



Gulfport Community Update

July 14 – 20, 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.

Upcoming Events:

Find the perfect painting or sculpture during the **Third Saturday Gulfport Art-Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District on July 20, 6 - 10 p.m. For more information call 322-5217.

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.

Join the City of Gulfport for **National Night Out** at the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street on Tuesday, August 6, 6 - 9 p.m. For more information call Lt. Mary Farrand at 893-1111.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Administration

Calls for Service:

Offenses	42
Arrests	12
Traffic citations	33

Significant incidents or calls this week:

A resident in the 2800 block of Miriam Street reported on the morning of July 9 that two bikes were stolen from her carport sometime during the week. The bikes were not locked and the serial numbers were not registered with GPD.

A juvenile male was involved in a confrontation with two other juvenile males at school on July 9 after he reported them for attempting to sell him marijuana. They and a third teen boarded the victim's school bus and assaulted him when the bus stopped at 51st Street & 20th Avenue. The victim suffered multiple injuries and was taken to the hospital. The three suspects were identified and arrested for aggravated battery and robbery. Charges will also be forwarded to the SAO against bus driver for failing to stop the fight or protect the victim.

On the morning of July 10 a caller reported that she and her roommates were moving out of their house, and when they returned after taking property to their new residence discovered a window broken, and a metal frame above ground pool missing from the backyard. There are no suspects.

Officers responded to the 5100 block of 26th Avenue on the morning of July 11 after an elderly woman was found deceased in her residence. There were no signs of foul play and the death appeared to be from natural causes.

A resident in the 2700 block of 54th Street reported on the afternoon of July 11 that her vehicle's windows had been broken out and her passenger door left open. Nothing was taken and there are no suspects.

Officers were dispatched to the 5300 block of Jersey on the evening of July 11 regarding a vehicle theft in progress. The caller advised her son's vehicle was just stolen from the driveway, and that her son was in Tampa. The vehicle was located and the driver, the woman's son advised he had a falling out with his mother and took his vehicle back.

Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5500 block of 15th Avenue early July 12 after observing a vehicle with one operational headlight in the. The driver, identified as Eboney McKinnon was driving on a suspended license and labeled a habitual traffic violator by the state of Florida. He was arrested. Upon searching the vehicle, officers located a small bag of marijuana. The passenger, identified as Darkquel Qurterman was arrested for possession of marijuana.

Officers dispatched to the 5100 block of 13th Avenue on a suspicious vehicle call early July 12 discovered Daniel Resch passed out behind the wheel of his vehicle. Resch refused to submit a breath sample and performed poorly on the field sobriety tasks. He was arrested.

Officers responded to the 2300 block of 49th Street on the morning of July 12 after a caller reported that an acquaintance with whom she was having a dispute over money, left bizarre voicemails on her answering machine. While officers were on scene the acquaintance arrived and was trespassed at the request of the complainant. Both parties agreed to have no further contact with one another.

While on patrol on the evening of July 12 an officer ran the tag on a vehicle on 49th Street and discovered the tag was reported stolen. The vehicle pulled into a driveway in the 4600 block of 11th Avenue, and one of the occupants advised that her sister had rented the vehicle. All parties were cooperative. The vehicle was impounded and the rental car company notified.

Officers made contact with a group of juveniles who were diving off the Casino boat dock and advised that it was against City ordinance to dive from the dock, and not very safe. They left without incident and went to the swim zone.

Officers responded to a found property call in the 2700 block of 57th Street on the evening of July 13 after a caller advised that a group of juveniles dumped a bicycle in a yard and left the area. The caller was unable to provide a description of the subjects.

A resident in the 4900 block of 9th Avenue reported receiving numerous texts from an acquaintance making indirect threats to the caller's life and property over a money dispute. Officers contacted the subject by phone and advised him to stop.

GPD conducted a death investigation on July 13 after a woman in the 5100 block of 29th Avenue reported that her elderly father passed away in his bathroom. The daughter was in the living room when she heard him fall. There is nothing suspicious about the death.

Several juveniles reported they discovered an unsecured bicycle in the 5800 block of Tangerine Avenue. Video footage obtained showed several juveniles stealing the bicycle. Fingerprints were obtained and sent to AFIS, and video footage has been distributed in an effort to identify the suspects.

Officers responded to the 5800 block of 25th Avenue on July 14 after a caller reported that sometime between 3 & 4 p.m. the day before, someone stole his racing bike from his carport. A neighbor reported seeing two white male juveniles near the carport around the time of the theft.

Officer Horning responded to the 5000 block of 28th Avenue after a caller reported finding several fishing poles and a GPS in the alley. He located the owner of the GPS who advised it was stolen from her vehicle, but was unable to locate the owner of the fishing poles. They have not been reported stolen.

On the morning of July 15 a woman reported that her iPod Touch and Bluetooth speaker were stolen from her backpack while she was on Williams Pier with a friend on the evening of July 13. Apparently she heard two subjects behind them discuss taking the items.

Officers responded to the 5100 block of 8th Avenue on the morning of July 15 after a caller reported that sometime overnight someone entered through the rear kitchen door and stole his laptop and camera. There are no suspects.

Investigations:

Documented Follow-Ups:	26
Cases Cleared With Arrest:	0
Previously Cleared With Arrest:	0
Cases Suspended-No Leads:	10
Cases Unfounded/No Crime:	4
Cases Exceptionally Cleared:	0
Cases Still Active:	12

Detective Hanh Pham investigated a suspicious death reported by the Medical Examiner's Office. The deceased had been hospitalized since November 2012 when he was allegedly pushed by his wife and sustained a hip fracture. His health deteriorated and he passed away in June. Detective Pham determined there was no foul play and no evidence the deceased was pushed by his wife.

Detective Embry is investigating a grand theft case in which a black male stole a bicycle from Gulfport that was later recovered at St. Pete High School. Detective Embry will meet with St. Pete Police School Resource Officer Berthelot, to see if he can identify the suspect in a photo. He also continued investigating assigned cases.

Crime Analyst Margaret Palmisano tabulated semi-annual UCR data to be submitted to FDLE.

SRO Motte and SRO Langston worked the street with patrol this week.

Records Section

Reports reviewed:	9
Supplements reviewed:	56
Reports disseminated:	26
Public records requests:	5
Bike registrations:	1
Fingerprints:	13
Subpoenas processed:	18
Citizens assisted:	40

Professional Standards Section

Five policies are in the review process: 119 - Forced Entries; 145 - Bomb Threats and Explosive Devices; 318 - Telephone Use; 447 - Marine Unit, and; 508 - Criminal Intelligence

Twenty-two directives are pending review.

Files were updated for the following accreditation standards:

2.02M - Requires all sworn members to abide by a code or canon of ethics, which the agency has adopted.

2.03M - The agency complies with Florida Statute requirements concerning strip and body cavity searches to include reporting requirements, if any.

2.04 - Provides guidelines for using alternatives to arrest.

2.05M - Requires members to obey any lawful order of a superior, including any order relayed to the member by another member.

Probationary Officers Marshall and Merriam are in week 3 of phase-one training.

Two members attended training this week.

One application was received this week. There are nineteen applications on file.

MARINA

Pumped two thousand two hundred one (2,201) gallons of gas, and two thousand nine hundred thirty two (2,932) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling ninety two (92) vessels.

Assisted with fourteen (14) pump-outs evacuating two hundred twenty (220) 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 40' sailboat and a 34' sailboat 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 TV station equipment.
- Distributed August Events/Meetings calendar to all City facilities.
- Continued updating and enhancements to City calendar, latest news, departmental pages, mobile website, Leisure Services rec. center sub-site and library sub-site resources and maintained mygulfport.us domain.
- Provided GTV control room coverage of July 16 City Council meeting. Made DVD copies for City Clerk, uploaded to City website and rebroadcast on GTV.
- Continued compiling data for 2013/14 Historical Calendar.
- Continued working on City Council 2013/14 Events Resolution. Events Applications are to be completed by July 31 for FY 2013/14 events.
- Completed 2012/13 Events Expense report.
- Providing Event Support to GPPD for National Night Out event.
- Assisted IT Department with daily operations.

Parks

Inspected parks & Beach Boulevard power outlets; repaired bench swing on beach, and continued repairs to Skate Park equipment and Hoyt Field scorekeeper stand.

Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades, repaired throttle cable on line trimmer and adjusted carburetor on stick edger.

Trimmed, weeded, mulched & cleaned City complex and Dog Parks; hand raked around pavilions and benches, and cleared debris from beach.

Mowed Clymer, Clymer & Tomlinson Parks, Dog Park, Recreation Center grounds, beach area, Senior Center & Library grounds.

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. 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!

Want to know more about Hospice? Join Janet Pattison on Thursday, July 25 at 1 p.m. for a **Hospice and Caregiving informational seminar**.

Summer sizzles with new fun & interactive events for Senior Center members. The *Laugh, Smile & Reenergize* group will meet every at 12:45 p.m. beginning August 5. The Coffee Club will meet the second Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. beginning August 8. Challenge your mind and have fun during the Puzzle Pages Party at 11 a.m. on the second Friday of every other month beginning August 9! Senior Center sponsor Wellcare will host a monthly *Birthday Party* for Senior Center participants every third Tuesday beginning August 20.

AARP Driving classes will be offered August 6 & 13 at 12:45 p.m. Participants must attend both classes. \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. Call 893-1231 to register.

Learn about consumer fraud and scams aimed at the elderly, ways to help protect yourself, and what to do if you become a victim as **Stetson Elder Law presents Elder Consumer Fraud Awareness** on Wednesday, August 7 at 1 p.m. Free

What will you contribute to your family, community or yourself? How can you make it happen? **What will Your Legacy Be** will be presented by Pat Dunham at 11:30 a.m. Monday, August 12.

Watch a FREE movie and get a great deal on lunch for \$3.00 during **Movie Day at the Snack Bar** on Tuesday, August 13 at 11:30 a.m.

Learn to visualize what you want as Life Coach Kathy Lane discusses **The Law of Attraction** on Wednesday, August 14 at 1:30 p.m. Free

Hula on down to the Gulfport Senior Center for tropical fun during the **Tiki Time Luau** on Wednesday, August 21 at 1 p.m. Enjoy Hawaiian music, "Pupus" (appetizers), a fantastic Hula dance demonstration and lessons, raffles, games and more. Tickets: \$3.00. Proceeds support the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Call Rachel at 893-1231 to sign up for **August beginner & intermediate computer classes**.

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is a free program offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Area Agency on Aging. Specially trained volunteers visit the Gulfport Senior Center every first & third Tuesday of the month to assist clients with Medicare, Medicaid and health insurance questions, providing one-on-one counseling and information. SHINE services are free, unbiased, and confidential. To schedule an appointment call 893-2237 or 893-1231.

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 every Monday at 2 p.m. The group is looking for a volunteer pianist. Please call Gail at 893-2237.

Join Aston Hugh for a new **Easy Tai Chi** class every Tuesday & Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street. Designed for all levels of ability and mobility, Aston's

technique focuses on breathing and meditation, resulting in improved agility, mobility, balance, and stress relief. This class is open to Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center members. For more information call Rachel at 893-1231.

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):

Sunday, July 7	6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lesson 7 p.m. - Mario De Leon's Band & Ballroom dance (Turnout 48)
Monday, July 8	7 p.m. - Hustle dance lessons with Carol Baker (Turnout 18)
Tuesday, July 9	9 a.m. - Intermediate Tai Chi with Marge (Turnout 29) Noon - Intermediate Ballroom lesson with Carol Baker (Turnout 20) 1 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson (Turnout 7) 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, July 10	6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime 7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime 8 p.m. - Swing dance (Turnout 183)
Thursday, July 11	9 a.m. - Beginner Tai Chi (Turnout 18) 6:30 p.m. - Salsa lessons with Carol Rivera 8 p.m. - Salsa Dance (Turnout 38)
Saturday, July 13	6. p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 185)

Casino (Upcoming Events):

Every Sunday	6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson 7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom dance Admission \$7
Monday, July 22	7 p.m. - Hustle lesson with Carol Baker Admission \$10
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):

Sunday, July 7	Gulfport Community Players (GCP) stage setup & technical rehearsal
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Monday, July 8	6 p.m. - <i>GCP Summer One Act Festival</i> rehearsal
Tuesday, July 9	6 p.m. - <i>GCP Summer One Act Festival</i> rehearsal
Wednesday, July 10	6 p.m. - <i>GCP Summer One Act Festival</i> dress rehearsal (Turnout 25)
Thursday, July 11	8 p.m. - <i>GCP 13th Annual Summer One Act Festival</i> (Turnout 38)
Friday, July 12	8 p.m. - <i>GCP 13th Annual Summer One Act Festival</i> (Turnout 36)
Friday, July 13	8 p.m. - <i>GCP 13th Annual Summer One Act Festival</i> (Turnout 83)

Catherine Hickman Theater (upcoming events):

Thursday-Saturday, 18-20, 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 21, 2 p.m. - *Gulfport Community Players 13th Annual Summer One Act Festival: A refreshing medley of comedies and light drama.* Tickets: \$15, available at the Gulfport Casino, Beach Bazaar & Gulfport Chamber of Commerce or by calling 322-0316.

Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):

Sunday, July 7	9:30a.m.- Faith Cathedral Int'l Church Services (Turnout 23) 6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous
Saturday, July 18	10a.m. - Crime Watch meeting (Turnout 18) 1 p.m. - Baby Shower (Turnout 45)

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, July 8	10:30 a.m. - Dance Fusion class
Tuesday, July 9	11 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 13)
Wednesday, July 10	10:30 a.m. - Yoga class (Turnout 10)
Thursday, July 11	9:30 a.m. - Bob's Band practice
Friday, July 12	9 a.m. - Chair yoga (Turnout 4) 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 9)

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, July 9, 5:45 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open AA meeting.*

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

Wednesday, July 10, 2 p.m. - Summer Reading Program for Grades K-5: *Construction Production*, facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Wednesday, July 10, 3 p.m. - Teen Summer Reading Program: *Movie & Ice Cream Halfway party*, facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Wednesday, July 10, 3:15 p.m. – *Maya the Reading Assistance Dog.*

Thursday, July 11, 10:30 a.m. - *Summer Storytime for Toddlers & Preschoolers.*

Friday, July 12, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Saturday, July 13, 10 a.m. - *Circle of Friends Book Sale.*

Saturday, July 13, 1:30 p.m. - *Crafts Club for all Ages.*

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, July 20, 11 a.m. - *Beginning Digital Camera Workshop:* Digital is the way to go for fast and easy results. Cathy Salustri shows you how to capture those moments!

Tuesday, July 23 - *SCORE Counseling:* FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals. Call 893-1073 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Wednesday, July 24, 2 p.m. - Summer Reading Program for Grades K-5: *Busy Burrowers!* We're going underground to learn about all the animals that live beneath our feet.

Wednesday, July 24, 4 p.m. - Teen Summer Reading Program: *Mustache Party.* I mustache you a question! Have you ever wanted to go incognito? Come disguise yourself and cool mask or deck yourself out like Groucho Marx. For more information on our Summer Reading programs call Youth Services Librarian Cailey Klasson at 893-1073.

Thursday, July 25, 1 p.m. - *iPad for Beginners Workshop.* Learn to use and enjoy your new technology. Each session is limited to 15 participants. Call 893-1073 to reserve a seat.

Saturday, July 27, 11 a.m. - *Intermediate Digital Camera Workshop:* Build your skills & advance your level of expertise. Open to participants of the *Beginning Digital Camera Workshop* only.

Tuesday, August 6, 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 every first Tuesday of the month. 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 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. 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 July 7 - 13, 2013:
Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,850	615
Sun. 7/7	Library closed	
Mon. 7/8	349	121
Tue. 7/9	352	108
Wed. 7/10	352	108
Thu. 7/11	294	102
Fri. 7/12	262	86
Sat. 7/13	282	81

Recreation Center

The Game room is reserved for Family Reunions on Saturday, July 20, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., for a Graduation party on Saturday, August 3, 5 - 10 p.m., and for baby showers on Saturday, August 10, 12 - 4 p.m. & Saturday, August 17, 12 - 5 p.m.

Programs, Classes & Activities

Seven (7) children have been pre-registered for the 2013/14 Tot Time Program, and three (3) 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.

One hundred eighteen (118) children are registered for the **2013 Summer Recreation Program** for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Program hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. with extended care until 6 p.m. for an additional fee. Participants enjoy activities, field trips, lunches, positive role models and a safe environment to call their own.

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

Eighty two (82) teens are registered the **2012/13 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.

Fourteen (14) **FY2012/13 Skate Park** registrations have been issued to date.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 36 Emergency Medical Calls
- 2 Structure Fires
- 1 Fire Alarm
- 4 Vehicle Crashes

Life Safety:

- 5 Fire Inspections
- 1 Re-Inspection

The **CERT Team** meets monthly at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. The next meeting is Thursday, August 15 at 7 p.m. CERT educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area, and trains them 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:

- The Gulfport Fire Department is taking classes on the new ePCR computers which will allow Paramedics to write the Patient Care Report on a computer instead of paper reports used in the past. This new system will also include a database and servers purchased by Pinellas County EMS.
- Fitch & Associates presented the final report to the Board of County Commissioners at a Work Session on July 19. A follow up report will be presented to the BOCC on August 1.
- The State of Florida Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services has renewed the Gulfport Fire Department's Advanced Life Support License through August 17, 2015. The FD is also renewing our license with CLIA laboratories. A state inspection visit by the Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services will take place by the end of the fiscal year.
- The Gulfport Fire Department has scheduled E-One Pumper 17 & E-One Engine 17 for annual pump testing at Ten-8 in Bradenton next week as required for ISO Pump Recertification.
- Chief Marenkovic attended the PALS meeting at Madeira Beach Fire Department on July 16.
- One St. Petersburg College medic student continues his Field Internship Program ride-along time with Gulfport Fire Department ALS Engine 17.
- July 31 is **National Heatstroke Prevention Day**. Join Us for a Day of Social Media Conversation. Participating Fire Departments across the United States are asked to tweet and post on Facebook on the hour from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. using the hash tag #heatstroke. Follow NHTSA on twitter at @NHTSAGov or like us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/NHTSA.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance:

- Installed a/c return in City Clerk's office.
- Repaired ice machine in City Yard.
- Replaced two ballasts at Recreation Center and two at Library.
- Replaced faucet in women's beach restroom.
- Set up Council Chambers for meetings.
- Repaired two cabinets at Recreation Center.
- Delivered mail for Finance Department.
- 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.
- Assembled and delivered new 40 & 90 gallon automated containers.
- Removed sign obstructions at 26th Avenue & 57th Street and Clinton Street & 30th Avenue.
- Reset stop sign at 53rd Street & 9th Avenue.
- Removed trash at bus stop 52nd Street & 15th Avenue
- Remove lids and clean storm boxes at 30th Avenue & Beach Boulevard.
- Cleaned storm sewer lines on Beach Boulevard from 30th Avenue to Shore Boulevard.
- Reset storm drain cover at 54th Street & Gulfport Boulevard.
- Added millings/set grades on several alleys citywide.
- Commenced bimonthly street sweeping.
- Trimmed and removed low tree branches Beach Boulevard & 26th Avenue and 64th Street & 13th 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 & 34 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 38 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 14 non pay rechecks to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 119 Customer Service-generated miscellaneous service orders.
- Completed 2 Sunshine One-Call Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Reviewed permit application for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water sample at Gulfport Beach for quality testing.
- Collected biweekly bacteriological samples on water distribution system.
- Completed annual DEP required testing of 30 backflow devices due in June.
- Replaced water service 2951 56th Street.
- Repaired backflow at 1620 51st Street.
- Replaced backflow at 2920 Beach 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.
- Cleaned storm drains along Shore Boulevard from 30th to Essex Avenue.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced radiator cooling fan in Police Vehicle #09.
- Replaced broken engine torque strut in Police Vehicle #19.
- Replaced bad wiper motor in Police Vehicle #16.

- Repaired hydraulic oil leak on Sanitation Truck #42.
- Repaired hydraulic oil leak on Sanitation Truck #46.
- Replaced broken windshield on front end loader.
- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc. on various City vehicles.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

With the longer hours of summertime before us, the visions of those home improvement projects start to become a reality. Before you embark on your home improvement project give us a call at 893-1024 to discuss your plans and see what inspections may be necessary, to explain code requirements and to help you through the process. 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.

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.

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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 5 of the City, also known as the Marina District. This area comprises the southeast portion of the City which generally extends south from 26th Avenue South to the water and east from 49th Street to the City boundaries.

The number of code enforcement cases for June was 186 for a fiscal year to date total of 1,447 cases. The number of citizen complaints for June was 21 for a fiscal year to date total of 132. This represents an annual ratio of complaints to total number of cases of 9.1 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.

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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