



Gulfport Community Update

July 29 - August 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Public Works Director Don Sopak reports that Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) has lifted once-per-week watering restrictions in response to Tropical Storm Debby and regular summer rains increasing aquifer and river levels. A Modified Phase I water shortage order is in effect and allows for twice-per-week watering as follows:

- EVEN addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday
- ODD addresses may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday
- Locations without a discernible address may water on Tuesday and/or Friday
- No watering shall take place between 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.

For more information, please visit Pinellas County Utilities website.

Upcoming Events:

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

Enjoy an evening with author and former Tampa Tribune reporter Tim Dorsey at the Gulfport Library on Thursday, September 13. For more information call Dave Mather at 893-1075.

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 or contact Daniel Hodge at 366-4086 or dan@iqc.org.

Gulfport Artist Cheryll Grogan will present a selection of her paintings and photography during an **Art Reception** at 6 p.m. Friday, August 3 in the Catherine Hickman lobby. Her work depicts locations in Gulfport, Key West and the Pacific Coast, and will remain on display at the Theater through August. For more information call 893-1070.

If it's First Friday it's **Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District, August 3, 6 -10 p.m. For more information call 322-5217.

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 28th 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 27th 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.

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.

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
- 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

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.

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 have moved to Section 5 of the City, also known as the Marina District Area. 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.

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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

Offenses	46
Arrests	6
Traffic citations	49

Examples of arrests and significant incidents or calls this week:

GPD responded to a Burglary in the 5300 block of 12th Avenue South in the early morning hours of July 24. A white male knocked on the door of a residence and, after receiving no answer attempted to gain entry through a rear window before being confronted by the home owner.

On the evening of July 24 Officer Ashcom attempted a traffic stop after witnessing a car running the eastbound stop sign at 11th Avenue & 53rd Street. The vehicle, a silver Infiniti 4-door with dark tinted windows, bearing Florida tag #AESG03 drove evasively and failed to stop after officer Ashcom activated her lights and siren. The registered owner at 2501 47th Street South advised her son had her vehicle. The Officer was unable to identify the driver due to the tint.

A blue Chevy Tahoe fled from an officer attempting to make a traffic stop for a seat belt violation in the 1400 block of 49th Street on the evening of July 25. Francis McDermott was located at the registered owner's address by St. Petersburg PD and identified by the Gulfport officer. McDermott was arrested for fleeing and eluding and for driving as a felony habitual traffic offender.

Lisa Buttry was arrested on the morning of July 26 after throwing a flower pot through a window of her residence in the 5300 block of 21st Avenue while occupants of the house were sleeping on a couch beneath the window. Buttry was charged with culpable negligence and throwing a deadly missile.

A complainant in the 700 block of 60th Street called to report a dog at large on the evening of July 26. The dog's owner, Sue Barrett was issued an ordinance violation for allowing her dog to run loose. She was intoxicated and refused to get out of the roadway, and was arrested for disorderly intoxication.

GPD responded to a reported Burglary to a Residence in the 2600 block of 51st Street South on the morning of July 27 after unknown suspect(s) broke the glass out of a door and entered the residence and took jewelry, a drill and a pair of sunglasses. Forensics collected blood that appeared to have been left by the suspect(s) when the glass from the door was broken. The investigation is ongoing.

On the evening of July 27 the bartender at Pepperz reported that a subject was served a beer, but walked out of the bar without paying. The subject, Jamie Patton was located at the Oar House Bar a few blocks away, and arrested for retail theft.

GPD responded to Burglary to a Residence in the 2500 block of 54th Street South on the evening of July 27 after an unknown suspect cut a window screen and climbed through an open window in the rear of the residence while no one was home. Jewelry was stolen and a sandwich was taken from the refrigerator.

Officers responded to a report of Aggravated Battery on Gulfport Beach on the evening of July 27. John Lees punched the victim in the face with a closed fist, knocking out the victim's tooth and breaking his jaw. Lees was arrested for aggravated battery on a person 65 years or older.

Investigations:

<i>New Cases:</i>	27
Cases Assigned:	5
Cases Closed-No Leads:	10
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	1
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	8
Cases Referred Back to Patrol:	3

<i>Supplements Received:</i>	10
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	1

Previously cleared with Arrest:	1
Cases Closed-No Leads:	2
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	1
Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Still Active:	5

Detective Hanh Pham located and identified a suspect in a credit card fraud case. He made contact with Diane Sue Jackson at her residence and questioned her concerning the stolen card. Jackson confessed to the alleged crime and was arrested for fraudulent use of a credit card.

Detective Embry is investigating a retail theft that occurred at Gulfport Liquors. The suspect, described as a black male, was unknown at the time of the offense. Detective Embry identified the suspect from the store's surveillance video, and is attempting to locate him.

Officer Motte has been assisting the patrol section. He made an arrest for disorderly conduct. He also obtained a buccal swab for DNA testing regarding another arrested case.

Crime Analyst Margaret Palmisano completed the semiannual UCR report and submitted the data to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. She also produced and distributed a crime bulletin for Detective Embry regarding an investigation into the theft of a firearm currently under investigation, and completed and submitted an officer safety bulletin for Officer Motte.

The Special Enforcement Team assisted the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office narcotics division with surveillance of an alleged narcotics dealer.

The Marine Unit was on patrol during the volunteer removal of the stranded sailboat on Wednesday morning.

Records

Reports reviewed:	46
Supplements reviewed:	109
Public records requests:	34
Bike registrations:	1
Fingerprints:	4
Subpoenas processed:	9
Citizens assisted:	69

MARINA

Pumped two thousand six hundred four (2,604) gallons of gas, and one thousand six hundred thirty nine (1,639) gallons of diesel fuel, one hundred fifteen (115) vessels.

Assisted in twenty one (21) pump-outs evacuating six hundred ninety (690) gallons of sewage. This free service is well received by the boating public and helps keep our waters clean.

Transient Vessels

Staff welcomed a 38' catamaran, a 24' motor cat and a 24' motorboat this week. Welcome to Gulfport!

Staff Activities

- Replaced dock lines on fuel dock.
- Removed hazard buoys from Boca Ciega Bay.
- Repaired dock at Veterans Park.
- Repaired south pump-out.

- Repaired dock at Coast Guard AUX.
- Installed new shower curtains in women's restrooms.

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 23, 5 p.m. - Citizenship class.
- Tuesday, July 24, 1 p.m. - Voter Registration Training for Volunteers
- Tuesday, July 24, 3 p.m. - *eSalon* facilitated by Alex Hooks.
- Tuesday, July 24, 5:30 p.m. - Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.
- Wednesday, July 25, 10 a.m. - Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers meeting.
- Wednesday, July 25, 2:30 p.m. - Summer Reading Program
- Thursday, July 26, 10:30 a.m. - Storytime for Preschoolers facilitated by Diann Morningstar.
- Thursday, July 26, 4:30 p.m. - Business Debtors Anonymous meeting.
- Friday, July 27, 2 p.m. - *Anime Afternoons* facilitated by Sheri Stanley.
- Friday, July 27, 5 p.m. - Sea Scout Training
- Saturday, July 28, 10 a.m. - Meditation Class with Ted Leitho.
- Saturday, July 28, 2 p.m. - Sea Scout Training.

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 893-1074.
- 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.
- Wednesday, August 8, 2 p.m. - *Magician & Illusionist Cesar Domico* performs at the Library! For more information call Dave Mather at 893-1075.
- Tuesday, August 14, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Primary Election polling place.

- Thursday, August 16, 10 a.m. - Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, August 16, 10:00 am. Discussion of *Slaughterhouse-5*, by Kurt Vonnegut, 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 FMI.
- 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 22 - 28, 2012:

	Items Circulated	Patrons
Weekly Circulation:	1,864	450
Sun. 7/22	24	8
Mon. 7/23	363	84
Tue. 7/24	343	80
Wed. 7/25	341	68
Thu. 7/26	306	89
Fri. 7/27	332	40
Sat. 7/21	155	40

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 Constant Contact newsletter to email distribution list.
- Rebooted GTV615 station equipment.
- Updated Recreation Center website per request.
- Creating flyers & press releases for upcoming Triathlon event.
- Formatting 2012/13 calendar in preparation for printer.
- Continued preparation of September calendar brochure.

Parks

Trimmed, weeded, cleaned and mulched 49th Streetscapes and Senior Center & Library planter beds, hand raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.

Repaired mower tires and oil leak on Sand Pro, and cleaned all equipment.

Mowed Recreation Center grounds, Beach area, Chase block and both dog parks, Marina area, 56th Street drainage area, Tangerine Greenway and Neighborhood Center.

Repaired irrigation on 49th Streetscape, and continued repairs at Clymer Park.

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

Repaired bench in Chase Block.

Reworked & graded clay, and treated Hoyt Field for mole crickets.

Opened & cleaned Skate Park daily.

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

Other Activities:

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

Senior Center

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

Volunteer Attorneys will assist clients over 60 years of age with wills, living wills, powers of attorney and health care surrogates on Friday, August 17 at 9:30 a.m. No appointment needed. Clients must meet age/income criteria. Call 582-7480 for more information.

A fun and interactive presentation on **Disaster Planning** will be offered by the American Red Cross on Monday, August 20 at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

The Senior Center will host a **Free Men's Day** on Wednesday, August 22 to expand membership. The Ray's baseball game will air on our wide screen TV at 1:10 p.m. and a free slice of pizza will be offered during the game. Also included: a tour of our facility and a free tryout on the Fitness Center exercise equipment.

Deaf and Hearing Connection will distribute phones for hearing impaired Floridians on Tuesday, August 21 at 9:30 a.m. Clients with phones provided by Deaf & Hearing Connection that are inoperable can exchange them for working phones. Please bring your paperwork.

The Third Annual Senior Center Card Game & Party is scheduled for Wednesday, August 29, 2 - 5 p.m. Enjoy finger foods, door prizes, opportunity baskets, etc. Tickets: \$10, available at the Senior Center or online at www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org. Proceeds will benefit Senior Center health & wellness programs.

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 893-2242 for more information on the transportation service.

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

- Sunday, July 22 6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson with John
7 p.m. - Ellis Hale's Band & Ballroom Dance (Turnout 32)
- Tuesday, July 23 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 39)
- Wednesday, July 24 6 p.m. - Bonus Dance lesson with Swingtime
7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson
8 p.m. - Swing Dance (Turnout 196)
- Thursday, July 25 6:30 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera
8 p.m. - Salsa dance (Turnout 20)

Casino (Upcoming Events):

- Sunday, August 5 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 22 6 p.m. - Gulfport Community Players (GCP) present *SUMMER ONE ACTS* (Turnout 164)

Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)

- Friday, August 3 6 p.m. - Opening reception for the Artwork of Cheryl Grogan, local Gulfport Artist. Open bar, light snacks and meet the artist
- Saturday, August 11 1:30 p.m. - *Noismakers End of Summer Concert*. Kids of all ages experience the thrill of being a rock star. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated! For more information call 345-7472 or visit www.noise-makers.org
- Sunday, August 19 1:30 p.m. - *Elvis: A Concert Experience* featuring Jim Jinelli paying tribute to the King. Tickets \$15 available online at www.elvisconcert.com

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, July 22 9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 8)
 6:15 p.m. - Over Eaters Anonymous meeting (Turnout 11)

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 was rented 1 - 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28 for a Birthday party with 60 in attendance.

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 four (94) children have been registered to date. Twenty (20) are registered for swim lessons.

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

Twenty Three (23) 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.

Recreation Staff Activities

Marivel Gutierrez attended mandatory VPK Assessment Training in Clearwater on Thursday afternoon.

Alton Hooker worked the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

Joanne McRoberts attended mandatory VPK Assessment Training in Clearwater on Monday evening.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 34 New & 0 Closed
- Water payments: 1,014 totaling \$115,254.59

- On-Line Water payments: 137 transactions totaling \$13,447.72
- Bright House payments: 21
- Utility Bills Mailed 08/01/12: 1,635
- Accounts Payable 07/27/12: 526 transactions totaling \$308,608.07
- Mail processed 07/27/12: 1,840 pieces totaling \$932.35
- Purchasing Cards July 2012 report: 241 transactions totaling \$32,940.31

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hurricane forecasters are monitoring Tropical Storm Ernesto in the eastern Caribbean.

There were no named storms in the Atlantic Basin in July. Experts said that's not unusual, given that the vast majority of hurricanes occur between mid-August and late-October. A July without storms has happened 89 times in the 162 years since the federal government began tracking storms in 1851.

Calls for Service:

- 33 Emergency Medical Calls
- 3 Structure Fires
- 4 Vehicle Crashes
- 0 Fire Alarms
- 1 Elevator Rescue
- 1 Gas Leak

Life Safety

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

The CERT Team meets monthly. The next meeting is Thursday, August 16 at p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. For more information call Bob Worthington at 916-8014 or visit www.gulfportcert.com.

This Week's activities:

- The Fire Chief and City Manager have been awaiting the final award of the bid proposal submitted to Pinellas County on July 12 for the unincorporated area between Gulfport & South Pasadena.
- The Gulfport Fire Department has scheduled the annual pump test on the E-One 2004 Pumper 17 at Ten-8 in Bradenton, as required for ISO Pump Recertification.
- Gulfport Fire Department commenced with the August 2012 St. Petersburg College online CME course: HIV/AIDS Update and Infectious Disease Review. As this is a renewal year for all EMT and Paramedic certifications in the State of Florida, this month we will cover the State-required 2 hour HIV/AIDS update and additional material on emerging trends in infectious disease control and how this may impact pre-hospital care.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Replaced cabinet door in Fire Department kitchen, repaired faucet and air conditioning unit in Locker Room and treated facility for ants.

- Repaired water cooler at Library and damaged docks at Clam Bayou.
- Set up Council Chambers for meetings.
- Completed installation of ceiling tiles and set up for daily events at the Senior Center
- Hung bulletin boards in Theater and Scout Hall.
- 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 and easement grading, fill and dust control spraying at multiple locations throughout City.
- Removed and disposed of illegal dumping at Osgood Point, Gulfport Marina, Gulfport Beach, Tangerine Greenway, 51st Street & 31st Avenue, Beach restrooms and York Street & 25th Avenue.
- Repaired & reset multiple traffic control signs damaged by graffiti, vehicles & storms.
- Graded and cleared obstructions from sidewalks at 11th Avenue & York Street and 11th Avenue & 51st Street.
- Disposed of sailboat from Marina per direction.
- Removed several dumpster loads of debris from Beach area and set up barricades for stranded sailboat efforts.
- Installed City complex signage on Gulfport Boulevard.

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).
- Disconnected water service at 69 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 2 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 140 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.
- Completed annual DEP required testing of 25 backflow devices due in July.
- Continued semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP.
- Repaired water leak at 2937 56th 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 and televised sewer laterals at 5902 15th Avenue and 1301 62nd Street.
- Removed trash and graded sand at 52nd Street terminus.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Repaired front and rear brakes on Police Vehicle #154.
- Replaced window regulator and window motor in right front door of Police Vehicle #18.
- Repaired front brakes on Police Vehicle #06.
- Replaced main hydraulic supply hose from P.T.O. pump to valve body on Sanitation Truck #46.
- Replaced left rear air brake chamber and transmission on Fire Truck #P17.
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various City vehicles.

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