



Gulfport Community Update

October 23 - 29, 2016

Gulfport City Hall and facilities will be closed on Friday, November 11 in observance of **Veterans Day**. The Sanitation schedule will not be affected.

A steady flow of Gulfport approximately 150 residents discarded four pallets of electronics and various unwanted items totaling 11.3 tons, and several reusable items were donated to the up-cycle table during **Junk in the Trunk** on October 22 (photos below). Thank you to the Gulfport Police, Fire and Public Works departments, Gulfport Neighbors, Neighborhood Watch and Gulfport Community Garden, and to Genesis Worship Center for the hotdog lunch. Mark your calendars for the next Junk in the Trunk on Saturday, January 28, 2017.



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

The beach parking lot remains closed for construction. Parking is available at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Boulevard. Beach pavilions are not available for rent during construction, but are available on a first come basis. Call 893-1089 for more information.

Hurricane Implementation Guides are available at Gulfport City Hall, Library and Fire Station. Have a plan and remember to restock your hurricane kits. The Atlantic basin Hurricane season began June 1 and ends November 30.

Pinellas County Mosquito Control technicians continue to aggressively treat known breeding areas by ground and by air. Residents who would like to request additional mosquito spraying in their area are asked to call 464-7503. The City of Gulfport advises residents to dress wisely, use a good mosquito repellent, and drain standing water around their homes. For more information, visit www.pinellascounty.org/resident/mosquito_control.htm.

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

Upcoming Events:

Visit the 49th Street South Business Association (So49) weekly **SoTangerine Market** on the Tangerine Greenway every Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The market focuses on locally made items, but SO49 will consider others in an effort to meet the needs of the community. For more information call 439-0164 or email jsrtraining@aol.com.

The Gulfport Senior Center Foundation & Town Shores Masters Association will host the **Third Annual Monster Mash** at the Gulfport Casino on Saturday, October 29, 7 - 11 p.m. Start planning your creative costume for the contest and have fun with music, dancing, raffle prizes, and an opportunity to win a Caribbean Cruise. Tickets: \$15, available at the Beach Bazaar, Town Shores office or the Gulfport Casino. For more information call 893-1244.

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.

Join the **Gulfport Merchants Inaugural Gulfport Extravaganza Crawl** 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday & Saturday, November 4 & 5. Many businesses between 4900 & 5800 Gulfport Boulevard will be participating along with additional vendors, offering food, gifts, prizes and discounts - *look for the blue balloons and lights along the strip!* The Gulfport Trolley will transport patrons throughout the event. For more information call 851-2167.

Join Gulfport resident, Historical Society Board member and author Cathy Salustri for a visual perspective of old Florida during the **Back Roads of Paradise Reception and book signing** at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Avenue 4 - 6 p.m. Friday, November 4. Cathy's book is available at Amazon.com. A portion of book sale proceeds will benefit the Gulfport Historical Society. For more information call 893-1118.

Ken Brady will perform with The Impacs during **First Friday Sock Hop** at the Gulfport Casino on Friday, November 4. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets: \$15 or 2 for \$25, available at the Casino and Beach Bazaar. Limited tables of ten available in advance for \$110.00; reserve at the Casino. Call 893-1070 for more information.

It's not too early to start holiday shopping at **First Friday Gulfport Art & Gallery Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District November 4, 6 - 10 p.m. Enjoy live music while you peruse art & craft vendors, then stay for dinner at one of Gulfport's many unique dining establishments. For more information call 322-5217. FREE Admission.

Whether you served in the military or serve on the volleyball court, join in the City of Gulfport and VETsports **Heroes Weekend** on Sunday November 6. The **Veterans Parade** begins at 11 a.m. on Beach Boulevard and heads south, with a stop for the ceremonial **ribbon cutting at the newly renovated Gulfport Beach parking lot** at approximately 11:30 a.m. Opening ceremonies for VETsports on Gulfport Beach begin at noon, followed at 1 p.m. by a musical celebration with the **New Horizon Band of Gulfport** inside the Casino.

Dust off your unused stuff, clear out the clutter and sign up for the permit-free **Gulfport Citywide Yard Sale** scheduled for Saturday, November 12 (rain date, Sunday, November 13). Deadline to sign up your address for this year's brochure is Friday, November 4. Fill out a form at City Hall, 2401 53rd Street or the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Avenue, email

gbron@mygulport.us with your Gulfport address, or register online at www.mygulport.us/city-wide-yard-sale (one address per registration). For more information call 893-1118.

The **Holy Name 46th Annual Fall Festival** is Thursday-Sunday, November 10-13. Musical guests: James O'Neill and the Silver Shadows; Urban Gypsies and Karmic Tattoo. For more information call 347-9989.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrol

Dispatch calls for service	142
Self-initiated calls for service	448
Offenses	34
Arrests	10
Traffic citations	97
Ordinance violations	70

Examples of arrests, significant incidents or calls this week:

A resident in the 2800 block of 54th Street reported on the morning of October 20 that her neighbor heard tires squealing and saw her car leave the area at a high rate of speed. She stated that she may have left the keys in the vehicle when she retrieved something from it earlier in the day. The vehicle was later recovered by the St. Petersburg Police Department and Torron Nelson was arrested. Nelson was inside the car at the time of his arrest.

Officer Marshall located and arrested Daniel Adkins on multiple felony warrants. He was taken into custody at his apartment in the 5600 block of 30th Avenue after officers forced entry into the dwelling because Adkins refused to open the door. He was also charged with false imprisonment for refusing to allow his girlfriend to open the door.

A resident in the 3100 block of Beach Boulevard reported that a female friend stole 8 checks from his apartment and cashed 5 of them for more than \$4,000.

Officers were dispatched to the 2000 block of 52nd Street on October 22 after a caller reported he saw someone inside his unlocked vehicle. He yelled at the subject who got into the passenger side of a waiting vehicle and fled the area. The suspects were gone by the time officers arrived.

A resident in the 4600 block of 29th Avenue discovered several juveniles stealing bicycles from her residence. The thieves abandoned the bikes and ran away. The victim recovered her bicycles, and police seized a bike left behind by the suspects for evidence.

Officers responded to the 5500 block of 15th Avenue on October 23 after woman got into an argument with her boyfriend. The man attempted to drive away in her car while she was standing in front of it holding their 9-month-old daughter, striking both. She and the child were not injured, and the man was arrested for aggravated battery and aggravated child abuse.

A resident in the 5200 block of 17th Avenue reported that her cousin who had been staying with her for a few weeks physically attacked her when she told him he had to leave. The suspect was gone when police arrived, and the victim was hospitalized for her injuries.

Police responded to Dollar General after the manager called to report a woman stuffing merchandise into her purse. Officers made contact with Briggett Debose outside the store and found her in possession of over \$40 in shoplifted items. Debose had several prior convictions for theft, which escalated the crime to felony status.

A resident in the 3200 block of 58th Street reported on October 24 that she responded to an online ad for a puppy for sale. She sent the supposed seller a money order for several hundred dollars but never heard from him again.

Police responded to a trailer theft in-progress in the 2200 block of 49th Street. Upon arrival they learned the trailer had been abandoned on private property and the property owner was having it impounded. Officers deemed the case a civil matter.

A resident walking her dog in the 5000 block of 13th Avenue saw a white male trying to open doors on several houses and vehicles. Officers located Nicholas Becker who was intoxicated and had a steak knife in his pocket. He kept changing his story and was arrested for attempted burglary to a vehicle, and loitering and prowling.

A resident in the 1600 block of 53rd Street reported that someone entered her unlocked vehicle sometime overnight and stole wireless speakers and her checkbook.

The marine unit was on the water for twelve hours this week. Seven boater contacts were made, and one citation issued. Sergeant Burkhart also participated in training with Florida Fish and Wildlife Officer Bibler, and a reporter from the Gabber accompanied him on a ride along.

Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)

New cases:	14
Cases assigned:	1
Cases suspended-no leads:	9
Cases cleared with arrest:	2
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	1
Cases referred back to patrol:	1
Supplements received:	10
Cases cleared with arrest:	1
Previously cleared with arrest:	0
Cases suspended/no leads:	1
Cases unfounded/no crime:	1
Cases exceptionally cleared	0
Cases still active:	7

Investigator Highlights

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for a burglary case, a grand theft and a fraud. He also interviewed a suspect at the Pinellas County Jail in a fraud case occurring between 2012 and present, resulting in additional charges.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for two robberies, a juvenile runaway, a burglary case, and harassing phone calls; investigated a robbery and made an arrest, and; researched Facebook in attempt to locate a juvenile runaway.

School Resource Officer Motte created 2 police reports; arrested 1 student; counseled three students; taught building clearing to the explorers, and; took four explorers shooting at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office range. He is finalizing the youth panel for the GAAP (Gaining Appreciation by Adjusting Perspective), meeting with 6 potential student panelists.

School Langston forwarded a non-arrest referral to the SAO; counseled two students; met with the parents of three students, and; recovered a runaway juvenile.

Crime Analyst, Margaret Palmisano completed an analysis for Ofc. Mills concerning patterns or trends pertaining to businesses in the 49th Street corridor; compiled and distributed open case lists; compiled monthly officer activity information; conducted a review of property reported

stolen with a known serial number to ensure the proper documentation indicating that it had been entered into FCIC, and; completed pawn checks on ten cases with a known serial number, searchable property description or a named suspect.

Records

Reports reviewed	11
Supplements reviewed:	105
Public Records requests:	24
Background checks:	1
Bike registrations:	18
Fingerprints	4
Subpoenas processed:	6
Citizens assisted:	48

LIBRARY

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Monday, October 17, 3:15 p.m. - *K-5th Grade Science Club.*

Monday, October 17, 5:30 p.m. - *Astrology Program.*

Tuesday, October 18, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language.*

Tuesday, October 18, 1 p.m. - *Healthy Mind/Healthy Body Book Club meeting.*

Tuesday, October 18, 2 p.m. - *Ukulele Group.*

Tuesday, October 18, 3 p.m. - *French Conversation Club.*

Tuesday, October 18, 3 p.m. - *Tween Tinker Lab.*

Tuesday, October 18, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.*

Wednesday, October 19, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, October 19, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language.*

Wednesday, October 19, 3 p.m. - *Teen Hangout.*

Wednesday, October 19, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters.*

Thursday, October 20, 10:30 a.m. - *Toddler Storytime.*

Thursday, October 20, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of Lord of the Flies by William Golding.*

Thursday, October 20, 3:30 p.m. - *Reading Paws.*

Thursday, October 20, 6 p.m. - *Welcome to Gulfport Workshop.*

Friday, October 21, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Upcoming Events:

Monday, October 31, 5 p.m. - *Open Mic Night:* Open to all comedians, singer-songwriters, poets, storytellers, musicians, jugglers and stage magicians. For more information call 893-1073.

Tuesday, November 1, 10:15 a.m. - *Mommy & Me Yoga* for parents and babies ages 6 weeks to 18 months. Instructed by registered yoga teacher Ms. Christa, the group meets on first Tuesday of the month. Meet other new parents and babies in the community, stretch, laugh, get some strength back and rejuvenate! Call 893-1074 cklasson@mygulfport.us for more information.

Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m. - *How to Conduct Productive Meetings workshop*: presented by the Gulfport Toastmasters. For more information call 871-9402 or email bob@tropicalfocus.com.

Saturday, November 5, 1 p.m. - *Grownup Movie Day*: Selections intended for adults only to enjoy more complex and challenging films in a quiet and relaxed atmosphere. For movie title call 893-1074.

Monday, November 7, 5 p.m. - *Adult Coloring Program*: We provide the artwork and supplies for participants to embellish while they relax and listen to soothing music.

Tuesday, November 8, 1 p.m. - *Healthy Mind/Healthy Body Book Club meeting*: If you have interest in understanding the relationship between our thoughts and their influence on the physical body this club is for you. For more information email klane@untieyourwings.com.

Thursday, November 10, noon - *Lunch and Learn iPad Class*: Learn to get the most out of your device. Bring your Apple iPad and passwords, and lunch. Drinks will be provided. Sponsored by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library.

Monday, November 14, 5:30 p.m. - *Astrology Program*: Release your Cosmic MOJO as we explore the ancient practice of astrology as it relates to your modern life. For more information on the next topic call 207-332-0787 or email jennie@odetopluto.com.

Thursday, November 14, 7 p.m. - *LGBTQ Movie Night*: New monthly event! Free popcorn and bottled water provided. Sponsored by the LGBTQ Resource Center. Call 893-1074 for movie title.

Tuesday, November 15, 4 p.m. - *Tween Tinker Lab*: The group meets every third Tuesday of the month for hands-on exploration and experimentation. See Cailey in Youth Services to sign up or call 893-1074.

Thursday, November 17, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck*. Visit the Circulation Desk to borrow a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Call 893-1073 for more information.

Thursday, November 17, 3:30 p.m. - *Reading Paws*: Maya would love to hear one of your young reader's favorites. She visits our children's area on the third Thursday of every month.

Thursday, November 17, 6 p.m. - *Welcome to Gulfport Workshop*: Learn about the services available through the City and the Library. Find out how you can participate in our award-winning Gulfport Neighbors organization.

Saturday, November 19, 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day*: Call 893-1074 for movie title.

Thursday, November 24, 11 a.m. - *Community Play Date*: Follows Toddler Storytime every fourth Thursday of the month, a great opportunity to meet other parents and caregivers in a supportive environment and introduce your little one to new sights, sounds, toys, and new friends.

Thursday, November 24, 3:30 p.m. - *Kids Yoga*: Meets every fourth Thursday of the month.

Every Monday, 3:15 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! Call Cailey at 893-1074, or email cklasson@mygulfport.us for more information.

Every Monday - Wednesday & Friday, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language*: Bring a bag lunch and a dictionary. A different language group meets each weekday: Monday - French; Tuesday - Italian; Wednesday - Spanish; Friday - German. For more information call Mel Donovan at 893-1074.

Every Tuesday, 3 p.m. - *French Conversation Club*: Enjoy conversing in a relaxed atmosphere. This is our most popular language group so far!

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. - *Gulfport Writers meeting*.

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

Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport 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. 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/Statistic October 16-22, 2016:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,458	590
Sun. 10/16	Library closed	
Mon. 10/17	201	81
Tue. 10/18	234	65
Wed. 10/19	243	82
Thu. 10/20	320	102
Fri. 10/21	239	119
Sat. 10/22	214	129

PARKS & RECREATION

Technical Events

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

- Distributed press releases to Gabber, and weekly Constant Contact newsletter to email distribution list, and assisted with updates to social media pages.
- Rebooted TV station equipment.
- Continued daily updates and enhancements to mygulfport.us and social media sites.
- Continued preparation of 2016-2017 events list and First Friday Art Reception schedule & contracts.
- Continued accepting registrations for Yard Sale and Heroes Weekend Parade.
- Continued preparation of November Calendar.
- Commenced preparation of Yard Sale brochure, Heroes Weekend & Volunteer Luncheon programs.
- Distributed November calendar at all City facilities and Tuesday Market.
- Updated November event calendar on City website.
- Assisted with Junk in the Trunk event.
- Updated Events, Library, Recreation Center & Senior Center webpages, City meeting

minutes & Council agenda, and slider on City website.

- Set up November input information for GTV640.
- Set up audio equipment for Library event.
- Updated Yard Sale & Tuesday Market email contacts for City e-newsletter.

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 Monday & 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, November 1.

The Gulfport Quilters will return on November 1 at 10 a.m. All levels of experience are welcome. Come learn if you are a beginner or share your ideas and knowledge if you are experienced. Most importantly, make new friends while doing something you love.

SHINE will offer an overview of **2017 Medicare Open Enrollment** changes and benefits on Wednesday, November 2 at 2 p.m. SHINE provides health insurance information and free, unbiased, and confidential counseling assistance to all current and prospective Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers.

Discover a great selection of jewelry, home décor, cook books, collectibles, and many other goodies during **First Friday Flea Market** on November 4, 9 a.m. - noon.

Breathing in second hand smoke and air pollution can cause/irritate many conditions including Asthma, Cancer, COPD, Diabetes, Gum (Periodontal) Disease, Heart Disease and Stroke. Join Todd Ringeisen, BS, RRT at 2:30 p.m. Monday, November 7 for **HCA Doc Talk: Breathe Easy - Protect Yourself Against Second Hand Smoke and Environmental Exposures**.

Join us at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November for the **Senior Center Fitness Center Grand Reopening**. Enjoy light refreshments and check out the new fitness equipment generously donated by the Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center Foundation. Tour the facility, test the state

of the art equipment and register to become of member of the Gulfport Senior Center. FREE registration (must be at least 50 years old).

The Gulfport Police Department will offer **Personal Safety Tips** to reduce your risk of becoming a victim on Wednesday, November 9 at 2 p.m. Staying safe is not an accident! Be proactive.

It is important to **Know Your Numbers**. Have your blood sugar and blood pressure checked at the Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, November 10.

The Alzheimer's Association offers free **Memory Screenings** the second Monday of each month, 9 - 11:30 am. The next screening is November 14. By appointment only; call 893-5657 to schedule.

Enjoy a healthy snack as Robert Galban of Family Focus Insurance Services presents **Fruit for Thought** at 10 a.m. the second Monday of every month. The next meeting is November 14.

The Community Law Program provides **free legal assistance** at the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. the third Friday of every month. The next meeting is November 18. Call 582-7480 to schedule an appointment.

Gulf Coast Legal Services, Inc. provides quality **legal advice and services** to Gulfport Senior Center participants 10 a.m. - noon every fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is November 28.

The **FUNDamentals of Watercolor** class meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. This basic class uses a limited palette which emphasizes watercolor techniques including color selection, color mixing, blending and glazing, and use of the color wheel to choose a personal palette. No prior drawing or painting experience is necessary. Registration is required.

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 Last Word - Writing an Obituary is offered at the Senior Center at 4:30 p.m. every third Monday. Learn the ins and outs of writing and placing an obituary in the local press from local writer, editor and instructor Diane Craig. Call 893-5657 to register.

The Seasoned Sowers Garden Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. to spruce up the Senior Center Patio with therapeutic herbs and beautiful flowers. No experience needed! Natural-born green thumbs and first-time gardeners are welcome.

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):

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| Sunday, October 16 | 6 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 120) |
| Tuesday, October 18 | 9 a.m. - Tai Chi (Turnout 19)
Noon - Ballroom lessons with Luigi (Turnout 18)
7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (Turnout 15) |

Wednesday, October 19 10 a.m. - Yoga with Barbara Newborn (Turnout 19)
6:30 p.m. - Swing dance with Swingtime & live band (Turnout 234)

Thursday, October 20 9 a.m. - Tai Chi with John Amsallen (Turnout 20)
6:30 p.m. - Latin Night with Carol Rivera (Turnout 15)

Friday, October 21 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Pat Van Leuvan (Turnout 14)

Saturday, October 22 5 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 131)

Casino (*upcoming events*):

Most Sundays 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson
7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom Fusion dance Admission \$8

Every Tuesday 9 a.m. - Tai Chi
12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker
2 p.m. - Ballroom dance Admission \$8
6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango lessons with Kathleen & Steve Prucher
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 9 a.m. - Tai Chi
6 p.m. - Latin Night lesson with Carol Rivera
8 p.m. - Latin dance Admission \$8

Every Friday 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Pat Van Leuvan

Monday, October 31 7 p.m. - USA Ballroom dance Members \$5/nonmembers \$8

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

Saturday, October 22, Noon - Little Miss Pink Pearls Pageant (Turnout 30)

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

Sunday, October 16 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 17)
6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting

Tuesday, October 17 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 19)
7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Thursday, October 20 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 20)

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 (November meeting cancelled)

Scout Hall (*last week's events*)

Sunday, October 16 9 a.m. - Calvary Christian Assembly church services (Turnout 11)

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

Monday, October 17 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 18)

Tuesday, October 18 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 6)
6 p.m. - Meditation class (Turnout 8)

Thursday, October 20 11 a.m. - Meditation class (Turnout 6)

Friday, October 21 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 12)

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 6 p.m. - Meditation class

Every Tuesday & Friday 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing

Every Thursday 11 a.m. - Meditation class

Recreation Center

The multipurpose room is reserved 7 - 11 p.m. Saturday, October 15 for a birthday party, and 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, November 12 for a life tribute.

Get your kids and costumes ready for the **Spooktakular Halloween Bash** at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Boulevard on Monday, October 31. Festivities 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, "potion", chips & popcorn. 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. Three awards will be given in each age category. Plan to be there, as we are "dying" to see you!

Programs, Classes & Activities

Seventy two children are registered for the **2016/17 School Year Child Care program** for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. 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.

Seventeen children have been registered for the **2016/17 Tot Time program**, a hands-on pre-school program for children ages 3-5, that aims to make learning fun for children and help prepare them for Kindergarten.

Eighteen teens have been registered for the **2016/17 Teen Night Program**, a great hang out for teens in grades 6-12. Teen Night provides recreation and social activities, and offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects.

Contractual classes: Bootcamp, Karate, Pickle ball, Table Tennis, Tennis and Watercolor.

Staff Activities

Marivel Gutierrez, Nicole Latragna, John Lapham, Alton Hooker, Kimberly Titara & Joanne McRoberts have been working on the haunted house and the Boo room for toddlers this week.

John Lapham, Jaylissa Golden and two Teen Night Program participants drove around the City to judge the homes entered in the Halloween Decorations Contest. There were eight entries in the General Theme and two in the Commercial Theme.

Marivel Gutierrez attended the Senior Staff meeting on Tuesday.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 49 Emergency Medical Calls
- 4 Structure Fire
- 1 Fire Alarm
- 4 Vehicle Crash
- 2 Fire Outside Structure

Life Safety:

- 10 Fire Inspections
- 2 Re-Inspections
- 1 C.O.'s
- 1 Smoke Detector

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** trains volunteers in disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area, and in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search & rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. The group meets monthly. The next meeting is 7 p.m. Thursday, November 17 at the Gulfport Police Department.

Gulfport firefighters are having their photos taken for the Pinellas County Fire & EMS commemorative album. The last book was published in 1994. Balfour Studios, the creator of the book has trained Lt. Grady to use the required photo software.

Chief Marenkovic performed a walk-thru at the Gulfport Recreation Center in preparation for the annual Halloween Bash. No violations were noted.

The Gulfport Fire Department will begin testing in November for Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support recertification. Certification is valid for three years.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Repaired east gate at Police compound.
- Replaced “open” switch for Neighborhood Center south gate.
- Repaired light fixture at beach restrooms.
- Set up “Boo Room” at Recreation Center.
- Painted fitness room at Senior Center.
- Delivered mail to post office for Finance Department.

Parks

- Set up trash & recycle bins for Junk in the Trunk & Jazz by the Bay.
- Replaced sod at Little League field.
- Continued working on Recreation Center Haunted House.
- Raked beach volleyball courts.
- Removed drinking fountain and installed hose bib at Dog Park, and obtained prices for new sidewalk.
- Removed dead palms at Neighborhood Center & Wood Ibis Park.
- Mowed Clymer & Veterans Parks, City complex, Library & Senior Center green spaces, 28th Street sign area & 55th Street medians.
- Greased mowers and sharpened/replaced blades, and replaced battery in work van #77.
- Picked up trash and emptied bins along Beach & Shore Boulevards.
- 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 ball fields daily.

Streets, Stormwater & 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 beach, 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.
- Cleaned debris, cans and trash following Tuesday Market.
- Restocked recycled mulch pile in Neighborhood Center parking lot.
- Removed several loads of debris from 49th Street holding area.
- Removed and disposed of old sidewalk at Hull Street & 12th Avenue.
- Disposed of 4 truckloads of debris following Junk in th Trunk event.
- Continued automated curbside street sweeping.
- Replaced stop sign at 52nd Street & 25th Avenue following vehicle strike.
- Continued sidewalk replacement at 52nd Street & Newton Avenue.

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 & 48 of monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 19 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 85 miscellaneous customer service department service orders.
- Completed 18 Sunshine One-Call, Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water samples at Gulfport Shores, Gulfport Beach & Marina for quality testing.
- Replaced 3 water meter that were stuck and not recording usage.
- Replaced 5 old water meters with new style meters.
- Continued semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP.
- Repaired water breaks at 2809 Skimmer Point Drive, 5517 Newton Avenue & 5000 Gulfport Boulevard.
- Repaired 6" water line on 29th Avenue in area of new storm water pond.

Sewer

- Daily preventive maintenance and service to Lift Stations #1 & 2.
- Daily rain fall check and documentation.
- Daily ground water elevation recording.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance check on Lift Stations 1 & 2, Fire Department/Garage, Police Station/City Hall, and Senior Center.
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection.
- Televised sewer lateral at 1114 61st Street; found roots in customer's line.

Stormwater

- Excavated depression area next to sidewalk at 52nd Street & 13th Avenue, repaired leak in first joint of pipe and structure, poured concrete collar and backfilled area.
- Poured concrete lid for new Shore Boulevard storm structure.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced taillight assembly in Police vehicle #103.
- Replaced front tires on Police vehicle #54.
- Replaced all 4 tires on GEMS vehicle #93.
- Replaced battery in Parks' vehicle #77.
- Replaced rear pinion bearing, brake pads, and axle bearings in Water vehicle #17.
- Replaced starter in Sanitation vehicle #42.
- Repaired air leak and replaced hopper camera & hydraulic hose on Sanitation vehicle #31.
- 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 464-7723. 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 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.

Business Tax Receipts

Business License renewal notices have been mailed. A license is good from October 1 of the current year through September 30 of the following year. If the license is not renewed by October 1 a 10 percent penalty will be applied for the month of October and a 5 percent penalty for each month thereafter until paid. If you have paid your fee but continue to get a request for payment, let us know so we can ensure your account is corrected. Call Lisa Giddens at 893-1063 for more information.

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Code Enforcement activities continued this week in Section 5 of the City, also referred to as the Marina District which comprises the southeast portion of the City and generally extends south from 26th Avenue to the water and east from 49th Street to City boundaries.

Because the City has one inspector who focuses on one section at a time, we depend on residents to call in violations when they see them. We will inspect within one working day of a complaint to verify any violation. Please call 893-1061 if you see violations. If the inspector is unavailable, leave as detailed a message as possible to help us find the violation. Complaints can be anonymous, but if you want a follow-up you will have to leave contact information which means the complaint is no longer anonymous. 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 November code enforcement moves their activities to section 1 of the City, also referred to 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. To review Code Enforcement activities documents for more detailed information and a map of the Code Enforcement areas visit the Special Documents section at www.mygulfport.us.

November 9, 2016 Board of Adjustment:

V16-21 - 5925 Bayview Circle South; Variance request to reduce the right-hand one-third setback requirement by 18 feet, from 26 feet 8 inches to 8 feet 8 inches to allow for the installation of a new boat lift and construction of a new catwalk to service the boat lift.