



Gulfport Community Update

July 3 - July 9, 2016

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An all day celebration was in full swing on Monday, July 4th in the City of Gulfport! Morning and afternoon events for kids, patriotic vendors, a live band and a grand finale of fireworks launched off Williams Pier at 9 p.m. The City of Gulfport hosts the July 4th event every year always on the July 4th holiday.



Beginning July 5th, a **portion of parking for Shore Boulevard South**, east of the Gulfport Casino and west of the volleyball courts **will be temporarily closed** to launch construction on the Shore Boulevard Improvement project. Shore Boulevard between 58th Street South and Beach Boulevard South will remain open at this time. For more information, please contact 727-893-1089. Additionally, during construction, beach pavilions will not be available for rent. The pavilions will be a first come first serve basis until further notice. Additional parking will be available at the Recreation Center parking lot at 5730 Shore Boulevard South.

If a major disaster strikes Gulfport, Gulfport citizens may have to rely on each other for help in order to meet immediate life-saving and life-sustaining needs. The **Gulfport Community Response Team (CERT)** is looking for volunteers to help in such disasters. This program teaches emergency preparedness and basic disaster response techniques that will prepare citizen volunteers to take an active role in providing critical support to the professional first responders during emergencies. If you are interested in the CERT program, please call Volunteer Coordinator, Richard Grimberg at 727-893-1022.

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.

New **AED heart defibrillators** have been distributed to the Gulfport Marina, Casino, Senior Center, City Hall, Library, Recreation, various police patrol cars, all fire trucks and at the Gulfport Little League field. The Gulfport Fire Department provides CPR and AED training through American Heart Association. Chief Marenkovic states “the defibrillator is a treatment for a life threatening cardiac arrest. By having this device, we are able to save more lives.” For more information call Chief Marenkovic at 893-1062.

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 next **Citywide Neighborhood Watch** meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 6 at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street. Guest speaker Assistant State Attorney Dora Komminos will discuss domestic violence. Coffee and donuts will be served.

The City of Gulfport, Florida desires to pursue a reuse project within **Veteran’s Park** (southeast corner of 31st Avenue S and 54th Street S.) to explore options for park enhancement and to incorporate infrastructure to aid in area drainage/water quality. This first community workshop for Veterans’ Park reuse planning will be held on Monday, July 11th at 6 p.m. inside the Historic Gulfport Casino at 5500 Shore Boulevard South in Gulfport, Florida 33707. This reuse project will include public engagement to define the community’s desire for future park changes/enhancements. The project will include concept plan alternatives that are reflective of

the community's ideas and wishes while incorporating storm water management facilities. The project will include way finding options that includes conceptual signage design with historical narratives. The project will result in a locally-preferred master plan (final plan). For more information, please contact the City of Gulfport, Director of Community Development, Fred Metcalf at fmetcalf@mygulfport.us and (727) 893-1095.

Dora Kommininos will also be the guest speaker at the **Tangerine/Tomlinson Neighborhood Watch** meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, July 11. For more information call Richard Grimberg at 893-1022.

The **Gulfport Boulevard Business & Beach Boulevard Business Watch** event 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 Event** 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 City of Gulfport, Florida desires to pursue a reuse project for the City of Gulfport **Municipal Marina** to explore options for enhancement and future facilities. This first community workshop for this master plan will be held on Monday, July 25th at 6 p.m. inside Gulfport City Hall at 2401 53rd Street South in Gulfport, Florida, 33707. This reuse project will include public engagement to define the stakeholder's and community's desire for marina enhancements. The project will include concept plan alternatives that are reflective of the community's ideas and wishes. The project will result in a locally-preferred master plan (final plan). For more information, please contact the City of Gulfport, Director of Community Development, Fred Metcalf at fmetcalf@mygulfport.us and (727) 893-1095.

A new area watch group, **Hoyt Park Inaugural Neighborhood Watch** is beginning Monday night, July 25 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center located at 5501 27 Avenue South with our guest Brandon Robinson to talk about 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. 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 7th 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	181
Self-initiated calls for service	366
Offenses	45
Arrests	10
Traffic citations	85
Ordinance violations	36

Examples of arrests or significant incidents or calls this week:

A resident reported on June 26 at the 5700 block of 26th Avenue South that a known person stole his prescription medication.

Officers responded to a disturbance involving William Prosser Jr. He was intoxicated and decided to show Officer Priest what happened by walking up to him and swinging at him. He was arrested for disorderly conduct.

A resident reported on June 1 that a black 14' covered trailer was stolen from the alley at the 5500 block of 17th Avenue South behind his house during the night.

Daniel O'neill and Greg Waller were drinking on Gulfport beach under an umbrella. Waller was given a notice to appear and O'neill was arrested and transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

As part of the PCSO DUI county wide wolf pack, Commander Farrand and Sergeant Marotta stopped a vehicle for speeding at the 3300 block of 34th Street North. The driver, Tony Purviance, appeared to be intoxicated. After a DUI investigation was completed he was arrested. His breath test results: .182/.184.

Officer Hutsko stopped a car for speeding on Gulfport Boulevard at the 5900 block. The driver, Jeffery Ortiz, had an outstanding sex offense warrant from Wisconsin. Officers smelled marijuana in the car. A search revealed over 11 grams of marijuana in the car. The passenger, Aubrie Smith, told officers the marijuana belonged to her. Both Ortiz and Smith were arrested.

At the 2900 block of 49th Street South, a resident reported that a known subject may have entered his home and took his laptop and cash on June 2.

Officers responded to a report of two people arguing in the street at the 1500 block of 54th Street South. Officers defused the situation, which was a dispute about property, and assisted the male and female regarding their missing property.

A man was sleeping in his vehicle at the 5700 block of Shore Boulevard South and woke up to find a black male sitting in the passenger seat on June 3. The black male took the sleeping man's wallet and cell phone and ran off. The owner of the items did not see where the man went.

Officers responded to a complaint that an employee at a nearby business struck the caller located at the 4900 block of Gulfport Boulevard South. The employee had already left the scene.

On July 4, at the 5300 block of 18th Avenue South, a resident reported that someone entered their unlocked vehicle overnight and took several items from within.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle overnight at 5300 block of 18th Avenue South and took his wallet and some money.

A lawn service truck was left unlocked with the windows down at the 6100 block of 10th Avenue South. Someone took a cell phone out of the vehicle while the driver was in the backyard of a residence.

Sometime overnight at the 5600 block of 26th Avenue South, someone shot a hole into the hood of the victim's car. No one reported the shot on July 5 and there was no bullet located at the scene.

The new owner of this residence located a brand new trike in the back yard at the 4900 block of 15th Avenue South. Police returned it to the owner on Beach Boulevard who informed us that she had reported it stolen two days ago.

A resident at the 2900 block of 49th Street South, reported that someone broke into his home overnight and stole his medication.

A resident called to report that two people entered his house at the 5100 Block of 31st Avenue South and had eaten food from his refrigerator until he confronted them. They ran from the house and were located by officers hiding behind a neighbor's house. Both suspects were intoxicated. They were identified as Kimberly Gabel and Richard Blandford. Blandford and Gabel were both

arrested for burglary to an occupied residence and Blandford was on felony probation so he was also charged with violating his probation.

Officers towed two vehicles on July 6 that were left in the Gulfport Beach parking lot after the 4th so that the company doing the construction on the new beach parking could start their work.

A resident at the 3100 block of 57th Street South reported that sometime overnight solar tubing was stolen from their garage. It was left there by a contractor who was hired to do work on the residence.

The **marine unit** was out on the water for 17 hours this week for the July 4th celebration. Thirty-four contacts were made and Sergeant Marotta assisted a woman who had fallen in the water. Sergeant Woodman attempted to make contact with the registered owners of two vessels that were moored within the 1000 foot safety area; however contact was not made and therefore the vessels were impounded.

Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)

New cases:	10
Cases assigned:	1
Cases suspended-no leads:	4
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	5
Cases referred back to patrol:	0
Supplements received:	10
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Previously cleared with arrest:	1
Cases suspended-no leads:	0
Cases unfounded-no crime:	1
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases still active:	8

Investigator Highlights

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports on the following cases: Grand theft auto and burglary. Pham developed probable cause for Andrew Manuel for grand theft auto. He also interviewed two inmates at the Pinellas County Jail.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations on a neglect/manslaughter case.

School Resource Officer Motte is on vacation this week.

School Resource Officer Langston is on light duty assignment.

Crime Analyst Margaret Palmisano began tabulating the semi-annual UCR data for submission to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). She conducted pawn checks on 10 cases with property reported stolen with a known serial number, a named suspect or searchable property description.

Records

Reports reviewed	6
Supplements reviewed:	31
Public Records requests:	4
Reports disseminated:	22

Background checks:	13
Bike registrations:	1
Fingerprints	0
Subpoenas processed:	19
Citizens assisted:	39

MARINA

Assisted in thirty six (36) pump outs evacuating one thousand and twenty eight (1028) gallons of waste.

Pumped five thousand one hundred sixty two (5,162) gallons of gas and one thousand six hundred thirty (1,630) gallons of diesel fuel fueling one hundred eighty one (181) vessels.

Staff activities:

- Hosted the Kids Fishing Derby behind the Recreation Center for July 4th event

Transient vessels:

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

LIBRARY

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

Public Programs/Meetings/Events – June 27 – July 2:

Monday, June 27, 3 p.m. - *Kids Summer Reading Program: Scavenger Hunt*

Monday, June 27, 5:30 p.m. - *Change Your Water, Change Your Life*, presented by Crea Egan.

Tuesday, June 28, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language*.

Tuesday, June 28 3 p.m. - *French Conversation Club*.

Wednesday, June 29, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language*.

Wednesday, June 29, 3 p.m. - *Teen Summer Reading Program: Olympic Games*

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

Thursday, June 23, 3:30 p.m. - *Kids Yoga*.

Friday, July 1, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club*.

Saturday, July 2, 1 p.m. – *Grownup Movie day*

Upcoming Events:

Monday, July 11, 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, July 12, 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, July 14, noon - *Lunch & Learn, Create Your Own Rain Garden*: Presented by Brian Niemann of the Pinellas County Extension service. Bring your lunch; drinks will be provided. Call 893-1075 for more information.

Thursday, July 14, 2 p.m. - *Florida Character Reenactment*: Steve portrays an Irish immigrant who enlists as a soldier in the Second Seminole War soon after arriving in America. A Q&A session with the audience will follow. For more information call 893-1073.

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

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.

August 6, 1 p.m. - *Grownup Movie Day*: Join us for this new series of monthly screenings beginning in April. Selections intended for adults only to enjoy more complex and challenging films in a quiet and relaxed atmosphere. For movie title, call 893-1074.

Every Monday - Wednesday & Friday, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language*: Bring a bag lunch and a dictionary. A different language group meets each weekday: Monday - French; Tuesday - Italian; Wednesday - Spanish; Friday - German. For more information call Mel Donovan at 893-1074.

Every Monday, 3 p.m. - *K-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@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 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 June 19 - 25, 2016:
Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,529	790
Sun. 6/26	Library closed	
Mon. 6/27	292	107
Tue. 6/28	206	108
Wed. 6/29	183	110
Thu. 6/30	336	135
Fri. 7/1	294	142
Sat. 7/2	210	174

Public PC Usage:

Server replaced. Statistics will be reported after reports software module is installed.

PARKS & RECREATION

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-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.
- Checked in participants for Independence Day parade.
- Updated July events web calendar
- Assisted in cleaning out Casino bar area for floor replacement
- Prepared Council Meeting Notice agenda for web
- Uploaded Regular Council Meeting Video and links to web

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, July 5.

Stretch out in an oversized reclining chair at **Cobb Tyrone Luxury 10 Theaters** for *Finding Dory* on Thursday, July 7. Reserve your seat by July 1. GEMS members \$12/nonmembers \$14. Price includes round trip transportation and movie ticket.

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

Learn about **Advanced directives** at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 13 when Professor of Ethics and Law Christian Moriarty will detail the different types, the importance of having one, and how to obtain one.

It's important to **Know Your Numbers**. Have your blood sugar and blood pressure checked at the Senior Center on Thursday, July 14 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 July 15.

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. **MUST** pre-register by calling 727-893-5657.

Come learn what you need to know in order to make an informed decision on your Medicare Options on Wednesday, July 20th at 2:00 pm as Steven Reiser with Senior Benefit Solutions presents **New to Medicare: Understanding Your Options**.

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.

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, June 26	3:30 pm – Contra Dance with Tampa Friends of Old Time Dance Admission \$8 (Turnout 90)
Monday, June 27	7 pm – Ballroom Dance with U.S.A. Dance members \$5, non-members \$8 (Turnout 81)
Tuesday, June 28	9 am – Tai Chi - moved from Recreation Center for the summer (Turnout 16)
Tuesday, June 28	12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Luigi Admission \$8 (Turnout 15)
Tuesday, June 28	7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson and dance Admission \$8 (Turnout 72)
Wednesday, June 29	10 am – Yoga with Barbara Newborn (Turnout 18)
Wednesday, June 29	6 p.m. – Swing Dance with Swingtime Admission \$8 (Turnout 200)
Thursday, June 30	9 am – Tai Chi - moved from Recreation Center for the summer (Turnout 9)
Thursday, June 30	6:30 pm – Latin Night with Carol Rivera Admission \$8 (Turnout 21)
Friday, July 1	11 am – Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 19)

Saturday, July 2 5:30 pm – Maldonado-Santiago wedding
(Turnout 170)

Casino (upcoming events):

Select Sundays 6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson
7 p.m. - Ballroom Dance with band Admission \$8

Every fourth Monday 7 pm – U.S.A. Dance hosts a ballroom dance: members \$5, non-members \$8

Every Tuesday 12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker/Luigi
2 p.m. - Ballroom dancing Admission \$8
6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango lessons with Kathleen & Steve Prucher
8 p.m. - Milonga dance Admission \$8

Every Tuesday & Thursday
until September 1 9 am – Tai Chi - moved from Recreation Center for the summer

Every Wednesday 10:30 a.m. – Yoga with Barbara Newborn

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

Every Thursday 6:00 p.m. – Latin Night - lesson with Carol Rivera
8 p.m. - Latin Dance Admission \$8

Every Friday 11 am – Chair Yoga with Joyce Bloom

Catherine Hickman Theater (last week's events):

Tuesday, June 28 7 pm - FRIENDS OF DOROTHY - A musical journey of "all things Oz" to
benefit The Gulfport LGBTQ Resource Center. Tickets \$15 donation,
(Turnout 110)

Friday, July 1 6 pm – Art Reception with Patsi Agüero Free and open to the public.
(Turnout 80)

Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)

July 7 – 17 Gulfport Community Players present SUMMER ONE ACTS
10 original plays never staged in the Tampa Bay area.
Thurs, Fri, Sat. shows at 8:00 pm ~ Sat. & Sun. matinees at 2:00 pm
Tickets \$16 Available at Beach Bazaar, at the door within one hour of
performance, or online at www.gulfportcommunityplayers

Neighborhood Center (last week's events):

Sunday, June 26	9 am – Faith Cathedral Int'l Church bible study (Turnout 12) 6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous (Turnout 12)
Tuesday, June 28	10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 14)
Tuesday, June 28	7 pm – Overeaters Anonymous (Turnout 17)
Thursday, June 30	10 a.m. – Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 18)

Neighborhood Center (upcoming events):

Every Sunday	6 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting
Every first - third Sunday	9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services
Every fourth Sunday	9:15 a.m. – F.C.I. Bible study
Every Tuesday	7 pm - Overeaters Anonymous meeting
Every Tuesday & Thursday	10 am - Easy Tai Chi
Every first Wednesday	7 pm - Crime Watch meeting

Scout Hall (last week's events):

Sunday, June 26	9 am - Calvary Christian Assembly church services (Turnout 10)
Monday, June 27	7 a.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous meeting (Turnout 15)
Monday, June 27	11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 26)
Tuesday, June 28	7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting (Turnout 16)
Tuesday, June 28	10:30 am – Line Dancing (Turnout 18)
Wednesday, June 29	7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting (Turnout 14)
Thursday, June 30	7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting (Turnout 16)
Friday, July 1	7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting (Turnout 15)
Friday, July 1	10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 13)

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

Recreation Center

The multipurpose room is scheduled to rent from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, July 9 for a Baby Shower.

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, John Lapham, Joanne McRoberts, Alton Hooker, Jaylissa Williams, Narada Caldwell, Micheal Williams, Renne Gray, Phoebe Carrazco, Cameron Althaus and Sarah Eisenbaum worked the 4th of July Celebration on Monday. There was a Sand Sculpture Contest, water slides and concessions.

Teen Council

Teen Council members Cameron Althaus, Phoebe Carrazco and Sarah Eisenbaum helped man the water slides and concessions during the 4th of July Celebration.

Teen Council members Cameron Althaus, Phoebe Carrazco and Sarah Eisenbaum walked in the 4th of July Celebration Parade. They walked with the Teen Council banner.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 49 Emergency Medical Calls
- 2 Trauma Alerts
- 3 Structure Fires
- 1 Fire Alarms
- 4 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Fire Outside Structure
- 1 Elevator Rescue

Life Safety:

- 11 Fire Inspections
- 1 Re-Inspections

The next **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** training session is 7 p.m. Thursday, July 21. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place at the Police Department.

Gulfport Fire Department had a busy 4th of July. Special Rescue 17, Pumper 17 and Engine 17 along with Command GP100 were at the July 4th Celebration in the city. Chief James Marenkovic conducted Fire Inspections and staffed the Unified Command Post in the Casino with Police Commander Mary Farrand. Special Rescue 17 had 4 medical emergencies it responded inside the city event location transporting one patient through the crowd. The Special Rescue unit saved time and effort getting to the patients side and transporting the patient out of the crowd.

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.

The Fire Chiefs from Gulfport, South Pasadena, Treasure Island, Madeira Beach and St. Pete Beach met with James Angle from St. Petersburg College and Fire Training staff in reference to the planning of the Lieutenant Assessment Exam for all the departments taking place in September 2016. Fire Chiefs previewed draft versions of all Scenarios, Dimensions and the written exam and budget.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Delivered mail for Finance Department
- Completed semi-annual inspections on fire hood at Senior Center and Little League Buildings. Inspected fire system on GEMS Bus.
- Replaced valve and flushometer on employee's toilet at the library
- Hooked up 25 ton a/c unit for temporary cooling of Casino
- Replaced soap dispensers at Recreation Center and Beach Bathroom.
- Repaired door latch on ladies room at Recreation Center
- Unclogged toilet at men's restroom at the Dog Park

Parks

- Set up and break down for the Fourth of July
- Fenced off A/C unit at the casino
- Removed benches on Shore Boulevard South to prepare for construction
- Checked electric event poles on Beach Boulevard South
- Coated picnic tables for pavilion #7
- Repaired bench swing at the pier
- Remove old water source back flow from the beach
- Remove a section of fence for new signage at Wood Ibis park
- Lowered flags to half staff
- Cleaned screens on lake fountains at Wood Ibis Park.
- Continued work on tree lights and electrical outlets along Beach Boulevard.
- Mowed City Hall Complex, Clymer park, Senior Center and Library
- Repaired irrigation at Hoyt Field and Caldwell Park and 49th Street South streetscapes

- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched Library, Veterans Park, Recreation Center, Senior Center, Chase block, Dog Park and Caldwell Park, trimmed back oak tree branches from parking area at tennis courts, removed milkweed from Wood Ibis Park lake edge and cleaned beach.
- Equipment repairs on backpack sprayer, sharpened all blades, greased mowers and cleaned equipment
- Repaired and oiled bench swing on the beach
- 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

- Disposed old tires and parts from Garage
- Removed illegal dumping at Osgood point
- Removed bagged leaves curbside
- Delivered recycling bins to residents
- Completed asphalt repair work at various locations
- Cleaned debris, cans and trash from fresh market
- Restocked mulch bin at 49th St
- Assembled new automated carts for replacement
- Cleaned Stormwater inlets and outfalls citywide
- Disposed of dead animals called into PW
- Remove bulk debris from 49th St. yard and delivered to landfill
- Added fill and graded alley at 15th and 49th
- Installed replacement signage at 14th and 51st and 15th and Freemont
- Repaired Stormwater pipe at 15th and 58th
- Cleaned Stormwater boxes at 28th and 50th and 27th and 50th
- Removed tree limb and bees at 31st and 53rd
- Remove tree obstructions at 28th and 53rd and 29th and 51st
- Delivered trash containers for 4th of July event and cleaned and removed trash from event

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 # 9, 10, 11, and 12 of the monthly meter reading schedule
- Disconnected water service at 27 locations for non-payment of service
- Completed 4 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off
- Completed 116 miscellaneous service orders generated by customer service department
- Completed 12 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 2 water meters which were 20+ years old with a new style water meters
- Collected biweekly bacteriological samples on water distribution system

- Started semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP
- Completed annual DEP required testing of 62 backflow devices due in June
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach twice weekly
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Marina twice weekly
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Shores (Clam Bayou) twice weekly

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, # 2
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Fire department / Garage
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Police / City Hall
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Senior Center
- Back filled hole in Pasadena Yacht Club over storm drain pipe

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced kingpins on truck #46
- Replaced brakes on truck #46
- Preventive Maintenance on vehicle #501
- Repaired tire on vehicle #501
- Repaired tire on vehicle #57
- Delivered truck #80 to dealer for diagnosis and repair
- Delivered truck #44 to Tampa crane for large hydraulic cylinder removal and replacement
- Replaced tires on parks tractor #23
- Replaced tires on truck #46
- Replaced output hose on city pressure washer
- Performed various other repairs and duties as needed
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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 – Beginning in July, code enforcement activities have moved to section 2 of the City. This area is also known as the Northeast Area. It 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 May was 190. The fiscal year-to-date total number of cases is 1,171. The number of citizen complaints for April was 15, making a fiscal year-to-date total of 79. The fiscal year-to-date ratio of complaints to total number of cases is 6.7 percent.

Because the city has one inspector who focuses on one section of the City at a time, we depend on residents to call in violations when they see them. We will inspect within one working day of receiving a complaint to verify any violation. Please call (727) 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 the Code Enforcement Activities documents for more detailed information and a map of the Code Enforcement areas, please visit the Departments/Community Development/Code Enforcement section of the City's website at <http://www.mygulfport.us/>.

Planning and Development

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

- No cases are scheduled for these meeting dates.

July 13, 2016 Board of Adjustment:

- No cases are scheduled for this meeting date.

August 3, 2016 Planning and Zoning Board and August 16, 2016 City Council/CRA meeting:

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

August 10, 2016 Board of Adjustment:

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