



Gulfport Community Update

May 25 - 31, 2014

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

The **Large Dog Park is closed for maintenance** through Thursday, June 5. 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.

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 visit www.gulfportma.com, or call Susan Blankenship at 453-9093 or Chris Spencer at 902-2326, or email FreshMarket@GulfportMA.com.

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 **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:

Dispatch calls for service	128
Self-initiated calls for service	369
Offenses	40
Arrests	8
Traffic citations	62

Significant incidents or calls this week:

A resident in the 5200 block of 14th Avenue reported on the morning of May 22 that her scooter was stolen from her yard overnight. The scooter was found abandoned in a neighbor's yard.

Sometime between 9 a.m. & noon on May 22, someone entered an enclosed yard in the 5700 block of 21st Avenue and stole a beach cruiser bicycle. They also attempted to steal a second bike but were unable to remove it from the yard.

A resident in the 1100 block of Gray Street reported that someone entered their unlocked vehicle sometime over night. Nothing appeared to be missing but the glove compartment and center console were rifled through.

A resident reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from a City bike rack in the 5500 Shore Boulevard.

A resident in the 3000 block of 54th Street reported on the morning of May 23 that he saw an acquaintance steal his bike from his backyard the night before. The subject was located at the Casino dock and arrested.

On the afternoon of May 24 officers made contact with two juveniles on bicycles in Town Shores. They were trespassed and the bicycles they were riding documented before being released to their guardians.

A car traveling westbound on 18th Avenue at a high rate of speed ran off the road at 49th Street, taking out a streetlight and power meter box before coming to rest on the Tangerine Greenway. A witness said a black male jumped out and ran east on 18th. The car was not reported stolen. Drugs were found on the driver side floorboard, and blood evidence recovered from inside the car will be analyzed for DNA.

There were several overnight bicycle thefts reported on May 25: A Town Shores resident reported that someone stole his two beach cruiser bicycles. They were locked to a pole underneath a covered carport. Another Town Shores resident reported a few hours later that someone stole her bicycle that was locked under the stairwell of her building. The bicycle was registered with Gulfport Police. A bicycle was reported stolen from a backyard in the 2500 block of 51st Street. Neither the bike nor the gate were locked, but the bicycle was registered with the Gulfport Police Department. A resident in the 4500 block of 29th Avenue reported that an unlocked bicycle was stolen from a carport. Additionally, a resident in the 5700 block of Tangerine Avenue reported a bicycle stolen from an open garage while the resident was working in the yard. There are no suspects.

Alpha Squad officers conducted a 2-hour traffic detail at 58th Street & Gulfport Boulevard on Memorial Day as part of the national Click It or Ticket campaign. Ten citations were written, and one driver was arrested for having a stolen tag affixed to his vehicle.

Officers conducted a welfare check on an elderly resident in the 1800 block of 56th Street. She had multiple bruises and cuts to her face and stated the male staying with her beat her up the night before. He arrived on scene shortly after and was hostile with officers. He denied striking the female, stating she fell and he did not feel that medical attention was necessary. The

resident was transported to the hospital for evaluation and treatment. The male was arrested for battery, neglect of the elderly and possession of a concealed handcuff key.

Officers investigated a burglary in which a laptop computer, costume jewelry and miscellaneous items were taken from a residence in the 2700 block of Beach Boulevard. The serial number for the computer was entered into the NCIC/FCIC.

Officers responded to the 5400 block of 13th Avenue on May 27 after a resident saw a white male exit a dark blue Monte Carlo and steal a Bostich 3500 Generator from under his carport. The investigation continues.

A guard at PYCC reported that the suspect in a burglary committed last week had just exited the front gate and was riding a stolen bike on Gulfport Boulevard. Officer Wodraska located Silas Daniels on the bike at the entrance to the Golfview Condos. Daniels admitted to stealing the bike from PYCC and admitted to last week's burglary. He was transported to jail.

Officers made contact with Kim Denise Gillespie at the request of HCSO who advised she had warrants for Failure to appear on a possession of heroin charge. She was transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

A resident in the 5600 block of 16th Avenue reported that while she was in the shower, she heard what sounded like someone at the window. The caller never actually saw anyone, she only heard noise. Officers checked the area and stopped a few people walking in the area, but they appeared to be walking to a nearby store and were not involved in the incident reported.

Detective Pham used the Marine Unit to assist in the apprehension of a burglary suspect at the Casino docks. During the incident the boat struck an exposed bolt, which punctured and deflated the hull ring. The repair cost approximately \$400. The exposed bolt has been removed.

Investigations:

New Cases:	20
Cases Assigned:	3
Cases Suspended-No Leads:	10
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	0
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	4
Cases referred back to patrol:	3
Supplements Received:	16
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	1
Previously Cleared With Arrest	5
Cases Suspended-No Leads:	4
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	2
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Still Active:	4

Detective Pham arrested a juvenile for burglary to a vehicle. Although his prints were located on the driver's window of the car he denied any involvement, including touching the vehicle. Detective Pham also charged a suspect already in jail with dealing in stolen property; investigated a residential burglary incident and developed probable cause for the suspect, and; took the police boat out on Friday afternoon for about three hours.

Detective Crowson attended driver training and covered a shift for patrol on Delta squad; investigated an EBT card fraud, and determined that the crime occurred St. Petersburg, and; developed probable cause for the arrest of an individual in an auto theft case, but due to an immunity deal with the prosecutor for a violent crime, the individual will not be charged.

School Resource Officer Motte completed a theft investigation and suspended the case due to a lack of leads; responded to an accidental overdose in which the student was transported to All Children's Hospital; made contact with three juvenile trespassers and issued trespass warnings for Boca Ciega High School; covered BCHS's Prom at the Gulfport Casino; mentored 2 students; assisted CIS with PCSO Property & Evidence Case Agent reviews, and; met with Juvenile Probation Officer Roderick Conner to discuss active probationers at BCHS.

School Resource Officer Langston responded to an intrusion type residential alarm; attended two training classes; mentored a student on of college preparation; assisted with security coverage during a football game and senior prom; investigated several incidents including a missing/runaway juvenile from GPD, a missing/runaway juvenile from SPPD, several truant students, four trespassers located on campus, and one bicycle theft, all of which resulted in no arrests being made, and; assisted the Police Explorers with organizing an appreciation celebration for Detective Crowson held during their meeting.

Crime Analyst Margaret Palmisano put together summer crime prevention and safety tips to be published on the Gulfport Police Department Facebook page; added a new offender to the sex offender board and pamphlets; completed an analysis of thefts occurring at Town Shores and an analysis of area activity for Officer Mills.

Records Section

Reports reviewed:	28
Supplements reviewed:	161
Public records requests:	27
Background checks:	0
Bike registrations:	1
Fingerprints:	3
Subpoenas processed:	0
Citizens assisted:	45

MARINA

Pumped four thousand four hundred eighty nine (4,489) gallons of gas, and two thousand one hundred nine (2,109) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred eighty seven (187) vessels.

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

Transient Vessels:

Staff welcomed eight transient vessels during the Memorial Day weekend.

Staff Activities:

- Repaired and reinstalled BCYC gate.
- Installed spring on gate 2.
- Inspected all docks within Marina.
- Procured snacks and drinks for resale.
- Repaired signs on Marina fence along perimeter of property.
- Remove mold and mildew from dock boxes.
- Checked pilings on pier five for replacement.

LEISURE SERVICES

Technical Events

Visit www.mygulport.us or www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulport to watch videos of recent City events. Cable and DSL internet users can access live and web stream rebroadcasts at www.mygulport.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 mygulport.us domain.
- Continued organizing Fiscal Year 2014/15 events schedule.
- Continued preparations for Hurricane Conference, Flag Day & 4th of July events.
- Created “Dog Park Closed” signs.
- Updated City Clerk & Recreation Center pages on City website.
- Met with Senior Center Supervisor to discuss expansion of website.

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.mygulport.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.

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.

Questions about **Medicare benefits**? Wes Dupes & Steven Reiser will visit the Senior Center at 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 2 to help seniors navigate the programs available.

Cool off with a **Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundae** bar for only \$3 on Wednesday, June 4 at 2 p.m.

Learn to live life to the fullest with **A Holistic Approach to Aging Well** at 2:30 p.m. Monday, June 9.

Tour the Florida Orange Grove Winery, Pinellas County's only tropical, berry, & citrus winery for a tasting of 37 varieties of specialty wines, then discover St. Pete Beach's Historic Corey Avenue during our next **Gulfport Getaway** on Tuesday, June 10. Call GEMS at 893-2242 before June 4 to reserve a seat. GEMS members \$9/nonmembers \$11

Watch a free, current movie and get a \$3 lunch deal during **Movie Day at the Snack Bar** at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 10.

Everyone is welcome at the **Dolphin's View Healthy Heart Cooking Class** at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12.

Gold Award Girl Scout Project Leader Jaclyn Moore will visit the Senior Center at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 12 to cover the basic functions of the **Apple iPad**. Bring your iPad and passwords! Participants **MUST** register - SPACE is LIMITED.

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 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.

Music therapy makes a difference in chronic illness & oncology patients, medical & surgical procedures, and Alzheimer's disease & dementia patients. Join us on Monday, June 16 at 3 p.m. for **Music Sweet Music**, and learn how music can be used as medicine.

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.

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 June 26.

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 18 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson with Carol Baker
7 p.m. - Mario DeLeon's Band & Ballroom dance (Turnout 39)
- Monday, May 19 7 p.m. - USA Ballroom dance (Turnout 102)
- Tuesday, May 20 12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker
2 p.m. - Ballroom dance (Turnout 10)
6:30 p.m. - Beginning Argentine Tango lesson
8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 46)
- Wednesday, May 21 6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime
7 p.m. - Swing Dance Lesson
8 p.m. - Swing Dance (Turnout 218)
- Thursday, May 22 6:30 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera
8 p.m. - Salsa dance Admission \$7 (Turnout 27)
- Friday, May 23 9 p.m. - Boca Ciega High School prom (Turnout 250)

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

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

- Sunday, May 18 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 22)
6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous
- Tuesday, May 20 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 12)

Thursday, May 22 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 11)

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 19 11 a.m. - Chair yoga (Turnout 20)

Wednesday, May 21 11 a.m. - Yoga (Turnout 15)

Friday, May 23 10 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 8)

Scout Hall (*upcoming events*):

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

Every Monday 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga

Every Wednesday 10:30 a.m. - Yoga

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:

Tuesday, May 20, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.*

Wednesday, May 21, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, May 21, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters.*

Thursday, May 22, 3 p.m. - Family Yoga

Friday, May 23, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Saturday, May 24, 2 p.m. - *Home Gardening class facilitated by Master Gardener Val Boyles.*

Upcoming Events:

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

Tuesday, June 17, 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.

Saturday, June 21, 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.

Tuesday, June 24 - *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 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 18 - 24, 2014:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,965	626
Sun. 5/18	Library closed	
Mon. 5/19	416	108
Tue. 5/20	283	83
Wed. 5/21	409	137
Thu. 5/22	278	110
Fri. 5/23	309	100
Sat. 5/24	239	63

Recreation Center

The multipurpose room was rented 2-6 p.m. Saturday for a baby shower with thirty (30) in attendance.

The multipurpose room is reserved for baby showers on: Saturday, May 31, 2-6 p.m.; 3-7 p.m. Saturday, June 14 and noon - 5 p.m. Saturday June 28, and noon - 4 p.m. Saturday June 21 for a birthday party.

Programs, Classes & Activities

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.

Forty five (45) 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.

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 one (101) 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 attended the Senior Staff meeting on Wednesday.

Alton Hooker worked the room rental on Saturday.

Marivel Gutierrez, John Lapham and Nicole Latragna attended Summer Food Program training in Largo on Tuesday.

Alton used the school bus to transport a group of Gulfport Elementary students to Great Explorations in St. Petersburg on Wednesday.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 23 new, 19 closed
- Water payments: 835 totaling \$132,694.02
- On-Line Water payments: 114 transactions totaling \$7204.53
- Bright House payments: 15
- Utility Bills Mailed 1313
- Payroll 5/23/14: 157 transactions totaling \$167,721.34

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 49 Emergency Medical Calls
- 1 Trauma Alert
- 3 Structure Fires
- 3 Fire Alarms

- 2 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Odor/Smoke Invest

Life Safety:

- 1 Fire Inspection
- 1 Re-Inspection
- 1 FACP Test

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:

- St. Petersburg College Paramedic program student David Gatlin continued his ride along with Preceptor Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Burford of the Gulfport Fire Department on the "B"-shift.
- Chief Marenkovic performed a Final walk-thru FACP test at 5950 Pelican Bay Plaza on May 27. They passed with no deficiencies.
- Chief Marenkovic attended a Conflict Resolution meeting with County Staff on May 27. The County has proposed cutting about \$2.3 million of approximately \$40 million collected from a countywide property tax that pays for part of the \$116 million EMS system over the next three years. County officials have estimated that cuts, freezes and caps would save about \$60 million over the next 10 years.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Installed shelving in Casino office, repaired inside men's room door, outside men's room toilet & outside women's room hand dryer, and adjusted door to accommodate air conditioner duct work.
- Installed new fan motor in air conditioner unit at Theater, and inspected smoke detector on unit to ensure proper working order.
- Installed temporary fencing along beach playground in preparation for pavilion construction.
- Delivered mail to main Post Office for Finance Department.
- Installed new 3.5 ton air conditioner unit with air handler at Historical Museum.
- Ran errands to Tampa for Garage Supervisor.

Parks

- Continued work on tree lights and electrical outlets along Beach Boulevard.
- Repaired vandalized cigarette butt can post at Library.
- Removed damaged dock at Tangerine Lake.
- Replaced locks on Hoyt Field gates.
- Lowered flags to half-staff in observance of Memorial Day.
- Replaced worn flags at all City facilities.
- Removed past events banners and installed upcoming events banners.
- Installed new benches on pier.
- Inspected electrical outlets and timer 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 Caldwell & Tonkin Parks and Library.
- Hand raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.
- Trimmed, weeded & cleaned Senior Center, Library & Clymer Park, trimmed low branches at Clam Bayou, graded and sodded Dog Park, and cleaned beach area, Pier, Casino & Recreation Center following holiday weekend.
- Mowed & trimmed City Complex, Senior Center grounds, Library grounds, 28th Street signage area, 55th Street medians, Clymer Park & Greenway, Chase block, Dog Park, Scout Hall grounds, Neighborhood Center, Hoyt perimeter, Tonkin & Wood Ibis Parks, and 56th drainage area.
- 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.
- Replaced brick roadway on 31st Avenue between 53rd & 54th Street following water break.
- Reset parking blocks in City Hall parking lot.
- Continued curbside street sweeping.

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 # 45, 46, 47 & 48 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 19 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 2 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off.
- Completed 86 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 1 old water meter with new style meter.

- Continued semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP.
- Installed new meter and backflow a 3034 Beach Boulevard.
- Pressure tested and chlorinated new water line on 18th 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.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Performed maintenance service on Police vehicle #501
- Replaced fuel solenoid on Sanitation Side Loader #46.
- Replaced splash guards on Police vehicle #102.
- Repaired transmission leak and replaced fan belts on Sanitation Side Loader #42.
- Transported Police vehicle #14 to dealership to troubleshoot “check engine” warning.
- 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.

Beginning in June Code Enforcement activities will move to Section 2 of the City, also known as the Northeast Area which generally extends north to 7th Avenue, south to Gulfport Boulevard, west to 58th Street and east to 49th Street.

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.

June 11, 2014 Board of Adjustment:

- V14 - 11: 1826 58th Street South; Variances requested to reduce the distance requirement from rear property line by 1 foot, from 7 feet to 6 feet; and the distance requirement from the side yard property line on a side street of a corner lot by 6 feet, from 12 feet to 6 feet for the construction of a swimming pool and deck.
- V14 - 12: 4775 Baywood Point South; Variance requested to extend the maximum permitted length into the water for the existing dock and proposed boat lift by 13 feet, from 45 feet to 58 feet for the construction of a proposed 12' x 14' boat lift.