



Gulfport Community Update

June 23 - 29, 2013

Gulfport City Hall and facilities will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of **Independence Day**. Thursday's sanitation routes will be picked up on Wednesday, July 3 and there will be no Wednesday yard waste pickup this week.

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Firefighter/EMT Christopher Mathis was honored at a Florida SAFE KIDS Coalition luncheon this week for performing life-saving CPR on a two year-old child found on the bottom of a neighbor's pool while he was off-duty. The Gulfport Fire Department will present Mr. Mathis with a Medal of Valor at the July 16 City Council meeting.

Public Works Director Don Sopak was notified this week by Pinellas County Department of Environment & Infrastructure P.W. Manager Thomas Washburn that the County plans to submit a **Safety Grant request** for guardrail installation along Gulfport Boulevard between 15th & 17th Avenues. This two-block area has been the site of multiple vehicle crashes as drivers unfamiliar with the road have lost control while attempting to navigate the curves.

City Manager Jim O'Reilly and Fire Chief Jim Marenkovic would like to remind Gulfport residents that **2013 Hurricane Guides** are available at Gulfport City Hall, Library and Fire Station. Hurricane season in the Atlantic basin begins on June 1 and ends November 30. Have a plan and remember to restock your hurricane kits.

Upcoming Events:

The City of Gulfport has a full day of events planned for this year's **Independence Day celebration** in the Waterfront District beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 4. Join us for kids' activities, live music, food, craft vendors, parade and world-class fireworks display. Please see the attached flyer for a full schedule of the day's events. For more information, or to register for the parade or Classic Car Show call Justin at 893-1118 or email jshea@mygulfport.us.

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 or visit www.GulfportMA.com or www.facebook.com/gulfportfreshmarket.

Enjoy a showcase of comedy and light drama during the Gulfport Community Players' annual **Summer One-Act Festival** at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Avenue July 11 - 21. Tickets: \$15, available at the Gulfport Casino, Chamber of Commerce & Beach Bazaar, or by calling 322-0316.

Find great bargains for your summer reading pleasure at the **Circle of Friends Summer Book Sale** in the Friends Room at the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Avenue South on Saturday, July 13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. ALL hardcover and paperback fiction will be on sale. For more information call Marilyn Field at 321-4035.

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	29
Arrests	6
Traffic citations	19

Significant incidents or calls this week:

Officers responded to a traffic crash in the 5500 block of Gulfport Boulevard on the morning of June 18. One vehicle had been rear ended by another vehicle. There were no injuries, but one of the vehicles had to be towed due to damage.

Officers made contact with Dennis Coble in the 1900 block of 53rd Street on the afternoon of June 18 after several callers reported a suspicious person knocking on doors. Coble stated he was attempting to contact people he used to work for to see if they had any work for him.

Officers were dispatched to a residential burglary in progress in the 2600 block of Quincy Street on the afternoon of June 18 in which the caller had visual on the 2 suspects. Upon arrival, the juvenile suspects attempted to flee but were taken into custody. Nothing was taken from the targeted residence, but a back window was broken.

A resident in the 5200 block of 10th Avenue made a late report of a burglary. Entry was gained by breaking a window with an unknown object. The unknown suspect(s) ransacked the residence and took a prescription bottle of Vicodin. No other items were taken.

On the evening of June 18 a caller reported that two females were fighting in the street in the area of 28th Avenue & Beach Boulevard. Officers were dispatched but were unable to locate the subjects.

Officers were dispatched to the Tomlinson Skate Park in the early morning hours of June 19 after a caller reported a trespasser in the park after hours. Upon arrival they observed a white male juvenile inside the park, and a white female adult standing outside. The juvenile admitted jumping the fence and was trespassed from the park.

Sometime between June 16 & 19 unknown subjects boarded a vessel docked behind a residence in the 4700 block of Tradewinds Drive and attempted without success to remove the outboard motor. The fuel tank was taken, and evidence indicates that the suspects approached and fled via Boca Ciega Bay.

Officers responded to a report of an intoxicated person in the 2800 block of Beach Boulevard on the morning of June 20 who appeared to need medical attention. The subject was taken from the scene by ambulance due to their level of intoxication.

Officers responded to a report of a deceased person in the 2800 block of Beach Boulevard on the morning of June 21. Although there were no signs of foul play, the medical examiner's officer was called to the scene. The investigation remains open until the medical examiner's report is completed.

Subpoena results from a grand theft case Officer Parks was investigating indicated Ricky Rodriguez was the suspect in the theft of an expensive smart phone. Rodriguez was arrested after he admitted to taking the phone, which was recovered and returned to the owner.

A resident in the 5300 block of 21st Avenue reported that her vehicle was stolen sometime between the evening of June 21 & the early morning hours of June 22. There are no suspects.

A resident in the 2800 block of 57th Street reported that a window A/C unit was stolen sometime between the afternoon of June 21 & the morning of June 22. There are no suspects.

GPD conducted a surveillance detail in the area of 15th Avenue & Gray Street on the afternoon of June 22 in response to reckless driver and narcotics complaints. There were no arrests.

Officers responded to a residence in the 2800 block of 50th Street on the evening of June 22 for a confirmed unattended death. The decedent succumbed to a terminal illness. There were no indications or signs of foul play.

Lisa Buttry was arrested on the morning of June 23 after she violated a domestic violence no contact order by being at her residence with her boyfriend.

A caller reported on the morning of June 23 that the Pelican Bay Plaza community pool men's restroom door had been damaged. The door frame was broken. There are no suspects.

Officers discovered a baby bird that had fallen out of a tree in the 2200 block of 49th Street during a thunderstorm on the evening of June 23 and broke its leg. The SPCA retrieved the bird.

On the evening of June 23 a complaint advised that juveniles threw something, possibly fireworks at his house, causing a popping sound. They did this several times while walking down the street. The area was circulated and no juveniles were located. There was no property damage.

Officers responded to the 5100 block of Pine Grove Terrace on the afternoon of June 24 regarding an ongoing civil matter with a tenant disputing when he was supposed to vacate the residence following the sale of the property to new owners. The parties involved came to an agreement and the problem was resolved.

Officers responded to a requested welfare check in the 5000 block of 18th Avenue on the evening of June 24 after a neighbor reported newspapers were piling up on the front porch. The resident was found deceased inside the home, and the investigation revealed the resident died of natural causes.

Investigations:

Documented Follow-Ups:	32
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	0
Previously Cleared With Arrest:	1
Cases Suspended-No Leads:	15
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	3
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	2
Cases Still Active:	12

Sergeant Woodman attended an invest and is attempting to secure a warrant for perjury or filing a false police report regarding a person who filed a robbery report and then lied to the Assistant State's Attorney at the invest.

Detective Hanh Pham investigated a Petit Theft case and forwarded the charges to the SAO for prosecution. He also identified a suspect in a Strong-armed Robbery at Walgreens and will attempt to apprehend the suspect.

Detective Embry attempted to locate a check fraud suspect and made contact with a female at the suspect's address in Tampa. She advised she had moved into the residence approximately one month earlier, and is the only person living there. He will continue to investigate that case and other assigned cases.

School Resource Officer Motte is on vacation this week.

School Resource Officer Langston attended Crisis Intervention Training this week.

Records Section

Reports reviewed:	8
Supplements reviewed:	69
Reports disseminated:	18
Public records requests:	5
Bike registrations:	5
Fingerprints:	3
Subpoenas processed:	7
Citizens assisted:	32

Professional Standards Section

Three policies are in the review process: 318-Telephone Use; 447-Marine Unit, and; 508-Criminal Intelligence.

Standard 21.07 was updated this week: If the agency handles special events, the agency will have written guidelines which include provisions for a supervisor during coverage of the event; estimates of traffic, crowd control & crime problems, and; logistical requirements & coordination inside and outside the agency.

Training Coordination

Probationary Officers Marshall and Merriam continued their Pre-FTO schedule this week.

Officer Langston submitted a training request this week to attend SEPSI School Resource Officer Training.

Two members attended training this week.

Applicant Screening

One application was received this week. The PD has twenty-one applications on file.

MARINA

Pumped three thousand forty eight (3,048) gallons of gas, and one thousand nine hundred thirty four (1,934) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred nineteen (119) vessels.

Assisted with fifty nine (59) pump-outs evacuating seven hundred twenty three (723) 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 30' powerboat, 28' sailboat, 21' powerboat, 22' sailboat and a 25' sailboat 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 TV station equipment.
- Replaced podium microphone and tested Council Chambers public address system.
- Successfully migrated new website to www.mygulfpport.us domain and tested links on all pages.
- Continued with 4th of July event preparations.
- Updated GTV615 with July information.
- Assisted IT Department with daily operations.
- Updated City upcoming events calendar on website.

Parks

Opened Skate Park and set light timer.

Replaced control wires on Clymer Park irrigation system.

Removed/straightened reservation sign at beach playground pavilion.

Replaced flag on pier, P.O.W. flag at Veterans Park, 2 fence rails at Wood Ibis Park, 2 bench rails at Little League Field, metal swing at beach, electrical service boxes & outlets at Recreation Center softball field and vandalized bench rails at Recreation Center.

Painted, straightened and attached signs to dog cleanup boxes and posts throughout City.

Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades and repaired mower tire.

Trimmed, weeded, mulched & cleaned Beach Streetscapes, Veterans Park & Library planter beds, and raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.

Mowed Clymer, Clam Bayou, Wood Ibis, Veteran's & Caldwell Parks, Chase block, City Complex, Dog Park, Tangerine Greenway, Library/28th Street Signage area, Senior Center grounds, Recreation Center grounds & Hoyt perimeter.

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:

- 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.gulfpportseniorfoundation.org. 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 Multipurpose Center is open Monday, Thursday & Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and; Tuesday & Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. through summer. Wii Bowling classes will be offered at 6:30 p.m. every first & third Tuesday; Italian Class for Beginners every Tuesday at 6 p.m.; Italian Dance Practice every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., and; Card Games every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Like us on **Facebook at Gulfport Senior Center and Foundation**. Help our page grow and get daily valuable information!

Do you know someone who lives alone and could use a call? 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, please visit the Gulfport Senior Center and bring valid I.D.

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.

Call Rachel at 893-1231 to sign up for July **beginner & intermediate computer classes**.

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.

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 June 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.

Over 50 and ready to get fit and meet new friends? Visit the **Foundation Fitness Center**. Summer hours are Monday, Thursday & Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Tuesday & Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 7 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.

Want to learn to play Contract Bridge? **Beginners Bridge 101** at 11 a.m. every Monday is for you!

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.

Join Aston Hugh for a new **Easy Tai Chi** class at the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street every Tuesday & Thursday at 10 a.m. Designed for all levels of ability and mobility, Aston's technique focuses on breathing and meditation, resulting in improved agility, mobility, balance and stress relief. This class is open to Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center members. For more information call Rachel at 893-1231.

Eat, drink and celebrate freedom at the **Stars and Stripes BBQ** at noon on Wednesday, July 3! Join your friends for planned activities and Hamburgers with all the fixings. Tickets: \$7 or 2 for \$10. Thank you to our sponsors: Eagle Lake Rehab & Care Center, Griswold Home Care, Gulfport Beach Bazaar, Lasting Legacy, Smokin' J's BBQ, and the Health Rehab Centre at Dolphins View. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation.

Watch a FREE movie and enjoy a great lunch for \$2.50 during **Movie Day at the Snack Bar** on Tuesday, July 9, 11 a.m.

Everyone is invited to the Healthy Vision Institute's free **Senior Vision Seminar** Wednesday, July 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Want to know more about Hospice? Join Janet Pattison on Thursday, July 21 at 1 p.m. for a **Hospice and Caregiving informational seminar**.

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

Sunday, June 16	6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson 7 p.m. - Mario DeLeon's band & Ballroom Dance (Turnout 33)
Monday, June 17	7 p.m. - Hustle dance lessons with Carol Baker (Turnout 24)
Tuesday, June 18	9 a.m. - Intermediate Tai Chi with Marge (Turnout 34) Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson with Carol Baker (Turnout 13) 1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 1) 2 p.m. - Ballroom dancing 6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 48)
Wednesday, June 19	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime 8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 198)
Thursday, June 20	9 a.m. - Beginner Tai Chi with Jean (Turnout 18) 6:30 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera (Turnout 19)
Saturday, June 22	6. p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 125)

Casino (Upcoming Events):

Every Sunday	6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson 7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom dance Admission \$7
Monday, July 1, 8, 15 & 22	7 p.m. - Hustle lesson with Carol Baker Admission \$10
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):

Monday - Friday, June 17-21 - *The Performing Arts Consortium of St. Petersburg Theater Camp for Young Performers.*

There are no events scheduled for the **Catherine Hickman Theater** next week.

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, June 16	9:30a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church Services (Turnout 27) 6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous
Thursday, June 20	5 p.m. - Kipps Colony Homeowners Association meeting (Turnout 6)
Saturday, June 22	6 p.m. - Graduation party (Turnout 60)

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, June 17	10:30 a.m. - Dance Fusion class
Tuesday, June 18	11 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 13)
Wednesday, June 19	10:30 a.m. - Yoga class (Turnout 10)
Thursday, June 20	9:30 a.m. - Bob's Band practice
Friday, June 21	9 a.m. - Chair yoga (Turnout 5) 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 9)

Scout Hall (Upcoming Events):

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

The Gulfport Library will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of **Independence Day**.

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, June 18, 1:30 p.m. - *Suncoast Hospice Bereavement Counseling for Widows and Widowers*.

Tuesday, June 18, 5:45 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open AA meeting*.

Wednesday, June 19, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers meeting*.

Wednesday, June 19, 2 p.m. - *Summer Reading program for grades K-5*, facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Wednesday, June 19, 4 p.m. - *Teen Summer Reading program* facilitated by Sheri Stanley & Cailey Klasson.

Thursday, June 20, 10:30 a.m. - *Summer Storytime for Preschoolers* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Thursday, June 20, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club* facilitated by Alex Hooks.

Friday, June 21, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club*.

Saturday, June 22, 2 p.m. - *Digital Camera Workshop*.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m. - *Intermediate Digital Camera Workshop*. Open to participants of the June 15 *Beginner Digital Camera Workshop* only.

Tuesday, July 2, 9 a.m. - *Community Involvement Consulting*: A representative from Congressman C.W. Bill Young's office will provide information and solicit questions and concerns from the public. First come, first served.

Wednesday, July 3, 2 p.m. - *Dig into Reading Summer Reading Program for Grades K-5 Construction Production!* We'll be getting our hands dirty and digging into fun construction site crafts and activities.

Wednesday, July 3, 3 p.m. - *Beneath the Surface Teen Summer Reading Program Movie & Ice Cream Halfway party*: Enjoy cool treats while watching a fun flick!

Wednesday, July 10, 3:15 - *Maya the Reading Assistance Dog*. Did you know that reading to a pet can boost a child's literary confidence? To make an appointment with Maya call Cailey at 893-1074 or email cklasson@mygulfport.us.

Saturday, July 13, 10 a.m. - *Circle of Friends Book Sale*. Shop for sizzling bargains in the cool comfort of the Frances Purdy Friends Room.

Thursday, July 18, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of the Light between Oceans* by M.L. Steadman over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Call 893-1073 for more information.

Tuesday, July 23 - *SCORE Counseling*: FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals. Call 893-1073 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Thursday, July 25 - *iPad for Beginners Workshop*. Learn to use and enjoy your new technology. Each session is limited to 15 participants. Call 893-1073 to reserve a seat.

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. - *Summer Storytime*: Join us for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers. Don't miss our special *Summer Storytime Garden Jamboree* on the last Thursday of every month. Sing songs, play instruments & have a great time in the new Circle of Friends Garden!

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

Library Services/Statistic June 16-22, 2013: Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,740	565
Sun. 6/16	11	10
Mon. 6/17	350	101
Tue. 6/18	328	116
Wed. 6/19	315	89
Thu. 6/20	305	92

Fri. 6/21	249	90
Sat. 6/22	182	67

Recreation Center

The game room was reserved 2 - 7 p.m. Saturday, June 22 for a Swedish Club Midsummer Gathering with approximately one hundred (100) in attendance.

The game room is reserved noon - 4 p.m. Saturday June 29 for a Birthday party.

Programs, Classes & Activities

One hundred eight (108) children are registered for the **2013 Summer Recreation Program** for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Program hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. with extended care until 6 p.m. for an additional fee. Participants enjoy activities, field trips, lunches, positive role models and a safe environment to call their own.

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

Seventy five (75) 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 40 Emergency Medical Calls
- 4 Structure Fires
- 1 Fire Alarms
- 2 Vehicle Crashes
- 2 Single Engine Response
- 2 Fires Outside Structure

Life Safety:

- 4 Fire Inspections
- 9 Re-Inspections

The **CERT Team** will cook hamburgers & hotdogs, provide traffic & parking control and assist with the Parade lineup during the City's annual 4th of July Celebration in the Waterfront District. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, July 18 at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. For more information visit www.gulfportcert.com or call Bob Worthington at 916-8014.

Staff Activities:

- Chief Marenkovic accompanied FF/EMT Mathis to a Florida Suncoast SAFE KIDS Coalition luncheon this week in which Mr. Mathis was honored for performing CPR on a toddler on his day off.

- Chief Marenkovic and other Pinellas County Fire Chiefs have been reviewing the Draft report from Fitch & Associates on the EMS Study. Fitch & Associates will present their final report to the Board of County Commissioners at a Work Session on July 19.
- Gulfport Firefighter's EMTs & Paramedics are finishing their St. Petersburg College June 2013 online CME, concluding a four-module section on foundations in pre-hospital patient assessment and care with Trauma. Specifically in Trauma Care we highlighted three conditions that we often see, and that often prove to be most detrimental to patients: Trauma, Brain Injury and Burns. This month's topic will also serve as a reference guide as we prepare for ITLS renewal in the first quarter of 2014.
- A message from Fire Chief James Marenkovic: An emergency is an event that requires the Police, FIRE or EMS agencies. An emergency is any serious medical problem, any type of fire, any life threatening situation or any crime in progress. Remember 9-1-1 is the number to dial when you have an emergency!

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance:

- Installed two rollers on bottom of Police Department south gate.
- Repaired two tables and installed "hand-motion" faucet at Recreation Center.
- Re-roofed Beach restrooms following storm damage.
- Completed semi-annual hood inspections at Senior Center & Little League Field.
- Completed termite inspection at Casino.
- Repaired toilet in Theater lobby ladies restroom.
- Cleaned carpeting in Police Department & tile flooring at City Hall.
- Installed new sink with wall brackets & plumbing in ladies beach restroom.
- Delivered City 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.
- Assembled and delivered new 40 & 90 gallon automated containers.
- Delivered replacement container to 5714 19th Avenue.
- Reset garbage and recycling containers at Seaside Villas.
- Installed new posts and "STOP" signs at 63rd Street & 8th Avenue, 63rd Street & 9th Avenue, Beach Boulevard & 23rd Avenue, and Beach Boulevard & 25th Avenue.
- Installed "One Way" signs at Beach Boulevard & 25th Avenue and Beach Boulevard & 23rd Avenue.
- Straightened "STOP" sign at Shore Boulevard & Clinton Street.
- Treated alleys for dust control.
- Removed signage per direction on Tangerine Avenue & Shore Boulevard.
- Removed several loads of debris from Lincoln Cemetery.
- Reset storm lid and cleaned box at Shore Boulevard & 58th Street.
- Removed debris from beach area.
- Cleaned and filled washout around storm water outfall box located at Shore Boulevard & Beach Boulevard.
- Graded Beach area at Casino and filled in around sidewalk.

- Cleaned Beach area storm grates.
- Removed and cleared debris from Tangerine greenway storm grates.

Water:

- Daily Chloramines sampling at points of connection to water distribution system (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily inspection and read of Wholesale meters (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Completed routes # 45, 46, 47 and 48 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 16 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 10 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 123 Customer Service-generated miscellaneous service orders.
- Completed 8 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.
- Collected water samples required by DEP for UCMR3 (Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule).
- Replaced 20 old water meters with new radio read meters.
- Repaired water break at 5935 Skimmer Point Boulevard.
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach for quality testing.

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.
- Cleaned sewer lateral at 2025 49th Street.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced hanger bearing on driveshaft of Facility Maintenance Vehicle #65.
- Repaired DPF system fluid leak on Fire Truck #E17.
- Repaired A/C system on Fire Truck #P17.
- Repaired electrical circuit for in dash gauges on Recycle Truck #40.
- 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 4, also known as the Art District, which generally extends south from Gulfport Boulevard to the water and east from 49th Street to 58th & 59th 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.

Beginning in July Code Enforcement activities will move to Section 5 of the City, also known as the Marina District Area. This area comprises the southeast portion of the City which generally extends south from 26th Avenue South to the water and east from 49th Street to the City boundaries. 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.

July 10, 2013 Board of Adjustment:

V13-11; 2301 York Street South; Variance request to:

- Acknowledge the existence of a non-permitted, nonconforming 8' x 10' shed with respect to the minimum rear and side yard setback requirements; and
- To reduce the minimum setback requirements for the existing shed by 1 foot from 3 feet to 2 feet from the rear property line, and by 1.5 feet from 3 feet to 1.5 feet from side property line.

V13-12; 1619 56th Street South; Variance request to reduce the side yard setback requirement by 2 foot, from 12 feet to 10 feet to construct an attached, open carport.

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