



Gulfport Community Update

May 4 - 10, 2014

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

The sun came out just in time for sailboat rides, hot dogs and raffles during the **Boca Ciega Yacht Club Annual Fun Day** on May 3. City staff shared information about events & services. CERT and other City organizations participated as well (photos below). It was a fantastic day for all in attendance.



Gulfport City facilities will be closed Monday, May 26 in observance of **Memorial 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 City limits. Stop by the Fire Station or call Chief Marenkovic at 893-1062 for more information.

Upcoming Events:

Bring your appetite to the **Lions Club Pancake Breakfast** on Saturday, May 10, 7 - 11 a.m. and eat all you can for just \$5. The Lion's Den is located at 4630 Tifton Drive.

Get your friends or organization together for the **Gulfport Neighbors Beach Cleanup** on Saturday, May 10. Volunteers will meet at Gulfport Beach Waterfront Complex shelter #4 at 9 a.m.

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. Round up your unwanted clothes and visit the **Clothing Swap to Benefit CASA** at the Peninsula Courtyard, 2937 Beach Boulevard during Fresh Market 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 13. For more information call Laura Garrison at 278-4285, visit www.facebook.com/gulfportfreshmarket or www.GulfportMA.com, or email gulfportmarket@gmail.com.

Looking to get rid of some stuff and don't know where to start? Join the Gulfport Neighbors and the City of Gulfport at the **Junk in the Trunk or on a Truck** event behind the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street on Saturday, May 17, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bring proof of Gulfport residency (driver license or utility bill) and furniture, appliances, tires, and other bulk items for disposal. Firearms, drugs, liquor, plants, paints, chemicals, or batteries cannot be accepted. Enjoy a cup of coffee during "Java with Josh (Lieutenant Josh Stone) and Zack" (Community Resource Officer Zack Mills). Parents registering their children's bikes will receive a free child's helmet. Join the Gulfport Neighbors network of volunteers: inspiring, motivating and uniting our neighbors to improve the quality of life in Gulfport. For more information call 893-1118.

Get informed to be prepared during the **City of Gulfport Hurricane Seminar** at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5502 27th Avenue on Thursday, May 29 at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Pizza will be available in the Theater lobby for \$3 a slice beginning at 5 p.m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Administration

Calls for Service:

Dispatch calls for service	136
Officer initiated calls for service	400
Offenses	37
Arrests	7
Traffic citations	32

Significant incidents or calls this week:

School Resource Officer Motte asked for help from Alpha Squad when a trespasser at Boca Ciega High School ran from him into a nearby neighborhood. Erik Jones, was apprehended after he entered a fenced private property to evade officers, and was charged with trespassing on school property, resisting an officer and burglary to a structure.

A resident came to the police station on the morning of May 2 to report an identity theft after someone used his personal information in an attempt to obtain mortgages and credit cards in California. Fortunately, the attempts were not successful.

Officers made contact with a white female lying on the ground in the 2700 block of 57th Street early on May 2. She appeared to be highly intoxicated. Officers had rescue check on her and she went to a friend's residence without incident.

Officers responded to the 2900 block of 49th Street regarding an extremely intoxicated woman shouting and threatening her live-in boyfriend. Officers tried to reason with the woman but her

level of intoxication was causing a danger to those around her. She was taken into protective custody under the Marchman Act and transported to a facility to sober up.

Officer Nicita attended the Gulfport Elementary School Honor Roll Party to celebrate students who consistently earned good grades. He solicited local restaurants to donate food for the party and delivered the food to the school cafeteria. He also addressed the students to congratulate them on their efforts.

Officers responded to a reported hit and run crash at the Regions Bank on Gulfport Boulevard on the afternoon of May 2. A vehicle turning into the parking lot was struck from behind by another vehicle. The driver of the second vehicle backed up and drove away.

A resident in the 2800 block of Clinton Street reported a bag containing an Apple iPad was stolen from inside a vehicle. There was no sign of forced entry.

A resident in the 1800 block of 60th Street was awoken by the sound of her car alarm in the early morning hours of May 3 and discovered someone had smashed a rear window with a rock and fled the area when the alarm went off. There are no suspects.

On the morning of May 3 Officer Wodraska discovered that the crosswalk light at the intersection of 58th Street & Gulfport Boulevard had been knocked over by a vehicle. Ofc. Marshall circulated Town Shores and located the vehicle parked in front of the Avalon Building. The driver was in her apartment and admitted to causing the damage and fleeing the scene to avoid getting a DUI. She was arrested for leaving the scene of a crash with property damage.

A resident in the 1300 block of 60th Street reported that his unlocked car was entered and a GPS unit was stolen. There are no suspects.

Officers responded to the 6300 block of Pasadena Point Boulevard on the morning of May 4 after a teenage female reported that her Dodge Challenger was vandalized sometime overnight. The side view mirror was ripped off, multiple dents were kicked into the body of the car, and it was covered in eggs. The victim believes the ex-girlfriend of a male who lives at the residence is responsible, and officers are awaiting security footage to try to identify the suspect.

Sometime over the weekend someone used a tree branch to break a window in the back of an abandoned residence in the 5200 block of 16th Avenue. There are no suspects.

Officers responded to the 2500 block of 52nd Street after a resident observed an unknown male attempting to steal a bicycle from his neighbor's fenced yard. The suspect ran away after the resident shouted at him and was gone by the time officers arrived.

Joann Samuels was arrested on May 6 after submitting two prescriptions at Walgreens Pharmacy. Pharmacy personnel suspected the documents were forged and called the hospital where they allegedly originated, and discovered the hospital did not issue the prescriptions. Joanne Samuels admitted to forging the prescriptions and stated she intended to sell the pills.

Officers responded to the 3000 block of Dupont Street after a resident reported she misplaced her firearm. She wanted to make police aware in case it turned up elsewhere.

A resident in the 5300 block of 21st Avenue reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and took a package of breath mints. Fingerprints were lifted from the exterior of the vehicle.

There were seven incidents involving bicycle thefts this week. Most were left unsecured in open porches, carports, or garages.

The Marine Unit is still in Tampa for repairs. Several compartments were leaking and holding water. The repairs are covered under warranty.

Investigations:

New Cases: 29
Cases Assigned: 8

Cases Suspended-No Leads:	17
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	3
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	1
Cases referred back to patrol:	0
Supplements Received:	15
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	4
Previously Cleared With Arrest	2
Cases Suspended-No Leads:	2
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	3
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Still Active:	4

Detectives Pham and Crowson interviewed a juvenile at the Pinellas County Juvenile Assessment Center regarding scooter thefts. The juvenile admitted to taking part in the thefts and identified two accomplices. Detective Pham is attempting to locate them for questioning. He also completed 8 supplements and closed four cases by arrest.

Detective Crowson is actively seeking a burglary suspect. She also located and interviewed two suspects in a fraud case, and identified a third suspect based on statements made.

School Resource Officer Motte determined a former student was trespassing on school grounds and attempted to make contact. The suspect fled and a foot chase ensued. Officer Mott apprehended the suspect a short time later with assistance of patrol and charged him with burglary, trespassing on school grounds, and resisting arrest without violence. He also assisted in breaking up a fight in which both students received school consequences; mentored three students; mediated two minor altercations; towed the marine patrol vessel to Tampa for additional repairs and provided security at three football practices this week.

School Resource Officer Langston received a report of an adult trespasser on campus but her investigation revealed that the complainant was not being truthful. She also investigated a report of a student being molested at the school and determined the complaint was unfounded and investigated a bicycle theft that occurred after school and identified the suspect student. The parent of the student whose bike was stolen did not wish to make a report, but wants the bike recovered.

Analyst Palmisano updated an analysis of vehicle burglaries; assisted Sgt. Marotta in compiling citation and crash data for 2011, 2012 & 2013; researched crime statistics for Stetson Public Safety Chief Howard for their annual report; completed a review of stolen property with a known serial number to insure they contained proper documentation showing the property was entered into FCIC/NCIC; created a crime prevention flyer with tips on preventing residential burglaries to be posted on the GPD website, and; completed pawn checks on 30 cases with a named suspect or searchable property and set up alerts on 6 stolen items with a known serial number.

Records Section

Reports reviewed:	23
Supplements reviewed:	107
Public records requests:	18
Background checks:	0
Bike registrations:	2
Fingerprints:	2
Subpoenas processed:	6
Citizens assisted:	33

MARINA

Pumped two thousand five hundred ninety one (2,591) gallons of gas, and one thousand two hundred seventeen (1,217) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling seventy seven (77) vessels.

Assisted in twenty nine (29) pump outs evacuating four hundred twenty (420) gallons of waste.

Transient Vessels:

Staff welcomed a 52' motorboat, 25' sailboat, 35' sailboat, 38' sailboat, 34' sailboat and two 27' sailboats this week.

Staff Activities:

- Installed new gate valve in BCYC dry storage area.
- Repaired dock box pier five slip one
- Installed line hanger on pier five, slip one.
- Completed pump out maintenance.
- Repaired umbrella on fuel dock.

LEISURE SERVICES

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-615. 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 domain.
- Commenced organizing Fiscal Year 2014/15 events schedule.
- Continued preparations for Hurricane Seminar.
- Updated May events on GTV615.
- Continued preparation of June events calendar.
- Updated Recreation Center & City Clerk pages on City website.
- Provided control room coverage of May 6 City Council meeting, uploaded video to City website and rebroadcast on GTV615.
- Commenced preparations for Flag Day & 4th of July events.

Multipurpose Center

The Gulfport Multipurpose Center invites everyone 50+ to sign up for free. The Center is open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, & 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 a copy of this month's calendar or download your copy at www.mygulfport.us.

The Senior Center participates in the **Neighborly Dining & Meals on Wheels** programs, 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 and older. Applicants should bring a photo I.D., a utility bill or bank statement and proof of income (SSI). For more information please see Gail or Rachel, or call 893-1231.

The Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center has **multiple volunteer opportunities** available. If you want to make a difference and help your community, come 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.

Concerned about your memory? Peggy Macaluso from the Alzheimer's Association offers a free **Monthly Memory Screening Clinic**, providing information and confidential advice to Gulfport Senior Center members the second Monday of every month, from 9 a.m. until noon. The next clinic is May 12. You **MUST** call 893-1231 to schedule a screening.

Get ready for Hurricane Season with a special **Paper Organization: Are You Prepared in the Event of a Crisis** informational program at 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 12. This program provides valuable tips on organizing paperwork you'll need in the event of a major event.

Enjoy a laid back day at the beach then stop at the Don Cesar Hotel for a guided tour during our next **Gulfport Getaway** to Pass-a-Grille on Tuesday, May 13. Call GEMS at 893-2242 before May 8 to reserve your seat. GEMS Members \$13/Nonmembers \$15

Watch a free, current movie and get a \$3 lunch deal during **Movie Day at the Snack Bar** at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 13.

Life coach Kathy Lane returns on Wednesday, May 14 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the relationship between our thoughts, beliefs, & emotions and ways to release that emotional baggage during the **Law of Attraction: The Emotion Code** informational seminar.

Where have you been lately? Share your travel stories, pictures and tips during our next monthly **Bon Voyage Travel Discussion Group** at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 15, and let's explore the world together! The group hosts a new guest speaker every month.

Happy Birthday to You! Help us celebrate Senior Center members' May birthdays with cake, games and more at 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 16. This monthly event is sponsored by Dolphin's View.

Heatherlee will offer a complete makeover for the first ten Senior Center participants to sign up for a **Mary Kay Day of Pampering** at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 27.

The Pinellas Point Nursing & Rehab Center offers **free balance & blood pressure screenings** at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center at 10 a.m. on the last Thursday of every month. The next screening is May 29.

The **Coffee Club** meets at the Gulfport Senior Center at 10 a.m. every first Tuesday of every month to discuss current events, the economy and investing in a relaxed, informal setting. The next gathering is June 3. Meet new friends and learn great tips from financial advisor Scott O'Berry over coffee and doughnuts.

The Springs at Boca Ciega Bay offers free **Blood Sugar Screenings** at 10:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month. The next screening is June 12.

Join in the fun at our next **Puzzle Party** at 11 a.m. Friday, June 13. Learn to play Sudoku, Binairo and much more. Prizes provided by The Puzzle Pages.

Volunteers for the **Reassurance Telephone 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.

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is a free program offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Area Agency on Aging. Specially trained volunteers visit the Gulfport Senior Center every first & third Tuesday of the month to assist clients with Medicare, Medicaid and health insurance questions, providing one-on-one counseling and information. SHINE services are free, unbiased, and confidential. Call 893-2237 or 893-1231 to schedule an appointment.

Having a problem hearing on the phone? Florida residents with a hearing loss qualify for a **FREE amplified home phone**. Florida Telecommunications Relay Inc., Family Center on Deafness issues equipment at the Gulfport Senior Center at 10 a.m. every third Tuesday of the month. This program is paid for by a surcharge on all Florida households with home phone lines and all business lines, and has been available since 1991. Call 399-9983 for more information.

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

Recycle your old cell phone, General Mills Box tops, Campbell's labels, can tabs and eye glasses at the Senior Center. Staff forwards these items to the proper organization for reuse, recycle or education.

GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mobility Service) offers rides to grocery stores, medical appointments, etc. Gulfport residents 55 & older or residents with a disability can take advantage of GEMS door to door service for a yearly membership of \$65.00 plus \$2.00 per ride. For more information call 893-2242 between 8 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater, Neighborhood Center & Scout Hall

Casino (last week's events):

Sunday, April 27	5 p.m. - Top Local Chef Competition (Turnout 200)
Tuesday, April 29	12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker 2 p.m. - Ballroom dance (Turnout 13) 6:30 p.m. - Beginning Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 49)
Wednesday, April 30	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Swing Dance Lesson 8 p.m. - Swing Dance (Turnout 233)
Thursday, May 1	5 p.m. - Visit St. Pete-Clearwater Kickoff Party (Turnout 220)
Friday, May 2	7 p.m. - Sock Hop with The Impacs (Turnout 200)
Saturday, May 3	6:30 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 170)

Casino (upcoming events):

Every Tuesday	12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker 2 p.m. - Ballroom dance Admission \$7 6:30 p.m. - Beginning Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Milonga dance Admission \$7
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Every Wednesday	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime 8 p.m. - Swing dance Admission \$7
Every Thursday	6:30 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera 8 p.m. - Salsa dance Admission \$7

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

Saturday, May 3	2 p.m. - <i>Sunsation Show Chorus Singin' the Blues for You</i> (Turnout 90)
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Neighborhood Center (*last week's events*):

Sunday, April 27	9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 12) 6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous
Tuesday, April 29	10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 16)
Thursday, May 1	10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 15) 2:30 p.m. - Juvenile Welfare Board meeting (Turnout 40)

Neighborhood Center (*upcoming events*):

Every Sunday	6 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting
Every first - third Sunday	9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services
Every fourth Sunday	9:15 a.m. - Bible study
Every Tuesday & Thursday	10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi

Scout Hall (*last week's events*):

Monday - Friday	7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Monday, April 28	10 a.m. - Dance Fusion (Turnout 11) 11 a.m. - Chair yoga (Turnout 26)
Tuesday, April 29	10:30 a.m. - Line Dancing (Turnout 10)
Wednesday, April 30	11 a.m. - Yoga (Turnout 18)
Thursday, May 1	10:30 a.m. - Dance Fusion class (Turnout 10)
Friday, May 2	10 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 6)

Scout Hall (*upcoming events*):

Every Monday - Friday	7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Every Monday	10 a.m. - Dance Fusion class 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga
Every Tuesday	10:30 a.m. - Line Dancing

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Every Thursday	10:30 a.m. - Dance Fusion class
Every Friday	11 a.m. - Line dancing

LIBRARY

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

The Gulfport Library offers **free one-on-one computer instruction** on a first come basis every Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Monday, April 28, 3 p.m. - *Science Club*.

Monday, April 28, 5:30 p.m. - *Teen Leadership Workshop*.

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

Wednesday, April 30, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers meeting*.

Wednesday, April 30, 3 p.m. - *Teen Zone*.

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

Thursday, May 1, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime for Toddlers & Preschoolers*.

Thursday, May 1, 1 p.m. - *iPad for Beginners Workshop*, facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Friday, May 2, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club*.

Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m. - *Beginning Digital Camera Workshop* facilitated by Cathy Salustri.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, May 10, 11 a.m. - *Intermediate Digital Camera Workshop*: Cathy Salustri returns to show you how in this popular class. Space is limited. Stop by the Reference Desk or call 893-1073 to register.

Saturday, May 10, 11 a.m. - *Mothers' Day Tea & Crafts in the Garden*: Celebrate Mom and enjoy light refreshments in our beautiful Reading Garden. We'll also have a craft for the kids to make something special for Mom. Registration is recommended. Call Cailey at 893-1133 for more information and to sign up!

Thursday, May 15, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of Travels with Charley: In Search of America* by John Steinbeck over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Call 893-1073 for more information.

Thursday, May 15, 1 p.m. - *Gulfport Garden Club Program: Orchids & Epiphytes*, learn how they benefit & beautify our world! Presented by the Pinellas County Extension Service.

Saturday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day*: Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by our Circle of Friends. For movie titles, call 893-1074.

Thursday, May 22, 10:30 a.m. - *Introduction to Plant Identification*: Want to learn how to identify some of our wonderful Florida plants? Join a UF/IFAS Pinellas County Extension specialist and examine the basics of plant identification, from using simple keys to identifying critical characteristics that will help any would-be botanist in the field. An emphasis will be placed on flowering plants, but ferns will be included as well. For more information call James Stevenson at 453-6967.

Saturday, May 24, 2 p.m. - *Home Gardening*: Struggling to get sprouted? Ongoing garden gripes? Join us at the launch of our gardening class which will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month. Master Gardener Val Boyles shares her expertise to help you get budding along! Attendees are invited to stay after class and informally discuss their gardening-related issues.

Tuesday, May 27 - *SCORE Counseling*: FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 893-1073 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Every Monday, 3 p.m. - *Science Club* for children in Kindergarten through Grade 5. For more information call Cailey at 893-1073.

Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - *Teen Leadership Workshop*. For more information email kellymenges@hotmail.com.

Every first Tuesday, 3 p.m. - *Earth Scouts*: Activities for school-age children and teens. Parents welcome. FMI, contact gratefulashly@gmail.com.

Every Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step* meeting. For more information call 916-0916.

Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers* meeting.

Every Wednesday, 3 p.m. - *Teen Zone*.

Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*. For more information contact Robin Riddell at riddell@gmail.com.

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 by the Easy books.

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

Library Services/Statistic April 27 - May3, 2014:
Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,748	610
Sun. 4/27	Library closed	
Mon. 4/28	344	121
Tue. 4/29	328	101
Wed. 4/30	251	106
Thu. 5/1	295	97
Fri. 5/2	237	91
Sat. 5/3	274	87

Recreation Center

Programs, Classes & Activities

Thirteen (13) children enrolled in the School Year Child Program have been registered for the **2014 Summer Recreation Program**. Non-resident registration begins Monday, May 19 for a maximum of 30 children. The program lasts eight weeks and is available to children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Hours of registration are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Registration fees are \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Summer camp program hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra fee. For more information call the Recreation Center at 893-1068.

Fifty six (56) children are registered for the **2013/14 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. Annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents with monthly fees of \$146 for residents and \$292 for nonresidents. Bus

transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Gulfport Elementary, Bear Creek Elementary and Douglas Jamerson Elementary. The program is licensed by the Pinellas County License Board.

Eighteen (18) children are registered for the **2013/14 Tot Time Program**, and six (6) 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 turned 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. Registration fees for the Tot Time Program are \$17 for residents and \$22 for nonresidents.

Contractual classes currently in session: Fencing, Gymnastics, Hatha Flow Yoga, Italian Conversation for Beginners, Italian for Travelers, Karate, Live in Color Mediation, Pickleball, Spanish for Beginners I & II, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Tennis, Urban Survival Bootcamp, Women's Self-Defense, Yoga and Zumba.

Ninety four (94) teens are registered for the **2013/14 Teen Night program**, a great hangout for teens in grades 6-12 providing recreation and social activities, and offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, game room and outdoor area. Annual registration fee: \$2 for residents, \$22 for nonresidents. Program hours are Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 6 - 9 p.m.

Staff Activities

Alton Hooker used the school bus to transport: a group of Gulfport Elementary students to Great Explorations in St. Petersburg on Thursday; Tot Time/VPK participants to Gatti Town in Clearwater on Friday, and; a group of Gulfport Elementary students to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium on Wednesday.

Marivel Gutierrez attended a 4th of July planning meeting at the Casino on Thursday.

Marivel Gutierrez and John Lapham interviewed three (3) Summer Program Junior Counselor applicants on Thursday, and two (2) on Monday.

Brian from Cleaning Concepts scrubbed and waxed the VCT floors in the Recreation Center on Saturday.

Marivel Gutierrez, John Lapham, Kimberly Titara, Montana Brightbill and Ariel Storch attended mandatory Sexual Harassment Training on Monday morning, and Nicole Latragna, Joanne McRoberts, Alton Hooker and Asaph Graham attended the afternoon training session.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

Account Activity (Water and/or Marina):	28 new, 0 closed
Water payments:	1,102 totaling \$193,432.28
On-Line Water payments:	146 transactions totaling \$8622.86
Bright House payments:	17
Payroll 4/25/14:	158 transactions totaling \$184,871.12

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 44 Emergency Medical Calls
- 3 Structure Fire

- 1 Fire Alarms
- 3 Vehicle Crash
- 1 Elevator Rescue
- 1 Fire Outside Structure

Life Safety:

- 1 Plans Review
- 1 C.O.

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** meets monthly at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. The next meeting is Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m. This month's topic is Disaster Response, presented by Karen Van Der Beek. For more information call 916-8014 or visit www.gulfportcert.com.

Staff Activities:

- St. Petersburg College EMS program student Lucy Hamilton continues her ride along with Preceptor Firefighter/Paramedic Gerard Grady on the "C"-shift.
- Chief Marenkovic met with City staff this week to discuss 4th of July Celebration events.
- GFD continued their St. Petersburg College May CME: Crew Resource Management (CRM). CRM was introduced in the aviation industry during a NASA workshop in 1979, designed as a training program to improve air safety and reduce the increasing number of fatal accidents attributable to human error. The primary cause of aviation accidents occurring at that time were due to human error, the leading causes of which were failures of interpersonal communication, leadership, and decision making in the cockpit.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Arranged service call for Marina air conditioner repair.
- Replaced ballast at Recreation Center.
- Purchased paint for Theater floor.
- Inspected street lights throughout City and reported outages to Duke Energy.
- Replaced hand towel dispenser in Library restroom.
- Delivered outgoing mail to main Post Office for Administrative Services Department.

Parks

- Continued work on tree lights and electrical outlets on Beach Boulevard.
- Continued replacement of wood on Veterans Park dock.
- Replaced broken fence rail at Clam Bayou and flex stick at trail spur entrance.
- Repaired sign at Clymer Park.
- Replaced flag pole rope & broken bench slats and straightened fence posts at Wood Ibis Park.
- Painted bike rack at Casino.
- Removed old volleyball court post from beach and old playground equipment on east side of Recreation Center.
- Ordered new parts for Williams Pier bench swings & Veterans Park flag poles.
- Installed 3 benches at Caldwell Park.
- Cleaned & rearranged shop area.

- Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades, and repaired pull starts on backpack blower & line trimmer, rebuilt engine on hedge trimmers, and ordered parts for Toro workman & mowers.
- Repaired irrigation along Beach & 49th Streetscapes and replaced irrigation valve box at Veterans Park.
- Hand raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.
- Trimmed, weeded & cleaned Beach Streetscapes, City Hall parking lot area and Clymer & Veterans Parks.
- Mowed & trimmed City Complex, Clymer Park & Greenways, Senior Center, Library, 28th Street signage area, Recreation Center grounds, 55th Street medians, Veterans Park and Hoyt perimeter.
- 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. Trash receptacles were emptied and the Bocce Ball courts were inspected for repairs.
- All City parks trash containers and cigarette waste containers were emptied.
- Watered all non-irrigated areas.

Streets & Sanitation

- Delivered recycling bins with information sheets.
- Completed billable work orders for brush, Code Enforcement, trash/furniture and 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 potholes throughout City.
- Assembled & delivered new residential automated trash containers and replaced broken containers.
- Cleaned debris from City storm grates, inlets, and outfalls.
- Removed construction debris from roadway along 49th Street.
- Repaired asphalt on 17th Avenue between 55th & 56th Streets and on York Street between Gulfport Boulevard & 24th Avenue.
- Removed overgrowth from sidewalk area at 55th Street & 20th Avenue.
- Added millings and graded alley at 5217 21st Avenue, 702 60th Street, and 61st Street & 12th Avenue.
- Added millings and set grade at 53rd Street & 17th Avenue.
- Removed overgrowth on sidewalk ramp and filled pothole at 54th Street & 20th Avenue.
- Provided sanitation pickup services for newly established automated routes.
- Continued pickup of old garbage containers from recipients of new automated containers.
- Removed debris from City Yard & 49th Street holding area.
- Repaired pot hole at Marina boat ramp, and hole in seawall in Marina parking lot.

Water

- Daily Chloramines sampling at points of connection to water distribution system (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily inspection and read of Wholesale meters (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Completed routes 09, 10, 11 & 12 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 36 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 13 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off.
- Completed 135 miscellaneous Customer Service Department generated service orders.

- Completed 4 Sunshine One-Call Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Reviewed permit application for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach for quality testing.
- Completed annual DEP required testing of 22 backflow devices due in May.
- Replaced 3 old water meters with new style meters.
- Collected biweekly bacteriological samples on water distribution system.
- Collected Quarterly TTHM's and HAA5's samples on water distribution system.
- Continued semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP.
- Repaired water breaks at 54th Street & 10th Avenue.
- Repaired water break 5952 Seabird Drive.
- Repaired 4" backflow at Stetson Library.
- Mailed Annual Water Quality Report to Gulfport residents.

Sewer

- Daily preventive maintenance and service at lift stations 1 & 2.
- Daily rainfall check and documentation.
- Daily ground water elevation recording.
- Daily per trip vehicle check inspection.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance check on lift stations 1 & 2, Police & Fire Departments and Multipurpose Center.
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection.
- Reinstalled sewer pump #3 at lift station #2.
- Replaced sanitary sewer manhole ring & cover at 49th Street & 31st Avenue.
- Repaired storm sewer manhole ring & cover at 49th Street & 25th Avenue.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various 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 regarding business tax receipts call Lisa Giddens at 893-1063.

The onset of longer days means more time to work on home improvement projects. **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, due to hard economic times 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 continue in Section 1 of the City, also known as the Stetson Area which comprises the northwest portion of the City and generally extends south from 7th Avenue to Gulfport Boulevard and east from 64th Street to 58th Street.

The number of code enforcement cases for April was 258 for a fiscal year-to-date (YTD) total of 1,367. The number of citizen complaints was 8 for a YTD total of 96. The YTD ratio of complaints to total number of cases is 7.0 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.

To review the 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.

May 14, 2014 Board of Adjustment:

- V14-05; 2313 52nd Street South; Variance request to reduce the front yard setback requirement from by 8', from 25' to 17', to allow for the construction of a proposed extension of a bedroom with a bay window.
- V14-06; 2515 51st Way South; Variance request to:
 - 1) Reduce the front yard setback requirement by 1 foot, from 25 feet to 24 feet for the addition to an existing bedroom; and
 - 2) Reduce the front yard setback requirement by 19 feet, from 25 feet to 6 feet for the addition of a proposed screen room.
- V14-07; 5953 Seabird Drive South; Variance request to:
 - 1) Reduce the left-hand side one-third setback requirement by 15.17 feet, from 26.67 feet to 11.5 feet to allow for the proposed addition of a boat lift and 2.5 foot wide catwalk; and
 - 2) To reduce the right-hand one third setback requirement by 11.17 feet, from 26.76 feet 15.5 feet to allow the proposed construction of a 2.5 foot wide catwalk.
- V14-08; 5920 Seabird Drive South; Variance request to reduce the left-hand side one-third setback requirement by 24 feet, from 45 feet to 21 feet to allow for a proposed extension to an existing dock and a 3 foot wide new catwalk which services a proposed boat lift that will be installed in the center one-third of the waterfront property.
- V14-10; 5907 Bayview Circle South; Variance request to reduce the right-hand one third setback requirement by 19.67 feet, from 26.76 feet to 7 feet to allow the proposed construction of a boat lift.

June 4, 2014 Planning and Zoning Board and June 17, 2014 City Council/CRA meeting:

C14-01; 3043 Beach Boulevard South; Conditional use application with a site plan to allow a mixed use development that includes an artist studio/gallery, one residential dwelling unit, and one transient accommodation unit.