



# *Gulfport Community Update*

## *May 22 - 28, 2016*

### OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

#### Mike Clay from Bay News 9 at City of Gulfport Hurricane Seminar

Chief Meteorologist Mike Clay spoke at the Catherine Hickman Theater and shared how to plan and how the weather will affect the Tampa Bay area this year. Approximately 150 people were in attendance. Several hurricane related vendors were on hand to inform with information on the upcoming season.



Left to Right: Councilmember Christine Brown, Mike Clay, Bay News 9, Fire Chief James Marenkovic

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

Fire Chief James Marenkovic would like to remind Gulfport residents that **free smoke detectors are available to elderly and low income households within Gulfport City limits**. Call Chief Marenkovic at 893-1062 for more information.

## Upcoming Events:

Visit the 49<sup>th</sup> Street South Business Association (So49) weekly **SoTangerine Market** every Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, visit [www.SoTangerine.com](http://www.SoTangerine.com) or call 439-0164.

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 visit [www.gulfportma.com](http://www.gulfportma.com), call Susan Blankenship at 453-9093 or Chris Spencer at (727) 902-2326, or email [FreshMarket@GulfportMA.com](mailto:FreshMarket@GulfportMA.com).

The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at City Hall council chambers at 2401 53<sup>rd</sup> St. S. For more information visit <http://mygulfport.us/councilmeetings/> or call (727) 893-1021.

The next Board of Adjustment meeting is Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall council chambers at 2401 53<sup>rd</sup> St. S. For more information visit <http://mygulfport.us/board-of-adjustment-agendas/> or call (727) 893-1021.

Join the City of Gulfport and Post Legion 125 at the annual **Flag Day Celebration** in Veterans Park at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 14. Catherine Basset and the New Horizons Band of Gulfport will entertain attendees. For more information call 893-1118.

Interested in learning more about Gulfport? Everyone is invited to the **Welcome to Gulfport Workshops** on Tuesday, June 14 at 10 a.m. and Thursday, June 16 at 6 p.m. Informative take home information and presentations. Presented by the Gulfport Public Library and the Gulfport Neighbors. For more information call 893-1074.

The next **Strand Neighborhood Watch Event** is Wednesday, June 15, at 7 pm at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. Our speaker will be Brandon Robinson from Stetson Law University Center for Excellence in Elder Law. All are welcome. For more information, contact (727) 893-1022.

Community comes together at the **Public Safety Neighborhood Watch Party** in Clymer Park on Saturday, June 18, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Learn about local Neighborhood Watch programs and how to protect your neighborhood, meet your neighbors and experience family fun activities from local public safety agencies. For more information call Volunteer Coordinator Richard Grimberg at (727) 893-1022.

The next **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)** event, Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Police Headquarters located at 2401 53 St S. CERT members will be trained in CPR and prepare for the Neighborhood Watch/Public Safety event on Saturday, June 18. If you are interested in joining CERT, please contact Richard Grimberg at (727) 893-1022.

The **Gulfport Boulevard Business & Beach Boulevard Business Watch Event** is Tuesday, June 21 at 6 pm at the Habana Café located at 5402 Gulfport Blvd. Speaker TBA. For more information, contact (727) 893-1022.

The next Stetson Neighborhood Watch meeting is Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Stetson Law University located at 1401 61 Street South. The speaker is Lori Collins, Public Education Specialist, from the 911 Emergency Center in Largo. For more information, contact (727) 893-1022.

The **2016 Pride 5K** is scheduled for Saturday, June 25. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., and the run starts at 8:30 from the Gulfport Casino. For more information call (727) 342-0084 or visit [www.stpetepride.com](http://www.stpetepride.com).

The City of Gulfport, Florida desires to pursue a reuse project within the Tangerine Greenway (from 49th Street S. to 54th Street S.) and obtain public input and build consensus on the preferred concept plan for the Tangerine Greenway. This first **community workshop** for the Tangerine Greenway will be held on Thursday, June 9th at 6 p.m. inside the 49th Street Neighborhood Center at 1617 49th St. S. in Gulfport, FL 33707. This reuse project will include public engagement to define the community's desire for the future enhancements of the Tangerine Greenway. The project will include concept plan alternatives that are reflective of the community's ideas, wishes, and ways of finding options that includes conceptual signage design with historical narratives. For more information, please contact the City of Gulfport Director of Community Development, Fred Metcalf at [fmetcalf@mygulfport.us](mailto:fmetcalf@mygulfport.us) and (727) 893-1095.

Catch the Gulfport Trolley to the newly renovated Al Lang Stadium for the Saturday, August 20 **Tampa Bay Rowdies** vs. FC Edmonton game; Adult tickets \$22/kids & students \$10, available at [www.mygulfport.us/rowdiestrolley](http://www.mygulfport.us/rowdiestrolley). Scroll past the image and click "Order your Trolley tickets HERE" using promo code GULFPORT16 (click section 301). Tickets are also available for the Saturday, September 17 vs. Carolina Railhawks game. Departure from the Casino begins at 5 p.m. and games are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information call (727) 893-1118.

Tickets for the **August 24 Tampa Bay Rays vs. Boston Red Sox and the September 21 vs. New York Yankees** games are available at the Gulfport Casino. The \$30 ticket price includes round trip transportation to Tropicana Field via the Gulfport Trolley, a lower box seat and complimentary Ray's baseball hat, available at the redemption desk inside Tropicana Field. All Rays fans with tickets are invited to catch free a ride to the game on the Gulfport Trolley. Departure from the Gulfport Casino begins at 5 p.m. Return trips begin during the 7th inning. All trolley **trips** this season will take place on *\$2 Hotdog Wednesdays*. For more information call (727) 893-1118.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Patrol**

Dispatch calls for service	116
Self-initiated calls for service	309
Offenses	40
Arrests	6
Traffic citations	55
Ordinance violations	21

Examples of arrests or significant incidents or calls this week:

A business was burglarized at the 1400 block of 58 Street South on May 26. An assistant manager reported someone broke into the business on two separate occasions and stole money from the cash registers. The suspect also attempted to break into an ATM machine and coin machine, but was unsuccessful.

Multiple burglaries and thefts were committed on May 27 in the area of 49th Street South and 26th Avenue South involving lawn decorations and related outdoor items. The perpetrator was found to be a local resident who claimed to have an illness that was affecting her mind. None of the victims wanted to prosecute once all the stolen items were recovered.

A resident reported that someone entered his home located in the area of the 1300 block of 56<sup>th</sup> Street South, while he and a friend were there and stole a television.

At the 1000 block of 49<sup>th</sup> Street South, officers responded to a business regarding a female that had her nails done and left without paying.

Arrest on warrant at the 1100 block of 53<sup>rd</sup> Street South on May 28. Chyla Jones was arrested for an outstanding warrant for theft.

A resident called on May 29 to report that sometime overnight someone entered her living room through a window and stole cash from her wallet. She suspected that a tenant who lives in an attached apartment, but doesn't have access to the main house, was responsible. Officers located the tenant, Andrew Froelicher, and he admitted to stealing the money. He was arrested for burglary in the area of 2600 block of Concordia Court South.

At the 4700 block of Baywood Point South, Jonathan King was issued an ordinance violation for illegally anchoring/mooring two boats on public property. He has been warned before for the same violation.

Four reports were taken for graffiti spray painted on locations in this area. The word "Bud Money" was spray painted on two fences and several stop signs in the area of 5200 block of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

A resident in the area of 5400 Block of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue South reported that someone pried open a side door to the residence and stole numerous items, including the keys to a green Pontiac Bonneville which was also stolen.

Officers responded to a suspicious person call concerning a black male on May 30 that was circling the neighborhood with two bicycles in the area of 5600 block of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Officer Petit confirmed that the second bicycle belonged to a friend of the suspect, Jaleel Washington; however, Jaleel had a warrant for violation of probation for child abuse. He was arrested and taken to the Pinellas County Jail.

A resident at 1300 Block of 56<sup>th</sup> Street South reported that someone entered his house while he was outside with someone else drinking a beer. The unknown suspect(s) stole a television. When the investigating officer asked the resident if he suspected someone he knew of taking the television the victim told the officer he no longer wanted to file a report.

An employee of a store on 49<sup>th</sup> Street South saw a retail theft suspect in the store. He left on a bike and an officer located him in the 5000 Block of Gulfport Boulevard South. Two employees identified the suspect as the person who had stolen a comforter from the store on May 24.

On May 31, an attempt was made to break in to the rear of the Gulfport Florist. The door was damaged but held, and no entry was made.

A truck with a boat trailer backed into another vehicle at the Gulfport Municipal Marina, causing minor damage. The drivers spoke to each other but before they could exchange information, the driver of the truck left the scene.

A soft-top Jeep parked in a parking lot in the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club overnight on June 1 had one of the vinyl windows pushed in and ripped in an apparent attempt to gain entry. Evidence left behind by the suspect was collected for processing.

The marine unit was not out on the water this week.

**Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)**

New cases:	14
Cases assigned:	2
Cases suspended-no leads:	9
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	0

Cases referred back to patrol:	3
Supplements received:	4
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Previously cleared with arrest:	1
Cases suspended-no leads:	0
Cases unfounded-no crime:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases still active:	3

### **Investigator Highlights**

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports on the following cases: Grand theft, grand theft auto, fraud, burglary, and hit & run, conducted pawn checks and completed Verbal Judo online training as well as vehicle operations training.

Detective Crowson Conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports on a fraud case, completed sex offender checks, Verbal Judo online training as well as vehicle operations training. She also completed case agent evidence review forms.

School Resource Officer Motte Officer Motte worked an off duty detail covering the BCHS Prom. He also assisted patrol with shift coverage. While assisting patrol, Officer Motte took two reports; one fraud and one theft. He also counseled four students.

### **Records**

Reports reviewed	22
Supplements reviewed:	62
Reports disseminated:	17
Background checks:	3
Bike registrations:	0
Fingerprints	0
Subpoenas processed:	21
Citizens assisted:	39

### **MARINA**

Assisted in forty four (44) pump outs evacuating six hundred and forty (640) gallons of waste.

Pumped six thousand (6833) gallons of gas and one thousand eight hundred sixty (1,860) gallons of diesel fuel fueling one hundred one hundred forty five (145) vessels.

### **Transient vessels:**

Staff welcomed ten vessels of various type and size this week.

### **LIBRARY**

Visit the **Circle of Friends Book Shop** during Library hours.

### **Last week's Public Programs/Meetings/Events:**

Tuesday, May 24, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language.*

Tuesday, May 24, 3 p.m. - *French Conversation Club.*

Tuesday, May 24, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.*

Wednesday, May 25, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, May 25, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language.*

Wednesday, May 25, 3 p.m. - *Teen Hangout* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Wednesday, May 25, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters.*

Thursday, May 26, 10:30 a.m. - *Toddler Storytime* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Thursday, May 26, 3:30 p.m. – *Kids Yoga* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Thursday, May 26, 11 a.m. – *Lunch and Learn: Culinary Sustainability* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Friday, May 27, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language.*

Friday, May 27, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

### **Upcoming Events:**

Tuesday, June 7, 10:15 a.m. - *Mommy & Me Yoga* for parents and babies ages 6 weeks to 18 months. Instructed by registered yoga teacher Ms. Christa, the group meets on first Tuesday of the month. Meet other new parents and babies in the community, stretch, laugh, get some strength back and rejuvenate! Call 893-1074 [cklasson@mygulfport.us](mailto:cklasson@mygulfport.us) for more information.

Thursday, June 9, noon - Lunch & Learn presents *From Gay Surfers to Old Lesbians Organizing for Change: Developing an LGBT Initiative at a State University in Florida.* Bring your lunch; drinks will be provided. Call 893-1075 for more information.

Thursday, June 9, 1 p.m. - Healthy Mind/Healthy Body Book Club presents *The Fear Cure: Cultivating Courage as Medicine for the Body, Mind, and Soul* by Lissa Rankin, M.D. If you have interest in understanding the relationship between our thoughts and their influence on the physical body, this club is for you. For more information email [klane@untieyourwings.com](mailto:klane@untieyourwings.com).

Friday, June 10, 7 p.m. - *Summer Reading Program Kick-off:* The locally famous Tricky Dog Show entertains at this all-ages family event.

Tuesday, June 14, 10 a.m. & Thursday, June 16, 6 p.m. - *Welcome to Gulfport Workshop:* Learn about the services available through the City and the Library, and how you can participate in our award-winning Gulfport Neighbors organization. Cohosted by Gulfport Neighbors.

Tuesday, June 14, 4 p.m. - *Middle School Robotics Club:* The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Registration required. See Cailey in Youth Services to sign up or call 893-1074.

Thursday, June 16, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins over coffee & light refreshments.

Saturday, June 18, 1:30 pm. - *Free Family Movie Day.* Join us for a single screening only in the afternoon. For movie title, call 893-1074.

Every Monday in June beginning June 13, 3 p.m. - *Kids Summer Reading Program:* Topics in order of date are: Pigeon Day; Giving Tree Drum Circle; and Scavenger Hunt.

Every Wednesday in June beginning June 15, 3 p.m. - *Teen Summer Reading Program:* Topics in order of date are: Coffee Art; Olympic Games; and Feel the Vibe Teen Yoga.

Saturday, June 18, 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day:* For movie title call 893-1074.

Every Monday - Wednesday & Friday, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language:* Bring a bag

lunch and a dictionary. A different language group meets each weekday: Monday - French; Tuesday - Italian; Wednesday - Spanish; Friday - German. For more information call Mel Donovan at 893-1074.

Every Monday, 3 p.m. - *K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Club*: We try a fun new activity every week, explore engineering through building with Legos, and meet other young scientists and engineers in the community! Parents get to join in on the fun too! Email [cklasson@mygulfport.us](mailto:cklasson@mygulfport.us) or call 893-1074 for more information.

Every Tuesday, 3 p.m. - *French Conversation Club*: Enjoy conversing in a relaxed atmosphere. This is our most popular language group so far!

Every Tuesday, 5:45 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step* meeting. For more information call 360-9069.

Every first & third Tuesday, 2 p.m. - *Ukulele Group*: Everyone is invited to join Allen Goldenson for some strummin' fun!

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

Every Wednesday, 3 p.m. - *Teen Hangout*: Games and activities for teens and tweens.

Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*. Email [robynfeatherstonesq@gmail.com](mailto:robynfeatherstonesq@gmail.com) for more information.

Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime*: Join us for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers in the Youth Services area. Cailey leads the group in singing songs, playing instruments & networking with other caregivers in our community.

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

### **Library Services/Statistics May 22-28, 2016:**

#### **Items Circulated Patrons**

Weekly Circulation:	1,371	541	
Sun. 5/22	7	8	Closed
Mon. 5/23	199	74	
Tue. 5/24	175	87	
Wed. 5/25	198	77	
Thu. 5/26	316	115	
Fri. 5/27	210	96	
Sat. 5/28	266	84	

### **PARKS & RECREATION**

#### **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-640](http://www.mygulfport.us/gtv-640). Spread the word!

- Distributed press releases to Gabber, and weekly Constant Contact newsletter to email distribution list, and assisted with updates to social media pages.
- Rebooted TV station equipment.
- Continued daily updates and enhancements to mygulfport.us and social media sites.
- Continued preparation of 2016-2017 events list and First Friday Art Reception schedule & contracts.

- Received parade participant applications and ordered event parking signs in preparation for Independence Day event.
- Working on July calendar
- Assisted Library with June promotions with technical assistance
- Working on Flag Day event
- Working on July 4<sup>th</sup> event

## **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, and 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 this month's calendar or download a copy at [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us).

**Gulfport Extended Mobility Service (GEMS)** offers transportation 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 plus \$2 per ride. GEMS also offers transportation to Bay Pines VA Hospital & Medical Center, Northside Hospital and the St. Pete Beach Family Aquatic Center. For more information call 893-2242 between 8 a.m. & 1 p.m.

The Senior Center participates in the **Neighborly Dining & Meals on Wheels** program, 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 & older. Applicants should bring a photo I.D., a utility bill or bank statement and proof of income (SSI). For more information please see Rachel, or call 893-1231.

The Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center has **many volunteer opportunities** available. If you want to make a difference and help your community, 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.

**The Seasoned Sowers Gardening Club** will meet at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 6. Join the group at its beginning stages and help develop plans and goals for the Senior Center gardens.

**The Last Word - Writing an Obituary** is offered at the Senior Center in a two-part class at 4:30 p.m. every first & fourth Monday. Learn the ins and outs of writing and placing an obituary in the local press from local writer, editor and instructor Diane Craig. Call 893-5657 to register.

We might like to believe that we are in control of our lives. Join Life Coach, Kathy Lane on Wednesday, June 6th at 2:00 PM at **Law of Attraction** as she discusses and answers: Who is really in control? Can we truly control others? Why is it we desire control? What role does fear play in the illusion?

Join Financial Advisor Scott O'Berry for a discussion of current events, the economy & investing over coffee & donuts during **Coffee Club** at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 7.

Join us on Thursday, June 9 for **Grand Villa's BBQ & Senior Games**. Try your hand at the putting green, shuffleboard, pool, corn hole, Wii tournaments and a delicious BBQ meal. Come hungry and ready to play. Reserve your seat by June 8. Free transportation and food!

It is important to **Know Your Numbers**. Come out to have your blood sugar and blood pressure checked at the Senior Center on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

The Alzheimer's Association offers free **Monthly Memory Screenings** the second Monday of each month, 9 - 11:30 am. The next screening is June 13. By appointment only; call 893-5657 to schedule your screening.

Enjoy a healthy snack as Robert Galban of Family Focus Insurance Services presents **Fruit for Thought** at 10 a.m. every second Monday of the month. The next meeting is June 13.

We're going to the movies on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The new **Cobb 10 Luxury Theater** has just opened. Stretch out in one of the new oversized reclining chairs to experience the new movie "Alice Through the Looking Glass" in this amazing new theater. Reserve your seat by 6/13. GEMS Members \$12 and Non-Members \$14. Price includes roundtrip transportation and movie ticket.

The Community Law Program provides **free legal assistance** at the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. the third Friday of every month. Call 582-7480 to qualify and to schedule an appointment.

Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. will provide quality **legal advice and services** to Gulfport Senior Center participants 10 a.m. - noon every fourth Monday of the month.

The **FUNDamentals of Watercolor** class will meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. beginning in June. This basic class will use a limited palette which emphasizes watercolor techniques including color selection, color mixing, blending and glazing, and use of the color wheel to choose a personal palette. No prior drawing or painting experience is necessary. Preregistration required.

**One-On-One Tech Support** with Jaclyn will meet every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Assistance is not limited to specific devices. All electronics and skill levels are welcome.

Volunteers for the **Telephone Reassurance 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.

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.

**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 organizations for reuse, recycle or education.

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

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

Sunday, May 22	6 pm – Contra Dance with Tampa Friends of Old Time Dance Admission \$8 (Turnout 57)
Monday, May 23	7 pm – USA Dance Ballroom Dance members \$5, non-members

	Admission \$8 (Turnout 82)
Tuesday, May 24	12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Luigi Admission \$8 (Turnout 18)
Tuesday, May 24	7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson and dance Admission \$8 (Turnout 67)
Wednesday, May 25	10:30 am – Yoga with Barbara Newborn (Turnout 20)
Wednesday, May 25	6 p.m. – Swing Dance with Swingtime Admission \$8 (Turnout 240)
Thursday, May 26	6:30 pm – Latin Night with Carol Rivera Admission \$8 (Turnout 11)
Friday, May 27	11 am – Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom held at Neighborhood Center (Turnout 20)
Friday, May 27	8 pm – Boca Ciega H.S. Prom (Turnout 355)

**Casino (upcoming events):**

Select Sundays	6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson 7 p.m. - Ballroom Dance with band Admission \$8
Every Tuesday	12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker/Luigi 2 p.m. - Ballroom dancing Admission \$8 6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango lessons with Kathleen & Steve Prucher 8 p.m. - Milonga dance Admission \$8
Every Wednesday	10:30 a.m. – Yoga with Barbara Newborn
Every Wednesday	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime 8 p.m. - Swing dance Admission \$8
Every Thursday	6:00 p.m. – Latin Night - lesson with Carol Rivera 8 p.m. - Latin Dance Admission \$8
Every Friday	11 am – Chair Yoga with Joyce Bloom

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

- Thursday, May 26                      6 pm – City of Gulfport Hurricane Seminar with Bay News 9 Chief Meteorologist, Mike Clay  
(Turnout 150)
- Saturday, May 28                      2 pm – La Petite Center graduation  
(Turnout 70)

**Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)**

- Friday, June 3                      6 pm - The Craic Show Reception    Preview the sets and meet the cast of  
"The Princess The Beast And The Shee an Gannon"  
Free and open to the public.
- Saturday, June 4                      6 pm - THE CRAIC SHOW Performs "THE PRINCESS THE BEAST AND THE SHEE AN GANNON" Heavy Medieval band, The CRAIC Show presents more than a concert, more than a musical, this is A Neo-Renaissance Theatrical Experience! Get \$20 advance tickets at Beach Bazaar & Casino – cash only. Tickets will be \$25 at the door. Online Ticket Sales at [www.thecraicshow.com](http://www.thecraicshow.com).

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

- Sunday, May 22                      9 am – Faith Cathedral Int'l Church not held – Pastor had to cancel.  
6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous  
(Turnout 8)
- Tuesday, May 24                      10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi  
(Turnout 17)
- Tuesday, May 24                      7 pm – Overeaters Anonymous  
(Turnout 8)
- Thursday, May 26                      10 a.m. – Easy Tai Chi  
(Turnout 18)

**Neighborhood Center (upcoming events):**

- Every Sunday                      6 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting
- Every first - third Sunday                      9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services
- Every fourth Sunday                      9:15 a.m. – F.C.I. Bible study

Every Tuesday	7 pm - Overeaters Anonymous meeting
Every Tuesday & Thursday	10 am - Easy Tai Chi
Every first Wednesday	7 pm - Crime Watch meeting

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

Sunday, May 22	9 am - Calvary Christian Assembly church services (Turnout 11)
Monday, May 23	7 a.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous meeting (Turnout 12)
Monday, May 23	11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 27)
Tuesday, May 24	7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting (Turnout 13)
Tuesday, May 24	10:30 am – Line Dancing (Turnout 11)
Wednesday, May 25	7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting (Turnout 9)
Thursday, May 26	7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting (Turnout 13)
Friday, May 27	7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting (Turnout 12)
Friday, May 27	10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 12)

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Every Tuesday	10:30 am – Line Dancing
Every Friday	10:30 a.m. - Line dancing

## **Recreation Center**

The multipurpose room was rented 1 - 5 p.m. Saturday, May 21 for a baby shower with 45 in attendance.

The multipurpose room is reserved: 3 - 7 p.m. Saturday, June 4 for a graduation party; 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11 for a birthday/graduation party; 3 - 7 p.m. Saturday, June 18 for a baby shower, and; 5 - 11 p.m. Saturday, June 25 for a family reunion.

## **Programs, Classes & Activities**

Fifty four children have been registered for the **2016 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. Summer 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.

Seventy three children are registered for the **2015/16 School Year Child Care Program** for children in Kindergarten thru age 14. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Monthly fees are \$150 for residents and \$188 for non- residents. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Gulfport Elementary, Bear Creek Elementary and Douglas Jamerson Elementary.

Fifty five teens are registered for the **2015/16 Teen Night Program** for teens in middle school thru age 17. Program hours are 6 - 9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Annual registration fee: \$2 for residents, \$22 for nonresidents.

**Contractual classes:** Bootcamp, Karate, Pickleball, Table Tennis and Tennis

## **Staff Activities**

Marivel Gutierrez attended the Senior Staff meeting on Wednesday morning.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **Calls for Service:**

- 54 Emergency Medical Calls
- 3 Structure Fire
- 3 Fire Alarm
- 2 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Water Rescue
- 1 Elevator Rescue

### **Life Safety:**

- 12 Fire Inspections
- 3 Re-Inspections
- 2 Site Plan Reviews

### **CERT Program:**

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of Gulfport met with the new volunteer coordinator. The meetings are to be scheduled at the Council Chambers at 7pm.

- The Gulfport Fire Department are starting their June 2016 Face to Face course. The course is over Pediatric Assessment, Diagnostic and Treatment and the Handtevy Response Bag.
- The Gulfport Firefighters will begin at the end of the month with their annual Physicals with LifeScans. Lab work and blood tests will be performed by Lab Corp. The Physicals will also include a series of tests for Firefighter Safety and Wellbeing under NFPA 1500.
- Chief Marenkovic, attended the Pinellas County Fire Chief's Association meeting on May 26, 2016.
- Fire Chief James Marenkovic met with Michael Cooksey from Fire and EMS Administration on June 2, 2016 to further discuss ALS/EMS Funding and Agreements with the City of Gulfport and the EMS Authority Pinellas County.
- 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**

- Delivered Trolley to Cameron Pest Control for tenting.
- Delivered mail to main post office for Finance Department.
- Assembled chair for Library staff.
- Started semi-annual a/c maintenance on all city units.
- Unclogged two urinals in the Men's Restroom at the Beach.
- Completed monthly a/c filter change for all City units.
- Repaired a/c unit at the Police Station.

### **Parks**

- Set up registration table, water station and trash/recycle bins in preparation for 5K.
- Removed past events banners and installed upcoming events banners.
- Prepared anchors for bases at ball fields and removed shelter cover at Hoyt Field.
- Repaired/replaced chains, chain bars and filters on all the chainsaws
- Sharpened blades, greased mowers and cleaned equipment
- Replaced and repaired benches at little league fields
- Remove graffiti off benches, trashcans and playground at Tomlinson park
- Replaced ceiling lights inside the theater
- Sprayed weeds at 49th Streetscapes, Clymer Park, Senior Center, Library, Tangerine Greenway
- Sanded sod edges at the library
- Made up base anchors for bases at the ball fields
- Ordered parts for Mowers and Toro workman
- Repaired fence and gate at Hoyt Field
- Removed Wasp nest from bench swing on the beach
- Continued work on tree lights and electrical outlets along Beach Boulevard.
- Mowed City Complex, Recreation Center, Caldwell Park, 14 Avenue Median, Pasadena entrance area, Wood Ibis Park, Trail Spur, Clam Bayou, repaired irrigation at Hoyt Field &

Recreation Center.

- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched and continued on Veterans Park, Beach Boulevard streetscapes, Clymer Park and 28 Avenue signage areas and landscaped library sign.
- 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.
- 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 ball fields daily.

### **Streets & Sanitation**

- Completed billable work orders for pick-up of brush, electronics & appliances, trash & furniture, and items requested for pick-up by Code Enforcement.
- Delivered recycling bins with information sheets.
- Removed and disposed of dead animal carcasses from City rights of way.
- Assembled & delivered new residential and commercial automated trash containers, and replaced broken containers.
- Cleaned debris, cans and trash following Tuesday Fresh Market.
- Disposed of tires and debris from City garage.
- Set grade and added millings in alleyways, per direction.
- Removed and disposed of illegal dumping and curbside yard waste throughout City.
- Restocked recycled mulch bin at the Neighborhood Center.
- Removed debris from Lincoln Cemetery.
- Repaired asphalt and potholes throughout City.
- Removed limbs & branches obstructing City roadways, alleyways & sidewalks.
- Readied emergency equipment in preparation for hurricane season.
- Replaced broken sidewalk at 52<sup>nd</sup> Street & 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.
- Continued automated curbside street sweeping.
- Removed (3) 55 gallon drums from Gulfport beachfront

### **Water**

- Daily Chloramines sampling at the points of connection to water distribution system
- (Includes Saturday & Sunday)
- Daily inspection and read of Wholesale meters (includes Saturday & Sunday)
- Daily inspection and recording of rainfall (includes Saturday & Sunday)
- Daily check of ground water levels (includes Saturday & Sunday)
- Disconnected water service at 52 locations for non-payment of service
- Completed 0 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off
- Completed 125 miscellaneous service orders generated by customer service department
- Completed 6 Sunshine One-Call, Call Before You Dig Utility Locates
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation
- Replaced 1 meter that was stuck and not recording water usage
- Replaced 2 water meters which were 20+ years old with a new style water meter
- Collected bacteriological samples on newly installed water distribution mainlines
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach twice a week
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Marina twice a week
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Shores (Clam Bayou) twice a week
- Replaced 2" water valve at 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 56<sup>th</sup> Street South

- Replaced 1.5” water valve at 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Clinton Street South

### **Sewer**

- Daily preventive maintenance and service to Lift Stations #1 and #2 including (Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily rain fall check and documentation (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily ground water elevation recording (including Saturday & Sunday).
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance check on Lift Stations # 1 and # 2.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Fire Department / Garage.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Police Station / City Hall.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Senior Center.
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection.

### **Vehicle Maintenance**

- Replaced shock absorbers, and welded broken panel on Sanitation vehicle #40.
- Replaced hydraulic hose on Sanitation vehicle #46.
- Replaced video unit, and washer motor in Police vehicle #102.
- Welded hinge on Water Division’s excavator trailer.
- Transported Streets vehicle #37 to Lizotte’s welding for hinge fitment.
- Performed preventive maintenance and various small repairs on City vehicles, as needed.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Thinking of starting a new business? Check out the **New Business Checklist** on the City website at [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) under the Online Services/Documents and Publications section.

For more information, including a number of workshops, on starting a new business, visit the **Pinellas County Economic Development Small Business Development Center** website at [www.pced.org/entrepreneurs](http://www.pced.org/entrepreneurs) or call 464-7332. They also offer personalized business consulting to help you become successful with your startup business.

**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, 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 continued this week in Section 5 of the City, also known as the Marina District which comprises the southeast portion of the City and generally extends south from 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the water and east from 49<sup>th</sup> Street to City boundaries.

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. E-mail correspondence is considered a public record, so if you wish to make a complaint using e-mail, please understand that such communications are not anonymous.

Beginning in June, Code Enforcement activities will move to Section 1 of the City, also known

as the Stetson Area which comprises the northwest portion of the City and generally extends south from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Gulfport Boulevard and east from 64<sup>th</sup> Street to 58<sup>th</sup> Street. To review Code Enforcement activities documents for more detailed information and a map of the Code Enforcement areas visit the Special Documents section at [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us).

**June 8, 2016 Board of Adjustment:**

**V16-13;** 2901/2903 & 2905/2907 Beach Boulevard South; Variance request to reduce the number of required off-street parking spaces by 16 spaces from 21 to 5 off-street parking spaces for a proposed mixed-use development.

**July 6, 2016 Planning and Zoning Board and July 19, 2016 City Council/CRA meeting:**

- No cases are scheduled for these meeting dates at this time.

**July 13, 2016 Board of Adjustment:**

- No cases are scheduled for this meeting date at this time.