



Gulfport Community Update

March 13-19, 2016

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Gulfport Library Director David Mather reports that the Library will be implementing a new computer system beginning Monday, March 21. Patrons will be required to present their Library cards to check out materials during the transition, which is expected to be completed by Friday, March 25. Staff will not be able access the library catalog or patron accounts, or renew/make requests for materials. Items due during the transition will be automatically extended. For more information call 893-1074.

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.

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. Brochure maps area available at all City facilities, and online at www.mygulfport.us.

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 receiving free health screenings during the **Health and Wellness Expo** at the Gulfport Casino on Saturday March 19, 10 a.m. - 4 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.

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

The City of Gulfport/Stetson College of Law Public Service Fellows **Fun in the Sun Day** event is scheduled for Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m. - noon at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Boulevard. FREE festivities will include an egg hunt for children ages 8 & under, basket raffle, inflatables, entertainment, food and fun! Children will also have the opportunity to climb into the driver's seat of their favorite vehicle: police car, police boat, fire truck, ambulance, garbage truck and many more. Bring a basket for the egg hunt and a camera for a photo with Peter Cottontail.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrol

Dispatch calls for service	132
Self-initiated calls for service	344
Offenses	31
Arrests	6

Traffic citations	88
Ordinance violations	34

A boater reported on March 10 that he left his black fold up Schwinn bike chained to a bike rack in front of a restaurant in the 3100 block of Beach Boulevard. When he returned several days later the bike was gone.

Two teenagers stole 20-30 unloaded green dot cards from a business in the 4900 block of 17th Avenue. They were last seen fleeing the scene in a grey Jeep Cherokee.

A resident in the 3100 block of 57th Street reported on March 11 that a purple Trek bike was stolen from his yard.

Benjamin Langkamp was arrested on an active felony warrant after an anonymous person alerted police that he was on his way to a residence in the 3000 block of Beach Boulevard.

Officer Lavigne stopped a vehicle in the 5400 Block of 15th Avenue for failing to maintain its lane. The driver, Pamela Taylor still had a sunshade in her front windshield. Taylor was arrested after a DUI investigation. Her breath alcohol content was .054/.055, which is below the level at which impairment by alcohol is presumed. Police are awaiting the results of a urine sample to check for the presence of other intoxicating drugs.

A resident in the 5200 Block of 13th Avenue reported on March 12 that someone climbed through her unlocked kitchen window and stole her Sony PlayStation 3 Console and controller.

Sergeant Burkhart conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with a headlight out. He smelled a strong odor of marijuana, and searched the vehicle, finding approximately 10 grams of the substance. The juvenile driver was issued a court date and released to his mother, and the marijuana was seized.

A woman called 911 and reported that she found her sister on a Gulfport street corner in a heavily intoxicated, possibly drugged, condition. Before first responders could arrive, family members drove the woman to Bayfront Medical Center. A Gulfport Police officer went to the emergency room and learned that the patient had too much to drink and no crime occurred.

Officers responded to the 2800 block of 58th Street on March 14 after a car went off the road and struck two signs, snapping them in half. The vehicle was located in South Pasadena, and the driver was issued a citation for leaving the scene of a crash.

Kyle Nabors was arrested for burglary after he attempted to steal a motorized scooter from a carport in the 5600 block of Tangerine Avenue. He was identified by the resident.

An unsecured landscape cart and generator were reported stolen from a yard in the 5100 block of Gulfport Boulevard sometime between the evening of March 14 and the morning of the 15th.

A resident reported that sometime overnight someone stole a six inch antenna from the top of her car while it was parked in her assigned space at Town Shores.

A resident in the 1000 block of 52nd Street reported on March 16 that he left his car windows open and someone stole change from the center console.

A resident in the 1500 Block of 54th Street reported that her 17 year old daughter ran away and was violating her court ordered juvenile curfew. The teen was located at a friend's residence nearby despite having been court ordered to have no contact with the friend. She was arrested for violating her probation.

The marine unit was on the water for 4.5 hours this week. Five boater contacts were made.

Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)

New cases:	14
Cases assigned:	2

Cases suspended-no leads:	10
Cases cleared with arrest:	1
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	0
Cases referred back to patrol:	1
Supplements received:	18
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Previously cleared with arrest:	3
Cases suspended-no leads:	3
Cases unfounded-no crime:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	1
Cases still active:	11

Investigator Highlights

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for a counterfeiting case, a theft, and a fraud; exceptionally cleared a lewd and lascivious case; attended a deposition for an attempted homicide; conducted a countywide warrant sweep with PCSO, and; was guest speaker for the Citizens' Academy.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for three theft cases, two grand theft autos, two vehicle burglaries and a criminal mischief. She also assisted with the south county warrant round up.

Officer Motte arrested a student for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest with violence. He has been in contact with Pinellas Traffic and arranged for 30 bike lights to be delivered to BCHS for students who don't have lights on their bikes.

Crime Analyst, Margaret Palmisano completed an analysis on residential burglary patterns and an analysis on auto thefts and burglary vehicles occurring at Save-On Seafood; created and distributed an attempt to ID bulletin for Det. Crowson in a theft/credit card fraud investigation; created and distributed an attempt to ID bulletin for Ofc. Priest a retail theft investigation; compiled and distributed the open case lists, and; completed pawn checks on 13 cases with a named suspect, known serial number or searchable property description.

Records

Reports reviewed	15
Supplements reviewed:	60
Public Records requests:	16
Background checks:	9
Bike registrations:	1
Fingerprints	0
Subpoenas processed:	0
Citizens assisted:	39

LIBRARY

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

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Monday, March 7, 11 a.m. - *AARP tax assistance.*

Monday, March 7, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language.*

Monday, March 7, 3 p.m. - *K-5th Grade Science Club* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Tuesday, March 8, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language*.

Tuesday, March 8, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting*.

Tuesday, March 8, 10:30 a.m. - *Welcome to Gulfport* workshop facilitated by Dave Mather & Mel Donovan.

Tuesday, March 8, 1 p.m. - *Healing Thoughts Book Club*.

Wednesday, March 9, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting*.

Wednesday, March 9, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language*.

Wednesday, March 9, 3 p.m. - *Teen Hangout*.

Wednesday, March 9, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*.

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

Thursday, March 10, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language*.

Thursday, March 10, 5:30 p.m. - *Astrology and the Power of Conscious Choice*.

Friday, March 11, 10 a.m. - *AARP tax assistance*.

Friday, March 11, 11 a.m. - *Healthcare Navigator information session*.

Friday, March 11, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language*.

Friday, March 11, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club*.

Upcoming Events:

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

Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m. - *Making Waves*: Concert performance by local choral group.

Saturday, March 26, 1 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.

Tuesday, March 31, noon - *Lunch & Learn with Paul Stonebridge*: A world traveler takes us on a virtual tour through Iceland and points unknown. Paul will also provide small samplings of regional cuisine. Pack a lunch, we'll provide the beverage refreshments.

Tuesday, April 5, 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.

Tuesday, April 12, 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. For more information and title for discussion email klane@untieyourwings.com.

Tuesday, April 12, 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; 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@mygulfpport.us or call 893-1074 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Library Services/Statistics March 6 - 12, 2016:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	2,217	807
Sun. 3/6	Library closed	
Mon. 3/7	436	145
Tue. 3/8	304	129
Wed. 3/9	370	126
Thu. 3/10	402	142
Fri. 3/11	383	134
Sat. 3/12	279	97

PARKS & RECREATION

Technical Events

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

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

- Continued training intern on app inputs.
- Attended weekly City App meeting.

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.

CarFit, a national education program created by AARP, AAA and the American Occupational Therapy Association is coming to the Gulfport Senior Center on Saturday, March 19. As we age, physical changes in vision, flexibility and strength, etc, may make us less comfortable in a car, and may change your control of the vehicle. Simple solutions like learning about your car's safety features or adaptive devices may help you continue to stay safe on the road. CarFit is a parking lot activity in which trained volunteers use a checklist of items related to vehicle comfort and safety. The team may make recommendations, but won't make changes to participants' vehicles. Call 893-5657 to schedule an appointment.

Understand your options and the information you need to make an informed decision during the **Insurance Workshop** at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 23. Presented by Senior Benefit Solutions.

Join us for our next **GEMS Gulfport Getaway** on Thursday, March 24 when travel to **Johns Pass**. This quaint turn-of-the-century fishing village offers over 100 merchants with unique retail shopping and restaurants. Round trip transportation: GEMS members \$5/nonmembers \$7.

Happy Birthday to You! Help us celebrate this month's birthdays with cake, games, and more at 3 p.m. Friday, March 25. Sponsored by Robert Galban of Family Focus Insurance.

The Senior Center offers free blood pressure & health screenings at 10 a.m. on the last Thursday of every month. Our next monthly **Mini Health Clinic** is March 31.

Need home repairs? As a U.S. Department of HUD approved Housing Counseling Agency, **Tampa Bay Community Development Corporation** provides an invaluable service to

residents of the Tampa Bay area. Sylvia Borden will visit the Gulfport Senior Center at 5 p.m. Monday, April 4 to discuss eligibility requirements and improvements covered by the program.

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, April 5.

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

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, March 6 | 5 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 162) |
| Tuesday, March 8 | Noon - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker (Turnout 19)
7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (Turnout 75) |
| Wednesday, March 9 | 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Barbara Newborn (Turnout 40)
6 p.m. - Swing dance with Swingtime (Turnout 292) |
| Thursday, March 10 | 6 p.m. - Latin Night lesson with Carol Rivera (Turnout 29) |
| Friday, March 11 | 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 40) |
| Saturday, March 12 | 6:30 p.m. - Sock Hop with the Impacs (Turnout 450) |

Casino (upcoming events):

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| 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, March 19 10 a.m. - Gulfport Health & Wellness Expo: Health screenings, Family medical info & services, Police/Fire /K9 demonstrations, food vendors, door prizes, entertainment. Free admission

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

Sunday, March 6 2 p.m. - The Gulfport Community Players (GCP) present *The Supporting Cast* (Turnout 126)

Thursday, March 10 8 p.m. - GCP presents *The Supporting Cast* (Turnout 63)

Friday, March 11 8 p.m. - GCP presents *The Supporting Cast* (Turnout 71)

Saturday, March 12 2 p.m. - GCP presents *The Supporting Cast* (Turnout 40)
8 p.m. - GCP presents *The Supporting Cast* (Turnout 69)

Catherine Hickman Theater (*upcoming events*):

Sunday, March 20, 3 p.m. - *It Was a Very Good Year*: a tribute to Frank Sinatra. A must-see for any Sinatra Fan! Tickets: \$20, available at the Gulfport Casino and Beach Bazaar.

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

Sunday, March 6 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 28)
6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday, March 8 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 24)
7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Thursday, March 10 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 19)

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, March 6 9 a.m. - Calvary Christian Assembly church services (Turnout 14)

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

Monday, March 7 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 31)
 5 p.m. - Pasadena Yacht & Country Club meeting (Turnout 11)

Tuesday, March 8 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 25)

Thursday, March 10 2:30 p.m. - Juvenile Welfare Board meeting (Turnout 40)
 7 p.m. - Pasadena Point Estates HOA meeting (Turnout11)

Friday, March 11 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 19)

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 reserved 6-11 p.m. Saturday, March 12 for a bridal shower with 50 in attendance.

The Gulfport Recreation center will offer **full day activities during Spring Break**, March 21 - 25 for children in Kindergarten to age 14. Hours are 7:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. with extended hours until 6 p.m. for an additional fee. Registration fee: \$17 for residents, and \$110 for nonresidents. Daily fee: \$11 for residents, and \$22 for nonresidents.

The City of Gulfport/Stetson College of Law Public Service Fellows **Fun in the Sun Day** event at the Michael J. Yakes Gulfport Recreation Center is Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m. - noon. FREE festivities will include an egg hunt for children ages 8 & under, basket raffle, inflatables, entertainment, food and fun! Children will also have the opportunity to climb into the driver's seat of their favorite vehicle: police car, police boat, fire truck, ambulance, garbage truck and many more. Bring a basket for the egg hunt and a camera to capture a photo with Peter Cottontail.

Programs, Classes & Activities

Sixty four 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 three 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 Meagan Salisbury from Stetson Public Service Fellows on Thursday to discuss the final details for the “Fun in the Sun” Day Event. She also facilitated the Teen Council meeting on Friday and attended the Senior Staff meeting on Wednesday.

Alton Hooker worked the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

Nicole Latragna opened the Recreation Center at 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning for the Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal Elections.

Six regular Gulfport Teen Councilmembers were in attendance at Friday’s meeting. Topics of discussion: Advisor Report, approval of the February minutes, Special Events, the FLC Municipal Youth Council Video Competition Old Business and New Business.

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 March 17 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
1607706-01	3/17/16 7:53 a.m.	36 B	4	3/17/16 9:40 a.m.	70 B	10	3/17/16 9:40 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
1607706-02	3/17/16 8:11 a.m.	48 B	4	3/17/16 9:40 a.m.	50 B	10	3/17/16 9:40 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
1607706-03	3/17/16 8:25 a.m.	110	4	3/17/16 9:40 a.m.	80 B	10	3/17/16 9:40 a.m.

Enterococcus Results Description

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

Fecal Coliform Results Description

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

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

Building Maintenance

- Repaired handle on toilet in Senior Center lobby restroom.

- Installed signage on Senior Center vegetable boxes.
- Performed annual fire alarm and sprinkler inspections at Fire Station.
- Replaced four thermostats at Library and installed tamperproof covers.
- Reset clocks for daylight savings time.
- Installed hasps on all Hoyt Field concession windows.
- Installed paper towel machine in Dog Park men's room.
- Delivered mail to post office for Finance Department.

Parks

- Shelled walking path, set up registration table, water station and trash/recycling containers in preparation for Clam Bayou Cleanup.
- Set up barricades and posted "no parking" signs along Shore Boulevard in preparation for O'Maddy's St. Patrick's Day celebration.
- Set up temporary fencing and trash/recycling containers in preparation for volleyball tournament.
- Repaired lights at Dog Park and Hoyt Field batting cage.
- Repaired bench swing on beach.
- Replaced canopy on beach playground, wheels on City Hall gates and sod behind Police Department.
- Seeded ball fields and replaced locks on Hoyt Field concession windows.
- Lowered flags to half-staff.
- Removed old skate park ramps.
- Continued work on tree lights and electrical outlets along Beach Boulevard.
- Mowed City complex, Recreation Center & Senior Center green spaces, Clymer & Veterans Parks, and 28th Avenue sign area.
- Repaired irrigation at Recreation Center.
- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched Senior Center & City complex.
- Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades, and adjusted chain on aerator.
- 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 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.
- Removed loads of debris from 49th Street holding area delivered to landfill.

- Cleaned debris, cans and trash following Tuesday Market.
- Set up barricades at 19th Avenue & 54th Street in preparation for block party, and removed following event.
- Removed debris from collection boxes at 15th Avenue & 58th Street, and PYCC.
- Installed ADA signage at 31st Avenue & Beach Boulevard.

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 monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 23 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 83 miscellaneous customer service department service orders.
- Completed 12 Sunshine One-Call, Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Replaced 12 old water meters with new electronic meters.
- Replaced 1 meter that was stuck and not recording water usage.
- Collected bay water samples at Gulfport Shores, Gulfport Beach & Marina for quality testing.
- Continued semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP.
- Replaced water service at 5309 16th Avenue.

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 at 2019 56th Street, 5409 15th Avenue, and Marina parking lot.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced windshield wipers on vehicle #111.
- Sent vehicle #06 to Suncoast Dodge for auto body repairs.
- Removed decals and prepared vehicle #57 for salvage yard.
- Replaced tire on vehicle #43.
- Replaced grabber arm bracket and spring on vehicle #46.
- Repaired marker lights and strobe lights on vehicle #17.
- Replaced camera cable on vehicle #42.
- Replaced alternator on vehicle #53.
- Repaired AC on vehicle #44.
- Replaced hydraulic hose on vehicle #46.
- Replaced broken driver's side window on car #02.
- Replaced 2 tires on vehicle #7.
- Repaired tire on parks tractor #23.

- Performed preventive maintenance and various small repairs on City vehicles.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

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

Building Division staff tries to take special time to work with homeowners embarking on do-it-yourself projects. Whether it's deferred maintenance or new improvements, many are electing to do these projects themselves. Before embarking on home improvement projects give us a call at 893-1024 to discuss plans and see what inspections may be necessary, or for an explanation of code requirements.

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

Don't take chances with unlicensed contractors

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEN SELECTING A CONTRACTOR, REMEMBER:

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

- Check with the Department of Justice and Consumer Services at 464-6200 to determine the number of complaints against a business.
- Ask the contractor for references and follow through with verifying them.
- Ask the contractor for proof of insurance.
- Never deal with anyone who solicits or appears at your home unannounced.
- Obtain a minimum of two bids for the work to be done.

WHEN SIGNING A CONTRACT, MAKE SURE:

- All work should be specifically stated in the contract.
- An approximate starting and completion date should be included.
- All warranties including labor and materials should be addressed.
- A payment schedule should be contained in the contract.
- Do not give a large deposit before the beginning of work and do not pay the balance until completion.
- A three-day right to cancel rarely applies to home improvement contracts.
- Do not sign a blank contract or one containing blank spaces.
- Watch for non-refundable deposits and non-escrow accounts. In new home construction, part of the purchase price must be escrowed (this can be waived).

For more information call the board at 582-3100 or visit www.pcclb.com.

Code Enforcement activities continued this week in Section 3 of the City, also known as the Southwest Neighborhood Area which generally extends south from Gulfport Boulevard to the water and west from 58th & 59th Streets to the City Limits.

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.

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.

April 13, 2016 Board of Adjustment:

V16-08; 3113 57th Street South; Variance request to reduce the rear yard setback requirement by 14.75 feet, from 25 feet to 10.25 feet to allow for the proposed construction of a new attached garage with an artist studio on the second floor.