



# *Gulfport Community Update*

## *May 22 - 28, 2016*

### **OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Gulfport City facilities will be closed Monday, May 30 in observance of **Memorial Day**. The sanitation schedule will not be affected.

The Atlantic basin Hurricane season begins June 1 and ends November 30. **Hurricane Implementation Guides** are available at Gulfport City Hall, Library and Fire Station. Have a plan and remember to restock your hurricane kits.

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

Visit the 49<sup>th</sup> Street South Business Association (So49) weekly **SoTangerine Market** every Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, visit [www.SoTangerine.com](http://www.SoTangerine.com) or call 439-0164.

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

Everyone is invited to the **Crime Watch meeting** at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 1. Call 893-1022 for more information.

Peruse unique art vendors and the many treasured shops along Beach Boulevard while enjoying live music during **First Friday Art Walk** on June 3. For more information call 322-5217 or visit [www.gulfportma.com/gma-events/art-walks](http://www.gulfportma.com/gma-events/art-walks).

Catch the Gulfport Trolley to the newly renovated Al Lang Stadium for the **Tampa Bay Rowdies vs. Ottawa Fury FC** on Saturday, June 4; Adult tickets \$22/kids & students \$10, available at [www.mygulfport.us/rowdiestrolley](http://www.mygulfport.us/rowdiestrolley). Scroll past the image and click "Order your Trolley tickets HERE" using promo code GULFPORT16 (click section 301). Tickets are also available for the Saturday, August 20 vs. FC Edmonton game and the Saturday, September 17 vs. Carolina Railhawks game. Departure from the Casino begins at 5 p.m. and games are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 893-1118

Join the City of Gulfport and Post Legion 125 at the annual **Flag Day Celebration** in Veterans Park at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 14. Catherine Basset and the New Horizons Band of Gulfport will entertain attendees. For more information call 893-1118.

Interested in learning more about Gulfport? Everyone is invited to the **Welcome to Gulfport Workshops** on Tuesday, June 14 at 10 a.m. and Thursday, June 16 at 6 p.m. Informative take home information and presentations. Presented by the Gulfport Public Library and the Gulfport Neighbors. For more information call 893-1074.

Community comes together at the **Public Safety Neighborhood Watch Party** in Clymer Park on Saturday, June 18, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Learn about local Neighborhood Watch programs and how to protect your neighborhood, meet your neighbors and experience family fun activities from local public safety agencies. For more information call Volunteer Coordinator Richard Grimberg at 893-1022.

The **2016 Pride 5K** is scheduled for Saturday, June 25. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., and the run starts at 8:30 from the Gulfport Casino. For more information call 342-0084 or visit [www.stpetepride.com](http://www.stpetepride.com).

Tickets for the **August 24 Tampa Bay Rays vs. Boston Red Sox and the September 21 vs. New York Yankees** games are available at the Gulfport Casino. The \$30 ticket price includes round trip transportation to Tropicana Field via the Gulfport Trolley, a lower box seat and complimentary Ray's baseball hat, available at the redemption desk inside Tropicana Field. All Rays fans with tickets are invited to catch free a ride to the game on the Gulfport Trolley. Departure from the Gulfport Casino begins at 5 p.m. Return trips begin during the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. All trolley trips this season will take place on \$2 *Hotdog Wednesdays*. For more information call 893-1118.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Patrol**

Dispatch calls for service	146
Self-initiated calls for service	350
Offenses	42
Arrests	9
Traffic citations	58
Ordinance violations	42

Examples of arrests or significant incidents or calls this week:

Five reports were taken by officers on May 19 for criminal mischief involving someone spray painting vehicles and stop signs between the 4900 block of 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the 5800 block of 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

A resident in the 4600 block of 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue reported on May 20 that the tag was stolen from his trailer sometime in the last month. He is unsure when or where the tag was taken.

A resident in the 5200 Block of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue reported that someone posing as a bank employee called him earlier in the week and requested personal information, including his social security number. He later discovered that someone ordered 3 iPhones under his name, and while he was at work the person signed for the phones when they were delivered to his home.

Members of the Alpha Squad assisted with traffic control for the Hippie Dash 5k on May 21. Approximately 700 runners participated in the event, and no injuries or incidents were reported.

Allan Anderson was arrested on a battery charge after he forced his way into his roommate's bedroom and punched him because the roommate refused to let Anderson use his phone.

The owner of a business in the 5400 block of Shore Boulevard reported on May 22 that a smoker being used by another business in the area was creating too much smoke. The business owner using the smoker was cited for not having a City permit for a special event.

A resident in the 5300 Block of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue reported that his unlocked vehicle and boat were burglarized while he was out of town and the registrations were stolen.

A small crowbar was found behind a residence in the 5200 block of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Pry marks were observed on the home's door, but nothing appeared to be taken or moved out of place.

A resident in the 3000 Block of 50<sup>th</sup> Street reported on May 24 that someone entered her unlocked car and stole a mattress pad from the passenger seat.

An employee of a business in the 4900 Block of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue reported that a black male had stolen a comforter set and fled north on 49<sup>th</sup> Street South on a bicycle.

A resident in the 4500 block of 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue reported on May 25 that sometime overnight someone entered his unlocked pickup truck and stole change, an iPod, a new iPad and a watch.

The marine unit was out on the water for eight hours this week. Six boater contacts were made.

### **Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)**

New cases:	12
Cases assigned:	4
Cases suspended-no leads:	7
Cases cleared with arrest:	1
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	0
Cases referred back to patrol:	0
Supplements received:	7
Cases cleared with arrest:	1
Previously cleared with arrest:	1
Cases suspended-no leads:	0
Cases unfounded-no crime:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	2
Cases still active:	3

### **Investigator Highlights**

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for a lewd/lascivious battery case, uttering counterfeit bills, a burglary, and a grand theft; conducted sex offender checks; developed probable cause grand theft in an IRS scam, and; exceptionally cleared 2 vehicle burglaries.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for a fraud and a death investigation; attended a State Attorney Invest for a fraud investigation, and; attended firearms training.

School Resource Officer Motte arrested a student this week for Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer; assisted PCSO's Child Protection Investigation unit with an alleged child abuse in which the child was being removed from the home due to the alleged abuse; covered a patrol shift, and; provided security for an event at Boca Ciega High School.

Crime Analyst, Margaret Palmisano compiled annual activity information for Det. Pham and Sgt. Woodman; compiled and distributed the open case lists and the monthly officer activity stats for CMD. Farrand; created and distributed a bulletin for Ofc. Heaton in an attempt to ID a burglary suspect, and; completed pawn checks on 10 cases with a named suspect, known serial number or searchable property description.

### **Records**

Reports reviewed	11
Supplements reviewed:	111
Public Records requests:	54
Background checks:	4
Bike registrations:	4
Fingerprints	2
Subpoenas processed:	22
Citizens assisted:	63

## **MARINA**

Assisted in fifty five (55) pump outs evacuating one thousand two hundred sixty (1,260) gallons of waste.

Pumped four thousand one hundred three (4,103) gallons of gas and one thousand eight hundred sixty (1,860) gallons of diesel fuel fueling one hundred one hundred forty five (145) vessels.

### **Transient vessels:**

Staff welcomed five vessels of various type and size this week.

## **LIBRARY**

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

### **Public Programs/Meetings/Events:**

Monday, May 16, 3 p.m. - *K-5 Science Club*.

Tuesday, May 17, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language*.

Tuesday, May 17, 2 p.m. - *Ukulele Group*.

Tuesday, May 17, 3 p.m. - *French Conversation Club*.

Tuesday, May 17, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting*.

Wednesday, May 18, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting*.

Wednesday, May 18, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language*.

Wednesday, May 18, 6 p.m. - *Teen Hangout* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Wednesday, May 18, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*.

Thursday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. - *Toddler Storytime* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Thursday, May 19, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of Bad Monkey* by Carl Hiaasen.

Friday, May 20, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language*.

Friday, May 20, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club*.

Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m. - *Change Your Water, Change Your Life* informational seminar.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Wednesday, June 1, 7 p.m. - *Rags: A Survey of LGBT Periodicals*. Stonewall exhibit opening and reception explores the history of gay newsweeklies across the country, and highlights their role in creating political and societal changes. Call 893-1075 for more information.

Thursday, June 2, 6 p.m. - *Caribbean American Heritage Month Family Dinner*: Listen to a story, enjoy some traditional Caribbean food, make a craft and celebrate the culture and spirit of the region! You must register for this event. Call 893-1074 to sign your family up. Spots are limited.

Saturday, June 4, 1 p.m. - *Grownup Movie Day*: Selections intended for adults to enjoy more complex and challenging films in a quiet, relaxed atmosphere. Call 893-1074 for movie title.

Tuesday, June 7, 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](mailto:cklasson@mygulfport.us) for more information.

Thursday, June 9, noon - Lunch & Learn presents *From Gay Surfers to Old Lesbians Organizing for Change: Developing an LGBT Initiative at a State University in Florida*. Bring your lunch; drinks will be provided. Call 893-1075 for more information.

Thursday, June 9, 1 p.m. - Healthy Mind/Healthy Body Book Club presents *The Fear Cure: Cultivating Courage as Medicine for the Body, Mind, and Soul* by Lissa Rankin, M.D. 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 email [klane@untieyourwings.com](mailto:klane@untieyourwings.com).

Friday, June 10, 7 p.m. - *Summer Reading Program Kick-off*: The locally famous Tricky Dog Show entertains at this all-ages family event.

Tuesday, June 14, 10 a.m. & Thursday, June 16, 6 p.m. - *Welcome to Gulfport Workshop*: Learn about the services available through the City and the Library, and how you can participate in our award-winning Gulfport Neighbors organization. Cohosted by Gulfport Neighbors.

Tuesday, June 14, 4 p.m. - *Middle School Robotics Club*: The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Registration required. See Cailey in Youth Services to sign up or call 893-1074.

Thursday, June 16, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins over coffee & light refreshments.

Every Monday in June beginning June 13, 3 p.m. - *Kids Summer Reading Program*: Topics in order of date are: Pigeon Day; Giving Tree Drum Circle; and Scavenger Hunt.

Every Wednesday in June beginning June 15, 3 p.m. - *Teen Summer Reading Program*: Topics in order of date are: Coffee Art; Olympic Games; and Feel the Vibe Teen Yoga.

Saturday, June 18, 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day*: For movie title call 893-1074.

Every Monday - Wednesday & Friday, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language*: 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-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Club*: We try a fun new activity every week, explore engineering through building with Legos, and meet other young scientists and engineers in the community! Parents get to join in on the fun too! Email [cklasson@mygulfport.us](mailto:cklasson@mygulfport.us) or call 893-1074 for more information.

Every Tuesday, 3 p.m. - *French Conversation Club*: Enjoy conversing in a relaxed atmosphere. This is our most popular language group so far!

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

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

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

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

Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*. Email [robynfeatherstonesq@gmail.com](mailto: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. 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 May 15-21, 2016:**  
**Items Circulated Patrons**

Weekly Circulation:	1,285	527
Sun. 5/15	Library closed	
Mon. 5/16	179	69
Tue. 5/17	100	85
Wed. 5/18	281	75
Thu. 5/19	294	108
Fri. 5/20	283	86
Sat. 5/21	148	87

**PARKS & RECREATION**

**Technical Events**

Visit [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) or [www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfport](http://www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfport) to watch videos of recent City events. Cable and DSL internet users can access live and web stream rebroadcasts at [www.mygulfport.us/gtv-640](http://www.mygulfport.us/gtv-640). Spread the word!

- Distributed press releases to Gabber, and weekly Constant Contact newsletter to email distribution list, and assisted with updates to social media pages.
- Rebooted TV station equipment.
- Continued daily updates and enhancements to mygulfport.us and social media sites.
- Continued preparation of 2016-2017 events list and First Friday Art Reception schedule & contracts.
- Received parade participant applications and ordered event parking signs in preparation for Independence Day event.
- Distributed June calendar and updated departmental calendars on City website.
- Prepared entries for GTV640 June events information.
- Assisted Library with June promotions and Museum with event.

**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](http://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 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue South for more information.

Learn about common oral conditions resulting from medication usage, both over the counter and those prescribed by your doctor during **Medications and Oral Health** at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 1. Learn recommendations to improve long term prognosis and minimize side effects. Light refreshments and presentation provided by St. Pete Modern Dentistry.

**The Seasoned Sowers Gardening Club** will meet at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 6. Join the group at its beginning stages and help develop plans and goals for the Senior Center gardens.

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, June 7.

Join us on Thursday, June 9 for **Grand Villa's BBQ & Senior Games**. Try your hand at the putting green, shuffleboard, pool, corn hole, Wii tournaments and a delicious BBQ meal. Come hungry and ready to play. Reserve your seat by June 8. Free transportation and food!

It's important to **Know Your Numbers**. Have your blood sugar and blood pressure checked at the Senior Center on Thursday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m.

The Alzheimer's Association offers free **Monthly Memory Screenings** the second Monday of each month, 9 - 11:30 am. The next screening is June 13. 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** at 10 a.m. every second Monday of the month. The next meeting is June 13.

The Community Law Program provides **free legal assistance** at the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. the third Friday of every month. Call 582-7480 to qualify and to schedule an appointment.

Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. will provide quality **legal advice and services** to Gulfport Senior Center participants 10 a.m. - noon every fourth Monday of the month.

**The Last Word - Writing an Obituary** is offered at the Senior Center at 4:30 p.m. every first & fourth Monday. Learn the ins and outs of writing and placing an obituary in the local press from local writer, editor and instructor Diane Craig. Call 893-5657 to register.

The **FUNDamentals of Watercolor** class will meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. beginning in June. This basic class will use a limited palette which emphasizes watercolor techniques including color selection, color mixing, blending and glazing, and use of the color wheel to choose a personal palette. No prior drawing or painting experience is necessary. Preregistration required.

**One-On-One Tech Support** with Jaclyn will meet every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Assistance is not limited to specific devices. All electronics and skill levels are welcome.

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):**

- Sunday, May 15      6 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 160)
- Tuesday, May 17      Noon - Ballroom lessons with Luigi (Turnout 9)  
7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (Turnout 53)
- Wednesday, May 18      10:30 a.m. - Yoga with Barbara Newborn (Turnout 16)  
6 p.m. - Swing dance with Swingtime (Turnout 337)
- Thursday, May 19      6:30 p.m. - Latin Night with Carol Rivera (Turnout 21)
- Friday, May 20      11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 21)
- Saturday, April 21      7 p.m. - Seminole High School Prom (Turnout 500)

**Casino (upcoming events):**

- Every Sunday      6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson  
7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom Fusion dance Admission \$8
- Every Tuesday      12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker  
2 p.m. - Ballroom dance Admission \$8  
6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango lessons with Kathleen & Steve Prucher  
8 p.m. - Milonga dance Admission \$8
- Every Wednesday      10 a.m. - Yoga with Barbara Newborn/Joyce Bloom  
6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime  
7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime  
8 p.m. - Swing dance Admission \$8
- Every Thursday      6 p.m. - Latin Night lesson with Carol Rivera  
8 p.m. - Latin dance Admission \$8
- Every Friday      11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom

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

- Wednesday, May 18      1 p.m. - SunFlower School play (Turnout 140)
- Thursday, May 19      7 p.m. - SunFlower School play (Turnout 150)
- Saturday, May 21      12:30 p.m. - Divas & Dolls Beauty Pageant (Turnout 20)

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

- Sunday, May 15      9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 24)

6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday, May 17      10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 18)  
7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Thursday, May 19      10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 18)

**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, May 15      9 a.m. - Calvary Christian Assembly church services (Turnout 10)

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

Monday, May 16      11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 32)

Tuesday, May 17      10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 8)

Friday, May 20      10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 11)

**Scout Hall (*upcoming events*):**

Every Sunday                      9 am - Calvary Christian Assembly church services

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

Every Monday                      11 a.m. - Chair Yoga

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

**Recreation Center**

The multipurpose room was rented 1 - 5 p.m. Saturday, May 21 for a baby shower with 45 in attendance.

The multipurpose room is reserved: 3 - 7 p.m. Saturday, June 4 for a graduation party; 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11 for a birthday/graduation party; 3 - 7 p.m. Saturday, June 18 for a baby shower, and; 5 - 11 p.m. Saturday, June 25 for a family reunion.

**Programs, Classes & Activities**

Fifty four children have been registered for the **2016 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. Summer 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.

Seventy three 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.

Fifty two teens are registered for the **2015/16 Teen Night Program** for teens in middle school thru age 17. Program hours are 6 - 9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Annual registration fee: \$2 for residents, \$22 for nonresidents.

**Contractual classes:** Bootcamp, Karate, Mat Pilates, Pickleball, Table Tennis, Tennis & Yoga AM.

### **Staff Activities**

Alton Hooker worked the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

John Lapham used the school bus to transport 33 Gulfport Elementary students and three adults to Great Explorations in St. Petersburg on Monday, and to transport 40 Gulfport Elementary students and four adults to Dell Holms Park on Tuesday.

Marivel Gutierrez attended the Senior Staff meeting on Wednesday.

**Teen Councilmembers** Cameron Althaus, Phoebe Carrazco, Sarah Eisenbaum, Marceese Nelson, Taryn Spence and Recreation Coordinator John Lapham attended the Suncoast League of Cities Awards Dinner in Safety Harbor on Saturday evening.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Building Maintenance**

- Replaced soap dispenser in Public Services Building upstairs break room.
- Lubricated back door at Police Station.
- Cleared blocked urinal in men's restroom outside Casino.
- Repaired a/c unit at Casino, and received estimates for replacement.
- Delivered mail to post office for Finance Department.
- Replaced 3 ballasts at Library.
- Performed annual fire alarm panel inspection at Recreation Center.
- Installed pole with push button for exiting east side of secured Police Station compound.
- Delivered mail to post office for Finance Department.

#### **Parks**

- Set up registration table, water station and trash/recycle bins in preparation for 5K.
- Removed past events banners and installed upcoming events banners.
- Prepared anchors for bases at ball fields and removed shelter cover at Hoyt Field.
- Repaired/replaced benches at Tomlinson Park.
- Continued pressure washing Library signs in preparation for painting.
- Continued work on tree lights and electrical outlets along Beach Boulevard.
- Mowed Beach, Recreation Center, Library, Senior Center, Neighborhood Center & Marina green spaces, Chase Block, Clymer Greenway, Dog Park, 55<sup>th</sup> Street medians and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue sign area.
- Repaired irrigation at Hoyt Field & Recreation Center.

- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched Veterans & Clymer Parks, Beach Boulevard streetscapes, and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue signage areas.
- Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades, adjusted bed knives on reel mowers, and replaced carburetors on line trimmer & back pack blower and pull string on stick edger.
- 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 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.
- Cleaned debris, cans and trash following Tuesday Market.
- Removed debris from Lincoln Cemetery.
- Restocked mulch bin at Neighborhood Center.
- Replaced vandalized stop signs at 50<sup>th</sup> Street & 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue and at 59<sup>th</sup> Street & 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Disposed of tires and debris from City garage.
- Reset parking lot curb stops at Senior Center.
- Removed several loads of debris from 49<sup>th</sup> Street holding area.
- Readied emergency equipment in preparation for hurricane season.
- Replaced sidewalks at Fremont Street & 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and behind Recreation Center.

### **Water**

- Daily Chloramines sampling at the points of connection to water distribution system (Includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily inspection and read of Wholesale meters (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily inspection and recording of rainfall (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily check of ground water levels (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Completed routes #45, 46, 47 & 48 of monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 27 locations for non-payment of service.
- Performed 5 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off
- Completed 125 miscellaneous customer service department service orders.
- Completed 10 Sunshine One-Call, Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Replaced 5 old meters with new style electronic meters.
- Replaced 4 meters that were stuck and not recording water usage.

- Performed annual DEP required testing of 6 backflow devices due in May.
- Collected bay water samples at Gulfport Shores, Gulfport Beach & Marina for quality testing.
- Replaced water main line and valves in alley between 5519 & 5619 Shore Boulevard, and water service at 3120 & 3131 56<sup>th</sup> Street and 5519, 5601 & 5519 Shore Boulevard, and collected bacteriological samples on newly-installed mainlines.

### **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, Fire Department/Garage, Police Station/City Hall, and Senior Center.
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection.
- Cleaned and televised sewer lateral at 6302 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Cleaned sewer main line at Shore & Beach Boulevards.

### **Vehicle Maintenance**

- Replaced tires on Sanitation vehicle #45.
- Replaced tires and repaired lights on Trolley #05.
- Repaired valve body seals on Sanitation vehicle #46.
- Sent tailgate from Streets vehicle #37 to Lizzotte's Welding for repair.
- Prepared Building Department vehicle #10 for sale at auction.
- Replaced cutting blade spindle on Parks Division mower.
- Replaced upper hose on Sanitation vehicle #40.
- Replaced water pump on Parks vehicle #85.
- 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.pcclb.com).

**Code Enforcement** activities continued this week in Section 5 of the City, also known as the Marina District which comprises the southeast portion of the City and generally extends south from 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the water and east from 49<sup>th</sup> Street to City boundaries.

Because the City has one inspector who focuses on one section at a time, we depend on residents to call in violations when they see them. We will inspect within one working day of a complaint to verify any violation. Please call 893-1061 if you see violations. If the inspector is unavailable, leave as detailed a message as possible to help us find the violation. Complaints can be anonymous, but if you want a follow-up you will have to leave contact information which means the complaint is no longer anonymous. E-mail correspondence is considered a public record, so if you wish to make a complaint using e-mail, please understand that such communications are not anonymous.

Beginning in June, Code Enforcement activities will move to Section 1 of the City, also known as the Stetson Area which comprises the northwest portion of the City and generally extends south from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Gulfport Boulevard and east from 64<sup>th</sup> Street to 58<sup>th</sup> Street. To review Code Enforcement activities documents for more detailed information and a map of the Code Enforcement areas visit the Special Documents section at [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us).

**June 8, 2016 Board of Adjustment:**

**V16-13;** 2901/2903 & 2905/2907 Beach Boulevard South; Variance request to reduce the number of required off-street parking spaces by 16 spaces from 21 to 5 off-street parking spaces for a proposed mixed-use development.