friday, May 3, 7 p.m. - Free Family Movie Night (Turnout 12)

Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)

Monday - Friday, June 10 - 21, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - *Performing Arts Consortium of St. Petersburg Theater Summer Camp* for young performers. Two week tuition: \$325. For more information call 258-8315 or 345-4231.

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, April 28	6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous (Turnout 11)
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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
Monday, April 29	10:30 a.m. - Dance Fusion class
Tuesday, April 30	11 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 14)
Wednesday, May 1	10:30 a.m. - Yoga class (Turnout 13)
Thursday, May 2	9:30 a.m. - Bob's Band practice

Friday, May 3	10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 8)
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Scout Hall (Upcoming Events):

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

The Gulfport Multipurpose Center’s free *Tai Chi for Arthritis* class is meeting at the Library every Thursday at 2 p.m. until further notice.

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

- Tuesday, April 30, 5:45 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open AA meeting.*
- Tuesday, April 30, 7:15 p.m. - *World Book Night & Light the Night* facilitated by Dave Mather, Cailey Klasson and the Circle of Friends.
- Wednesday, May 1, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers* meeting.
- Wednesday, May 1, 3 p.m. - *Teen Zone*, facilitated by Sheri Stanley.
- Thursday, May 2, 9:30 a.m. - *Spanish for Beginners.*
- Thursday, May 2, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime for Preschoolers* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.
- Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m. - *Saturday Crafternoon* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, May 11, 10:30 a.m. - *Pinellas Energy Efficiency Project (PEEP) class:* Learn about energy conservation. Attendees will receive an insulated tote bag, Smart Strip surge protector and a manually-powered flashlight. Presented by the Pinellas County Extension Office. Call 893-1073 to reserve a seat.
- Saturday, May 11, 1:30 a.m. - *Crafts Club for All Ages:* Join Pat for some fun making Mother’s Day gifts from recycled materials.
- Tuesday, May 14, 1 p.m. - *iPad for Beginners Workshop.* Learn to use your new technology. Each session is limited to 15 participants. Call 893-1073 to reserve a seat.
- Thursday, May 16, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of Jayne Eyer* by Charlotte Bronte over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Call 893-1073 for more information.
- Every first Tuesday of the month, 9 a.m. - *Community Involvement Consulting.* A representative from Congressman C.W. Bill Young’s office provides information and solicits questions and concerns from the public. First come, first served.
- 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 Prompt Short Story Writers* meeting.
- Every Wednesday, 3 p.m. - *Teen Zone.* Challenge your friends on the latest XBOX 360 games or just hang out and enjoy free refreshments.
- Every Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - *Spanish for Beginners.*
- Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime:* Enjoy picture books selected to be read to preschool age children, in the Youth Services area at the rocking chair near the Easy books.

Every second Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m. - *Maya the Reading Assistance Dog*: Share a picture book with a beautiful Golden Retriever. Call 893-1073 to schedule an appointment.

Every Friday, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club*. For more information call 893-1073.

Library Services/Statistic April 28 - May 4, 2013:
Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,824	546
Sun. 4/28	15	11
Mon. 4/29	344	100
Tue. 4/30	383	85
Wed. 5/1	203	79
Thu. 5/2	358	102
Fri. 5/3	245	92
Sat. 5/4	276	77

Recreation Center

The game room was rented 1 - 4 p.m. Saturday, May 4 for a Graduation party with 40 in attendance.

Programs, Classes & Activities

Contractual classes: Chair Yoga, Fencing, Gymnastics, Karate, Pickleball, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Tennis, Yoga and Zumba.

Forty six (46) children are registered for the **School Year Child Care Program**, a quality program that provides a nurturing atmosphere where children in Kindergarten through age 14 have the opportunity to experience recreational, social, creative and enriching activities. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents with monthly fees of \$146 for residents and \$292 for non-residents. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Gulfport Elementary, Bear Creek Elementary and Douglas Jamerson Elementary.

Fourteen (14) children are registered for the 2012/13 **Tot Time Program**, and seven (7) for **VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten)**. Tot Time is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who turned 4 years of age by September 1. Both programs aim to make learning fun for children and help prepare them for Kindergarten.

Sixty five (65) teens are registered the **2012/13 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. Annual registration fee: \$2 for residents, \$22 for nonresidents. Program hours are Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 6 - 9 p.m.

Ten (10) **FY2012/13 Skate Park** registrations have been issued to date.

Staff Activities

Marivel Gutierrez, John Lapham, Mike Worthington and Leah Erbe attended the FRPA Annual Conference in Largo on Thursday morning.

Marivel Gutierrez and John Lapham interviewed one (1) Summer Recreation Leader applicant on Thursday, two (2) Summer Junior Counselor applicants on Monday, and three (3) Summer Junior Counselor applicants on Tuesday.

Mike Worthington worked the Family Movie Night on Friday.

Alton Hooker used the school bus to transport a group of Gulfport Elementary students to the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg on Monday, and to transport a group of Tot Time/VPK participants to Dell Holmes Park in St. Petersburg on Wednesday.

Marivel Gutierrez attended the City Council meeting on Tuesday evening.

Teen Council members Elizabeth Brown Worthington, Nolan Slone and Taryn Spence attended the City Council meeting on Tuesday evening.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 21 new, 0 closed
- Water payments: 1,390 totaling \$205,026.77
- On-Line Water payments: 97 transactions totaling \$11,042.69
- Bright House payments: 32
- Utility Bills Mailed 05/08/13: No billing this week
- Accounts Payable 05/03/13: 537 transactions totaling \$231,414.96
- Mail processed 05/08/13: 592 pieces totaling \$339.85
- Purchasing Cards April report: 247 transactions totaling \$33,590.66

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 39 Emergency Medical Calls
- 5 Structure Fires
- 2 Fire Alarms
- 5 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Fire Outside Structure
- 1 Electrical Hazard
- 1 Odor/Smoke Invest

Life Safety:

- 22 Fire Inspections
- 3 Re Inspections
- 1 C.O.

The **CERT Team** meets monthly at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. The next meeting is 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16. For more information visit www.gulfportcert.com or call Bob Worthington at 916-8014.

Staff Activities:

- Gulfport Firefighters continued online training with Target Solutions on HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response under Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standard 1910.120 "Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response." The standard contains the safety requirements employers and their sub-contractors or public sector responders must meet in order to conduct clean-ups or emergency response operations.
- Chief Marenkovic and other Pinellas County Fire Chiefs met with Fitch and Associates on May 7 for a preliminary review of the EMS Study. Key baseline points included:

System tuned to match historic performance, Simulates both fire and EMS incident response. Demonstration: Major Incident Simulation. The system (and the model) contains Rescue Units and Rescue capability ALS response, Set Boundaries of Performance and Evaluate Performance, Optimize Unit/Resource Placement. Determine Scenarios Based Upon Specified Criteria.

- 2013 Hurricane Implementation Guides are available at City Hall, the Gulfport Library and Fire Station. Hurricane season in the Atlantic begins June 1 and ends November 30. The City's annual Hurricane Seminar is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23 at the Catherine Hickman Theater. Tom Iovino from Pinellas County Communications will be our guest speaker.
- Inspector Vento closed a business at 1501 49th after discovering a CO had been issued for an auto repair business, but the occupant was operating an air conditioning business.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance:

- Installed new City flag at City Hall.
- Met City Glass & Mirrors at City Yard to supervise installation of new mirror at entryway.
- Secured and screwed down wooden deck boards at Historical Building.
- Repaired door closer at Fire Department.
- Disposed of expired food in Senior Center food pantry.
- Inspected roofs at Library, Recreation Center, and City Hall.
- Supervised "Tisdale Construction" during repairs at Historical Building.
- Transported garage vehicles to Dodge Dealership.
- Installed new cork board at Senior Center.
- Replaced ballast in snack bar.
- Supervised "Coppola's Tree Service" during tree trimmings at Senior Center and Library.
- Performed routine daily maintenance duties at all City buildings.

Streets & Sanitation:

- Delivered recycling bins with information sheets.
- Completed billable work orders for brush, Code Enforcement, trash/furniture and electronics.
- Continued curbside bagged leaves pick-up.
- Removed and disposed of animal carcasses from City rights of way.
- Completed asphalt patchwork at numerous City locations.
- Assembled and delivered new 40 gallon automated containers to residences.
- Removed low limbs at 61st Street & 13th Avenue, and Hull Street & 17th Avenue.
- Reset storm drain lids at 58th Street & 17th Avenue, 54th Street & 17th Avenue, and at Dellett Avenue & Beach Boulevard.
- Completed asphalt patchwork at various locations.
- Trimmed trees around school zone signage at 58th Street & 12th Avenue
- Filled the roadway with millings following water break at 5626 21st Avenue.
- Cleaned storm drains, outfalls, and inlets.
- Filled pothole at 52nd Street & 12th Avenue.
- Removed tree limb obstructing the roadway at 49th Street & 28th Avenue.
- Removed and disposed of animal carcasses in roadway.
- Replaced steel grate at Clymer Park.
- Completed storm line cleaning on Beach Boulevard.

- Cleaned outfall box at Casino.
- Transported Truck #46 to Tampa Crane for servicing.
- Cleaned storm drain lines on 20th Avenue from 49th Street to 52nd Street.
- Removed and disposed of illegal dumping at Osgood Point.
- Removed litter and debris from Gulfport Boulevard.
- Removed several loads of debris from the 49th Street holding area.
- Cleaned storm lines and outfall boxes at 51st Street & Tangerine Avenue.

Water:

- Daily Chloramines sampling at points of connection to water distribution system (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily inspection and read of Wholesale meters (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Completed routes # 09, 10, 11 and 12 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 39 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 11 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 110 Customer Service-generated miscellaneous service orders.
- Completed 5 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.
- Continued semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP.
- Completed annual DEP required testing of 11 backflow devices due in May.
- Installed new backflow at 2850 59th Street.
- Replaced broken curb stop at 5202 27th Avenue.
- Repaired water break at 5626 21st Avenue.

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 Multipurpose Center.
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection.
- Televised sewer lateral at 1204 52nd Street.
- Removed radiator from generator at Fire Department in preparation for replacement.
- Connected temporary portable generator to Fire Department until permanent generator can be repaired.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced idler pulley and serpentine belt in Police Vehicle #09.
- Air bag electrical connector was replaced and codes cleared in Police Vehicle #111.
- Replaced grabber gear bushings/bearings on Sanitation Truck #46.
- Repaired hydraulic oil leak and replaced PLC computer in Sanitation Truck #46.
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various City vehicles.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Don't take chances with unlicensed contractors

The Pinellas County Communications Department offers the following information when looking for qualified contractors:

Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board helps guide homeowners in hiring a licensed contractor for home improvements

Hiring an unlicensed contractor can put residents' homes in jeopardy, produce safety hazards and cost extra money to homeowners when work is not done correctly.

"Do your homework and follow the guidelines and resources provided to you by the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board," said Executive Director Rodney Fischer. "Why take a chance with your money and safety?"

The function of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board is to regulate construction and home improvement contractors practicing in all Pinellas jurisdictions.

The licensing board can tell you if a contractor has a license. They must be licensed by the board or the state of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and be registered with the board. Licensed contractors have passed a competency exam and perform electrical, plumbing or structural work in compliance with the building codes.

The state requires licensed contractors to have workers' compensation and liability insurance and the board monitors their insurance coverage. Without these, if a worker gets injured on the job or damages property, the homeowner is liable. Many insurance policies will not pay claims if an unlicensed contractor was doing the work.

WHEN SELECTING A CONTRACTOR, REMEMBER:

- Talk to friends and neighbors for recommendations.
- Home improvement contractors of various skills must be licensed with the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board. The license number must be displayed on advertising as well as on contracts. You can verify a contractor's license number and check any complaints by contacting the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board at (727) 582-3100.
- Check with the Department of Justice and Consumer Services at (727) 464-6200 to determine the number of complaints against a business.
- Ask the contractor for references and follow through with verifying them.
- Ask the contractor for proof of insurance.
- Never deal with anyone who solicits or appears at your home unannounced.
- Obtain a minimum of two bids for the work to be done.

WHEN SIGNING A CONTRACT, MAKE SURE:

- All work should be specifically stated in the contract.
- An approximate starting and completion date should be included.
- All warranties including labor and materials should be addressed.
- A payment schedule should be contained in the contract.
- Do not give a large deposit before the beginning of work and do not pay the balance until completion.
- A three-day right to cancel rarely applies to home improvement contracts.
- Do not sign a blank contract or one containing blank spaces.
- Watch for non-refundable deposits and non-escrow accounts. In new home construction, part of the purchase price must be escrowed (this can be waived).

For more information call the board at 582-3100 or check their website at www.pcclb.com.

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.

Thinking of starting a new business? Check out the New Business Checklist at www.mygulfport.us under the Online Services/Documents and Publications section.

Code Enforcement activities continue in Section 4 of the City, also known as the Art District which generally extends south from Gulfport Boulevard to the water and west from 49th Street to 58th & 59th Streets 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 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.

May 1, 2013 Planning & Zoning Board and May 14, 2013 City Council/CRA meeting Results:

S13-03; 5102 Gulfport Boulevard; Site plan approval request for a conditional use to allow indoor repair of scooters and power sport vehicles within the existing structure; to allow outdoor storage of up to a maximum of 24 operative vehicles at any given time; the designated storage area will be completely fenced with opaque fencing; existing parking areas will be identified with the front parking area designated with wheel stops; and landscaping will be provided and maintained between the front fence and City sidewalk. APPROVED

May 8, 2013 Board of Adjustment meeting Results:

V13-04; 817 59th Street South; Variance request to reduce the side yard setback 1 foot, from 6 feet to 5 feet to construct a conditioned living space addition to the existing house. APPROVED

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