



Gulfport Community Update

July 21 - 27, 2013

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

2013 Hurricane Guides are available at Gulfport City Hall, Library and Fire Station. Hurricane season in the Atlantic basin ends November 30. Have a plan and remember to restock your hurricane kits.

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, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and personal needs for the **Gulfport Multipurpose Center Pantry** to the Gulfport Merchants Association tent each Tuesday. Bring gently worn apparel to the Gulfport Fresh Market Clothing Swap to Benefit CASA in the Peninsula Inn Courtyard Tuesday, August 13, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 278-4285. For more information call Laura Garrison at 278-4285, visit www.GulfportMA.com or www.facebook.com/gulfportfreshmarket or email gulfportmarket@gmail.com.

Stroll on down to the First Friday **Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District on August 2, 6 - 10 p.m. Call 322-5217.

Join the City of Gulfport for **National Night Out** at the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street on Tuesday, August 6, 6 - 9 p.m. For more information call Lt. Mary Farrand at 893-1111.

Learn to build a resume, practice impressing employers with mock interviews, and have fun with team building exercises during the **Gulfport Library's Teen Financial Literacy & Job Skills Program** every Wednesday at 1 p.m. beginning August 7. For more information, please call 893-1074.

Celebrate the end of the **Gulfport Library's Summer Reading Program** with a performance by the one and only Jiggleman on Thursday, August 8 at 7 p.m. Jiggleman has performed around the country and on the Late Show with David Letterman, and he's sure to put on great show for us! For more information call 893-1074.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Administration

Calls for Service:

Offenses	30
Arrests	5
Traffic citations	21

Significant incidents or calls this week:

Officers responded to a traffic crash at 56th Street & Gulfport Boulevard on the morning of July 16 after a car driven by Timothy Scovanner struck the rear of a parked pickup truck. There were no injuries, but both vehicles sustained extensive damage and were towed from the scene. A marijuana joint was observed on the floor Scovanner's car by an officer. Scovanner claimed it belonged to someone who had been in the car, and was issued a notice to appear for possession.

Officers were dispatched to the 5100 block of 29th Avenue early July 17 regarding possible vehicle theft attempt. The owner of a pickup truck was contacted by a neighbor who advised his

truck was in the middle of the street. It appeared the suspect(s) were scared off, and bicycle found near the scene appeared to have been run over by the truck during the theft attempt.

Officer Nicita assisted Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Earling with the removal of a recreational vehicle in the 4900 block of 13th Avenue on the afternoon of July 17. A tow truck removed the RV after a court order was received by Earling. The owner of the RV was cited several times for failure to register and maintain the RV, but did not respond to any certified letters sent to her by the City.

A resident in the 5400 block of Dellett Avenue reported on the afternoon of July 17 that a black male and female on a bicycle stopped in front of a neighbor's house, and the male stole a gold tricycle from the carport. The case is under investigation.

Officer Novak discovered a scooter in a vacant lot near an alley early July 18, and determined that it belonged to a resident nearby. Sometime overnight someone tried to push it away, but apparently gave up and abandoned it where it was found.

Officer Obrart responded to a residence in the 2500 block of 51st Street on the morning of July 18 after a caller reported that he discovered two juveniles doing yard work at his house the day before. The caller told the juveniles that he did not ask them to do any work and would not pay them. They became upset, cursed at him and left. Later that night, someone knocked over the home's mailbox and threw a brick through the front window.

Officers responded to the 2400 block of 56th Street on the afternoon of July 18 after a caller observed a group of 7 to 8 black male juveniles riding bicycles in the area. One ran into a yard and stole a red electric I-zip bike. Officer Horning located a group of teens near the post office on 22nd Avenue South and they fled down the nature trail into St. Pete. He was able to stop two of the juveniles and Lieutenant Stone stopped a third. None of the three had the bike and all denied being in Gulfport. The witness could not ID them. One was released on scene, and the other two were taken to their father in St. Petersburg at the father's request.

Officer Mills conducted numerous bicycle stops in an attempt to identify bike theft suspects.

Officers responded to the 5700 block of 20th Avenue on the evening of July 19 after a resident reported that his elderly wife, an Alzheimer's patient wandered away and was missing. She was found near 51st Street & 13th Avenue and given a ride home.

A caller in the 5700 block of 16th Avenue reported on the afternoon of July 20 that 2 black male juveniles stole a bike from his property. He confronted them and they returned the bicycle. They left the scene prior to officers' arrival. While canvassing the area, a resident in the 5100 block of 17th Avenue stopped officers and advised that her bicycle was missing from her backyard.

Officers made contact with 2 juveniles sitting in the bleachers near the baseball field in the 1800 block of 55th Street on the evening of July 20. An open cigar wrapper with a small amount of marijuana was discovered on the ground. Both juveniles denied knowledge of the item. The marijuana was placed into property for destruction and the juveniles left the area.

Officers responded to the 1000 block of 49th Street early July 21 after a caller reported that he left his 2003 Green Lexus running while he went into a convenience store, and when he exited the store the car was gone.

Officers responded to a report of a theft in the 5400 block of 29th Avenue on the evening of July 21 and made contact with a female who stated that her 3 wheeled black & red bicycle was stolen from a common apartment behind her unit the day before. The investigation continues.

A DUI investigation was initiated following an accident with injuries at 15th Avenue & York Street on the evening of July 21. Officers responded to Bayfront Medical Center to obtain a blood draw, but the driver refused. The on-call assistant state attorney was notified and a warrant was issued for a forced blood draw. This case is under investigation.

A small section of a fence and foliage was discovered burned in an alley in the 2200 block of Beach Boulevard on the morning of July 22. The cause of the fire has not been determined, but the fire official did not find any signs of an accelerant.

Investigations:

Documented Follow-Ups:	37
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	0
Previously Cleared With Arrest:	2
Cases Suspended-No Leads:	13
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	4
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	7
Cases Still Active:	11

Sergeant Woodman and Detectives Pham & Embry conducted two 4-hour vehicle/bike theft details during late evening and early morning hours, making contact with numerous individuals. No crimes in progress were observed.

Sergeant Woodman, Detective Embry & Crime Analyst Margaret Palmisano attended a 4-hour in-house community and problem-oriented policing techniques training block.

Detective Hanh Pham investigated a fraud case and determined the crime occurred in Miami. He also investigated a grand theft auto case and determined the crime occurred in St. Petersburg, and continued investigating assigned cases.

Detective Embry attempted to contact a subject by phone regarding a dealing in stolen property case. However, the phone number for the subject was no longer in service. He continues to investigate assigned cases.

Analyst Palmisano completed tabulating and submitted semi-annual UCR data for approval. She also completed an analysis on bike thefts occurring citywide between May 15 & July 18, reviewed stolen property cases with a known serial number for entry into FCIC, compiled and distributed the open case list, covered records for 8 hours and attended 4 hours of training.

Records Section

Reports reviewed:	9
Supplements reviewed:	12
Public records requests:	21
Bike registrations:	1
Fingerprints:	1
Subpoenas processed:	11
Citizens assisted:	28

Professional Standards Section

Five policies are in the review process: 119 - Forced Entries; 145 - Bomb Threats and Explosive Devices; 318 - Telephone Use; 447 - Marine Unit, and; 508 - Criminal Intelligence

Twenty-two directives are pending review.

Files were updated for the following accreditation standards:

3.01M - The agency has a written directive system which includes:

- A description of the format for each type of directive;
- Procedures for numbering and revising directives, as appropriate;
- A system for keeping the directives current;
- Statements of agency policy;

- Procedures for carrying out agency activities;
- Procedures for staff review and/or approval of proposed policies, procedures, and rules and regulations prior to their promulgation;
- Identification of individuals or positions within the agency having authority to issue written directives;
- Procedures for dissemination and receipt of new or revised directives within a specified timeframe; and
- Procedures for storing and archiving agency directives

3.03M - The agency submits an annual report to the Commission to report compliance efforts with accreditation standards. On 07/05/13 the annual report was completed and later submitted to the Commission for Accreditation.

Fifteen members attended a four-hour problem oriented/community policing training class this week.

Two applications were received this week. GPD has twenty applications on file.

MARINA

Pumped three thousand four hundred fifty seven (3,457) gallons of gas, and one thousand one hundred ninety five (1,195) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred eight (108) vessels.

Assisted with twenty two (22) pump-outs evacuating four hundred forty five (445) 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 40' sailboat and a 34' 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/gtv-615. 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.
- Distributed August events/meetings calendar to all City facilities, Gulfport Fresh Market and Chamber of Commerce.
- Continued updating and enhancements to City calendar, latest news, departmental pages, mobile website, Leisure Services rec. center sub-site and library sub-site resources & employee Intranet, and maintained mygulfport.us domain.
- Attended Intra-County Public Information Officer meeting.
- Commenced event preparations for Keep Gulfport Weird triathlon.
- Trained City personal to use Theater lights and sound equipment.

- Continued compiling data for 2013/14 Historical Calendar and sent photographs to Historical Museum for captioning.
- Completed 2012/13 Events Expense report and continued working on City Council 2013/14 Events Resolution. FY 2013/14 event applications are to be completed by July 31.
- Continued tech support planning for GPPD National Night Out event.

Parks

Removed broken bench from pier, and repaired trashcan cover.

Removed and stored old chairs from Casino, and unloaded/unwrapped new chairs.

Installed 4 dog cleanup mailboxes along Beach Boulevard.

Removed post from Recreation Center exercise equipment.

Painted over graffiti at Tennis courts.

Built new scorekeeper bench for Hoyt Field.

Inspected all parks for repairs.

Built, painted, and installed key drop box at Rec Center.

Painted dog waste poles and boxes, and replaced missing/faded signs.

Inspected electrical outlets on Beach Boulevard.

Continue repairs at Skate Park.

Repaired bench swing on beach.

Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades and replaced deck on mower.

Trimmed, weeded, mulched & cleaned Senior Center, Library grounds and Clymer Park; hand raked around pavilions and benches, and cleared debris from beach.

Picked up trash and emptied cans on Beach & Shore Boulevards following Third Saturday Art Walk.

Mowed Chase Block Clymer & Tangerine Greenways, Clymer, Clam Bayou, Wood Ibis & Caldwell Parks, Dog Park, Recreation Center, Senior Center & Library grounds, 28th Street signage area, Marina & Lions Club areas, City Complex and 4th Avenue & 55th Street medians.

Staff continues to rake Gulfport Beach & volleyball areas every Monday and Friday. Trash and debris were picked up along the water and children's playground areas. Trash receptacles were emptied and the Bocce Ball courts were inspected for needed repairs.

Other Activities:

- All City park trash containers and cigarette waste containers were emptied.
- Watered all non-irrigated areas.
- Cleaned all City playground areas.
- Mowed, raked, lined and dragged all ball fields daily.

GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mini-Bus Service)

The City of Gulfport offers transportation service for residents 55 and older. GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mobility Service) offers rides to grocery stores, medical appointments, etc. The \$65 annual registration fee entitles members to ride GEMS for \$2 per one-way trip and is good for one year from date of registration. The **summer schedule with new pickup times and trips** is available at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, from GEMS drivers or online at

www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org. 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!

The **Gulfport Multipurpose Center Pantry** is in need of peanut butter, tuna, dry cereal, pasta sauce, soups & canned meats. The pantry is open 1 - 3 p.m. every Tuesday & Thursday for Gulfport residents 50 and older. Applicants should bring a photo I.D., a utility bill or bank statement and proof of income (SSI). For more information please see Gail or Rachel, or call 893-1231.

The **Laugh, Smile & Reenergize** group will meet every at 12:45 p.m. beginning August 5.

AARP Driving classes will be offered August 6 & 13 at 12:45 p.m. Participants must attend both classes. \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. Call 893-1231 to register.

The **Coffee Club** will meet the second Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. beginning August 8.

Learn about consumer fraud and scams aimed at the elderly, ways to help protect yourself, and what to do if you become a victim as Stetson Elder Law presents **Elder Consumer Fraud Awareness** on Wednesday, August 7 at 1 p.m. Free

Challenge your mind and have fun during the **Puzzle Pages Party** at 11 a.m. on the second Friday of every other month beginning August 9!

What will you contribute to your family, community or yourself? How can you make it happen? **What will Your Legacy Be** will be presented by Pat Dunham at 11:30 a.m. Monday, August 12.

Watch a FREE movie and get a great deal on lunch for \$3.00 during **Movie Day at the Snack Bar** on Tuesday, August 13 at 11:30 a.m.

Learn to visualize what you want as Life Coach Kathy Lane discusses **The Law of Attraction** on Wednesday, August 14 at 1:30 p.m. Free

Senior Center sponsor Wellcare will host a monthly **Birthday Party** for Senior Center participants every third Tuesday beginning August 20.

Hula on down to the Gulfport Senior Center for tropical fun during the **Tiki Time Luau** on Wednesday, August 21 at 1 p.m. Enjoy Hawaiian music, "Pupus" (appetizers), a fantastic Hula dance demonstration and lessons, raffles, games and more. Tickets: \$3.00. Proceeds support the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation.

Victor R. Helou sings acapella with a side of comedy as he performs **Songs for the Pantry** on Wednesday, August 28 at 1:30 p.m. Victor has performed in various Broadway productions, movies, as well as commercials, print ads and voiceovers. The price of a ticket is non-perishable food item/s or a small grocery gift card. Thank you in advance for helping those less fortunate in your community.

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.

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.

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

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is a free program offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Area Agency on Aging. Specially trained volunteers visit the Gulfport Senior Center every first & third Tuesday of the month to assist clients with Medicare, Medicaid and health insurance questions, providing one-on-one counseling and information. SHINE services are free, unbiased, and confidential. To schedule an appointment call 893-2237 or 893-1231.

The Senior Center's **singing group** meets in the dining area every Monday at 2 p.m. The group is looking for a volunteer pianist. Please call Gail at 893-2237.

Join Aston Hugh for a new **Easy Tai Chi** class every Tuesday & Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street. Designed for all levels of ability and mobility, Aston's technique 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 call Rachel at 893-1231.

To view the Senior Center calendar in its entirety visit <http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org>.

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

Monday, July 15	7 p.m. - Hustle dance lessons with Carol Baker (Turnout 12)
Tuesday, July 16	9 a.m. - Intermediate Tai Chi with Marge (Turnout 25) Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson with Carol Baker (Turnout 12) 1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 7) 2 p.m. - Ballroom dancing 6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango Dance 6:30 p.m. - Beginner Argentine Tango Lesson with Kathleen & Steve 8 p.m. - Milonga/Dance (Turnout 33)
Wednesday, July 17	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime

	8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 197)
Thursday, July 18	9 a.m. - Beginner Tai Chi (Turnout 18) 6:30 p.m. - Salsa lessons with Carol Rivera 8 p.m. - Salsa Dance (Turnout 31)

Casino (Upcoming Events):

Every first & third Sunday	6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson 7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom dance Admission \$7
Monday, July 29	7 p.m. - USA Ballroom Dance Admission \$5 for members/\$10 for nonmembers
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):

Sunday, July 14	Gulfport Community Players (GCP) <i>13th Annual Summer One Act Festival</i> (Turnout 126)
Thursday, July 18	8 p.m. - <i>GCP 13th Annual Summer One Act Festival</i> (Turnout 58)
Friday, July 19	8 p.m. - <i>GCP 13th Annual Summer One Act Festival</i> (Turnout 73)
Saturday, July 20	8 p.m. - <i>GCP 13th Annual Summer One Act Festival</i> (Turnout 82)

There are no events scheduled in the **Catherine Hickman Theater** next week.

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, July 14	9:30a.m.- Faith Cathedral Int'l Church Services (Turnout 21) 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
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Tuesday, July 16	11 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 12)
Wednesday, July 17	10:30 a.m. - Yoga class (Turnout 11)
Thursday, July 18	9:30 a.m. - Bob's Band practice
Friday, July 19	9 a.m. - Chair yoga 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 9)

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:

Monday, July 15, 6 p.m. - *Victors Support Group for Victims of Sexual Assault.*

Tuesday, July 16, 5:45 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open AA meeting.*

Wednesday, July 17, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, July 17, 2 p.m. - Summer Reading Program for Grades K-5: *Mummy Mania*, facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Wednesday, July 17, 3 p.m. - Teen Summer Reading Program: *Viva Florida! Paranormal Edition*, facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Thursday, July 18, 10:30 a.m. - *Summer Storytime for Toddlers & Preschoolers.*

Thursday, July 18, 10:30 a.m. - *Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of The Light between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman over coffee & light refreshments.

Friday, July 19, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Saturday, July 20, 11 a.m. - *Beginning Digital Camera Workshop* facilitated by Cathy Salustri.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, July 27, 11 a.m. - *Intermediate Digital Camera Workshop*: Build your skills & advance your level of expertise. Open to participants of the Beginning Digital Camera Workshop only.

Wednesday, July 31, 2 p.m. - Summer Reading Program for Grades K-5: *Angry Bird Feeders*. Like Angry Birds? Have fun making them a special feeder!

Wednesday, July 31, 4 p.m. - Teen Summer Reading Program: *Steampunk Projectiles*: We'll transform Nerf guns into Steampunk-inspired artillery. For more information on our Summer Reading programs call Youth Services Librarian Cailey Klasson at 893-1073.

Tuesday, August 6, 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 every first Tuesday of the month. First come, first served.

Thursday, August 15, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of My Antonia* by Willa Cather over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Please call 893-1073 for more information.

Every Monday, 6 p.m. - *Victors Support Group for Victims of Sexual Assault.*

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 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 July 14 - 20, 2013:
Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,907	602
Sun. 7/14	Library closed	
Mon. 7/15	322	104
Tue. 7/16	301	88
Wed. 7/17	309	108
Thu. 7/18	302	89
Fri. 7/19	353	113
Sat. 7/20	305	81

Recreation Center

The Game room was reserved on Saturday, July 20, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. for a Family Reunion with fifty (50) attendees.

The Game room is reserved for: a Family Reunion on Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Graduation party on Saturday, August 3, 5 - 10 p.m., and; for baby showers on Saturday, August 10, 12 - 4 p.m. & Saturday, August 17, 12 - 5 p.m.

Programs, Classes & Activities

One hundred twenty one (121) 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.

Registration is underway for the **2013/14 School Year Child Care Program** for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents with monthly fees of \$146 for residents and \$292 for non-residents. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Gulfport Elementary, Bear Creek Elementary and Douglas Jamerson Elementary.

Seven (7) children have been pre-registered for the **2013/14 Tot Time Program**, and three (3) for **VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten)**. Tot Time is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1. Parents must apply at the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. and the child must receive a Certificate of Eligibility. Both programs aim to make learning fun for children and help prepare them for Kindergarten. Registration fees for the Tot Time Program are \$17 for residents and \$22 for nonresidents. Classes begin Tuesday, September 3 and are limited to 10 children each.

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

Eighty four (84) teens are registered the **2012/13 Teen Night program**, a great hangout 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.

Fifteen (15) **FY2012/13 Skate Park** registrations have been issued to date.

Staff Activities

Alton Hooker worked the room rental on Saturday morning.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 46 Emergency Medical Calls
- 1 Trauma Alert
- 1 Structure Fire
- 2 Fire Alarms
- 3 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Fire Outside Structure

Life Safety:

- 5 Fire Inspections

The **CERT Team** meets monthly at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. The next meeting is Thursday, August 15 at 7 p.m. CERT educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area, and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search & rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. For more information call Bob Worthington at 916-8014 or visit www.gulfportcert.com.

Staff Activities:

- The Gulfport Fire Department continued training on the new ePCR computers which will allow Paramedics to write the Patient Care Report on a computer instead of paper reports used in the past. This new system will also include a database and servers purchased by Pinellas County EMS.
- Fitch & Associates will present their final report to the Board of County Commissioners on August 1.
- One St. Petersburg College medic student continues his Field Internship Program ride-along time with Gulfport Fire Department ALS Engine 17.
- Inspector Frank Vento performed a final Fire Alarm Panel Test with Pelican Bay Plaza building "B". The building passed with no violations.
- Inspector Vento found an occupancy conducting business with no Occupational License and directed the owner to submit documentation to Community Development.
- July 31 is **National Heatstroke Prevention Day**. Join Us for a Day of Social Media Conversation. Participating Fire Departments across the United States are asked to tweet and post on Facebook on the hour from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. using the hash tag #heatstroke. Follow NHTSA on twitter at @NHTSAGov or like us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/NHTSA.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance:

- Replaced two light switches at Beach Restrooms.
- Reset dining room at Senior Center following floor waxing.
- Relocated filing cabinets for Finance Office.
- Repaired and moved camera wiring in Police Department hallway.
- Replaced thermostat in City Hall.
- Repaired coaxial wire in Police Lieutenant's Office.
- Repaired handicap "push buttons" at Public Services building.
- Completed monthly pest control on all City buildings.
- Repaired roof at Casino and Library.
- Delivered mail for Finance Department.
- 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.
- Assembled and delivered new 40 & 90 gallon automated containers.
- Continued City-wide street and curb sweeping
- Completed numerous pothole repairs around the City
- Cleaned and vacuumed storm water boxes & lines at DuPont Street & 30th Avenue and Beach Boulevard & Essex Avenue
- Vacuumed storm line box at 51st Street & 17th Avenue.
- Cleaned storm water boxes and storm lines at 54th Street & 21st Avenue.
- Removed illegal dumping at Osgood Point.
- Reset storm drain lids at 58th Street & 20th Avenue.
- Completed asphalt roadway work per direction.
- Removed debris from Scout Hall and tennis courts.
- Filled and paved alley entrance at 56th Street & 31st Avenue.
- Cleaned and removed debris from 49th Street holding area.
- Removed low limbs and tree obstructions in Marina area.

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 #45, 46, 47 and 48 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 37 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 9 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 82 Customer Service-generated miscellaneous service orders.
- Completed 6 Sunshine One-Call Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Replaced 1 meter that was stuck and not recording usage.
- Reviewed permit application for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach for quality testing.
- Completed annual DEP required testing of 32 backflow devices due in June.
- Replaced 9 old water meters with new style meters.
- Repaired water break at 1207 59th Street.

- Installed new service at 6150 8th Avenue.

Sewer

- Daily preventive maintenance and service at lift stations 1 & 2.
- Daily rainfall check and documentation.
- Daily ground water elevation recording.
- Daily per trip vehicle check inspection.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance check on lift stations 1 & 2, Police & Fire Departments and Multipurpose Center.
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection.
- Replaced section of sewer main & lateral at 5312 17th Avenue.
- Televised sewer lateral at 5325 23rd Avenue.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced electronic throttle pedal and A/C control switch on Fire Truck #P17.
- Replaced driveshaft hanger bearing & coupling on Police Vehicle #111.
- Replaced rear brakes on Police Vehicle #116.
- Replaced damaged/broken roof on front end loader.
- Performed front brake job on MVM Vehicle #70.
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various City vehicles.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

With the longer hours of summertime before us, the visions of those home improvement projects start to become a reality. Before you embark on your home improvement project give us a call at 893-1024 to discuss your plans and see what inspections may be necessary, to explain code requirements and to help you through the process. Whether it's deferred maintenance or new improvements, due to hard economic times many are electing to do these projects themselves. Building Division staff tries to take special time to work with homeowners embarking on these do-it-yourself projects.

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.

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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 5 of the City, also known as the Marina District. This area comprises the southeast portion of the City which generally extends south from 26th Avenue South to the water and east from 49th Street to the City boundaries.

The number of code enforcement cases for June was 186 for a fiscal year to date total of 1,447 cases. The number of citizen complaints for June was 21 for a fiscal year to date total of 132. This represents an annual ratio of complaints to total number of cases of 9.1 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.

Beginning in August Code Enforcement activities will move to Section 1 of the City, also known as the Stetson Area which comprises the northwest portion of the City and generally extends south from 7th Avenue to Gulfport Boulevard and east from 64th Street to 58th Street. 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.

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