



Gulfport Community Update

September 23 - 29, 2012

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Public Works Director Don Sopak reports that chemicals, electronics and over 7100 lbs of latex paint were collected from the 407 participants at the Pinellas County Household Electronics & Chemical Mobile Collection event at the Gulfport Recreation Center on September 22.

Sign up your Gulfport address for the **Citywide Yard Sale** scheduled for Saturday, November 3. Applications are available at City Hall or the Gulfport Library. Participants can also email yard sale addresses to gbiron@mygulfport.us. A confirmation email will be sent. Deadline for registration is October 26. For more information call 893-1118. No phone-in addresses please; one address per application.

The Osgood Point kayak launch ramp is closed for construction through December 23. Kayaks may be launched from the Gulfport Municipal Marina.

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. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and personal needs for the **Gulfport Senior Center Pantry** to the Gulfport Merchants Association tent each Tuesday. The Pantry is in great need of donations to keep up with the needs of clients. Bring gently worn garments to exchange during the **CASA Clothing Swap** on October 9, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information visit www.gulfportma.com or contact Daniel Hodge at 366-4086 or dan@iqc.org.

Cheer on your favorite athlete during the **Keep Gulfport Weird Mini-Triathlon** on Saturday, September 29. Check-in for registered participants begins at 6 a.m. and the race begins at 7. For more information call 893-1118 or 893-1066.

The Fifth Annual **Tangerine Blues Fest** is Saturday, September 29, 4 - 10 p.m. on the Tangerine Greenway. For more information call 515-4941 or visit www.tangerinebluesfest.com or www.so49.org.

It's **Banned Books Week** and the Friends of the Gulfport Library are celebrating the Freedom to Read, Thursday, October 4 at 7 p.m. in the Catherine Hickman Theater. Professor Michael P. Allen of Stetson University College of Law will be the guest speaker for this FREE event. For more information call Angela Herritt at 290-6590.

Shop and dine during **Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District 6 - 10 p.m. Friday, October 5. For more information call 322-5217.

Eat all you can at the **Lions Club Pancake Breakfast** at the Lions Club, 4630 Tifton Drive on Saturday, October 6, 7 - 11 a.m. Admission \$5 at the door. For more information call 515-7509.

Experience a traditional Gulfport event during the **102nd Gulfport Birthday Bash** at the Gulfport Historical Museum, 5301 28th Avenue on Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Kids' games with obstacle course and inflatables, chalk art contest, famous mullet toss, fish fry, artist booths, trolley tour, antique appraisal (one item for \$5 or 3 items for \$10) and free cake! For more information call 893-1118.

Everyone is invited to the **49th Street South Business Association (So49)** meeting at the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street South on Wednesday, October 10 at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 515-4941.

The **Most Holy Name Octoberfest** is Thursday - Sunday, October 11 - 14. Enjoy rides, games, food & drink, dancing and entertainment. For more information call 344-2744.

Volunteer at the **Clam Bayou Cleanup** on Saturday, October 20, 9 a.m. - noon. Clam Bayou Nature Park is located at the corner of 29th Avenue & Miriam Street. For more information call 893-1066.

Visit Gulfport during **Third Saturday Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District 6 - 10 p.m. Saturday, October 20. For more information call 322-5217.

Put on your best costume and take the kids to the **Halloween Bash** at the Gulfport Recreation Center on Wednesday, October 31, 7 - 9 p.m. Carnival games, Costume Contest, Haunted House, Tot Boo Room and a Snack Shack. For more information call 893-1068.

Weekly Casino Ballroom Events

- 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.

Building Division staff tries to take special time to work with homeowners embarking on do-it-yourself projects. Whether it's deferred maintenance or new improvements, due to hard economic times many are electing to do these projects themselves. Before beginning home improvement projects give us a call at 893-1024 to discuss plans and inspections that may be necessary, to explain code requirements and help you through the process.

Thinking of starting a new business? Check out the New Business Checklist at www.mygulfport.us under the Online Services/Documents and Publications section.

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

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

Beginning in October Code Enforcement Activities move to Section 2 of the City, also known as the Northeast Area which generally extends north to 7th Avenue, south to Gulfport Boulevard, west to 58th Street and east to 49th 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.

October 10, 2012 Board of Adjustment meeting:

- V12-10 - Two vacant lots with the Property Identification Numbers 33/31/16/4156/000/3710 and 33/31/16/4156/000/3730, located to the north and west of the intersection of 27th Avenue & 57th Street. The property owners are Robert Pohrer and Donald Engle II. Variance request is to reduce the minimum distance setback requirement from the rear property line by 5 feet, from 15 feet to 10 feet, to allow for the construction of a proposed new 22'x 30' detached garage.
- V12-11 - 6320 Pasadena Point Boulevard South. Property owners are Tod and Lisa Damkoehler. Variance request to reduce the rear lot line setback requirement by 1.9 feet, from 25 feet to 23.1 feet, to allow for the construction of a proposed new bathroom attached to the master bedroom.

November 7, 2012 Planning and Zoning Board and November 20, 2012 City Council/CRA meeting:

- Consideration of amendments to the zoning code related to outdoor sales or displays within the WRD, CL-1 and CL-2 zoning districts to allow for expedited review.
- Consideration of amendments to the zoning code relating to political signs.
- Consideration of amendments to the zoning code relating to notice requirements.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

Offenses	49
Arrests	10
Traffic citations	33

Examples of arrests and significant incidents or calls this week:

GPD is investigating a Fraud/Identity Theft after a resident in the 2200 block of Premier Drive reported that he was contacted by his bank on the morning of September 18, and informed that a fraudulent tax return in his name had been deposited into another account.

An arrest affidavit was issued for William Mosher on the afternoon of September 18 after a caretaker for Mosher's mother reported that several personal checks were stolen from the mother's home in the 5000 block of 9th Avenue, forged with her signature and cashed at a bank in Pinellas Park. Mosher was identified through bank surveillance photos.

GPD was notified by a Kentucky Law Enforcement agency that a firearm reported stolen from the 5400 block of 20th Avenue in 1992 has been recovered.

A 13 year old boy was operating a scooter in the 5200 block of Gulfport Boulevard on the evening of September 18 when he fell and broke his arm. He was issued a citation for driving without a license and his mother was issued a citation for permitting him to operate the scooter.

Matthew Eddings was arrested on September 18 after he took a cab to a home in the 1600 block of 58th Street then refused to pay the fare. Eddings had been issued a written trespass for the same location in May, and was charged with trespassing. He returned to the location in a cab again on the evening of September 22, and as before had no money to pay for the cab. He was on the property when officers arrived and was arrested for theft and trespassing.

Robert Atkins was stopped in the 5300 block of Gulfport Boulevard for driving with a tag not assigned to the car he was operating. His license was also suspended. He was issued two criminal traffic citations and the car was impounded.

Officer Nicita stopped a vehicle for speeding in the area of 58th Street & 13th Avenue on the morning of September 19. The driver agreed to a vehicle search. As the subject was standing in front of the police vehicle, he threw a small bag of marijuana on the ground, which was later discovered by Ofc. McLaughlin. Oliver Vogeler admitted post-Miranda that the marijuana was his and was arrested for misdemeanor possession.

Neighbors in the 2500 block of 54th Street were in a dispute over live vegetation on one side of the property fence. Officer Mills advised the parties that this was a civil matter. The complainant did not agree and contacted a PD supervisor. Officer Mills helped Sergeant Burkhart research City Ordinance 14-3 and Florida case law (Galo vs. Heller), and Sgt. Burkhart explained to the complainant that it was indeed a civil issue.

On the evening of September 20, the driver of a vehicle headed northbound in the 2900 block of Beach Boulevard pulled to the side of the street to check for an address. The driver of a white Toyota 4-Runner with a brush guard on the front attempted to pass the vehicle, but struck the driver's side rear bumper. The 4-Runner continued north on Beach, then east onto 28th Avenue. The victim was unable to provide a description of the driver.

GPD responded to a Burglary to a Residence on the afternoon of September 21 after a juvenile entered a detached garage in the 3000 block of Beach Boulevard and stole an adult tricycle. The juvenile felt guilty and told his mother a short time later about the theft. The mother contacted GPD. Based on the mother's handling of the situation, the reporting officer did not charge the juvenile.

GPD responded to the 6200 block of 7th Avenue on the evening of September 21 after a caller reported that another driver nearly struck her vehicle, forcing it off the road. There were no independent witnesses. The case will be brought to the State Attorney for further review.

A resident in the 2400 block of Premier Drive reported that her son's medication was stolen from the home. There were no signs of forced entry.

GPD is investigating a burglary after a resident in the 2000 block of 56th Street reported on September 22 that a light blue Trek road bike and a grey Mongoose bike were stolen from the front yard sometime during the night.

A yellow Tiger mountain bike was reported stolen from the porch of a home in the 1700 block of 53rd Street on September 22.

GPD responded to the 5500 block of Tangerine Avenue in the early morning hours of September 23 after a caller reported that he had been battered by his boyfriend. An investigation revealed that the caller was injured in an altercation, and Kevin Morin was arrested for battery.

A caller in the 5100 block of 26th Avenue reported on the morning of September 23 that her adult tricycle was stolen from her fenced yard the night before. Officer Nicita located a male juvenile sitting on the trike behind a nearby residence. The juvenile admitted post-Miranda to stealing the trike.

GPD responded to the Town Shores Dover Building on the afternoon of September 23 after a caller reported that his bike was stolen the night before. The bike was identified as one that three juveniles were riding the night before when they were stopped by Officer Crowson. Probable cause was developed for all three on multiple charges of theft and burglary tools.

Officers arrested Jovan Holmes in the early morning hours of September 24 after he was stopped in the 2100 block of 49th Street for no tag light. His license was not valid and he was determined to be a habitual traffic offender. He was issued two traffic citations.

Suzanne Barrett was issued an ordinance violation for having a dog at large after her dog was seen running loose in the 700 block of 60th Street on the evening of September 24. Barrett has several prior convictions for the same offense.

Investigations:

New Cases:	6
Cases Assigned:	3
Cases Closed-No Leads:	3
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	0
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	0
Cases Referred Back to Patrol:	0

Supplements Received:	7
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	0
Previously cleared with Arrest:	0
Cases Closed-No Leads:	2
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	0
Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Still Active:	5

Lt. Stone managed case assignments this reporting period while Sergeant Woodman was attending in-service training.

Sgt. Woodman attended Sex Crimes Investigations training this week. On Monday he investigated weekend thefts/burglaries with Det. Pham.

Detective Hanh Pham investigated the Gulfport Mini Mart burglary and identified James Nethery as the suspect. Nethery is in the Pinellas County Jail for unrelated charges. Detective Pham learned that Nethery allegedly committed numerous burglaries in St. Petersburg. He spoke with St. Pete Police detectives and was able to connect Nethery to the Gulfport Mini Mart Burglary. He and Sgt. Woodman conducted a follow-up investigation into three juveniles stealing bicycles. All three were arrested for Burglary, Possession of Burglary Tools, and Grand Theft.

Detective Embry has identified a suspect in a grand theft auto case he is investigating and will have the suspect's fingerprints compared to prints lifted from property found inside a vehicle submitted into Property and Evidence. He will attempt to locate the suspect to interview him.

Ofc. Beltran assisted CID with a surveillance detail all week long. He also worked with SPPD regarding a shooting, and spoke with several students regarding a possible altercation on campus.

Ofc. Motte recovered a runaway reported missing out of St. Petersburg, mediated several altercations preventing fights from occurring, and covered a JV football game at the school.

Members of the Special Enforcement Team have been participating in a surveillance detail regarding an ongoing case.

The Marine Unit was not on the water this week.

Records

Reports reviewed:	29
Supplements reviewed:	77
Reports disseminated:	20
Public records requests:	7
Bike registrations:	1
Fingerprints:	3
Subpoenas processed:	6
Citizens assisted:	55

MARINA

Pumped two thousand six (2,006) gallons of gas, and two thousand eight hundred thirty (2,830) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling seventy (70) vessels.

Assisted in twenty five (25) pump-outs evacuating four hundred sixty (460) gallons of sewage. This free service is well received by the boating public and helps keep our waters clean.

Staff Activities:

- Removed dock ladder from Casino pier.
- Prepared Marina store for inventory.
- Removed multiple wasp nests from marina.
- Inspected and cleaned diesel & gas sumps.

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, September 17, 5:30 p.m. - Citizenship class.
- Tuesday, September 18, 1:30 p.m. - Suncoast Hospice Bereavement Group meeting.
- Tuesday, September 18, 3 p.m. - *eSalon* facilitated by Alex Hooks.
- Tuesday, September 18, 5:30 p.m. - Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.
- Wednesday, September 19, 10 a.m. - Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers meeting.
- Wednesday, September 19, 3 p.m. - Teen Program, facilitated by Sheri Stanley.
- Wednesday, September 19, 5 p.m. - *Local Economics Issues* forum.
- Thursday, September 20, 10:30 a.m. - Storytime for Preschoolers facilitated by Diann Morningstar.
- Thursday, September 20, 4:30 p.m. - Business Debtors Anonymous meeting.
- Friday, September 21, 1 p.m. - Affordable Healthcare Act & Medicare informational meeting.
- Saturday, September 22, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - Free Family Movie Day.

Upcoming Events:

- Every Monday, 5 p.m. - Citizenship class. For more information call Adriana Santos at 222-8883 or 442-6881, or email asantos@umcm.info.
- Every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - *Hospice Bereavement Group* meeting.
- 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 Prompt Short Story Writers* meeting.
- Every Wednesday, 3 p.m. - *Teen Program* featuring a different teen event each week.

- 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.
- Saturday, September 29, 10 a.m. - Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library book sale.
- Saturday, September 29, 1:30 .m. - *Seasonal Crafts for Kids* in the Youth Services area.
- Monday, October 1, 2 p.m. - NaNoWriMo Group meeting.
- Thursday, October 4, 7 p.m. - *Banned Books! Who Decides?*, sponsored by the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library, in the Catherine Hickman Theater. Free.
- Saturdays, October 6 - November 11, 1 p.m. - *In Our Own Words* Youth Book Writing contest & workshops.
- Thursday, October 18, 7 p.m. - *Tales from a Haunted Peninsula: The Folklore and Legends of Pinellas County*. Join local author and historian Deborah Frethem for an evening of spooky stories, haunted tales and local lore. FMI Call Dave at 893-1075.

Library Services/Statistics September 16 - 22, 2012:

	Items Circulated	Patrons
Weekly Circulation:	2,149	498
Sun. 9/16	13	4
Mon. 9/17	402	88
Tue. 9/18	311	77
Wed. 9/19	430	80
Thu. 9/20	350	88
Fri. 9/21	353	78
Sat. 9/22	290	73

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 class schedule on Recreation Center webpage.
- Continued collecting registrations for Keep Gulfport Weird Mini Triathlon.
- Continued preparation of November events calendar.
- Updating October events on GTV615.
- Continued planning and preparations for Veteran's Heroes Weekend event.
- Received 2012/13 calendars from printer and distributed to City facilities and museum.
- Attended PRM Training class at Neighborhood Center.

- Starting training for Social Services Supervisor position.

Parks

Weeded cleaned and mulched 49th Streetscapes, trimmed oak tree and palms on Tangerine blocks, trimmed and edged around lift station at 58th Street & Shore Boulevard and signage area around City complex, filled in holes and shelled paths at Clam Bayou, raked beach and hand raked around benches & pavilions.

Mowed Recreation Center grounds, Chase block, Dog Park, Tonkin & Tomlinson Parks, Tangerine Greenways, 55th Street medians, Neighborhood Center, and Hoyt perimeter.

Greased mowers, sharpened blades, cleaned filters on all equipment and replaced throttle cable on line trimmer.

Inspected irrigation at 49th Streetscapes, City complex and Tangerine signage area.

Formed up pedestal for Mary Atkins plaque and set at historical building.

Cleaned docks at Clam Bayou.

Removed old beach playground equipment.

Added bike racks on Beach Boulevard near Botiki, Cousins Pizza and Peninsula Inn.

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

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.

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 this door-to-door transportation service.

Senior Center

A Beginners Line Dance class is offered at Scout Hall at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays for registered members of the Senior Center only. Senior Center membership is free.

The Senior Center offers **Language Classes** for registered members every Thursday:

- 9:30 a.m. - Spanish for Beginners
- 10:30 a.m. - Spanish for Conversation
- 6 p.m. - Beginners and Advanced Italian
- 7 p.m. - Beginner Conversation, Intermediate & Advanced Grammar Italian

The Senior Center's Annual **Night in Italy** event is scheduled for Friday September 28. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by entertainment by the Italian-American Society of St. Petersburg in the Hickman Theater. Tickets: \$12, available at the Senior Center.

Immunization shots will be offered on a first come/first served basis 1 - 3 p.m. Tuesday, October 2. Flu vaccine: \$25; Pneumonia: \$80; Tetanus/Diphtheria/Whooping Cough Vaccine: \$70. Bring Medicare or insurance cards. Medicare covers the full cost of immunization, and insurances will be billed for HMO/Medicare Advantage recipients.

Celebrate the **Senior Center's 29th Birthday** on Wednesday October. 10, and enjoy a free performance by Van Davis in the Hickman Theater at 1 p.m. followed by free refreshments in the Senior Center Dining Hall. Donations to the Senior Center Food Pantry are greatly appreciated.

Auditions for the upcoming **Senior Talent Show** will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 17 & 24. The Talent Show is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 31 in the Hickman Theater. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

Tuesday, September 18	Noon - Intermediate Ballroom dance lessons with Carol Baker (Turnout 9) 1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom dance lesson (Turnout 2) 2 p.m. - Ballroom dance 6:30 p.m. - Beginner Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 43)
Wednesday, September 19	6 p.m. - Bonus Dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson 8 p.m. - Swing Dance (Turnout 177)
Thursday, September 20	7 p.m. - 2012 Candidate Forum (Turnout 100))

Casino (Upcoming Events):

Every Sunday	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

There were no events at the **Catherine Hickman Theater** last week.

Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)

Friday, September 28, 7 p.m. - The Gulfport Senior Center presents *A Night in Italy*. Tickets: \$12, available at the Senior Center.

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, September 16 9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 22)
6:15 p.m. - Over Eaters Anonymous meeting (Turnout 10)

Saturday, September 22 1 p.m. - Baby Shower (Turnout 53)

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 multipurpose room was rented 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 22 for a birthday party with 25 in attendance.

Thirty seven (37) children are registered for the School Year Child Care program, a quality program that provides a nurturing atmosphere where children in Kindergarten through age 14 have the opportunity to experience recreational, social, creative and enriching activities. 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.

Ten (10) children have been registered for the 2012/13 Tot Time Program, and seven (7) for VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten). Tot Time is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. Registration fees for the Tot Time Program are \$17 for residents and \$110 for non residents. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who turned 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.

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

Twenty Three (23) Gulfport Skate Park stickers were sold in FY 2011/12.

Registration is underway for the 2012/13 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. Annual registration fee: \$2 for residents, \$22 for nonresidents. Program hours are Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 6 - 9 p.m. To date thirty one (31) teens have been registered.

Staff Activities

Marivel Gutierrez attended PRM Supervisor Training at the Neighborhood Center on Friday.

Brian VanSlyke opened the Recreation Center for the Mobile Collection on Saturday.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 19 new, 0 closed
- Water payments: 980 totaling \$114,211.60
- On-Line Water payments: 130 transactions totaling \$11,519.88
- Bright House payments: 32
- Utility Bills Mailed 09/26/12: 1,338
- Accounts Payable 09/21/12: 508 transactions totaling \$582,151.91
- Mail processed 09/21/12: 680 pieces totaling \$858.70
- Purchasing Cards September 2012 report: 207 transactions totaling \$29,553.28

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 40 Emergency Medical Calls
- 2 Structure Fires
- 2 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Fire Alarm
- 1 Transformer Pole Fire
- 1 Fire Outside Structure
- 1 Elevator Rescue

Life Safety

- 7 Fire Inspections
- 2 Re-Inspections

The **CERT Team** meets monthly. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, October 18 at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. CERT will assist with traffic control during the Keep Gulfport Weird Triathlon on Saturday, September 29. For more information call Bob Worthington at 916-8014, or visit www.gulfportcert.com.

This Week's activities:

- Gulfport Firefighters have finished their September St. Pete College online CME. There is no CME training in October so the FD will conduct Sexual Harassment Training.
- The Gulfport Fire Department will participate in the *Cares Enough to Wear Pink* campaign to support women with breast cancer. They will be wearing pink T- Shirts during the month of October.
- It's VETSports vs. Gulfport Police and Gulfport Fire at the Inaugural Beach Volleyball Benefit on Sunday, November 11 at 1 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Tampa family of fallen soldier Major David Taylor and Wounded Veterans of VETSports. Many Veterans playing in the volleyball matches use prosthetics for mobility. Please come out and cheer on America's Bravest and Gulfport's Finest!
- Inspector Frank Vento reviewed a building plan for 4920 15th Avenue that was submitted by Life Safety due to unique circumstances regarding project ideas. A Codes summary

was presented to the Fire Chief, and discussed with Community Development Director Fred Metcalf and staff.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance:

- Placed rodent traps and replaced ceiling tiles at Fire Department.
- Mounted new signage at Public Service building.
- Repaired roof leak and replaced ceiling tiles at Library.
- Replaced electronic sensor faucet in Recreation Center restroom.
- Installed electrical access plates on light fixtures along Casino Pier.
- Assisted in transporting vehicles from garage to Tampa for repairs.
- Replaced hydraulic hose on Police Department south gate.
- Completed monthly pest control treatment at all City buildings.
- Replaced cash drawer at City Hall.
- Refilled fire extinguisher for Casino.
- Set up for daily events at Senior Center.
- Performed routine daily maintenance duties at all City buildings.

Streets & Sanitation:

- Removed and disposed of animal carcasses on roadways.
- Completed billable work orders for brush, trash, electronics and Code Enforcement.
- Delivered recycling bins and "The City of Gulfport Recycling Guidelines" information sheet to multiple residential and commercial properties.
- Received shipment of new automated containers, assembled and delivered to multiple residential and commercial properties.
- Mounted new signage on Tangerine Avenue and removed old, damaged sign, per direction.
- 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 per direction.
- Completed alley and easement grading, fill and dust control spraying throughout City.
- Removed and disposed of illegal dumping at Osgood Point, Gulfport Marina, Gulfport Beach, Tangerine Greenway and other locations throughout City per direction.
- Cleared debris from 49th Street holding area and graded truck wash area.
- Bi-monthly street sweeping continues.
- Graded beach and removed the seaweed and debris.
- Replaced damaged traffic control signage.
- Completed demo work on Beach playground and removed debris.
- Set up for County Wide HEC3 collection day.

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 # 45, 46, 47 and 48 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 31 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 6 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.

- Completed 77 Customer Service-generated miscellaneous service orders.
- Completed 2 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.
- Installed new service at 2014 53rd Street.
- Completed training on new meter reading equipment.
- Replaced meter and backflow at Senior Center.
- Repaired water breaks at 6305 Pasadena Point Boulevard, 5946 Skimmer Point Boulevard and 1106 61st 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.
- Televised sewer lateral at 5211 Jersey Avenue.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced serpentine belt on Police Vehicle #12.
- Replaced seat belt buckle assembly on Police Vehicle #09.
- Replaced tensioner pulley assembly on Police Vehicle #155.
- Repaired hydraulic oil leak on Recycle Truck #40.
- Replaced hydraulic hose that runs from P.T.O. pump to control valve body on Sanitation Truck #44.
- Repaired floodlights on Fire Truck #P17.
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various City vehicles.

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