



Gulfport Community Update

June 17-23, 2012

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

A big thank you to American Legion Post 125 for their assistance with the City's **Flag Day** event on June 14 (photos below). Thank you also to singer & author Victor Helou for lending his fantastic tenor voice to the occasion. As always, a moving ceremony for flags put to rest.



Ninety six year young Irving Zeider, a Purple Heart World War II Veteran and Gulfport resident received the **Spirit of Gulfport Award** from Mayor Michael Yakes (photos below). Irving has always raised the flag high in support of his long gone buddies from the war, and continues to fly the flag every day. He attended an award ceremony, Operation Honor Flight West Central Florida in Washington D.C. on April 3, where he was awarded an American flag that had flown over the United States Capital. Irving shows it proudly in his Town Shores condo. Irving has marched in the 4th of July Parade for many years and will continue his tradition this year's parade. Thank you, Irving Zeider for your service. A short video can be seen on Irving on the City of Gulfport YouTube page at <http://www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfport>.



Florida Blood Services will hold a blood drive during the **Gulfport Fresh Market** on June 26 from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The blood donation vehicle will be parked near the corner of Beach Boulevard & 31st Avenue South.

Blood and platelet donors will receive a free wellness check-up and cholesterol screening, an "Operation Blood Donation Hero" t-shirt, and a coupon for \$5 off at Outback Steakhouse. Those who donate blood or platelets twice before August 3 will receive a coupon good for a free steak dinner at Outback Steakhouse, and will be entered into a drawing to win "Outback for a Year"

and a suite package from the Tampa Bay Rays. Blood drive organizers hope to revisit the Gulfport Fresh Market again on July 31 & August 28.

The Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market is a year-round open-air market featuring fruits, vegetables and a wide variety of other foods; hand-made art and crafts; bath, body and wellness products; live music and more. Over 50 vendors and exhibitors participate each Tuesday. Summer hours are 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information visit www.gulfportma.com or contact Daniel Hodge at 366-4086 or dan@igc.org.

Upcoming Events:

Come cool down at the **Aquamania 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. 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, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Tuesday Market on Beach Boulevard
- 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

Long summer 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? Check out the New Business Checklist at www.mygulfport.us under the Online Services/Documents and Publications section.

Code Enforcement activities continue in Section 3 of the City, also known as the Southwest Neighborhood Area which generally extends south from Gulfport Boulevard to the water and west from 58th & 59th Streets to the City Limits.

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.

July 11, 2012 Board of Adjustment:

- Variance Application V12-07; 5820 Skimmer Point Boulevard South; Variance request to reduce the dock left-hand side one-third setback requirement 4.67 feet from 26.67 feet to 22 feet to allow for the proposed addition of a lower landing to an existing dock.
- Variance Application V12-08; 1708 51st Way South; Variance request to reduce the front yard setback requirement by approximately 7 feet, from 23 feet to 16 feet, allow for the construction of a new front entry including a stairway and landing meeting current construction codes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

Offenses	38
Arrests	14
Traffic citations	13

Examples of arrests and significant incidents or calls this week:

GPD responded to an attempted burglary to a vehicle in the 5600 block of 18th Avenue on the afternoon of June 14 after unknown subject(s) attempted to punch the driver side and rear door locks on a work van. The method of attempted entry did not match other vehicle burglaries reported recently.

In the early morning hours of June 15 the evening shift squad assisted a special Gulfport Police surveillance detail team when the suspects ran from an observed vehicle burglary in progress in the area of 31st Street & Beach Boulevard. A perimeter was set and maintained, and K9 was requested. All three suspects were apprehended.

GPD responded to a residential burglary report on the morning of June 15 after unknown subject(s) entered unlocked sliding doors at a residence in the 2000 block of 57th Street and stole a two laptops and a blue tooth cell phone.

On the morning of June 15 a resident in the 5300 block of 26th Avenue reported that unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and stole a GPS unit, an I-Phone charger, loose change and clothing. Property stolen in this case was linked to the vehicle burglary suspects arrested by Lt. Stone and his Officers during a special surveillance earlier that morning.

On the morning of June 15 a business owner in the 1200 block of 49th Street reported that a customer paid for services with a Bank check drawn on a closed account. An investigation continues.

On the afternoon of June 15, a juvenile playing with fireworks near his parents shed started a fire when the flame source he was using got out of control. The shed and a fence were burned to the ground, and two trees, a boat and motor were damaged.

A resident in the 5100 block of 17th Avenue reported a vehicle burglary on the afternoon of June 15. A GPS was taken from the unlocked vehicle. The Investigative Services Division was in possession of the GPS, which had been recovered following a special surveillance on Thursday.

A resident in the 2500 block of 50th Street reported that a GPS was taken from a vehicle on June 15. The home is across the street from the residence of the suspects who were arrested for a string of similar burglaries.

GPD received a report of an assault on the evening of June 15. A resident in the 2100 block of 55th Street reported that Ivan Titov has been trespass from her property. He decided to reach

over the fence and trim his neighbor's shrubs. As the victim stood on her property taking video of Titov, he suddenly lunged at her with the trimming shears. Titov was arrested.

In the early morning of June 16 James Lips was observed in the back yard of a residence in the 5800 block of 27th Avenue, a violation of an injunction for protection. He was seen looking into the home's windows. Ofc. Novak has completed an arrest affidavit, and Officers are actively seeking Lips.

On the afternoon of June 16 a resident in the 6200 block of 15th Avenue reported that fraudulent charges were made to her debit card in Los Angeles. A report was taken and will be forwarded to appropriate agency.

On the afternoon of June 16 a resident in the 2400 block of 53rd Street reported that his bicycle was stolen from under the carport of his residence sometime during the night. The complainant's friend rode the bike the night before and left it unsecured under the carport.

GPD responded to a suicide in the 5400 block of Gulfport Boulevard on the afternoon of June 16. The deceased left a note, and friends said she has been stressed out and upset lately.

GPD responded to a disorderly conduct report in the area of 50th Street & 25th Avenue on the evening of June 16 after a renter/tenant wanted a second tenant to move out of the residence permanently. The responding officer advised the complainant to follow eviction procedures and provided a landlord tenant pamphlet.

Officers responded to a residential alarm in the 2800 block of Skimmer Point Drive on the evening of June 16. Two juveniles were found in the back yard, claiming they came there to see the water. They did not live or know anyone in the private community and could not offer a reasonable explanation for being there. They were arrested for loitering and prowling. The homeowners were out of town at the time of the incident.

On the morning of June 17 a resident in the 1200 block of 63rd Street reported that a girl's 24" purple bike was stolen from her fenced backyard.

GPD responded to a burglary report on the morning of June 17 after a complainant discovered the lock and latch cut off of his storage unit in the 700 block of 51st Street, and all of the property from the unit thrown into the hallway. Nothing was taken.

Officers responded for a domestic in progress in the 5000 block of 28th Avenue on the afternoon of June 17, which turned out to be two subjects arguing over the unauthorized use of a credit card. A woman gave a male companion the card to purchase snacks, and instead he went to an ATM and made several unauthorized withdrawals to buy crack. The male was arrested after admitting to using the card to withdraw money, and the female was arrested for obstruction after repeatedly lying to Officer Nicita and impeding the investigation.

GPD responded to a report of a stolen motor vehicle in the 2800 block of Dupont Street on the afternoon of June 17. The owner of a red and white Honda Metropolitan motor scooter reported it was stolen sometime between 1 & 3 p.m. that day. It was found behind some palm trees in Wood Ibis Park on the morning of June 19.

On the morning of June 19 the Save-A-Lot manager reported that a customer had passed a counterfeit 20 dollar bill. Eugene McGirt was located and said he had no idea the bill was counterfeit. He consented to a search which revealed a small amount of marijuana in his possession. He was issued a notice to appear for possession of marijuana.

GPD responded to a complaint of Video Voyeurism in the 3000 block of 57th Street on the afternoon of June 19 after the complainant found a video camera in her A/C vent, believed to be placed there by her roommate/landlord. Officer Kellington executed a search warrant on the evening of June 20, assisted by Officers McLaughlin & Motte, Detective Pham, and Sergeant Farrand. An investigation continues.

GPD responded to a Criminal Mischief report in the 3000 block of Beach Boulevard on the morning of June 20 after a complainant reported that someone hit her car with an unknown object. Minor damages were observed to the hatch area of the car.

GPD responded to a Burglary to a Business in the 5100 block of Gulfport on the evening of June 20 after a male juvenile entered the garage and attempted to steal a dirt bike. His brother stood watch near the door, but did not make entry. Both subjects were arrested.

Investigations:

New Cases: 20
Cases Assigned: 1
Cases Closed-No Leads: 14
Cases Cleared With Arrest: 2
Cases Unfounded/No Crime: 1
Cases Referred Back to Patrol: 1

Supplements Received: 15
Cases Cleared With Arrest: 4
Cases Closed-No Leads: 2
Cases Unfounded/No Crime: 4
Exceptionally Cleared: 1
Cases Still Active: 9

The above does not reflect approximately 15 cases currently being worked following a correlation of vehicle burglaries. Since these cases are still being reviewed, they were not yet assigned. At least 7 of these cases will be closed with arrest and others are being looked at to be exceptionally cleared.

Sgt. Woodman handled CIS supervisory duties, and during this week, he, along with Officers Beltran & Motte and Detective Pham participated in the vehicle burglary detail that resulted in the arrest of three subjects. Sgt. Woodman has been researching and coordinating previous cases involving the same motive as the suspects. Property is being returned to the victims.

Sergeant Woodman scheduled a meeting with the PCSO Sexual Predator and Offender Tracking team for training on the use of the sexual offender tracking reporting system. The previous method of tracking (IV files in IMC) will no longer be used and is replaced by a website. He also continues updating the Gulfport Police website, and posting media alerts.

Detective Hanh Pham conducted a follow-up investigation concerning a Hit and Run incident and identified the suspect as Tony Campbell. He learned that Campbell was in jail on an unrelated case, and made contact with him at the Pinellas County jail. Campbell confessed to the alleged crime. Detective Pham added charges for Leaving the Scene with Property Damage and No Valid Driver's License. He was also called out over the weekend for a possible suicide.

Detective Embry and Sergeant Woodman went to the County Jail on June 20 to interview the suspects arrested in the vehicle burglary sting regarding additional burglaries. The suspects confessed to most of those burglaries. Detective Embry will continue to investigate assigned cases.

Crime Analyst Margaret Palmisano completed the analysis which assisted members in apprehending the suspects during the vehicle burglary sting.

Records

Reports reviewed: 53
Supplements reviewed: 70
Reports disseminated: 17

Public records requests:	7
Bike registrations:	1
Fingerprints:	7
Subpoenas processed:	8
Citizens assisted:	53

Policy Review and Development

A change has been recommended for Written Directive 307 - Applicant Selection. This directive is being reviewed by staff and will be sent to the Chief for review and approval.

Lt. Stone will be coordinating with Sergeant Farrand on how to use the Power DMS policy maintenance system when she assumes the role of Professional Standards Sergeant.

Accreditation

Lieutenant Stone continues reviewing past CFA change notices to ensure we stay current on standards that have changed in the last year. He will be reviewing past SRIC notes and change notices in order to address any changes that need to be made to our polices, if needed.

Training Coordination

Officer Iwanowski, Officer Ashcom and Officer Crowson attended Crisis Intervention Training this reporting period.

Officer Mclaughlin has scheduled CPR and First Aid training for all sworn members. A special order was distributed advising members to sign up for the training which will take place on July 2, 9 & 16.

Lieutenant Stone has assigned Officer Horning to update the patrol rifle training lesson plan for the Chief of Police's review and approval.

Lieutenant Stone has assigned Officer Kellington to update the Defensive Tactics lesson plan to include more training on handcuffing techniques. A training & refresher course will be scheduled for September for sworn members on basic defensive tactics and less lethal weapons such as the ASP expandable baton and Aerosol Subject Restraints (O.C. Spray).

MARINA

Pumped three thousand two hundred eight (3,208) gallons of gas, and one thousand nine hundred seventy five (1,975) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred thirty six (136) vessels.

Assisted in twenty (20) pump-outs evacuating four hundred twenty (420) gallons of sewage. This free service is well received by the boating public and helps keep our waters clean.

- Fabricated anchors for swim bouys.
- Dried and stored oil boom.
- Repaired range marker.
- Purchased drinks for resale.
- Replaced water line on water heater.

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 weekly newsletter to email distribution list.
- Rebooted GTV615 station equipment.
- Updated Recreation Center class schedule webpage.
- Continued planning for 4th of July event.
- Edited and added Spirit of Gulfport recipient Irving Zeider video interview and Flag Day event to City's YouTube site.
- Provided control room coverage for June 16 City Council meeting. Rebroadcast on GTV615 and made DVD copies for City Clerk and IT Director.
- Commenced training a staff member on the use of control room equipment.
- Distributed July Calendar brochure to all City facilities, Gulfport Merchants and Chamber of Commerce.
- Met with Gulfport Area Chamber President to discuss location for Aquamania dunk tank.

Parks

Cleaned planter beds around Recreation Center, Beach areas, Casino and Veterans Park.

Repaired tree lights along Beach Boulevard, irrigation at Library, and Aquamania banners.

Checked on fencing and needs for Aquamania event.

Scheduled tree trimming along Shore Boulevard in preparation for 4th of July celebration.

Met with City Manager to discuss the construction of beach volleyball courts, and fencing and lighting solutions.

Worked on Budget Revenue Report.

Arranged for Wood Ibis fountain repair.

Mowed, trimmed, edge & cleaned Recreation Center grounds, Beach areas, Veterans, Chase, Tonkin, Tomlinson, Caldwell & Clymer Parks, Trail Spur, 14th Avenue right of ways, Pasadena entrance, 3 blocks north of Clymer Park, and Clymer & Tangerine Greenways.

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 Citizens Advisory Committee on Aging met on June 19. Advisory members Gerry O'Regan and Margo Scannell volunteered to ride the GEMS bus on two separate occasions to get a better understanding of the service and its impact on participants, and their encounters with GEMS participants were highlighted in an article submitted for the Town Shores July newsletter. The Committee plans to submit another article for the Gulfport Gabber with a focus on younger, disabled GEMS participants.

The Senior Center will be closed on Monday and Thursday evenings through September.

The Senior Center is hosting a Beach Party Bingo on Wednesday, June 27 at 1:30 p.m. \$3 advance ticket includes games, refreshments and opportunity drawings. Fun for all!

Join us at the Senior Center on Wednesday, June 27 at 2:10 p.m. when the Rays play the Royals. Come early for lunch at the Snack Bar and stay to watch the game on the flat screen TV. Free snacks will be offered during the game.

A Beginners Line Dance class will be offered at Scout Hall at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays beginning July 3 and will continue through the summer months. This class is open to registered members of the Senior Center only. Senior Center membership is free.

GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mini-Bus Service)

The City of Gulfport offers transportation service for residents 55 and older. GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mini-Bus Service) offers rides to grocery stores, medical appointments, etc. The \$55 annual registration fee entitles members to ride GEMS for \$1.00 per one-way trip and is good for one year from date of registration. GEMS has 160 active riders.

GEMS offers hourly trips to South Pasadena on Wednesdays and Fridays. Call GEMS at 893-2242 for more information.

Library

The Gulfport Library offers free one-on-one computer instruction on a first come basis every Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

- Tuesday, June 12, 3 p.m. - *eSalon* facilitated by Alex Hooks.
- Tuesday, June 12, 5:30 p.m. - Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.
- Wednesday, June 13, 10 a.m. - Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers meeting.
- Thursday, June 14, 10:30 a.m. - Storyime for Preschoolers facilitated by Diann Morningstar.
- Thursday, June 14, 4:30 p.m. - Business Debtors Anonymous meeting.
- Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m. - Voter Registration
- Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m. - Voter Registration training for volunteers.
- Saturday, June 16, 4 p.m. - Teen Book Club kickoff facilitated by Sheri Stanley.

Upcoming Events:

- 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, 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 p.m. - *FLYP Summer Reading* program. For more information call Diann at 893-1974.
- 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, 4:30 p.m. - *Business Debtors Anonymous* meeting. For more information call 238-1688.
- Every Friday, 2 p.m. - *Anime Afternoons*. For more information call Sheri at 893-1074.
- Wednesday, June 27, 2 -m. - *Reptiles as Pets*. Chase & Blaire introduce their cool friends: geckos, turtles and a ball python, and explain why they're great for living in Florida.

Library Staff Activities/Meetings

Wednesday, June 13, 10 a.m. - *Evernote for Librarians* webinar (Carol Parker).

Thursday, June 14, 1 p.m. - Meeting & tour of Library with USF LIS Graduate Student Kristin Fiato (Carol Parker).

Library Services/Statistics June 10-16, 2012:

	Items Circulated	Patrons
Weekly Circulation:	1.774	418
Sun. 6/10	4	1
Mon. 6/11	344	82
Tue. 6/12	399	79
Wed. 6/13	289	65
Thu. 6/14	265	77
Fri. 6/15	267	60
Sat. 6/16	206	54

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

Sunday, June 10	6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson with Carol Baker 7 p.m. - Ellis Hale's Band & Ballroom Dance (Turnout 48)
Tuesday, June 12	Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson (Turnout 12) 1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 6) 2 p.m. - Dancing 6:30 p.m. - Beginner Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 37)
Wednesday, June 13	6 p.m. - West Coast Swing lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime

8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 201)

Thursday, June 14 6:30 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera
8 p.m. - Salsa dance (Turnout 37)

Saturday, June 16 5:30 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 200)

Casino (Upcoming Events):

Every Sunday 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

Monday, June 26 7 p.m. - USA Ballroom Dance Admission: Members \$5; Nonmembers \$7

Catherine Hickman Theater (Last week's events)

Saturday, June 16 6 p.m. - Kali Kali Coed Dance Production (Turnout 175)

Catherine Hickman Theater (Upcoming Events)

Thursday - Saturday, July 12 - 14 & 19 - 21, 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 15 & 22 - The Gulfport Community Players (GCP) present *SUMMER ONE ACTS*. Enjoy 10 one act comedies and dramas by local Playwrights, and staged for the first time. Tickets: \$15, available at the Gulfport Casino, Eileen's Resale Boutique, Beach Bazaar and Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, or by calling 322-0316.

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, June 10 9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 19)
6:15 p.m. - Over Eaters Anonymous meeting (Turnout 11)

Monday, June 11 7 p.m. - Crimewatch meeting (Turnout 3)

Saturday, June 16 8 a.m. - Birthday party (Turnout 25)
5 p.m. - Graduation party (Turnout 30)

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

The Game Room was rented 7-11 p.m. Saturday, June 16, for a baby shower with seventy five (75) in attendance.

Programs, Classes & Activities

Registration is open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. for the 2012 Summer Program for 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. Eighty four (84) children have been registered to date. Twenty (20) are registered for swim lessons.

Contractual classes currently in session: Braveheart Bootcamp, Conversational Spanish, Fencing, Gymnastics, Hip Hop Dance, Karate, Pre-Ballet, Tai Chi, Tennis, Watercolor, Yoga and Zumba.

Nineteen (19) 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.

Recreation Staff Activities

Brian VanSlyke worked the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

The **Teen Council** did not meet this month due to lack of quorum.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 20 new, 0 closed
- Water payments: 1,131 totaling \$137,778.43
- On-Line Water payments: 134 transactions totaling \$13,478.48
- Bright House payments: 28
- Utility Bills Mailed 06/20/12: 1,611
- Accounts Payable 06/15/12: 607 transactions totaling \$524,479.82
- Mail processed 06/15/12: 619 pieces totaling \$544.59
- Purchasing Cards June 2012 report: 219 transactions totaling \$28,772.78

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 34 Emergency Medical Calls
- 2 Structure Fires

- 2 Vehicle Crashes
- 2 Fire Alarms
- 1 Fire Outside Structure

Life Safety:

- 8 Fire Inspections
- 1 Re-Inspection
- 1 Plans Review

This Week's activities:

- The Gulfport Fire Department continues their June 2012 Face to Face CME.
- Chief Marenkovic attended the PALS meeting at East Lake Fire Department Station 57 on June 19.
- Chief Marenkovic and Inspector Vento attended the Pinellas County Fire Marshal's meeting in Pinellas Park on June 21.
- Gulfport Firefighters have completed their annual Physicals, which included a series of tests for Firefighters Safety and Wellbeing under NFPA 1500. The Life Scan Wellness Program is designed to provide us with the tools to be proactive with our own health.
- The IAFF encourages all affiliates and members to participate in the Third International Fire and EMS Safety Stand Down during the week of June 17-23. Gulfport Fire Department Firefighters are reviewing a Training Video on Seat Belt Safety, Vehicle Maintenance, Cancer risk and in line Firefighter deaths.
- Inspector Vento has placed new keys for use in the Fire Alarm Annunciator Panels (FAAP's) at Town Shores. All keys have been placed in the lock boxes.

Pinellas County Fireworks Ban

Independence Day celebrations can be full of flare without fireworks at home. In Pinellas County the retail sale or purchase of fireworks that project into the air or explode is prohibited.

Pinellas County Public Safety Services & the Gulfport Fire Department urge residents to enjoy fireworks displays that are conducted by trained professionals. It's fun, safe and economical.

Sparklers remain legal, but parents are reminded they can be dangerous, reaching temperatures of up to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. Only those over 12 years of age should handle sparklers of any type. Many young people get burned by sparklers every year so adult supervision is necessary at all times. Officials urge citizens to use extreme caution and follow basic safety recommendations:

- Read all cautions and warnings.
- Use sparklers only outdoors.
- Use sparklers as intended - do not try to alter or combine them.
- Do not mix fireworks and alcohol.
- Never pick up fireworks left over after the display, as they may still be active.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Transported books from Library to Historical Building.
- Repaired air conditioning units at City Hall and Fire Station.

- Delivered tables to Gulfport Little League for Family Fun Day event.
- Completed annual fire alarm inspections at Senior Center, Theater, Public Service Building and Neighborhood Center.
- Repaired toilet in women's restroom at Theater.
- Repaired and painted picnic tables at Recreation Center.
- Completed monthly pest control at all City buildings.
- 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.
- Completed asphalt milling roadwork at 51st Street & 11th Avenue, 53rd Street & 8th Avenue, and Baywood Point Drive.
- Removed and disposed of illegal dumping at Osgood Point, Gulfport Marina, Gulfport Beach and other locations throughout City per direction.
- Installed new "Dip" signs and posts at 62nd Street, and 61st Street & 11th Avenue.
- Completed installation of new sidewalks at Veterans Park, 52nd Street & 11th Avenue and 49th Street & 27th Avenue.
- Completed alley grading, fill and dust control spraying at multiple locations throughout City.
- Widened alley between 28th & 29th Avenues at 51st Street.
- Repaired and reset multiple traffic control signs damaged by graffiti and vehicles.
- Set up recycling and garbage containers for various weekend events throughout City, and removed/disposed of contents following events.
- Cleaned debris, palletized and shrink wrapped electronics and replenished mulch bin at Neighborhood Center.
- Cleaned truck wash, and removed metal and used tires from City Truck Yard.

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 #31, 32, 33 and 34 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 36 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 4 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 102 miscellaneous customer service department-generated 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.
- Replaced curb stop broken by plumber at 5226 26th Avenue.
- Repaired water service line at 1614 54th 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 Senior Center.
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection.
- Cleaned & televised sewers at 6286 10th Avenue, 2610 54th Street & 6017 17th Avenue.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced belts and battery in Lift Station #1 and Police Department generators.
- Installed new tires and rims and performed wheel alignments on several City vehicles.
- Completed regular scheduled service on Sanitation Truck #44.
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various City vehicles.

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