



Gulfport Community Update

May 18 - 24, 2014

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Gulfport City facilities will be closed Monday, May 26 in observance of **Memorial Day**. The sanitation schedule will not be affected.

The **Large Dog Park will be closed** Monday, May 26 through Thursday, June 5 for maintenance. Large dogs may use the small dog park on Tuesday & Thursday while small dogs will have use of the park on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Parks staff appreciates patrons' patience during the closure. The park will reopen at 9 a.m. Friday, June 6. Call Parks Supervisor Tim Connor at 893-1092 for more information.

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.

The City of Gulfport partnered with the Gulfport Neighbors for another successful **Junk in the Trunk or Truck** event on May 17 (photos below). 9.3 tons were collected, and many participants found treasures to bring home. One woman was able to find home furnishings during the event, and volunteers helped her deliver her finds to her new residence. WQYK Radio personality Dave McKay stopped by for a visit to share his "Meet New Friends" promo. A big thank you to Tommie's Tiki for providing breakfast for volunteers and staff, and Smokin' J's for lunch. The next Junk in the Trunk or Truck event is scheduled for October 18.



Tickets for the **June 19 Tampa Bay Rays home game** are available at the Gulfport Casino. The \$25.00 ticket price includes transportation to Tropicana Field via the Gulfport Trolley, a lower box seat and a complimentary Ray's baseball hat, available at the redemption desk inside Tropicana Field. Rays fans who already have tickets are invited to catch free a ride to the game. Departure times are: 5 p.m. for batting practice; 6 p.m. for pre-game, and; 7 p.m. for game time. All departures are from the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Boulevard. For more information call 893-1070.

Upcoming Events:

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. Trade in gently worn clothes at the **Clothing Swap to Benefit CASA** in the Peninsula Courtyard, 2937 Beach Boulevard 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 10. Call 366-4086 for information. For more information about the Market call Susan Blankenship at 453-9093 or Chris Spencer at 902-2326, or email FreshMarket@GulfportMA.com.

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.

Experience the "**About Face**" **Photo Show** by Gulfport artist Jude Bagatti on Friday, June 6, 6-8 p.m. in the Catherine Hickman Theater Lobby. For more information call 893-1118.

Don't miss the **First Friday Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District, 6 - 10 p.m. on June 6. For more information call 322-5217.

Splash into summer fun during **Aquamania** at the Gulfport Beach Complex, 5730 Shore Boulevard on Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Festivities will include live entertainment, artisans, craftsmen, vendors, beer/wine, kid's area, water-themed games and contests. For more information call 322-5217.

Join American Legion Post 125 and the City of Gulfport at Veterans Park on Friday, June 13 at 10 a.m. for **Flag Day**. For more information call 893-1118.

Enjoy shopping, entertainment and more at **Third Saturday Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard June 21, 6 - 10 p.m. For more information call 322-5217.

Enjoy a **Night of Fashion** for a good cause at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Avenue South on Saturday, June 21 5 - 9 p.m. This event will feature a Fashion Show, entertainment and silent auction. Tickets: \$15, available at the Casino. All proceeds benefit the United for Christ Freewill Church building fund. For more information call 258-4993.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

Offenses	29
Arrests	5
Traffic citations	32

Significant incidents or calls this week:

Officers responded to an apartment building in the 2900 block of 45th Street on the morning of May 15 after the maintenance man discovered bloody footprints on a walkway. An investigation failed to reveal the source, and no crimes or injuries were reported.

Officers Mills and Hutsko attended a Kipps Colony Condominiums board meeting to address recent bicycle thefts in the vicinity.

Sgt. Burkhart responded to the 2900 block of 49th Street regarding an unconscious female lying on the sidewalk. She was highly intoxicated. She refused rescue and was escorted home where a neighbor took care of her.

On the morning of May 16, a property owner cleaning out a recently vacated residence in the 5300 block of 17th Avenue discovered a handgun that was determined to have been stolen in St. Pete Beach. The gun was turned over to police.

Officers were dispatched to O'Maddy's Bar in the early morning hours of May 17 regarding an unruly customer. After being trespassed from the bar the customer went to Salty's, and while officers were still on scene returned to O'Maddy's where he was arrested.

Officer Marshall stopped Sheney Conway for running the red light at 52nd Street & Gulfport Boulevard. Conway's vehicle also had an expired license plate, and he failed FSTs and blew over twice the limit on the breath test. He was arrested.

Chief Vincent, Lieutenant Stone and Officer Mills participated in the Gulfport Neighbor's "Junk in the Trunk" event at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center.

Officers responded to the 2600 block of 53rd Street on May 18 after a caller reported that her son and his girlfriend had stolen money from her residence. After speaking with all parties it was determined that the subject took his 13 year old daughter's birthday money from her room to pay off a drug dealer. The complainant also reported the subject had pawned his daughters Xbox, skateboard and Blu-ray DVD player for drug money. He was arrested for theft and Dealing in Stolen Property.

Two witnesses reported seeing a white male enter the garage at Pelican Bay Plaza on May 19, and steal a bicycle from the rack. He left the Country Club through the main gate and fled east on Gulfport Boulevard. Officers were unable to locate him.

The president of the Town Shores Windsor building reported that the Salvation Army was at the building the previous day cleaning out an apartment. It was later discovered that several vases and a clock were missing. It is unknown at this time if a theft occurred, or if the workers mistakenly took the wrong items.

A resident on the Town Shores Diplomat building reported that sometime between May 17 & 19, someone stole her mint green Huffly beach cruiser from the property.

Sometime over the weekend someone used a small rock to break the window at the City building near the dog park. There are no suspects.

Officer Marshall observed a 1990 Honda Civic run the stop light at 58th Street & 15th Avenue. The driver, identified as Matthew Millett had his license was revoked in 1999 and was declared a habitual traffic offender. Millett was arrested at the scene.

The Marine Unit was on the water for six hours this week.

Investigations:

New Cases:	27
Cases Assigned:	3
Cases Suspended-No Leads:	10
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	2
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	7
Cases referred back to patrol:	5
Supplements Received:	27
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	1

Previously Cleared With Arrest	3
Cases Suspended-No Leads:	1
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	1
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Still Active:	21

Detective Pham arrested a juvenile for grand theft auto after his prints were found on a stolen scooter. He denied any involvement, including touching the scooter.

Det Crowson attended Death Investigations class this week.

SRO Motte arrested a student for trespassing on school grounds after warning; covered the Senior Picnic and Senior Breakfast; investigated two runaway reports; assisted a citizen with a narcotics complaint; mentored three students having personal issues; arranged for security coverage at the prom, and; assisted CIS & Sergeant Woodman with PCSO Property and Evidence Case Agent Review forms for officers who have left the Gulfport Police Department.

SRO Langston conducted a mental health assessment; investigated several incidents and offenses including a missing juvenile from GPD, two missing juveniles from SPPD, several truant students, two reported thefts, one found property, and two reports of suspicious persons all of which resulted in no arrests being made. She also investigated a possession of a weapon offense which resulted in an arrest; recovered a missing juvenile from SPPD; responded to four verbal disturbances, and; instructed the GPD Explorers during their weekly meeting.

Analyst Palmisano created two bulletins to be distributed to GPD officers and other local agencies; completed the monthly PCSO call out report; ran pawn checks on 28 cases and set up alerts on eight; assisted Ofc. Langston in identifying a known associate of a missing juvenile, and; researched information for a public records request.

Records Section

Reports reviewed:	14
Supplements reviewed:	85
Public records requests:	26
Background checks:	0
Bike registrations:	14
Fingerprints:	5
Subpoenas processed:	5
Citizens assisted:	43

MARINA

Pumped three thousand one hundred twenty one (3,121) gallons of gas, and four hundred seventy two (472) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred eleven (111) vessels.

Assisted in thirty five (35) pump outs evacuating six hundred seventy (670) gallons of waste.

Transient Vessels:

Staff welcomed a 30' sailboat, 34' sailboat, 40' motorboat and a 46' motor cruiser this week.

Staff Activities:

- Removed gate from BCYC for repairs.
- Installed spring on gate four.
- Replaced pump out valve on BCYC pier seven.
- Procured drinks for resale.

- Repaired sign on fuel dock.
- Cleaned mold from fencing.
- Inspected pilings on pier six.

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.
- Continued organizing Fiscal Year 2014/15 events schedule.
- Continued preparations for Hurricane Seminar.
- Commenced preparations/bookings for Flag Day & 4th of July events.
- Provided photographic coverage for Junk in the Truck or Truck event on May 17.
- Provided control room coverage for May 20 City Council meeting. Uploaded footage to City website and rebroadcast on GTV615.

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.

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.

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 June 9. You **MUST** call 893-1231 to schedule a screening.

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 10.

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.

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, June 19, 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' June birthdays with cake, games and more at 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 20. This monthly event is sponsored by Dolphin's View.

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, May 11 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson with Carol Baker
 7 p.m. - Ellis Hale's Band & Ballroom dance (Turnout 31)

- Monday, May 12 3 p.m. - Mary Elyse Menth Life Celebration (Turnout 150)
- Tuesday, May 13 12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker
 2 p.m. - Ballroom dance (Turnout 7)
 4 p.m. - Birthday party (Turnout 150)
 6:30 p.m. - Beginning Argentine Tango lesson
 8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 47)
- Wednesday, May 14 6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime
 7 p.m. - Swing Dance Lesson
 8 p.m. - Swing Dance (Turnout 187)
- Thursday, May 15 10 a.m. - Stetson Graduation Brunch (Turnout 135)
 6:30 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera
 8 p.m. - Salsa dance Admission \$7 (Turnout 35)
- Friday, May 16 9 a.m. - Trinity School 5th Grade Dance hosted Swing Time (Turnout 95)
- Saturday, May 17 7 p.m. - Seminole High School Prom (Turnout 450)

Casino (*upcoming events*):

- Every Sunday 6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson
 7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom Dance Admission \$7
- 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
- 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
- Monday, May 30 7 p.m. - U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dance Association lesson and dance.
 Tickets: \$5 for members, \$7 for nonmembers. For more information call
 576-1206.

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

- Sunday, May 11 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 19)
 6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous
- Tuesday, May 13 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 12)
- Thursday, May 15 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 12)

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, May 12 10 a.m. - Dance Fusion (Turnout 8)
11 a.m. - Chair yoga (Turnout 23)
Tuesday, May 13 10:30 a.m. - Line Dancing (Turnout 8)
Wednesday, May 14 11 a.m. - Yoga (Turnout 15)
Thursday, May 15 10:30 a.m. - Dance Fusion class (Turnout 10)
Friday, May 16 10 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 7)

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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 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Monday, May 12, 3 p.m. - *Science Club*.
Monday, May 12, 5:30 p.m. - *Teen Leadership Workshop*.
Tuesday, May 13, 10 a.m. - *Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library Board of Directors meeting*
Tuesday, May 13, 3 p.m. - *Earth Scouts for school-age children and teens*.
Tuesday, May 13, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting*.
Wednesday, May 14, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers meeting*.
Wednesday, May 14, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*.

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.

Thursday, May 15, 1 p.m. - *Gulfport Garden Club Orchids & Epiphytes presentation.*

Friday, May 16, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Saturday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day.*

Upcoming Events:

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.

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

Tuesday, June 19, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking* over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Call 893-1073 for more information. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library.

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

Saturday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day.* . Enjoy two movies with popcorn provided by our Circle of Friends. Call 893-1074 for movie titles.

Every Monday beginning June 3, 3 p.m. - *Summer Reading program* for grades K-5.

Every Wednesday beginning June 11, 3 p.m. - *Summer Reading program* for teens. For more information on youth summer programs, call Youth Services Librarian Cailey at 893-1133.

Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - *Teen Leadership Workshop.* For more information email kellymenges@hotmail.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 May 4 - 10, 2014:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,770	605
Sun. 5/11	Library closed	
Mon. 5/12	389	121
Tue. 5/13	354	113

Wed. 5/14	253	101
Thu. 5/15	274	90
Fri. 5/16	329	94
Sat. 5/17	153	72

Recreation Center

Programs, Classes & Activities

The game room was rented noon - 6 p.m. Saturday, May 17 for a Graduation luncheon with approximately eighty (80) in attendance.

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.

Thirty eight (38) children have been registered for the **2014 Summer Recreation Program**. 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.

The **2013/14 Tot Time Program** ended on May 16 with eighteen children registered, 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.

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

One Hundred (100) 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

Marivel Gutierrez, Nicole Latragna, John Lapham, Joanne McRoberts and Kimberly Titara set up the game room on Thursday afternoon for the Tot Time Graduation.

Asaph Graham worked the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

Account Activity (Water and/or Marina):	23 new, 13 closed
Water payments:	1,044 totaling \$153,717.44
On-Line Water payments:	174 transactions totaling \$9,625.62
Bright House payments:	16

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 42 Emergency Medical Calls
- 2 Structure Fires
- 4 Fire Alarms
- 4 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Water Rescue
- 1 Elevator Rescue

Life Safety:

- 1 Fire Inspection
- 2 Re-Inspections
- 1 Smoke Detector

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** meets monthly at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. The next meeting is Thursday, June 19 at 7 p.m. The topic will be Triage. For more information call 916-8014 or visit www.gulfportcert.com.

Staff Activities:

- Chief Marenkovic and Human Resources Director Mercedes Perez interviewed applicants for the Fire Inspector/Investigator position on May 21. The interviews will be followed up with background investigations.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Hays and Firefighter/Paramedic Burton performed a Special Rescue Stand-by detail during Stetson Law College Graduation Ceremonies on May 17. The Gulfport Fire Department has a great partnership with Stetson's Public Safety Division, and is proud to assist them on their special day.
- St. Petersburg College Paramedic program student David Gatlin continues his ride along with Preceptor Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Burford of the Gulfport Fire Department on the "B"-shift.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Replaced flushometer in restroom, repaired light fixture in gym closet and completed annual fire alarm inspection at Recreation Center.
- Painted and sanded new stage floor at Theatre.
- Completed monthly pest control for all city buildings.
- Delivered mail to main post office for Finance Department.
- Rewired marquis sign at Casino.

Parks

- Delivered and set up tents, cones & tables in preparation for Junk in the Trunk event.
- Continued work on tree lights and electrical outlets on Beach Boulevard, and replaced light timer at 29th Avenue.
- Replaced bike racks at Recreation Center & Veterans Park.
- Cleaned benches on pier.

- Adjusted volleyball net at Recreation Center.
- Installed *No Fires of any Kind* signs on Beach pavilions.
- Repaired cigarette butt can post at Library.
- Aerated ball fields and repaired dead bolt lock at Hoyt Field.
- Removed picnic tables from Pavilion 7 in preparation for construction.
- Installed additional lights at volleyball courts.
- Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades, repaired pull starts on backpack blower & line trimmer, rebuilt engine on hedge trimmers, ordered parts for Toro workman & mowers and replaced fuel lines & carburetor on hand auger.
- Repaired irrigation at Dog Park, Beach Boulevard streetscapes, Police compound & Fire Station.
- Hand raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.
- Trimmed, weeded & cleaned Veteran's Park, Dog Park and City Complex. Planted new flowers at the pier entrance, cleaned beds & mulched, and trimmed low branches at Wood Ibis Park & Clam Bayou.
- Mowed & trimmed Tangerine Greenway, Tomlinson, Wood Ibis & Caldwell Parks, Clam Bayou, Trail Spur and Recreation center grounds.
- 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.
- 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 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.
- Completed asphalt patch work at 21st Avenue & 57th Street, Marina parking lot and 26th Avenue & 51st Street.
- Cleaned drains under sidewalk/island at Recreation Center & Wood Ibis Park.
- Removed tree limb obstruction at 51st Street & 25th Avenue and 62nd Street & 9th Avenue.
- Set up containers for Junk in the Trunk event.
- Restocked mulch bin at Neighborhood Center.
- Serviced chain saws for upcoming hurricane season.
- Installed new street signs at 26th Avenue & 51st Street, and 8th Avenue & 53rd Street.
- Treated alleys citywide for dust.

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 # 31, 32, 33 and 34 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 1 location for non-payment of service.
- Completed 11 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off.
- Completed 92 miscellaneous Customer Service Department generated service orders.
- Completed 8 Sunshine One-Call Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Replaced 1 meter that was stuck and not recording usage.
- Reviewed permit application for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach for quality testing.
- Completed annual DEP required testing of 5 backflow devices due in May.
- Replaced 2 old water meters with new style meters.
- Continued semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP.
- Collected biweekly bacteriological samples on water distribution system.
- Repaired fire hydrants at 31st Avenue & 53rd Street, 23rd Avenue & 57th Street and 25th Avenue & 54th Street.
- Repaired water breaks at 6101 11th Avenue & 54th & 31st Avenue.

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.
- Installed ground water monitoring wells at 3 locations in City.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced ball joint and tie rod end for steering on Parks Department tractor #29.
- Replaced brake master cylinder and wheel cylinder on Parks Department ATV.
- Replaced turbo speed sensor on Sanitation truck #46.
- Replaced air brake chamber on Sanitation truck #45.
- Replaced ignition switch tumbler on Water Department truck #78
- Replaced rear tail light assembly on Police vehicle #12.
- 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.pccclb.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.

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.