



Gulfport Community Update

September 13 - 19, 2015

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Fire Chief James Marenkovic would like to remind Gulfport residents that **smoke detectors** are available free of charge to elderly and low income households *within Gulfport City limits*.

Upcoming Events:

Spend an evening with Florida legend **Gary Mormino at the Gulfport Historical Museum**, 5301 28th Avenue at 7 p.m. Friday, September 18, and listen to his many tales. Dr. Mormino has authored numerous books including *Land of Sunshine*, *State of Dreams* and is an expert on Florida culture. We expect this event to be standing room only, so please come early to get a good seat! The party is free, and attendees may bring food to share. Beer and wine will be available, or BYOB. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Mormino's book will be available for sale at the museum. For more information, email info@gulfportHistoricalSociety.org or call 656-5420.

Visit the 49th Street South Business Association (SO49) weekly **SoTangerine Market** every Saturday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.SoTangerine.com or call 439-0164.

The **Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market** is a weekly year-round open-air market featuring fruits, vegetables and a wide variety of foods, hand-made arts & crafts, bath, body & wellness products, live music and more. Over 50 vendors and exhibitors participate each Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and personal needs for the Gulfport Multipurpose Center Pantry to the Gulfport Merchants Association tent every Tuesday. For more information visit www.gulfportma.com, call Susan Blankenship at 453-9093 or Chris Spencer at 902-2326, or email FreshMarket@GulfportMA.com.

The Gulfport Senior Center Foundation will host **Super Bingo** at the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Boulevard on Friday, September 25, 7 - 10 p.m. \$10 gets you 3 cards and a super bingo card. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are available at the Casino and Beach Bazaar. For more information, call 893-1244.

Meet your neighbors from both sides of 49th Street during the **Gulfport Neighbors Second Annual Mayors' 49th Street Cleanup** hosted by Gulfport Mayor Sam Henderson and St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman Saturday, October 3. St. Petersburg Deputy Mayor Kanika Tomalin will also join us. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. at the east end of the Tangerine Greenway. Stay for "Chiefs' Chat" a community forum with Gulfport Police Chief Rob Vincent and St. Petersburg Police Chief Tony Holloway at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street at 10:30 a.m. This is an opportunity for members of both communities to learn how the police departments are working together to curb crime in our mutual neighboring areas. The setting will be informal and residents are encouraged to ask questions, express concerns and offer suggestions. For more information contact the Gulfport Neighbors at 343-8428, or visit www.Facebook.com/gulfportneighbors.

The Gulfport Historical Society has planned an unprecedented five events during **Gulfport History Month**, beginning with a free-admission **First Friday Art Reception** at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater on October 2, 6 - 8 p.m. **Born on the Bayou Birthday: A Celebration of Gulfport** is Saturday, October 10, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Gulfport Historical Museum, 5301 28th Avenue. Get your walking or running shoes and pup ready for the **Flying Mullet 5K/One Mile Doggie Dash & Fun Run** at 6 p.m. Friday, October 16. The race begins at the Museum. Registration: \$30. Register online at www.Active.com. Stay for libations and dinner sponsored by O'Maddys. Enjoy dinner, music and dancing under the stars during **Down on the Bayou: A Taste of Louisiana at Gulfport Under the Stars** behind the Museum on Saturday, October 24, 6 - 10 p.m. Dinner \$30/dessert \$15. Tickets are available at the Beach Bazaar, 5113 Beach Boulevard. Meet at the pit behind Scout Hall if you dare for **Haunted Campfire: Ghost Stories**

around the Campfire at 7 p.m. Friday, October 30. For more information call 327-0505 or email info@gulfporthistoricalsociety.org.

The biannual **Great American Cleanup at Clam Bayou Nature Park** is Saturday, October 17, from 9 a.m. - noon. Sign up online at www.mygulfport.us under events/upcoming events: Great American Cleanup, or at the volunteer tent the day of the event. Gulfport staff will be on hand with supplies for volunteers. For more information call Gail Biron at 893-1118.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

Dispatch calls for service	142
Self-initiated calls for service	314
Offenses	40
Arrests	3
Traffic citations	42
Ordinance violations	30

Significant incidents or calls this week:

A Town Shores resident reported on September 10 that her bicycle was taken from underneath the carport.

A resident in the 1500 Block of 53rd Street reported that her unlocked vehicle was entered, and change and a tablet were stolen.

Officers arrested Nickolas Wallace on an outstanding warrant for grand theft, and Frank Barone on an outstanding warrant for a county ordinance violation.

A Boca Ciega High School student reported she was riding her bicycle in the 5700 block of 11th Avenue on the afternoon of September 11 when another juvenile rode up behind her and snatched her phone from her hand. The victim chased the thief for several blocks, but lost him near the bus compound on 49th Street.

Officers responded to a 4 vehicle crash near the intersection of 18th Avenue & 49th Street after a Honda traveling south struck the rear of a van and a car waiting to turn left. The car was pushed into the rear of a Nissan. There were no major injuries but 2 of the vehicles needed to be towed.

A resident in the 2600 block of Upton Street reported on the morning of September 12 that he awoke to find that his boat and trailer which had been hitched to his truck in his driveway were missing.

Officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of 49th Street after two pickup trucks collided. No injuries were reported, but after the drivers spoke, one of them left the scene without giving his information to the other. A witness with a dashboard camera recorded footage of the crash and the suspect leaving the scene.

A resident in the 5100 block of 16th Avenue reported that he loaned his Cadillac to an acquaintance who agreed to return it the next day. The acquaintance failed to return the vehicle and would not answer his phone.

A resident in the 6200 block of Vista Verde Drive reported on September 14 that she hired a cleaning company for her home, and discovered after they left that her jewelry was missing.

A window at the Gulfport Recreation Center was broken sometime after hours. It was unclear what was used to break the window but it appeared to be an act of vandalism.

Gary Hall was arrested for retail theft after he stole various items from the Dollar General store.

Officers responded to the 5900 block of Gulfport Boulevard on September 16 after a vehicle traveling northbound on 59th Street pulled into the path of a vehicle traveling eastbound on Gulfport Boulevard. No injuries were reported.

A resident reported in the 5400 block of 15th Avenue reported that someone forced entry to his residence and stole a firearm.

A resident in the 5600 block of Tangerine Avenue sent a \$650 moneygram to purchase a dog from an online website. She has not received the dog.

The Marine Unit was on the water for 4 hours this week, posting 1 derelict vessel and making 3 contacts.

Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)

New cases:	24
Cases assigned:	5
Cases suspended-no leads:	15
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	1
Cases referred back to patrol:	3
Supplements received:	11
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Previously cleared with arrest:	2
Cases suspended-no leads:	0
Cases unfounded-no crime:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases still active:	9

Investigator Highlights

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports on a hit & run crash, a burglary, a theft, a derelict vessel, and a suicide; manned the marine patrol and tagged one derelict vessel, and; conducted pawn checks.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports on a death investigation, a burglary, a fraud and an armed robbery; assisted School Resource Officer Motte with the Explorer program, and; assisted Detective Pham with attempting to locate two suspects.

School Resource Officer Motte mentored a student; mediated an altercation; provided security for two football games; hosted the Explorer post and conducted oral boards for 3 new members, and; assisted the school with an attempt to recover a Taser. The weapon wasn't located but the student was expelled from school. SRO Mott also assisted the school with a student in possession of marijuana. The student received a 10 day school suspension, was reassigned to another school, and must attend a drug treatment program.

School Resource Officer Langston investigated three separate disturbances; assisted school staff with a theft investigation and a possible weapon on school grounds incident; investigated an allegation of a threat made against a teacher; located two trespassers and escorted them off campus; completed a report for a stolen phone; recovered a missing juvenile from SPPD; spoke with a parent regarding her son skipping school; spoke with a male student about a harassment complaint; counseled a school employee regarding a personal matter, and a student upset about receiving a referral; spoke with two students interested in the GPD Explorer Post, and; attended *Missing Children: Dynamics & Response* training.

Crime Analyst Margaret Palmisano completed the monthly PCSO crime scene call out report; compiled and distributed the open cases lists; completed the monthly CIS report; conducted pawn checks on 11 cases with a known serial number, an identified suspect or searchable property description, and; reviewed property reported stolen for a known serial number to ensure proper documentation of entry into FCIC/NCIC.

Records Section

Reports reviewed	3
Supplements reviewed:	100
Public records requests:	29
Background checks:	0
Bike registrations:	0
Fingerprints	3
Subpoenas processed:	6
Citizens assisted:	31

MARINA

Assisted in thirty (30) pump outs evacuating four hundred ten (410) gallons of waste.

Pumped two thousand two hundred nineteen (2,219) gallons of gas and one thousand eight hundred seventy eight (1,878) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling eighty two (82) vessels.

Transient vessels:

Marina staff welcomed a 23' sailboat, 28' powerboat and a 30' powerboat this week.

Staff activities:

- Repaired and lubricated all gate locks.
- Installed line holders on various docks.
- Repaired dock boxes on various slips.
- Performed maintenance on pump out stations.

LIBRARY

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

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Tuesday, September 8, 2 p.m. - *Computer class for Beginners* facilitated by Alex Hooks.

Tuesday, September 8, 4 p.m. - *Middle School Robotics Club*.

Tuesday, September 8, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting*.

Wednesday, September 9, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting*.

Wednesday, September 9, 2 p.m. - *Advance Computer class*.

Wednesday, September 9, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*.

Thursday, September 10, 10:30 a.m. - *Toddler Storytime*.

Friday, September 11, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club*.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, September 19, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day*. For movie titles call 893-1074.

Monday, September 21, 5 p.m. - *Acoustic Jam*: Alex invites everyone to bring their acoustic instruments for a second season of group musical creation.

Thursday, September 24, 3:30 p.m. - *Storytime Yoga*: Join Cailey on the fourth Thursday of each month. All children must be accompanied by caregiver. Mats a plus, but not required.

Thursday, October 1, 6 p.m. - *A Road Map for Entrepreneurs: The nuts and bolts of legal, benefits and marketing aspects of running a business*: Learn about the nuts and bolts of running a business. Presented by local attorney Elizabeth C. Barnes, Health Insurance Specialist Bobby Lonardo, and Dale Griffen, Vice President of the Go! Agency. Sponsored by the LGBTQ Resource Center. Call 893-1073 for more information.

Monday, October 5, 5:30 p.m. - *Introduction to Essential Oils workshop*: learn the benefits of pure, therapeutic-grade products with Jen Schaefer. Become empowered with knowledge and tools to address many mild (and some less mild) health issues at home, naturally. For more information email gulfportyoga@gmail.com.

Thursday, October 8, 12 p.m. - *Cold Warriors in the Hot Sunshine; The Johns Committee's Homophobic Witch Hunts*: Every month an exceptional speaker will discuss a wide variety of topics. Consider bringing lunch. James Schnur will discuss the 1950's Communist scare and subsequent Florida Legislative Investigations known as the Johns Committee at our first meeting. For more information call 893-1073.

Tuesday, October 13, 4 p.m. - *Middle School Robotics Club*: The group meets every second Tuesday of the month. Start creating and commanding your own robot! Registration required; see Cailey in Youth Services to sign up or call 893-1074.

Every Monday, 3 p.m. - *K-5th Grade Science Club*: We'll 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, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step* meeting. For more information call 360-9069.

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

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 around the rocking chair near the Easy books. Cailey leads the group in singing songs, playing instruments & networking with other caregivers in our community.

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

Library Services/Statistics September 6-12, 2015:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,956	602
Sun. 9/6	Library closed	
Mon. 9/7	Holiday - Library closed	
Tue. 9/8	535	142
Wed. 9/9	403	95
Thu. 9/10	320	108

Fri. 9/11	324	121
Sat. 9/12	263	85

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.
- Rebooted TV station equipment.
- Continued updates and enhancements to mygulfport.us domain and training new staff on GTV640 live meeting & programming operations.
- Updated meeting schedules, agendas & minutes, upcoming events, Recreation, main index slides, and Trumba calendar on City website.
- Continued preparations for Citywide Yard Sale, Keep Gulfport Weird triathlon, and Veterans Day Parade.
- Distributed October calendar to City facilities & Tuesday Market vendors.

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 \$65.00 plus \$2.00 per ride. GEMS also offers transportation to Bay Pines VA Hospital & Medical Center, Northside Hospital & Medical Centers 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 **multiple 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.

In honor of National Senior Center Month, the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center will host an **Open House** on Friday, September 18, 4 - 7 p.m. Find out what the Senior Center has to offer

through guided tours, class demonstrations, informative presentations and community resource information. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call 893-5657.

The Senior Center offers free blood pressure and health screenings at 10 a.m. on the last Thursday of every month. Walgreens will offer flu shots during our next **Monthly Mini Health Clinic** on September 24. Bring your health insurance card and photo ID.

Happy Birthday to You! Help us celebrate this month's birthdays with cake, games and more at 3 p.m. Friday, September 25. Sponsored by Robert Galban of Family Focus Insurance.

Learn about the role of a Cancer Care Coordinator in newly diagnosed cancer patients & explore the concept of patient-centered care across the cancer continuum during this month's **HCA St. Petersburg General Hospital Health Talks: Cancer Care Coordination** at 2:30 p.m. Monday, September 28.

Find great deals during **First Friday Flea Market** on October 2, 9 a.m. - noon.

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, October 6.

Enjoy ice cream with your friends during our **Monthly Ice Cream Social** at 3 p.m. Thursday, October 8. This event is sponsored by Pinellas Point Nursing & Rehab.

The Alzheimer's Association offers free **Monthly Memory Screenings** the second Monday of each month, 9 - 11:30 am. The next screening is October 12. 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** every second Monday of the month. The next meeting is October 12

Join us for lunch and a free current movie during **Movie Day at the Snack Bar** at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 13.

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. Call 893-2237 or 893-1231 to schedule an appointment.

Having a problem hearing on the phone? Florida residents with a hearing loss qualify for a **FREE amplified home phone**. Florida Telecommunications Relay Inc., Family Center on Deafness issues equipment at the Gulfport Senior Center at 10 a.m. every third Tuesday of the month. This program is paid for by a surcharge on all Florida households with home phone lines and all business lines, and has been available since 1991. Call 399-9983 for more information.

The **Community Law Program** offers free legal assistance to qualified residents 60 & older at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center every third Friday of the month. Call 582-7480 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Recycle your old cell phone, General Mills Box tops, Campbell's labels, can tabs and eye glasses at the Senior Center. Staff forwards these items to the proper organization for reuse, recycle or education.

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

Casino (last week's events):

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| Sunday, September 6 | 7 p.m. - Ellis Hale's Band & Ballroom dance (Turnout 42) |
| Tuesday, September 8 | Noon - Ballroom lessons/dancing with Carol Baker (Turnout 20)
7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (Turnout 55) |
| Wednesday, September 9 | 10:30 a.m. - Yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 20)
6 p.m. - Swing dance with Swingtime (Turnout 261) |

- Thursday, September 10 6 p.m. - Latin Night with Carol Rivera (Turnout 18)
- Friday, September 11 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 26)
- Saturday, September 12 7 p.m. - St Pete Glitter Queens 4th Annual Royal Ball (Turnout 256)

Casino (*upcoming events*):

- Every Sunday 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. - Beginning Argentine Tango lesson
8 p.m. - Milonga dance Admission \$8
- Every Wednesday 10 a.m. - Yoga with Barbara Newborn
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 Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom

Catherine Hickman Theater (*upcoming events*):

Friday & Saturday, September 18 & 19, 7 p.m. and Sunday, September 20, 3 p.m. - ProjectFREE & RisingSTARZ present *Once upon a Mattress*. Tickets: \$15 in advance at the Gulfport Casino, Beach Bazaar & ProjectFREE Gallery, 2825 Beach Boulevard, or at the door the day of the show. RisingSTARZ Theater Group features a cast of 22 young adults with diverse intellectual & developmental abilities. Call 350-5706 or visit www.myprojectfree.org for more information.

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

- Sunday, September 6 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 22)
6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous
- Tuesday, September 8 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 7)
7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous
- Wednesday, September 9 6 p.m. - Councilmember Fridovich Town Hall meeting (Turnout 15)
7 p.m. - Pasadena Point HOA meeting (Turnout 4)
- Thursday, September 10 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 6)

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*)

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

Tuesday, September 8 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 21)

Friday, September 11 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 8)

Scout Hall (*upcoming events*):

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

Every Monday 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga

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

Recreation Center

The multipurpose room was rented 2-6 p.m. Saturday, September 12 for a Bridal Shower with approximately forty five (45) in attendance.

The multipurpose room is reserved 6-11 p.m. Saturday, September 19 for an Anniversary party.

Programs, Classes & Activities

Thirty eight (38) children are registered for the **2015/16 School Year Child Care Program** for children in Kindergarten thru age 14. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Monthly fees are \$150 for residents and \$188 for non-residents. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Gulfport Elementary, Bear Creek Elementary and Douglas Jamerson Elementary.

Ten (10) children have been registered for the **2015/16 Tot Time Program**, and nine (9) for **VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten)**. Tot Time is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1. Parents must apply at the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. and the child must receive a Certificate of Eligibility. Both programs aim to make learning fun for children and help prepare them for Kindergarten. Classes begin Tuesday, September 8.

Twenty three (23) 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: Gymnastics, Karate, Pickleball, Spanish, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Tennis, Women's Self-Defense, Yoga and Zumba.

Staff Activities:

Marivel Gutierrez attended the Volunteer Luncheon meeting on Friday, and the the Senior Staff Meeting on Wednesday.

Alton Hooker worked the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 43 Emergency Medical Calls
- 1 Trauma Alert
- 3 Structure Fires
- 2 Fire Alarms
- 4 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Vehicle Fire
- 1 Fire Outside Structure
- 1 Single Engine Response

Life Safety:

- 11 Fire Inspections
- 1 Fire Re-inspection
- 1 C.O.

Chief Marenkovic attended the PALS meeting in Oldsmar on July 15. Chair and Vice Chair positions were voted on due to the retirement of the previous chairpersons. Topics discussed: CME and upcoming ACLS courses, transcripts from the college and a whitepaper draft involving First Responder Mental Health and Wellness.

Firefighter/Paramedic Grady on the "C" shift is preceptor for an EMT Student from the St. Petersburg College Field Internship Program.

Inspector Lundh performed a final Standpipe Pressure Test at the Lancaster building in Town Shores on September 16.

PUBLIC WORKS

Staff continues performing daily water quality testing at Gulfport Beach and Marina due to recent heavy rain showers. The beach is currently open. The latest results are provided below. Visit www.mygulfport.us for the most up-to-date information.

<u>Gulfport Casino</u>		<u>Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)</u>			<u>Fecal coliform – SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)</u>		
Sample ID	Date/Time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
1526008-01	9/17/15 9:01 a.m.	4 B	4	9/17/15 10:05 a.m.	20 B	10	9/17/15 10:05 a.m.

<u>Gulfport Marina</u>		<u>Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)</u>			<u>Fecal coliform – SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)</u>		
Sample ID	Date/Time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
1526008-02	9/17/15 9:12 a.m.	4 U	4	9/17/15 10:05 a.m.	300 U	10	9/17/15 10:05 a.m.

Enterococcus Results Description		
<u>Good</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Poor*</u>
0-35 Enterococcus sp per 100 ml of marine water	36 – 104 Enterococcus sp per 100 ml of marine water	105 or greater Enterococcus sp per 100 ml of marine water
0-35 CFU/100 ml Enterococcus sp Geometric Mean		36 and over CFU/100 ml Enterococcus sp Geometric Mean
Fecal Coliform Results Description		
<u>Good</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Poor*</u>
0-199 fecal coliform organisms per 100 ml of marine water	200-399 fecal coliform organisms per 100 ml of marine water	400 or greater fecal coliform organisms per 100 ml of marine water

*A poor rating may result in a resampling event to confirm poor conditions; otherwise a Health Advisory or Warning will be issued immediately. These indicate that contact with the water at this site may pose increased risk of infectious disease, particularly for

susceptible individuals. A reading of NR means "No Result". This could indicate that no sample was taken at this point because of weather or other factors, or that an analysis result was not obtained from the laboratory.

Building Maintenance

- Set up Council Chambers for meeting.
- Repaired card reader on back door at City Hall.
- Repaired a/c unit in office at Library, cleared blocked urinal in men's restroom, and cleaned light shield under driveway canopy.
- Set up rooms for daily activities at Senior Center.
- Sealed opening in wall at Coast Guard building.
- Installed mirror film on store front door at Recreation Center.
- Completed monthly pest control on all City buildings.
- Replaced toilet paper dispenser in Dog Park ladies' restroom.
- Repaired roof at Fire Station.
- Delivered mail to main Post Office for Finance Department.

Parks

- Turned off irrigation clocks due to heavy rains.
- Replaced GFCI outlets at pier and along Beach Boulevard.
- Commended preparation of baseball fields for season.
- Pressure washed Clymer Park bridges & walkways, and PVC fence at Marina.
- Repaired benches at Gulfport Beach.
- Cleaned shop and restrooms.
- Replaced flags throughout City.
- Installed upcoming events banners on Gulfport Boulevard.
- Mowed Gulfport Beach & Recreation Center green spaces, Chase block and Dog Park.
- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched Senior Center grounds, hand raked around benches and pavilions, cleaned beach and screens on lake fountains at Wood Ibis Park.
- Greased mowers and sharpened/replaced blades, and replaced fuel lines on line trimmer & stick edger.
- 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 all ball fields daily.

Streets & 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 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 & sidewalks.
- Repaired drain at 52nd Street & 13th Avenue and added fill.
- Reset stop sign at 49th Street & 31st Avenue following vehicle strike.

Water

- Daily Chloramines sampling at the points of connection to water distribution system (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily inspection and read of Wholesale meters (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Completed routes 31, 32, 33 & 34 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 37 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 3 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 136 miscellaneous customer service department service orders.
- Completed 18 Sunshine One-Call, Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Replaced 1 meter that was stuck and not recording water usage.
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach, Clam Bayou & Marina for quality testing.
- Replaced 3 old water meters with new electronic meters.
- Collected biweekly bacteriological samples on water distribution system.
- Continued locating water mainline valves in throughout City.

Sewer

- Daily rainfall check and documentation.
- Daily ground water elevation recording.
- Weekly generator exercise & preventive maintenance check on lift stations 1 & 2.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Fire Department/Garage, Police Station/City Hall & Senior Center.
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection.
- Cleaned, televised and mechanically removed roots from sewer laterals at 1008 60th Street, 6220 8th Avenue, and 3011 53rd Street.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced fuel filter in Parks Division's Sandpro.
- Repaired fuel leak in Police vehicle #12.
- Replaced lock in GEMS bus.
- Straightened mounting base & light fixture, and repaired/reinstalled rotator motor on Sanitation vehicle #88.
- Delivered Police vehicle #54 to dealership for diagnostic testing.
- Replaced fuel pressure sensor in Sewer vehicle #26.
- Replaced belt tensioner and serpentine belt in Water vehicle #17.
- Reset fault codes in in Sanitation vehicle #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 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, due to hard economic times many are electing to do these projects themselves. Before embarking on home improvement projects give us a call at 893-1024 to discuss plans and see what inspections may be necessary, or for an explanation of code requirements.

On anything other than small and simple DIY projects we recommend homeowners consider using a licensed contractor. Unless you are very handy and have the necessary skills to take on more complex construction projects, larger projects can quickly overwhelm those less skilled in construction methodology and management.

Don't take chances with unlicensed contractors

The Pinellas County Communications Department offers the following information when looking for qualified contractors:

The Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board helps guide homeowners in hiring a licensed contractor for home improvements.

Hiring an unlicensed contractor can put residents' homes in jeopardy, produce safety hazards and cost extra money to homeowners when work is not done correctly.

"Do your homework and follow the guidelines and resources provided to you by the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board," said Executive Director Rodney Fischer. "Why take a chance with your money and safety?"

The function of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board is to regulate construction and home improvement contractors practicing in all Pinellas jurisdictions.

The licensing board can tell you if a contractor has a license. They must be licensed by the board or the state of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and be registered with the board. Licensed contractors have passed a competency exam and perform electrical, plumbing or structural work in compliance with the building codes.

The state requires licensed contractors to have workers' compensation and liability insurance and the board monitors their insurance coverage. Without these, if a worker gets injured on the job or damages property, the homeowner is liable. Many insurance policies will not pay claims if an unlicensed contractor was doing the work.

WHEN SELECTING A CONTRACTOR, REMEMBER:

- Talk to friends and neighbors for recommendations.
- Home improvement contractors of various skills must be licensed with the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board. The license number must be displayed on advertising as well as on contracts. You can verify a contractor's license number and check any complaints by contacting the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board at (727) 582-3100.
- Check with the Department of Justice and Consumer Services at 464-6200 to determine the number of complaints against a business.
- Ask the contractor for references and follow through with verifying them.
- Ask the contractor for proof of insurance.
- Never deal with anyone who solicits or appears at your home unannounced.
- Obtain a minimum of two bids for the work to be done.

WHEN SIGNING A CONTRACT, MAKE SURE:

- All work should be specifically stated in the contract.
- An approximate starting and completion date should be included.
- All warranties including labor and materials should be addressed.
- A payment schedule should be contained in the contract.

- Do not give a large deposit before the beginning of work and do not pay the balance until completion.
- A three-day right to cancel rarely applies to home improvement contracts.
- Do not sign a blank contract or one containing blank spaces.
- Watch for non-refundable deposits and non-escrow accounts. In new home construction, part of the purchase price must be escrowed (this can be waived).

For more information call the board at 582-3100 or visit www.pcclb.com.

Code Enforcement activities 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.

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 please visit the Special Documents section of the City's website at www.mygulfport.us.

September 9 Board of Adjustment results:

5708 Gulfport Boulevard; Variance Application V15-19 to reduce the required off-street parking requirement by 2 spaces, from 6 spaces to 4 as part of a proposed conversion of a current single-family house to a commercial retail use of the principal structure and property. APPROVED.

October 14, 2015 Board of Adjustment:

V15-20; 6127 8th Avenue South; Variance request to reduce the rear yard setback requirement by 12.09 feet, from 25 feet to 12.91 feet for the construction for a screen room attached to an existing house.

V15-21; 5618 15th Avenue South; Variance request to reduce the side yard setback requirement by 2 feet, from 6 feet to 4 feet to allow for an existing 12' x 12' accessory structure.

V15-22; 6230 Pasadena Point Boulevard South; The following setback variances are requested due to the proposed razing of the existing dock and catwalk for the construction of a new dock, lower landing, boatlift, and catwalk to:

1. reduce the left-hand one-third setback requirement by 1 foot 6 inches, from 30 feet 6 inches to 29 feet to accommodate a the construction of a lower landing and pilings;
2. reduce the right-hand one-third setback requirement by 12 feet, from 30 feet 6 inches to 18 feet 6 inches to allow for the construction a catwalk for the boat lift; and,
3. allow the proposed dock and pilings to extend 4 feet 3 inches beyond one-half of the property width (45 feet 9 inches) to a length of 50 feet.

V15-23; 6122 Kipp's Colony Drive West; Variance request to reduce the right-hand one-third setback requirement by 9.2 feet, from 30.2 feet to 21 feet to allow for the construction a proposed new boat lift.

V15-24; 2632 56th Street South; Variance request to:

1. reduce the rear yard setback by 22 feet, from 25 feet to 3 feet; and
2. reduce the side yard setback by 1.21 feet, from 6 feet to 4.79 feet to allow for the continuation of a non-conforming enclosure of a porch structure.