



# *Gulfport Community Update*

*June 8 - 14, 2014*

## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

From dunk tanks, to duck races, the **Third Annual Aquamania** brought revelers to Boca Ciega Bay on June 7. Photos below: Mayor Sam Henderson's daughter Brinna is taking a shot at her dad. Vice Mayor Christine Brown enjoying the day with her daughter Elizabeth and Councilmembers Yolanda Roman and Michael Fridovich play a round of beach golf. Lower right image are firefighters, Burford and Lieutenant Huffman who ensured safety first during the event.



**2014 Hurricane Implementation Guides** are available at City Hall, the Gulfport Library and the Fire Station. Hurricane season in the Atlantic began on June 1 and ends November 30. Have a plan and remember to restock your hurricane kits.

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. For more information about the Market visit [www.gulfportma.com](http://www.gulfportma.com), or call Susan Blankenship at 453-9093 or Chris Spencer at 902-2326, or email [FreshMarket@GulfportMA.com](mailto:FreshMarket@GulfportMA.com).

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

Everyone is invited to the **City of Gulfport's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration** in the Waterfront District. The day's events begin with a kid's Fishing Derby at the Recreation Center Seawall at 8 a.m. The theme for this year's Family Sand Sculpture Contest from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. is Nautical. The little ones will have a great time at KIDZONE on Gulfport Beach behind the Recreation Center from noon until 6 p.m. Food, fun, art and crafts vendors will offer their wares from 4 until 10 p.m. Live musical entertainment sets the Casino stage with the Eacho84 Band from 5 until 9 p.m. No 4<sup>th</sup> of July would be complete without a Parade on Beach Boulevard at 6 p.m. Meet the Mayor & City Council on the Casino main stage at 7 p.m., then stick around for the spectacular fireworks at 9:15 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the City of Gulfport **Crime Awareness meeting** at the Neighborhood Center at 1617 49<sup>th</sup> Street at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month beginning July 7. For more information call 893-1111.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### ***Calls for Service:***

Dispatch calls for service	151
Self-initiated calls for service	423
Offenses	46
Arrests	4
Traffic citations	50

#### **Significant incidents or calls this week:**

Officers responded to the 2400 block of 50<sup>th</sup> Street South on June 5 after a resident reported that a subject called her several times and left messages in violation of an injunction. The investigation continues.

An officer was dispatched to the 2700 block of 50<sup>th</sup> Street after a resident reported she was contacted by phone by a man claiming he was with the IRS and that she needed to pay a penalty of \$4,000 immediately or the police would arrest her. She purchased \$4,000 worth of green dot cards from Walgreens, called the suspect and gave him the PIN numbers from the back of the cards which he used to transfer the money to another account.

Bryan Layman turned himself in to the GPD for an outstanding dealing in stolen property warrant. He was transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

A resident in the 2400 block of 54<sup>th</sup> Street South reported he heard glass breaking at a vacant house nearby. Officers discovered 2 windows smashed on the south side of the house. The caller did not see the suspect(s).

Officers responded to the beachfront on June 7 to assist with near-drowning after a child was found floating face down in the water. Another child swimming in the area alerted an adult who carried the child out of the water, and off duty nurse and off duty paramedic started CPR. The child was transported to All Children's Hospital and is expected to make a full recovery.

A resident in the 3100 block of Clinton Street South reported an unlocked bicycle was stolen from their carport. The bike's serial number was entered in the state database.

Officers responded to the report of a vehicle burglary in the area of 57<sup>th</sup> Street & 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The vehicle was not locked and a stereo, cell phone and DVDs were taken.

A resident reported on the morning of June 8 that sometime over night an unknown person made entry to her unlocked vehicle in the 4300 block of 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue and stole a Bluetooth headset.

Officers responded to Tomlinson Park regarding juveniles swimming in the retention pond. They advised them that swimming is not allowed in the pond.

Officers were called to the 1800 block of 52<sup>nd</sup> Street regarding 2 females fighting outside a residence. The parties were separated and sent home. Neither was injured nor did they wish to prosecute.

An officer stopped a vehicle in the 5100 block of Gulfport Boulevard for speeding, and noticed that the driver appeared to be impaired. Following a DUI investigation the driver was arrested. He refused to submit to a breath test.

An officer responded to the 6200 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary. Entry was made to an unlocked vehicle and the glove compartment was rummaged through, but nothing was taken.

An officer stopped a vehicle driving with no head lights as it entered a one-way exit at Town Shores. The driver told the officer he was impaired, but refused to perform field sobriety tasks. He was arrested based on the officer's observations and his own admission that he was intoxicated. A breath test revealed his breath alcohol level was .187 and .183.

An officer responded to the 1700 block of 53<sup>rd</sup> Street after a caller reported she was house sitting for her sister, and discovered her sister's car had been stolen. It appears a known suspect made entry to the house without permission and took the car and a credit card that was subsequently activated and used fraudulently. The car was eventually returned to the house.

A resident reported their house was burglarized sometime between 7:30 a.m. & 5:45 p.m. Six flat screen TV's were stolen. A neighbor reported that a black male juvenile was seen carrying things out of the house.

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) detective requested an officer respond to the 5300 block of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to locate a subject they have felony probable cause for. As officers approached the house, the subject fled on foot. The PCSO helicopter responded as did a PCSO K9 to help search for the subject without success.

A resident in the 4900 block of Newton Avenue reported that two juveniles were captured on a surveillance camera looking into his vehicle in his driveway. They did not enter the vehicle.

An officer responded to the 900 block of 59<sup>th</sup> Street after a caller reported that a glass storm door was broken on a vacant house. The house had been vacant for several months and it is unknown who actually owns the property.

A juvenile reported that he left his bike outside the mini market in the 2800 block of Beach Boulevard, and as he exited the store he saw a juvenile that appeared to be someone he knew from school riding away on his bike. The bike was not locked, but was later recovered when an officer saw it while on an unrelated call.

**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 manned the Marine Unit during the Aqua Mania event on Saturday. While working at the festival, he investigated a near drowning incident involving a three year-old boy. The boy was taken to All Children's Hospital and is expected to make a full recovery. He also investigated a lewd or lascivious battery involving a 13 year-old boy and 8 year-old girl. The investigation is ongoing.

Detective Jennifer Crowson spent the majority of the week in sex crimes investigations training.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Langston and SRO have been temporarily assigned to patrol while school is out for summer break.

Margaret Palmisano was on leave this week.

**Records Section**

Reports reviewed:	16
Supplements reviewed:	33
Public records requests:	4
Reports disseminated:	14
Background checks:	0
Bike registrations:	1
Fingerprints:	0
Subpoenas processed:	11
Citizens assisted:	23

## **MARINA**

Pumped four thousand four hundred thirty six (4,436) gallons of gas, and two thousand three hundred seventy seven (2,377) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred thirty eight (138) vessels.

Assisted in forty four (44) pump outs evacuating seven hundred sixty (760) gallons of waste.

### **Transient Vessels:**

Staff welcomed a 30' powerboat, 33' powerboat and a 45' powerboat this week.

### **Staff Activities:**

- Straightened parking blocks in west parking lot.
- Cleaned dock boxes on pier six.
- Cleaned dingy in storage area.
- Cleaned and inspected diesel and gas sumps.
- Replaced fuel filter on dispenser two.

## **LEISURE SERVICES**

### **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-615](http://www.mygulfport.us/gtv-615). Spread the word!

- Distributed press releases to Gabber, and weekly Constant Contact newsletter to email distribution list.
- Rebooted TV station equipment.
- Continued updates and enhancements to mygulfport.us domain.
- Continued organizing Fiscal Year 2014/15 events schedule.
- Continued preparations for Hurricane Conference, Flag Day & 4<sup>th</sup> of July events.
- Updated City Clerk & Recreation Center pages on City website.
- Provided control room coverage for June 11 Board of Adjustment meeting, and rebroadcast on GTV615 the following day.
- Uploaded Hurricane Seminar video to City's Youtube site and GTV615.
- Commenced production of Fire Chief Marenkovic's Fireworks Safety PSA video.

### **Multipurpose Center**

The Gulfport Multipurpose Center invites everyone 50+ to sign up for free. The Center is open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, & Fridays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Like us on Facebook at Gulfport Senior Center and Foundation. Help our page grow and get daily valuable information! Stop by the Senior Center for a copy of this month's calendar or download your copy at [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us).

The Senior Center participates in the **Neighborly Dining & Meals on Wheels** programs, offering lunches for seniors 60 and older. Call Joe at 344-2111 to inquire about the program or to lend a hand as a volunteer driver.

The **Gulfport Multipurpose Center Pantry** is in need of peanut butter, tuna, dry cereal, pasta sauce, soups & canned meats. The pantry is open 1 - 3 p.m. every Tuesday & Thursday for qualified Gulfport residents 50 and older. Applicants should bring a photo I.D., a utility bill or bank statement and proof of income (SSI). For more information please see Gail or Rachel, or call 893-1231.

The Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center has **multiple volunteer opportunities** available. If you want to make a difference and help your community, come join the volunteer program at the Senior Center. It's a great way to meet new friends and to get acquainted with more than 50 programs, classes and workshops. Volunteers assist as Lobby Receptionist, Fitness Center Attendants, Reassurance Callers, Class/Activity Instructors, Special Events, Food Pantry, Clerical Support, Flea Market, Promotions, Bingo, Card/Magazine organizing, etc. Call Rachel at 893-1231 or stop by the Center at 5501 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue South for more information.

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.

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.

Join personal banker Jonathan Bechtel and learn how to avoid the **Seven Biggest Misconceptions Seniors Have About Their Finances** on Wednesday, June 25 at 2 p.m.

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.

**Happy Birthday to You!** Help us celebrate Senior Center members' June birthdays with cake, games and more at 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 27. This monthly event is sponsored by Dolphin's View.

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 July 1. Meet new friends and learn great tips from financial advisor Scott O'Berry over coffee and doughnuts.

Gulfport Library will offer **free computer classes** at the Senior Center every week beginning in July. The beginner class at 2 p.m. every Tuesday will provide basic computer functions. Ready to learn more? The advanced class will be every Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Eat, Drink, & Celebrate Freedom at a **Good Old Fashioned Bar-b-Q** with hotdogs, potato salad, watermelon, dessert, & lots of fun. The Stars & Stripes BBQ is Thursday, July 3 at 1 p.m. Get your tickets now for only \$5.00 each.

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 July 7. You **MUST** call 893-1231 to schedule a screening.

Watch a free, current movie and get a \$3 lunch deal during **Movie Day at the Snack Bar** at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 8.

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 July 10.

Everyone is welcome at the **Dolphin's View Healthy Heart Cooking Class** at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, July 10.

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

Volunteers for the **Reassurance Telephone Program** call Gulfport seniors every Monday through Saturday between 7:30 & 8:30 a.m. To sign up for this program visit the Gulfport Senior Center and bring valid I.D.

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Casino (*last week's events*):**

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| Sunday, June 1    | 6 p.m. - Ballroom Fusion dance hosted by Swingtime (Turnout 208)  |
| Monday, June 2    | 9 a.m. - Hamilton-Disston School Graduation/Banquet (Turnout 200)   |
| Tuesday, June 3   | 9 a.m. - Tai Chi (Turnout 22)<br>12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker<br>2 p.m. - Ballroom dance (Turnout 24)<br>6:30 p.m. - Beginning Argentine Tango lesson<br>8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 42) |
| Wednesday, June 4 | 6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime<br>7 p.m. - Swing Dance Lesson<br>8 p.m. - Swing Dance (Turnout 215)   |
| Thursday, June 5  | 9 a.m. - Tai Chi (Turnout 22)<br>6:30 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera<br>8 p.m. - Salsa dance Admission \$7 (Turnout 27)  |
| Friday, June 6    | 7 p.m. - PARC Banquet (Turnout 188)   |
| Saturday, June 7  | 11 a.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 110)   |

#### **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
- Saturday, June 14        6 pm - Dinner Dance w/Maggio Total Sound. Advance tickets \$12.50, and  
                                  pre-ordered dinner is \$15. Both can be purchased at the Gulfport Casino  
                                  & Beach Bazaar. To reserve an entire table call 804-5325.

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

Friday, June 6, 6 p.m. - Jude Bagatti "About Face" Photography Show (Turnout 14)

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

- Sunday, June 1            9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 38)  
                                  6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous
- Tuesday, June 3           10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 13)
- Thursday, June 5        10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 12)  
                                  2:30 p.m. - Juvenile Welfare Board meeting (Turnout 40)

**Neighborhood Center (*upcoming events*):**

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

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

- Monday - Friday           7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
- Monday, June 2            11 a.m. - Chair yoga (Turnout 19)
- Wednesday, June 4       11 a.m. - Yoga (Turnout 12)
- Friday, June 6            10 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 9)
- Saturday, June 7           2 p.m. - Baby Shower (Turnout 40)

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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:**

Monday, June 3, 3 p.m. - *Science Club*.

Monday, June 3, 3 p.m. - *Earth Scouts*.

Tuesday, June 3, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting*.

Wednesday, June 4, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers meeting*.

Wednesday, June 4, 1 p.m. - *Library Renovation Committee meeting*.

Wednesday, June 4, 3 p.m. - *Teen Zone*.

Wednesday, June 4, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*.

Thursday, June 5, 10:30 a.m. - *StoryTime*.

Thursday, June 5, 1 p.m. - *iPad for Beginners workshop*.

Thursday, June 5, 3 p.m. - *Family Yoga*.

Friday, June 6, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club*.

### **Upcoming Events:**

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

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.

Saturday, June 28, 2 p.m. - *Home Gardening*: Struggling to get sprouted? Ongoing garden gripes? Join us at the launch of our gardening class which will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month. Master Gardener Val Boyles shares her expertise to help you get budding along! Attendees are invited to stay after class and informally discuss their gardening-related issues.

Monday, June 30, 5 p.m. - *Acoustic Jam Session*: Join in and get in touch with your musical self. For more information call Alex at 893-1073.

Tuesday, July 1, 3 p.m. - *Earth Scouts*: Activities for school-age children and teens. Parents welcome. For more information email [gratefulashly@gmail.com](mailto:gratefulashly@gmail.com).

Thursday, July 3, 1 p.m. - *Beginning iPad Workshop*: Learn to use and enjoy your new technology. Pre-register for this very popular class at the Reference Desk or call 893-1073.

Every Friday beginning July 11, 10 a.m. - *Meditation Classes*: Ted Leitho leads the group in a series of six relaxing sessions. Bring a pillow to sit on the floor if you wish, and explore the wisdom of Katha Upanisad, translated by Swami Lokeswarananda. For more information call 893-1073.

Saturday, July 12, 11 a.m. - *Beginning Digital Camera Workshop*: Cathy Salustri returns to show you how in this popular class. Space is limited. Stop by the Reference Desk or call 893-1073 to pre-register.

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

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

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](mailto: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 June 1 - 7, 2014:**

##### **Items Circulated Patrons**

Weekly Circulation:	1,776	610
Sun. 6/1	Library closed	
Mon. 6/2	231	92
Tue. 6/3	319	122
Wed. 6/4	417	112
Thu. 6/5	321	111
Fri. 6/6	255	90
Sat. 6/7	221	72

#### **Recreation Center**

The multipurpose room is reserved for baby showers: 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**

The **School Year Child Care Program** ended with a total of fifty-six (56) children registered

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 two (102) 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 met with Justin Shea and the Coordinators for the Tampa Bay Beach Bums at the Casino on Friday afternoon.

Shanoah Washington and Tony Hooker manned the water slides during the Aquamania Event on Saturday.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **Customer Service and Finance**

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 20 new, 20 closed
- Water payments: 1,310 totaling \$199,809.78
- On-Line Water payments: 169 transactions totaling \$9,988.05
- Bright House payments: 23
- Utility Bills Mailed 1,254
- Payroll 6/6/14: 170 transactions totaling \$171,988.66

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **Calls for Service:**

- 46 Emergency Medical Calls
- 4 Structure Fires
- 1 Fire Alarm
- 1 Vehicle Crash

### **Life Safety:**

- 1 Fire Inspection
- 2 Smoke Detectors

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** meets monthly at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center, 5501 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.gulfportcert.com).

### **Staff Activities:**

- The County Administrator hosted a meeting on June 11 discuss a tentative agreement with ALS contracts for all providers. The Fire Chief, City Manager and the City Attorney were all present.
- The Gulfport Fire Department participated in the presentation of the colors at the Flag Day Ceremony in Veterans Park on June 13.
- Lieutenant Huffman and Firefighter Paramedic Burford manned Special Rescue 17 at the Aqua-Mania event on June 7.

A message from Fire Chief James Marenkovic: An emergency is when something happens and you need the Police, FIRE or EMS agencies. An emergency is any serious medical problem, any type of fire, any life threatening situation, and any crime in progress. Remember 9-1-1 is the number to dial when you have an emergency!

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Building Maintenance**

- Completed annual testing of fire systems at Senior Center and Neighborhood Center.
- Re-plumbed ice machine drain and assisted with several event set-ups at Senior Center.
- Cleaned Casino dance floor.
- Replaced ¾" hose bib outside Historical Building.
- Repaired two tables at Recreation Center.
- Repaired desk for Finance Director.
- Delivered mail to main Post Office for billing department.
- Replaced towel machine at Fire Department.
- Ran errands to Tampa for Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor.
- Removed electrical items from Police Department for disposal.
- Installed new air conditioning unit with condenser in bunk/locker room at Fire Station.

### **Parks**

- Continued work on tree lights and electrical outlets, and adjusted light timers along Beach Boulevard.
- Repaired fence at Tomlinson Park.
- Continued repainting and repairing wooden barricades.
- Installed electrical outlets at Casino for outside staging.
- Relocated signs at Pavilion #6 & bocce ball court.
- Replaced swing hangers and S hooks on bench swing on beach.
- Replaced sky handle on playground at Caldwell Park.
- Removed past event banners on Gulfport Boulevard and installed upcoming event banners.
- Relocated picnic tables from pavilion 7 in preparation for construction.
- Reset trash cans on beach.
- Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades, and replaced carburetor and recoil spring on chainsaw.
- Repaired irrigation at Caldwell & Tonkin Parks and Library.
- Hand raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.
- Trimmed, weeded & cleaned Veterans Park, Beach Boulevard streetscapes and Clymer Park.
- Mowed & trimmed Clymer Park, City Complex, Library, Senior Center, Tonkin Park, Chase block, Dog Park, Hoyt Field perimeter, 28th Street South signage area, Clam bayou, Pinellas Trail spur, Tangerine greenways Tomlinson Park and Tangerine lake pond.
- 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 & 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.
- Palletized electronics for pickup by Creative Recycling Systems.
- Completed roadway asphalt work at 56<sup>th</sup> Street & 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Repaired concrete at Seaside Villas.
- Removed debris from Beach parking lot following weekend “Aquamania” event.
- Removed and disposed of construction materials left in alleyway at 56<sup>th</sup> Street & 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.
- Removed and disposed of debris at 49<sup>th</sup> Street holding area, and restocked recycled mulch bin.
- Removed brush piles and tree trimmings from City parks.

### **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 27 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 12 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off.
- Completed 106 miscellaneous Customer Service Department generated service orders.
- Completed 10 Sunshine One-Call Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Reviewed permit application for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach for quality testing.
- Continued semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP.
- Installed new water service and backflows at 1819 49<sup>th</sup> Street; 1807 49<sup>th</sup> Street; 1801 49<sup>th</sup> Street; 4914 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and; 4919 Tangerine Avenue.
- Installed new water service at 5101 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 5103 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and; 4916 18<sup>th</sup> 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**

- Repaired A/C system on Recreation Bus #68.

- Replaced leaking wheel seal and air brake hose on Sanitation Truck #46.
- Repaired DPF exhaust system on Sanitation Truck #31.
- Replaced belt tensioner pulley and belt on Lightning Loader #29.
- Replaced ignition lock tumbler on Water Department Vehicle #78.
- 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.mygulfpport.us](http://www.mygulfpport.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](http://www.pcclb.com).

**Code Enforcement** activities continue in Section 2 of the City, also known as the Northeast Area which generally extends north to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, south to Gulfport Boulevard, west to 58<sup>th</sup> Street and east to 49<sup>th</sup> Street.

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](http://www.mygulfport.us).

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

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. P&Z RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.

#### **June 11, 2014 Board of Adjustment results:**

- V14 - 11: 1826 58<sup>th</sup> 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. ALL VARIANCE REQUESTS APPROVED.
- 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. APPROVED.