



Gulfport Community Update

May 19 - 25, 2013

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Tom Iovino from Pinellas County Communications was guest speaker at the City of Gulfport's Annual Hurricane Seminar and Vendor Fair on May 23 (photos below). Hurricane Guides are available at Gulfport City Hall, Library and Fire Station. Hurricane season in the Atlantic begins June 1 and ends November 30.



Gulfport City Hall, Senior Center, Library & Recreation Center will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of **Memorial Day**. The Sanitation schedule will not be affected.

Registration continues for the **2013 Summer Recreation Program**. The program lasts eight weeks and is open to children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Pre and post-camps will also be offered. Program hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. with extended care until 6 p.m. for an additional fee. Participants will enjoy activities, field trips, lunches, positive role models and a safe environment to call their own. For more information call the Recreation Center at 893-1068.

Upcoming Events:

The **Third Annual SoStudio Tour** is scheduled for Saturday, May 25, 1-7 p.m., and Sunday, May 26, 1-4 p.m. The tour will feature artists' open studios, galleries, receptions and

demonstrations, and will showcase many well-known Gulfport artists as well as newfound artists. A silent auction and closing reception will take place at the Gulfport Arts Center on Sunday, 4 - 6 p.m. A \$10 tour guide will serve as a pass into the studios, galleries, and receptions around town, and may be purchased in advance at Domain Home Accessories & Gallery, 3129 Beach Boulevard; Beach Bazaar, 3115 Beach Boulevard; the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce, 4926 Gulfport Boulevard, and; T and Me Tea Company, 2908 ½ Beach Boulevard in the Art Village Courtyard, or during the event at the Gulfport Arts Center and the Longhouse, 2309 49th Street South. This event is sponsored by The 49th Street South Business Association and the Gulfport Merchants Association. For more information call Barbara Nicolazzo at 347-4786 or email bien50@gmail.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 art and crafts, bath, body and 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 each Tuesday. For more information call Laura Garrison at 278-4285, email gulfportmarket@gmail.com, visit www.GulfportMA.com or www.facebook.com/gulfportfreshmarket.

Join us for **Gulfport Little League Closing Day Ceremonies & Family Fun Day** at the Little League Complex, 1820 55th Street on Saturday, June 8. Closing Ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. and Family Fun Day is 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, call 557-6349.

Everyone is welcome at the **Summer Reading Kick-Off Party** at the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Avenue on Saturday, June 8, noon - 3 p.m. Bring the family and enjoy carnival games, face painting, a moonwalk and more. For more information call Youth Librarian Cailey Klasson at 893-1074 or email cklasson@mygulfport.us.

Celebrate **Flag Day** with the City of Gulfport in Veterans Park on the corner of 54th Street & Shore Boulevard at 10 a.m. Friday, June 14. For more information call 893-1118.

Weekly Casino Ballroom Events

- Every Tuesday, 12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons, - \$7
- Every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango Dance/ Lesson - \$7
- Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - Swing Dance/Lesson - \$7
- 1st and 3rd Thursday 7 p.m. - Salsa Dance/Lesson - \$7
- 1st and 3rd Sunday, 6 p.m. - Band/Ballroom Dance and Band - \$7
- 2nd & 4th Sunday, 6 p.m. - Ballroom DJ & dance - \$7

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Administration

Calls for Service:

Offenses	35
Arrests	7
Traffic citations	19

Significant incidents or calls this week:

Theresa Caggiano was arrested on the morning of May 14 after she entered the Save a Lot following a trespass warning. Caggiano has a history of causing disturbances and harassing customers.

Officers responded to the 5600 block of 31st Avenue on the morning of May 15 after the landlord reported that a tenant identified as Elisabel Resto-Negron stole the televisions from her

furnished apartment. Resto-Negron admitted to pawning the televisions to pay her cell phone bill and provided the pawn slips. She was arrested for grand theft and dealing in stolen property. The TVs were recovered by the landlord.

A resident in the 6300 block of 7th Avenue reported that the IRS notified him that he owed \$10,000 in back taxes. He contacted the IRS who advised that someone in Tampa had filed a tax return in his name for tax year 2010. The IRS is conducting an investigation and advised the victim to contact local law enforcement as well.

Officers responded to the 2300 block of 51st Street on the morning of May 16 after a caller reported that someone attempted to gain entry to his home by breaking a window in a door. The subject was unable to gain entry and nothing was stolen.

Romeo Vliese was arrested for DUI on the evening of May 16 after he was observed driving his vehicle following contact with officers who advised him not to drive due to his level of intoxication.

An officer attempted to make contact with two males riding bicycles with no lights in the early morning hours of May 17. They dumped the bicycles and ran through an easement. Officers brought the bicycles to the PD. Neither had been reported stolen.

Officers were dispatched to the Family Dollar on the afternoon of May 17 regarding possible shoplifters. It was determined that a verbal altercation occurred between the assistant manager and two subjects who were trespassed from the store.

Officers responded to the 5200 block of 27th Avenue on the evening of May 18 after a resident heard a noise outside and discovered that his bicycle lock had been cut and his bike stolen. There are no suspects.

Officers responded to the 5400 block of 19th Avenue on the afternoon of May 19 a homeowner reported that a fence and utility pole had been set on fire in the alley way. A report was taken.

A resident in the 1900 block of 52nd Street reported on the afternoon of May 19 that he left the door to his home unlocked on May 17, and returned to find his camera, laptop, and jewelry stolen. There are no suspects.

A resident in the 2700 block of 45th Street reported on the morning of May 20 that her bike and a neighbor's bike were stolen from the shared garage of their duplex. There are no suspects.

Investigations:

New Cases:	12
Suspended - no leads	7
Assigned:	3
Cleared With Arrest:	0
Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Unfounded/No Crime:	2
Referred Back to Patrol:	0

Supplements Received:	11
Cleared With Arrest:	0
Previously cleared with Arrest:	2
Closed-No Leads:	2
Unfounded/No Crime:	0
Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Still Active:	7

Detective Hanh Pham recovered a runaway and attended a *Sexual Deviance in the New Millennium* class this week. He also continued investigating assigned cases.

Detective Embry identified a suspect in an illegal use of a credit card case he is investigating. However, when the victim learned that the suspect was someone she knew she declined to press charges. Detective Embry also continued investigating his assigned cases.

This week Analyst Palmisano completed 15 pawn checks on cases with a named suspect and identifiable property, and identified one case that required additional follow-up. She also completed the monthly PCSO call out report.

This week Officer Motte mediated several altercations, mentored several students and completed a Baker Act assessment. He also met with school administrators regarding school safety issues.

This week Officer Langston responded to several disturbances on & off campus and a fight that occurred during lunch period, and completed a simple battery investigation and report. She also completed two found property investigations, counseled a student regarding a civil issue and counseled a student she is mentoring, counseled a teacher regarding job-related concerns and assisted with escorting a disruptive student from the campus.

Records Section

Reports reviewed:	10
Supplements reviewed:	93
Public records requests:	45
Bike registrations:	0
Fingerprints:	4
Subpoenas processed:	7
Citizens assisted:	27

Professional Standards Section

Five policies are in the review process: 318 - Telephone Use; 428 - Natural Death Investigations; 447 - Marine Unit; 508 - Criminal Intelligence, and; 510 - Sex Crimes Investigations.

The following accreditation files were updated this week:

Standard 18.08M - procedures for assuring compliance with constitutional requirements during criminal investigations to include interviews, interrogations, and access to counsel.

Standard 18.15M - procedures for conducting photographic identification arrays and live lineups presented to eyewitnesses.

Standard 22.05M - procedures for charging motorists for operating a motor vehicle after driving privileges have been revoked.

Standard 22.06M - procedures to be followed after the arrest of a person driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Training Coordination

Three members were registered for training, and three training requests were reviewed this week.

Two members attended *Instructor Techniques Refresher* training. This training is necessary to meet the requirements for firearms instructor.

Applicant Screening

Three new applications were received this week. The PD has eighteen applications on file.

Applicant D. Merriam completed his psychological evaluation this week, and will be scheduled for the medical phase.

A tentative pre-field training program schedule has been prepared for applicants R. Marshall and D. Merriam with a tentative start date of Tuesday, June 4.

MARINA

Pumped three thousand six hundred one (3,601) gallons of gas, and eight hundred thirty two (832) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred forty one (141) vessels.

Assisted with thirty five (35) pump-outs evacuating six hundred forty (640) gallons of sewage. This free service is well received by the boating public and helps keep our waters clean.

Transient vessels:

Marina staff welcomed a 30' sailboat, 34' sailboat, 40' motorboat and a 46' motor cruiser this week. Welcome to Gulfport!

LEISURE SERVICES

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/GTV615/Live_Webstream.htm. It's a great way to keep in touch with out of town family and friends! Spread the word!

- Distributed press releases to Gabber, and weekly Constant Contact newsletter to email distribution list.
- Rebooted GTV615 station equipment.
- Updated GTV program schedule on City website and class schedule on Recreation website.
- Commenced Flag Day event preparations.
- Assisted Senior Center with setup and break down of audio/visual gear for *Tour of Duty* seminar.
- Finalized & photographed Hurricane Seminar in Theater.
- Photographed City buildings, continued architectural design, and built home page on new website.
- Provided control room coverage for May 21 City Council Workshop and City Council meeting. Rebroadcast on GTV615 and made DVD copies for City Clerk.
- Uploaded Library Summer Reading Programs promotional video.
- Continued with 4th of July event preparations.
- Met with media production crew on Gulfport Beach to discuss location shots.
- Met with Bob Williams to discuss upcoming events status updates.

Parks

Inspected electricity & lights on all *Welcome to Gulfport* signs and replaced light on sign at 49th Street & Pinellas Trail.

Repaired bench at Tangerine Lake.

Cleaned and painted dock box in preparation for installation at Bocce court.

Replaced 5 faulty GFCI receptacles at Gulfport Beach.

Emptied trashcans on Beach & Shore Boulevards following weekend events.

Trimmed, weeded, mulched & cleaned Casino, 49th & Beach Streetscapes Veterans Park, Neighborhood Center, raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.

Mowed Clymer & Tomlinson Parks, Tangerine Lake, Senior Center grounds, Library & 28th Street signage area, Recreation Center grounds, Marina area, Lions Club grounds, Hoyt perimeter and York & 49th Street termini.

Greased mowers & sharpened blades.

Repaired irrigation along 49th Streetscape.

Opened & cleaned Skate Park daily.

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. Trash receptacles were emptied and the Bocce Ball courts were inspected for needed repairs.

Other Activities:

- All City park 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.

GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mini-Bus Service)

The City of Gulfport offers transportation service for residents 55 and older. GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mobility Service) offers rides to grocery stores, medical appointments, etc. The \$65 annual registration fee entitles members to ride GEMS for \$2 per one-way trip and is good for one year from date of registration. The **summer schedule with new pickup times and trips** is available at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, from GEMS drivers or online at www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org. Check out our new Terrific Tuesday Trip every second & fourth Tuesday, leaving the Senior Center on the hour between 10 a.m. & 3 p.m. going to the Tuesday Market with stops at Gulfport Beach and Pavilion #6. 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. Riders must have a green schedule card to use this service. For more information call 893-2242 between 8 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Multipurpose Center

The Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center has **multiple volunteer opportunities** available. If you want to make a difference and help your community, come join the volunteer program at the Senior Center. It's a great way to meet new friends and to get acquainted with over 50 programs, classes and workshops offered right here in Gulfport. 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. If you have any interest in volunteering for the Center and are 18 years or older, please call Rachel at 893-1231 or stop by the Center at 5501 27th Avenue South.

The Senior Center's **singing group** meets in the dining area on Mondays at 2 p.m. The group is looking for a volunteer pianist. Please call Gail at 893-2237.

Like us on Facebook at **Gulfport Senior Center and Foundation**. Help our page grow and get daily valuable information!

Sign up today to enjoy all the classes and events offered at the Gulfport Senior Center. Ask Gail or Rachel to give you a tour! This is your Center! Pick up a copy of the June schedule at the Senior Center or online at www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org. The Senior Center currently offers 49 monthly classes for residents over 50 to choose. Membership required.

Ready to get fit and meet new friends? If you're over 50 visit the **Foundation Fitness Center** Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Fridays 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Annual membership is \$25 or \$40 a couple. Stop by the Multipurpose Center and take a tour of our state-of-the-art fitness facility.

Want to learn more about Hospice? Join Janet Pattison for a free informational seminar on **Hospice and Caregiving** on Tuesday, May 28 at 1 p.m.

Join Barbara Newborn at Scout Hall on Wednesday, May 29 at 1:30 p.m. for a talk on **The Empowerment of Healing**. Her FREE lecture will discuss methods and new insights into the amazing power of healing.

Join Life Coach Kathy Lane as she teaches you how to visualize what you want with **The Law of Attraction (Prosperity)** on Wednesday, June 5 at 1 p.m. FREE

What goes excellent with ice cream? Karaoke! Join in the fun at the **I-Scream Social** with Ice Cream and Karaoke on Monday, June 10 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$3 or 2 for \$5. Sponsored by Humana and Jay and Lota Wygant.

Join us for the **Life is in the Blood** workshop on Wednesday, June 12 at 2 p.m. when Blood Analyst Debi McArthur will analyze a drop of blood to show what different cells in the blood look like, what they mean and how we can be healthier. A very fascinating, not to miss seminar! FREE.

Watch a FREE movie and get a great lunch for \$2.50 during **Movie Day at the Snack Bar** on Tuesday, June 14, 11 a.m.

Not just one, but a **Two Man Show!** These two men aren't just great performers; they have really big hearts. Jay Wygant and Mike Furman will be performing at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center dining Hall on Wednesday, June 26 at 1:30 p.m. - the very first Two Man Show to support the Senior Center Pantry and seniors in need. The price of the ticket is non-perishable goods or a supermarket gift card. Room is limited, so get your seat early to see these Bright House Idol finalists. Thanks Jay & Mike for sharing your fantastic voices with us at the Center! For more information call Gail at 893-2237.

Dance Fusion classes are offered at Scout Hall every Monday at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Eastman guides participants through salsa-type line dancing moves followed by a Pilates cool down.

A representative from the Community Law Program visits the Multipurpose Center at 10 a.m. every third Friday offering **free legal help** for people over 60 who meet certain criteria. Call 582-7480 for more information.

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

Sunday, May 12	6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson with John 7 p.m. - Ellis Hale's & Ballroom Dance (Turnout 36)
Tuesday, May 14	Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson with Carol Baker (Turnout 7) 1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 7) 2 p.m. - Ballroom dancing 6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 44)
Wednesday, May 15	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime

	7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime 8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 202)
Thursday, May 16	6:30 p.m. - Salsa lessons with Carol Rivera 8 p.m. - Salsa dance (Turnout 28)
Friday, May 17	7 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 128)
Saturday, May 18	7 p.m. - Seminole High School Prom (Turnout 400)

Casino (Upcoming Events):

Every Sunday	6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson 7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom dance Admission \$7
Every Monday	7 p.m. - Hustle dance lessons with Carol Baker
Every Tuesday	12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker 2 p.m. - Ballroom dance Admission \$7 6:30 p.m. - Beginning Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Milonga dance Admission \$7
Every Wednesday	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime 8 p.m. - Swing dance Admission \$7
Every Thursday	7 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera 8 p.m. - Salsa dance Admission \$7

Catherine Hickman Theater (last week's events)

Wednesday, May 15, Noon - Senior Shorts

Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)

Friday, June 7, 7 p.m. - Gulfport Recreation Division First Friday Movie Night: *Casablanca* starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Free admission.

Monday - Friday, June 10 - 21, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - *Performing Arts Consortium of St. Petersburg Theater Summer Camp* for young performers. Two week tuition: \$325. For more information call 258-8315 or 345-4231.

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, May 12	9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 19) 6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous (Turnout 11)
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Neighborhood Center (Upcoming events):

Every Sunday	6 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting
Every first - third Sunday	9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services
Every fourth Sunday	9:15 a.m. - Bible study

Scout Hall (Last week's events):

Monday - Friday	7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Monday, May 13	10:30 a.m. - Dance Fusion class 6:30 p.m. - Girl Scout meeting (Turnout 10)
Tuesday, May 14	11 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 9)
Wednesday, May 15	10:30 a.m. - Yoga class (Turnout 12)
Thursday, May 16	9:30 a.m. - Bob's Band practice
Friday, May 17	10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 8)

Scout Hall (Upcoming Events):

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

The Gulfport Library offers free one-on-one computer instruction on a first come basis every Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Tuesday, May 14, 1 p.m. - *iPad for Beginners Workshop* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Tuesday, May 13, 5:45 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open AA meeting*.

Wednesday, May 15, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers* meeting.

Wednesday, May 15, 3 p.m. - *Teen Zone*, facilitated by Sheri Stanley.

Thursday, May 16, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime for Preschoolers* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Thursday, May 16, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club* discussion of Jayne Eyer by Charlotte Bronte over coffee & light refreshments, facilitated by Alex Hooks.

Friday, May 17, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club*.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, May 28 - *SCORE Counseling*: FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals. Call 893-1073 FMI & to schedule an appointment.

Thursday, June 13, 1 p.m. - *iPad for Beginners Workshop*: Learn to use your new technology. Each session is limited to 15 participants. Call 893-1073 to reserve a seat.

Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m. - *Beginning Digital Camera Workshop*: Want to have fun and get better camera results? Cathy Salustri shows you how! Visit the Reference Desk or call 893-1073 to register. Class is limited to 15 participants.

Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m. - *Intermediate Digital Camera Workshop*. Open to participants of the June 15 *Beginner Digital Camera Workshop* only.

Every Tuesday thru June 25, 1:30 p.m. - Suncoast Hospice Bereavement Counseling for Widows & Widowers.

Every first Tuesday of the month, 9 a.m. - *Community Involvement Consulting*. A representative from Congressman C.W. Bill Young's office provides information and solicits questions and concerns from the public. First come, first served.

Every Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step* meeting. For more information please call 916-0916.

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

Every Wednesday, 3 p.m. - *Teen Zone*. Challenge your friends on the latest XBOX 360 games or just hang out and enjoy free refreshments.

Every Wednesday in June, 2 p.m. - Dig into Reading Summer Reading Program for Grades K-5:

- June 12 - *DinoMight Dino Day*: We'll dig for fossils & create our own.
- June 19 - *Swashbuckling Pirate Party*: Arrhhggg matey, we'll be joined by a real life pirate and learn about life on the high seas!
- June 26 - *Painting Garden Pots*: Put your own personal touch on a terracotta pot for your home garden!

Every Wednesday in June, 4 p.m. - Beneath the Surface Teen Summer Reading Program:

- June 12 - *Zombie Tag*: Ever wanted to turn your friends into a zombie? Now you can! You'll be rewarded with Gatorade, snacks & a movie for spreading the zombie apocalypse.
- June 19 - *Medieval Fashions*: We'll be making chainmail, that cool armor you see at the Renaissance Fair. Come on down & armor yourself medieval style!
- June 26 - *Return to Middle Earth*: Come hang out and watch *The Hobbit*, make your own hobbit terrarium and learn to write your name in elvish.

For more information on our Summer Reading Programs call Youth Services Librarian Cailey at 893-1073.

Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - *Summer Storytime*: Join us for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers. Don't miss our special *Summer Storytime Garden Jamboree* on the last Thursday of every month beginning in June. Sing songs, play instruments & have a great time in the new Circle of Friends Garden!

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

Library Services/Statistic May 12-18, 2013:
Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,798	556
Sun. 5/12	29	22
Mon. 5/13	349	106
Tue. 5/14	317	92
Wed. 5/15	295	88
Thu. 5/16	342	104
Fri. 5/17	374	96
Sat. 5/18	193	57

Recreation Center

The game room is reserved 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, May 25 for a Birthday Party; Saturday, June 1, 3 - 7 p.m. for a Bridal Shower; 3 - 7 p.m. Saturday June 8 for a Baby Shower; noon - 4 p.m. Saturday June 15 for a Birthday party; 2 - 7 p.m. Saturday, June 22 for a Swedish Club Midsummer Gathering, and; noon - 4 p.m. Saturday June 29 for a Birthday party.

Programs, Classes & Activities

Contractual classes: Chair Yoga, Fencing, Gymnastics, Karate, Pickleball, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Tennis, Yoga and Zumba.

Forty six (46) children are registered for the **School Year Child Care Program**, a quality program that provides a nurturing atmosphere where children in Kindergarten through age 14

have the opportunity to experience recreational, social, creative and enriching activities. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents with monthly fees of \$146 for residents and \$292 for non-residents. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Gulfport Elementary, Bear Creek Elementary and Douglas Jamerson Elementary.

Sixty nine (69) teens are registered the **2012/13 Teen Night program**, a great hang out for teens in grades 6-12 providing recreation and social activities, and offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, game room and outdoor area. Annual registration fee: \$2 for residents, \$22 for nonresidents. Program hours are Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 6 - 9 p.m.

The **2012/13 Tot Time/VPK Program** hosted a graduation ceremony at the Recreation Center on Friday, May 17. The program ended with twelve (12) children registered for Tot Time and seven (7) for VPK.

Ten (10) **FY2012/13 Skate Park** registrations have been issued to date.

Staff Activities

Alton Hooker used the school bus to transport a group of Gulfport Elementary students to Dell Holmes Park in St. Petersburg on Thursday.

Marivel Gutierrez, Nicole Latragna, John Lapham, Joanne McRoberts and Tomeka Junious set up the game room on Thursday afternoon for the Tot Time Graduation.

Marivel Gutierrez accompanied **Teen Council** members Elizabeth Brown-Worthington, Laura Karbowski, Nolan Slone and Coordinator Jeri Reed to the 28th Annual Suncoast League of Cities Conference in Crystal River on Saturday.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 40 new, 0 closed
- Water payments: 901 totaling \$106,762.42
- On-Line Water payments: 69 transactions totaling \$7,469.23
- Bright House payments: 19
- Utility Bills Mailed 05/22/13: 1,634
- Accounts Payable 05/17/13: 560 transactions totaling \$497,590.91
- Mail processed 05/17/13: 178 pieces totaling \$773.89
- Purchasing Cards May report: 220 transactions totaling \$30,465.48

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 53 Emergency Medical Calls
- 1 Trauma Alert
- 2 Structure Fires
- 3 Fire Alarms
- 3 Vehicle Crashes
- 3 Fires Outside Structure
- 1 Vehicle Fire

Life Safety:

- 5 Fire Inspections
- 5 Re-Inspections

The **CERT Team** meets monthly at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. The next meeting is 7 p.m. Thursday, June 20. Training will be Heartsaver with AED CPR renewal. For more information visit www.gulfportcert.com or call Bob Worthington at 916-8014.

Staff Activities:

- Gulfport Firefighters continued online training with Target Solutions on HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response) this week. They also continued with their May St. Petersburg College Online CME: Pulmonary - Practical Patient Assessment and Care.
- Firefighter/EMT Mathis and Firefighter/Paramedic Burton were on Special Rescue Standby detail during Stetson Law College Graduation Ceremonies on May 18. The Gulfport Fire Department has a great partnership with Stetson's Public Safety Division and is proud to assist them on their special day.
- Chief Marenkovic attended the PALS meeting on May 21. Discussions included: new protocols; CMEs at the SPC Website; ePCR training, equipment and launch dates.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Burford on the "B"- shift is preceptor for an EMT Student from the St. Petersburg College Field Internship Program.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance:

- Repaired door and toilet in ladies' Beach restroom.
- Installed new pulley wheel on the air conditioning unit and gripping tape on Police Department south gate.
- Repaired air conditioning unit at Casino.
- Completed monthly pest control on all City buildings.
- Cleaned gutters at Scout Hall.
- Replaced light ballast in Theater restroom dressing area.
- Removed bent key from cell.
- Delivered mail to main Post Office.
- Delivered vehicle to Tampa for repair and maintenance.
- Performed routine daily maintenance duties at all City buildings.

Streets & Sanitation:

- Delivered recycling bins with information sheets.
- Completed billable work orders for brush, Code Enforcement, trash/furniture and electronics.
- Continued curbside bagged leaves pick-up.
- Removed and disposed of animal carcasses from City rights of way.
- Completed asphalt patchwork at numerous City locations.
- Assembled and delivered new 40 & 90 gallon automated containers to residences.
- Completed asphalt patchwork per direction.
- Filled & graded holes at 53rd Street & 10th Avenue and 51st Street & Tangerine Avenue.
- Continued automated sweeping of streets and curbsides.

- Reset storm drain lids at 58th Street & 20th Avenue and 58th Street & 17th Avenue.
- Removed debris from beach area and cleaned around storm drain outfall box.
- Removed and disposed of animal carcasses from City roadways.
- Filled and graded hole on Tangerine Greenway, and alley entrances at 57th Street & 30th Avenue and Dupont Street & 30th Avenue
- Added millings to easement and roadway at 51st Street & Tangerine Avenue.
- Replaced sidewalk on 49th Street between 10th & 11th Avenues.
- Completed sidewalk work on 56th Street between 12th & 13th Avenues.
- Installed new “Speed Hump” signs on 7th Avenue between 49th & 64th Streets.
- Removed road obstruction at 52nd Street & 15th Avenue.

Water:

- Daily Chloramines sampling at 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 and 34 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 46 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 7 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 136 Customer Service-generated miscellaneous service orders.
- Completed 6 Sunshine One-Call Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Replaced 1 meter that was stuck and not recording water usage.
- Reviewed permit application for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach for quality testing.
- Completed annual DEP required testing of 23 backflow devices due in May.
- Repaired water line break at 5105 18th Avenue, and fire hydrant at 54th Street & Shore Boulevard.

Sewer

- Daily preventive maintenance and service at lift stations 1 & 2.
- Daily rainfall check and documentation.
- Daily ground water elevation recording.
- Daily per trip vehicle check inspection.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance check on lift stations 1 & 2, Police & Fire Departments and Multipurpose Center.
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection.
- Replaced radiator in generator at Fire Department.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced actuator solenoid on engine of Police Vehicle #111.
- Pulled wheel, brake assembly and brake chamber to access and remove broken bolt for brake chamber mount on Lightning Loader #29, replaced bolt and reassembled all parts.
- Replaced bushings for grabber arm gears on Sanitation Truck #44.
- Annual safety inspection performed on Recreation Department Bus #68.
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various City vehicles.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Don't take chances with unlicensed contractors

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

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 (727) 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 check their website at www.pcclb.com.

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 beginning home improvement projects give us a call at 893-1024 to discuss plans and inspections that may be necessary, to explain code requirements and help you through the process.

Thinking of starting a new business? Check out the New Business Checklist at www.mygulfport.us under the Online Services/Documents and Publications section.

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

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.

To review the 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.

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