



Gulfport Community Update

February 7 - 13, 2016

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Gulfport City Hall and facilities will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of **Presidents Day**. The Sanitation schedule will not be affected.

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.

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.

Looking to volunteer and enjoy a beautiful view at the same time? Join the **Gulfport Neighbors monthly Beach Cleanup** on Gulfport Beach Saturday, February 13, 9 - 11 a.m. If you have a picker and gloves, please bring them. Water will be supplied. For more information email Gulfport_neighbors@yahoo.com.

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 craftspersons are encouraged to apply. Visit www.Boulderbrook.net or call 239-293-9448 for more information or to apply. 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.

The **12th Annual Gulfport Get Rescued** event is Saturday, February 27, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. This popular FREE ADMISSION event has evolved from a handful of animal rescue groups into a popular and festive event representing rescue groups from throughout the region. Gulfport Get Rescued is one of the largest animal rescue events in the state with all profits benefitting participating non-profit rescue groups. Stay for **Tails at Twilight**, with dancing and live music, catered hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and festive décor. Opportunity drawings will take place during the evening. Proceeds will benefit rescue groups participating in the evening event. Live and silent auctions will offer a chance to support participating non-profit rescue groups with a variety of items up for bid, including travel, hotel stays, art, wine and food, pet accessories, restaurant gift certificates, an African Safari and much more. Tickets for the Tails at Twilight are \$25. For more information or to purchase tickets call Lacey Glass at 813-495-9039, email laceyglass18@gmail.com or visit www.VisitGulfportFlorida.com.

Peek into some of the coolest homes in Gulfport during the **11th Annual Pink Flamingo Home Tour** on Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance (cash or check only) at Gulfport Beach Bazaar, 3115 Beach Boulevard, online at www.pinkflamingohometour.com and \$25 the day of the event. Trolley service from the Boca Ciega Yacht Club, 4600 Tifton Drive will be available and is recommended! This event is sponsored by the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce. Call 418-7272 for more information. For more information call 770-497-113 or email karenlovegfl@gmail.com.

Come by land or kayak to volunteer at the **Clam Bayou Cleanup** on Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m. - noon. Wear comfortable clothes. A limited number of gloves and pickers will be available. Snacks and water will be provided to volunteers. Register on site the day of the event. Cosponsored by City of Gulfport & Keep Pinellas Beautiful. For more information call 893-1118.

Time to pull out those hidden away items for some cool cash! Gulfport residents are invited to register for the semiannual permit free **Citywide Yard Sale** scheduled for Saturday, March 19 (rain date, Sunday, March 20). The City of Gulfport is accepting addresses for this year's brochure. Register on line at www.mygulfport.us/city-wideyard-sale no later than 4 p.m. Friday, March 11.

Interested in unloading some nautical equipment or searching for cool nautical gear? Look no further than the **Gulfport Marina's Annual Nautical Flea Market** on Saturday, March 19, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. 10'x10' spaces are available for \$10 (free for slip renters); bring your own table. Sign up at Gulfport Municipal Marina, 4630 29th Avenue. Space is limited. For more information call Marina Director Denis Frain at 893-1071.

Get healthy and learn more about health services, while getting some free screenings at the same time during the **Health and Wellness Expo** at the Gulfport Casino on Saturday March 19, 4 - 8 p.m. This free, all ages event will provide a wealth of information to empower your mind, body and soul. For more information call 810-334-9460.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrol

Dispatch calls for service	132
Self-initiated calls for service	295
Offenses	29
Arrests	6
Traffic citations	36
Ordinance violations	17

Examples of arrests or significant incidents or calls this week:

A truck driver left his tractor-trailer parked overnight in the field next to Southwest Pinellas Storage, and discovered the windshield was cracked the next morning.

Two juveniles walking through Southwest Pinellas Storage on February 4 reached inside the passenger window of a van and stole a cell phone. The victims chased the suspects to the Pinellas County Trail but lost them.

A resident in the 5100 block of 16th Avenue reported that someone threw a brick through the front window of his residence sometime overnight. No one was injured.

A resident in the 700 block of Gray Street discovered a man in her backyard holding a machete. She screamed and called 911 as the man fled into the alley and left in a pickup truck. He had used the machete to steal a stalk of sugar cane that she had growing in the yard.

A resident in the 5500 block of 15th Avenue discovered that someone had fraudulently written a check against her bank account.

A resident in the 5100 block of 27th Avenue found a strange man sitting in his unlocked truck which was parked in his carport. The man fled. Nothing was stolen or tampered with in the truck.

Sergeant Burkhart was flagged down about a possible robbery occurring at the Sunoco Convenience store. The witness who flagged him down pointed out a man on a bicycle who was pedaling away from the scene. He was told to stop several times but continued to attempt to evade Sergeant Burkhart before striking a parking bumper and falling from his bicycle. He

then attempted to run from Sergeant Burkhart who deployed his Taser. Alvin N. Clark was arrested for felony theft. Clark stole two small bottles of wine which were both recovered.

An O'Maddy's patron became intoxicated and was irritating other customers on February 5. The manager told her to pay her tab and leave. She refused and police were summoned. Officers gave the woman, who claimed to have no money, the opportunity to call someone she knew to pay the \$24 tab, but she refused and said she didn't have to. She was placed under arrest for theft, and physically resisted officers after she was in custody, collecting a second misdemeanor charge in the process.

An unlocked bicycle was taken from in front of a business in the 1400 49th Street. The suspect was last seen traveling south on 51st Street and 15th Avenue.

A dark colored Nissan Maxima pulled out of a parking lot into the path of a car being driven southbound in the curb lane in the 1000 Block of 49th Street on February 6. The Maxima was hit on the driver's side and fled the scene. The driver of the other car was taken to the hospital with minor injuries.

A resident in the 1800 Block of 54th Street reported on February 7 that she believed that she had left her wallet on a bench at Tomlinson Park. When she returned the wallet was gone.

A resident in the 2200 block of Beach Boulevard reported someone had taken a vacuum from her porch and used it to break her garage window. Boxes were thrown around in the garage, oranges were thrown against the side of the house, plants were ripped up in her garden and thrown at the house, and her telephone box was ripped off of the side of the house.

A resident in the 5600 block of 28th Avenue reported on February 8 that jewelry she discovered missing 3-4 weeks ago had been pawned by her step-daughter's ex-boyfriend.

A transient that frequents the beach front called to report that two other transients were arguing and fighting. Both transients denied any fighting but the male had an open container of vodka next to him and was arrested for an ordinance violation.

Officer Lavigne spotted Richard Allen driving in the 4600 Block of Tifton Drive despite not having a valid license. Allen was arrested for driving with a suspended license and transported to the police department for field sobriety exercises. He submitted breath samples which showed his breath alcohol content of .273 and .278. He was charged for driving while license suspended or revoked and driving under the influence.

Officer Randazzo located two juveniles loitering behind a business in the 5000 block of Gulfport Boulevard on February 9. They were identified and one was transported back to Boca Ciega High School. The other was transported home.

A resident in the 1800 block of Tangerine Avenue reported that his Yamaha YZF-R1 was stolen from outside his residence sometime overnight.

Officers responded to a rollover crash at the intersection of Gulfport Boulevard & 52nd Street on February 10. A westbound Jeep Cherokee ran the red light and was struck by a vehicle turning eastbound from 52nd Street. There were no injuries and only minor damage to the vehicles.

Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)

New cases:	16
Cases assigned:	1
Cases suspended-no leads:	11
Cases cleared with arrest:	1
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	2
Cases referred back to patrol:	1
Supplements received:	38

Cases cleared with arrest:	1
Previously cleared with arrest:	6
Cases suspended-no leads:	3
Cases unfounded-no crime:	3
Cases exceptionally cleared:	2
Cases still active:	23

Investigator Highlights

Detective Pham:

- Conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports on the following cases: Burglary, identity theft, fraud, grand theft, passing counterfeit bills.
- Attempted to locate a suspect reference a vehicle burglary case.
- Made an arrest in a grand theft case.
- Continued to follow up with the IRS scam case and met with FBI and Dept. of Treasury Special Agents.

Detective Crowson:

- Conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports on the following cases: four thefts, four auto thefts, two frauds, and a burglary.
- Interviewed a suspect in reference to an auto theft.
- Exceptionally cleared two cases (theft and a burglary), unfounded a theft/fraud case and suspended two auto theft cases.

School Resource Officer Motte:

- Police reports: 3 - grand theft, concealed weapon, possession of marijuana
- Physical arrest: 3
- Arrest referrals to SAO: 0
- Student counseling: 2
- Parent conferences: 1
- Safety meetings: 0
- Classroom instruction: 0
- Baker Acts (LEO Initiated): 0
- Other: This week Officer Motte was the acting supervisor for CIS since Sergeant Woodman was on vacation. Officer Motte taught the Monday night Explorer meeting covering the topic of building clearing and issuing class B uniforms. He also investigated an armed student report where he found a student to be in possession of a concealed weapon, a BB gun, at school and made an arrest. Officer Motte worked an off duty basketball game and met with PCSO, SPPD, and PPPD to further plan the summer Multi-jurisdictional Police Explorer Academy.

School Resource Officer Langston:

- On light duty assignment.

Margaret Palmisano:

- Completed an analysis for Officer Sigsbee in reference to vehicle burglaries.
- Conducted pawn checks on 21 cases with a named suspect, known serial number or searchable property description.
- Processed and distributed 93 case agent evidence review forms.

Records

Reports reviewed	12
Supplements reviewed:	75

Public Records requests:	7
Reports disseminated:	13
Background checks:	13
Bike registrations:	6
Fingerprints	1
Subpoenas processed:	0
Citizens assisted:	23

MARINA

Assisted in twenty two (22) pump outs evacuating three hundred fifty five (355) gallons of waste.

Pumped one thousand one hundred four (1,104) gallons of gas and two thousand two hundred seventy six (2,276) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling fifty four (54) vessels.

Transient vessels:

Marina staff welcomed four vessels of various type and size this week.

Staff activities:

- Replaced hinge and latches on pier 4 gate, and pump out shut off valves on piers 3 & 4.
- Repaired dock box on pier 4, slip 7.
- Installed support pylon on Auxiliary Coast Guard dock.
- Installed posts and erected identification sign for Gulfport Marina.

LIBRARY

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

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Monday, February 1, 11 a.m. - *AARP tax assistance.*

Monday, February 1, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language.*

Monday, February 1, 3 p.m. - *K-5th Grade Science Club* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Tuesday, February 2, 10:15 a.m. - *Mommy & Me Yoga.*

Tuesday, February 2, 2 p.m. - *Ukulele Group session.*

Tuesday, February 2, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.*

Wednesday, February 3, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, February 3, 3 p.m. - *Teen Hangout.*

Wednesday, February 3, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters.*

Thursday, February 4, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Thursday, February 4, Noon - Lunch & Learn: The Tarot

Thursday, February 4, 7 p.m. - *Juniper Live in Concert.*

Friday, February 5, 10 a.m. - *AARP tax assistance.*

Friday, February 5, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, February 18, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of Mystic River by Dennis Lehane* over coffee & light refreshments. Sponsored by the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. For more information call 893-1073.

Thursday, February 18, 6 p.m. - *Welcome to Gulfport workshop*: Cohosted by Gulfport Neighbors and the Library. Learn about the services available through the City and Library. Find out how you can participate in the award-winning Gulfport Neighbors organization.

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

Tuesday, February 23, 4 p.m. - *Essential Oils workshop*: learn the benefits of aroma therapy as Jen Schaefer discusses another topic in her series. For more information, email gulfportyoga@gmail.com.

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.

Monday, February 29, 5 p.m. - *Open Mic Night*: Alex invites everyone to share their talents, musical and otherwise for a lively season of spontaneity. Call 893-1073 for more information.

Tuesday, March 1, 10:15 a.m. - *Mommy & Me Yoga*. Instructed by registered yoga teacher Ms. Christa, the group meets on first Tuesday of the month. Intended for parents and babies ages 6 weeks to 18 months. 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.

Tuesday, March 8, 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.

Every Monday, 9:30 a.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. through April 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.

Every Monday - Wednesday & Friday, 12:30 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: Monday - French; Tuesday - Italian; Wednesday - Spanish. For more information call Mel Donovan at 893-1074.

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@mygulfport.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. - *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 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 31 - February 6, 2015:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	2,351	828
Sun. 1/31	Library closed	
Mon. 2/1	379	144
Tue. 2/2	414	145
Wed. 2/3	367	133
Thu. 2/4	367	140
Fri. 2/5	393	131
Sat. 2/6	380	98

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.
- Rebooted TV station equipment.
- Continued updates and enhancements to mygulfport.us.
- Continued preparation of March calendar.
- Continued updates on Social media sites.
- Continued training intern to update website.
- Attended weekly phone conference with app company.
- Updating weekly e-news theme to mobile friendly format.
- Provided technical assistance for Teleconference at Library and event at Casino.

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.

Representatives from the Pinellas County Property Appraisers will visit the Gulfport Senior Center on Tuesday, February 16, 9 a.m. - noon to assist Gulfport seniors with **Low Income Senior Property Tax Exemption applications**. To qualify, one household member must reside in Gulfport, be 65 years old or older as of January 1, have or qualify for a homestead exemption, and have a household income below the annual set threshold.

Learn to protect yourself online during **Tech Talk: Online Protection** class at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 17. Participants must call 893-5657 to pre-register for this class.

Don't miss the chance to experience two great artists side by side with this special evening **Gulfport Getaway** on Thursday, February 18. The *Disney and Dali exhibit at the Dali Museum* will "tell the story of the unlikely alliance between two of the most renowned artists of the twentieth century." SPACE IS LIMITED. Call 893-2242 to reserve a seat. GEMS members \$14/nonmembers \$16. Price includes round trip transportation and admission with audio guide and public tour.

Join Waddell & Reed, Inc. CRPC Daniel Ramsey for **Filing for Social Security: Flexibility and Choices for Your Retirement Income** on Monday, February 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Understand the options you have and the information you need to make an informed decision about insurance options. The **Insurance Workshop** is Wednesday, February 24 at 2 p.m. Presented by Senior Benefit Solutions.

Happy Birthday to You! Help us celebrate this month's birthdays with cake, games, and more at 3 p.m. Friday, February 26. Sponsored by Robert Galban of Family Focus Insurance.

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.

Learn about alternate medical approaches for overactive bladder from Dr. Meenaksi Jain, MD during this month's **HCA Health Talk** at 2:30 p.m. Monday, February 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, March 1.

The Alzheimer's Association offers free **Monthly Memory Screenings** the second Monday of each month, 9 - 11:30 am. The next screening is March 14. 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 March 14.

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):

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| Sunday, January 31 | 10 a.m. - PAVA 2 Cool Art Show (Turnout 1,476) |
| Tuesday, February 2 | Noon - Ballroom lessons with Katy Flanery (Turnout 21)
7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (Turnout 78) |
| Wednesday, February 3 | 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Barbara Newborn (Turnout 50)
6 p.m. - Swing dance with Swingtime (Turnout 372) |
| Thursday, February 4 | 6 p.m. - Latin Night lesson with Carol Rivera (Turnout 32) |
| Friday, February 5 | 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 24) |
| Saturday, February 6 | 6.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 50) |

Casino (upcoming events):

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| Sunday, February 14 | 7 p.m. - Valentine's Ball with Swing Time Dance to live the music of Gloria West & the Gents. Admission: \$12 in advance, \$15 day of event. |
| 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, February 5 6 p.m. - First Friday Art Reception (Turnout 170)

Catherine Hickman Theater (*upcoming events*):

Saturday, February 13 8 p.m. - Valentine's Day Comedy Jam: A Sweetheart Affair: Hosted by Latrese Allen, featuring comedians Spunky Robinson & Whodi. Tickets \$20 (limited VIP seating also available). Call 768-6689 or 209-7073

Sunday, February 14 1:30 p.m. - ELVIS: A Concert Experience starring Jim Jinelli Tickets: \$13 available at the Gulfport Casino & Beach Bazaar (cash or check only). For more information call 560-5009.

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

Sunday, January 31 6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday, February 2 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 20)
7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Wednesday, February 3 7 p.m. - Crime Watch meeting (Turnout 20)

Thursday, February 4 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 20)

Saturday, February 6 1:30 p.m. - Private party (turnout 33)

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 31 9 a.m. - Calvary Christian Assembly church services (Turnout 17)

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

Monday, February 1 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 34)

Tuesday, February 2 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 26)

Friday, February 3 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 28)

Saturday, February 5 1:30 p.m. - Birthday party (Turnout 30)

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 is reserved 2 - 7 p.m. Saturday, February 13 for a baby shower, and noon - 5 p.m. Saturday, February 20 for a family reunion.

Programs, Classes & Activities

Sixty one 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 eight 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

Marivel Gutierrez met with City Manager Jim O'Reilly, Events Coordinator Justin Shea, Councilmember Dan Liedtke and Alex Kutsy from Rockstar Promotions LLC on Thursday to discuss the March Pro Am Volleyball Tournament.

John Lapham used the school bus to transport fifty Gulfport Elementary students and four adults to Seminole Lanes on Monday, and to transport a group of Tot/Time VPK participants to Edo's Japanese Steakhouse in St. Petersburg on Wednesday.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 45 Emergency Medical Calls
- 6 Structure Fires
- 2 WFF
- 2 Fire Alarms
- 2 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Gas Leak
- 1 Haz-Mat

Life Safety:

- 6 Fire Inspections
- 2 Re-Inspections
- 1 Plans Permit Review
- 2 Fire Investigation Reports

Tyler Whitfield has been selected to fill the vacant Paramedic position. He will begin employment following a polygraph test, psychological exam and pre-employment physical.

Gulfport Firefighters continued their February online 2016 CME training with Target Solutions this week. This month’s topics: Trauma Assessment; Medic Version, and Diagnostic Equipment; Medic Version.

The Gulfport Fire Department is hosting an EMT Student from St. Petersburg College internship field program. Firefighter/Paramedic Burford on the “B”- shift is his preceptor

The Gulfport Fire Department investigated two structure fire reports on February 7. The first was called in at 1:25 a.m. at 5217 18th Avenue. The second was called in at 9:01 a.m. at 2907 49th Street.

GFD participated in Fire Training drills at Palms of Pasadena Hospital with other South County Fire Departments for Multi-Company training in VES, Fire Attack, Search & Rescue, and Entanglement.

PUBLIC WORKS

Staff continues daily water quality testing at Gulfport Beach, Gulfport Shores and the Marina. Gulfport Shores remains under advisory for in-water activities until further notice. The results of February 11 are provided below. Visit www.mygulfport.us for the most up-to-date information.

<u>Gulfport Casino</u>		<u>Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)</u>			<u>Fecal coliform - SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)</u>		
Sample ID	Date/Time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
1604206-01	2/11/16 7:55 a.m.	4 B	4	2/11/16 10:20 a.m.	10 U	10	2/11/16 10:20 a.m.
<u>Gulfport Marina</u>		<u>Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)</u>			<u>Fecal coliform - SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)</u>		
Sample ID	Date/Time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
1604206-02	2/11/16 8:14 a.m.	16 B	4	2/11/16 10:20 a.m.	10 B	10	2/11/16 10:20 a.m.
<u>Gulfport Shores</u>		<u>Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)</u>			<u>Fecal coliform - SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)</u>		
Sample ID	Date/Time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
1604206-03	2/11/16 8:23 a.m.	160	4	2/11/16 10:20 a.m.	100 B	10	2/11/16 10:20 a.m.

<u>Enterococcus Results Description</u>		
<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

<u>Fecal Coliform Results Description</u>		
<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

- Hung several signs at Library.
- Pressure washed, repaired and painted covered shelter behind Recreation Center.
- Replaced water cooler in Public Services building with handicap accessible dual water fountain.
- Cleared blocked urinal in City Garage restroom.
- Touched up paint on exterior of Recreation Center.
- Hung picture in Senior Center office.
- Replaced fire alarm panel in City Hall/Police Department.
- Delivered mail to post office for Finance Department.

Parks

- Set up trash & recycling bins in preparation for So49 Car Show.
- Replaced past event banners on Gulfport Boulevard with upcoming events banners.
- Repaired garden lights in Library Outdoor Reading Garden.
- Unlocked Recreation Center doors and reset alarm for floor cleaning company.
- Formed up concrete pads for trashcans.
- Reattached windscreen on volleyball court fence.
- Repaired irrigation at Hoyt & Little League Fields, cleaned & removed weeds from baselines, pitcher's mound and warning track, and tilled clay areas.
- Posted "Closed" signs at beach following poor water quality results.
- Barricaded parking spots on Beach Boulevard in preparation for Duke Energy upgrades.
- Cleaned debris from Wood Ibis Park lake fountain screens.
- Continued work on tree lights and electrical outlets along Beach Boulevard.
- Mowed Wood Ibis Park, Clam Bayou green spaces, Trail Spur & Tangerine Greenway.
- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched City Complex & Library.
- Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades, and adjusted bed knives on reel mowers.
- 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, alleyways & sidewalks.
- Emptied trash containers and removed debris left in roadway following Tuesday Market.

- Reset Handicap parking sign & pole at Senior Center and curb stops in Library parking lot.
- Replaced STOP sign and pole at 54th Street & 18th Avenue following vehicle strike.
- Cleaned up dirt and debris following street light installation.
- Disposed of old tires from City Garage.
- Constructed forms for concrete storm lids.

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 #23, 24, 25 26 & 27 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 29 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 11 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off.
- Completed 93 miscellaneous customer service department service orders.
- Completed 8 Sunshine One-Call, Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Replaced 1 meter that was stuck and not recording water usage.
- Replaced 6 old water meters with new electronic meters.
- Collected bay water samples at Gulfport Shores, Gulfport Beach & Marina for quality testing.
- Repaired water break at 1402 60th Street.

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 & 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

- Replaced rear tires on car Police vehicle #102.
- Repaired tire on Police vehicle #9.
- Inspected F.D. Polaris 6x6 for preventative maintenance service.
- Investigated Sanitation vehicle #47 for smoking exhaust; plastic bag on exhaust.
- Replaced brake light on GEMS vehicle #1.
- Assisted Recycling vehicle #40 on interstate due with broken radiator hose.
- Replaced tires on Sanitation vehicle #46 and Police vehicle #2.
- 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 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.

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.