



Gulfport Community Update

June 1 - 7, 2014

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Fire Chief James Marenkovic would like to remind Gulfport residents that **smoke detectors** are available free of charge to elderly and low income households within City limits. Stop by the Fire Station or call Chief Marenkovic at 893-1062 for more information.

Tickets for the **June 19 Tampa Bay Rays home game** are available at the Gulfport Casino. The \$25.00 ticket price includes transportation to Tropicana Field via the Gulfport Trolley, a lower box seat and a complimentary Ray's baseball hat, available at the redemption desk inside Tropicana Field. Rays fans who already have tickets are invited to catch free a ride to the game. Departure times are: 5 p.m. for batting practice; 6 p.m. for pre-game, and; 7 p.m. for game time. All departures are from the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Boulevard. For more information call 893-1070.

Upcoming Events:

The **Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market** is a weekly year-round open-air market featuring fruits, vegetables and a wide variety of foods, hand-made arts & crafts, bath, body & wellness products, live music and more. Over 50 vendors and exhibitors participate each Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and personal needs for the Gulfport Multipurpose Center Pantry to the Gulfport Merchants Association tent every Tuesday. Trade in gently worn clothes at the **Clothing Swap to Benefit CASA** in the Peninsula Courtyard, 2937 Beach Boulevard 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 10. Call 366-4086 for information. 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.

Experience the "**About Face**" **Photo Show** by Gulfport artist Jude Bagatti on Friday, June 6, 6-8 p.m. in the Catherine Hickman Theater Lobby. For more information call 893-1118.

Don't miss **First Friday Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District, 6 - 10 p.m. on June 6. For more information call 322-5217.

Splash into summer fun during **Aquamania** at the Gulfport Beach Complex, 5730 Shore Boulevard on Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Festivities will include live entertainment, artisans, craftsmen, vendors, beer/wine, kid's area, water-themed games and contests. For more information call 322-5217.

Join American Legion Post 125 and the City of Gulfport at Veterans Park on Friday, June 13 at 10 a.m. for **Flag Day**. For more information call 893-1118.

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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

Dispatch calls for service	152
Self-initiated calls for service	424
Offenses	38

Arrests	8
Traffic citations	33

Significant incidents or calls this week:

On Thursday evening, May 29th, officers responded to the 2200 block of Beach Boulevard South. They responded to a residence to locate a subject who had an outstanding warrant for violation of probation. The male was located and taken into custody.

Officers responded to O'Maddy's just before closing time on Saturday, May 31, in reference to several parties involved in a verbal dispute. Officers escorted everyone from the establishment.

Witnesses reported seeing a male enter a BMW parked on the 5400 block of Essex Ave and go through the front seat area. The male suspect was located and intoxicated and claimed he fell asleep in the car. The owner refused to prosecute because nothing was taken from the car.

A resident at the 5300 block of 29th Avenue reported that someone cut his American flag down from the pole in his yard and stole it.

Neighbors observed two black male juveniles walk into the screened in front porch at a residence and steal a bicycle on Sunday June 1 at the 2800 block of Upton Street South. The neighbor attempted to follow the suspects but could not locate them. He then informed the homeowner when they returned from church.

At 7:26 p.m., a retail store at the 5000 block of Gulfport Boulevard South called to report that 2 black females had exited the store and both had stolen merchandise. The 2 suspects entered an Oldsmobile SUV with a New York tag.

Officer Novak was flagged down by a cab driver on Monday June 2 at the 5300 block of 15th Avenue South. He told him a passenger had jumped out and refused to pay his fare. Officer Novak located Christopher Brown near his house on 15th Ave S, and he was intoxicated and uncooperative. When asked for his identification, he refused to identify himself and stated that he was not going to pay the cab driver. He was arrested and transported to jail.

A vehicle reported stolen from St Petersburg was recovered on Wednesday, June 4 at the 3000 block of 50th Street South.

Officers responded to a report of a subject with a gun, who had reportedly just stolen a woman's phone. The subject was located in the 1800 block of 49th Street South (St Petersburg side) and it was determined that he and his former girlfriend were having a disagreement over a cell phone. Neither one of the subjects was armed.

On Wednesday, June 4 at approximately 3:05 pm, officers responded to assist with a gas leak at Stetson. Officers handled traffic control for just over an hour – keeping vehicles out of the area.

Marine Unit: Sergeant Burkhart and Officers Motte and Randazzo responded to a water rescue call on the marine unit. We received a report regarding a boat that was apparently sinking in Boca Ciega Bay. When they arrived the boat was taking on water – Officer Motte boarded the boat and determined that it was unoccupied. The owner arrived with a pump which was unsuccessful. The boat sank.

Investigations:

New Cases:	15
Cases Assigned:	3
Cases Suspended-No Leads:	9
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	0
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	2
Cases referred back to patrol:	1
Supplements Received:	15
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	0
Previously Cleared With Arrest	3
Cases Suspended-No Leads:	2
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	2
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	1
Cases Still Active:	7

Detective Hanh Pham highlights:

- Arrested Ricky Maynard for burglary to a residence.
- Interviewed two juveniles in reference to a stolen vehicle case.

Detective Jennifer Crowson highlights:

- Investigated an attempted fraud and determined that no crime occurred in Gulfport. The case will be forwarded to the Chicago Police Department.
- Interviewed a suspect who resides in Miami via telephone, with the help of a Spanish speaking co-worker.
- Distributed flyers regarding a suspect in a series of retail thefts at the Family Dollar.

School Resource Officer Langston:

- Assisted and or handled the following calls for the day shift uniform patrol division: narcotics violation, residential alarm, open door, found property-thumb drive, juvenile trouble which turned out to be a found property-bicycle, 911 hang up, person with a gun, burglary of a vehicle, and a contact call.
- Counseled with a student regarding her recent runaway status.
- Investigated several incidents and/or offenses at BCHS including; one bicycle theft, one disturbance, one found property-cell phone, and the attempted recovery of a SPPD missing juvenile.
- Provided security coverage for an off duty event-BCHS spring football game.
- Completed lesson plan for the Citizens' Academy.

Analyst Margaret Palmisano Highlights:

- Completed pawn checks on 21 cases with a known serial number or listed suspect and set up serial number alerts on 11 cases. One stolen item was located.
- Created two "attempt to identify" bulletins for Det. Crowson.
- Compiled and distributed the open case list.

Records Section

Reports reviewed:	10
Supplements reviewed:	87
Public records requests:	16
Background checks:	2
Bike registrations:	15
Fingerprints:	3
Subpoenas processed:	10
Citizens assisted:	59

MARINA

Pumped four thousand nine hundred and fourteen (4,914) gallons of gas, and three thousand five hundred and forty seven (3547) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred seventy three (173) vessels.

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

Transient Vessels:

Staff welcomed eight transient vessels during the Memorial Day weekend.

Staff Activities:

- Straighten parking blocks west parking lot.
- Clean dock boxes on pier six.
- Clean up dingy in storage area.
- Clean and inspect gas and diesel and gas sumps.
- Replace fuel filter on dispenser two.

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 Hurricane Conference, Flag Day & 4th of July events.
- Attended Granicus Webinar
- Updated City Clerk & Recreation Center pages on City website.
- Control Room coverage: Tech support, Live broadcast for Regular Council Meeting on 6/3/14 and Planning and Zoning Meeting 6/4/14 and broadcast the following day
- Videotaped, edited and Programmed Hurricane Seminar in GTV615

- Programmed various commercials from the request of Representative Peters on GTV615
- Provided DVD request for the June 3 Regular Council Meeting from Clerk's Office

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 **Neighborhood 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.

Learn to live life to the fullest with **A Holistic Approach to Aging Well** at 2:30 p.m. Monday, June 9.

Tour the Florida Orange Grove Winery, Pinellas County's only tropical, berry, & citrus winery for a tasting of 37 varieties of specialty wines, then discover St. Pete Beach's Historic Corey Avenue during our next **Gulfport Getaway** on Tuesday, June 10. Call GEMS at 893-2242 before June 4 to reserve a seat. GEMS members \$9/nonmembers \$11

Watch a free, current movie and get a \$3 lunch deal during **Movie Day at the Snack Bar** at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 10.

Everyone is welcome at the **Dolphin's View Healthy Heart Cooking Class** at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12.

Gold Award Girl Scout Project Leader Jaclyn Moore will visit the Senior Center at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 12 to cover the basic functions of the **Apple iPad**. Bring your iPad and passwords! Participants MUST register - SPACE is LIMITED.

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 June 9. You MUST call 893-1231 to schedule a screening.

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 June 12.

Join in the fun at our next **Puzzle Party** at 11 a.m. Friday, June 13. Learn to play Sudoku, Binairo and much more. Prizes provided by The Puzzle Pages.

Music therapy makes a difference in chronic illness & oncology patients, medical & surgical procedures, and Alzheimer's disease & dementia patients. Join us on Monday, June 16 at 3 p.m. for **Music Sweet Music**, and learn how music can be used as medicine.

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.

Where have you been lately? Share your travel stories, pictures and tips during our next monthly **Bon Voyage Travel Discussion Group** at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 19, and let's explore the world together! The group hosts a new guest speaker every month.

Happy Birthday to You! Help us celebrate Senior Center members' June birthdays with cake, games and more at 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 20. This monthly event is sponsored by Dolphin's View.

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.

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*):

Sunday, May 25	6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson with 7 p.m. - Mario DeLeon's Band & Ballroom dance (Turnout 49)
Monday, May 26	2-8 p.m. - Oliphant-Marshall wedding (Turnout 100)
Tuesday, May 27	12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker 2 p.m. - Ballroom dance (Turnout 10) 6:30 p.m. - Beginning Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 41)

Wednesday, May 28 6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime
 7 p.m. - Swing Dance Lesson
 8 p.m. - Swing Dance (Turnout 233)

Thursday, May 29 6:30 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera
 8 p.m. - Salsa dance Admission \$7 (Turnout 37)

Saturday, May 31 6:30 – 10:30pm – Cheng-Breeden wedding (Turnout 100)

Casino (*upcoming events*):

Every Sunday 6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson
 7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom Dance Admission \$7

Every Tuesday 12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker
 2 p.m. - Ballroom dance Admission \$7
 6:30 p.m. - Beginning Argentine Tango lesson
 8 p.m. - Milonga dance Admission \$7

Every Wednesday 6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime
 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime
 8 p.m. - Swing dance Admission \$7

Every Thursday 6:30 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera
 8 p.m. - Salsa dance Admission \$7

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

Sunday, May 25 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 0 - cancelled)
 6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous (Turnout 17)

Tuesday, May 27 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 12)

Thursday, May 29 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 - No meeting – Memorial Day

Monday, May 26 11 a.m. - Chair yoga - No meeting – Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 28 11 a.m. - Yoga (Turnout 15)

Friday, May 30 10 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 8)

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:

Tuesday, May 27 - *SCORE Counseling.*

Tuesday, May 27, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.*

Wednesday, May 28, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, May 28, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters.*

Thursday, May 29, 3 p.m. - Family Yoga

Friday, May 30, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, June 17, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking* over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Call 893-1073 for more information. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library.

Saturday, June 21, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - Free Family Movie Day. . Enjoy two movies with popcorn provided by our Circle of Friends. Call 893-1074 for movie titles.

Tuesday, June 24 - *SCORE Counseling: FREE & helpful advice* from experienced business professionals the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 893-1073 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Every Monday, 3 p.m. - *Science Club* for children in Kindergarten through Grade 5. For more information call Cailey at 893-1073.

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

Every Wednesday beginning June 11, 3 p.m. - Summer Reading program for teens. For more information on youth summer programs, call Youth Services Librarian Cailey at 893-1133.

Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - *Teen Leadership Workshop.* For more information email kellymenges@hotmail.com.

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

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

Every Wednesday, 3 p.m. - *Teen Zone.*

Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*. For more information contact Robin Riddell at 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 25 - 31, 2014:

	Items Circulated	Patrons
Weekly Circulation:	1749	561
Sun. 5/25	Library closed	
Mon. 5/26	Holiday Library closed	
Tue. 5/27	420	137
Wed. 5/28	379	119
Thu. 5/29	341	107
Fri. 5/30	301	100
Sat. 5/31	259	78

Recreation Center

The multipurpose room was rented 2-6 p.m. Saturday, May 31 for a baby shower with thirty (30) in attendance.

The multipurpose room is reserved for 12-4 p.m. Saturday, June 21st for a Birthday Party.

The multipurpose room is reserved for baby showers: 3-7 p.m. Saturday, June 14 and noon - 5 p.m. Saturday June 28, and noon - 4 p.m. Saturday June 21 for a birthday party.

Programs, Classes & Activities

Sixty seven (67) children are registered for the **2013/14 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. Annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents with monthly fees of \$146 for residents and \$292 for nonresidents. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Gulfport Elementary, Bear Creek Elementary and Douglas Jamerson Elementary. The program is licensed by the Pinellas County License Board.

Forty five (45) children have been registered for the **2014 Summer Recreation Program**. The program lasts eight weeks and is available to children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Hours of registration are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Registration fees are \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Summer camp program hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra fee. For more information call the Recreation Center at 893-1068.

Contractual classes currently in session: Fencing, Gymnastics, Hatha Flow Yoga, Italian for Travelers, Karate, Live in Color Meditation, Pickleball, Spanish for Beginners, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Tennis, Urban Survival Bootcamp, Women's Self-Defense, Yoga and Zumba.

One hundred two (102) teens are registered for the **2013/14 Teen Night program**, a great hangout for teens in grades 6-12 providing recreation and social activities, and offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, game room and outdoor area. Annual registration fee: \$2 for residents, \$22 for nonresidents. Program hours are Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 6 - 9 p.m.

Staff Activities

Alton Hooker worked the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

Alton Hooker drove the school bus for a field trip by Gulfport Elementary on Tuesday morning. He took the group to Dell Holmes Park in St. Petersburg.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 38 new, 32 closed
- Water payments: 1226 totaling \$262,879.03
- On-Line Water payments: 220 transactions totaling \$14,804.72
- Bright House payments: 22
- Utility Bills Mailed 1261

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 36 Emergency Medical Calls
- 1 Gas Leak
- 4 Structure Fires
- 2 Fire Alarms
- 2 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Haz-Mat Incident
- 1 Auto Extrication Upgrade

Life Safety:

- 1 Fire Inspection
- 1 Re-Inspection
- 2 Smoke Detectors

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** meets monthly at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. The next meeting is Thursday, June 19 at 7 p.m. The topic will be Triage. For more information call 916-8014 or visit www.gulfportcert.com.

Staff Activities:

- The 2014 Hurricane Implementation Guides will be available for pick-up at City Hall, the Gulfport Library and the Gulfport Fire Station. Hurricane season in the Atlantic has begun. It started June 1st and ends November 30th.
- The Gulfport Firefighters are undergoing 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. Firefighters have been identified with elevated heart risk conditions that could lead to a deadly heart attack or stroke and even cancerous conditions.
- The Gulfport Fire Department had their monthly officers meeting on Thursday June 5, 2014. To discuss Standing Operating procedures.
- Chief Marenkovic attended the annual monthly Pinellas County Fire Chief's Association Meeting in Largo at the Epi- Center.

- The County Administrator will be ready to discuss Tentative Agreement with the ALS Contracts for all providers then meet next week on June 11, 2014.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Mounted time clock for Senior Center
- Installed new thermostat at the Historical Museum
- Repaired toilet in Ladies Restroom inside the Casino
- Repaired drain line to ice machine in kitchen at the Senior Center
- Repaired Men's Restroom urinal in the Theater Lobby
- Completed semi-annual inspection on hood system at the Senior Center and Little League Complex
- Delivered mail to Main Post Office for billing department
- Replaced batteries in the fire alarm panel at the Recreation center
- Replaced 7 boards on Clam Bayou Dock
- Repaired several tables at the Recreation Center
- Repaired light fixture in game room closet at the Recreation Center
- Completed several errands to Tampa for Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor

Parks

- Continued to work on tree lights and electric on Beach Boulevard
- Removed rocks and debris from Community Garden. Then mowed and tilled
- Repainted and repaired the wooden barricades
- Repaired fence at Tangerine Greenway
- Replaced flag at Neighborhood Center
- Replaced grip tape on handle at Caldwell Park playground
- Refilled drop cylinder on playground at Caldwell Park
- Repaired benches at skate park
- Graded out eastside playground area at recreation center for mulching
- Checked electric and timer at volleyball courts.
- Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades, repaired pull starts on backpack blower & line trimmer, rebuilt engine on hedge trimmers, ordered parts for Toro workman & mowers, and replaced fuel lines & carburetor on hand auger.
- Repaired irrigation at Caldwell & Tonkin Parks and Library.
- Hand raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.
- Trimmed, weeded & cleaned Senior Center, Library, Clymer Park, continued to trim low branches at Clam Bayou.
- Mowed & trimmed Beach area, Marina area, Caldwell Park, 14th Avenue South, Pasadena entrance area, Recreation Center, Clymer Park, end of York St end of 49th St and Veterans Park
- 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

- Completed billable work orders for pick-up of brush, electronics & appliances, trash & furniture, and items requested for pick-up by Code Enforcement
- Continued curbside pick-up of bagged leaves
- Delivered residential recycling bins with informational sheets
- Removed and disposed of dead animal carcasses from City rights of way
- Removed and disposed of debris at the 49th St. holding area
- Removed dead trees at 4 locations
- Trimmed tree limbs hanging over the street signs at 60th St. & 9th Avenue South
- Hauled scrap metal to recycling site
- Replenished recycled mulch bin at the Neighborhood Center
- *Assembled and delivered new automated trash containers*

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)
- Completed routes # 09, 10, 11 and 12 of the monthly meter reading schedule
- Disconnected water service at 42 locations for non-payment of service
- Completed 3 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off
- Completed 121 miscellaneous service orders generated by customer service department
- Completed 6 Sunshine "One-Call, Call Before You Dig" Utility Locates
- Replaced 2 meters that were stuck and not recording water usage
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation
- Completed annual DEP required testing of 3 backflow devices due in June
- Replaced 3 water meters which were 20+ years old with a new style water meter
- Collected biweekly bacteriological samples on water distribution system
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach
- Continued semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP
- Collected bacteriological testing on new water line at 18th Avenue South, for clearance from DEP
- Installed new backflow and water meter at 1810 52nd Street South
- Installed new backflow and water meter at 5730 Shore Boulevard 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

- Performed rear brake job on Facility Maintenance Vehicle #65

- Replaced brake booster assembly on GEMS Bus #11
- Found and repaired electrical short for P.T.O. system on Sanitation Truck #44
- Replaced ABS brake module in Police Vehicle #54
- Replaced vapor purge solenoid and vapor vent valve on Police Vehicle #14
- 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 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 have moved to 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.

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

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.

June 11, 2014 Board of Adjustment:

- V14 - 11: 1826 58th Street South; Variances requested to reduce the distance requirement from rear property line by 1 foot, from 7 feet to 6 feet; and the distance requirement from the side yard property line on a side street of a corner lot by 6 feet, from 12 feet to 6 feet for the construction of a swimming pool and deck.
- V14 - 12: 4775 Baywood Point South; Variance requested to extend the maximum permitted length into the water for the existing dock and proposed boat lift by 13 feet, from 45 feet to 58 feet for the construction of a proposed 12' x 14' boat lift.