



Gulfport Community Update

August 12 - 18, 2012

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Upcoming Events:

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.

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.

September 12, 2012 Board of Adjustment:

V12-09 - 5437 29th Avenue South, Gulfport, FL 33707. Owner is Oscar Siuda, Trustee; agent is Owen Pach. Variance request to reduce the rear property line setback distance requirement by approximately 13 feet, from 15 feet to approximately 2 feet, to allow for the installation of a proposed 9'x 12' accessory structure.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

Offenses	45
Arrests	9
Traffic citations	62

Examples of arrests and significant incidents or calls this week:

The Delta Squad participated in National Night Out at the Neighborhood Center on August 8. Officer Davis represented the Special Enforcement Team and Sergeant Burkhart represented the Marine Unit. Officer's Ashcom, Parks and Nicita interacted with the public and answered questions.

On the afternoon of August 8 black male entered the Gulfport Liquor store, took a bottle of alcohol and left without paying. The incident is linked to another currently under investigation.

Officer Horning initiated a bike stop on two subjects in the 2000 block of 49th Street on the afternoon of August 8. He searched one of the bicyclists and discovered marijuana and a pipe. A Notice to Appear was issued for possession marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On the evening of August 8 Max Renier was loudly talking to himself and swearing in the street and front yard of his home in the 5600 block of 12th Avenue. After several attempts by his wife, neighbors and officers to calm him, he was arrested without incident for disorderly conduct.

On the afternoon of August 9 officers received a call from a complainant in the 1000 block of 49th Street stating that the store clerk at this location pulled a gun on her because she would not sell her food stamps to the store. Officers interviewed the store clerk and an employee who both stated that the complainant was the aggressor in the incident. Video recording in the store backed up the employees' statements and discounted the woman's gun claim. Charges will be forwarded to the State Attorney's Office against the woman for filing a false police report.

A large tan dog, possibly a Chow was found tied with wire to a stop sign on the corner of 47th Street & 26th Avenue on the morning of August 10. The dog was left without food or water, and residents in the area didn't know who it belonged to. The dog appeared to be neglected. Sgt.

Coombs notified St. Petersburg Police who responded with Pinellas County Animal Services and took the dog.

Officer Mills stopped a vehicle in the 6000 block of Gulfport Boulevard on the evening of August 10 after a tag check indicated that the vehicle's owner had a suspended license. Driver Mark Zahn was arrested for driving under the influence following a DUI investigation.

Officer Mills reported a possible road rage incident involving a silver Toyota RAV4 driving south on 58th Street in the early morning hours of August 11. Sergeant Marotta located and stopped the vehicle at 59th Street & Gulfport Boulevard, but after exiting his patrol car the driver of the Toyota fled. The vehicle was last seen heading eastbound on Gulfport Boulevard at a high rate of speed. An investigation continues.

In the early morning hours of August 11 the bartender at O'Maddys advised that a very intoxicated male was refusing to leave. He threatened to smash car windows and was very uncooperative when officers tried to obtain his information. He was arrested and identified as Richard Blackstock.

On the evening of August 11, vehicle fled at a high rate of speed after an officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop in the 1200 block of 49th Street for a seize-tag and suspended-license computer response. Per department policy, the officer did not initiate a pursuit. The Manatee County Sheriff's Office was enlisted to attempt contact at the registered owner's Palmetto address, to no avail. The registered owner had three traffic violations last November in Pinellas County, so it is possible the owner now resides in the area.

A Dodge minivan stolen from a residence in the 5200 block of 20th Avenue was used to knock a hole in the building housing St. Pete Motorsports on 34th Street in the early morning hours of August 12. The business was then burglarized. The van was returned to the owner with damage. GPD and SPPD are investigating both offenses.

Officer Tiffany Ashcom attempted to stop a white 1998 Chevy pickup truck for travelling southbound in the northbound lane of in the 2200 block of 49th Street on the evening of August 13. The vehicle fled but the driver and passenger abandoned the vehicle in the 4600 block of 25th Avenue. The vehicle was impounded, and officers have recovered forensic evidence which may result in the identification of a suspect. The investigation is ongoing.

Investigations:

<i>New Cases:</i>	16
Cases Assigned:	2
Cases Closed-No Leads:	8
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	0
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	5
Cases Referred Back to Patrol:	1

<i>Supplements Received:</i>	32
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	2
Previously cleared with Arrest:	2
Cases Closed-No Leads:	3
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	4
Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Still Active:	20

Detective Hanh Pham, with the assistance of Sergeants Beltran and Motte apprehended Jacqueline Smith who was wanted for Grand Theft and Check Fraud. He also participated in the National Night Out and continued investigating his assigned cases.

Detective Embry located Alvin Clark, a suspect in a theft at Gulfport Liquors in the County Jail. He interviewed Clark him regarding the theft, and Clark admitted Post Miranda that he stole three bottles of liquor from the establishment. Charges will be applied.

Analyst Palmisano completed pawn checks for 22 offenses with either identifiable property or named suspects. She completed an analysis of a residential burglary pattern. She also assisted Officer Kellington with research.

Special Enforcement Team member Jon Davis manned a display for National Night Out.

The Marine Unit was displayed at the National Night Out by Sergeant Burkhart. The marine unit will be protecting the waterways of Tampa Bay during the Republican National Convention.

Records

Reports reviewed:	75
Supplements reviewed:	62
Public records requests:	22
Bike registrations:	4
Fingerprints:	4
Subpoenas processed:	2
Citizens assisted:	50

Professional Standards Section

Three policies have been reviewed, updated and published: 301 - Issued Property & equipment, and; 505 - On call Personnel.

Officers Nicita and Randazzo are participating in an eye witness identification online training module.

Sergeant Farrand conducted an unannounced inspection/audit of the property stored in our bicycle compound. She and Supervisor Beane are correcting a few minor discrepancies.

The Victim Rights publications submitted to the State coordinator were approved for renewal without changes.

MARINA

Pumped two thousand one hundred fifty five (2,155) gallons of gas, and two thousand three hundred seventeen (2,317) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling ninety two (92) vessels.

Assisted in twenty seven (27) pump-outs evacuating seven hundred ninety (790) 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' sailboat, 44' sailboat 2 41' sailboats, 41' rocker, 25' sailboat, and a 32' motor trawler this week. Welcome to Gulfport!

Staff Activities

- Removed barnacles from seawall.
- Remove exhaust fans from restroom in preparation for replacement.
- Completed pump-out maintenance.
- Removed and cleaned rugs in Marina store.
- Inspected docks for missing piling caps.

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, August 6, 11:30 a.m. - *Hire Me! Teen Secrets for Getting the Job.*
- Monday, August 6, 5 p.m. - Citizenship class.
- Tuesday, August 7, 3 p.m. - *eSalon* facilitated by Alex Hooks.
- Tuesday, August 7, 5:30 p.m. - Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.
- Wednesday, August 8, 10 a.m. - Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers meeting.
- Wednesday, August 8, 2 p.m. - End of Summer Reading Bash with Cesar the Magician, facilitated by Dave Mather, Carol Parker & Diann Morningstar.
- Thursday, August 9, 10:30 a.m. - Storytime for Preschoolers facilitated by Diann Morningstar.
- Thursday, August 9, 4:30 p.m. - Business Debtors Anonymous meeting.
- Friday, August 10, 2 p.m. - *Anime Afternoons* facilitated by Sheri Stanley.
- Saturday, August 11, 10 a.m. - Meditation Class with Ted Leitho.

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. The August 14 meeting is cancelled as the Library is a Primary Election polling location.
- 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.
- Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - Meditation class with Ted Leitho.
- 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.
- Saturday, September 15 - Back to School Crafts for preschoolers through grade 5.
- Every Tuesday beginning September 18, 10:30 a.m. - Suncoast Hospice Bereavement Group meeting.

- Every Wednesday beginning in September, 3 p.m. - Teen Program featuring a different teen event each week.
- Every Thursday beginning in September, 3:30 p.m. - READ Therapy Dog Maya.
- Saturdays, October 6 - November 11, 1 p.m. - *In Our Own Words* Youth Book Writing contest & workshops.

Library Services/Statistics August 5 - 11, 2012:

	Items Circulated	Patrons
Weekly Circulation:	1,963	443
Sun. 8/5	17	6
Mon. 8/6	342	80
Tue. 8/7	428	93
Wed. 8/8	317	76
Thu. 8/9	287	65
Fri. 8/10	388	83
Sat. 8/11	184	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.

Parks

Veterans Park, Beach streetscapes, Marina area, Dog Park and Scout Hall grounds, hand raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.

Repaired mowers, sharpened blades, installed new clutch assembly on line trimmer and cleaned all equipment.

Mowed Recreation Center grounds, Beach area, Marina area, 55th Street medians, Chase block and Dog Park, Clymer greenway and Hoyt perimeter.

Repaired irrigation at Caldwell & Ted Phillips Wood Ibis Parks.

Commenced construction of new bocce courts on beach.

Mowed & raked ball fields, weeded clay areas and cleaned baselines in preparation for upcoming games.

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

Raked beach and removed seaweed.

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.

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. Enjoy the Ray's game on our wide screen TV at 1:10 p.m. A free slice of pizza will be offered during the game. The best dressed Ray's Fan will win a free lunch ticket, compliments of the Senior Center Snack bar. 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.

The Senior Center will host **Special Bingo** on Wednesday, September 12 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 for 5 sheets of 9 cards with three chances per sheet to win. Every winner receives a small gift and a ticket for an opportunity to win one of five beautiful baskets filled with great gifts. Winners must be present for the final drawings. All gift items are donated by local sponsors.

The Senior Center will host a "Two Chefs" Cooking Demonstration on Wednesday, September 19 at 1:30 p.m. Enjoy an appetizer, entrée and dessert. Donation: \$2.00 to help support the Senior Center's Health and Wellness Programs. Phone reservations required. This event is sponsored by The Fountains of Boca Ciega Bay.

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 a 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, August 5 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson with Carol Baker
7 p.m. - The Mellotones band & Ballroom dance (Turnout 33)
- Tuesday, August 7 6 p.m. - Beginner Argentine Tango lesson
8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 56)
- Wednesday, August 8 6 p.m. - Bonus Dance lesson with Swingtime
7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson
8 p.m. - Swing Dance (Turnout 198)
- Thursday, August 9 6:30 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera
8 p.m. - Salsa dance (Turnout 47)
- Friday, August 10 8 p.m. - 1960's Swing Dance Lesson with Swingtime
9 p.m. - Swing dance featuring the IMPACS (Turnout 219)

Casino (Upcoming Events):

- Sunday August 19 6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson
7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom Dance Admission \$7
- Every Tuesday 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)

- Saturday, August 11 1:30 p.m. - *Noismakers End of Summer Concert.* (Turnout 40)

Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)

- 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, August 5 9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 25)
6:15 p.m. - Over Eaters Anonymous meeting (Turnout 9)

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 6-10 p.m. Saturday, August 11 for a Birthday Party with 40 in attendance.

Registration is underway for the 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 \$110 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.

Registration is underway for the 2012/13 Tot Time Program & 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 \$110 for non residents. Classes begin Tuesday, September 4 and are limited to 10 children each. Ten (10) children have been registered for Tot Time, and three (3) for VPK. Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, August 29, 10 - 11 a.m. and 6 - 7 p.m.

Ninety four (94) children are registered 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. Twenty (20) children are registered for swim lessons.

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

Twenty Three (23) FY 2011/12 Gulfport Skate Park stickers have been sold to date.

Eighty two (82) 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.

Registration is underway for the 2012/13 Teen Night program. Annual registration fee: \$2 for residents, \$22 for nonresidents. Program hours are Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 6 - 9 p.m.

Staff Activities

Alton Hooker worked the room rental on Saturday evening.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 25 new, 0 closed

- Water payments: 1,098 totaling \$117,368.05
- On-Line Water payments: 222 transactions totaling \$11,417.12
- Bright House payments: 33
- Utility Bills Mailed 08/15/12: 1,270
- Accounts Payable 08/10/12: 490 transactions totaling \$276,924.30
- Mail processed 08/10/12: 727 pieces totaling \$708.05
- Purchasing Cards August 2012 report: 219 transactions totaling \$31,509.61

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 32 Emergency Medical Calls
- 2 Structure Fires
- 0 Vehicle Crash
- 3 Fire Alarms
- 1 Water Rescue
- 1 Fire Outside Structure

Life Safety

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

This Week's activities:

- Gulfport Firefighters participated in Fighting Foam Operations Training at the St. Petersburg Drill Grounds. This drill is designed to provide firefighter officer with basic knowledge of foam and foam operations. It also provides basic information that the pump operator should know to apply foam using an in-line educator to extinguish Class B Fires. The departments concluded the lesson with a practical demonstration.
- Chief Marenkovic met with Parks Superintendent Bob Williams and City staff to plan for the upcoming Geckofest event. Discussion included road closures, vendors, parking, trolley routes and Public Safety concerns.
- Gulfport Fire Department continues with their August 2012 St. Petersburg College online CME course: HIV/AIDS Update and Infectious Disease Review.
- Inspector Vento attended the Pinellas County Arson Co-Op meeting in Largo on August 14. The main topic was general election for President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Programmed fire alarm panel and initiated monitoring at Neighborhood Center.
- Unblocked drains in City Hall & Fire Department kitchens and toilet in Dog Park restroom.
- Completed monthly air condition filter replacement at all City buildings.
- Painted stage floor at Casino.
- Repaired partition door at Beach restrooms.
- Built teepee frames for Tot Time program.
- Set up for daily events at the 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 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.
- Loaded fill dirt for Lincoln Cemetery and removed large piles of debris from property.
- Removed debris from the Neighborhood Center holding area and truck wash area, cleaned City Truck Yard and removed tires from Garage.

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 #23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 53 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 21 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 139 miscellaneous customer service department-generated service orders.
- Completed 3 Sunshine One-Call Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Reviewed permit application for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach for quality testing.
- Continued semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP.
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach for quality testing.
- Repaired water break at 1829 59th Street.
- Responded to afterhours call to repair water break at 1829 York 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 lateral at 6245 11th Avenue.
- Replaced sump pump in heavy truck lift pit at garage.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Removed bucket assembly from Lightning Loader #29 main boom and replaced defective hydraulic cylinder, installed new cylinder and reassembled bucket assembly to main boom, replaced engine temperature sensors and engine coolant level sensors on.
- Replaced rear pump station tachometer and rebuilt 1.5" water valve on Fire Truck #P17.
- Repaired grabber arm assembly on Sanitation Truck #42.
- Repaired hydraulic oil leak on Recycle Truck #40.
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various City vehicles.

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