



Gulfport Community Update

June 2 - 8, 2013

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Registration continues for the **2013 Summer Recreation Program** for 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 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.

Upcoming Events:

Stroll on down to the **First Friday Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District on June 7, 6 - 10 p.m. Call 322-5217.

Join us for **Gulfport Little League Closing Day Ceremonies & Family Fun Day** at the Little League Complex, 1820 55th Street on Saturday, June 8. Closing Ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. and Family Fun Day is 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, call 557-6349.

Everyone is welcome at the **Summer Reading Kick-Off Party** at the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Avenue on Saturday, June 8, noon - 3 p.m. Bring the family and enjoy carnival games, face painting, a moonwalk and more. For more information call Youth Librarian Cailey Klasson at 893-1074 or email cklasson@mygulfport.us.

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. 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 11. For more information call Laura Garrison at 278-4285, email gulfportmarket@gmail.com visit www.GulfportMA.com or www.facebook.com/gulfportfreshmarket.

Enjoy the summer breeze during **Third Saturday Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District on June 15, 6 - 10 p.m. Call 322-5217.

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

The City of Gulfport has a full day of events planned for this year's **Independence Day celebration** in the Waterfront District beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 4. Join us for kids' activities, live music, food, craft vendors, parade and world-class fireworks display. For more information, or to register for the parade or Classic Car Show, call Justin at 893-1118 or email jshea@mygulfport.us.

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	33
Arrests	5
Traffic citations	42

Significant incidents or calls this week:

Officers are investigating a bicycle theft after a caller in the 5000 block of 18th Avenue reported on the morning of May 28 that a boy's green 20" Next Chaos bike was stolen from the backyard, and a black spray painted BMX was left behind.

A resident in the 1600 block of 58th Street reported on the morning of May 28 that Joseph Loveland was on his property after being trespassed. Loveland was arrested for trespass after warning and found to have a marijuana pipe and rolling papers in his pockets.

An employee of the Boca Ciega Center reported that a vehicle backed into the building on the morning of May 28. When officers arrived the female driver later identified as Stefanie Monbeck-Miller disappeared into the nursing home. She was found on the smoking porch and admitted to causing the crash. Her license was suspended and she had a child support writ of bodily attachment from Hillsborough County. She also had three controlled substances in her purse for which she had no prescription.

Crime scene technicians were dispatched to the 5800 block of Gulfport Boulevard on the afternoon of May 28 after a man returned home and discovered his roommate dead. There was no specific indication of foul play but several factors led police to consider the scene suspicious. The Pinellas County Medical Examiner's Office removed the body for autopsy.

Officers responded to the 2300 block of 59th Street on the morning of May 29 after a caller reported that her car was burglarized. Two CDs were taken, and a cell phone and Notre Dame pin were left behind. Officer Randazzo is trying to identify the owner of the phone. Later that morning a caller in the 3100 block reported that her unlocked car was burglarized overnight and \$5 in quarters and two nail files were stolen.

A Stetson security officer discovered a disoriented elderly female on the campus early May 30. She provided officers with her name and Social Security number, but did not know her address. Officers learned that she was a block away from her residence and the Stetson security officer escorted her home to her adult daughter.

Officers responded to the 5200 block of 13th Avenue on the morning of May 30 after a caller reported that his car and his roommate's car were burglarized overnight. An iPod, some small change and cards from a wallet were taken. The victims believe that the cars were locked, but there were no signs of forced entry.

Officers responded to the 5000 block of Newton Avenue on the morning of June 2 after a caller reported a burglary to a vacant residence. A juvenile was arrested for burglary, but the investigation concluded that a trespass had occurred. The juvenile was released to a relative and a report was forwarded to the State Attorney's Office. The property was secured by officers.

GPD assisted Pinellas County Sheriff's Deputies early June 3 after a suspicious person ran from them in the 7000 block of Hibiscus Avenue in South Pasadena. A GPD officer held a perimeter point until the prowler was apprehended.

Officers recovered a runaway in Tomlinson Park on the afternoon of June 3 after witnesses reported that several juveniles threw a firecracker into a yard near 54th Street & 11th Avenue, burning a small patch of grass. They also placed a smoke-emitting device inside the mailbox of

another residence. No damages were reported and witnesses were unable to identify who threw the firecracker or put the device in the mailbox.

Officers responded to the 5300 block of Tangerine Avenue on June 3 after a caller reported that he witnessed someone taking his bicycle from his carport and riding northbound on 53rd Street. Officers circulated the area, but were not able to locate the bicycle or a suspect. Serial numbers were provided.

Investigations:

New Cases:	23
Cases Assigned:	07
Cases Suspended-No Leads:	09
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	05
Cases Referred back to patrol:	02

Supplements Received:	32
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	01
“Previously” Cleared With Arrest	05
Cases Suspended-No Leads:	01
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	06
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	02
Cases Still Active:	17

Detective Pham assisted Detective Embry in arresting a suspect for Dealing in Stolen Property, and investigated a suspicious death in which the deceased was found by his roommate. Crime scene technicians were called to process for evidence.

Detective Embry interviewed Tyrone Taylor at his residence about his using a debit card at several ATM machines in Gulfport without the owner’s permission. Taylor confessed to the crime but the victim refused to prosecute, and the case was exceptionally cleared due to lack of prosecution. Additionally, Detective Embry arrested suspect David Cherry for Dealing in Stolen Property, and continued investigating assigned cases.

Officer Langston mentored a student regarding her plans for the future and spoke with a student regarding possible harassment she was experiencing, and with a concerned parent regarding a bullying issue involving her child. She also investigated a tip related to students who were off campus smoking. The students were located, but no evidence of smoking was found. She assisted SPPD with the recovery attempts of three missing juveniles and recovered one, and investigated a report of a student with a knife. No weapon was recovered. Additionally, Officer Langston assisted SPPD with a grand theft investigation involving two stolen cell phones, and returned the phones to their owners.

Analyst Palmisano created and distributed a bulletin to GPD officers and other local agencies in an attempt to identify a suspect in an unarmed robbery that occurred at Walgreen’s. She also completed pawn checks for 12 cases with identifiable property and/or a named suspect.

Records Section

Reports reviewed:	38
Supplements reviewed:	93
Public records requests:	20
Bike registrations:	2
Fingerprints:	0
Subpoenas processed:	1
Citizens assisted:	29

Professional Standards Section

Every two years GPD conducts a promotional assessment process to create an eligibility list for promotion to the rank of sergeant. This year's process was completed this week, and seven officers participated. The following components are included:

1. A written exam prepared and proctored by Dr. Chris Capsambelis, professor of criminology of the University of Tampa. The exam covers police policies, state laws, labor contracts, etc.
2. An oral interview board made up of three lieutenants from surrounding agencies and one community leader. This year, the lieutenants were from Largo PD, St. Pete PD, and Pinellas SO. The community leader was a dean from Stetson College of Law.
3. A personnel file review and evaluation conducted by all existing GPD supervisors.
4. A written exemplar graded anonymously by the chief of police. This year's exemplar was a problem oriented policing exercise.

Five policies are in the review process: 318-Telephone Use; 428-Natural Death Investigations; 447-Marine Unit; 508-Criminal Intelligence, and; 510-Sex Crimes Investigations.

The following accreditation files were updated this week:

15.01 - A directive describes procedures used for each element of the promotion process, which is job related and nondiscriminatory.

15.02 - The agency provides members with a written announcement of the promotional process.

15.03 - If eligibility lists are used in the promotional process, a directive establishes criteria and procedures for the development of the lists.

15.04 - A directive describes procedures for the member's review and appeal of adverse decisions concerning eligibility for, or appointment to, promotional vacancies.

Training Coordination

Probationary Officer Obrart has completed field training and is began her first shift solo on June 6 (Bravo Squad).

A Pre-FTO schedule has been completed and distributed for newly hired Police Officers Raymond Marshall and Douglas Merriam.

Applicant Screening

Three applications were received this week. The PD has twenty applications on file and one vacancy.

MARINA

Pumped one thousand five hundred ninety three (1,593) gallons of gas, and three thousand nine hundred twenty three (3,923) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred twenty five (125) vessels.

Assisted with forty two (42) pump-outs evacuating four hundred ninety (490) 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 31' sailboat, 42' Smokey and two powerboats this week. Welcome to Gulfport!

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 TV station equipment and updated program schedule on City website & GTV615.
- Continued with 4th of July event preparations and design/update of new website.
- Met with Bob Williams and Leisure Services Supervisors in regards to upcoming events.
- Participated in phone conference with Granicus Engineers and Interim IT Director Dave Mather to discuss video conversions.
- Converted DVD movie for *Free Family Movie Night*.
- Commenced creation of July Events/Meetings Calendar.

Parks

Replaced bench in Wood Ibis Park, and cleaned & replanted butterfly garden.

Resolved power problem at 49th Street signage area.

Replaced nets on basketball courts at Recreation center, and rebuilt shelving in storage area.

Inspected power at recreation complex softball backstop and ordered outlet replacement parts.

Commenced replacement of rotting wood at Hoyt field concession stand.

Cleaned and organized maintenance shop.

Measured boards at fenced in parking areas along Tangerine Greenway for replacement.

Emptied trashcans on Beach & Shore Boulevards following weekend events.

Trimmed, weeded, mulched & cleaned Beach Streetscapes, raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.

Mowed Clymer, Veterans, & Caldwell Parks, Library/28th Street signage area, Senior Center grounds, Recreation Center grounds, Beach area, 14th Avenue median & Pasadena entrance area.

Repaired irrigation at City complex, Library & 28th Street signage area, Recreation Center, Clymer & Veterans Parks and along 49th Streetscape.

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. The **summer schedule with new pickup times and trips** is available at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, from GEMS drivers or online at www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org. Check out our new Terrific Tuesday Trip every second & fourth Tuesday, leaving the Senior Center on the hour between 10 a.m. & 3 p.m. going to the Tuesday Market with stops at Gulfport Beach and Pavilion #6. Gulfport residents 55 & older or residents with a disability can take advantage of GEMS door to door service for a yearly membership of \$65.00 plus \$2.00 per ride. Riders must have a green schedule card to use this service. For more information call 893-2242 between 8 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Multipurpose Center

The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center has commenced with summer hours: Monday, Thursday & Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and; Tuesday & Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wii Bowling classes will be offered at 6:30 p.m. every first & third Tuesday; Italian Class for Beginners every Tuesday at 6 p.m.; Italian Dance Practice every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., and; Card Games every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Like us on **Facebook at Gulfport Senior Center and Foundation**. Help our page grow and get daily valuable information!

Do you know someone who lives alone and could use a call? Volunteers for the **Reassurance Telephone Program** call Gulfport seniors every Monday through Saturday between 7:30 & 8:30 a.m. To sign up for this program, please visit the Gulfport Senior Center and bring valid I.D.

Recycle your old cell phone, General Mills Box tops, Campbell's labels, can tabs and eye glasses at the Senior Center. Staff forwards these items to the proper organization for reuse, recycle or education.

Call Rachel at 893-1231 to sign up for July **beginner & intermediate computer classes**.

The Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center has **multiple volunteer opportunities** available. If you want to make a difference and help your community, come join the volunteer program at the Senior Center. It's a great way to meet new friends and to get acquainted with over 50 programs, classes and workshops offered right here in Gulfport. Volunteers assist as Lobby Receptionist, Fitness Center Attendants, Reassurance Callers, Class/Activity Instructors, Special Events, Food Pantry, Clerical Support, Flea Market, Promotions, Bingo, Card/Magazine organizing, etc. If you have any interest in volunteering for the Center and are 18 years or older, please call Rachel at 893-1231 or stop by the Center at 5501 27th Avenue South.

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 June 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.

Over 50 and ready to get fit and meet new friends? Visit the **Foundation Fitness Center**. Summer hours are Monday, Thursday & Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Tuesday & Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 7 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.

Want to learn to play Contract Bridge? **Beginners Bridge 101** at 11 a.m. every Monday is for you!

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.

What goes excellent with ice cream? Karaoke! Join in the fun at the **I-Scream Social** with Ice Cream and Karaoke on Monday, June 10 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$3 or 2 for \$5. Sponsored by Humana and Jay and Lota Wygant.

Watch a FREE movie and get a great lunch for \$2.50 during **Movie Day at the Snack Bar** on Tuesday, June 11, 11 a.m.

Join us for the **Life is in the Blood workshop** on Wednesday, June 12 at 2 p.m. when Blood Analyst Debi McArthur will analyze a drop of blood to show what different cells look like, what they mean and how we can be healthier. A very fascinating, not to miss seminar! FREE.

Learn to let go of STRESS! Learn how to be in the MOMENT. Join Barbara Newborn for **The Empowerment of Healing** on Wednesday, June 19 at 1:30 p.m. when she discusses methods and new insights into the amazing power of healing. Disability and illness can teach us about ourselves.

A representative from the Community Law Program will visit the Multipurpose Center at 10 a.m. Friday, June 21 offering free legal help for people over 60 who meet certain criteria. Call 582-7480 for more information.

Not just one, but a **Two Man Show!** These two men aren't just great performers; they have really big hearts. Jay Wygant and Mike Furman will be performing at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center dining Hall on Wednesday, June 26 at 1:30 p.m. - the very first Two Man Show to support the Senior Center Pantry and seniors in need. The price of the ticket is non-perishable goods or a supermarket gift card. Room is limited, so get your seat early to see these Bright House Idol finalists. Thanks Jay & Mike for sharing your fantastic voices with us at the Center! For more information call Gail at 893-2237.

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

Sunday, May 26	6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson with John 7 p.m. - Ellis Hale's band & Ballroom Dance (Turnout 37)
Tuesday, May 28	Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson with Carol Baker (Turnout 10) 1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 5) 2 p.m. - Ballroom dancing 6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 32)
Wednesday, May 29	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime 8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 185)
Thursday, May 30	6:30 p.m. - Salsa lessons with Carol Rivera 8 p.m. - Salsa dance (Turnout 26)

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

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

Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)

Friday, June 7, 7 p.m. - *Gulfport Recreation Division First Friday Movie Night presents Casablanca* starring Humphrey Bogart & Ingrid Bergman. Free admission.

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, May 26	6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous (Turnout 9)
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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, May 27	10:30 a.m. - Dance Fusion class 6:30 p.m. - Girl Scout meeting (Turnout 10)
Tuesday, May 28	11 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 13)
Wednesday, May 29	10:30 a.m. - Yoga class (Turnout 9)
Thursday, May 30	9:30 a.m. - Bob's Band practice
Friday, May 31	10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 8)

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.

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Tuesday, May 28 - *SCORE Counseling*.

Tuesday, May 28, 1:30 p.m. - *Suncoast Hospice Bereavement Counseling for Widows and Widowers*.

Tuesday, May 28, 5:45 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open AA meeting*.

Wednesday, May 29, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers meeting*.

Wednesday, May 29, 3 p.m. - *Teen Zone*, facilitated by Sheri Stanley.

Thursday, May 30, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime for Preschoolers* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Friday, May 31, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club*.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, June 13, 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.

Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m. - *Beginning Digital Camera Workshop*: Want to have fun and get better camera results? Cathy Salustri shows you how! Visit the Reference Desk or call 893-1073 to register. Class is limited to 15 participants.

Thursday, June 20, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of Light in August* by William Faulkner over coffee & light refreshments. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Call 893-1073 for more information.

Tuesday, June 25 - *SCORE Counseling*: FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals. Call 893-1073 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m. - *Intermediate Digital Camera Workshop*. Open to participants of the June 15 *Beginner Digital Camera Workshop* only.

Every Tuesday thru June 25, 1:30 p.m. - Suncoast Hospice Bereavement Counseling for Widows & Widowers.

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 Wednesday in June, 2 p.m. - Dig into Reading Summer Reading Program for Grades K-5:

- June 12 - *DinoMight Dino Day*: We'll dig for fossils & create our own.
- June 19 - *Swashbuckling Pirate Party*: Arrhhggg matey, we'll be joined by a real life pirate and learn about life on the high seas!
- June 26 - *Painting Garden Pots*: Put your own personal touch on a terracotta pot for your home garden!

Every Wednesday in June, 4 p.m. - Beneath the Surface Teen Summer Reading Program:

- June 12 - *Zombie Tag*: Ever wanted to turn your friends into a zombie? Now you can! You'll be rewarded with Gatorade, snacks & a movie for spreading the zombie apocalypse.
- June 19 - *Medieval Fashions*: We'll be making chainmail, that cool armor you see at the Renaissance Fair. Come on down & armor yourself medieval style!

- June 26 - *Return to Middle Earth*: Come hang out and watch *The Hobbit*, make your own hobbit terrarium and learn to write your name in elvish.

For more information on our Summer Reading Programs call Youth Services Librarian Cailey at 893-1073.

Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - *Summer Storytime*: Join us for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers. Don't miss our special *Summer Storytime Garden Jamboree* on the last Thursday of every month beginning in June. Sing songs, play instruments & have a great time in the new Circle of Friends Garden!

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

**Library Services/Statistic May 26 - June 1, 2013:
Items Circulated Patrons**

Weekly Circulation:	1,727	528
Sun. 5/26	25	11
Mon. 5/27	Holiday - Library closed	
Tue. 5/28	425	107
Wed. 5/29	330	109
Thu. 5/30	328	105
Fri. 5/31	333	107
Sat. 6/1	257	83

Recreation Center

The game room is reserved: 3 - 7 p.m. Saturday June 8 for a Baby Shower; noon - 4 p.m. Saturday June 15 for a Birthday party; 2 - 7 p.m. Saturday, June 22 for a Swedish Club Midsummer Gathering, and; noon - 4 p.m. Saturday June 29 for a Birthday party.

Programs, Classes & Activities

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

Sixty nine (69) 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

Asaph Graham worked the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

Marivel Gutierrez attended the Senior Staff meeting, and the Leisure Services Supervisor's meeting on Wednesday morning.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 58 new, 1 closed
- Water payments: 1,141 totaling \$200,174.96
- Online Water payments: 86 transactions totaling \$8,914.95
- Bright House payments: 28

- Utility Bills Mailed 06/05/13: 1,261
- Accounts Payable 05/31/13: 509 transactions totaling \$175,260.43
- Mail processed 05/31/13: 908 pieces totaling \$811.50
- Purchasing Cards: 220 transactions totaling \$30,465.48

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The **CERT Team** meets monthly at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. The next meeting is 7 p.m. Thursday, June 20. Training will be Heartsaver with AED CPR renewal. 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 this week.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Grady on the “C” shift is preceptor for a Paramedic Student from the St. Petersburg College Field Internship Program.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance:

- Replaced toilet seat and installed toilet paper dispenser in Recreation Center ladies’ restroom.
- Transported vehicles to Tampa for Garage Supervisor.
- Completed annual fire alarm inspections at Theater/Senior Center & Neighborhood Center.
- Replaced bolt in Recreation Center lobby door and repaired drawer in Art Room.
- Set up Council Chambers for meetings and tightened/adjusted microphones.
- Repaired faucet in Police Department men’s locker room, south gate & traffic measuring wheel, and replaced battery in “Exit/Emergency” light.
- Replaced toilet seat in men’s handicap restroom inside Casino.
- 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 & 90 gallon automated containers.
- Completed asphalt patchwork per direction.
- Removed debris from Beach area.
- Cut swale to drain storm water outfall box at Beach & Shore Boulevards.
- Graded Beach area from Pier to Casino.
- Removed debris from recycling drop-off.

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 41 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 110 Customer Service-generated miscellaneous service orders.
- Completed 3 Sunshine One-Call Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Replaced 1 meter that was stuck and not recording water usage.
- Reviewed permit application for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach for quality testing.
- Collected biweekly bacteriological samples on water distribution system.
- Flushed dead-end water lines at 26 City locations.
- Replaced 12 old-style water meters with new radio-read water meters.
- Repaired water break at 1013 Gray Street.

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.
- Replaced sewer lateral from main line to customer connection at 1204 52nd Street.
- Cleared stoppage in sewer main line on 15th Avenue.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Repaired electrical short plug outlet in Police Vehicle #3.
- Installed radiator and radiator fans in Police Department Vehicle #54.
- Repaired electrical short in Police Vehicle #2 driver door lock.
- Repaired air conditioning, changed oil, replaced tires, and made other small repairs on Police Vehicle #9.
- 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 have moved to Section 4, also known as the Art District, which generally extends south from Gulfport Blvd. to the water and east from 49th Street to 58th and 59th Street.

The number of Code Enforcement cases for April was 146 for a fiscal year to date total of 1,042 cases. The number of complaints for April was 23 for a fiscal year to date total of 93. This represents an annual ratio of complaints to total number of cases of 8.9 percent.

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.

June 12, 2013 Board of Adjustment:

V13-08; 4737 29th Avenue South; Variance request to:

1. Reduce the rear yard setback requirement by 20.55 feet from 25 feet to 4.45 feet for the proposed construction of a master bedroom addition;
2. Acknowledge the existence of a non-permitted, nonconforming shed with respect to minimum setback requirements; and
3. Reduce the minimum setback requirements for the existing shed by 1 foot from 3 feet to 2 feet from the rear property line, and by 2 feet from 3 feet to 1 foot from side property line, and by 7 feet from 12 feet to 5 feet for the separation distance to the principal structure.

V13-09; 3049 51st Street South; Variance request to reduce the rear yard setback requirement by 15.96 feet from 25 feet to 9.04 feet for the proposed addition to an existing nonconforming carport.

V13-10; 5137 30th Avenue South; Variance request to reduce the rear yard setback requirement for an accessory structure by 9.3 feet from 15 feet to 5.7 feet for the construction of a proposed open porch addition to an existing nonconforming garage.

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