



# Gulfport Community Update

## September 20 - 26, 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*.

Mayor Henderson, Councilmembers Yolanda Roman, Christine Brown, Michael Fridovich and Dan Liedtke, and City Manager Jim O'Reilly welcomed over 200 attendees to the **Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Open House** on September 18, to experience first-hand the fun and exciting classes, activities, and services offered (photos below). Senior Center registration is available to anyone 50 years of age or older. Register and get involved today!



### Upcoming Events:

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.

Visit the 49<sup>th</sup> Street South Business Association (SO49) weekly **SoTangerine Market** every Saturday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, visit [www.SoTangerine.com](http://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](http://www.gulfportma.com), call Susan Blankenship at 453-9093 or Chris Spencer at 902-2326, or email [FreshMarket@GulfportMA.com](mailto:FreshMarket@GulfportMA.com).

Meet your neighbors from both sides of 49<sup>th</sup> Street during the **Gulfport Neighbors Second Annual Mayors' 49<sup>th</sup> 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 49<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:info@gulfporthistoricalsociety.org).

The semiannual **Great American Cleanup at Clam Bayou Nature Park** is Saturday, October 17, from 9 a.m. - noon. Sign up online at [www.mygulfport.us](http://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.

Sign up your Gulfport address for the **November 7 Citywide Yard Sale**. Applications are available at Gulfport City Hall and Library or online at [www.mygulfport.us/city-wide-yard-sale](http://www.mygulfport.us/city-wide-yard-sale). Deadline for registration is October 30, so dig into the garage, closet or shed and get rid of all that stuff you haven't used for a year or more! Someone might be looking for what you don't want. In the event of rain, the Yard Sale will be rescheduled to Sunday, November 8/ For more information call 893-1118.

Get your family, organization or business in on the fun during **Heroes Weekend**. Get up early on Saturday, November 7 for the **Keep Gulfport Weird Triathlon**. Registration forms are available at [www.mygulfport.us/keep-gulfport-weird-triathlon](http://www.mygulfport.us/keep-gulfport-weird-triathlon). The \$10 registration fee must be received by Friday, October 30. Bring a chair and stay for the **Tangerine Blues Fest** on the Tangerine Greenway from noon until 10 p.m. Free admission: food & beverage vendors on premises. Participant applications for the **Veterans Day Parade** scheduled for 11 a.m. Sunday, November 9 are available at Gulfport City Hall or online at [www.mygulfport.us/heroesweekend](http://www.mygulfport.us/heroesweekend). The deadline to enter is Friday, October 30. The **4<sup>th</sup> Annual VetSports Beach Volleyball Gulfport Open** begins immediately after the Parade. Interested in forming a volleyball team? Visit the VETSports [Facebook event page](#). For more information call 893-1118.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

Dispatch calls for service	127
Self-initiated calls for service	330
Offenses	56

Arrests	5
Traffic citations	45
Ordinance violations	4

**Significant incidents or calls this week:**

A resident in the 5000 block of 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue reported seeing two juveniles trying to enter her neighbor's parked car on September 17. Police located the pair, and they admitted to trying to open the car door, but were unsuccessful because the car was locked. They were released to their parents, and charges were forwarded to the State Attorney's Office for consideration.

An anonymous tip led police to check the backyard of a vacant property in the 5000 block of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a Mercedes reported stolen from St. Petersburg. Officers found the car and notified the owner.

A resident in the 4900 block of 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue reported that someone stole a bicycle that had been tied to the top of her vehicle. A witness saw a male lurking in the area before the theft.

A resident in the 1200 block of 58<sup>th</sup> Street reported that a fishing rod was missing from his garage. The investigating officer determined that the rod was possibly sold to a pawn shop recently by a known subject.

A resident in the 5600 block of Tangerine Avenue reported on September 18 that his bicycle had been stolen from his carport sometime during the previous week.

A resident in the 5200 block of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue left his vehicle unlocked overnight and someone stole some items from inside.

Officers responded to the 1900 block of 55<sup>th</sup> Street on September 19 after a caller reported that someone broke a window out on her vehicle sometime overnight. She did not notice the damage until she was on the Interstate, and drove back home to report it.

Officer Ross was flagged down about a theft at Dollar General and made contact with the suspect as he crossed 49<sup>th</sup> Street. The subject admitted post Miranda to stealing items from the store and was arrested.

A Mexican terracotta statue was reported stolen from a yard in the 6300 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Officer Mills stopped a vehicle in the 6000 block of Gulfport Boulevard for driving 10 mph under the speed limit and weaving in its lane early September 20. The driver, Kheymilie Cabrera performed poorly on FST's and was arrested for DUI. Cabrera provided a breath sample (.072 and .069) and admitted to taking prescription medication. She also had an Adderall pill in her possession and was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

A woman reported she left her phone on the counter at Gulfport Liquors and an unknown female stole it. The phone took a picture of the suspect when she removed the Sim card and the victim is trying to obtain a copy.

Officer Mills was flagged down in the area of 52<sup>nd</sup> Street & 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue about a suspicious vehicle which turned out to be stolen from St. Petersburg. A Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Forensic Tech processed the vehicle and the owner picked it up.

William Gail was arrested for trespass after warning after someone called in an anonymous tip that he was at the Gulfport Casino docks despite being trespassed. Gale had a small amount of marijuana and he was also charged with possession.

Officers observed Avion Dudley, who does not have a valid driver license, driving a scooter 53<sup>rd</sup> Street. It was determined the tag attached to the scooter was stolen from St. Petersburg but the scooter did not fit the description of the one to which the tag was assigned. Dudley was questioned by St. Petersburg officers and issued criminal citations for no valid license and for driving an unregistered vehicle. His scooter was impounded.

Officers were dispatched to the 900 block of 54<sup>th</sup> Street on September 23 after a caller reported an armed male hiding in the bushes. He was gone when officers arrived, but witnesses reported that he handed a gun to a passenger in a truck that was still in the area. Officers made contact with 2 people in the truck, and observed marijuana in the center console. A search of the vehicle revealed an additional 11.5 grams of marijuana. Thomas Hull was issued a notice to appear for possession.

Officer Cavanah manned the Marine Unit for 5 hours this week, making contact with 9 vessels, conducting 5 stops, and issuing 4 citations. Officer Woodman manned the boat for 4 hours, conducting follow-ups on derelict vessels, and making contact with 3 vessels.

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

New cases:	11
Cases assigned:	4
Cases suspended-no leads:	3
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	3
Cases referred back to patrol:	1
Supplements received:	23
Cases cleared with arrest:	1
Previously cleared with arrest:	3
Cases suspended-no leads:	4
Cases unfounded-no crime:	3
Cases exceptionally cleared:	1
Cases still active:	11

### **Investigator Highlights**

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports on an exploitation of an elderly person, a suicide, a credit card fraud, and a residential burglary; exceptionally cleared a grand theft case; unfounded an exploitation case; attended a deposition in a violation of probation case, and; obtained video evidence for a case.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports on a stolen vessel case, a fraud, and a burglary; conducted Facebook and public records research; attended a deposition with the Department of Corrections, and; collected a buccal swab from a suspect to compare against CODIS hits for burglary cases.

School Resource Officer Motte hosted the weekly Explorer meeting; provided security for two football games at BCHS, taught driving safety and what to do during a traffic stop to three Driver Ed classes,; attended a memory improvement skills training course at SEPSI; mentored a student, and; assisted with a disruptive student who received school consequences.

School Resource Officer Langston assisted with a battery investigation; reviewed video for a possession of marijuana investigation; completed a report for the St. Petersburg Police Department in a child protection investigation; assisted the Florida Highway Patrol with a car crash; completed a report for a stolen phone; investigated the theft of two phones; responded to a disturbance; investigated an allegation of a lewd and lascivious battery later determined to have occurred in St. Petersburg; mentored a student upset about attending school; followed up on a burglary case that occurred off campus in which one arrest was made and two theft investigations that occurred on campus, and; provided security at two football games at BCHS.

### **Records Section**

Reports reviewed 9

Supplements reviewed:	72
Public records requests:	8
Reports disseminated:	21
Background checks:	2
Bike registrations:	1
Fingerprints	3
Subpoenas processed:	4
Citizens assisted:	43

### **Training Coordination**

Sworn members have been assigned online training through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Members are required to complete training by September 25.

Officer Crystal Langston is registered for a “Girls in Gangs” training seminar at SEPSI.

Annual firearms qualifications for all sworn officers have been scheduled for October 26 & November 2

### **Applicant Screening**

Fifteen Police Officer applications are being processed.

Lieutenant Stone is reviewing prior applicant information in order to possibly rewrite testing materials for the screening process.

A minority recruitment plan was developed and submitted to Chief Vincent. The professional standards section will be scheduling events in order to meet the requirements of the plan.

Lt. Stone inspected, inventoried and audited the PD property & evidence function He is currently compiling data for a survey concerning the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.

### **MARINA**

Assisted in nineteen (19) pump outs evacuating three hundred forty five (345) gallons of waste.

Pumped two thousand six hundred sixty four (2,664) gallons of gas and eight hundred twenty one (821) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling eighty eight (88) vessels.

### **Transient vessels:**

Marina staff welcomed a 31’ sailboat, a 42’ Smokey and three powerboats this week.

### **LIBRARY**

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

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

Monday, September 14, 3 p.m. - *K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Club.*

Tuesday, September 15, 2 p.m. - *Computer class for Beginners* facilitated by Alex Hooks.

Tuesday, September 15, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.*

Wednesday, September 16, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, September 16, 2 p.m. - *Advance Computer class.*

Wednesday, September 16, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters.*

Thursday, September 17, 10:30 a.m. - *Toddler Storytime*.

Thursday, September 17, 6:30 p.m. - *An Evening with Tim Dorsey*.

Friday, September 18, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club*.

Saturday, September 19, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day*.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Thursday, October 1, 6 p.m. - *A Road Map for Entrepreneurs*: Learn 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](mailto: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.

Thursday, October 15, 11 a.m. - Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of *The Tiger's Wife* by Téa Obreht over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Call 893-1073 or visit the Library for more information.

Saturday, October 17, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day*.

Monday, October 19, 5 p.m. - *Acoustic Jam*: Alex invites everyone to bring their acoustic instruments for a second season of group musical creation.

Thursday, October 22, 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.

Every Monday, 3 p.m. - *K-5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:robynfeatherstonesq@gmail.com) for more information.

Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime*: Join us for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers in the Youth Services area 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 13-19, 2015:**  
**Items Circulated Patrons**

Weekly Circulation:	2,328	719
Sun. 9/13	Library closed	
Mon. 9/14	488	117
Tue. 9/15	365	135
Wed. 9/16	399	114
Thu. 9/17	412	110
Fri. 9/18	296	93
Sat. 9/19	307	110

**PARKS & RECREATION**

**Technical Events**

Visit [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) or [www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfport](http://www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfport) to watch videos of recent City events. Cable and DSL internet users can access live and web stream rebroadcasts at [www.mygulfport.us/gtv-640](http://www.mygulfport.us/gtv-640). Spread the word!

- Distributed press releases to Gabber, and weekly Constant Contact newsletter to email distribution list.
- 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.
- Commenced planning for Gulfport Casino 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday party & Gulfport History month events.

**Multipurpose Center**

The Gulfport Multipurpose Center invites everyone 50+ to sign up for free. The Center is open 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and Fridays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Like us on Facebook at Gulfport Senior Center and Foundation. Help our page grow and get daily valuable information! Stop by the Senior Center for this month's calendar or download a copy at [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us).

**Gulfport Extended Mobility Service (GEMS)** offers transportation to grocery stores, medical appointments, etc. Gulfport residents 55 & older or residents with a disability can take advantage of GEMS door to door service for a yearly membership of \$65.00 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 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue South for more information.

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.

Join us for **Laughter Yoga** the first Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. Laughter exercises, yoga breathing, & lots of fun! Our first class is October 6.

Walgreens will offer Flu Shots at the Senior Center 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 7. Bring your health insurance card and ID.

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.

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 October 29.

The **LGBT Support & Resource Group** meets at 5:30 p.m. every first & third Monday of the month. The group focuses on unique challenges confronting older LGBT citizens. October's topic is *Intimacy*.

Don't stress about your computer. Join our new **Computer Roundtable discussion** at 2 p.m. every Tuesday, and we will figure it out together.

NEW! The **Urban Sketchers** will meet at the Senior Center every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. and travel to local sites to sketch the surroundings.

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 organizations for reuse, recycle or education.

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

**Casino (last week's events):**

Sunday, September 13      7 p.m. - Ballroom fusion dance with Swingtime (Turnout 63)

Tuesday, September 15      Noon - Ballroom lessons/dancing with Carol Baker (Turnout 20)  
7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (Turnout 61)

Wednesday, September 16      10:30 a.m. - Yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 17)  
6 p.m. - Swing dance with Swingtime (Turnout 238)

Thursday, September 17      6 p.m. - Coastal Conservation Association Pinellas Chapter  
Banquet & Auction (Turnout 211)

Friday, September 18      11 a.m. - Chair Yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 25)

**Casino (upcoming events):**

Friday, September 25      7 p.m. - *Super Bingo*: \$10 for 3 cards plus a Super Bingo card. Call  
893-1244 for more information.

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/Joyce Bloom  
6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime  
7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime  
8 p.m. - Swing dance Admission \$8

Every Thursday      6 p.m. - Latin Night lesson with Carol Rivera  
8 p.m. - Latin dance Admission \$8

Every Friday      Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom

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

Thursday, September 17      7 p.m. - ProjectFREE & RisingSTARZ present *Once upon a  
Mattress* (Turnout 30)

Friday, September 18      7 p.m. - ProjectFREE & RisingSTARZ present *Once upon a  
Mattress* (Turnout 40)

Saturday, September 19      7 p.m. - ProjectFREE & RisingSTARZ present *Once upon a  
Mattress* (Turnout 43)

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

Sunday, September 13      9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 25)  
6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

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

Thursday, September 17      10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 7)

**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

Monday, September 14      11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 30)

Tuesday, September 15      10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 11)

Friday, September 18      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 6 - 11 p.m. Saturday, September 19 for an Anniversary party with approximately forty (40) in attendance.

The multipurpose room is reserved noon - 4 p.m. Saturday, October 3, and 4 - 8 p.m. Saturday, October 17 for baby showers, and 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, October for a Yoga Workshop.

**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 seven (27) 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, Gymnastics, Karate, Pickleball, Spanish, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Tennis, Women's Self-Defense, Yoga and Zumba.

#### **Staff Activities:**

Marivel Gutierrez attended the Senior Staff Meeting on Wednesday.

Alton Hooker worked the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

John Lapham used the school bus to transport a group of Tot Time/VPK participants to the Fine Arts Museum in St. Petersburg on Wednesday.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

- 42 Emergency Medical Calls
- 2 Trauma Alerts
- 2 Structure Fires
- 0 Fire Alarms
- 3 Vehicle Crashes

#### **Life Safety:**

- 18 Fire Inspections
- 3 Fire Re-inspections
- 1 C.O.
- 1 Site Plan Review

Chief Marenkovic attended an ACLS Planning Meeting with County EMS/Fire Admin, Medical Director and other Chiefs and EMS Coordinators on September 18.

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

GFD Paramedics continued their Advanced Cardiac Life Support Renewal Course this week. Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) refers to a set of clinical interventions for the urgent treatment of cardiac arrest, stroke and other life threatening medical emergencies, as well as the knowledge and skills to deploy those interventions. The Pre-course Self-Assessment covers three areas Rhythm Identification, Drug and Interventions then Practical Applications. A score of 84% or higher is required to pass.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Staff continues daily water quality testing at Gulfport Beach and Marina. The beach is currently open. The results of September 24 are provided below. Visit [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) for the most up-to-date information.

### **Gulfport Casino**

Sample ID	Date/Time
1526708-01	9/24/15 9:55 a.m.

### **Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)**

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
250 B	4	9/24/15 11:30 a.m.

### **Fecal coliform – SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)**

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
10 U	10	9/24/15 11:30 a.m.

### **Gulfport Marina**

Sample ID	Date/Time
1526708-02	9/24/15 10:10 a.m.

### **Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)**

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
4 U	4	9/24/15 11:30 a.m.

### **Fecal coliform – SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)**

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
10 U	10	9/24/15 11:30 a.m.

### **Enterococcus Results Description**

#### **Good**

0-35 Enterococcus sp per 100 ml of marine water

0-35 CFU/100 ml Enterococcus sp Geometric Mean

#### **Moderate**

36 – 104 Enterococcus sp per 100 ml of marine water

#### **Poor\***

105 or greater Enterococcus sp per 100 ml of marine water

36 and over CFU/100 ml Enterococcus sp Geometric Mean

### **Fecal Coliform Results Description**

#### **Good**

0-199 fecal coliform organisms per 100 ml of marine water

#### **Moderate**

200-399 fecal coliform organisms per 100 ml of marine water

#### **Poor\***

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**

- Replaced flapper in Casino men’s room and “Ladies” sign on Casino outside restroom.
- Secured door on vacant property at 5310 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue for Police Department.
- Repaired handicap toilet in City Hall lobby ladies’ restroom.
- Patched ceiling in Scout Hall.
- Set up rooms at Senior Center for daily activities.
- Repaired ping pong table at Recreation Center.
- Delivered mail to main Post Office for Finance Department.

## **Parks**

- Installed fencing and reworked sand at Beach volleyball courts in preparation for tournament.
- Reset irrigation clocks and inspected rain sensors.
- Replaced bike racks at Veterans Park.
- Pressure washed sidewalks at Senior Center.
- Installed concrete pads & bike racks at Casino, Clymer Park and Tangerine greenway.
- Repaired benches at Veterans Park.
- Installed pole protection pads on fence at Hoyt Field.
- Cleaned shop and restrooms.
- Replaced volleyball net on beach.
- Mowed City Complex, Clymer, Veterans, Tomlinson & Caldwell Parks, Marina, Lions Club, Senior Center & Library green spaces, 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue signage area, Veterans Park, York &, 49<sup>th</sup> Street termini, 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 55<sup>th</sup> Street medians, Pasadena entrance area, Tangerine & Clymer Greenways and Hoyt Field perimeter.

- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched City Complex, Library, Senior Center and Marina area and trimmed low branches at Chase block, Historical Building and Scout Hall, hand raked around benches and pavilions, cleaned beach and screens on lake fountains at Wood Ibis Park.
- Greased mowers and sharpened/replaced blades, and rebuilt carburetor on reel mower.
- 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.
- Replaced multiple sections of sidewalk throughout City.
- Repaired irrigation pipe at 1615 Hull Street.
- Restocked mulch bin at 49<sup>th</sup> Street facility.

### **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 45, 46, 47 & 48 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 24 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 6 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 111 miscellaneous customer service department service orders.
- Completed 6 Sunshine One-Call, Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- 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.
- Repaired water break at 5149 Preston Avenue.
- 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 4937 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

### **Vehicle Maintenance**

- Replaced steering rack and aligned steering in car 91.
- Replaced leaking fuel pump and fuel pump o-ring in car 12.
- Replaced control arms, ball joints and tension struts and aligned steering in car 102.
- Replaced control arms and tension struts in car 54.
- Replaced hydraulic pump in truck 40.
- Replaced hydraulic hose in tractor 73.
- Replaced rear rotors and brake pads on truck 80.
- Replaced pressure gauges in fire truck P17.
- Cleaned carburetor and replaced secondary filter in Parks Department Sandpro groomer.
- Replaced strobe light in truck 80.
- Replaced headlight in truck 42.
- Replaced grabber cylinder joint on truck 31.
- Performed preventive maintenance and various small repairs on City vehicles.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Thinking of starting a new business? Check out the **New Business Checklist** on the City website at [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) under the Online Services/Documents and Publications section.

For more information, including a number of workshops, on starting a new business, visit the **Pinellas County Economic Development Small Business Development Center** website at [www.pced.org/entrepreneurs](http://www.pced.org/entrepreneurs) or call 464-7332. They also offer personalized business consulting to help you become successful with your startup business.

**Building Division** staff tries to take special time to work with homeowners embarking on do-it-yourself projects. Whether it's deferred maintenance or new improvements, 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](http://www.pcclb.com).

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

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 October 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 58<sup>th</sup> & 59<sup>th</sup> Streets to the City Limits. 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](http://www.mygulfport.us).

**October 14, 2015 Board of Adjustment:**

V15-20; 6127 8<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 56<sup>th</sup> 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.