



Gulfport Community Update

October 4 - 10, 2015

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Approximately 100 volunteers from Gulfport & St. Petersburg participated in the **Second Annual Mayors 49th Street Cleanup** on October 3 (photos below). Four teams along both sides of 49th Street collected 671 pounds of trash in a matter of hours. St. Petersburg Police Chief Holloway and Gulfport Police Chief Vincent hosted the first ever Chief's Chat and addressed citizen questions and concerns.



Upcoming Events:

Visit the 49th Street South Business Association (SO49) weekly **SoTangerine Market** every Saturday, 8 a.m. - 2 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 Gulfport Historical Society has weekly events planned for **Gulfport History Month: Born on the Bayou Birthday: A Celebration of Gulfport** is Saturday, October 10, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Gulfport Historical Museum, 5301 28th Avenue. Get your walking or running shoes and pup ready for the **Flying Mullet 5K/One Mile Doggie Dash & Fun Run** at 6 p.m. Friday, October 16. The race begins at the Museum. Registration: \$30. Register online at www.Active.com. Stay for dinner sponsored by O'Maddys. Enjoy dinner, music and dancing under the stars during **Down on the Bayou: A Taste of Louisiana at Gulfport under the Stars** behind the Museum on Saturday, October 24, 6 - 10 p.m. Dinner \$30/dessert \$15. Tickets are available at the Beach Bazaar, 5113 Beach Boulevard. Meet at the pit behind Scout Hall if you dare for **Haunted Campfire: Ghost Stories around the Campfire** at 7 p.m. Friday, October 30. For more information email info@gulfporthistoricalsociety.org or call 327-0505.

The semiannual **Great American Cleanup at Clam Bayou Nature Park** is Saturday, October 17, 9 a.m. - noon. Sign up online at www.mygulfport.us/cleanup, or at the volunteer tent the day of the event. Gulfport staff will be on hand with supplies for volunteers. For more information call Gail Biron at 893-1118.

Sign up your Gulfport address for the **November 7 Citywide Yard Sale**. Applications are available at Gulfport City Hall and Library or online at www.mygulfport.us/city-wide-yard-sale. Deadline for registration is October 30, so dig into the garage, closet or shed and get rid of all that stuff you haven't used for a year or more! Someone might be looking for what you don't want. In the event of rain, the Yard Sale will be rescheduled to Sunday, November 8. For more information call 893-1118.

Get your family, organization or business in on the fun during **Heroes Weekend**. Get up early on Saturday, November 7 for the **Keep Gulfport Weird Triathlon**. Registration forms are available at www.mygulfport.us/keep-gulfport-weird-triathlon. The \$10 registration fee must be received by Friday, October 30. Bring a chair and stay for the **Tangerine Blues Fest** on the Tangerine Greenway from noon until 10 p.m. Free admission: food & beverage vendors on premises. Participant applications for the **Veterans Day Parade** scheduled for 11 a.m. Sunday, November 9 are available at Gulfport City Hall or online at www.mygulfport.us/heroesweekend. The deadline to enter is Friday, October 30. The **4th Annual VetSports Beach Volleyball Gulfport Open** begins immediately after the Parade. Interested in forming a volleyball team? Visit the VETSports Facebook event page. For more information call 893-1118.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

Dispatch calls for service	145
Self-initiated calls for service	337
Offenses	37
Arrests	4
Traffic citations	37

Significant incidents or calls this week:

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) requested assistance to recapture a Department of Corrections escapee. The subject was not at the suspected residence.

Joshua Bowman was arrested on October 1 for resisting an officer without violence and felon in possession of ammunition after officers were dispatched to a reported verbal domestic in the 5000 block of Newton Avenue. When an officer attempted to get basic information from Bowman, he refused to cooperate. Officer Crane saw a bullet near him and he was asked several times to stand up but refused. Additional bullets were found in his pocket.

A resident in the 5100 Block of 14th Avenue reported on October 2 that a brick was thrown at the windshield of her car while it was parked in her carport.

A lawnmower was stolen from a front yard of a residence in the 5200 block 8th Avenue after the owner left it unattended for a few minutes.

A resident in the 1400 block of 54th Street reported on October 3 that someone broke a window in the back of the home and stole a coffee mug full of change from a bedroom.

A resident in the 6200 block of 9th Avenue reported that sometime in the last week someone broke into a shed in her back yard and stole her Troy Built lawnmower and weed eater.

A resident in the 2900 block of Beach Boulevard reported that his ex-boyfriend sliced his motorcycle tire.

A city employee reported on October 5 that she found a bag of marijuana on a picnic table. Surveillance video showed four people at the table the day before.

A resident in the 1100 block of 59th Street reported that someone smashed a brick through the window her front door while she was away, but did not enter the home.

A car was reported stolen from a parking lot in the 1400 block of 49th Street on October 6 after the driver left it unlocked and running while he went inside a business.

Clayton Eason was arrested for driving on a suspended license after Sergeant Vandenberg observed him driving his girlfriend's car, his third arrest for the same offense, resulting in a felony charge.

Officers were dispatched to the 3000 block of 50th Street after a caller reported someone entered her residence through a broken window and stole several hundred dollars' worth of property. A fingerprint lifted from the scene indicated the suspect is a relative of the victim.

A woman reported that her purse was stolen from a bar in the waterfront area after she walked away from it to use the restroom. The purse was later found Gulfport Beach, but an iPhone and a set of keys were missing.

A vehicle reported stolen from St. Petersburg was found abandoned in an apartment complex parking lot in the 2900 block of 45th Street on October 7. It was processed and returned to the owner.

A Regions Bank customer discovered that someone stole his identity and used it to withdraw money from his bank accounts and make other fraudulent transactions.

The owner of a condo in Town Shores reported that a tenant moved out in July and stole several items belonging to the owner.

The Marine Unit assisted the St. Petersburg Fire Department marine unit searching for a missing boater, locating the individual who drowned after falling from his canoe the night before.

Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)

New cases:	23
Cases assigned:	0
Cases suspended-no leads:	13
Cases cleared with arrest:	2
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	2
Cases referred back to patrol:	6
Supplements received:	29
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Previously cleared with arrest:	3
Cases suspended-no leads:	1
Cases unfounded-no crime:	4
Cases exceptionally cleared:	1
Cases still active:	20

Investigator Highlights

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports on a fraud case, a burglary, a theft, a hit and run, a derelict vessel, a suicide and an attempted murder; obtained evidence for cases; interviewed possible suspects, victims, and witnesses, and; conducted pawn checks.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports on two thefts, two residential burglaries, two vehicle burglaries, three auto thefts, a home invasion robbery, and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage; attempted to locate and question a subject who had provided SPPD with information on stolen vehicles in Gulfport; investigated several cases in a series of vehicle burglaries and auto thefts that occurred in Gulfport, South Pasadena and St Pete.

School Resource Officer Motte conducted follow up investigations, completed supplemental reports and made arrests in 1 possession of a weapon on school grounds case and 1 resisting with violence/disorderly conduct; counseled two students; met with three parents; assisted the school with minor acts of misconduct not rising to the level of a criminal investigation including a disruptive student and lost property; hosted the Monday night explorer meeting; exceptionally cleared a burglary case, and; provided security at a football game.

School Resource Officer Langston completed supplemental reports in two grand theft cases; counseled a student; met with a parent, investigated 3 trespassers on campus, 1 juvenile trouble and a theft in which a suspect was identified; attended traffic court and provided security at a football game.

Crime Analyst, Margaret Palmisano created and distributed bulletins for Ofc. Embry and Det. Pham to attempt to ID burglary vehicle suspects; compiled quarterly seat belt violation citation data and submitted it to DHSMV, and; completed the year end PCSO crime scene call out report.

Records Section

Reports reviewed	10
Supplements reviewed:	77
Public records requests:	25
Background checks:	3
Bike registrations:	2
Fingerprints	4
Subpoenas processed:	6

Citizens assisted: 43

MARINA

Assisted in fifteen (15) pump outs evacuating two hundred ten (210) gallons of waste.

Pumped two thousand three hundred (2,300) gallons of gas, and five hundred sixty four (564) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling sixty five (65) vessels.

Transient vessels:

Marina staff welcomed a 46' sailboat, 30' sailboat and a 35' motorboat this week.

LIBRARY

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

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Monday, September 28, 3 p.m. - *K-5th Grade Science Club* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Tuesday, September 29, 2 p.m. - *Computer class for Beginners* facilitated by Alex Hooks.

Tuesday, September 29, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.*

Wednesday, September 30, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, September 30, 2 p.m. - *Advance Computer class.*

Wednesday, September 30, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters.*

Thursday, October 1, 6 p.m. - *A Road Map for Entrepreneurs.*

Friday, October 2, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 13, 4 p.m. - *Middle School Robotics Club*: The group meets every second Tuesday of the month. Start creating and commanding your own robot! Registration required; see Cailey in Youth Services to sign up or call 893-1074.

Thursday, October 15, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of The Tiger's Wife* by Téa Obreht over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Call 893-1073 or visit the Library for more information.

Saturday, October 17, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day.*

Thursday, October 22, 3:30 p.m. - *Storytime Yoga*: Join Cailey on the fourth Thursday of each month. All children must be accompanied by caregiver. Mats a plus, but not required.

Saturday, October 24, 11 a.m. - *Teen Book Giveaway & Games*: Sponsored by the Stetson Law Library student group.

Monday, October 26, 5 p.m. - *Acoustic Jam*: Alex invites everyone to bring their acoustic instruments for a second season of group musical creation.

Tuesday, October 27, 2 p.m. - *Ready, Set - Resume*: Come with questions and leave with a finished resume. Painless, maybe even fun. Retired career center director Judith Carruthers will lead you step-by-step through the process of writing a polished, effective resume.

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, 5:30 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, 6 p.m. - *Gulfpport Toastmasters*. Email robbyfeatherstonesq@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 September 27 - October 3, 2015:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	2,290	717
Sun. 9/27	Library closed	
Mon. 9/28	532	129
Tue. 9/29	345	139
Wed. 9/30	376	114
Thu. 10/1	396	119
Fri. 10/2	325	101
Sat. 10/3	242	82

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 domain and training new staff on GTV640 live meeting & programming operations.
- Updated meeting schedules, agendas & minutes, upcoming events, Public Works, Senior Center and water quality information on City website.
- Attended Get Rescued planning meeting.
- Provided photographic coverage for Mayors Cleanup & Chiefs' Chat.
- Continued preparations for Citywide Yard Sale, Keep Gulfpport Weird triathlon, Veterans Day Parade, Gulfpport Casino 80th Birthday party & Gulfpport History month events.

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 \$65.00 plus \$2.00 per ride. GEMS also offers transportation to Bay Pines VA Hospital & Medical Center, Northside Hospital & Medical Centers 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 **Neighborhood 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 **multiple 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.

The Alzheimer's Association offers free **Monthly Memory Screenings** the second Monday of each month, 9 - 11:30 am. The next screening is October 12. 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** the second Monday of every month. The next meeting is October 12.

Join us for lunch and a free current movie during **Movie Day at the Snack Bar** at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 13.

A SHINE Counselor will offer free, unbiased counseling regarding the open enrollment season during **Medicare 101** on Wednesday, October 14 at 3 p.m.

Learn the basic functions of the Apple iPad during **Tech Talk "iPad"** at 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 21.

Join Steven Reiser, CFP for **Exploring Your Medicare Options** at 3 p.m. Wednesday, October 21 for help making informed decisions on Medicare Options.

Tony from The Cell Phone Solution will be here to answer your questions during **Cell Phone Q & A - iPhone** on Thursday, October 22 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 October 29.

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, November 3.

Find great deals during **First Friday Flea Market** on November 6, 9 a.m. - noon.

Enjoy ice cream with your friends during our **Monthly Ice Cream Social** at 3 p.m. Thursday, November 12. This event is sponsored by Pinellas Point Nursing & Rehab.

The **LGBT Support & Resource Group** meets at 5:30 p.m. every first & third Monday of the month. The group focuses on unique challenges confronting older LGBT citizens.

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. Call 893-2237 or 893-1231 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.

The **Community Law Program** offers free legal assistance to qualified residents 60 & older at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center every third Friday of the month. Call 582-7480 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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, September 27	3:30 p.m. - Tampa Friends of Old Time Dance Contra Dance (Turnout 75)
Monday, September 28	7 p.m. - USA Dance ballroom dance (Turnout 81)
Tuesday, September 29	Noon - Ballroom lessons/dancing with Carol Baker (Turnout 15) 7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (Turnout 50)
Wednesday, September 30	10:30 a.m. - Yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 18) 6 p.m. - Swing dance with Swingtime (Turnout 242)
Thursday, October 1	6 p.m. - Latin Night lesson with Carol Rivera (Turnout 211)
Friday, October 2	11 a.m. - Chair Yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 22) 7 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 90)
Saturday, October 3	7 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 100)

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

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

Friday, October 2, 6 p.m. - *Changes on the Bayou*: Gulfport Historical Society photo exhibit and reception (Turnout 50)

Catherine Hickman Theater (*upcoming events*):

Friday & Saturday, October 9 & 10 - 25th Annual Tampa International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival: A selection of compelling film & video by, for or about the LGBT community that entertains, enlightens and empowers. Visit www.tiglff.com for schedule and ticket information.

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

Sunday, September 27 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 11)
6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday, September 29 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 10)
7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Thursday, October 1 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 8)
2:30 p.m. - Juvenile Welfare Board meeting (Turnout 30)

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*)

Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting

Monday, September 28 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 27)

Tuesday, September 29 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 8)

Friday, October 2 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 9)

Saturday, October 3 4 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 42)

Scout Hall (*upcoming events*):

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

Ready to get into the spooky spirit? Show off your scary creations during this year's **Halloween Decorations Contest**. Stop by the Gulfport Recreation Center or City Hall to pick up an application. The deadline to enter is noon on Monday, October 26. No one knows what time the hearse will travel through the City of Gulfport, but please be ready by 6:30 p.m. on the 26th. There are three theme categories: General for single homes; haunted house for single haunted houses, and; commercial for single business or professional locations, including home occupations. A plaque & certificate will be presented to one winner for each category during the City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 17.

Get your kids and costumes ready for the **Spooktakular Halloween Bash** at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Boulevard on Saturday, October 31. Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. and will include Trunk-or-Treat, a frightful Haunted House, Boo-Room for tots and carnival games with prizes. The Haunted Snack Shack will sell hot dogs for a \$1, "potion" for 25¢ and chips for 25¢. The Costume Contest begins at 7 p.m. Winners will be chosen from eight age categories: 0-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-12, 13-17 and Family. There will be three awards given in each age category. Plan to be there, as we are "dying" to see you!

The multipurpose room was rented noon - 4 p.m. Saturday, October 3 for a baby shower with fifty (50) in attendance.

The multipurpose room is reserved 4 - 8 p.m. Saturday, October 17 for a baby shower and 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, October 24 for a Yoga Workshop.

Programs, Classes & Activities

Forty (40) 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.

Ten (10) children have been registered for the **2015/16 Tot Time Program**, and nine (9) 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.

Twenty seven (27) 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, Gymnastics, Karate, Pickleball, Spanish, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Tennis, Women's Self-Defense, Yoga and Zumba.

Staff Activities:

John Lapham used the school bus to transport forty two (43) Gulfport Elementary students and five (5) adults to the Largo Cultural Center on Thursday morning.

Alton Hooker worked the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

Marivel Gutierrez attended the Senior Staff meeting on Wednesday morning.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 40 Emergency Medical Calls
- 3 Structure Fires
- 2 Fire Alarms
- 2 Vehicle Crash
- 1 Fire Outside Structure
- 1 Gas leak
- 1 Elevator Rescue
- 3 Water Rescues
- 1 Odor/Smoke Invest

Life Safety:

- 4 Fire Inspections
- 1 Smoke Detector Install
- 1 C.O.
- 1 Site Plan Review

Firefighter/Paramedic Grady on the “C” shift is preceptor for an EMT Student from the St. Petersburg College Field Internship Program.

Chief Marenkovic attended a PCFCA meeting at Station 35 with other county chiefs on October 5 & 7 to draw up a proposal for the new CME program.

Chief Marenkovic and Inspector Lundh met with the Architects, building officials and the City Manager to finalize the building plans for the Marina.

The Gulfport Fire Department Paramedics are continuing their Advanced Cardiac Life Support Renewal Course. Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) refers to a set of clinical interventions for the urgent treatment of cardiac arrest, stroke and other life threatening medical emergencies, as well as the knowledge and skills to deploy those interventions.

PUBLIC WORKS

Staff continues daily water quality testing at Gulfport Beach and Marina. The beach is currently open. The results of October 8 are provided below. Visit www.mygulfport.us for the most up-to-date information.

Gulfport Casino

Sample ID	Date/Time
152811-01	10/8/15 9:15 a.m.

Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
4 B	4	10/8/15 11:05 a.m.

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

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
10 U	10	10/8/15 11:05 a.m.

Gulfport Marina

Sample ID	Date/Time
1528112-02	10/8/15 9:25 a.m.

Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
8 B	4	10/8/15 11:50 a.m.

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

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
40 U	10	10/8/15 11:05 a.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

- Relocated electrical outlet and replaced light switch in Senior Center snack bar area, and replaced backup batteries in fire alarm panel.
- Completed annual fire alarm inspection and replaced ballast at Library.
- Cleared blockage in beach men’s restroom toilet, and replaced electric locking mechanism on door in beach ladies’ restroom.
- Replaced a/c unit in City Garage office.
- Repaired toilet in Dog Park ladies’ room.
- Replaced several ceiling tiles at Police Department.
- Delivered mail to main Post Office for Finance Department.

Parks

- Installed fencing, replaced net and reworked sand at Beach volleyball courts in preparation for weekend tournament.
- Pressured washed sidewalks at Clymer Park.
- Repaired benches at Wood Ibis Park & fence rails at Wood Ibis Park and along Tangerine Greenway.
- Repaired irrigation along Beach Boulevard & 49th Streetscapes.
- Mowed Beach green spaces, City Complex, Senior Center & Library grounds, 28th Avenue sign area, Tangerine Greenway, Tomlinson, Clymer, Veterans & Caldwell Parks, Chase block and 56th Street drainage areas.
- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched Scout Hall green grounds, Dog Park, Chase block, Tangerine Greenway, Tomlinson Park & City complex, hand raked around benches and pavilions, and cleaned beach.
- Greased mowers and sharpened/replaced blades, replaced pull string on line trimmer and repaired tire on Toro workman unit.
- Picked up trash and emptied bins along Beach & Shore Boulevards following weekend events.
- 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 & sidewalks.
- Repaired road following water break at 57th Street & 18th Avenue.
- Restocked recycled mulch bin at Neighborhood Center.
- Installed new weir structure at Recreation Center overflow pond.

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 # 09, 10, 11 and 12 of monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 27 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 19 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 86 miscellaneous customer service department service orders.
- Completed 6 Sunshine One-Call, Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Replaced 1 meter that was stuck and not recording water usage.
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach, Clam Bayou & Marina for quality testing.
- Replaced 1 old water meter with new electronic meter.
- Continued locating water mainline valves in throughout City.
- Replaced 2" valve and pipe broken by road contractor at 52nd Street & 25th Avenue.
- Repaired water break 1619 60th Street, and replaced a broken 2" valve at 56th Street & 15th Avenue.

Sewer

- Daily rainfall check and documentation.
- Daily ground water elevation recording.
- Weekly generator exercise & preventive maintenance check on lift stations 1 & 2.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Fire Department/Garage, Police Station/City Hall & Senior Center.
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection.
- Televised sewer main and two laterals at 5504 15th Avenue following report of depression in alley, and found no issues with sewer system.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Repaired door lock assembly and tailgate latch on Parks vehicle #53.
- Traced electrical malfunction and replaced external hydraulic turn on switch in Sanitation vehicle #88.
- Removed hydraulic rotation motor from Sanitation vehicle #29 for rebuilding.
- Delivered engine from Police vehicle #54 to specialist for replacement of main bearings.
- 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 3 of the City, also known as the Southwest Neighborhood Area which generally extends south from Gulfport Boulevard to the water and west from 58th & 59th Streets to the City Limits.

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.

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.

October 14, 2015 Board of Adjustment:

V15-20; 6127 8th Avenue South; Variance request to reduce the rear yard setback requirement by 12.09 feet, from 25 feet to 12.91 feet for the construction for a screen room attached to an existing house.

V15-21; 5618 15th Avenue South; Variance request to reduce the side yard setback requirement by 2 feet, from 6 feet to 4 feet to allow for an existing 12' x 12' accessory structure.

V15-22; 6230 Pasadena Point Boulevard South; The following setback variances are requested due to the proposed razing of the existing dock and catwalk for the construction of a new dock, lower landing, boatlift, and catwalk to:

1. reduce the left-hand one-third setback requirement by 1 foot 6 inches, from 30 feet 6 inches to 29 feet to accommodate a the construction of a lower landing and pilings;
2. reduce the right-hand one-third setback requirement by 12 feet, from 30 feet 6 inches to 18 feet 6 inches to allow for the construction a catwalk for the boat lift; and,
3. allow the proposed dock and pilings to extend 4 feet 3 inches beyond one-half of the property width (45 feet 9 inches) to a length of 50 feet.

V15-23; 6122 Kipp's Colony Drive West; Variance request to reduce the right-hand one-third setback requirement by 9.2 feet, from 30.2 feet to 21 feet to allow for the construction a proposed new boat lift.

V15-24; 2632 56th Street South; Variance request to:

1. reduce the rear yard setback by 22 feet, from 25 feet to 3 feet; and
2. reduce the side yard setback by 1.21 feet, from 6 feet to 4.79 feet to allow for the continuation of a non-conforming enclosure of a porch structure.