



Gulfport Community Update

February 21 - 27, 2016

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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

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 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 lceglass18@gmail.com or visit www.VisitGulfportFlorida.com.

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.

Peek into some of the coolest homes in Gulfport during the 11th **Annual Pink Flamingo Home Tour** on Saturday, March 5, 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, 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. In the event of rain, the sale will take place on Sunday the 20th. The City of Gulfport is accepting addresses for this year's brochure. Register on line at www.mygulfport.us/city-wideward-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	141
Self-initiated calls for service	350
Offenses	33
Arrests	4
Traffic citations	49
Ordinance violations	39

Two cars were involved in a minor traffic crash on 15th Avenue & 54th Street on February 18. One of the drivers left the scene without stopping.

Two female high school students engaged in a fight resulting in police intervention after witnesses called 911. Neither was injured and their parents came to the scene. No criminal charges were filed.

Jessie Crenshaw was arrested for theft after he stole two bottles of wine and a four-pack of beer from a business in the 4900 block of Gulfport Boulevard. Due to prior theft convictions, the charge was upgraded to a felony.

Several power drills were reported taken from a garage in the 5200 block of 23rd Avenue on February 19. The garage was unlocked and partially open while the homeowner was working on a home improvement project.

A wallet and cell phone were reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked at Clam Bayou Park on February 20.

Officer Affeldt stopped a vehicle in the 5300 block of Gulfport Boulevard for an equipment violation on February 21. Driver David Bradley had an outstanding warrant for grand theft, and was arrested.

A resident in the 5200 block of 14th Avenue reported that a paint sprayer was stolen from the back of his truck sometime overnight. Officers observed a trail of paint from the sprayer that led around the block and disappeared into the grass.

An 88 year-old woman who suffers from dementia left a voicemail for her daughter advising she was going to a doctor's appointment in St. Petersburg but she never showed up. Police issued a Silver Alert, activated the Reverse 911 system and created a statewide bulletin to law enforcement and media release. The woman was located on I-75 north of Tampa where her car had run out of gas. She had been missing for almost 24 hours but was unharmed.

The owner of Tisdale Construction reported that several checks from the business's bank account were forged and cashed in Arizona. Police are investigating.

A vehicle was stopped in the 6100 block of 15th Avenue for having no tag light. The driver admitted to the officer that he had a small amount of spice in the car. It was confiscated and put into property for destruction.

Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)

New cases:	13
Cases assigned:	4
Cases suspended-no leads:	6
Cases cleared with arrest:	3
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	0
Cases referred back to patrol:	0
Supplements received:	8
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Previously cleared with arrest:	4
Cases suspended-no leads:	0
Cases unfounded-no crime:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases still active:	4

Investigator Highlights

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for a theft of mail case, a burglary, a lewd & lascivious battery, and a fraud; conducted a follow-up with the FBI in an IRS scam case; issued probable cause for the arrest of Tony Williams, who was taken into custody on February 21, and; provided translation services for PCSO deputies who were investigating a violation of injunction case.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for a theft case, two burglaries and a check fraud, and; identified a suspect who cashed a fraudulent check.

School Resource Officer Motte completed reports for a possession of marijuana case, a violation of probation and theft, a trespassing, and possession of marijuana and resisting arrest without violence; counseled two students; met with the parent of a student; hosted the Explorer meeting covering the topics of petit theft and domestic violence; located a bicycle theft suspect who was found to be in possession of marijuana and on probation, and; assisted Officer Mills in arresting a former student trespassing on campus after warning.

Crime Analyst, Margaret Palmisano completed pawn checks on 13 cases with a named suspect, a known serial number or searchable property description; updated the sex offender display and pamphlet adding a sexual predator who recently moved to Gulfport; created a bolo for Sgt. Marotta in an attempt to identify two juveniles in a bicycle theft, and completed an analysis for Ofc. Mills regarding criminal activity occurring in Town Shores in 2015.

Records

Reports reviewed	18
Supplements reviewed:	91
Public Records requests:	15
Background checks:	4
Bike registrations:	2
Fingerprints	12
Subpoenas processed:	0
Citizens assisted:	43

LIBRARY

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

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Tuesday, February 16, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language.*

Tuesday, February 16, 2 p.m. - *Ukulele Group meeting.*

Tuesday, February 16, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.*

Wednesday, February 17, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, February 17, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language.*

Wednesday, February 17, 3 p.m. - *Teen Hangout.*

Wednesday, February 17, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters.*

Thursday, February 18, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Thursday, February 18, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language.*

Thursday, February 18, 6 p.m. - *Welcome to Gulfport workshop.*

Friday, February 19, 10 a.m. - *AARP tax assistance.*

Friday, February 19, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language.*

Friday, February 19, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Saturday, February 20, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day.*

Upcoming Events:

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* 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, March 5, 10 a.m. - *Suddenly in Command; Coast Guard Boating Safety class:* Designed for those generally not at the helm, how to "be prepared" with the basics in case of an emergency. RSVP to Jessica Hathaway, 850-420-3105 or email auxgulfport@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 8, 10:30 a.m. & Thursday, March 17, 6 p.m. - *Welcome to Gulfport!* Cohosted by the Gulfport Neighbors and the Library. Learn about both organizations and discover services offered by the City. For more information call 893-1074.

Tuesday, March 8, 1 p.m. - *Healing Thoughts Book Club:* Group meets the second Tuesday of each month. If you have interest in understanding the relationship between our thoughts and their influence on the physical body, this club is for you. Title for discussion: *The Divided Mind*, by John H. Sarno. For more information email klane@untieyourwings.com.

Tuesday, 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.

Thursday, March 10, 5:30 p.m. - *Astrology and the Power of Conscious Choice:* Explore some of the many useful applications of the ancient art of astrology and how the information revealed in your birth chart can help you to be a cooler, happier, more prosperous human being. Curious and courageous volunteers are welcome to bring along their date and time of birth, and, as time

allows, we will take peek at your charts. Presented by Jennie Gilmore, Ode to Pluto Astrology. For more information call 207-332-0787 or email: jennie@odetopluto.com.

Thursday, March 17, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club* discussion of *The Yearling* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Call 893-1073 or visit the Library for more information. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library.

Saturday, March 19, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day*. Call 893-1074 for movie titles.

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; Friday - German. 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 February 14 - 20, 2015:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,999	750
Sun. 2/14	Library closed	
Mon. 2/15	Holiday - Library closed	
Tue. 2/16	475	175
Wed. 2/17	423	144
Thu. 2/18	426	135
Fri. 2/19	325	137
Sat. 2/20	228	93

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 daily updates and enhancements to mygulfport.us.
- Sent March calendar to printer.
- Continued updates on Social media sites.
- Continued training intern on app inputs.
- Commenced preparation of Citywide Yard Sale brochure map.

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.

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.

Protech Security Solutions is offering a one day **Crime Prevention** presentation at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 2. This entertaining and informative seminar includes information on: What

targets you to be a potential victim, what you can do to make a burglar avoid your home, what you should do before and during a purse snatching or mugging, and much more!

Discover the great selection of jewelry, home décor, cook books, collectibles, and many other goodies at **First Friday Flea Market** at 9 a.m. March 4.

The works of Senior Center Artists will on display during the **Second Annual Senior Center Art Exhibit** at the Gulfport Senior Center on Friday, March 4, 6 - 8 p.m.

Plan to join us for a **GEMS Gulfport Getaway** on Tuesday, March 8 for a day at the **Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary**. Afterwards, order lunch off of the amazing early bird menu at **Sea Breeze Island Grill & Raw Bar**, a great waterfront seafood restaurant along the intercoastal waterway. Call GEMS at 893-2242 to reserve a seat by March 4th. GEMS members \$9/nonmembers \$13. Price includes roundtrip transportation and admission.

Find out if you're eligible for a free caption phone that displays text of conversations on a touchscreen when **Clear Captions** visits the Senior Center at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 8.

Join Kathy Lane at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 for a discussion of the relationship between our thoughts, beliefs, and emotions, and how to process and release emotional baggage which can allow you to create a better life experience during this month's Law of Attraction seminar: **Finding Peace: Unpacking Your Emotional Baggage**.

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

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

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, February 14 | 6 p.m. - Valentine's Ball with Swingtime (Turnout 369) |
| Tuesday, February 16 | Noon - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker (Turnout 18)
7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (Turnout 64) |
| Wednesday, February 17 | 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Barbara Newborn (Turnout 40)
6 p.m. - Swing dance with Swingtime (Turnout 362) |
| Thursday, February 18 | 6 p.m. - Latin Night lesson with Carol Rivera (Turnout 19) |

Friday, February 19 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 28)

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

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

Saturday, February 27 7 p.m. - Tails At Twilight Animal Rescue Fundraiser Tickets: \$25 Call
813-495-9039 for more information

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

Sunday, February 14 1:30 p.m. - Elvis: A Concert Experience (Turnout 170)

Saturday, February 20 8 p.m. - South Florida Lyric Opera presents *Opera Through the Ages*
(Turnout 12)

Catherine Hickman Theater (*upcoming events*):

Friday, February 26, 7 p.m. - 6th Annual Miss St. Petersburg USA & Teen USA Pageants.
Tickets: adults \$20/children under 12 \$10. For more information call 954-658-2864 or visit
www.MissFloridaUSA.com

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

Sunday, February 14 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 29)
6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday, February 16 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 12)
7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Thursday, February 18 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 21)

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, February 7 9 a.m. - Calvary Christian Assembly church services (Turnout 16)

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

Monday, February 15 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 20)

Tuesday, February 16 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 28)

Friday, February 19 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 25)

Scout Hall (*upcoming events*):

Every Sunday 9 am - Calvary Christian Assembly church services

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

Every Monday 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga

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

Recreation Center

The multipurpose room was rented noon - 5 p.m. Saturday, February 20 for a family reunion with 40 in attendance.

The multipurpose room is reserved 2:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5 for a birthday party, and 6-11 p.m. Saturday, March 12 for a bridal shower.

Programs, Classes & Activities

Sixty two 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.

Forty two 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 attended a Peachjar Workshop in Largo on Thursday.

Alton Hooker worked the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

Marivel Gutierrez and Joanne McRoberts attended the ELC Provider Outreach meeting in St. Petersburg on Tuesday.

Marivel Gutierrez attended the Senior Staff meeting on Wednesday.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 39 Emergency Medical Calls
- 1 Trauma Alert
- 4 Structure Fires
- 1 Fire Alarm
- 2 Vehicle Crashes

Life Safety:

- 12 Fire Inspections
- 3 Re-inspections
- 1 FACP Permit Review
- 1 Smoke Detector Installation

Gulfport Firefighters continued their February 2016 online 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

Chief Marenkovic and City Manager O’Reilly met with Assistant County Administer John Bennett on February 24 to discuss the ALS/EMS Funding Agreement.

Chief Marenkovic attended the monthly PCFCA meeting at the SPC Epi Center on February 25.

Inspector Lundh performed a final Fire Suppression test with State Fire Protection at 3038 Beach Boulevard.

PUBLIC WORKS

Staff continues daily water quality testing at Gulfport Beach, Gulfport Shores and the Marina. Gulfport Shores and the Marina remains under advisory for in-water activities until further notice. The results of February 25 are provided below. Visit www.mygulfport.us for the most up-to-date information.

Gulfport Casino

Sample ID	Date/Time
1605606-01	2/25/16 7:40 a.m.

Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
28 B	4	2/25/16 9:25 a.m.

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

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
10 UB	10	2/25/16 9:25 a.m.

Gulfport Marina

Sample ID	Date/Time
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Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
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Fecal coliform - SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
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1605606-02 2/25/16 7:50 a.m. 240 B 4 2/25/16 9:25 a.m. 130 B 10 2/25/16 9:25 a.m.

Gulfport Shores

Sample ID	Date/Time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
1605606-03	2/25/16 8:00 a.m.	890	4	2/25/16 9:25 a.m.	1000 B	10	2/25/16 9:25 a.m.

Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)

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

Enterococcus Results Description

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

Fecal Coliform Results Description

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

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

Building Maintenance

- Replaced pulley on a/c unit at City Hall.
- Capped off water line at Senior Center.
- Repaired exterior handrail at Historical Museum.
- Repaired toilet in Theater lobby ladies room handicap stall.
- Replaced lights at Dog Park.
- Painted replaced wood on Scout Hall exterior.
- Relocated filing cabinets from City Clark’s office to mail room.
- Removed shelving from Police Station evidence room.
- Delivered mail to post office for Finance Department.

Parks

- Blocked off roads for Masters Art Festival, installed temporary fencing for beach volleyball tournaments and dropped off barricades for Recreation Center event.
- Replaced past event banners on Gulfport Boulevard with upcoming events banners.
- Cleaned debris from Wood Ibis Park lake fountain screens.
- Continued work on tree lights and electrical outlets along Beach Boulevard.
- Mowed Tomlinson Park, Tangerine Greenway, 56th Street drainage area & medians, Pinellas Trail spur and 14th Avenue medians.
- Repaired irrigation at Senior Center.
- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched Clam Bayou, Hoyt field & Library.
- Greased mowers and sharpened/replaced blades.
- Cleaned shop and organized tools.
- Drove bus for Recreation Center event.
- Removed weeds, dirt and debris and graded Caldwell Park.
- Continued tilling clay areas at Hoyt and Lum fields.
- 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.
- Continued sidewalk replacement on 28th Avenue.
- Removed damaged sign and pole at 59th Street & 11th Avenue following vehicle crash.
- Disposed of old storm grate/frame at 52nd Street & 11th 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 the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 36 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 7 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off.
- Completed 123 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 3 old water meters with new electronic meters.
- Replaced 3 meters that were stuck and not recording water usage.
- Collected bay water samples at Gulfport Shores, Gulfport Beach & Marina for quality testing.
- Collected Quarterly TTHM's and HAA5's samples on water distribution system.
- Started semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP.
- Cut and capped 1.5" galvanized water line on 58th Street between 26th & 27th Avenues, and 1.5" water line in alley near Wood Ibis Park.
- Connected new 2" water line across 58th Street to line at Wood Ibis Park.

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.
- Replaced sewer laterals and installed clean-out to grade at 2501 58th Street & 1502 55th Street.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced tire on Police vehicle #18.
- Greased lift arm on Sanitation vehicle #42.
- Cleaned throttle body on Police vehicle #156.
- Replaced air filter on truck #156.
- Replaced slack adjusters, and used laptop to force Sanitation vehicle #40 into “regen” mode.
- Replaced windshield wiper blades on GEMS vehicle #1.
- Repaired lights and seat adjuster on City Trolley.
- Replaced straps on Sanitation vehicle #47.
- 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.

The number of code enforcement cases for January was 116. The fiscal year-to-date total number of cases is 503. The number of citizen complaints for January was 10, making a fiscal year-to-date total of 34. The fiscal year-to-date ratio of complaints to total number of cases is 6.8 percent.

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 March Code Enforcement activities will move to 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. 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.

Planning and Development

March 9, 2016 Board of Adjustment:

V16-04; 6108 Kipp's Colony Drive West; Variance request to reduce the right-hand one third setback requirement by 13.5 feet, from 30.2 feet to 16.7 feet to allow for the proposed installation of a new boat lift.

V16-05; 6230 Pasadena Point Boulevard South; The following setback variances are requested due to the proposed razing of the existing dock and boat lift, and the construction of a new dock, lower landing, catwalk, and boatlift (on the right-hand side):

- 1) To reduce the left-hand one-third setback requirement by 1.5 feet, from 30.5 feet to 29 feet to accommodate the construction of the lower landing;
- 2) To reduce the right-hand one-third setback requirement by 12 feet, from 30.5 feet to 18.5 feet to allow for the installation of a boat lift and the construction of a catwalk; and
- 3) To allow the proposed dock to extend 5.75 feet beyond one-half of the property width (45.75 feet) to a length of 51.5 feet.

V16-06; 6124 Kipp's Colony Drive West; The following setback variances are requested due to the proposed razing of the existing dock and construction of a new dock, catwalk, and two boatlifts:

- 1) To reduce the left-hand one-third setback requirement by 8.2 feet, from 30.2 feet to 22 feet to accommodate the construction of the dock;
- 2) To reduce the right-hand one-third setback requirement by 6.2 feet, from 30.2 feet to 24 feet to allow for the installation of a boat lift and construction a catwalk; and
- 3) To allow the proposed dock and boatlift to extend 4.7 feet beyond one-half of the property width (45.3 feet) to a length of 50 feet. (DELAYED UNTIL APRIL)

V16-07; 6005 Kipp's Colony Drive East; Variance request to reduce the left-hand one third setback requirement by 21.8 feet, from 28.4 feet to 6.6 feet to allow for the proposed construction of a catwalk and installation of a new boat lift.