



Gulfport Community Update

May 13 - 19, 2012

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Ordinance 2012 -10 passed unanimously on second reading at the May 15 City Council meeting allowing Gulfport become the first city in Pinellas County with Domestic Partner Registry. In the photos above, Mayor Michael Yakes signs the Ordinance in Council Chambers on May 16 while Vice Mayor Sam Henderson, Councilmember Barbara Banno and Councilmember Jennifer Salmon look on.



SWFWMD Revises Watering Restrictions

Southwest Florida Water Management District has declared a Water Shortage Emergency for Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties. Modified Phase II watering restrictions go into effect immediately. Lawn watering is limited to once per week and is based on the property address.

Addresses with “house numbers” ...	May only irrigate on ...
Ending in 0 or 1	Monday
Ending in 2 or 3	Tuesday
Ending in 4 or 5	Wednesday
Ending in 6 or 7	Thursday
Ending in 8 or 9	Friday
No addresses (community common areas, etc.)	Friday

Watering hours are limited to before 8:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m.

A complete copy of the restrictions can be found at www.mygulfport.us under *Current Watering Restrictions*.

Secure Kayak and Canoe Storage Now Available at Gulfport Municipal Marina

Gulfport Municipal Marina is now offering monthly kayak and canoe storage and kayak launch ramp. Get all the amenities of the Marina for \$15.00 a month. Located on Boca Ciega Bay and

minutes to Clam Bayou Nature Preserve, the Marina has restrooms, showers, ship store with ice, beer, bait Tackle and sundries.

Kayaks will be stored on an aluminum Kayak rack inside a secured area. Great for condo owners. For more information call the Marina at 893-1071, email Harbor Master Denis Frain at dfrain@mygulfport.us or visit the Marina at 4630 29th Avenue in Gulfport.

Upcoming Events:

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** at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Avenue on Thursday, May 24 at 6 p.m. 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.

Join the **City of Imagination** at the monthly **Art Exhibit Opening & Reception** in the Hickman Theater lobby on Friday, June 1 at 6 p.m. For more information call 344-5443 or 686-2564, or visit www.cityofimagination.info.

First Friday means **Gulfport Art-Walk** along Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District on June 1, 6 - 10 p.m. For more information, call 322-5217.

Experience the FUN of Swing at the **Teen Swing Dance** at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom, 5500 Shore Boulevard on Friday, June 1. Doors open at 7 p.m. with a swing lesson at 7:15 p.m. & dance from 8 until 11 p.m. Open to teens 13 and up - no partner needed. Dance Jam & contest, with prizes. Admission \$7. Cool door prizes and giveaways. Snacks and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Call 840-3715 or email Events@SwingTime.info for more information.

Rock n' Roll Live at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom Friday, June 8 with The Impacts! Doors Open at 7:45 p.m. with a Swing Dance lesson. Learn the Hand Jive with no partner needed. Live music from 9 p.m. - midnight. Twist Contest with prizes! Admission is \$12 at the door. All ages are welcome and proper attire is encouraged. For more information, call Sam at 840-3715 or email Events@SwingTime.info.

Bring gently worn garments to exchange for like items at the **Gulfport Fresh Market Clothing Swap to Benefit CASA** in the Peninsula Courtyard, 2937 Beach Boulevard on Tuesday, June 12. For more information call 366-4086.

Everyone is invited the next **49th Street South Business Association (So49)** monthly meeting at Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street South on Wednesday, June 13 at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 515-4941.

Celebrate **Flag Day** with the City of Gulfport in Veterans Park on the corner of 54th Street & Shore Boulevard on Thursday, June 14 at 10 a.m.. For more information call 893-1118.

The **Teen Book Club Kickoff** is Friday, June 15 at 4 p.m. at the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Avenue. The theme is Zombies vs. Unicorns with face painting & zombie makeup. Call Sheri Stanley at 893-1074 for more information.

Get involved at the **Historic Museum Board meeting** on Saturday, June 16 at 10 a.m. at the Museum, 5301 28th Avenue. For more information or volunteer opportunities call 327-0505.

Stroll on down to the **Third Saturday Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District on June 16, 6 - 10 p.m. Call 322-5217.

Come cool down with the **Aqua-Mania** Festival on Shore Boulevard between Beach Boulevard & 58th Street on Saturday, June 23, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Live music, vendors, beer/wine, waterslides, kids' entertainment, kayak & paddle board races and a recycle regatta to build your own boat. For more information call 322-5217.

"B4" you make any plans check out **Beach Party Bingo** at the Gulfport Senior Center on Wednesday, June 27 at 1 p.m. \$3.00 admission includes Bingo games and ice cream. For more information call 893-1231 or 893-2237.

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.

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

Code Enforcement activities continue in 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.

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.

June 13, 2012 Board of Adjustment:

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	41
Arrests	6
Traffic citations	20

On the afternoon of May 15 Officer Garrett stopped Rashaad Dorsey after the vehicle he was driving almost hit her in the parking lot of Wells Fargo. Officer Garret issued him citations for unsafe vehicle and suspended license. While completing the citations, she received information that Dorsey had a traffic warrant out of Hillsborough County. He was arrested.

Officer Horning and Sergeant Vandenberg assisted St. Petersburg Police Department (SPPD) units with the arrest of John Charles Ross Andrews on the morning of May 16. Andrews was arrested and charged with multiple sexual battery incidents that occurred late last year near the Walmart on 34th Street South in St. Petersburg. Investigators found a DNA match that links him to a third assault. Andrews attempted to escape through a rear window but stopped when he realized he was surrounded.

On the evening of May 16 officers received a call from a resident in the 6200 block of 14th Avenue reporting a female knocking on doors in the area. Officers circulated the area and Officer Parks located her in the area of 58th Street & 15th Avenue. She is identified as Monica Dyson, and a search yielded a crack pipe with cocaine residue. Dyson was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance. Personnel at the county jail later learned that Dyson's real name is Monica Brooks. Upon his return to work this week, Officer Parks will investigate to determine if additional charges are warranted.

Officers responded to the Super Gas in the 4900 block of Gulfport Boulevard on the evening of May 16 regarding a possible intoxicated person. The caller stated that a female almost fell getting into her vehicle, and was attempting to leave. Officers arrived and began field sobriety tests, during which the woman fell and hit her head. Rescue responded and took her to Palms of Pasadena to be treated for minor injuries. Officer Ashcom found several pills and 2 open containers in suspect's vehicle. She admitted to drinking and taking narcotics before driving, and consented to a blood draw. Officers are awaiting results.

Officers received a call regarding a trespasser at the coin laundry in the 1400 block of 49th Street on the evening of May 16. The caller, an employee at the business stated that an individual named Denis Coble was found inside attempting to pry open machines. Officers located him in the alley at the rear of the business. The employee had a picture on her cell phone showing Coble prying open the machines. The officer contacted the owner of the business who stated that Coble was arrested once before for burglary at his establishment, and he was trespassed. Officer Parks interviewed Coble who stated that he went into the business to use the bathroom. Coble had screwdrivers and approximately \$16.00 in change on his person and was arrested.

In the early morning of April 17 Officer Ashcom was conducting a foot patrol on Gulfport Beach when she noticed a subject sleeping on top of the picnic table under a pavilion. Officer Ashcom recognized the subject as Thomas Wilson. Wilson has received several warnings of sleeping in public, and was arrested for the ordinance violation.

Investigations:

New Cases:	12
Cases Assigned:	1
Cases Closed-No Leads:	7
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	0
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	4

Supplements Received:	6
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	1
Cases Closed-No Leads:	2
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	1
Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Still Active:	2

Detective Pham is attending RNC training in Tampa.

Detective Embry arrested a suspect on 2 counts of passing forged checks.

Analyst Palmisano created a bulletin for Officer Crowson and distributed it to local agencies in an effort to identify a hit and run driver. She also completed pawn checks for 10 reports with identifiable property and/or named suspects and worked in records for 14 hours.

The Marine Unit was not on the water this week. Marine Officers are assigned to Republican National Convention Detail, and have been in training the last few weeks.

Records

Reports reviewed:	42
Supplements reviewed:	60
Public records requests:	35
Bike registrations:	3
Fingerprints:	0
Subpoenas processed:	10
Citizens assisted:	63

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.
- Updated Recreation Center class schedule.
- Provided control room coverage for May 15 City Council/CRA meeting and Ordinance 2012-10 signing. Rebroadcast on GTV615 and made DVD copies for IT Director and City Clerk.
- Continued planning for Flag Day and 4th of July events.
- Distributed June calendars to all City facilities, Tuesday Market and Gulfport Chamber of Commerce.

Marina

Pumped three thousand one hundred thirty one (3,131) gallons of gas, and one thousand seven hundred nine (1,709) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred fourteen (114) vessels.

Assisted in fifteen (15) pump-outs evacuating one hundred ninety five (195) gallons of sewage. This free service is well received by the boating public and helps keep our waters clean.

- Repaired pump-out and boat ramp railing.
- Picked up drinks for resale.
- Installed line hangers.
- Replaced fuel filters on pumps one and two.

Transient Vessels

Staff welcomed a 30' sailboat and a 20' motorboat this week. Welcome to Gulfport!

Parks

Trimmed, weeded & cleaned Beach Streetscapes, hand raked around benches and pavilions, trimmed low branches at Wood Ibis Park, Recreation Center and Veterans Park, and treated 5200 block of Tangerine Greenway for ants.

Repaired chainsaw.

Mowed Senior Center, Library, Clymer & Veterans Parks, City Hall complex & Recreation Center grounds.

Repaired irrigation at Clymer Park, Library, Senior Center, and Lum & Hoyt Fields, and reset irrigation clocks for per revised SWFWMD watering restrictions.

Repaired bench at 28th Avenue and swing on Gulfport Beach.

Adjusted tennis nets.

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, raked, lined and dragged all ball fields daily.

Senior Center

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

The Senior Center Snack Bar will be open 5 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 24 to accommodate attendees at the City's Annual Hurricane Seminar, offering two slices of pizza and a soda for \$3. Come early for pizza and peruse the vendor tables in the Theater lobby. The Hurricane Seminar will begin at 7 p.m. in the Hickman Theater.

The Senior Center will host a Father's Day Tribute in the Hickman Theater on Friday, June 15 at 1 p.m. with songs by Paul Fornatar & Friends. Tickets are \$3.00 in advance.

The Senior Center is hosting a Beach Party Bingo on Wednesday, June 27 at 1 p.m. \$3 advance ticket includes games, refreshments and opportunity drawings. Fun for all!

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, May 7, 5 p.m. - Citizenship class.
- Tuesday, May 8, 3 p.m. - *eSalon* facilitated by Alex Hooks.
- Tuesday, May 8, 3 p.m. - *Art Afternoon*.
- Tuesday, May 8, 5:30 p.m. - Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.
- Wednesday, May 9, 10 a.m. - Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers meeting.
- Wednesday, May 9, 2:30 p.m. - Teen Board Games facilitated by Sheri Stanley.
- Thursday, 10, 10:30 a.m. - Storytime for Preschoolers facilitated by Diann Morningstar.
- Thursday, May 10, 3 p.m. - *Art Afternoon*.
- Saturday, May 12, 10:30 a.m. - Free Family Movies: *The Muppets* and *War Horse*.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, May 19, & Wednesday, May 30, 1 p.m. - Voter Registration training for volunteers. For more information call 488-4197.
- Every Monday, 5 p.m. - Citizenship classes. For more information call Adriana Santos at 222-8883 or 442-6881, or email asantos@umcm.info.
- Every Tuesday, 3 p.m. - *eSalon*. Learn to browse, place a hold, check out and download ebooks from our digital catalog. Meet with others to learn the basics, or discover new ways of using the e-Reader, tablet or mp3. For more information call 893-1073.
- Every Tuesday & Thursday, 3 p.m. - *Art Afternoon* art program for children ages 8 - 13. For more information call Sheri at 893-1074.
- 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 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 Thursday beginning June 7, 4:30 p.m. - *Business Debtors Anonymous* meeting. For more information call 238-1688.
- Saturday, June 9, 10:30 a.m. - Free Family Movies: *The Secret World of Arietty & The Woman in Black*. Free popcorn. For more information call 893-1074.
- Thursday, June 21, 10 a.m. - Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy of the book. For more information call 893-1073.

Library Staff Activities/Meetings

Monday, May 7 - PPLC Library Directors Advisory Council meeting at Seminole Community Library (Carol Parker).

Tuesday, May 8 - PPLC "Down & Dirty" Youth Programming Workshop at Dunedin Library (Diann Morningstar).

Wednesday, May 9, 8:30 a.m. - Senior Staff meeting with City Manager (Carol Parker).

Wednesday, May 9 - Budget meeting with City Manager (Carol Parker).

Wednesday, May 9 - Meeting with Danwood America copier representatives (Carol Parker & Alex Hooks).

Thursday, May 10 - Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library meeting (Carol Parker)

Library Services/Statistics May 6 - 12, 2012:

	Items Circulated	Patrons
Weekly Circulation:	1,644	400
Sun. 5/6	11	3
Mon. 5/7	273	75
Tue. 5/8	373	77
Wed. 5/9	317	76
Thu. 5/10	206	65
Fri. 5/11	225	54
Sat. 5/12	239	50

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

Sunday, May 6 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson with John
7 p.m. - Mario Deleon's Band & dance (Turnout 40)

Tuesday, May 8 Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson (Turnout 11)
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 43)

Wednesday, May 9 6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime
7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime
8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 166)

Thursday, May 10 11 a.m. - Stetson Graduation Brunch (Turnout 160)
Friday, May 11 9 p.m. - The Impacs band & Swing dance (Turnout 195)
Saturday, May 12 7 p.m. - Dixie Hollins High School Prom (Turnout 320)

Casino (Upcoming Events):

Sunday, May 20 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson
7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom dance Admission \$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

There were no events in the **Catherine Hickman Theater** last week.

Catherine Hickman Theater (Upcoming events)

Saturday, May 19, 5:30 p.m. - Institute of Dance Arts recital. For information call 512-9626

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, May 6 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 21)
6:15 p.m. - Over Eaters Anonymous meeting (Turnout 14)

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

Registration for the 2012 Summer Program continues 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. Twelve (12) children have been registered to date. Six (6) have been registered for swim lessons.

Contractual classes currently in session: Braveheart Bootcamp, Conversational Spanish, Fencing, Gymnastics, Karate, Tai Chi, Tennis, Watercolor, Yoga and Zumba.

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

Sixty nine (69) 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 one (41) children are registered for the 2011/12 School Year Child Care Program for children in Kindergarten thru age 14. The non-refundable annual registration fee is \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents, with monthly fees of \$133 for residents and \$266 for non-residents (fees subject to change). Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Gulfport Montessori, Bear Creek Elementary and Douglas Jamerson Elementary. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an additional fee.

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. Seventeen (17) Tot Time/VPK students and ten (10) adults visited the Florida Aquarium in Tampa on Wednesday.

Recreation Staff Activities

Marivel Gutierrez attended the Teen Council Workshop.

Marivel Gutierrez attended the Leisure Services Supervisor's meeting on Wednesday morning.

Five (5) **Teen Councilmembers** attended the monthly meeting on Thursday. Advisor Marivel Gutierrez and Coordinators Jeri Reed & Christine Brown-Worthington were also in attendance. Speakers included Councilmember Dan Liedtke and Public Works Administrative Assistant, Rachel Cataldo. Topics discussed were approval of April's minutes, the Suncoast League of Cities Conference and update of the Teen Council Webpage.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 46 Emergency Medical Calls
- 2 Structure Fires
- 2 Vehicle Crashes
- 2 Fire Alarms
- 2 Fire Outside Structure

Life Safety:

- 6 Fire Inspections
- 2 Re-Inspections

- 1 C.O.
- 1 Smoke Detector

The CERT Team meets monthly. The next meeting is Thursday, June 21 at 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. The topic is a refresher course covering head-to-toe patient assessment. For more information visit call Bob Worthington at 916-8014 or visit www.gulfportcert.com.

Other Activities

- Chief Marenkovic attended the PALS meeting at Largo Medical Center Indian Rocks Campus on May 14. Attendees toured the hospital's Psychiatric Emergency Room.
- Firefighters/Paramedic's Hays and Burton performed a Special Rescue Stand-by detail during Stetson Law College Graduation Ceremonies on May 12. This stand-by is requested by the college during this event. The Gulfport Fire Department has a great partnership with Stetson's Public Safety Division, and is proud to assist them on their special day.
- The 2012 Hurricane Implementation Guides are available at City Hall, the Library and Fire Station. Hurricane season in the Atlantic begins June 1 and ends November 30. Up to eleven hurricanes can form during the Caribbean hurricane season each year but there are usually around eight. Remember it only takes one; be prepared!
- Two St. Petersburg College EMT students continue Field Internship Program ride-along time with Gulfport Fire Department ALS Engine 17.

Hurricane Season begins June 1. Chief Marenkovic and the Gulfport Fire Department offer the following tips and suggestions for staying safe during a storm:

- Families should discuss the type of hazards that could affect them. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.
- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact so all family members have a single point of contact.
- Make a plan now for what to do with pets in the event of mandatory evacuation.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- Check your insurance coverage; flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.
- Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit.
- Use a NOAA weather radio.
- Take First Aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Replaced belt on air handler at the Library.
- Completed monthly pest control at all City buildings.
- Completed semi-annual maintenance of all City air conditioning units.
- Enclosed locker area in Police Department evidence room.
- Replaced wood, and cleaned and grouted water fountain at William's Pier.
- Installed timer switches in City Hall public rest rooms.
- Replaced outside light fixture at Neighborhood Center.
- Set up for daily events at Senior Center.
- Performed routine daily maintenance duties at all City buildings.

Streets & Sanitation:

- Removed debris and emptied containers following Tuesday Morning Market.
- Removed traffic control obstructions and debris from various roadways and alleys throughout City.
- Completed billable work orders for brush, trash, electronics and Code Enforcement.
- Assembled and delivered recycling bins and *City of Gulfport Recycling Guidelines* information sheet to multiple residential and commercial properties.
- Assembled and delivered automated trash containers to multiple residential and commercial properties.
- Removed and disposed of animal carcasses on roadways.
- Cleaned, reset and maintained storm drains, grates and inlets at various locations throughout City.
- Completed asphalt patch work on multiple potholes at various City locations.
- Continued collection of bagged leaves from residential properties.
- Removed and disposed of illegal dumping at Osgood Point, Gulfport Beach, Casino, Tangerine Greenway and other locations throughout City per direction.
- Installed new signage at the parking corrals on Tangerine Greenway.
- Rest brick pavers on 29th Avenue.
- Completed alley grading at multiple locations throughout City.
- Installed and repaired traffic control signage at 9th Avenue & 58th Street following vehicle strike.
- Removed and disposed of tires and debris from 49th Street Holding area and garage.
- Commenced street sweeping in beach area.

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 45 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 8 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 113 miscellaneous customer service department-generated service orders.
- Completed 8 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.
- Repaired water breaks at 5837 27th Avenue, 6231 11th Avenue & 5917 Bayview Drive.

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.
- Replaced 12" flow meter, pipe and fittings at lift station #1.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Repaired hydraulic oil leak in Recycle Truck #40.
- Replaced air charge cooler, air control valve for turbo charger, intake cover and serpentine belt, and repaired cab jack on Sanitation Truck #43.
- Replaced one ignition coil, intake manifold set and performed tune up on Police Vehicle #111.
- Replaced radiator cooling fan relay, A/C blower motor switch and A/C blower motor resistor on Police Vehicle #06
- Replaced starter and wiper motor on Sewer Department Truck #26.
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various City vehicles.

Distribution:

City Council
City Attorney
Department Directors
The Gulfport Gabber
Gulfport Chamber of Commerce
The St Petersburg Times