



# *Gulfport Community Update*

## *July 15 - 21, 2012*

### **OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

#### **City Eligible for FEMA Assistance**

City Manager Jim O'Reilly reports that the Federal government has approved Pinellas County and cities within the County to be included in the Tropical Storm Debby Declaration for Public Assistance.

FEMA will grant assistance for debris removal and emergency protective measures. Costs for repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly-owned facilities may also be covered. The City of Gulfport qualifies to create an account to request reimbursement within 30 days of the Presidential declaration to apply for Public Assistance.

It will be up to the state and FEMA to decide what is considered "allowable costs". Normally, FEMA will reimburse 75% and the state will reimburse 12.5% of the allowable costs.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

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. Summer hours are 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Gulfport Merchants Association continues to collect donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and personal needs for the Gulfport Senior Center Pantry. Bring donations to the Gulfport Merchants Association tent each Tuesday during the Gulfport Fresh Market. The Pantry is in great need of donations to keep up with the needs of its clients. Stock has been greatly diminished during summer and new donations are appreciated. For more information visit [www.gulfportma.com](http://www.gulfportma.com) or contact Daniel Hodge at 366-4086 or [dan@iqc.org](mailto:dan@iqc.org).

The **Historic Museum Board** will meet on Saturday, July 21 at 10 a.m. at the Gulfport Museum. For more information call 327-0505.

Third Saturday is **Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District on July 21, 6 - 10 p.m. For more information call 322-5217.

If it's First Friday it's **Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District, August 1, 6 -10 p.m. For more information call 322-5217.

Join the **City of Gulfport** for **National Night Out** on Thursday, August 7, 6:30 - 9 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information call Lt. Josh Stone at 893-1055.

Bring gently worn apparel to the **Gulfport Fresh Market Clothing Swap to Benefit CASA** in the Peninsula Inn Courtyard Tuesday, August 14, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 366-4086.

The next **Historic Preservation meeting** is Wednesday, August 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Museum, 5301 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue. For more information call 893-1012.

The **Historic Museum Board** will meet on Saturday, August 18 at 10 a.m. at the Gulfport Museum. For more information call 327-0505.

Check out the street performers at the **Third Saturday Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District on August 18, 6 - 10 p.m. For more information call 322-5217.

Join us in the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 1:30 on Sunday, August 19 for **Elvis: A Concert Experience**. Jim Jinelli captures the “Elvis sound” like few tribute artists can. Tickets: \$15. For more information call 560-5009 or visit [www.elvisconcert.com](http://www.elvisconcert.com).

The **Gecko Ball 2012 GeckoFest “Funraiser”** is Saturday, August 25, 7 - 11 p.m. at the Peninsula Inn, 2937 Beach Boulevard. This year’s theme is *Hooray for Geckowood*. Dress in your Hollywood best! Dinner buffet, live music/dancing & silent auction. Tickets \$25, available at T & Me Tea Co., Domain Home Accessories, Botiki or online at [www.GulfportMA.com](http://www.GulfportMA.com).

### **Weekly Casino Ballroom Events (Summer Schedule)**

- 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
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7 p.m.: Salsa Dance/Lesson - \$7
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 6 p.m.: Band/Ballroom Dance and Band - \$7
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 6 p.m.: Ballroom DJ & dance - \$7

## **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

From January to July of this year, the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board issued 536 citations against unlicensed contractors. 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](http://www.pcclb.com).

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](http://www.mygulfport.us) under the Online Services/Documents and Publications section.

**Code Enforcement** activities have moved to Section 4 of the City, also known as the Art District which generally extends south from Gulfport Boulevard to the water and west from 49<sup>th</sup> Street to 58<sup>th</sup> & 59<sup>th</sup> Streets South.

Because the City has one inspector who focuses on one section at a time, we depend on residents to call in violations when they see them. We will inspect within one working day of a complaint to verify any violation. Please call 893-1061 if you see violations. If the inspector is unavailable, leave as detailed a message as possible to help us find the violation. Complaints can be anonymous, but if you want a follow-up you will have to leave contact information which means the complaint is no longer anonymous.

To review the Code Enforcement Activities documents for more detailed information and a map of the Code Enforcement areas please visit the Special Documents section of the City's website at [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us).

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Officer Christopher Randazzo began employment with the Police Department on July 17, filling the vacancy created when Officer A.J. Falconeri retired in February.

***Calls for Service:***

Offenses	38
Arrests	7

**Examples of arrests and significant incidents or calls this week:**

On the afternoon of July 10 a citizen in the 2700 block of 49<sup>th</sup> Street reported that her vehicle had been broken into sometime during the last six weeks and a GPS and satellite radio were taken. This case is possibly related to other vehicle burglaries that have already been cleared by detectives.

GPD responded to a report of a Burglary to an Unoccupied Dwelling on the evening of July 10. The owner of a residence in the 5100 block of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue passed away several months ago, and her relatives check the home periodically. On this occasion, they observed that the back door had been pried and the house ransacked.

GPD responded to Town Shores on the morning of July 11 after a resident reported that sometime after 10 p.m. on July 9, an unknown suspect stole 2 bikes that were locked in the bike rack: a blue, 26" men's beach cruiser, and a light blue 26" women's Schwinn with pink decals.

Michael Kidd was arrested for DUI on the morning of July 11 after he crashed into a vehicle parked in the 2600 block of 46<sup>th</sup> Street, totaling the car. He performed poorly on FST's and was charged with Felony driving with a suspended license (Habitual) and DUI (pending blood draw).

Gulfport Police assisted the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office with traffic control in the 800 block of Oleander Way in South Pasadena on the afternoon of July 11 as deputies talked a woman off the 11<sup>th</sup> story ledge of an apartment building.

On the afternoon of July 12 resident of Town Shores reported that his bicycle was stolen from the carport area outside his building. The bike was locked, and the suspect possibly left another bicycle at the scene, as one was found nearby.

Five juveniles were found on the beachfront in the early morning hours of July 14 after an unknown caller reported they were possibly under the influence. One had been reported to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office as a runaway. All were turned over to their parents without incident.

GPD responded to the 5600 block of Gulfport Boulevard on the afternoon of July 14 after a caller reported that as he was waiting for the bus two black males grabbed him from behind and put him in a choke hold. One held him while the other took \$300 from his pocket. The victim waited 20 minutes to report the crime, and the suspects were not located. An investigation continues.

Two men were arrested on the afternoon of July 14 after a resident in the in the 2500 block of 49<sup>th</sup> Street reported that they entered the backyard through a gate and attempted to climb through the doggie door. The suspects were still in the yard when police arrived. They fled on foot, but were apprehended with assistance from the SPPD K-9 unit.

On the morning of July 15 an extremely intoxicated man later identified as Joe Gonzales was dropped off by a friend in the 5100 block of Preston Avenue. He was unsure of where he was and began knocking on the windows of a residence. Thinking he was at his girlfriend's house, he attempted to enter the home through the front door and window. The homeowner armed himself with a handgun and called police. Gonzales was located on the front porch, still attempting to enter through the front door, and was arrested for disorderly intoxication.

GPD assisted the Pinellas County Sheriff's office on the evening of July 15 after a fight broke out at Ft. DeSoto Park involving multiple subjects, one armed with a knife. Two people were reported stabbed. PCSO deputies provided information on the suspect vehicle and Officer Parks located the vehicle fleeing the scene as he was en route to the Park. He stopped the vehicle, and apprehended the suspect and a woman who punched a child during the brawl.

Officer Horning issued Notices to Appear for Ordinance Violations to the owner of the sailboat grounded in the swim area of Gulfport Beach beginning on July 16.

**Investigations:**

**New Cases:** 18  
Cases Assigned: 3  
Cases Closed-No Leads: 4  
Cases Cleared With Arrest: 0  
Cases Exceptionally Cleared: 1  
Cases Unfounded/No Crime: 9  
Cases Referred Back to Patrol: 1

**Supplements Received:** 24  
Cases Cleared With Arrest: 2  
Previously cleared with Arrest: 8  
Cases Closed-No Leads: 3  
Cases Unfounded/No Crime: 2  
Exceptionally Cleared: 1  
Cases Still Active: 8

Detective Embry's suspect Leonel Garcia was arrested by St. Petersburg Police Department on an outstanding warrant for Dealing in Stolen Property. He is also investigating a burglary to residence in which at Samsung TV was taken. The suspect is known to the victim, and Detective Embry is attempting to locate him for an interview. He also assisted Detective Pham with an arrest of a female at Bayfront Medical Center for Credit Card Fraud.

Detective Hanh Pham arrested Tammy McGuire for Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card. McGuire used stolen credit card information to pay her water bill and Progress Energy bill. McGuire confessed to the alleged crime following an interview and was transported to the Pinellas County Jail. Additionally, Detective Pham has developed new leads for last weekend's armed robbery at Soapy's Coin Laundry.

The Marine Unit was not in use this week.

**Records**

Reports reviewed: 53  
Supplements reviewed: 42  
Public records requests: 27  
Bike registrations: 1  
Fingerprints: 2  
Subpoenas processed: 8  
Citizens assisted: 47

**MARINA**

Pumped three thousand twenty eight (3,028) gallons of gas, and two thousand three hundred nineteen (3,219) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred thirty four (134) vessels.

Assisted in forty five (45) pump-outs evacuating six hundred sixty (660) gallons of sewage. This free service is well received by the boating public and helps keep our waters clean.

**Transient Vessels**

Staff welcomed 2 25' sailboats this week. Welcome to Gulfport!

## **Staff Activities**

- Cleaned kayak area.
- Cleaned storm debris from seawall areas.
- Picked up drinks for resale.
- Repaired light pedestals on all piers at BCYC.
- Repaired remote for pump out.

## **LEISURE SERVICES**

### **Technical Events**

Visit the City of Gulfport YouTube website at [www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfport](http://www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfport). Cable and DSL internet users can access streaming video from the City's website at [www.mygulfport.us](http://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](http://www.mygulfport.us/GTV615/Live_Webstream.htm).
- Distributed weekly press releases to Gabber, and weekly Constant Contact newsletter to email distribution list.
- Rebooted GTV615 station equipment.
- Updated July Softball standings and class schedule on Recreation website.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July video was added to City YouTube page.
- Distributed August events calendar to all City facilities, Tuesday Market and Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Continued work on fiscal year 2013 event dates.
- Provided control room coverage for July 17 City Council Workshop and City Council meeting. Rebroadcast on GTV615 and made DVD copies for City Clerk and IT Director.
- Met with Gulfport Historian to obtain photos for 2013 Calendar, scanned photos and returned them to Museum.

### **Parks**

Trimmed, weeded, cleaned and mulched Neighborhood Center & 49<sup>th</sup> Streetscapes, hand raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.

Repaired mowers and sharpened blades, cleaned and adjusted all equipment and ordered parts for edge trimmer repairs.

Mowed Recreation Center, Ted Phillips Wood Ibis Park, Recreation Center grounds, Chase Block and Marina area.

Continued irrigation repairs at Chase Block & both dog parks.

Continued monitoring hole in seawall behind Recreation Center and filling as needed.

Repaired benches at Tangerine Lake, bench swing on beach and flag at Hoyt Field.

Checked lights and timers on Beach Boulevard.

Organized and cleaned up maintenance shop.

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.

**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, July 10, 3 p.m. - *eSalon* facilitated by Alex Hooks.
- Tuesday, July 10, 5:30 p.m. - Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.
- Thursday, July 12, 10:30 a.m. - Storytime for Preschoolers facilitated by Diann Morningstar.
- Friday, July 13, 2 p.m. - *Anime Afternoons* 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](mailto: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 Friday, 2 p.m. - *Anime Afternoons*. For more information call Sheri at 893-1074.
- Tuesday, July 24, 1 p.m. - Voter Registration Training for Volunteers. For more information call 488-4197.
- Friday, July 27, 5 p.m. & Saturday, July 28, 2 p.m. - Sea Scout Training. For more information call Ryan at 612-9583.
- Wednesday, August 8, 2 p.m. - *Magician & Illusionist Cesar Domico*. For more information call Dave Mather at 893-1075.
- Saturday, August 25, 10:30 a.m. - Free Family movie day: Titles TBA. Enjoy free popcorn provided by the Library. For more information call 893-1074.

- Thursday, September 13, 7 p.m. - *An Evening with Tim Dorsey*. For more information call Dave Mather at 893-1075.

**Library Services/Statistics July 8 - 14, 2012:**

	<b>Items Circulated</b>	<b>Patrons</b>
Weekly Circulation:	1,765	395
Sun. 7/8	12	4
Mon. 7/9	319	79
Tue. 7/10	371	82
Wed. 7/11	356	83
Thu. 7/12	284	74
Fri. 7/13	344	67
Sat. 7/14	245	52

**Library Staff Activities/Meetings**

Monday, July 9, 1:30 p.m. - LDAC meeting at PPLC Headquarters (Carol Parker).

Wednesday, July 11, 8:30 a.m. - Senior Staff meeting with City Manager in the FD Training Room (David Mather).

Wednesday, July 11, 11 a.m. - ILL meeting at PPLC (Alex Hooks).

Thursday, July 12, 9 a.m. - Library Staff meeting.

**Senior Center**

The Senior Center Foundation Board elected board member Michael Audino as president of the Foundation and Jane Ogilvie as vice president following Sarah Peel's recent resignation from the Board. Mr. Audio previously served as vice president. Ms. Peel will be greatly missed for her dedication and long term service on the Foundation Board. She will continue serving as a Senior Center volunteer. The Senior Center Foundation is the fundraising arm of the Senior Center and has been in existence for 8 years.

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

A Beginners Line Dance class is offered at Scout Hall at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays 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.

The GEMS schedule has been revised for summer due to the seasonal decrease in ridership. Schedules are posted in GEMS vehicles and are available upon request. GEMS continues to offer hourly trips to South Pasadena on Wednesdays and Fridays. Call GEMS at 893-2242 for more information on the transportation service.

**Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center**

**Casino (last week's events):**

Sunday, July 8                    6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson with John  
    7 p.m. - Ellis Hale's Band & Ballroom Dance (Turnout 33)

Tuesday, July 10      Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson (Turnout 6)  
                                  1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 5)  
                                  2 p.m. - Dancing  
                                  6:30 p.m. - Beginner Argentine Tango lesson  
                                  8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 38)

Wednesday, July 11    6 p.m. - Bonus Dance lesson with Swingtime  
                                  7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson  
                                  8 p.m. - Swing Dance (Turnout 177)

Thursday, July 12      6:30 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera  
                                  8 p.m. - Salsa dance (Turnout 29)

Friday, July 13        8 p.m. - Sock Hop with live music by the IMPACS (Turnout 177)

Saturday, July 14      8 p.m. - Gibbs High School Class of '65 & 66 Reunion (Turnout 125)

**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  
                                  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        6:30 p.m. - Salsa lessons with Carol Rivera  
                                  8 p.m. - Salsa dance Admission \$7

**Catherine Hickman Theater (last week's events)**

Sunday, July 8         6 p.m. - Gulfport Community Players (GCP) rehearsal

Monday, July 9        Noon - GCP technical setup & rehearsal

Tuesday, July 10      6 p.m. - GCP rehearsal

Wednesday, July 11   6 p.m. - GCP Family night presentation of *SUMMER ONE ACTS*  
                                  (Turnout 27)

Thursday, July 12     8 p.m. - GCP present *SUMMER ONE ACTS* (Turnout 48)

Friday, July 13        8 p.m. - GCP presents *SUMMER ONE ACTS* (Turnout 37)

Saturday, July 14     8 p.m. - GCP presents *SUMMER ONE ACTS* (Turnout 90)

### **Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)**

Thursday - Saturday, July 19 - 21, 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 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, July 8            9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 23)  
                                 2 p.m. - Church dinner (Turnout 48)  
                                 6:15 p.m. - Over Eaters Anonymous meeting (Turnout 9)

Wednesday, July 11    5:30 p.m. - SO49 meeting (Turnout 15)

Thursday, July 12       7 p.m. - Pasadena Point Homeowners meeting (Turnout 13)

Saturday, July 13       3 p.m. - Birthday party (Turnout 40)

### **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 - Wednesday    7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting

### **Scout Hall (Upcoming Events):**

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

### **Recreation Center**

#### **Programs, Classes & Activities**

The Game room is reserved 1 - 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28 for a Birthday party.

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. Ninety three (93) children have been registered to date. Twenty (20) are registered for swim lessons.

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

Nineteen (19) FY 2011/12 Gulfport Skate Park stickers have been sold to date.

Eighty one (81) 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.

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **Customer Service and Finance**

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 26 new, 0 closed
- Water payments: 1,199 totaling \$138,266.77
- On-Line Water payments: 153 transactions totaling \$13,783.25
- Bright House payments: 29
- Utility Bills Mailed 07/18/12: 1,639
- Accounts Payable 07/13/12: 549 transactions totaling \$512,795.10
- Mail processed 07/13/12: 869 pieces totaling \$1,015.20
- Purchasing Cards July 2012 report: 241 transactions totaling \$32,940.31

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **Calls for Service:**

- 37 Emergency Medical Calls
- 1 Trauma Alert
- 2 Structure Fires (1 WFF in the City of St. Petersburg)
- 3 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Fire Alarms
- 2 Tree Fires
- 1 Elevator Rescue

### **Life Safety**

- 4 Fire Inspections
- 4 Re- Inspections
- 0 C.O.s

### **This Week's activities:**

- Chief Marenkovic is on vacation until July 30. Lt. Adam Poirrier is serving as Acting Fire Chief in his absence.
- Lieutenant Poirrier and Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Hays taught a CPR course to eight Gulfport Police Department's Citizens Academy participants. All passed.
- All shifts are continuing work and training on the new E-Max fire apparatus in preparation for service. The targeted in-service day is July 21.
- The Second Quarter EMS Aggregate Report was submitted to the State of Florida for review. This is a quarterly report that is required of all EMS licensed agencies in the state. In addition, paperwork was submitted in order to certify the new E-Max fire apparatus as an ALS (Advanced Life Support) unit.
- All shifts attended Private Protection Systems training at Station 29 in Seminole. This class was part of the Mid-County Training Group in which Gulfport participates and was taught by Fire Marshal Ernie Hand from St. Pete Beach Fire & Rescue.
- The B-shift assisted St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue with a working structure fire at 4168 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue on July 13. The crew completed a search for fire victims in a zero visibility environment and assisted crews with overhaul. The cause of the fire is being investigated by St. Petersburg.

- The A-shift assisted St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue with patient care following a traffic incident involving a vehicle vs. a motorcycle with heavy damage at Central Avenue & 58<sup>th</sup> Street on July 18.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Building Maintenance**

- Cleaned exhaust system and hood at Little League snack bar.
- Installed 8 cases of ceiling tiles in Public Service Building.
- Removed and disposed of computer components and miscellaneous debris from Library.
- Repaired desk at City Hall.
- Reinstalled window screens at Casino.
- Completed monthly pest control treatment on all City buildings.
- Repaired air conditioning unit at the Police Department and Casino.
- Painted Sanitation Supervisor's office at Neighborhood Center.
- Set up for daily events at Senior Center.
- Performed routine daily maintenance duties at all City buildings.

### **Streets & Sanitation:**

- Removed debris and emptied containers following Tuesday Morning Market.
- Removed traffic control obstructions and debris from various roadways and alleys throughout City.
- Completed billable work orders for brush, trash, electronics and Code Enforcement.
- Assembled and delivered recycling bins and *City of Gulfport Recycling Guidelines* information sheet to multiple residential and commercial properties.
- Assembled and delivered automated trash containers to multiple residential and commercial properties.
- Removed and disposed of animal carcasses on roadways.
- Removed traffic control obstructions and debris from various roadways and alleys throughout City.
- Cleaned, reset and maintained storm drains, grates and inlets at various locations throughout City.
- Completed asphalt patch work on multiple potholes throughout City.
- Completed alley grading, fill and dust control spraying at multiple locations throughout City.
- Completed citywide street sweeping.

### **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, 34 and 35 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 41 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 10 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 90 miscellaneous customer service department-generated service orders.
- Completed 4 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.

- Repaired water leak in the area between 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Avenues and 51<sup>st</sup> & York Streets.
- Completed annual DEP required testing of 35 backflow devices due in June.

### **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.
- Manually ran pump at lift stations to avoid sanitary sewer overflow following heavy rainfall.

### **Vehicle Maintenance**

- Replaced A/C compressor, receiver drier, pulled vacuum and recharged A/C system on Sanitation Truck #46.
- Replaced broken grabber arm springs on Sanitation Truck #42.
- Replaced bad air pressure switch under dash on Lightning Loader #29.
- Replaced rusted out rims and worn front tires on Parks Department Tractor #23.
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various City vehicles.

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