



Gulfport Community Update

July 24 - 30, 2016

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

A section of Shore Boulevard parking is temporarily closed for improvements. Shore Boulevard is open between 58th Street & Beach Boulevard. 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 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 49th 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.

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

The topic for the Wednesday, August 3 **Citywide Neighborhood Watch meeting** and the Monday, August 8 **Tangerine/Tomlinson Neighborhood Watch meeting** will be *Traffic Stops: the Temporary Detention by Police*. Both meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center. Call 893-1022 for more information.

Join Gulfport Police & Fire at the Catherine Hickman Theater at 6 p.m. Thursday, August 4 for **Gulfport Night Out**. Special musical guests the New Horizon Band of Gulfport will perform from 7 until 8 p.m. Call 893-1111 for more information.

An opening reception for an exhibit of the works of the seven local artists chosen to create gecko art pieces for this year's Gecko Ball will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, August 8 in the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Avenue. Email jessica.sager@live.com for more information.

Peruse local artists, enjoy live music and dine at one of many fine establishments during **First Friday Gulfport Art & Gallery Walk**, on Beach Boulevard in the waterfront district on Friday, August 5, 6 - 10 p.m. Free admission. Call 322-5217 for more information.

Keep Pinellas Beautiful and the Gulfport Neighbors will join forces on Saturday, August 13 from 9 until 11 a.m. for the **Gulfport Beach Cleanup**. The group will meet at beach shelter 4. Email Gulfport_neighbors@yahoo.com for more information.

Six Gulfport locations will participate in the **9th Annual Gecko Crawl** on Saturday, August 13, 4 - 9 p.m. Tickets: \$20 in advance at the Gulfport Welcome Center/\$25 day of event. For more information call 344-3711.

The monthly **Strand Neighborhood Watch meeting** is Wednesday, August 17 at 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Recreation Center. Brent Bardell of the SPCA will discuss *Animal Abuse*. Call 893-1022 for more information.

New to Gulfport or just want to know more information? The monthly **Welcome to Gulfport Workshop**, cohosted by Gulfport Neighbors and the Library is Thursday, August 18 at 6 p.m. Learn about City & Library services available, and find out how to participate in our award-winning Gulfport Neighbors organization. Call 893-1074 for more information.

Everyone is invited to the **CERT meeting** at the Gulfport Police Department at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 18. Call 893-1022 for more information.

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. 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.

The topic for the 7 p.m. August 24 **Stetson Neighborhood Watch meeting** is *Current Scams and How to Avoid them*, presented by Brandon Robinson. Call 893-1022 for more information.

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 7th inning. All trolley trips this season take place on \$2 *Hotdog Wednesdays*. For more information call 893-1118.

The next **Citywide Business Watch** event is on Thursday, August 25 at 6 p.m. at the Boca Bay Grill, 2834 Beach Boulevard. News Channel 8 Investigative Reporter Mark Douglas will talk about the media and how it reports crime. For more information call 893-1022.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrol

Dispatch calls for service	137
Self-initiated calls for service	348
Offenses	34
Arrests	6
Traffic citations	44
Ordinance violations	29

Examples of arrests or significant incidents or calls this week:

Officers were dispatched to the Gulfport Casino on July 21 after a caller reported several juveniles were jumping from docks into the water. Officers advised them that they were not allowed to jump from the dock. They apologized and left the area without incident.

Alpha Squad checked six vacant houses throughout the City in the early morning hours of July 22. No trespassers were found.

A woman reported that her purse was stolen the previous day from her friend's unlocked car which was parked at Veteran's Park. The vehicle owner did not report the burglary and the vehicle was not presented to police for examination or processing. The victim did not want to prosecute; she wanted to make a report so she could get her license and credit cards replaced.

Marian Ceballo was arrested for resisting without violence after a bystander flagged down an officer at 54th Street & Essex Avenue and reported a very intoxicated female was in an altercation with a man. Ceballo refused to identify herself and refused to cooperate. While exiting the police vehicle, she kicked an officer in the leg purposely and was charged with battery on a law enforcement officer.

Officers were dispatched to a report of a suspicious person in the 5400 block of Gulfport Boulevard. They located Cameron Curriden and discovered he had two warrants for failure to appear: one for theft, and one for driving while license suspended or revoked. Curriden was in possession of marijuana and a controlled substance. Those charges were added as well.

Officer Petit issued a resident in the 2900 block of 57th Street a notice to appear for violating the dog at large ordinance. There has been an ongoing problem with the dog getting out of the fenced backyard and running around the neighborhood.

Ronald Phillips was arrested on felony retail theft charges on July 24 after he stole several items from the Dollar General Store, and beer from the Family Dollar. When officers located Phillips, he threw the stolen beer at Officer Sigsbee and ran. Officer Sigsbee used his taser and took Phillips into custody.

An anonymous caller reported a car was parked behind a residence in the 3000 Block of 50th Street. The car, reported stolen from St Petersburg was processed and returned to the owner.

A vehicle involved in crash outside of the city was towed to the 5600 block of 30th Avenue and left in the street. The vehicle had extensive damage making it inoperable and was posted with a 48 hour warning to have it removed. Someone living at the location said that he would speak with owner about moving the vehicle. The owner made no attempt to contact police and the car was impounded on July 25.

Someone stole 11 No Parking signs from the roadway between the 2200 & 2500 blocks of 59th Street. The signs were installed two weeks ago.

A resident in the 1100 block of 51st Street returned home and discovered his door open and several televisions missing.

An 11 year old boy was reported to be in a kayak in the Gulfport Marina at night. When officers arrived he jumped in the water, and the caller pulled him out. The child is autistic and nonverbal. A Be on the Lookout (BOLO) was received from the St. Petersburg Police Department matching the description of the child. A St. Petersburg police officer picked up the child and transported him home. He had walked from the 3800 block of 7th Avenue North.

A resident in the 5300 block of 28th Avenue reported on July 27 that his car was stolen from his carport sometime overnight.

An officer was dispatched to the Recreation Center regarding a gaming console that went missing over a 2 day period. Security video did not reveal any suspect information.

The marine unit was not on the water this week; however several follow ups were conducted regarding derelict vessels.

Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)

New cases:	13
Cases assigned:	1
Cases suspended-no leads:	6
Cases cleared with arrest:	4
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	1
Cases referred back to patrol:	1
Supplements received:	10

Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Previously cleared with arrest:	2
Cases suspended-no leads:	0
Cases unfounded-no crime:	1
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases still active:	7

Investigator Highlights

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for a Fraud case, a vehicle burglary, and a grand theft; retrieved stolen property from two pawn shops, and; participated in a detail with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage & Tobacco, issuing 2 notices to appear to servers/clerks for selling alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years old.

Detective Crowson: conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for an auto theft case, a fraud, two thefts and a death investigation; attended a Pinellas County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) meeting, and; participated in a detail with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage & Tobacco, issuing 2 notices to appear to servers/clerks for selling alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years old.

Margaret Palmisano completed pawn checks on seven cases with a known serial number, a named suspect or a searchable property description; updated the sex offender/predator display and pamphlets adding a new offender who recently moved into the City, and; reviewed property reported stolen with a known serial number for proper documentation of entry into FCIC/NCIC.

Records

Reports reviewed	11
Supplements reviewed:	56
Public Records requests:	49
Background checks:	3
Bike registrations:	0
Fingerprints	63
Subpoenas processed:	3
Citizens assisted:	39

MARINA

Assisted in thirty nine (39) pump outs evacuating six hundred fifteen (615) gallons of waste.

Pumped three thousand one hundred eleven (3,111) gallons of gas and three thousand forty seven (3,047) gallons of diesel fuel fueling one hundred one (101) vessels.

Staff Activities:

- Performed routine pump out maintenance.
- Cleaned, inspected, and performed routine maintenance on fuel spill buckets.
- Repaired gate on pier four.
- Procured beverages and merchandise for resale.
- Replaced fuel filters on pumps two and three.

Transient vessels:

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

LIBRARY

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

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

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

Tuesday, July 19, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language.*

Tuesday, July 19, 3 p.m. - *French Conversation Club.*

Tuesday, July 19, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.*

Wednesday, July 20, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, July 20, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language.*

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

Wednesday, July 20, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters.*

Thursday, July 21, 10:30 a.m. - *Toddler Storytime* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Thursday, July 21, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie.*

Thursday, July 21, 1 p.m. - *Lupus Foundation Outreach Seminar.*

Thursday, July 21, 6 p.m. - *Welcome to Gulfport Workshop.*

Friday, July 22, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Upcoming Events:

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 for more information.

Tuesday, August 2, 7 p.m. - *Teen Summer Reading Program Party: Celebration! Pizza, Prizes, Playstation! Our fantastic fiesta has it all.*

Thursday, August 4, 7 p.m. - *Kids Summer Reading Program Party: Capping the end of our summer program with the comic antics of Jiggle Man!*

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.*

Monday, August 8, 5 p.m. - *Astrology Program: Release your Cosmic MOJO as we explore the ancient practice of astrology as it relates to your modern life. For more information call 207-332-0787 or email jennie@odetopluto.com.*

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 for more information.*

Thursday, August 18, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of A Study in Scarlet by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Visit the Circulation Desk to borrow a copy. Call 893-1073 for more information. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library.*

Thursday, August 18, 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.*

Saturday, August 20, 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day*. Call 893-1074 for movie title.

Thursday, August 22, 3:30 p.m. - *Kids Yoga*: The group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month.

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-5th 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@mygulfpport.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. - *Gulfpport Writers meeting*.

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

Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - *Gulfpport Toastmasters*. Email 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 17 - 23, 2016:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,400	683
Sun. 7/17	Library closed	
Mon. 7/18	213	96
Tue. 7/19	172	93
Wed. 7/20	223	88
Thu. 7/21	300	120
Fri. 7/22	277	134
Sat. 7/23	207	139

PARKS & RECREATION

Technical Events

Visit www.mygulfpport.us or www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfpport to watch videos of recent City events. Cable and DSL internet users can access live and web stream rebroadcasts at www.mygulfpport.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.
- Distributed August calendar to Tuesday Market vendors and at all City facilities.
- Assisted with event at Theater.
- Provided audio assistance for event at Gulfport Library.
- Updated August calendar, events and Clerk, Library, Human Resources pages on City website.

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.

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 27th Avenue South for more information.

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.

Play **BINGO & Brain Games** with The Puzzle Pages at 2 pm. Wednesday, August 3 Refreshments will be provided.

Join us on a visit to **Pinellas County Recycling & Solid Waste Operations** on Thursday, August 4 when we tour one of the largest waste-to-energy facilities in the world, sanitary landfill, and special recycling operations. Following the tour we'll grab a bite to eat at Cracker Barrel. Round trip transportation and guided tour: GEMS members, \$4/nonmembers \$6. Lunch will be on individual tabs.

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.

Join Wendy for **Health Talk with Humana** at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 15 as she discusses the important topic of *Battling the Aging Brain*.

Create a legacy that lasts forever! **Woodlawn Memory Gardens** will present a vital informational seminar on advance planning for funeral, cremation, or cemetery services on Wednesday, August 17 at 2 p.m. Refreshments provided. Call 893-5657 to register.

The **Health and Rehabilitation Centre at Dolphin's View** invites everyone to join them for a first-ever fishing tournament on Thursday, August 18. All skill levels are encouraged participate. Fishing poles and bait included. Prizes will be awarded for various categories. Lunch will be served following the tournament. Free.

The Community Law Program provides **free legal assistance** at the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. the third Friday of every month. The next meeting is August 19. Call 582-7480 to schedule an appointment.

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 August 25.

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.

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 17 1 p.m. - Linde Life Celebration (Turnout 160)

Tuesday, July 19 9 a.m. - Tai Chi (Turnout 11)
 Noon - Ballroom lessons with Luigi (Turnout 19)
 7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (turnout 56)

Wednesday, July 20 10 a.m. - Yoga with Barbara Newborn (Turnout 8)
6:30 p.m. - Swing dance with Swingtime (Turnout 216)

Thursday, July 21 9 a.m. - Tai Chi (Turnout 7)
6:30 p.m. - Latin Night with Carol Rivera (Turnout 28)

Friday, July 22 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 19)

Saturday, July 23 6 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 300)

Casino (*upcoming events*):

Most Sundays 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson
7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom Fusion dance Admission \$8

Every Tuesday 9 a.m. - Tai Chi
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 9 a.m. - Tai Chi
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

Monday, August 22 7 p.m. USA Ballroom dance Members \$5/nonmembers \$8

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

Sunday, July 17 2 p.m. - Gulfport Community Players Summer One Acts (Turnout 88)

Saturday, July 23 1 p.m. - Bob Worthington Memorial service/Life Celebration (Turnout 300)

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

Sunday, July 17 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 19)
6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday, July 19 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 13)
7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Thursday, July 21 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 16)

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 17 9 a.m. - Calvary Christian Assembly church services (Turnout 12)

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

Monday, July 18 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 26)

Tuesday, July 19 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 18)

Friday, July 22 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 10)

Saturday, July 23 Noon - Acre life celebration (Turnout 34)

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 is reserved 2 - 6 p.m. Saturday, August 20 for a baby shower, and 1 - 6 p.m. Saturday, August 27 for a wedding reception.

Programs, Classes & Activities

Registration is underway for the **2016/17 School Year Child Care program** for children who will be entering 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.

Registration is underway for the **2016/17 Tot Time program**. Tot Time is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5 that aims to make learning fun for children and help prepare them for Kindergarten. Classes begin Tuesday, September 6.

One hundred thirty six 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.

Sixty two 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 46 Emergency Medical Calls
- 3 Structure Fires
- 4 Fire Alarms
- 3 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Other Fires
- 1 Elevator Rescue
- 1 Smoke detector battery install

Life Safety:

- 10 Fire Inspections
- 1 Fire Alarm final
- 1 Fire Alarm permit review
- 1 Plans Review

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** meets monthly. The next training session is Thursday, August 18 at 7 p.m. at Gulfport City Hall

Gulfport Firefighters continued their July online CME for recertification of Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) this week. Testing will take place in November

Gulfport Fire Department honored Capt. Bob Worthington at his Memorial service on July 23. He was a long time member and integral part of the fire service in Gulfport. The 1925 American LaFrance fire engine was displayed at Capt. Worthington's service.

Primary Engine 17 is in Ocala for repairs and will be returned in mid-to-late August.

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 preceptor for one, and the second student on B-shift is with Lt. Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Burford.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Installed plaque on bench at Library.
- Moved duct work and replaced ceiling tile in office at City Hall.
- Repaired a/c unit in Recreation Center upstairs classrooms.
- Moved several planters from front of Senior Center to patio area.
- Replaced filters on all City a/c systems.
- Assembled new bookcase for Library.
- Removed vandalized water cooler from Wood Ibis Park.
- Installed vent and name plates on three office doors at Senior Center.
- Delivered mail to post office for Finance Department.

Parks

- Raked volleyball courts, set up fencing and trashcans in preparation for tournament, and removed equipment following event.
- Continued filling in washouts along sea wall at Recreation Center & marina.
- Cleaned storm drain at Williams Pier.
- Continued work on tree lights and electrical outlets along Beach Boulevard.
- Mowed Recreation Center, Senior Center & Library green spaces, Clam Bayou, Veterans, Clymer, Wood Ibis & Caldwell Parks, Dog Park, City complex, Hoyt perimeter & trail spur.
- Repaired irrigation at City Complex and commenced installation of irrigation sleeves for Shore Boulevard improvements.
- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched Senior Center, Hoyt Field & Library, and cleaned beach.
- Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blade, and repaired back pack blower & line trimmer.
- 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.
- Restocked recycled mulch pile at Neighborhood Center.
- Cleaned mildew from signage at Senior Center and straightened signage at Theater entrance.
- Replaced concrete stormwater cover and box at 54th Street & 11th Avenue.
- Continued automated street sweeping.
- Removed debris from 49th Street holding area.
- Cleaned yard and truck wash area.

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 #45, 46, 47 & 48 of monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 24 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 85 miscellaneous customer service department service orders.
- Completed 30 Sunshine One-Call, Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Replaced 2 meters that were stuck and not recording water usage.
- Replaced 6 old meters with new style electronic meters.
- Collected bay water samples at Gulfport Shores, Gulfport Beach & Marina for quality testing.
- Repaired water break at 29th Avenue & Tifton Street.

Sewer

- Daily preventive maintenance and service to Lift Stations #1 & 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.
- Cleaned and televised sewer main line on 31st Avenue between 53rd & 54th Streets, and sewer lateral at 6246 8th Avenue.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced batteries in Police vehicles #2 & 6.
- Replaced brake master cylinder in Police vehicle #102.
- Replaced starter motor in Sanitation vehicle #43.
- Replaced hydraulic hoses on Sanitation vehicle #29.
- Delivered Sanitation vehicles #42 & 45 to Tampa Crane for repairs.
- Repaired front valance on GEMS vehicle #1.
- Repaired bent retaining arm and placed Sanitation vehicle #40 into “regen” status to clean exhaust filtration system.
- Assisted Fire Department with repair of vehicle #99.
- Drained rainwater from fuel pumps.
- Repaired tire and replaced center cap on Streets vehicle #69.
- 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 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 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.

Code Enforcement activities continued this week in Section 2 of the City, also known as the Northeast Area which generally extends north to 7th Avenue, south to Gulfport Boulevard, west to 58th Street and east to 49th Street.

The number of code enforcement cases for 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.

Beginning in August Code Enforcement activities will move to Section 3 of the City, also known as the Southwest Neighborhood Area which generally extends south from Gulfport Boulevard to the water and west from 58th & 59th Streets to the City Limits.

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.

August 10, 2016 Board of Adjustment:

V16-15; 5137 29th Avenue South; Variance request to:

1. reduce the side yard setback requirement by 4.14 feet, from 10 feet to 5.86 feet, and;
2. reduce the rear yard setback requirement by 29.23 feet, from 40 feet to 10.77 feet to allow for a proposed addition to an existing detached dwelling unit that is part of a multiple family use of the property.

V16-16; 2401 54th Street South; Variance request due to an existing, unpermitted 6' x 16' shed to:

1. reduce the separation distance from the principal structure by 5 feet, from 12 feet to 7 feet, and;
2. reduce the side yard setback requirement by 3 feet, from 6 feet to 3 feet.