



# *Gulfport Community Update*

## *July 10 - 16, 2016*

### **OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

A portion of Shore Boulevard parking is temporarily closed for construction of the Shore Boulevard Improvement project. Shore Boulevard is open between 58<sup>th</sup> Street & Beach Boulevard. Additional parking is available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Boulevard. Beach pavilions will not be available for rent during construction, but will be available on a first come first serve basis. Call 893-1089 for more information.

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

Chief 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** on the Tangerine Greenway every Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The market focuses on locally made items, but SO49 will consider others in an effort to meet the needs of the community. For more information call 439-0164 or email [jsrtraining@aol.com](mailto:jsrtraining@aol.com).

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 902-2326, or email [FreshMarket@GulfportMA.com](mailto:FreshMarket@GulfportMA.com)

The **Gulfport Boulevard Business & Beach Boulevard Business Watch meeting** is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 19 at Boca Bay Grille, 2834 Beach Boulevard. For more information call 893-1022.

Everyone is invited to the **Strand Neighborhood Watch meeting** at the Gulfport Recreation Center on Wednesday, July 20 at 7 p.m. Brandon Robinson from Stetson University Center for Excellence in Elder Law will be the guest speaker. For more information call 893-1022.

The first **Community Workshop** for the City of Gulfport Municipal Marina to explore options for enhancement and future facilities is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, July 25 in Gulfport City Hall Council Chambers. The project will include public engagement to define stakeholder and community desires for marina enhancements, and will include concept plan alternatives reflective of the community's ideas and wishes. For more information call Community Development Director Fred Metcalf at 893-1095, or email [fmetcalf@mygulfport.us](mailto:fmetcalf@mygulfport.us).

The new **Hoyt Park Inaugural Neighborhood Watch** will host their inaugural meeting at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 7 p.m. Monday, July 25. Guest speaker Brandon Robinson will discuss *Scams and How to Avoid Them*.

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). 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 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 & complimentary Ray's baseball hat. 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 7<sup>th</sup> inning. All trolley trips this season take place on *\$2 Hotdog Wednesdays*. For more information call 893-1118.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Patrol**

Dispatch calls for service	172
Self-initiated calls for service	320
Offenses	29
Arrests	7
Traffic citations	53
Ordinance violations	27

Examples of arrests or significant incidents or calls this week:

A resident in the 2800 block of Beach Boulevard reported on July 7 that their debit card was stolen and used at an ATM and a local business.

A resident in the 2800 Block of 53<sup>rd</sup> Street reported that his credit card was compromised and used to purchase a large amount of merchandise online. The credit card company recognized fraud with the account and cancelled the transaction.

An officer was flagged down by a resident in the 5000 Block of 10 Avenue on July 8 and informed that a vehicle had been parked behind a vacant residence for approximately 3 days. The officer checked the tag and discovered the vehicle was stolen from St. Petersburg. SPPD was notified and their Crime Scene Unit processed the vehicle.

Officer Priest made contact with Marie Fraioli at a residence in the 5000 block of 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue on July 9 regarding multiple warrants for her arrest. Officers allowed her to enter her bedroom to change her clothes, and she climbed out the window and ran. Fraioli was able to avoid arrest but additional charges for resisting without violence have been added.

A resident in the 4900 block of 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue reported that her roommate was extremely drunk the night before and was asked to leave the home. When the resident woke up she discovered the rear window of her vehicle smashed with a brick. The roommate later returned, admitted to causing the damage paid the victim, who did not wish to prosecute \$350 for the damage.

Officers were dispatched to a fire in the 4900 Block of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue that burned a backyard and a fence belonging to a neighboring residence. The fire was the result of an unattended fire pit and was started accidentally. The neighbors worked out the cost for repairs to the fence.

Officer Marshall observed movement inside a vehicle parked at a repair shop in the 5800 block of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and discovered two female juveniles apparently asleep inside. When Officer Marshall inspected the vehicle more closely, he found damage to the ignition. Both juveniles have been charged with grand theft auto.

Officers were dispatched to a reported battery in progress in the 2000 Block of 58<sup>th</sup> Street on July 10. Their investigation revealed that Susan Kalcovich was intoxicated and struck an elderly victim, and broke the victim's cell phone so she could not dial 911. Kalcovich was arrested.

Officers were dispatched to a business in the 1400 Block of 49<sup>th</sup> Street to speak to Francis Csaszar who wanted to turn himself in on a warrant from Broward County for failure to appear. Csaszar was arrested.

Sometime in the early morning hours of July 11 two people stole a white Ford Explorer from a driveway in the 6200 block of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. SPPD was tailing the vehicle on 58<sup>th</sup> Street before it was reported stolen, but eventually lost sight of it. While Officer Heaton was taking the report, SPPD notified GPD that the vehicle was found abandoned in bushes in front of a Child's Park residence. The victim recovered the vehicle after it was processed.

Officers responded to a report of a man with a gun at a business in the 5300 block of Gulfport Boulevard on July 12. When the employee saw the suspect enter the business, he ran out the door and asked a bystander call 911. The suspect was gone when officers arrived. Store surveillance video shows him entering the business with a gun and attempting unsuccessfully to get into the register. No injuries were reported.

Timothy Catlette was arrested for disorderly intoxication on July 13 after a caller reported a male who appeared to be intoxicated yelling and using vulgar language at children in the 5400 block of Shore Boulevard. Catlette was also attempting to fight bystanders.

Miranda Lonto was arrested on two outstanding warrants following a traffic stop in the 1300 block of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The marine unit was on the water for 7 hours this week. Two contacts were made, and three grounded vessels were tagged as at-risk.

### **Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)**

New cases:	12
Cases assigned:	1
Cases suspended-no leads:	5
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	4
Cases referred back to patrol:	2
Supplements received:	10
Cases cleared with arrest:	1
Previously cleared with arrest:	2
Cases suspended-no leads:	1
Cases unfounded-no crime:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases still active:	6

### **Investigator Highlights**

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for a burglary case, a fleeing & eluding and a grand theft; added grand theft auto charges to a suspect already in jail; conducted pawn checks, and; reviewed subpoena records.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for a neglect/manslaughter case, two auto thefts, and three burglaries; completed case agent review forms, and; gave a presentation on internet safety and cyber-bullying to approximately 40 Summer Program participants at the Gulfport Recreation Center.

Crime Analyst Margaret Palmisano reviewed property reported stolen with a known serial number to ensure proper entry into FCIC/NCIC. Three items were found and had been entered. She also completed a pawn check for Officer Lavigne, locating stolen property and identifying a suspect; completed the tabulation of the 2016 Semi-Annual UCR data to be submitted to FDLE; compiled the monthly PCSO call out report, and; created a bulletin for Officer Carter to distribute to local agencies in an attempt to identify two subjects in a fraudulent use of a credit card case.

## **Records**

Reports reviewed	9
Supplements reviewed:	90
Public Records requests:	23
Reports disseminated:	38
Background checks:	4
Bike registrations:	2
Fingerprints	0
Subpoenas processed:	19
Citizens assisted:	39

## **MARINA**

Assisted in twenty nine (29) pump outs evacuating three hundred eighty five (385) gallons of waste.

Pumped three thousand four hundred seventy seven (3,477) gallons of gas and one thousand seven hundred forty three (1,743) gallons of diesel fuel fueling two hundred eleven (211) vessels.

### **Staff activities:**

- Performed scheduled maintenance on all pump out stations.
- Retrieved firework warning markers from Boca Ciega Bay following Independence Day celebration.
- Replaced water hoses on all fuel docks.
- Replaced gas fuel filters on pumps two & four.

### **Transient vessels:**

Staff welcomed four powerboats and two sailboats this week.

## **LIBRARY**

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

### **Public Programs/Meetings/Events:**

Tuesday, July 5, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language.*

Tuesday, July 5, 2 p.m. - *Ukulele Group.*

Tuesday, July 5, 3 p.m. - *French Conversation Club.*

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

Wednesday, July 6, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, July 6, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language.*

Wednesday, July 6, 3 p.m. - *Teen Summer Reading Program: Olympic Games.*

Wednesday, July 6, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters.*

Thursday, July 7, 10:30 a.m. - *Toddler Storytime* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Thursday, July 7, 3:30 p.m. - *Kids Yoga.*

Friday, July 8, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Saturday, July 8, 5:30 p.m. - *Change Your Water, Change Your Life*, presented by Crea Egan.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Saturday, July 16, 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day*. Call 893-1074 for movie title.

Monday, July 18, 3 p.m. - Kids Summer Reading Program: *Balinese Puppetry*.

Wednesday, July 20, 3 p.m. - Teen Summer Reading Program: *Tie Dye Your Entire Life*.

Thursday, July 21, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club* discussion of *Murder on the Orient Express* by *Agatha Christie*. Visit the Circulation Desk to borrow a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Call 893-1073 for more information.

Thursday, July 21, 1 p.m. - *Lupus Foundation Outreach Seminar*: Practical advice and resources. Help yourself or someone you know. Call 893-1073 for more information.

Thursday, July 21, 6 p.m. - *Welcome to Gulfport Workshop*: Co-hosted by Gulfport Neighbors and the Library. Learn about the services available through the City and the Library. Find out how you can participate in our award-winning Gulfport Neighbors organization.

Thursday, July 28, 3:30 p.m. - *Kids Yoga*: The group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Tuesday, August 2, 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.

Saturday, August 6, 1 p.m. - *Grownup Movie Day*: Selections intended for adults to enjoy more complex and challenging films in a quiet and relaxed atmosphere. For movie title, call 893-1074.

Tuesday, August 9, 1 p.m. - *Healthy Mind/Healthy Body Book Club*: The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month. If you have interest in understanding the relationship between our thoughts and their influence on the physical body, this club is for you. Email [klane@untieyourwings.com](mailto:klane@untieyourwings.com) for more information.

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/Statistic July 3 - 9, 2016:**

#### **Items Circulated   Patrons**

Weekly Circulation:	1,293	561
Sun. 7/3	Library closed	
Mon. 7/4	Holiday - Library closed	
Tue. 7/5	231	97
Wed. 7/6	222	94
Thu. 7/7	266	110
Fri. 7/8	335	126
Sat. 7/9	233	116

## **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.
- Commenced preparation of August calendar.

### **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 Gulfport Fire Department will be offering a **Friends & Family CPR and AED Training** on Tuesday, July 19 at 2 p.m. This very important course is a non-certified informational lecture and training. Call 893-5657 to register.

Learn what you need to know in order to make an informed decision about your Medicare Options on Wednesday, July 20 at 2 p.m. as Steven Reiser from Senior Benefit Solutions presents **New to Medicare: Understanding Your Options**.

Ever wonder what Facebook is all about? **Tech Talk: FaceBook FUNDamentals** will cover how to create an account, establish privacy settings, share photos with family and friends, contact long lost friends, and much more at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 20.

Celebrate Christmas in July when **Gulfport GEMS Getaway visits Robert's Christmas Wonderland** on Tuesday, July 26. Robert's is one of the largest & most beautiful Christmas & Collectibles Stores in America. Reserve your seat by 7/21 and explore the magical holiday forest. Round trip transportation: GEMS members, \$6/nonmembers, \$8.

Did you know that there are almost 1500 children in the Foster Care/Dependency System in Pinellas County? Children right here in our community who need a voice to speak for them. **Guardian ad Litem** volunteers are that voice! To find out more about becoming a volunteer join Community Outreach Coordinator Karen Malo at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 for an informative presentation on this life changing volunteer opportunity.

The Senior Center offers free blood pressure and health screenings at 10 a.m. on the last Thursday of every month. Our next **Monthly Mini Health Clinic** is July 29.

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, August 2.

The Alzheimer's Association offers free **Monthly Memory Screenings** the second Monday of each month, 9 - 11:30 am. The next screening is August 8. 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. the second Monday of every month. The next meeting is August 8.

It's important to **Know Your Numbers**. Have your blood sugar and blood pressure checked at the Senior Center on Thursday, August 11 at 10:30 a.m.

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. The next meeting is August 19.

The **FUNDamentals of Watercolor** class meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. This basic class uses 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. Registration is required.

**The Last Word - Writing an Obituary** is offered at the Senior Center 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.

**One-On-One Tech Support** with Jaclyn meets every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Assistance is not limited to specific devices. All electronics and skill levels are welcome.

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.

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, July 3	6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance with Daniel Fugazzotto (Turnout 56)
Tuesday, July 5	9 a.m. - Tai Chi (Turnout 12) Noon - Ballroom lessons with Luigi (Turnout 24) 7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (turnout 54)
Wednesday, July 6	10 a.m. - Yoga with Barbara Newborn (Turnout 16) 6:30 p.m. - Swing dance with Swingtime (Turnout 227)
Thursday, July 7	9 a.m. - Tai Chi (Turnout 5) 6:30 p.m. - Latin Night with Carol Rivera (Turnout 23)
Friday, July 8	11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 19)

#### **Casino (upcoming events):**

Monday, July 25	7 p.m. - USA Ballroom Dance    Members \$5/nonmembers \$8
Most Sundays	6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson 7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom Fusion dance    Admission \$8
Every Tuesday	12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker 2 p.m. - Ballroom dance    Admission \$8 6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango lessons with Kathleen & Steve Prucher 8 p.m. - Milonga dance    Admission \$8
Every Wednesday	10 a.m. - Yoga with Barbara Newborn/Joyce Bloom 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 p.m. - Latin Night lesson with Carol Rivera

8 p.m. - Latin dance Admission \$8

Every Friday 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom

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

Thursday, July 7 8 p.m. - Gulfport Community Players (GCP) Summer One Acts (Turnout 25)

Friday, July 8 8 p.m. - GPC Summer One Acts (Turnout 44)

Saturday, July 9 2 p.m. - GPC Summer One Acts (Turnout 20)  
8 p.m. - GPC Summer One Acts (Turnout 34)

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

Thursday - Saturday, July 14 - 16, 8 p.m., & Sunday, July 17, 2 p.m. - Gulfport Community Players present *Summer One Acts*: Ten original plays never staged in the Tampa Bay area. Tickets \$16, available online at [www.gulfportcommunityplayers.com](http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.com), or at the box office within 1 hour of performance.

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

Sunday, July 3 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 18)  
6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday, July 5 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 15)  
7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Wednesday, July 6 7 p.m. - Crimewatch meeting (Turnout 10)

Thursday, July 7 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 13)

**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. - Bible study

Every Tuesday 7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting

Every Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi

Every first Wednesday 7 p.m. - Crimewatch meeting

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

Sunday, July 3 9 a.m. - Calvary Christian Assembly church services (Turnout 11)

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

Tuesday, July 5 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 17)

Friday, July 8 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 12)

### **Scout Hall (*upcoming events*):**

Every Sunday                      9 am - Calvary Christian Assembly church services

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

Every Monday                    11 a.m. - Chair Yoga

Every Tuesday & Friday      10:30 a.m. - Line dancing

### **Recreation Center**

The multipurpose room was rented 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, July 9 for a Baby Shower with 45 in attendance.

### **Programs, Classes & Activities**

One hundred thirty three 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.

Fifty seven 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 Teen Council meeting on Friday.

Tony Hooker worked the room rental on Saturday.

Five regular **Teen Concilmembers** were present at the monthly meeting on Friday. Advisor Marivel Gutierrez was also in attendance. Topics discussed: Advisor Report, approval of the June minutes, new terms for August, upcoming FLC Conference, Old Business and New Business.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

- 45 Emergency Medical Calls
- 1 Trauma Alert
- 3 Structure Fires
- 2 Fire Alarms
- 3 Vehicle Crashes
- 2 Gas Leaks
- 1 Single Engine
- 1 Fire Outside Structure
- 1 Elevator Rescue

#### **Life Safety:**

- 12 Fire Inspections
- 2 Re-Inspections

- 2 COs

The next **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** training session is 7 p.m. Thursday, July 21 at Gulfport City Hall. This month's topic: Fire extinguisher training.

The Gulfport Fire Department have begun their July online CME for recertification of Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS). PHTLS is recognized around the world as the leading continuing education program for pre-hospital emergency trauma care. The mission of PHTLS is *to promote excellence in trauma patient management by all providers involved in the delivery of pre-hospital care through global education.* PHTLS was developed by NAEMT in cooperation with the American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma.

The Gulfport Fire Department is undergoing annual pump recertification tests per ISO requirements. The 2004 Cyclone Pumper 17 passed, and the E-One Max 2012, Engine 17 is scheduled for testing at Hal-Mark in Ocala. NFPA 1911 helps ensure in-service fire apparatus are serviced and maintained to keep them in safe operating condition and ready for response at all times.

Engine 17 provided mutual aid for a three alarm tanker fire on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge.

The Gulfport Fire Department is hosting two EMT Students from St. Petersburg College internship field program, Lt. Firefighter/Paramedic Grady on the "A"- shift is one preceptor and the second student on "B"-shift is with Lt. Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Burford.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Building Maintenance**

- Replaced light switch in Hoyt Field ladies' restroom.
- Repaired time clock at Library.
- Treated Police department for rodents.
- Repaired ice machine at Senior Center.
- Repaired/replaced wood and floor tile behind bar at Casino.
- Repaired ladies' room faucet at Recreation Center.
- Cleaned and Teflon coated men's restroom floor outside Casino.
- Delivered mail to post office for Finance Department.

### **Parks**

- Unloaded and moved Casino freezers in preparation for floor waxing/polishing.
- Oiled bench swing on beach.
- Repaired broken irrigation at Dog Park & Library.
- Replaced trash cans on Beach Boulevard.
- Installed signs at Wood Ibis Park.
- Locked volleyball court gates leading to construction area.
- Sprayed weeds at Senior Center, Library, Clymer, Marina and 49<sup>th</sup> Streetscapes.
- Picked up lunches for Summer Program.
- Installed bricks at Library Friends garden.
- Cleaned screens on lake fountains at Wood Ibis Park.
- Continued work on tree lights and electrical outlets along Beach Boulevard.
- Mowed City complex, Clymer, Caldwell & Millennium Pocket Park, Senior Center, Library, Dog Parks, Recreation Center green spaces & 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue median.
- Repaired irrigation at Hoyt Field, Little League, Library & along Chase Block.
- Repaired easel for Casino.
- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched Caldwell Park and cleaned beach.

- Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blade, adjusted bed knives on reel mowers, and replaced adjustment bar on beach rake tractor and bump head on line trimmers.
- 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, Stormwater & Sanitation**

- Delivered recycling bins with information sheets.
- Completed billable work orders for brush, Code Enforcement, trash/furniture & electronics.
- Removed and disposed of animal carcasses from City rights of way.
- Removed and disposed of illegal dumping and curbside yard waste throughout City.
- Repaired asphalt and potholes throughout City.
- Assembled & delivered new residential and commercial automated trash containers, and replaced broken containers.
- Cleaned and removed debris from beach, storm drains, inlets, and storm water outfalls and reset storm grates throughout City.
- Set grade and added millings in alleyways per direction.
- Removed limbs & branches obstructing City roadways, alleyways & sidewalks.
- Cleaned debris, cans and trash following Tuesday Market.
- Disposed old tires and parts from Garage
- Remove bulk debris from 49<sup>th</sup> Street yard and delivered to landfill.
- Replaced vandalized signs on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Repaired Stormwater pipe at 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 58<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Barricaded hole at 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 53<sup>rd</sup> Street.

### **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).
- Completed routes #23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 of monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 11 locations for non-payment of service.
- Performed 7 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off.
- Completed 105 miscellaneous customer service department service orders.
- Completed 25 Sunshine One-Call, Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Replaced 2 old meters with new style electronic meters.
- Collected bay water samples at Gulfport Shores, Gulfport Beach & Marina for quality testing.
- Connected new service line across Beach Boulevard for water fountain.
- Replaced water service lines at 2807, 2813 & 2920 57<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Sewer**

- Daily preventive maintenance and service to Lift Stations #1 and #2.

- Daily rain fall check and documentation.
- Daily ground water elevation recording.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance check on Lift Stations 1 & 2, Fire Department/Garage, Police Station/City Hall, and Senior Center.
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection.

### **Vehicle Maintenance**

- Replaced fuel pump in car #9.
- Replaced upper control arm & front brakes on car #102.
- Investigated hydraulic problem in truck #29.
- Replaced brakes & brake chamber on truck #46.
- Prepared & delivered 4 vehicles to auction site.
- Replaced starter in vehicle #79.
- Repaired leak at city gasoline pump.
- Repaired hydraulic cylinder & rear can tipper on truck #45.
- Replaced tire on truck #42.
- Performed preventive maintenance and various small repairs on City vehicles.

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

The number of code enforcement cases for June was 332. The fiscal year-to-date total number of cases is 1,503. The number of citizen complaints for June was 27, making a fiscal year-to-date total of 106. The fiscal year-to-date ratio of complaints to total number of cases is 7.0 percent.

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

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).