



Gulfport Community Update

May 26 - June 1, 2013

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Registration continues for the **2013 Summer Recreation Program** for 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 **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.

Stroll on down to the **First Friday Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District on June 7, 6 - 10 p.m. Call 322-5217.

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.

The City of Gulfport has a full day of events planned for this year's **Independence Day celebration** in the Waterfront District beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 4. Join us for kids' activities, live music, food, craft vendors, parade and world-class fireworks display. For more information, or to register for the parade or Classic Car Show, call Justin at 893-1118 or email jshea@mygulfport.us.

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	40
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Arrests	6
Traffic citations	45

Significant incidents or calls this week:

Officers responded to the area of 12th Avenue & 63rd Street in the early morning hours of May 22 after a caller reported a man with a bicycle standing in her driveway, and another in the street near him. The woman told officers she used her car remote to lock her vehicle in an effort to scare off the subjects. Officers circulated the area but nobody was located.

While on routine patrol Lieutenant Stone made contact with four people in a parked vehicle in the beach parking lot in the early morning hours of May 22. He confirmed that they were eating takeout food from a local fast food restaurant and advised them of park hours. They left without incident.

A Walgeens employee reported that a customer alerted her that a man was putting store items into a bag on the afternoon of May 22. The employee noticed that the pink tote bag was also from the store. She asked the suspect if he needed any help and he said no, and then headed for the door. When the employee was confident the suspect had no intention of paying for the items she attempted to stop him and he pushed her during his escape. He was last seen riding eastbound on a bicycle. Video was obtained and the investigation continues.

Officers responded to the area of 60th Street & 7th Avenue on the afternoon of May 22 after a caller reported that an acquaintance pulled a knife on him during an argument. The suspect admitted to pulling the knife, but said he was defending himself after the complainant threatened to kill him. Neither wanted to pursue criminal charges.

Two males were driving motorcycles eastbound on Gulfport Boulevard in the early morning hours of May 23 when one lost control of his bike and skidded on the roadway approximately 120 feet before landing on the sidewalk just east of Horan Way and causing the second driver to lose control of his bike. Both were transported to Bayfront Hospital with extensive injuries.

Officer Jon Davis stopped a juvenile in the 5100 block of Gulfport Boulevard in the early morning hours of May 23 for riding a bicycle without a light. During the interview, he discovered that the bike had just been reported stolen from a nearby residence. The bike was returned to the owner and the suspect was released to his parent. Charges will be forwarded to the State Attorney's Office.

A Marina patron reported on May 23 that she and her husband left a pelican case on the dock after they returned from boating on May 22. The husband is a paramedic in Hillsborough and had his ID's and credentials in the case. A review of marina surveillance video showed an unidentified male and female with a small child taking the case later that evening.

Officers responded to the 1300 block of Fremont Street in the early morning hours of May 26 after a caller reported that he heard his dog barking and opened his bedroom door to find a male exiting another bedroom. The subject jumped escaped through an open window. He may also have been involved in a stolen car incident that occurred several weeks of weeks earlier across the street from where this burglary occurred.

Officers were dispatched to the area of 15th Avenue & 57th Street in the early morning hours of May 27 regarding a reported battery. It was determined that Scott Osborne battered the victim before reaching inside a window, damaging the blinds. Osborne then drove his vehicle on the front yard towards the victim's front door, damaging the lawn and plants. He was located at his residence in Seminole and arrested.

Officers responded to the 6300 block of Pasadena Point Boulevard on the morning of May 27 after a caller reported that his garage door was damaged, possibly by a BB gun. The victim believes a juvenile neighbor is responsible for the damage.

Investigations:

Detective Embry identified a suspect in a credit card fraud case and will attempt to make contact. He also obtained an IP address for a grand theft case and will follow up after he receives the subscriber's information from the company who owns the IP address.

Officer Motte mediated two situations preventing fights from occurring, escorted two trespassers off campus, assisted patrol with a suspicious circumstance call, completed a Baker Act assessment, provided police coverage for the Senior Breakfast at St. Petersburg Yacht Club, and covered the BCHS Senior Prom at the Gulfport Casino. He also met with school staff to create a plan for reducing truancy for next school year.

Officer Langston spoke with a parent regarding a bullying issue involving her daughter, counseled a student regarding problems in class, assisted SPPD with the recovery of a runaway juvenile from their jurisdiction, and completed an AOA report. She also assisted SPPD with an investigation involving stolen cellular phones, responded to several disturbances at school throughout the week, and assisted with security coverage at the Prom.

Records Section

Reports reviewed:	9
Supplements reviewed:	60
Public records requests:	10
Bike registrations:	1
Fingerprints:	1
Subpoenas processed:	5
Citizens assisted:	18

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 4.02M - A directive requires that members are issued copies of and instructed in the agency's use of force policy before they are authorized to carry a weapon.

Standard 4.03M - A directive requires successful completion of the Florida Basic Recruit Training Program, or its equivalent, prior to assignment in any capacity in which a sworn member is allowed to carry a firearm or is in any position to make an arrest.

Standard 4.04M - A directive states the agency's policy concerning the firing of warning shots. We are in compliance with this standard.

Standard 4.05M - A directive addresses the use of agency approved firearms to include: on duty use, off duty use, proven proficiency prior to carrying, inspection and approval, a process to remove unsafe firearms, and maintaining a record for each firearm approved by the agency for use.

Training Coordination

One training request was reviewed this week.

Seven members attended training this week..

Applicant Screening

One new application was received this week. The PD has nineteen applications on file.

Applicant D. Merriam has been scheduled for medical and drug screen testing.

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 18.

MARINA

Pumped four thousand three hundred thirteen (4,313) gallons of gas, and nine hundred ninety seven (997) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred forty two (142) vessels.

Assisted with fifty seven (57) pump-outs evacuating six hundred (600) gallons of sewage. This free service is well received by the boating public and helps keep our waters clean.

Transient vessels:

Marina staff welcomed forty (40) transient vessels from individuals and various clubs who leased slips for Memorial Day weekend. Welcome to Gulfport!

Staff activities:

- Repaired fuel dispenser on pump two.
- Completed pump out maintenance.
- Inspected electrical pedestals and repaired gate on pier six.

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 and updated GTV program schedule on City website.
- Uploaded Hurricane Informational videos to GT615 program lineup.
- Contacted American Legion Post 125 regarding participation in Flag Day event.
- Continued with 4th of July event preparations.
- Continued design and updating of new website and met with Dave Mather about Leisure Services sub-site.
- Set up audio equipment for Senior Center *Empowerment of Healing* seminar, and removed following event.
- Troubleshoot projector in Theater.
- Attended Emergency Operations Center Media Day event.
- Assisted with preparation of Veterans Park Stewardship award.

Parks

Replaced light on welcome sign at Pinellas Trail & 49th Street, 2 fence slats at Clam Bayou, cleat fasteners at Coast Guard auxiliary dock pilings, and frame on Clam Bayou nature map sign.

Met with Duke Energy representative to troubleshoot light & breaker panel at 49th Street & Gulfport Boulevard; isolated power until Duke engineering resolves issue.

Inspected lighting at Caldwell Park and ordered replacement lights.

Built new mile marker posts for Wood Ibis Park.

Repaired stair railing at Recreation Center.

Filled engravings in fresh cement at Little League.

Inspected power at Recreation Softball backstop and ordered replacement parts.

Installed concrete base under trash can at 52nd Street & Tangerine.

Built and painted new bocce ball deck box.

Emptied trashcans on Beach & Shore Boulevards following weekend events.

Trimmed, weeded, mulched & cleaned Beach Streetscapes, raked around benches & pavilions and cleaned beach.

Mowed City complex, Chase block, Clam Bayou, Dog Park, Scout Hall grounds, 55th Street medians, Recreation Center field, Wood Ibis Park & drainage area, Tangerine signage area & 56th Street drainage area.

Repaired irrigation at City complex, Library & 28th Street signage area, Recreation Center, Clymer & Veterans Parks and 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 Senior Center Foundation has provided several **hearing impaired devices** for Senior Center participants to borrow during events at the Center. Borrowers must provide I.D. which will be held by staff until the device is returned.

June **beginner & intermediate computer classes** are full. Call Rachel at 893-1231 to sign up for July classes.

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.

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.

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.

Want to learn to play Contract Bridge? **Beginners Bridge 101** at 11 a.m. every Monday is for you!

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.

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.

A representative from the Community Law Program will visit the Multipurpose Center at 10 a.m. Friday, June 21 offering **free legal help** for people over 60 who meet certain criteria. Call 582-7480 for more information.

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.

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

Sunday, May 19	6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson with John 7 p.m. - Mario DeLeon's & Ballroom Dance (Turnout 30)
Monday, May 20	7 p.m. - USA Ballroom dance (Turnout 105)
Tuesday, May 21	Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson with Carol Baker (Turnout 97) 1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 6) 2 p.m. - Ballroom dancing 6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson 8 p.m. - Milonga dance (Turnout 33)
Wednesday, May 22	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime 8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 177)
Thursday, May 23	6:30 p.m. - Salsa lessons with Carol Rivera 8 p.m. - Salsa dance (Turnout 32)
Saturday, May 25	7 p.m. - Boca Ciega High School Prom (Turnout 250)

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)

Thursday, May 23, 6 p.m. - Annual Hurricane Vendor Fair & Seminar (Turnout 82)

Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events)

Friday, June 7, 7 p.m. - *Gulfport Recreation Division First Friday Movie Night presents Casablanca* starring Humphrey Bogart & 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 19	9:30 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services (Turnout 17) 6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous (Turnout 10)
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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 20	10:30 a.m. - Dance Fusion class 6:30 p.m. - Girl Scout meeting (Turnout 10)
Tuesday, May 21	11 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 9)
Wednesday, May 22	10:30 a.m. - Yoga class (Turnout 12)
Thursday, May 23	9:30 a.m. - Bob's Band practice
Friday, May 24	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 21, 1:30 p.m. - *Suncoast Hospice Bereavement Counseling for Widows and Widowers.*

Tuesday, May 21, 5:45 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open AA meeting.*

Wednesday, May 22, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, May 22, 3 p.m. - *Teen Zone*, facilitated by Sheri Stanley.

Thursday, May 23, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime for Preschoolers* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Friday, May 24, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Upcoming Events:

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.

Thursday, June 20, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of Light in August* by William Faulkner over coffee & light refreshments. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Call 893-1073 for more information.

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 19-25, 2013:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,922	563
Sun. 5/19	13	11
Mon. 5/20	267	87
Tue. 5/21	370	96
Wed. 5/22	346	106
Thu. 5/23	333	104
Fri. 5/24	312	78
Sat. 5/25	281	87

Recreation Center

The game room was rented 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, May 25 for a Birthday Party with fifty (50) in attendance.

The game room is reserved: 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.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Customer Service and Finance

- Account Activity (Water and/or Marina): 20 new, 0 closed
- Water payments: 527 totaling \$59,801.87
- Online Water payments: 49 transactions totaling \$6,256.74
- Bright House payments: 13
- Utility Bills Mailed 05/29/13: 1,310
- Payroll 05/24/13: 163 transactions totaling \$164,360.81
- Payroll-Accounts Payable: 10 transactions totaling \$18,951.96

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 38 Emergency Medical Calls
- 4 Structure Fires
- 5 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Fires Outside Structure
- 2 Single Engine Responses

Life Safety:

- 3 Fire Inspections
- 5 Re-Inspections

- 1 Smoke Detector

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:

- Chief Marenkovic attended the Citizen of the Month Breakfast at Gulfport Montessori School on May 29 to speak with the students about Courage.
- Gulfport Firefighters continued online training with Target Solutions on HAZWOPER this week.
- A message from Fire Chief James Marenkovic: An emergency is an event that requires the Police, FIRE or EMS agencies. An emergency is any serious medical problem, any type of fire, any life threatening situation, and any crime in progress. Remember **9-1-1** is the number to dial when you have an emergency!
- Firefighter/Paramedic Grady on the "C" shift is preceptor for a Paramedic Student from the St. Petersburg College Field Internship Program.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance:

- Replaced phase monitor on A/C unit and reattached several deck boards at Casino.
- Rekeyed lock on electrical room doors outside Senior Center.
- Replaced flagpole light fixture at City Hall.
- Lowered all City flags on Memorial Day.
- Delivered mail to post office for Administrative Services.
- Transported vehicle to Tampa for the garage.
- 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.
- Completed asphalt patchwork per direction.
- Installed "Dip" signs on 7th Avenue.
- Replaced stolen automated container at 50th Street & Gulfport Boulevard.
- Removed illegal dumping at Osgood Point.
- Installed two "Do Not Enter" signs on Essex Avenue.
- Cleaned storm grates, inlets and outfalls citywide.
- Deodorized dumpsters at Gulfport Elementary School.
- Reset storm drain lid at Beach Boulevard & Delette Avenue.
- Removed glass from roadway at Gulfport Boulevard & 54th Street.

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 # 45, 46, 47 and 48 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Completed 11 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 77 Customer Service-generated miscellaneous service orders.
- Completed 4 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.

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 sewer lateral from main line to customer's connection at 1204 52nd Street.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Repaired rail for ejector blade in Sanitation truck #41.
- Installed EGR valve on Fire Department truck #24.
- Installed front brakes on Facility Maintenance truck #24.
- Installed battery on Sanitation truck #69.
- 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 continued this week 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.

The number of Code Enforcement cases for April was 146 for a fiscal year to date total of 1,042 cases. The number of complaints for April was 23 for a fiscal year to date total of 93. This represents an annual ratio of complaints to total number of cases of 8.9 percent.

Because the City has one inspector who focuses on one section at a time, we depend on residents to call in violations when they see them. We will inspect within one working day of a complaint to verify any violation. Please call 893-1061 if you see violations. If the inspector is unavailable, leave as detailed a message as possible to help us find the violation. Complaints

can be anonymous, but if you want a follow-up you will have to leave contact information which means the complaint is no longer anonymous.

Beginning in June Code Enforcement activities will move to Section 4, also known as the Art District, which generally extends south from Gulfport Blvd. to the water and east from 49th Street to 58th and 59th Street. 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.

June 12, 2013 Board of Adjustment:

V13-08; 4737 29th Avenue South; Variance request to:

1. Reduce the rear yard setback requirement by 20.55 feet from 25 feet to 4.45 feet for the proposed construction of a master bedroom addition;
2. Acknowledge the existence of a non-permitted, nonconforming shed with respect to minimum setback requirements; and
3. Reduce the minimum setback requirements for the existing shed by 1 foot from 3 feet to 2 feet from the rear property line, and by 2 feet from 3 feet to 1 foot from side property line, and by 7 feet from 12 feet to 5 feet for the separation distance to the principal structure.

V13-09; 3049 51st Street South; Variance request to reduce the rear yard setback requirement by 15.96 feet from 25 feet to 9.04 feet for the proposed addition to an existing nonconforming carport.

V13-10; 5137 30th Avenue South; Variance request to reduce the rear yard setback requirement for an accessory structure by 9.3 feet from 15 feet to 5.7 feet for the construction of a proposed open porch addition to an existing nonconforming garage.

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