



Gulfport Community Update

June 9 - 15, 2013

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Upcoming Events:

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 for more information.

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

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. Please see the attached flyer for a full schedule of the day's events. 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	45
Arrests	10
Traffic citations	32

Significant incidents or calls this week:

On the morning of June 4 a caller in the 5800 block of 26th Avenue reported seeing a white male standing in his neighbor's driveway. When the suspicious person saw the neighbor he tripped over a trailer hitch. He then got back up and fled on foot.

Officers responded to the intersection of Gulfport Boulevard & 58th Street on the afternoon of June 4 after a vehicle traveling eastbound on Gulfport Boulevard ran the stoplight and collided with a vehicle traveling northbound on 58th Street. The driver of the second vehicle was transported to Palms of Pasadena Hospital for treatment of injuries, and the driver of the first vehicle was issued several citations.

Officers assisted the Largo Police Department in an attempt to locate an armed robbery suspect, and determined that the suspect no longer lives in Gulfport.

Officers responded to the 5000 block of 9th Avenue on the morning of June 5 after a realtor reported that someone had damage a rental home and stole the appliances. The realtor suspects the former tenants are responsible.

Officers were dispatched to the 5300 block of 15th Avenue on the afternoon of June 5 after a juvenile reported that he showed a classmate a \$20 bill. The classmate grabbed the bill and told the victim that he had to fight him to get it back. The classmate then tore bill in half and threw it to the ground. Another subject picked it up and ran away. The suspects were located and money was returned to the victim who did not wish to prosecute.

Officer Obrart's first call upon completion of training was for a reported deceased person at Town Shores. The woman appeared to have died in her sleep of natural causes. A report was forwarded to medical examiner's office.

GPD assisted the Gulfport Fire Department and Duke Energy with storm-related duties on June 6 after a water spout spawned by Tropical Storm Andrea came ashore as a tornado and traveled up Beach Boulevard, damaging several structures and downing numerous trees and power lines. Officers blocked streets and performed welfare checks on residents. There were a total of eight storm-related calls for service.

Officers issued a City Ordinance Violation notice for removing wildlife from a City Park after a resident reported that someone took a duck from Tomlinson Lake. While officers were investigating, the people who took the duck came to the PD, claiming that the duck followed them, and when they tried to put it back into the lake, it would come back out. The duck was returned to the pond without incident by GPD.

Two people were arrested on June 6 after they knocked on the door of an acquaintance's home in the 6100 block of 7th Avenue to see if anyone was inside before breaking in. The victim was home but did not answer the door. The suspects entered the home through a garage window and were caught by the victim. They left the scene and were located by officers in St. Petersburg.

A Miami Sun Trike was reported stolen from Town Shores after the owner returned from vacation and discovered that the lock had been cut. There are no suspects.

Officers were dispatched to 2800 50th Street on the afternoon of June 8 after a caller reported that someone was firing a gun. Several people were outside when officers arrived, and what appeared to be a large caliber handgun was lying on the grass. The gun was actually a BB gun that they were using to shoot a can. They were advised of the City Ordinance pertaining to pellet/BB guns, and no further incidents were reported.

Officers were dispatched to the 1600 block of 55th Street on the afternoon of June 9 for a theft in progress. The complainant stated that two juveniles knocked on the door of the residence and one then took a fishing pole from the bed of the complainant's truck. The complainant's husband chased the suspects and they dropped the pole. They were not located, and the victim does not wish to prosecute.

Officers responded to a home invasion robbery in the 5100 block of 16th Avenue on the evening of June 9 after three unknown male subjects kicked open the front door of a residence and fired two shots into a kitchen cabinet. They then fled on foot after unsuccessfully attempting to break into a bedroom where the victims were hiding. A K-9 attempted to locate the suspects, but they were no longer in the area. The investigation is ongoing.

Investigations:

New Cases:	26
Documented Follow-Ups:	26
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	00
Previously" Cleared With Arrest:	04

Cases Suspended-No Leads:	05
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	01
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	00
Cases Still Active:	16

Detective Hanh Pham and other CIS members conducted a decoy operation in the Beachway Mobile Home Park in an attempt to apprehend bike thieves who strike late at night and early morning. As they were leaving the mobile home park, they made contact with a juvenile in the 5300 block of 12th Avenue, pushing two bicycles. The detectives discovered one bicycle was reported stolen from the 5700 block of 18th Avenue. The juvenile confessed to stealing the bicycle, and was taken into custody before being released to his mother.

Detective Embry is trying to identify a suspect involved in the theft of an expensive bicycle from Gulfport Liquors through photos taken before the bicycle was stolen. He is also lead investigator on the home invasion robbery in the 5100 block of 16th Avenue.

Analyst Palmisano was on vacation for 30 hours. She also created and distributed a bulletin for Det. Embry to attempt to identify a suspect in a grand theft of a bicycle.

SRO's Motte and Langston completed the school year without incident. They are assisting the patrol section during summer.

Records Section

Reports reviewed:	12
Supplements reviewed:	98
Public records requests:	16
Bike registrations:	0
Fingerprints:	8
Subpoenas processed:	2
Citizens assisted:	25

Professional Standards Section

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:

27.02 M - A directive requires that when members are notified that they are the subject of an internal affairs investigation, the agency issues the member written notification of the allegations and the member's rights and responsibilities relative to the investigation.

29.01 M - A directive describes procedures for transporting prisoners/detainees, to include: Prisoners/detainees of the opposite sex, sick, disabled, or injured prisoners/detainees, juvenile offenders, and violent prisoners/detainees.

29.02 M - A directive requires that all prisoners/detainees are searched for weapons and contraband prior to transport.

29.03 - A directive stipulates circumstances under which the transporting officer can stop to respond to the need for law enforcement services while transporting a prisoner/detainee.

Training Coordination

A Pre-FTO schedule has been completed and distributed for new hires Raymond Marshall and Douglas Merriam.

One member attended two eight hour training blocks, and one attended a mandatory renewal course this week.

Applicant Screening

The PD has twenty applications on file and one vacancy.

MARINA

Pumped one thousand three hundred forty five (1,345) gallons of gas, and one thousand two hundred six (1,206) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling sixty six (66) vessels.

Assisted with fifty seven (57) pump-outs evacuating seven hundred twenty (720) 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 30' powerboat and a 45' powerboat 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 met with Bob Williams to discuss details.
- Continued design and updating of new website and uploaded pictures of all City parks.
- Met with Casino staff to discuss webpage updates.
- Sent July Events/Meetings Calendar to printer.
- Answered Flag Day-related phone inquiries from Gulfport residents.
- Provided Event support at Lum Field for Little League Closing Day ceremonies and Family Fun Day.
- Commenced design of new CERT identification badges at Fire Chief's request.
- Set up audio visual equipment for Library presentation.
- Uploaded Hurricane Seminar video to YouTube and GTV615.
- Assisted IT Department with daily operations.

Parks

Cleaned and removed debris from City parks & facilities following storm.

Straightened sign on Recreation Center patio and replaced fasteners, repaired 2 playground gates and adjusted latch hardware.

Repaired beach playground gates and replaced broken latch hardware.

Reattached loose wiring hanging from pole on beach.
Repaired/replaced fence rails damaged by vehicle strikes along Tangerine Greenway.
Installed mile markers, replaced 3 fence rails and flag at Wood Ibis Park.
Repaired 2 metal swings at Gulfport Beach and replaced rail hardware.
Replaced 1 bench and repaired & painted another at beach.
Patched privacy fence at pump station.
Assisted other City departments with post-storm cleanup.
Replaced flag at Veterans Park.
Continued replacing rotting wood at Hoyt Field concession stand.
Cleaned and organized maintenance shop.
Checked power outlets at Clymer Park following storm.
Emptied trashcans on Beach & Shore Boulevards following weekend events.
Trimmed, weeded, mulched & cleaned Beach Streetscapes, Veterans & Clymer Parks, raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.
Mowed Clam Bayou, Clymer, Wood Ibis & Veterans Parks, City complex, Chase Bolck, Dog Park, Tangerine Greenway, Library and Recreation Center grounds.
Repaired irrigation at 49th Streetscape, Library, Caldwell Park, and replaced irrigation clock at Clymer Park.
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:

- Inspected City Parks following storms and worked up repair estimates.
- 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 Center is open Monday, Thursday & Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and; Tuesday & Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. through summer. 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.

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.

Join Aston Hugh for a new **Easy Tai Chi** class at Scout Hall, 5315 28th Avenue every Tuesday & Thursday beginning June 20. Designed for all levels of ability and mobility, Aston focuses on breathing and meditation, resulting in improved agility, mobility, balance and stress relief. This class is open to Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center members. For more information contact Rachel at 893-1231.

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.

Eat, drink and celebrate freedom at the **Stars and Stripes BBQ** at noon on Wednesday, July 3! Join your friends for planned activities and Hamburgers with all the fixings. Tickets: \$7 or 2 for \$10. Thank you to our sponsors: Eagle Lake Rehab & Care Center, Griswold Home Care, Gulfport Beach Bazaar, Lasting Legacy, Smokin' J's BBQ, and the Health Rehab Centre at Dolphins View. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation.

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

Sunday, June 2	6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson with John 7 p.m. - Mario DeLeon's band & Ballroom Dance (Turnout 27)
Monday, June 3	7 p.m. - Hustle dance lessons with Carol Baker (Turnout 23)
Tuesday, June 4	Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson with Carol Baker (Turnout 18) 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 43)
Wednesday, June 5	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime 8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 371)
Saturday, June 8	7 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 120)

Casino (Upcoming Events):

Every Sunday	6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson 7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom dance Admission \$7
Monday, June 17	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, June 7	7 p.m. - Gulfport Recreation Division First Friday Movie Night presents Casablanca (Turnout 16)
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Saturday, June 8	9 a.m. - Kali Kali Productions rehearsal
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Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)

Monday - Friday, June 17 - 21, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.: *Performing Arts Consortium of St. Petersburg Theater Summer Camp* for young performers. Tuition: \$165. For more information call 258-8315 or 345-4231.

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, June 2	6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous
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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, June 3	10:30 a.m. - Dance Fusion class
Tuesday, June 4	11 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 9)
Wednesday, June 5	10:30 a.m. - Yoga class (Turnout 10)
Thursday, June 6	9:30 a.m. - Bob's Band practice
Friday, June 7	10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 10)

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, June 4, 9 a.m. – *Representative Young's Community Involvement Consulting.*

Tuesday, June 4, 1:30 p.m. - *Suncoast Hospice Bereavement Counseling for Widows and Widowers.*

Tuesday, June 4, 5:45 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open AA meeting.*

Wednesday, June 5, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, June 5, 3 p.m. - *Teen Zone*, facilitated by Sheri Stanley.

Thursday, June 6, 10:30 a.m. - *Storyime for Preschoolers* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Friday, June 7, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Saturday, June 8, noon - *Summer Reading Program Kickoff Party.*

Upcoming Events:

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.

Saturday, June 15, 1:30 p.m. - *Crafts Club for All Ages*: Give Dad a gift made with a personal touch. Join Pat in the Youth Services area for fun creating crafts from recycled materials for Father's Day and summertime.

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

- 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, 4 p.m. - Beneath the Surface Teen Summer Reading Program:

- 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. 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 June 2 - 8, 2013:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,892	590
Sun. 6/2	32	18

Mon. 6/4	241	94
Tue. 6/4	334	111
Wed. 6/5	328	94
Thu. 6/6	247	76
Fri. 6/7	415	116
Sat. 6/8	295	81

Recreation Center

The game room is reserved: 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

Eighty four (84) children are registered for the **2013 Summer Recreation Program** for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. 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.

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

Seventy one (71) 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

Mike Worthington worked the Family Movie Night event on Friday evening.

Kristin Ossola worked the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

Marivel Gutierrez and John Lapham met with the Afterschool Nutrition Program Director on Tuesday afternoon to complete the program's second training session.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 23 new, 0 closed
- Water payments: 1,287 totaling \$175,481.34
- Online Water payments: 99 transactions totaling \$18,422.15
- Bright House payments: 23
- Utility Bills Mailed 06/12/13: 1,255
- Payroll 06/07/13: 162 transactions totaling \$164,176.50
- Payroll-Accounts Payable: 11 transactions totaling \$18,854.25

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:**

- Installed ballast in Theater Lobby.
- Repaired water heater at City Hall.
- Repaired urinals in Men’s Restrooms at Library and Fire Station.
- Reattached dome in Lobby at City Hall.
- Painted hallways in Police Department.
- Repaired faucet in Senior Center kitchen.
- Delivered outgoing City mail to main Post Office.
- Refastened loose deck boards at 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 seaweed and debris from Beach area.
- Cleared storm drain outfall box at Casino beach area.
- Completed asphalt patchwork.
- Reset numerous street signs following storm.
- Removed debris following automobile crash at 58th Street & Gulfport Boulevard.
- Removed storm debris from Beach Boulevard between Shore & Gulfport Boulevard and reopened both sides to traffic.
- Cleared tornado debris from homes, roadways & 52nd Street terminus, and removed numerous trees from homes and easements along Beach Boulevard following tornado.
- Cleared debris from easement at Golden Sands condos and set concrete pad for sanitation.
- Graded alley on 56th & 57th Streets between 19th & 20th Avenues.
- Stockpiled tornado debris at 49th Street holding area.
- Assembled new signage to replace signs damaged by storm.
- Reset storm drain covers at 23rd Avenue & Beach Boulevard, and 20th Avenue & 58th Street.

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 # 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 41 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 97 Customer Service-generated miscellaneous service orders.
- Completed 2 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.
- Flushed dead-end water lines at 11 City locations.
- Replaced 13 old-style water meters with new radio-read meters.

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.
- Removed roots in sewer laterals at 5509 19th Avenue & 5310 12th Avenue.
- Replaced sewer lateral at 4938 29th Avenue.
- Replaced ring & cover on sewer manhole in alley behind 4938 29th Avenue.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced radiator fan shroud, fan and belts on Sanitation Truck #46.
- Replaced gripper belt on Sanitation Truck #42.
- Repaired packing blade system on Sanitation Truck #41.
- Replaced starter, radiator fan motors and blades on Police Vehicle #111.
- Replaced A/c condenser, radiator and two A/C lines, pulled vacuum and recharged A/C system on Police Vehicle #09.
- Replaced radiator fan motors, fan blades and radiator on Police Vehicle #54.
- 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 results:

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. ALL APPROVED

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. APPROVED

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. APPROVED

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City of Gulfport's

4th of July Celebration!

Thursday, July 4, 2013

MARINA'S FISHING DERBY
Recreation Center Field (Seawall)
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

2nd FUNKY FOURTH CAR SHOW
Shore Blvd. from 54th St. S. to Beach Blvd.
10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

**GULFPORT RECREATION
FAMILY SAND SCULPTURE CONTEST**
On Gulfport Beach – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

KIDZONE!
On Gulfport Beach – Noon to 6:00 p.m.

LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT
Outdoor Casino Event Stage
provided by Fantasia Productions
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

FOOD, FUN, ART'S & CRAFTS VENDORS
Downtown Waterfront District
4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

PARADE ON BEACH BOULEVARD
6:00 p.m.

MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER'S WELCOME
Outdoor Casino Event Stage – 7:00 p.m.

SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY!
9:00 p.m.

For more information call: (727) 893-1118



REMOTE PARKING: The Gulfport Trolley will be available from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. for free transport from the following parking areas: Library (5501 28th Ave. S.), Senior Center and Theater (5501 27th Ave. S.), Hoyt Field (2306 56th St. S.), Chase Park (54th St. S. and 28th Ave. S.), Ted Phillips Wood Ibis Park (58th St. S. and 28th Ave. S.) and last drop off is 9:45 a.m.