



Gulfport Community Update

August 18-24, 2013

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

2013 Hurricane Guides are available at Gulfport City Hall, Library and Fire Station. Hurricane season in the Atlantic basin ends November 30. Have a plan and remember to restock your hurricane kits.

Gulfport City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of **Labor Day**. The sanitation schedule will not be affected.

Upcoming Events:

Tickets for the **Fifth Annual Gecko Ball** at the historic Gulfport Casino Ballroom are sold out.

Gulfport's **13th Annual Geckofest** will bring entertainment to the streets during a daylong spectacle on Saturday, August 31. Come face to face with live mermaids, magicians, jugglers, acrobats, fire dancers and more amid thousands of festival-goers, hundreds of vendors and dozens of live musicians on two stages, creating an "up close and personal" circus atmosphere throughout the village. Festivities will take place on Beach Boulevard in Gulfport from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Registration is now open for the **AVP St. Pete Open**, with **Gulfport Beach** being the qualification venue. Visit <https://stpetereg.eventbrite.com/> to sign up. Registration closes on Wednesday, August 28th at 9 p.m. The dates of the qualifications matches on Gulfport Beach are September 7 and 8. The qualification format is Single elimination to qualify the final four teams. Four men's teams and four women's teams will advance from Gulfport Beach to compete in the St. Pete Open September 13-15.

Eat all you can at the **Gulfport Lions Club Labor Day Fish Fry** on Monday, September 2, 4 - 8 p.m. at the Lions Club, 4630 Tifton Drive. Tickets: \$8 at the door. For more information, please call 321-5717.

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

Plans are underway for the **Keep Gulfport Weird Mini Triathlon** scheduled for Saturday, September 28. The course will incorporate in order, a 1 mile run, 3 mile bike ride and 1/4 mile swim. The race is designed to be short enough to invite participation from most age groups and fitness levels, whether individually or in teams, and is intended to simply be fun. Visit www.mygulfport.us/keep-gulfport-weird-triathlon for more information.

The **Tangerine Bluesfest** is scheduled for 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, September 28. Visit www.tangerinebluesfest.com or www.so49.org for more information.

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, visit www.GulfportMA.com or www.facebook.com/gulfportfreshmarket, or email gulfportmarket@gmail.com.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Administration

Calls for Service:

Dispatch calls for service	151
Officer initiated calls for service	317
Offenses	33
Arrests	5
Traffic citations	25

Significant incidents or calls this week:

Officers responded to the 5300 block of 10th Avenue South on August 13 after a person heard glass breaking. A black male juvenile was seen running east from the house. A window was broken in the rear porch of the residence.

Officers responded to the 1800 block of York Street South on August 13 after a person reported that they found a golf ball sized hole in a living room window. Nothing was found near the broken window so it could not be determined what was actually used to cause the damage.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on August 13th at the 1800 block of York Street South officers were dispatched to a late reported theft. The victim advised that his son stole his leaf blower and possibly pawned it. The victim had just returned from being out of state to discover that he was missing the item. It was later discovered that the blower was in fact pawned. This investigation continues.

At approximately 9:35 a.m. on August 14th a person reported that tools were stolen from his truck on the 6100 block of 7th Avenue South. The victim was not sure if he had locked the passenger door and there were no signs of forced entry.

At approximately 1:46 p.m. on August 14th a person reported that he found both doors on his car slightly ajar. Some loose change and an iPod were missing from the vehicle. The victim believes his car was unlocked when these items were stolen.

Officers responded at approximately 8:05 p.m. on August 14th to the Gulfport Marina in reference to an oil spill. FWC Officer Rojas advised that he noticed a boat on the boat ramp leaking oil. Officer Rojas advised that he contacted the Department of Environmental Protection and they were coming out to evaluate the spill.

At approximately 9:30 a.m. on August 14 officers responded to O'Maddy's bar in reference to a counterfeit bill being passed. The bar tender on duty was given a fake \$50.00 bill as payment for a tab. The bar tender was able to hold the fake bill and still receive payment from the subject passing the bill. The bill was collected and placed into evidence and the case had been forwarded to the United States Secret Service.

On August 15th at approximately 9:56 a.m., at the 5000 block of 28th Avenue South, the victim reported that sometime in the last week a bullet was fired through her window. She noticed the hole in the window that morning and found the bullet lodged in the back of her printer.

At approximately 8:09 a.m. on August 16th, at the 2900-3000 block of Beach Boulevard, a citizen reported that he found mail piled up near his house that appeared to have been stolen from mailboxes. Officer Novak found several pieces that had been taken from multiple businesses and residences on Beach Blvd. over night. Most of the mail had been torn open. Officer Novak will be sending some of the envelopes to the lab for processing.

At approximately 1:38 p.m. on August 16th, at the 5200 block of 9th Avenue, a resident saw a black male on the side of his house attempting to steal a bike. He chased the male on foot but

lost sight of him. The area was circulated but the male was gone. The victim does not want to prosecute.

Officers responded to a hit and run on the 2500 Block of 59th Street South at approximately 7:45 p.m. on August 16. Gulfport police received a report that a man driving a taxi cab struck two parked cars and left the scene. The driver was identified as 20 year-old Evan LaFevre. He was located at his home in Clearwater and charged with leaving the scene of a crash.

At the 5000 block of Gulfport Boulevard at approximately 2:21 p.m. on August 17th, Daniel Resch was stopped for a traffic violation. During the stop Officer Davis suspected Resch of being under the influence. After officer Davis conducted a DUI investigation, Resch was arrested. His breath alcohol content was .274/.264, over three times the legal limit.

At approximately 12:20 a.m. on August 18 at the 2800 block of Seabreeze Drive South, the resident had a belated birthday party for his daughter with several juveniles at the location. One male was uninvited and showed up with 3 other males. The males left but came back later that evening. Several bottles of liquor were stolen by the male juveniles. The investigation is ongoing.

At approximately 5:29 p.m. on August 19th at the 6000 block of Gulfport Boulevard, officers responded in reference to a burglary. The offense occurred on this day, between 6:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., by an unknown suspect. To gain entry into the house, the unknown suspects pried open the back door. The only property stolen was cash. The scene was processed for fingerprints and photos were taken.

At approximately 7:20 p.m., at the 5700 block of 17th Avenue South, the victim advised his wallet and cell phone were stolen from outside of Suncoast Food Mart by a known suspect. The security video shows the suspect walk over to the area the wallet and phone were left and take it after the victim left. The suspect was located and interviewed but states he took it for safe keeping. The investigation is ongoing.

Investigations:

Documented Follow-Ups:	33
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	0
Previously Cleared With Arrest:	3
Cases Suspended-No Leads:	11
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	3
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	1
Cases Still Active:	15

Sgt. Woodman has been meeting with a person that is currently in custody at the county jail. This person has been confessing to some crimes that were committed as well as providing other information. Sgt Woodman still has to verify the location/report of the crimes in an attempt to clear them.

Detective Hanh Pham investigated an Identity Theft case and a Grand Theft case and determined both cases occurred outside of Gulfport. Detective Pham forwarded both cases to the appropriate agencies for follow-up. Detective Pham conducted a follow-up in reference to a report of a stolen laptop. Detective Pham interviewed the alleged suspect (Drew Danks Jr.) and obtained a confession from Danks.

Detective Embry attempted to locate a suspect whose finger prints were found on a stolen vehicle. Since the suspect is a juvenile Detective Embry arranged to meet with the juvenile on 08/20/13 at approximately 5:30 pm. In addition, Detective Embry was giving a name of someone who may have been involved with stealing two boat motors from Gulfport Marina. However, the person of interest is currently incarcerated in Avon Park Correctional Facility.

Detective Embry will arranged to interview the person of interest regarding that that case. Detective Embry exceptionally cleared a grand theft case where the suspect currently lives in Hillsborough County. A non arrest invest will be scheduled.

Last week Officer Motte attended NOPE training, Active Shooter Training, and a meeting with the Department of Juvenile Justice on Arrest Reduction within the schools. Officer Motte also reviewed the school's Crisis Plan with the administrative staff and began scheduling the Athletic Season for Boca Ciega High School with the school's athletic director. Additionally, Monday August 19th started the school year with no reported police issues that day.

Thursday, August 15, 2013, which was a non-student day, was Officer Langston's first day reporting back to the school. During this time she met with Mr. Vigue to discuss the Crisis Response Plan, duty roster, daily detention coverage, campus monitor availability, and athletic contest coverage. She also took this opportunity to continue to familiarize herself with the layout of the school, and meet new teachers and staff members.

Monday, August 19, 2013, was the first day that the students reported back to the school. Officer Langston attempted to recover a runaway juvenile reported from SPPD, and determined that she was not in attendance in any of her classes. She will continue to check the attendance status for this student. She mentored with a student about being a positive role model to her young child. She also mentored a student regarding her goals for the school year.

Marine Unit: The new Marine Unit arrived. Although there are still some minor issues to attend to (title & registration, insignia), the boat will be put on the boat lift in the next few days in case of an emergency on the waterways .

Records Section

Reports reviewed:	35
Supplements reviewed:	60
Public records requests:	20
Bike registrations:	0
Fingerprints:	1
Subpoenas processed:	10
Citizens assisted:	34

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Before embarking on home improvement projects give us a call at 893-1024 to discuss plans and see what inspections may be necessary, to explain code requirements. Whether it's deferred maintenance or new improvements, due to hard economic times many are electing to do these projects themselves. Building Division staff tries to take special time to work with homeowners embarking on these do-it-yourself projects.

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Business Tax Receipts: Thinking of starting a new business? Checkout out the City's website for the "City of Gulfport New Business Checklist". You'll find it at <http://www.mygulfport.us/>

under the Online Services/Documents and Publications section. If you have any questions regarding business tax receipts, please contact Lisa Giddens at (727) 893-1063.

Business License renewal notices will be sent out in mid-August. Licenses are good from October 1 of the current year through September 30 of the following year. If a license is not renewed by October 1, a 10 percent penalty shall be applied for the month of October and a 5 percent for each month thereafter until it is paid.

Code Enforcement activities continue in Section 2 of the City, also known as the Northeast Area which generally extends north to 7th Avenue, south to Gulfport Boulevard, west to 58th Street and east to 49th Street.

The number of code enforcement cases for July was 288 for a fiscal year to date total of 1,735 cases. The number of citizen complaints for July was 17 for a fiscal year to date total of 149. This represents an annual ratio of complaints to total number of cases of 8.6 percent.

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.

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.

MARINA

Pumped two thousand seven hundred forty eight (2,748) gallons of gas, and one thousand five hundred eighty three (1,583) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred sixteen (116) vessels.

Assisted with seventeen (17) pump-outs evacuating two hundred eighty (280) 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 26' sail boat this week. Welcome to Gulfport!

Staff Activities:

- Locked up three delinquent boats.
- Repaired dock boxes on pier six and at BCYC.
- Completed pump out maintenance.
- Read and calculated electrical readings.
- Purchased drinks for resale.

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/gtv-615. 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 TV station equipment.
- Continued updating and enhancements to City Intranet, City calendar, latest news, departmental pages, mobile website, Leisure Services Rec. Center & Library sub-site resources, and maintained mygulfport.us domain.
- Provided control room coverage for August 20 Regular Council Meeting. Made DVD copies for City Clerk and rebroadcast on GTV.
- Continued working on City Council 2013/14 Events Resolution.
- Continued preparations for Keep Gulfport Weird triathlon, and updated event webpage.
- Cleaned up audio/visual sound cabinet in Council Chambers.
- Set up PA system for event at Senior Center.
- Commenced preparations for welcome package.
- Provided Event Support at the Catherine Hickman Theater.
- Assisted IT Department with daily operations.

Parks

Inspected all parks for repairs.

Replaced one fence post, one fence rail at Wood Ibis Park, and repaired broken fence at Little League Complex.

Painted scorekeeper deck at Hoyt Field and scorekeeper table at Tomlinson Field.

Greased, sharpened, and replaced all blades on mowers.

Trimmed, weeded, mulched & cleaned 49th and Beach streetscapes, beach area & Wood Ibis Park; hand raked around pavilions and benches, and cleared debris from beach.

Mowed Chase Block, Tonkin Park, Dog Park, City Complex, Beach area, Marina area, Hoyt Perimeter, Caldwell Park, 14th Avenues Median, & Pasadena entrance area.

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. 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 Multipurpose Center is open Monday, Thursday & Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and; Tuesday & Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. through summer. Wii Bowling classes will be offered at 6:30 p.m. every first & third Tuesday; Italian Class for Beginners every Tuesday at 6 p.m.; Italian Dance Practice every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., and; Card Games every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Like us on Facebook at Gulfport Senior Center and Foundation. Help our page grow and get daily valuable information!

The Gulfport Senior Center Foundation will purchase 10 new Toshiba laptop computers equipped with Windows 7 and the MS Office Suite. The new computers will be network-ready, providing access for email and web browsing and will be used exclusively for the Center's monthly **Basic and Intermediate Computer Training Courses**. Both courses are curriculum based and offer the student a "real world" Windows-based learning experience. Classes will begin in September. We are pleased to have former NASA Headquarters Chief Computer Systems Engineer Anne Marie Pemberton as our instructor. Beginner classes will be Tuesdays at 2 p.m. beginning September 3. Intermediate classes will be on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. beginning September 4. These classes will be fee based, and are open to adults 50 and older. Gulfport residents will pay \$40 for a series of 4 weekly classes. The Nonresident fee is \$50. Proof of age and residency is required at enrollment time. Cash or credit card payment will be accepted. Call 893-2237 to enroll or for more information.

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 Gulfport residents 50 and older. Applicants should bring a photo I.D., a utility bill or bank statement and proof of income (SSI). For more information please see Gail or 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, 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.

Singing Group practice which was held at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. on Mondays at 2:30 p.m. is cancelled at this time. Once a new volunteer music instructor has been found, we will restart the class. We are also looking for a volunteer accompanist pianist. If you have questions or you are interested, please call Gail at 727-893-2237.

Do you know someone who lives alone and could use a call? Volunteers for the **Reassurance Telephone Program** call Gulfport seniors every Monday through Saturday between 7:30 & 8:30 a.m. To sign up for this program, please visit the Gulfport Senior Center and bring valid I.D.

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

Over 50 and ready to get fit and meet new friends? Visit the **Foundation Fitness Center**. Summer hours are Monday, Thursday & Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Tuesday & Wednesday, 8

a.m. - 7 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.

August beginner & intermediate computer classes are full.

Victor R. Helou sings acapella with a side of comedy as he performs **Songs for the Pantry** on Wednesday, August 28 at 1:30 p.m. Victor has performed in various Broadway productions, movies, as well as commercials, print ads and voiceovers. The price of a ticket is non-perishable food item/s or a small grocery gift card. Thank you in advance for helping those less fortunate in your community.

Come learn the top ten MOST IMPORTANT tips for healthy aging. Heidi Crocket from Aging Care Advocates will outline an integrated approach to healthy living, including how discoveries in neuroscience unlock the mystery to why we are able (or not able) to make healthier food and lifestyle choices. "Healthy Aging Tips: Top Ten List" is Wednesday, September 4 at 1:30 p.m.

The 1st Friday Flea is back and you won't want to miss all the cool stuff you can buy for bargain prices! You can get your special finds on Friday, September 6, 9 a.m. – Noon.

Watch a FREE movie and get a great deal on lunch for \$3.00 on Tuesday, September 10 at 11:30 a.m.

Scott O'Berry has an open discussion during the "Coffee Club" on current events, the economy and investing, in a relaxed informal setting on Thursday, September 12 at 10 a.m. Free coffee and doughnuts. Sponsored by Edward Jones. FREE

Thursday, September 12 at 4 p.m. Jaclyn Moore, Gold Award Girl Scout Project Leader, will conduct the workshop. Jaclyn will cover basic functions of the Apple iPad. There is limited space available and there is no fee to attend the workshop. Please bring your very own Apple iPad and Apple passwords! You must pre-register with Rachel (727) 893-1231 in order to reserve your spot or for more information. No walk ins.

"Happy Birthday to You" celebrates all birthdays Tuesday, September 17 at 12:00 p.m. A Birthday Party with cake and ice cream for everyone. Whether you are celebrating a September Birthday or not, this party is for you! Provided by Wellcare.

Harmonica Music Celebration is Wednesday, September 18 at 2 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater. Mingle at 1:30 p.m. with appetizers in the Theater Lobby. Celebrate the Harmonica clubs many years making beautiful music. Learn about their story and lifelong friendships! Free McDonalds coupon for every ticket purchased. Tickets: \$3.00.

Free Prostate Cancer Screening (blood test only) is offered at the Center on Friday, September 20 from 1 – 3 p.m. Please call 893-1231 to schedule an appointment. Offered by the J. West Prostate Cancer Foundation.

How important is your quality of life? Find out on Wednesday, September 25 at 1:30 p.m. Workshop provided by Access Community Services.

An Italian Feast and Entertainment are offered during A Night in Italy on Friday, September 27. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and Dance Performance at 7 p.m. by the Italian Folk Dancers. Ticket are \$10.

To view the Senior Center calendar in its entirety visit <http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org>.

Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center

Casino (last week's events):

Tuesday, August 13	9 a.m. - Intermediate Tai Chi with Marge (Turnout 27) Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson with Carol Baker (Turnout 10) 1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 8) 2 p.m. - Ballroom dancing 6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango Dance 6:30 p.m. - Beginner Argentine Tango Lesson with Kathleen & Steve 8 p.m. - Milonga/Dance (Turnout 43)
Wednesday, August 14	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime 8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 204)
Thursday, August 15	9 a.m. - Tai Chi for Beginners (Turnout 22) 7 p.m. - Salsa lesson with Carol Rivera 8 p.m. - Salsa dance (Turnout 24)
Saturday, August 17	7 – 11 p.m. – Church Banquet (Turnout 132)

Casino (Upcoming Events):

Every first & third Sunday	6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson 7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom dance Admission \$7
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

There were no events in the **Catherine Hickman Theater** last week.

There was an Employee Open Health Enrollment Seminar scheduled on Tuesday, August 20 in the **Catherine Hickman Theater**.

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, August 11	9:30a.m.- Faith Cathedral Int'l Church Services (Turnout 18) 6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous (Turnout 16)
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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
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Scout Hall (Last week's events):

Monday - Friday	7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Tuesday, August 13	11 a.m. - Line dancing
Wednesday, August 14	10:30 a.m. - Yoga class
Friday, August 16	9 a.m. - Chair yoga 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing

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:

Monday, August 12, 6 p.m. – *Victors Support Group for Victims of Sexual Abuse.*

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

Wednesday, August 14, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, August 14, 3 p.m. - *Teen Zone*, facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Wednesday, August 14, 6 p.m., *Gulfport Toastmasters*

Thursday, August 15, 11 a.m. – *Coffee/Talk Book Discussion*, facilitated by Alex Hooks.

Thursday, August 15, 10:30 a.m. – *Summer Story Time*, facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Friday, August 16, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, August 27 - *SCORE Counseling*: FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals. Call 893-1073 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Thursday, September 12, 1 p.m. - *iPad for Beginners Workshop*: Learn to use & enjoy your new technology. Each session is limited to 15 participants. Call 893-1073 to reserve a seat.

Thursday, September 19, 7 p.m. - *An Evening with Tim Dorsey*: The popular Florida author returns! Call 893-1073 to reserve a seat for this event.

Saturday, September 21 - *Free Family Movie Day*: It's been a long summer, so join us as we resume our monthly program. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by our Circle of Friends. Show times are 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. For movie titles call 893-1074.

Every Monday, 6 p.m. - *Victors Support Group for Victims of Sexual Assault.*

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, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*. Free and open to the public. For more information contact Robin Riddell at rriddell@gmail.com.

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 by the Easy books.

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

Every Saturday beginning September 12, 11 a.m. - *Youth Book Writing Workshop & Contest*. Participants in grades 1 - 12 will attend workshops and have the opportunity to create a book. The winning book to be published by Trace Taylor Books! Parents welcome to attend. For more information call 893-1073.

Library Services/Statistic August 11-17, 2013:
Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,760	564
Sun. 8/11	Library closed	
Mon. 8/12	319	96
Tue. 8/13	240	95
Wed. 8/14	353	100
Thu. 8/15	305	101
Fri. 8/16	281	102
Sat. 8/17	250	55

Recreation Center

The Game room is reserved for a birthday party on Saturday, September 17, 12 - 4 p.m. & Saturday, September 21, 3 – 7 p.m.

Programs, Classes & Activities

The **2013 Summer Recreation Program** ended with one hundred twenty nine (129) children registered

Registration is underway for the **2013/14 School Year Child Care Program** for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. 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 \$22 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.

Ten (10) children have been pre-registered for the **2013/14 Tot Time Program**, and six (6) 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. Registration fees for the Tot Time Program are \$17 for residents and \$22 for nonresidents. Classes begin Tuesday, September 3 and are limited to 10 children each.

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

Twenty one (21) Teens are registered for the **2013/14 Teen Night program**, a great hangout 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.

Fifteen (15) **FY2012/13 Skate Park** registrations have been issued to date.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 25 Emergency Medical Calls
- 0 Structure Fire
- 1 Fire Alarms
- 2 Vehicle Crashes

Life Safety:

- 1 Fire Inspections
- 6 Re-Inspections
- 2 C.O.'s
- 1 Smoke Detector

The **CERT Team** meets monthly at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. The next meeting is Thursday, September 19 at 7 p.m. CERT trains volunteers in disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area, and in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search & rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. For more information call Bob Worthington at 916-8014 or visit www.gulfportcert.com.

Staff Activities:

- Chief Marenkovic and the "B-Shift" participated in the Drive Safe, Welcome Back to School campaign on August 19, 2013. Engine 17 greeted the Gulfport Elementary Montessori School children as they walked and rode their bikes back on the 1st day of the new school year.
- The Gulfport Fire Department continues to train on the new ePCR computers. The new system will allow Paramedics to write the Patient Care Report now on a computer in the field, instead of paper reports used in the past. This new system will also come with a data base and servers purchased by Pinellas County EMS.
- Gulfport Fire personnel continue their Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Refresher Training from the St. Petersburg College 2013 August CME. All Pinellas County Fire Departments will recertify in September, October and November. 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.
- Inspector Vento met with staff at Hamilton Disston School to identify changes to the location and what to look for.
- Inspector Vento met with demolition crew at Czech Club 1600 block of 49th Street. Discussed safety issues, extinguishers needing serviced now, on-site of the construction. Information was passed new to company officers.
- Inspector Vento attended Pinellas County Hazardous Materials Training at NFSTC (National Forensics Science Training Center in Largo). Identifying clandestine labs both stationary

and mobile, recognizing the hidden hazards. Identifying different kinds of cooking methods and assisting Leo's with crime scene, scene safety and chemical ID.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance:

- Completed semi-annual inspection of Fire Suppression System in City Hall complex
- Unclogged toilet in Men's Restroom at the Library, due to vandalism
- Repaired exterior door to the Exercise Room at the Senior Center
- Replaced ballast in the Theater lobby
- Replaced two chairs at the Recreation Center
- Completed yearly tag & inspection of all fire extinguishers in City buildings, vehicles, and Marina
- Unclogged toilet in Men's Restroom at the Theater Lobby
- Completed several trips and errands to Tampa for Garage Supervisor
- Delivered mail to main Post Office for Billing Department

Streets & Sanitation:

- Delivered recycling bins with information sheets
- Completed billable work orders for brush
- Completed billable work orders for Code Enforcement
- Completed billable work orders for trash/furniture
- Completed billable work orders for electronics
- Continued curbside bagged leaves pick-up
- Assembled and delivered automated containers for automated route
- Removed and disposed of debris from the storm water outfall at the Casino
- Removed debris and graded the Beach area
- Replenished recycled mulch bin at 1617 49th Street South
- Removed and disposed of City-generated debris from 49th Street holding area
- Removed illegal dumping at the Marina parking lot
- Removed debris off storm water structure by boardwalk at the Beach
- Cleaned and opened storm water box at York Street & 24th Avenue South
- Rebuilt box and cemented new storm grate in place at York Street & 25th Avenue South
- Removed Palm Tree obstructing the roadway at 61st Street & 15th Avenue South
- Delivered 3 commercial cardboard recycling containers to Peg's Cantina
- Delivered cardboard, plastic and aluminum commercial recycling containers to Mangia Gourmet
- Removed and disposed of dead animal carcasses in the roadway
- Removed abandoned debris in the roadway on Gulfport Boulevard
- Completed removal of debris from Tuesday Fresh Market event
- Removed and disposed of curbside debris at Pasadena Yacht & Country Club
- Completed asphalt patchwork on 58th Street South
- Cleaned and cleared debris from multiple storm grates
- Completed work on Gulfport Elementary dumpsters
- Removed and replaced broken storm drain cover at Beach Boulevard & 23rd Avenue South
- Added fill and graded the alley entrance on 30th Avenue, between DuPont Street & 58th Street
- Installed concrete ballard at 51st Street & Tangerine Avenue
- Removed damaged signage at 49th Street & 11th Avenue South
- Removed and replaced automated containers at the Ivanhoe building of Townshores

Water:

- Daily Chloramines sampling at the points of connection to water distribution system (includes Saturday & Sunday)
- Daily inspection and read of Wholesale meters (includes Saturday & Sunday)
- Completed routes # 31, #32, #33 and #34 of the monthly meter reading schedule
- Disconnected water service at 40 locations for non-payment of service
- Completed 11 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off
- Completed 112 miscellaneous service orders generated by customer service department
- Completed 2 Sunshine “One-Call, Call Before You Dig” Utility Locates
- Replaced 1 meter that was stuck and not recording water usage
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation
- Continued semi-annual water system and hydrant flushing required by DEP
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach
- Repaired water break at 3101 56 Street South
- Repaired water break at 5132 12th Avenue South
- Repaired water fountain at William’s Pier for Parks Department

Sewer

- Daily preventive maintenance and service to Lift Stations #1 and #2 including (Saturday & Sunday)
- Daily rain fall check and documentation (includes Saturday & Sunday)
- Daily ground water elevation recording (including Saturday & Sunday)
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance check on Lift Stations #1, #2,
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Fire Department / Garage
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Police Station / City Hall
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Senior Center
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced front wheel bearings, wheel bearing races, and front brake calipers on Code Enforcement Vehicle #55
- Replaced radiator on Parks Department Vehicle #85
- Replaced turbocharger on Sanitation Truck #41
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various City vehicles

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