



Gulfport Community Update

January 24 - 30, 2016

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Fire Chief James Marenkovic would like to remind Gulfport residents that **smoke detectors** are available free of charge to elderly and low income households *within Gulfport City limits*. Call Chief Marenkovic at 893-1062 for more information.

The Junk in the Trunk event was held at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center on Saturday, January 23 brought in 7 pallets of electronics with a total of 7.2 tons collected. Police, Fire, Cultural Facilities and Public Works Departments participated as well as Gulfport Neighbors and volunteers, Gulfport Community Garden and Gulfport Food Forest. This event is co-sponsored by the Gulfport Neighbors and the City of Gulfport.

Upcoming Events:

Visit the 49th Street South Business Association (So49) weekly **SoTangerine Market** every Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.SoTangerine.com or call 439-0164.

The **Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market** is a weekly year-round open-air market featuring fruits, vegetables and a wide variety of foods, hand-made arts & crafts, bath, body & wellness products, live music and more. Over 50 vendors and exhibitors participate each Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and personal needs for the Gulfport Multipurpose Center Pantry to the Gulfport Merchants Association tent every Tuesday. For more information visit www.gulfportma.com, call Susan Blankenship at 453-9093 or Chris Spencer at 902-2326, or email FreshMarket@GulfportMA.com.

The Professional Association of Visual Artists (PAVA) will host the **Fourth Annual 2Cool Art Show** at the Gulfport Casino on Saturday & Sunday, January 30 & 31, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thirty eight juried fine artists will display and offer their works for sale. Free parking and admission.

Frank, Dean & Sammy perform a wonderful mix of song, comedy, sketches & brilliant musical arrangements at the Catherine Hickman Theater on Saturday, January 30. Tickets: \$25 each/ group rate; \$20 per for ten or more, available at the Casino. Call 893-1070 for more information.

In honor of Get Rescued Month, enjoy a photo tribute to **Ducks, Kittens and Puppies: Our Love Affair with Animals** at the Catherine Hickman Theater on Friday, February 5, 6 - 8 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the **Crime Watch Meeting** at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street every first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is February 3. Call 418-0126 for more information.

Gulfport voters are invited to **Meet the Candidates** running in the March 15, 2016 Municipal Election on in in Gulfport City Hall Council Chambers on Thursday, February 4 at 6:40 p.m. Facilitated by the League of Women Voters, the forum will allow the public to present questions on topics important to Gulfport. The forum will be in two 45 minute segments starting with the Councilmember Ward I candidates April Thanos and Dan Liedtke immediately followed by the Mayoral candidates Barbara Banno and Sam Henderson. The forum will be broadcast live on Brighthouse Cable GTV640, and at www.mygulfport.us. For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at 893-1012 or 893-1013.

Check out talented artisans and crafters at **First Friday Art walk** on February 5, 6 - 9 p.m. Enjoy live music throughout the Gulfport Art District on Beach Boulevard and dine in one of the many locally owned restaurants. For more information call 322-5217.

The City of Gulfport will host a **video teleconference** with staff from the Florida League of Cities to review existing, new and emerging Senate and House Bills that could have a direct impact on municipalities. Attendees can ask questions and get contact information for specific

bills. This event will take place at the Gulfport Library 6:30 - 8 p.m. Monday, February 8. Call Vice Mayor Yolanda Roman at 512-2942 for more information.

The first ever two-day **Gulfport Masters Fine Arts Festival** is scheduled for 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, February 20 & 21 at Veteran's Park. FREE admission! Fine artists and craftpersons are encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply, visit www.Boulderbrook.net or call 239-293-9448. This family and pet-friendly event is co-sponsored by the City of Gulfport, Gulfport Merchant's Association and Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce, and is produced by Boulderbrook Productions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrol

Dispatch calls for service	110
Self-initiated calls for service	293
Offenses	25
Arrests	4
Traffic citations	55
Ordinance violations	13

Examples of arrests or significant incidents or calls this week:

Officers responded reference a truck that crashed into a tree in the 4900 block of Tangerine Avenue South on January 21. The driver was gone upon arrival. There was only minor property damage to leftover pieces of a fence and a tree. This was the second crash in this area in a 1 week period.

A 19 year old was found deceased in the 6300 block of Kipps Colony Drive East on January 21. It appears to be on overdose on illegal narcotics.

The victim of a battery in the 2500 block of Beach Boulevard South reported that the suspect has posted his name, picture, and phone number online and asked people to harass him and run him out of town on January 23.

A person reported that she stopped at the produce stand in the 5100 block of Gulfport Boulevard South for two minutes and when she returned to her car she found the driver's side window shattered and a bullet on the dash board. The bullet was sheared in half and appeared to have struck another object before hitting the car. There were no reports of gunshots in the area and no way to determine where the bullet was fired from.

Officers with the St Petersburg Police Department pursued a vehicle into Gulfport. After striking stop sticks, the suspect jumped out of the vehicle and it struck a utility pole. The suspect was located and charged with hit and run in the block of 5400 block of 15th Avenue South.

A resident in the 5900 Block of 30th Avenue South reported that her elderly husband had passed away on January 24. The deceased person had medical problems and it appeared to be from natural causes.

A person smashed the passenger window to a Cadillac and reached in and removed the car stereo from the dashboard in the 5400 block of Newton Avenue South on January 25.

A resident in the 4900 block of 10th Avenue South reported that two space heaters were stolen from outside of the residence.

On January 27, n out of state relative requested that we check on the welfare of an 87 year old female in the 2700 block of 45th Street South. Officers entered the residence and found the female deceased. The female suffered from significant health issues. Her death appears to be from natural causes.

Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)

New cases:	10
Cases assigned:	1
Cases suspended-no leads:	6
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	2
Cases referred back to patrol:	1
Supplements received:	10
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Previously cleared with arrest:	1
Cases suspended-no leads:	2
Cases unfounded-no crime:	1
Cases exceptionally cleared:	2
Cases still active:	5

Investigator Highlights

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for a Death investigation, battery, grand theft auto, and fraud. He also conducted a follow-up investigation and arrested a subject for grand theft. Friday on patrol, he arrested a person for battery.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for a fraud, burglary, and vehicle burglary. She was also called in for two death investigations: a 19 year old male that appears to have overdosed and also the death of an elderly female. The female appears to have died from natural causes.

Crime Analyst, Margaret Palmisano completed an analysis for Officer Ross in reference to a project he is working in the beach area. She also submitted the 2015 annual UCR data to FDLE. She compiled the monthly officer activity statistics. She also compiled the quarterly seat belt citations data and submitted it to DHSMV. Palmisano began an analysis for Officer Sigsbee in reference to vehicle burglaries.

Records

Reports reviewed	10
Supplements reviewed:	66
Public Records requests:	33
Background checks:	6
Bike registrations:	0
Fingerprints	2
Subpoenas processed:	12
Citizens assisted:	37

MARINA

Assisted in eight (8) pump outs evacuating one hundred and eight (108) gallons of waste.

Pumped one eight hundred and twenty one (821) gallons of gas and five hundred and sixty five (565) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling thirty nine (39) vessels.

LIBRARY

Visit the **Circle of Friends Book Shop** during Library hours.

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Monday, January 18, 3 p.m. - *K-5th Grade Science Club* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Tuesday, January 19, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.*

Wednesday, January 20, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, January 20, 3 p.m. - *Teen Hangout.*

Wednesday, January 20, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters.*

Thursday, January 21, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Thursday, January 21, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt* over coffee & light refreshments.

Friday, January 22, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Upcoming Events:

Mondays - Wednesdays, Fridays, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch in a Foreign Language. Informal gatherings to brush up on conversational skills. All levels are welcome; this is not a class, simply an opportunity to practice and improve. Bring a bag lunch and a dictionary. A different language group meets each weekday, 12:30 -1:30 pm, in the Study Room at the library. Mondays – French; Tuesdays – Italian; Wednesdays – Spanish; Fridays – Mandarin Chinese. FMI, contact Mel Donovan at the Circulation Desk, 893-1074.

Tuesday, February 2, 10:15 a.m. - *Mommy & Me Yoga*: Instructed by registered yoga teacher Ms. Christa, for parents and babies ages 6 weeks to 18 months. Stretch, laugh, get some strength back and rejuvenate! Call 893-1074 or email cklasson@mygulfport.us to register.

Tuesday, February 9, 1 p.m. - *Healing Thoughts Book Club*: Group meets the second Tuesday of each month. If you have interest in understanding the relationship between our thoughts and their influence on the physical body, this club is for you. Title for discussion: *The Divided Mind*, by John H. Sarno. For more information email klane@untieyourwings.com.

Tuesday, February 9, 4 p.m. - *Middle School Robotics Club*. The group meets every second Tuesday of the month. Pre-registration required. See Cailey in Youth Services to sign up or call 893-1074.

Saturday, February 20, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day*. Call 893-1074 for movie titles.

Saturday, February 27, 5:30 p.m. - *Ukulele Workshop*: Learn to play one of the most popular musical instruments in our area. Hosted by the Tampa Bay Ukulele Society. For more information call 893-1073.

Every Monday, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. beginning February 1 - *AARP Income Tax Assistance*: Taxpayers must bring Social Security cards for all persons listed on their tax returns, photo ID and all pertinent records such as W2s, 1099s, other income & credits, & a copy of last year's return if available. For more information call 893-1073.

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Every Monday, 3 p.m. - *K-5th Grade Science Club*: We try a fun new activity every week, explore engineering through building with Legos, and meet other young scientists and engineers in the community! Parents get to join in on the fun too! Email cklasson@mygulfpport.us or call 893-1074 for more information.

Every Tuesday, 5:45 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step* meeting. For more information call 360-9069.

Every first & third Tuesday, 2 p.m. - *Ukulele Group*: Everyone is invited to join Allen Goldenson for some strummin' fun!

Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. - *Gulfpport Writers* meeting.

Every Wednesday, 3 p.m. - *Teen Hangout*: Games and activities for teens and tweens.

Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - *Gulfpport Toastmasters*. Email robynfeatherstonesq@gmail.com for more information.

Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime*: Join us for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers in the Youth Services area around the rocking chair near the Easy books. Cailey leads the group in singing songs, playing instruments & networking with other caregivers in our community.

Every Friday, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club*. For more information call 893-1073.

Library Services/Statistics January 17-23, 2015:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	2,183	760
Sun. 1/17	Library closed	
Mon. 1/18	Holiday - Library closed	
Tue. 1/19	471	175
Wed. 1/20	409	149
Thu. 1/21	465	149
Fri. 1/22	351	118
Sat. 1/23	361	108

PARKS & RECREATION

Technical Events

Visit www.mygulfpport.us or www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfpport to watch videos of recent City events. Cable and DSL internet users can access live and web stream rebroadcasts at www.mygulfpport.us/gtv-640. Spread the word!

- Distributed press releases to Gabber, and weekly Constant Contact newsletter to email distribution list.
- Rebooted TV station equipment.
- Continued updates and enhancements to mygulfpport.us.
- Continued preparation of March calendar.
- Continued updates on Social media

- Provided staff coverage during Junk in the Trunk.
- Trained intern on select website changes
- Weekly phone meeting with app. company
- Set up February inputs for GTV640
- Added February information to Website calendar
- Transferred video information on camera to external drive and reformatted video camera

Multipurpose Center

The Gulfport Multipurpose Center invites everyone 50+ to sign up for free. The Center is open 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and Fridays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Like us on Facebook at Gulfport Senior Center and Foundation. Help our page grow and get daily valuable information! Stop by the Senior Center for this month's calendar or download a copy at www.mygulfport.us.

Gulfport Extended Mobility Service (GEMS) offers transportation to grocery stores, medical appointments, etc. Gulfport residents 55 & older or residents with a disability can take advantage of GEMS door to door service for a yearly membership of \$65 plus \$2 per ride. GEMS also offers transportation to Bay Pines VA Hospital & Medical Center, Northside Hospital and the St. Pete Beach Family Aquatic Center. For more information call 893-2242 between 8 a.m. & 1 p.m.

The Senior Center participates in the **Neighborly Dining & Meals on Wheels** program, offering lunches for seniors 60 and older. Call Joe at 344-2111 to inquire about the program or to lend a hand as a volunteer driver.

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

The Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center has **many volunteer opportunities** available. If you want to make a difference and help your community, join the volunteer program at the Senior Center. It's a great way to meet new friends and to get acquainted with more than 50 programs, classes and workshops. Volunteers assist as Lobby Receptionist, Fitness Center Attendants, Reassurance Callers, Class/Activity Instructors, Special Events, Food Pantry, Clerical Support, Flea Market, Promotions, Bingo, Card/Magazine organizing, etc. Call Rachel at 893-1231 or stop by the Center at 5501 27th Avenue South for more information.

Join Financial Advisor Scott O'Berry for a discussion of current events, the economy & investing over coffee & donuts during **Coffee Club** at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 2.

Heidi Crockett of Aging Care Advocates returns with the second of an exciting 4-part Health Series that looks at neuroscience, brain health, and relationships. Join us at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 3 for **Loving, Relationships, and Dating after 60**.

Discover the great selection of jewelry, home décor, cook books, collectibles, and many other goodies at **First Friday Flea Market** on February 5 at 9 a.m.

The Alzheimer's Association offers free **Monthly Memory Screenings** the second Monday of each month, 9 - 11:30 am. The next screening is February 8. By appointment only; call 893-5657 to schedule your screening.

Enjoy a healthy snack as Robert Galban of Family Focus Insurance Services presents **Fruit for Thought** every second Monday of the month. The next meeting is February 8.

Find out if you're eligible for a free caption phone that displays text of conversations on a touchscreen when **Clear Captions** visits the Senior Center at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 9.

Visit the new and exciting **Sundial Center** in Downtown St. Petersburg on Tuesday, February 9th. Take your time to experience the new shops, restaurants, and more. **SPACE IS LIMITED.** Reserve your seat by calling (727) 893-2242. GEMS Members \$4 / Non-Members \$6. Price includes roundtrip transportation.

Palms of Pasadena ER & Boca Ciega Center team up to help you prepare an emergency checklist and inform you on what to expect during an emergency room visit and possible hospitalization at the **Help Us, Help You!** presentation on Wednesday, February 10 at 2 p.m.

Create a Valentine's Day floral arrangement at the **Floral Design Class** on Thursday, February 11th at 2 p.m.

The Senior Center offers free blood pressure and health screenings at 10 a.m. on the last Thursday of every month. Our next **Monthly Mini Health Clinic** is February 29.

Volunteers for the **Telephone Reassurance Program** call Gulfport seniors every Monday through Saturday between 7:30 & 8:30 a.m. To sign up for this program visit the Gulfport Senior Center and bring valid I.D.

The **Community Law Program** provides legal assistance to qualified seniors at 9:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Call 582-7480 to schedule an appointment.

Having a problem hearing on the phone? Florida residents with a hearing loss qualify for a **FREE amplified home phone.** Florida Telecommunications Relay Inc., Family Center on Deafness issues equipment at the Gulfport Senior Center at 10 a.m. every third Tuesday of the month. This program is paid for by a surcharge on all Florida households with home phone lines and all business lines, and has been available since 1991. Call 399-9983 for more information.

Recycle your old cell phone, General Mills Box tops, Campbell's labels, can tabs and eye glasses at the Senior Center. Staff forwards these items to the proper organizations for reuse, recycle or education.

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater, Neighborhood Center & Scout Hall

Casino (last week's events):

Sunday, January 17	6 pm – Ballroom Dance with Daniel Fugazzotto Admission \$8 (Turnout 56)
Tuesday, January 19	Noon - Ballroom lessons with Paul Kirk (Turnout 19) 7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (Turnout 59)
Wednesday, January 20	11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Barbara Newborn (Turnout 48) 6 p.m. - Swing dance with Swingtime (Turnout 313)
Thursday, January 21	6 p.m. - Latin Night lesson with Carol Rivera (Turnout 45)
Friday, January 22	11 a.m. - Tampa Friends of Old Time Dance Snow Ball (Turnout 350)
Saturday, January 23	9 am – Tampa Friends of Old Time Dance Snow Ball (Turnout 350)

Casino (upcoming events):

Every Sunday 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson

7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom Fusion dance Admission \$8

Every Tuesday 12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker
2 p.m. - Ballroom dance Admission \$8
6:30 p.m. - Beginning Argentine Tango lesson
8 p.m. - Milonga dance Admission \$8

Every Wednesday 10 a.m. - Yoga with Barbara Newborn/Joyce Bloom
6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime
7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime
8 p.m. - Swing dance Admission \$8

Every Thursday 6 p.m. - Latin Night lesson with Carol Rivera
8 p.m. - Latin dance Admission \$8

Every Friday 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom

Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 5 pm - **PAVA 2 COOL ART SHOW**
January 30 and 31 Juried fine art and fine craft show. Free and open to the public.

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

Sunday, January 17 2 p.m. - Gulfport Community Players (GCP) present *In the Restroom* at Rosenblooms (Turnout 172)

Thursday, January 21 8 p.m. - GCP presents *In the Restroom* at *Rosenblooms* (Turnout 165)

Friday, January 22 8 p.m. - GCP presents *In the Restroom* at *Rosenblooms* (Turnout 166)

Saturday, January 23 2 p.m. - GCP presents *In the Restroom* at *Rosenblooms* (Turnout 155)
8 p.m. - GCP presents *In the Restroom* at *Rosenblooms* (Turnout 150)

Catherine Hickman Theater (*upcoming events*):

Saturday, January 30, 3:00 (limited tickets) & 7:30pm (Sold Out) (2 SHOWS) **THE RAT PACK: TOGETHER AGAIN.** Experience Frank, Dean & Sammy performing a wonderful mix of song, comedy, sketches & brilliant musical arrangements. Tickets \$25 each.

Gulfport Neighborhood Center (*last week's events*):

Sunday, January 17 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 25)
6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday, January 19 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 24)
7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Thursday, January 21 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 25)

Neighborhood Center (*upcoming events*):

Every Sunday 6 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting

Every first - third Sunday 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services

Every fourth Sunday 9:15 a.m. - Bible study
Every Tuesday 7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting
Every Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi
Every first Wednesday 7 p.m. - Crimewatch meeting

Scout Hall (*last week's events*)

Sunday, January 17 9 a.m. - Calvary Christian Assembly church services (Turnout 14)
Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Monday, January 18 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 12)
Tuesday, January 19 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 8)
Friday, January 22 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 8)

Scout Hall (*upcoming events*):

Every Sunday 9 am - Calvary Christian Assembly church services
Every Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Every Monday 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga
Every Tuesday & Friday 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing

Recreation Center

The multipurpose room was rented 2-6 p.m. Saturday, January 23 for a Baby Shower with twenty people in attendance.

Programs, Classes & Activities

Sixty children are registered for the **2015/16 School Year Child Care Program** for children in Kindergarten thru age 14. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Monthly fees are \$150 for residents and \$188 for non-residents. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Gulfport Elementary, Bear Creek Elementary and Douglas Jamerson Elementary.

Fourteen children have been registered for the **2015/16 Tot Time Program**, and ten for **VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten)**. Tot Time is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1. Parents must apply at the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. and the child must receive a Certificate of Eligibility. Both programs aim to make learning fun for children and help prepare them for Kindergarten.

Thirty seven teens are registered for the **2015/16 Teen Night Program** for teens in middle school thru age 17. Program hours are 6 - 9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Annual registration fee: \$2 for residents, \$22 for nonresidents.

Contractual classes: Bootcamp, Karate, Japanese, Mat Pilates, Pickleball, Spanish, Stretch & Tone, Table Tennis, Tennis, Walking Club, Women's Self-Defense, Yoga AM and Zumba.

Staff Activities

Alton Hooker provided staff coverage for the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

Marivel Gutierrez met with Meagan Salisbury, the Vice-President of Stetson's Public Service Fellows on Tuesday afternoon to discuss the plans for the upcoming "Fun in the Sun" Day event in March.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 45 Emergency Medical Calls
- 2 Trauma Alerts
- 3 Structure Fires
- 5 Fire Alarms
- 1 Vehicle Crash
- 2 Fires Outside Structure
- 1 Vehicle Fire

Life Safety:

- 16 Fire Inspections
- 4 Re-Inspections
- 1 C.O.
- 1 Plans Review

Chief Marenkovic and the City Manager has sent a letter to Fire/EMS Administration for further discussion with EMS/ALS funding budget for FY 16-17.

The Gulfport Fire Department had Firefighter/Paramedic Interviews on January 27, 2016, to fill a vacant position. Six candidates were interviewed for the position.

The Gulfport Fire Department continue their online 2016 CME training with Target Solutions. The training is over the introduction to the new CME and Medical Assessment on patients for Paramedics and EMT's.

Lesley Jordan taught a Health Care Provider CPR class on Monday January 25.

Fire Chief James Marenkovic attended the Pinellas County Fire Chief's Association meeting on January 28 at the Epi Center in Largo.

Chief Marenkovic and Inspector Lundh participated in "Junk in the Trunk" on Saturday January 23, 2016 to provide smoke detectors to the citizens of Gulfport. Six were issued out to residents.

PUBLIC WORKS

Staff continues daily water quality testing at Gulfport Beach, Gulfport Shores and the Marina. The results of January 28 are provided below. Gulfport Beach and Clam Bayou are closed to in-water activities until further notice. Visit www.mygulfport.us for the most up-to-date information.

Gulfport Casino

Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)

Fecal coliform – SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)

Sample ID	Date/Time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
1602810-01	01/28/16 7:51 a.m.	160	4	1/28/16 1:05 p.m.	130 B	10	1/28/2016 1:05 p.m.

Gulfport Marina

Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)

Fecal coliform – SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)

Sample ID	Date/Time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
1602810-02	1/28/16 11:55 a.m.	180	4	1/28/16 1:05 p.m.	130 B	10	1/28/16 1:05 p.m.

Gulfport Shores

Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)

Fecal coliform – SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)

Sample ID	Date/Time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
1602810-031/28/16	12:12 p.m.	300 B	4	1/28/16 1:05 p.m.	650 B	10	1/21/16 1:05 p.m.

Enterococcus Results Description

<u>Good</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Poor*</u>
0-35 Enterococcus sp per 100 ml of marine water	36 – 104 Enterococcus sp per 100 ml of marine water	105 or greater Enterococcus sp per 100 ml of marine water
0-35 CFU/100 ml Enterococcus sp Geometric Mean		36 and over CFU/100 ml Enterococcus sp Geometric Mean

Fecal Coliform Results Description

<u>Good</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Poor*</u>
0-199 fecal coliform organisms per 100 ml of marine water	200-399 fecal coliform organisms per 100 ml of marine water	400 or greater fecal coliform organisms per 100 ml of marine water

*A poor rating may result in a resampling event to confirm poor conditions; otherwise a Health Advisory or Warning will be issued immediately. These indicate that contact with the water at this site may pose increased risk of infectious disease, particularly for susceptible individuals. A reading of NR means “No Result”. This could indicate that no sample was taken at this point because of weather or other factors, or that an analysis result was not obtained from the laboratory.

Building Maintenance

- Replaced circuit board on electric doors at City Hall, following damage from electrical surge
- Unclogged urinal in the outdoor Men’s Restroom at the Casino
- Pressure-cleaned and painted Scout Hall
- Unclogged toilet in the Ladies Restroom at City Hall
- Rewired two a/c units at City Hall, following electrical surge
- Prepped and pressure-cleaned Hoyt Field restrooms for painting
- Repaired toilet in the Ladies Restroom at the Dog Park

Parks

- Set up seating and equipment in preparation for Junk in the Trunk and removed following event.
- Changed out event banners
- Continued pouring concrete at Recreation Center exercise area.
- Continued fence replacement at trail spur.
- Continued sanding picnic tables in preparation for installation.
- Continued work on tree lights and electrical outlets on Beach Boulevard.
- Mowed Tangerine drainage ditch and embankments, Lions Club, fence line at Wood Ibis
- Repaired irrigation at Recreation Center.
- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched Wood Ibis Park, Library, low branches at City complex and Veterans Park
- Irrigation repairs at Caldwell park, City complex and Clymer Park
- Equipment repairs: pole saw, ignition coil line in line trimmer and pack blower and greased mowers and sharpened/replaced blades.
- Replaced lights in shop bathrooms
- Installed chair rail in Friends Room at the Library

- Replaced lights inside City Hall
- Picked up trash and emptied bins along Beach & Shore Boulevards following weekend events.
- Add signs during beach closing
- 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.
- All City parks 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.

Streets & Sanitation

- Delivered recycling bins with information sheets.
- Completed billable work orders for brush, Code Enforcement, trash/furniture & electronics.
- Removed and disposed of animal carcasses from City rights of way.
- Removed and disposed of illegal dumping and curbside yard waste throughout City.
- Repaired asphalt and potholes throughout City.
- Assembled & delivered new residential and commercial automated trash containers, and replaced broken containers.
- Cleaned and removed debris from storm drains, inlets, and storm water outfalls and reset storm grates throughout City.
- Set grade and added millings in alleyways per direction.
- Removed limbs & branches obstructing City roadways, alleyways & sidewalks.
- Removed several loads of debris from 49th Street holding area.
- Replaced and installed new stop sign and pole at 60th St. & 17th Ave.
- Removed glass and debris from the roadway at 60th St. & 17th Ave., following automobile accident
- Graded Beach parking lot
- Reset stormwater lid at 58th St. & 20th Ave., following damage by a vehicle
- Repaired and patched potholes on Tradewinds Dr., and on Beach Boulevard
- Hauled away almost 3 full "claw truck" loads of debris collected from "Junk in the Trunk" event
- Removed fallen tree from the roadway at 53rd St. & 7th Ave.
- Cleaned and removed debris from the storm drain at 54th St. & 11th Ave.
- Assembled new commercial 300-gallon trash containers for replacements
- Filled hole in the roadway and reopened area at 51st St. & Newton Ave.
- Filled depression in the easement at 52nd St. & 14th Ave.
- Delivered new 90-gallon trash containers to the Manchester Building of Town shores
- Cleaned and removed debris from Tangerine Greenway storm drains
- Emptied trash containers and removed debris left in the roadway, following Tuesday Fresh Market
- Removed old tires and debris from City Garage
- Completed asphalt patchwork and road repair at numerous locations throughout the City

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)

- Daily inspection and recording of rainfall (includes Saturday & Sunday)
- Daily check of ground water levels (includes Saturday & Sunday)
- Completed routes # 45, 46, 47 and 48 of the monthly meter reading schedule
- Disconnected water service at 00 locations for non-payment of service
- Completed 10 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off
- Completed 199 miscellaneous service orders generated by customer service department
- Completed 8 Sunshine One-Call, Call Before You Dig Utility Locates
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation
- Replaced 2 meters that were stuck and not recording water usage
- Replaced 6 water meters which were 20+ years old with a new style water meter
- Collected daily bay water sample at Gulfport Beach
- Collected daily bay water sample at Gulfport Marina
- Collected daily bay water sample at Gulfport Shores (Clam Bayou)
- Installed new water service line at 5813 27th Ave. S.
- Installed new water service line at 5819 27th Ave. S.
- Installed new water service line at 5825 27th Ave. S.
- Installed new water service line at 5826 27th Ave. S.
- Installed new water service line at 5831 27th Ave. S.
- Installed new water service line at 5832 27th Ave. S.
- Installed new water service line at 5844 27th Ave. S.
- Installed new water service line at 5849 27th Ave. S.
- Installed new water service line at 5850 27th Ave. S.
- Installed new water service line at 5855 27th Ave. S.
- Installed new water service line at 5861 27th Ave. S.
- Installed new water service line at 5869 27th Ave. S.

Sewer

- Daily preventive maintenance and service to Lift Stations #1 and #2 including (Saturday & Sunday)
- Daily rain fall check and documentation (includes Saturday & Sunday)
- Daily ground water elevation recording (including Saturday & Sunday)
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance check on Lift Stations # 1 and # 2
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Fire Department / Garage
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Police Station / City Hall
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Senior Center
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection

Vehicle Maintenance

- Welded new plate in rear hopper of Sanitation vehicle #45
- Replaced oil pressure sending unit, and cleared codes in Police vehicle #12
- Repaired windshield wipers in Sanitation vehicle #46
- Replaced primary fuel pump, and replay control box in Fire Engine #P17
- Replaced relay control box in fire truck P17
- Replaced brake pedal in Fire Dept.'s vehicle #C17
- Replaced battery in Police Department generator
- Performed preventive maintenance and various small repairs on City vehicles.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

For more information, including a number of workshops, on starting a new business, visit the **Pinellas County Economic Development Small Business Development Center** website at www.pced.org/entrepreneurs or call 464-7332. They also offer personalized business consulting to help you become successful with your startup business.

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, many are electing to do these projects themselves. Before embarking on home improvement projects give us a call at 893-1024 to discuss plans and see what inspections may be necessary, or for an explanation of code requirements.

On anything other than small and simple DIY projects we recommend homeowners consider using a licensed contractor. Unless you are very handy and have the necessary skills to take on more complex construction projects, larger projects can quickly overwhelm those less skilled in construction methodology and management.

Don't take chances with unlicensed contractors

The Pinellas County Communications Department offers the following information when looking for qualified contractors:

The Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board helps guide homeowners in hiring a licensed contractor for home improvements.

Hiring an unlicensed contractor can put residents' homes in jeopardy, produce safety hazards and cost extra money to homeowners when work is not done correctly.

"Do your homework and follow the guidelines and resources provided to you by the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board," said Executive Director Rodney Fischer. "Why take a chance with your money and safety?"

The function of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board is to regulate construction and home improvement contractors practicing in all Pinellas jurisdictions.

The licensing board can tell you if a contractor has a license. They must be licensed by the board or the state of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and be registered with the board. Licensed contractors have passed a competency exam and perform electrical, plumbing or structural work in compliance with the building codes.

The state requires licensed contractors to have workers' compensation and liability insurance and the board monitors their insurance coverage. Without these, if a worker gets injured on the job or damages property, the homeowner is liable. Many insurance policies will not pay claims if an unlicensed contractor was doing the work.

WHEN SELECTING A CONTRACTOR, REMEMBER:

- Talk to friends and neighbors for recommendations.
- Home improvement contractors of various skills must be licensed with the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board. The license number must be displayed on advertising as well as on contracts. You can verify a contractor's license number and check any complaints by contacting the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board at (727) 582-3100.
- Check with the Department of Justice and Consumer Services at 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 visit www.pcclb.com.

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

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. E-mail correspondence is considered a public record, so if you wish to make a complaint using e-mail, please understand that such communications are not anonymous.

Beginning in February Code Enforcement activities will 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 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.

February 10, 2016 Board of Adjustment:

V16-01 - 5217 9th Avenue South; Variance request To reduce the front yard setback requirement by 5.37 feet, from 25 feet to 19.63 feet to allow for a proposed open front porch addition onto an existing single family house.

V16-02 - 6111 Pasadena Point Boulevard South; Variance request to reduce the left-hand one third setback requirement by 8 feet 10 inches, from 29 feet 10 inches to 22 feet to allow for a proposed dock extension and installation of a new boat lift.

V16-03 - 5935 Bayview Circle South; Variance request to reduce the left-hand one-third setback requirement by 19 feet, from 26 feet 8 inches to 9 feet 8 inches to allow for the relocation of an existing boat lift on the end of the dock, and the proposed installation of a new boat lift and construction of a new catwalk, to service both boat lifts, to be located on the left-hand side of the existing dock.