



Gulfport Community Update

May 12 - 18, 2013

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Everyone is invited to the City's annual **Hurricane Seminar** at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Avenue at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23. Tom Iovino from Pinellas County Communications will be this year's guest speaker. A Hurricane Vendor Open house is scheduled for 6 p.m. in the Theater lobby. The Senior Center Snack Bar will offer 2 slices of pizza and a soda for \$3.00 from 5 until 7 p.m. For more information call Technical Events Specialist Justin Shea at 893-1118 or email jshea@mygulfport.us. 2013 Hurricane Guides are available at Gulfport City Hall, Library and Fire Station. Hurricane season in the Atlantic begins June 1 and ends November 30.

Registration for the **2013 Summer Recreation Program** continues for Gulfport residents. Non-resident registration begins Monday, May 20. The program lasts eight weeks and is available to children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Pre and post-camps will also be offered. Program hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. with extended care until 6 p.m. for an additional fee. Participants will enjoy activities, field trips, lunches, positive role models and a safe environment to call their own. For more information call the Recreation Center at 893-1068.

Gulfport City Hall will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of **Memorial Day**. The Sanitation schedule will not be affected.

Upcoming Events:

Find the perfect painting or sculpture during the **Third Saturday Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District on May 18, 6 - 10 p.m. For more information call 322-5217.

The **Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market** is a weekly year-round open-air market featuring fruits, vegetables and a wide variety of foods, hand-made art and crafts, bath, body and 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 each Tuesday. For more information call Laura Garrison at 278-4285, email gulfportmarket@gmail.com, visit www.GulfportMA.com or www.facebook.com/gulfportfreshmarket.

The **Third Annual SoStudio Tour** is scheduled for Saturday, May 25, 1 - 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 26, 1 - 4 p.m. The tour will feature artists' open studios, galleries, receptions and demonstrations, and will showcase many well-known Gulfport artists as well as newfound artists. A silent auction and closing reception will take place at the Gulfport Arts Center on Sunday, 4 - 6 p.m. A \$10 tour guide will serve as a pass into the studios, galleries, and receptions around town, and may be purchased in advance at Domain Home Accessories & Gallery, 3129 Beach Boulevard; Beach Bazaar, 3115 Beach Boulevard; the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce, 4926 Gulfport Boulevard, and; T and Me Tea Company, 2908 ½ Beach Boulevard in the Art Village Courtyard, or during the event at the Gulfport Arts Center and the Longhouse, 2309 49th Street South. This event is sponsored by The 49th Street South Business Association and the Gulfport Merchants Association. For more information call Barbara Nicolazzo at 347-4786 or email bien50@gmail.com.

Weekly Casino Ballroom Events

- Every Tuesday, 12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons, - \$7
- Every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango Dance/ Lesson - \$7

- Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - Swing Dance/Lesson - \$7
- 1st and 3rd Thursday 7 p.m. - Salsa Dance/Lesson - \$7
- 1st and 3rd Sunday, 6 p.m. - Band/Ballroom Dance and Band - \$7
- 2nd & 4th Sunday, 6 p.m. - Ballroom DJ & dance - \$7

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Administration

Calls for Service:

Offenses	34
Arrests	6
Traffic citations	34

Significant incidents or calls this week:

An officer attempted to stop two males on motor scooters on the evening of May 7 after observing them running the red light at 11th Avenue & 49th Street. Both suspects fled into St. Petersburg, but one wrecked his scooter in an alley and ran away on foot. A PCSO K9 attempted to track him with negative results. The scooter was not registered and there was no record for the VIN. There are no leads.

Officers arrested Joshua Taylor on an outstanding warrant on May 9. During a search, he was discovered to be in possession of Alprazolam without a prescription, and an additional charge was added to his arrest.

Officers responded to the 5400 block of 11th Avenue on the evening of May 10 after a neighbor reported seeing a male breaking into the back door of a residence. Victor Miller was located inside the residence. He had several piece of dental equipment in his pockets that were stolen from inside the house. He was arrested for burglary and possession of burglary tools.

Albert Eades was arrested for aggravated assault and leaving the scene of a crash on May 10 after he intentionally backed his 1990 Dodge pickup truck toward a 2005 Jeep Liberty with three occupants inside. The Jeep's driver backed into a Saturn while trying to avoid being hit by Eades' vehicle. Eades fled from his vehicle and ran into his house. Several witnesses identified Eades as the assailant.

An off duty PCSO dispatcher observed a vehicle unable to maintain a lane in the early morning hours of May 12. Officers conducted a traffic stop after the driver Leah Williams failed to use a turn signal. She was arrested for DUI after performing poorly on FSTs. Williams refused to submit to a breath test.

The Family Dollar store manager reported that a woman, later identified as Phelicia McKinnon stole several items from the store on the afternoon of May 12. When he confronted her she threw the bag at him and fled. McKinnon was located in the Gulfport Liquors parking lot and admitted taking the items. She had several prior convictions and was arrested for felony petit theft.

A business owner in the 5000 block of Gulfport Boulevard reported that several windows of his business were damaged by someone firing a BB gun. A juvenile suspect was identified and the investigation is ongoing.

Officers responded to the 1800 block of 55th Street on the evening of May 13 after a caller advised that two juveniles were shouting obscenities and waving a baseball bat at a patron in the Skate Park. A foam bat was located and the victim advised he got into a verbal altercation with the juveniles because they were using the bat to hit knock items into his path as he skated. The two juveniles were trespassed from the park.

Investigations:

New Cases:	11
Suspended - no leads	1
Assigned:	8
Cleared With Arrest:	0
Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Unfounded/No Crime:	3
Referred Back to Patrol:	0

Supplements Received:	25
Cleared With Arrest:	0
Previously cleared with Arrest:	7
Closed-No Leads:	0
Unfounded/No Crime:	1
Exceptionally Cleared:	1
Still Active:	16

Det. Pham was on vacation this week.

Detective Embry interviewed a female victim who was involved in a sexual battery case in Alabama. He also discovered a lead in a criminal use of credit card case he is investigating and is making arrangements to interview the suspect.

Officer Motte assisted SPPD and the State Attorney's Office in locating several students who were wanted for questioning in a crime that was committed in St. Petersburg. He also investigated an alleged battery report; however, the complainant recanted the allegation and explained she wasn't battered at school, but in St. Petersburg and was afraid to tell her parents because she should have been in school at the time. Additionally, he attended the Battle of the Belts Award Ceremony during which Boca Ciega High School received an award for the best Public Service Announcement.

Officer Langston counseled a teacher regarding an incident that occurred off campus; assisted with escorting a disruptive student off campus; investigated a lost property complaint; responded to a disturbance after school, and aided with deterring a fight. She also assisted with breaking up a fight in the cafeteria, and during her patrol of the campus discovered a possible narcotics violation. Officer Langston also discovered a student sleeping in the student parking lot and assisted with street coverage.

Records Section

Reports reviewed:	17
Supplements reviewed:	52
Public records requests:	27
Bike registrations:	1
Fingerprints:	8
Subpoenas processed:	5
Citizens assisted:	40

Professional Standards Section

Three policies are in the review process: 447 - Marine Unit; 508 - Criminal Intelligence, and 510 - Sex Crimes Investigations.

The following accreditation files were updated this week:

Standard 17.01M - A directive stipulates that law enforcement response to emergencies be continuously available within the agency's jurisdiction. - Added written directive 102 - Law

Enforcement Response as well as the upcoming shift bid schedule. This standard is complete and we are in compliance.

Standard 17.02 - Covers special purpose vehicles and applies to the use of our marine unit and bicycles. The marine unit directive is currently in the review process and the bicycle directive will need to be reviewed prior to our next on-site. We are in compliance with this standard.

Standard 17.03 - A directive describes the circumstances which require the presence of a supervisor at the scene for the purpose of assuming command. Written directive 125A - Investigative Responsibilities covers the requirements of this standard and will need to be reviewed before the next on-site.

Standard 17.04 - The agency has 24-hour two-way radio capability providing continuous communication between a communications center and sworn members on duty.

Standard 17.05 - A directive describes procedures for informing victims/witnesses of their rights in accordance with Florida statute. Written directive 117 - Victim/Witness Rights covers this standard and will need to be reviewed prior to the next on-site. One of the compliance keys is the proof of approval of victim/witness rights documents by the Office of the Governor. The year one proof has been uploaded.

Training Coordination

Probationary Officer Obrart has completed week three of phase three field training with Officer Cavanah.

Three members were registered for training this week.

Applicant Screening

Two Police Officer applications were received this week.

Applicant R. Marshall successfully completed his drug screen/medical evaluation. The FDLE forms have been received.

Applicant D. Merriam completed his psychological evaluation.

MARINA

Pumped three thousand seven hundred seventy nine (3,779) gallons of gas, and one thousand three hundred seventy eight (1,378) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred thirty six (136) vessels.

Assisted with twenty eight (28) pump-outs evacuating four hundred sixty five (465) gallons of sewage. This free service is well received by the boating public and helps keep our waters clean.

Transient vessels:

Marina staff welcomed a 25' sailboat, 35' sailboat, 38' sailboat, 34' sailboat and two 27' sailboats this week. Welcome to Gulfport!

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/GTV615/Live_Webstream.htm. It's a great way to keep in touch with out of town family and friends! Spread the word!

- Distributed press releases to Gabber, and weekly Constant Contact newsletter to email distribution list.
- Rebooted GTV615 station equipment.
- Updated GTV Program schedule and added June scrolling calendar to City Website.
- Confirmed vendor participation at Hurricane Seminar.
- Photographed City buildings, continued architectural design, and built Community Development, Human Resources, Events & City Manager pages on new website.
- Distributed City of Gulfport June Events/Meetings calendar to all City facilities.
- Set up lights and sound for production at theater.
- Commenced Library promotional video for Summer Reading Programs.
- Followed up with Pinellas County TDC regarding upcoming event.
- Continued with 4th of July event preparations.

Parks

Replaced broken fence board at Clam Bayou, metal swing slat and 4 faulty GFCI receptacles at Gulfport Beach.

Relocated 4 benches & chain link fence at Gulfport Recreation Center to expand Tot playground snack area.

Repaired art monument light at 28th Avenue & Beach Boulevard, and bench seat & backing at Gulfport Beach.

Reattached tennis court bench to slab.

Delivered green metal trash container to northeast corner of Tangerine Avenue & 52nd Street.

Removed temporary lattice fence following Springfest.

Emptied trashcans on Beach & Shore Boulevards following weekend events.

Trimmed, weeded, mulched & cleaned Casino, Beach & 49th Streetscapes, Neighborhood Center grounds & Veterans Park, trimmed low branches at Caldwell Park, raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.

Mowed City Complex, Chase block, Dog Park, Recreation Center grounds, and Tonkin, Caldwell & Wood Ibis Parks.

Greased mowers & replaced blades.

Repaired irrigation at Hoyt & Little League Fields and Caldwell Park.

Opened & cleaned Skate Park daily.

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 needed repairs.

Other Activities:

- Prepared employee annual evaluations.
- All City park 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.

GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mini-Bus Service)

The City of Gulfport offers transportation service for residents 55 and older. GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mobility Service) offers rides to grocery stores, medical appointments, etc. The \$65 annual registration fee entitles members to ride GEMS for \$2 per one-way trip and is good for one year from date of registration. The summer schedule with new pickup times and trips is available at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, from GEMS drivers or online at www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org. Check out our new Terrific Tuesday Trip every second & fourth Tuesday, leaving the Senior Center on the hour between 10 a.m. & 3 p.m. going to the Tuesday Market with stops at Gulfport Beach and Pavilion #6. 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. Riders must have a green schedule card to use this service. For more information call 893-2242 between 8 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Multipurpose Center

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 over 50 programs, classes and workshops offered right here in Gulfport. 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. If you have any interest in volunteering for the Center and are 18 years or older, please call Rachel at 893-1231 or stop by the Center at 5501 27th Avenue South.

The Senior Center's **singing group** meets in the dining area on Mondays at 2 p.m. The group is looking for a volunteer pianist. Please call Gail at 893-2237.

Like us on Facebook at **Gulfport Senior Center and Foundation**. Help our page grow and get daily valuable information!

Sign up today to enjoy all the classes and events offered at the Gulfport Senior Center. Ask Gail or Rachel to give you a tour! This is your Center! Pick up a copy of the March schedule at the Senior Center or online at www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org. The Senior Center currently offers 49 monthly classes for residents over 50 to choose. Membership required.

Ready to get fit and meet new friends? If you're over 50 visit the **Foundation Fitness Center** Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Fridays 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Annual membership is \$25 or \$40 a couple. Stop by the Multipurpose Center and take a tour of our state-of-the-art fitness facility.

Wartime era veterans & spouses are invited to the **Tour of Duty Conference** on Wednesday, May 22 at 2 p.m. Speakers Michael B. Osadchey from Lasting Legacy & Attorney Spiro Verras will discuss benefits veterans may not be aware of. Topics Include: Eligibility Requirements Benefit Coverage, Eligibility of Spouses, Advanced Directives, Wills & Probate. This event is sponsored by Lasting Legacy and is free to the public.

Want to learn more about Hospice? Join Janet Pattison for a free informational seminar on **Hospice and Caregiving** on Thursday, May 28 at 1 p.m.

Join Barbara Newborn at Scout Hall on Wednesday, May 29 at 1:30 p.m. for a talk on **The Empowerment of Healing**. Her FREE lecture will discuss methods and new insights into the amazing power of healing.

Sign up now for May **beginner and intermediate computer classes**. This month long course will help participants learn more about their computer and the internet. Call Rachel at 893-1231 for more information.

Dance Fusion classes are offered at Scout Hall every Monday at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Eastman guides participants through salsa-type line dancing moves followed by a Pilates cool down.

A representative from the Community Law Program visits the Multipurpose Center at 10 a.m. every third Friday offering **free legal help** for people over 60 who meet certain criteria. Call 582-7480 for more information.

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

Sunday, May 5	6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson with John 7 p.m. - Mario DeLeon's & Ballroom Dance (Turnout 35)
Tuesday, May 7	Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson with Carol Baker (Turnout 16) 1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 7) 2 p.m. - Ballroom dancing 6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 41)
Wednesday, May 8	10 a.m. - Senior Living Guide luncheon (Turnout 115) 6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime 8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 250)
Thursday, May 9	6:30 p.m. - Salsa lessons with Carol Rivera 8 p.m. - Salsa dance (Turnout 24)
Saturday, May 11	8 p.m. - Lakewood High School Prom (Turnout 253)

Casino (Upcoming Events):

Every Sunday	6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson 7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom dance Admission \$7
Every Monday	7 p.m. - Hustle dance lessons with Carol Baker
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	7 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera 8 p.m. - Salsa dance Admission \$7

Catherine Hickman Theater (last week's events)

Saturday, May 11, Noon - La Petite Academy Dance Recital (Turnout 170)

Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)

Friday, June 7, 7 p.m. - Gulfport Recreation Division First Friday Movie Night: *Casablanca* starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Free admission.

Monday - Friday, June 10 - 21, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - *Performing Arts Consortium of St. Petersburg Theater Summer Camp* for young performers. Two week tuition: \$325. For more information call 258-8315 or 345-4231.

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, May 5	9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 19) 6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous (Turnout 11)
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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

Scout Hall (Last week's events):

Monday - Friday	7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Monday, May 6	10:30 a.m. - Dance Fusion class 6:30 p.m. - Girl Scout meeting (Turnout 10)
Tuesday, May 7	11 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 13)
Wednesday, May 8	10:30 a.m. - Yoga class (Turnout 12)
Thursday, May 9	9:30 a.m. - Bob's Band practice
Friday, May 10	10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 7)

Scout Hall (Upcoming Events):

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

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

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Tuesday, May 7, 9 a.m. - *Community Involvement Consulting.*

Tuesday, May 7, 5:45 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open AA meeting.*

Wednesday, May 8, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, May 8, 3 p.m. - *Teen Zone*, facilitated by Sheri Stanley.

Thursday, May 9, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime for Preschoolers* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Friday, May 10, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Saturday, May 11, 10:30 a.m. - *Pinellas Energy Efficiency Project (PEEP) class.*

Saturday, May 11, 11 a.m. - *Saturday Crafternoon* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, May 28 - *SCORE Counseling*: FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals. Call 893-1073 FMI & to schedule an appointment.

Tuesday, May 21 & June 25, 1:30 p.m. - *Suncoast Hospice Bereavement Counseling for Widows & Widowers*. Participants must attend both sessions. Call 523-3455 to register.

Thursday, June 13, 1 p.m. - *iPad for Beginners Workshop*: Learn to use your new technology. Each session is limited to 15 participants. Call 893-1073 to reserve a seat.

Every first Tuesday of the month, 9 a.m. - *Community Involvement Consulting*. A representative from Congressman C.W. Bill Young's office provides information and solicits questions and concerns from the public. First come, first served.

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

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

Every Wednesday, 3 p.m. - *Teen Zone*. Challenge your friends on the latest XBOX 360 games or just hang out and enjoy free refreshments.

Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime*: Enjoy picture books selected to be read to preschool age children, in the Youth Services area at the rocking chair near the Easy books.

Every second Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m. - *Maya the Reading Assistance Dog*: Share a picture book with a beautiful Golden Retriever. Call 893-1073 to schedule an appointment.

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

Library Services/Statistic May 5 - 11, 2013:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,798	580
Sun. 5/5	7	8
Mon. 5/6	332	106
Tue. 5/7	325	104
Wed. 5/8	276	94
Thu. 5/9	319	93
Fri. 5/10	295	97
Sat. 5/11	244	78

Recreation Center

The game room is reserved 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, May 25 for a Birthday Party.

Programs, Classes & Activities

Contractual classes: Chair Yoga, Fencing, Gymnastics, Karate, Pickleball, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Tennis, Yoga and Zumba.

Forty six (46) children are registered for the **School Year Child Care Program**, a quality program that provides a nurturing atmosphere where children in Kindergarten through age 14 have the opportunity to experience recreational, social, creative and enriching activities. 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 \$110 for non-residents with monthly fees of \$146 for residents and \$292 for non-residents. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Gulfport Elementary, Bear Creek Elementary and Douglas Jamerson Elementary.

Twelve (12) children are registered for the 2012/13 **Tot Time Program**, and seven (7) 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. Both programs aim to make learning fun for children and help prepare them for Kindergarten.

Sixty six (66) teens are registered the **2012/13 Teen Night program**, a great hang out 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.

Ten (10) **FY2012/13 Skate Park** registrations have been issued to date.

Staff Activities

Marivel Gutierrez hosted the monthly Teen Council meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

Alton Hooker used the school bus to transport a group of Gulfport Elementary students to the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg on Thursday.

Marivel Gutierrez & John Lapham interviewed two (2) Summer Junior Counselor applicants on Thursday.

Marivel Gutierrez, John Lapham & Joanne McRoberts attended Summer Food Program Training on Tuesday afternoon.

Six **Teen Council** members attended the monthly meeting at City Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Topics discussed: Advisor report, the approval of April's minutes, criteria for a Scholarship Program and City Council Workshop Discussion.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 21 new, 0 closed
- Water payments: 1,390 totaling \$205,026.77
- On-Line Water payments: 97 transactions totaling \$11,042.69
- Bright House payments: 32
- Utility Bills Mailed 05/08/13: No billing this week
- Accounts Payable 05/03/13: 537 transactions totaling \$231,414.96
- Mail processed 05/08/13: 592 pieces totaling \$339.85
- Purchasing Cards April report: 247 transactions totaling \$33,590.66

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 39 Emergency Medical Calls
- 5 Structure Fires
- 2 Fire Alarms
- 5 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Fire Outside Structure
- 1 Electrical Hazard
- 1 Odor/Smoke Invest

Life Safety:

- 22 Fire Inspections
- 3 Re Inspections

- 1 C.O.

The **CERT Team** meets monthly at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. The next meeting is 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21. For more information visit www.gulfportcert.com or call Bob Worthington at 916-8014.

Staff Activities:

- Gulfport Firefighters continued online training with Target Solutions on HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response) under Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standard 1910.120 "Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response" this week. The standard contains the safety requirements employers and their sub-contractors or public sector responders must meet in order to conduct clean-ups or emergency response operations.
- City Manager Jim O'Reilly and Chief Marenkovic along with other Pinellas County city Managers & Pinellas County Fire Chiefs met with Fitch & Associates on May 7 for a preliminary review of the Pinellas County EMS Study.
- Chief Marenkovic attended a Pinellas County Damage Assessment Workshop on May 15 to discuss new Web EOC Software for recording initial and detailed damage assessments in the event of a storm. Topics were: Definitions of the components of Damage Assessment; Inventory of new tools available to Municipalities/Jurisdictions for the process, and; Sharing of intended Municipal/Jurisdictional procedures for each component.
- Gulfport Firefighter EMTs & Paramedics have commenced May St. Petersburg College Online CME: Pulmonary - Practical Patient Assessment and Care.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance:

- Arranged and supervised monthly pest control at all City buildings.
- Cleared handicap sink drain in Casino Ladies' Room.
- Reset floor tile in Historical Building storage area.
- Replaced ballasts, lamps & GFI, and added junction box for marquee sign at Casino.
- Replaced A/C filters on all City buildings.
- Reset water fountain compressor in Library lobby.
- Created curtain arrangement at Recreation Center in preparation for Tot Time Graduation.
- Picked up City vehicle in Tampa following repairs.
- Delivered mail to main Post Office.
- Performed routine daily maintenance duties at all City buildings.

Streets & Sanitation:

- Delivered recycling bins with information sheets.
- Completed billable work orders for brush, Code Enforcement, trash/furniture and electronics.
- Continued curbside bagged leaves pick-up.
- Removed and disposed of animal carcasses from City rights of way.
- Completed asphalt patchwork at numerous City locations.
- Assembled and delivered new 40 gallon automated containers to residences.
- Completed asphalt patchwork per direction.

- Trimmed and cleared debris from traffic control devices at 4-way stop.
- Installed new street signs and brackets at 57th Street & Tangerine Avenue.
- Removed traffic control signage per direction.
- Reset storm drain lid at 58th Street & 20th Avenue.
- Removed tree root pile from beach area and filled & graded site following water break.
- Removed debris and graded beach area around storm water outfall box.
- Cleaned storm drains at 52nd Street & 13th Avenue.
- Installed “No Parking” signs at 49th Street & Tangerine Avenue and at Essex Avenue between 54th & 55th Streets per Police Department.
- Completed asphalt roadwork at 64th Street & Gulfport Boulevard.
- Received new software for Streets & Sanitation Department.
- Removed illegal dumping at Gulfport Marina.
- Replaced sidewalk at 56th Street & 12th Avenue.
- Continued street and curb sweeping.
- Restocked recycled mulch pile at 1617 49th Street.
- Reset traffic signs along Gulfport Boulevard.

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 # 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 38 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 80 Customer Service-generated miscellaneous service orders.
- Completed 2 Sunshine One-Call Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Replaced 2 meters that were stuck and not recording water usage.
- Reviewed permit application for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach for quality testing.
- Completed semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP.
- Completed annual DEP required testing of 20 backflow devices due in May.
- Installed new box and service line at 2001 49th Street.
- Repaired water line that supplies Beach bathrooms.

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.
- Replaced radiator in generator at Fire Department.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced brakes, rear wheel cylinders, seals & axle locks on Parks Department Vehicle #85.
- Performed preventative maintenance on Fire truck #E17.
- Drained fuel tank, replaced both in-tank fuel pumps, and refilled tank on Police Vehicle #111.
- Repaired driver's door hinge area on Police Vehicle #02

- Repaired power steering fluid leak on Sanitation Truck #45.
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various City vehicles.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Don't take chances with unlicensed contractors

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

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 (727) 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 check their website at www.pcclb.com.

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 beginning home improvement projects give us a call at 893-1024 to discuss plans and inspections that may be necessary, to explain code requirements and help you through the process.

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

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

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.

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