



Gulfport Community Update

June 15 - 21, 2014

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

The **Second Annual Rays Car Show** is scheduled for 9 a.m. Sunday, June 22 in Tropicana Field parking lot #7. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Fallen Officers Fund. For additional details please contact Phil Reed at 327-3509 or email JSRtraining@aol.com. Then enjoy a discounted Lower Level seat for just \$30 as the Rays take on the Houston Astros, and visit the City of Gulfport at the Rays Community Corner behind section 108. The Community Corner plays host throughout the season to a variety of local nonprofit organizations to raise awareness for their causes. Representatives from the City of Gulfport will distribute information to promote local programs and answer questions. The Community Corner is accessible until the end of the second inning.

Gulfport City Hall and facilities will be closed on Friday, July 4 in observance of **Independence Day**. Thursday's sanitation route will be collected on Wednesday, July 2, Friday's route will be collected on Thursday, July 3 and there will be no Wednesday yard waste collection.

2014 Hurricane Implementation Guides are available at Gulfport City Hall, Library and 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.

Upcoming Events:

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.

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

Everyone is invited to the **City of Gulfport's 4th 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. Registration begins at 7:30 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 4th 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 6:30 p.m., then stick around for the spectacular fireworks at 9:05 p.m.

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

It's that time again! The **14th Annual Summer One Acts** returns the Catherine Hickman Theater July 10 - 20. Show times are 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday & Saturday, and Sundays at 2 p.m. The lineup consists of a combination of comedies, dramas and even one musical! Tickets

are on sale now at the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Boulevard; Gulfport Beach Bazaar, 3115 Beach Boulevard, and; Funkytown Resale Boutique, 5401 Gulfport Boulevard.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

Dispatch calls for service	144
Self-initiated calls for service	425
Offenses	32
Arrests	6
Traffic citations	33

Significant incidents or calls this week:

Jorge Galvan was arrested on June 12 on a warrant for failure to appear after he requested an officer to stand by while he retrieved his property. He was allowed to retrieve his property before being transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

Officers responded to the 3000 block of Clinton Street to assist rescue personnel with an irate subject. It was determined that John Graham battered one of the responding rescue personnel, and he was arrested.

A vehicle backed into a police cruiser legally parked in a parking spot at Regions Bank. The driver performed poorly on Field Sobriety Tasks and was arrested. Her breath test results were .22/.21, nearly 3 times the legal limit. There was no damage to either vehicle.

Officer Mills observed Jason Burns walking down the street in the area of Tangerine Avenue & 51st Street on the morning of June 13. Officers had attempted to locate him a few nights prior on a warrant issued by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. Burns ran and subsequently hid under a residence in the area when Officer Mills attempted to make contact. A St. Pete Police K9 handler and his K9 partner convinced Burns to come out and he arrested.

Officers arrested a man on multiple warrants after he gave a false name to avoid apprehension. He was taken into custody while inside a fast food restaurant on Gulfport Boulevard.

An officer was flagged down by two females in the 1400 block of 58th Street who requested a ride home because they ran out of gas. A check of the tag on the vehicle they were driving revealed it was stolen from another state. They were arrested for grand theft auto and possession of a controlled substance.

Ofc. Wodraska made contact with a boater whose sailboat had drifted into the Williams Pier on June 14. A witness informed Ofc. Wodraska that another boater had boarded the victim's vessel, cut the anchor lines and threw the generator overboard. The suspect, Johnathon Mashburn admitted to committing the crime because he thought the victim boarded his boat and cut his intake lines, causing his boat to sink. Mashburn was arrested for burglary and felony criminal mischief.

An employee at Family Dollar reported on the afternoon of June 15 that a female grabbed an armful of clothes and ran out of a store. She escaped in a car driven by a white male. The tag on the car was covered by a piece of paper.

A resident in the 5400 block of 13th Avenue discovered on the morning of June 16 that someone had entered his home during the night, took his keys from the wall inside the kitchen and stole his vehicle from the driveway. The television in the living room was moved, and a laptop was removed from the kitchen table and placed on the floor. The resident's daughter apparently forgot to lock the door.

A resident in the 3000 block of 54th Street reported that her former caregiver stole a 1.5 carat diamond ring from her home and pawned it without her permission.

A male and female entered the Family Dollar store and the female loaded a cart with 8 large bottles of laundry detergent. An employee attempted to stop her at the front door but she pushed the cart outside where the male grabbed it and ran away with the merchandise.

Officers responded to the 3100 block of Clinton Street on June 17 regarding a young male seen on the property looking into the carport. He fled when the resident came outside. He was located and denied being on the property.

Chief Vincent observed a vehicle stolen the previous morning from the 5400 block of 13th Avenue. He attempted to set up surveillance, but the suspect driver recognized the Chief's unmarked vehicle, and drove away at a dangerously high speed. Chief Vincent pursued the vehicle from 47th Street & 22nd Avenue to 9th Avenue before terminating the pursuit.

Officer Marshall trained on the Marine Unit with Officer Cavanah for 3 hours on June 18. They made contact with 6 boaters during that time.

Investigations:

New Cases:	20
Cases Assigned:	3
Cases Suspended-No Leads:	8
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	0
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	1
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	8
Cases referred back to patrol:	0
Supplements Received:	24
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	1
Previously Cleared With Arrest	2
Cases Suspended-No Leads:	4
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	1
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Still Active:	16

Detective Pham Developed probable cause for the arrest of Bryon Bukowki for residential burglary. Bukowski is also believed to be involved in a vehicle burglary. He is in the Pinellas County Jail on unrelated charges.

Detective Crowson Attended Sex Crimes Investigations and Social Network Investigations training this week, and investigated a late reported sexual battery on a minor.

Crime Analyst Palmisano created and distributed three "attempt to id" bulletins; compiled and distributed a list of stolen bicycles; compiled the monthly PCSO call out report; created a crime prevention flyer to be posted on Facebook; completed pawn checks on 19 cases with a known serial number or suspect, and; set up alerts on 6 items with a known serial number.

Records Section

Reports reviewed:	11
Supplements reviewed:	86
Public records requests:	14
Background checks:	0
Bike registrations:	2
Fingerprints:	2
Subpoenas processed:	14
Citizens assisted:	32

MARINA

Pumped two thousand eight hundred seventy nine (2,879) gallons of gas, and one thousand three hundred sixty four (1,364) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling ninety six (96) vessels.

Assisted in forty (40) pump outs evacuating six hundred seventy (670) gallons of waste.

Transient Vessels:

Staff welcomed 2 30' sailboats, a 32' sailboat, 33' sailboat, 34' sailboat, 45' sailboat, 40' motor yacht & 30' motorboat this week.

Staff Activities:

- Dropped hazard buoy on sunken vessel in Boca Ciega.
- Cleaned shrimp tank pick up.
- Repaired fuel dispenser pump two.
- Procured drinks for resale.
- Read and calculated electrical readings.

LEISURE SERVICES

Technical Events

Visit www.mygulfport.us or www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfport to watch videos of recent City events. Cable and DSL internet users can access live and web stream rebroadcasts at www.mygulfport.us/gtv-615. Spread the word!

- Distributed press releases to Gabber, and weekly Constant Contact newsletter to email distribution list.
- Rebooted TV station equipment.
- Continued updates and enhancements to mygulfport.us domain.
- Continued organizing Fiscal Year 2014/15 events schedule.
- Continued preparations for 4th of July events, and confirmed food vendors.
- Provided control room coverage for June 17 City Council meeting, and rebroadcast on GTV615.
- Contacted organizer regarding Trolley lineup for Pride Parade.
- Distributed July calendars and commenced preparation of August calendar.
- Distributed City Newsletter and calendars to Tuesday Market vendors.
- Attended Granicus training on June 19 via Goto Meeting.
- Continued 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.

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.

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. the 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. Learn basic computer functions with our beginner class at 2 p.m. every Tuesday. Ready to learn more? The advanced class will be every Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Eat, Drink, & Celebrate Freedom at the **Stars & Stripes BBQ** with hotdogs, potato salad, watermelon, dessert, & lots of fun on Thursday, July 3 at 1 p.m. Get your tickets now for only \$5.00 each.

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.

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

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, July 17, and let's explore the world together! The group hosts a new guest speaker every month.

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 8 | 6 p.m. - Ballroom Fusion dance hosted by Swingtime (Turnout 208)
7 pm - Mario Deleon's Band & Ballroom dance (Turnout 57) |
| Tuesday, June 10 | 9 a.m. - Tai Chi (Turnout 22)
12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker
2 p.m. - Ballroom dance (Turnout 28)
6:30 p.m. - Beginning Argentine Tango lesson
8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 45) |
| Wednesday, June 11 | 6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime
7 p.m. - Swing Dance Lesson
8 p.m. - Swing Dance (Turnout 195) |
| Thursday, June 12 | 9 a.m. - Tai Chi (Turnout 21)
6:30 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera
8 p.m. - Salsa dance (Turnout 25) |
| Saturday, June 14 | 6 pm - Dinner Dance w/Maggio Total Sound (Turnout 184) |

Casino (*upcoming events*):

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| 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

Catherine Hickman Theater (*upcoming events*):

Saturday, June 21, 6 p.m. - United For Christ Church Fashion Show & Silent Auction

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

Sunday, June 8 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 19)
6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday, June 10 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 10)

Thursday, June 12 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 14)

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 9 11 a.m. - Chair yoga (Turnout 23)

Wednesday, June 11 11 a.m. - Yoga (Turnout 8)

Friday, June 13 10 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 9)

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:

Monday, June 9, 3 p.m. - *Summer Reading program for grades K-5.*

Tuesday, June 10, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.*

Wednesday, June 11, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, June 11, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters.*

Thursday, June 12, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime.*

Thursday, June 12, 3 p.m. - *Family Yoga.*

Friday, June 13, 10 a.m. - *ACA Healthcare Navigator Informational Assistance.*

Friday, June 13, 10:30 a.m. - *Independent Filmmakers meeting.*

Friday, June 13, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Upcoming Events:

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.

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 will lead participants 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, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*. For more information contact Robin Riddell at rriddell@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 8-14, 2014:

	Items Circulated	Patrons
Weekly Circulation:	1,973	611
Sun. 6/8	Library closed	
Mon. 6/9	407	101
Tue. 6/10	307	113
Wed. 6/11	359	106
Thu. 6/12	318	105
Fri. 6/13	285	102
Sat. 6/14	268	67

Recreation Center

The multipurpose room was rented 3-7 p.m. Saturday, June 14 for a baby shower with approximately fifty (50) in attendance.

The multipurpose room is reserved noon - 4 p.m. Saturday June 21 for a birthday party and noon - 5 p.m. Saturday June 28 for a baby shower.

Programs, Classes & Activities

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

One hundred eight (108) 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 four (104) 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 Tim Connor and Wayne from Project Innovations on Thursday morning to discuss playground replacement.

Marivel Gutierrez met with Bob Hankin from Smith Fence on Friday morning to get an estimate to replace the fence at Tonkin Park.

Alton Hooker worked the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

Four **Teen Council** members were in attendance at the monthly meeting on Friday afternoon. Advisor Marivel Gutierrez and Vice-Mayor Christine Brown also attended. Topics discussed: Advisor report, approval of the April minutes, Mission Statement, Members' terms and New Business. There was also a presentation by Kidz Bite Back (photos below).



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 28 new, 24 closed
- Water payments: 1075 totaling \$132,785.58
- Utility Bills Mailed 06/18/14: 1657
- Bright House: 16
- On-Line Water payments: 171 transactions totaling \$9,405.81
- Accounts Payable 06/13/14: 724 transactions totaling \$543,136.21
- Mail processed: 498 pieces totaling \$694.90

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 40 Emergency Medical Calls
- 1 Trauma Alert
- 1 Structure Fire
- 1 Fire Alarm
- 1 Fire Outside Structure
- 1 Vehicle Crash

Life Safety:

- 1 C.O
- 4 Plans Review

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** meets monthly at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. The next meeting is Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m. For more information call 916-8014 or visit www.gulfportcert.com.

Staff Activities:

- The County Administrator and staff have scheduled a meeting for June 26 to discuss final agreements of the ALS Contracts with providers.
- Gulfport Fire & Rescue have begun their June CME online course. This will introduce a new approach to pediatric emergencies in Pinellas County EMS, the Handtevy™ System from Pediatric Emergency Standards developed by Dr. Peter Antevy. We gratefully acknowledge the support of Dr. Antevy and Pediatric Emergency Standards in granting permission for the use of their training materials in support of our training and education efforts for PCEMS.
- A Paramedic Student from St. Petersburg College Field Internship Program continues his ride along with Firefighter/Paramedic Burford on the “B”- shift as his preceptor.
- Chief Marenkovic and the City Manager met with a local artist on June 18 to discuss the placement of Public Art in front of the Gulfport Casino.

June is National Safety Month, and this year's theme is *Safety: It Takes all of Us*, inspired by the idea of continuous risk reduction - a key pillar in the Journey to Safety Excellence. A successful safety program depends on spotting hazards early, evaluating their risk and removing or controlling them before harm is done. Use this month to find creative ways to engage everyone in reducing risk in your workplace. A little effort today has the potential to prevent tragedy tomorrow.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Repaired roof above Theater lobby.
- Replaced light switch in janitor closet at outside beach restrooms.
- Serviced six fire extinguishers for Police Station
- Installed new disconnect for Historical Building a/c unit.
- Removed electronics from Library for recycling.
- Replaced ballasts in Recreation Center Multipurpose room.
- Completed yearly termite inspection at Scout Hall & Dog Park.
- Replaced filters on all City building a/c units.
- Repaired cabinet lock in the dining area at Senior Center.
- Completed monthly pest control on all City buildings.
- Repaired a/c unit in office area at Recreation Center.
- Delivered mail to main Post Office for Finance Department.

Parks

- Set up chairs, podium and burn pit in preparation for Flag Day at Veterans Park.
- Mulched Veterans Wood Ibis & Clymer Parks.
- Sprayed for weeds at City Hall complex.
- Replaced metal swing hardware at beach.
- Resurfaced clay Bocce court.
- Replaced concrete fence posts at Clam Bayou.
- Removed fence posts at Tomlinson Park.
- Barricaded dock at Osgood Point.

- Inspected irrigation at ball fields.
- Trimmed, weeded & cleaned City Hall Complex and Police compound.
- Mowed & trimmed Wood Ibis Park, Little League field fences.
- Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades
- Hand raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.
- 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.
- Serviced chainsaws in preparation for hurricane season.
- Continued storm drain cleaning at 56th Street & 26th Avenue South.
- Replaced automated trash containers on commercial pickup route.
- Installed pole & stop sign at 51st Street & 24th Avenue per Police Department request.
- Removed and disposed of illegal dumping at Coast Guard Station.
- Reset parking blocks at Beach parking lot.
- Completed asphalt work at Recreation Center and at 51st Street & 18th Avenue.
- Deodorized and applied granular fly bait to Gulfport Elementary trash containers.
- Removed damaged lane marker at Beach Boulevard & 28th Avenue.
- Installed new reflective paddles & lane dividers at Beach Boulevard & 28th Avenue.
- Filled and graded alley on Gulfport Boulevard between 52nd & 53rd Street.
- CDS units at Marina were cleaned by JTV, Incorporated.
- New sidewalks were installed at Veteran's Park and Recreation Center.
- Removed and disposed of debris at the 49th Street holding area.

Water

- Daily Chloramines sampling at points of connection to water distribution system (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily inspection and read of Wholesale meters (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Completed routes # 31, 32, 33, & 34 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 24 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 9 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off.
- Completed 90 miscellaneous Customer Service Department generated service orders.
- Completed 3 Sunshine One-Call Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Replaced 1 meter that was stuck and not recording water usage.
- 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.
- Connected new 2" water line from 18th Avenue to existing 11/2" line in easement behind new Dollar General store.
- Connected new 2" water line on 18th Avenue to existing 11/2" line past 51st Way.
- Repaired fire hydrant at 5937 Seabird Drive.
- Replaced water service lines at 5013 13th Avenue and at 2022 Beach Boulevard.

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 tailgate locking mechanism on Sanitation truck #46.
- Repaired inoperative P.T.O. system on Sanitation truck #31.
- Repaired electrical short in Police vehicle #111.
- Replaced starter on Parks Department vehicle #85.
- Repaired A/C system on Police vehicle #54.
- 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, including a number of workshops, on starting a new business contact the Small Business Development Center at Pinellas County Economic Development. Visit their website at www.pced.org/entrepreneurs or call 464-7332. They also offer personalized business consulting to help you become successful with your startup business.

Staff anticipates sending Business License renewal notices out sometime in July. A license is good from October 1 of the current year through September 30 of the following year. If the license is not renewed by October 1 a 10 percent penalty shall be applied for the month of October, and 5 percent for each month thereafter until it is paid. If you have paid your fee, but continue to get a request for payment, let us know so we can make sure your account is corrected. 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 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.

The number of code enforcement cases for May was 193 for a fiscal year-to-date (YTD) total of 1,560. The number of citizen complaints was 12 for a YTD total of 126. The YTD ratio of complaints to total number of cases is 8.1 percent.

Because the City has one inspector who focuses on one section at a time, we depend on residents to call in violations when they see them. We will inspect within one working day of a complaint to verify any violation. Please call 893-1061 if you see violations. If the inspector is unavailable, leave as detailed a message as possible to help us find the violation. Complaints can be anonymous, but if you want a follow-up you will have to leave contact information which means the complaint is no longer anonymous.

To review the Code Enforcement Activities documents for more detailed information and a map of the Code Enforcement areas please visit the Special Documents section of the City's website at www.mygulfport.us.

June 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. APPROVED.