



Gulfport Community Update

October 25 - 31, 2015

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, November 1 and the Gulfport Fire Department would like to remind residents to change the batteries in their smoke detectors while setting clocks back. Smoke detectors are available free of charge to elderly and low income households *within Gulfport City limits*. Call Chief Marenkovic at 893-1062 for more information.

Over 6 tons of junk and 2½ pallets of electronics were dropped off during **Junk in the Trunk** on October 24 (photos below). Gulfport PD registered bicycles, and the Fire Department provided smoke detectors to fourteen Gulfport households. The Historical Society sold 2016 calendars and the Merchants Association held a raffle for a scooter while the Community Gecko Garden traded Crepe Myrtles for non-perishable items for the Senior Center pantry. This wonderful quarterly community event gets junk out of your house is hosted by the Gulfport Neighbors and the City of Gulfport.



Upcoming Events:

Visit the 49th Street South Business Association (So49) weekly **SoTangerine Market** every Saturday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.SoTangerine.com or call 439-0164.

The **Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market** is a weekly year-round open-air market featuring fruits, vegetables and a wide variety of foods, hand-made arts & crafts, bath, body & wellness products, live music and more. Over 50 vendors and exhibitors participate each Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and personal needs for the Gulfport Multipurpose Center Pantry to the Gulfport Merchants Association tent every Tuesday. For more information visit www.gulfportma.com, call Susan Blankenship at 453-9093 or Chris Spencer at 902-2326, or email FreshMarket@GulfportMA.com.

Meet at the pit behind Scout Hall at 7 p.m. Friday, October 30 if you dare for **Haunted Campfire: Ghost Stories around the Campfire**. For more information call 327-0505 or email info@gulfporthistoricalsociety.org.

Take a journey with Patsi Aguero during her two **Fine Art events** at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater, 5501 26th Avenue on Friday, November 6, 4 - 6 p.m., and an Art Interactive Event" at the Gulfport Arts Center, 2726 54th Street from 6 until 8 p.m. Patsi is a native Floridian with a Spicy Latin heritage. Her paintings reveal the vibrantly rich relationships between people and their environment, touched with a humor and personal spiritualism that is the core of her expression.

The **Citywide Yard Sale** is Saturday, November 7. Brochure maps are available at all City facilities through Friday, November 6, at the Library, 5501 28th Avenue the day of the sale, and online at www.mygulfport.us/yardsale. For more information call 893-1118.

Get ready for an exciting event-packed **Heroes Weekend**. Bring a chair the **Tangerine Blues Fest** on the Tangerine Greenway from noon until 10 p.m. Saturday, November 7. Free admission: food & beverage vendors on premises. The **Veterans Day Parade** is 11 a.m. Sunday, November 9. Stay for the **4th Annual VetSports Beach Volleyball Gulfport Open** beginning immediately after the Parade. Interested in forming a volleyball team? Visit the VETSports Facebook event page. For more information call 893-1118.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrol

Dispatch calls for service	154
Self-initiated calls for service	339
Offenses	38
Arrests	9
Traffic citations	47
Ordinance violations	24

Examples of arrests or significant incidents or calls this week:

Daniel O'Neill was arrested on October 22 after Officer Ross observed him with an alcoholic beverage in public in violation of a City ordinance.

A woman reported on October 23 that she left her phone at a local business on the evening of October 22. When she tried to locate the phone with an app she discovered it had been turned off and the SIM card removed.

A resident in the 1100 Block of 58th Street reported that a male subject entered his unlocked vehicle. He fled the area after the resident confronted him.

A resident in the 6200 block of 9th Avenue reported on October 24 that someone entered his vehicle and shed on the evening of October 23. The resident chased the suspect away, but did not report the incident to police until the next morning.

Michael Hoben was arrested after he entered to a Shore Boulevard establishment despite having been trespassed. He was inside the service area of the bar when officers arrived.

Arnett Harrington was given a notice to appear for driving on a suspended license after he was stopped driving a passenger van full of school children. The license plate attached to the van was not assigned to it. The children were transported to school by other means.

A resident in the 5300 block of 31st Avenue reported on October 26 that someone stole the tag off his vehicle which was parked in his driveway while he was away on vacation.

An employee of a business in the 5400 block of Shore Boulevard reported he locked his bicycle to the street sign on the northeast corner of the building and went to work. When the employee returned several hours later, the bicycle was gone.

A resident in the 1800 Block of 53rd Street reported that she and her boyfriend were battered by James McCool. McCool was arrested.

A resident reported on October 27 that someone used his information in 2009 to open a Credit One Bank account in Virginia. Payments were made on the account until 2012. The bank has filed a suit and is trying to garnish the victim's wages.

A resident in the 6300 block of 10th Avenue found a yellow Vera Bradley bag that belonged to her next door neighbor beside her garage. The bag's owner left her car unlocked and someone broke in, stole change and discarded the bag in the neighbor's yard.

A resident in the 5400 block of 17th Avenue discovered that someone had broken a rear window and attempted to pry open a back door.

Officer Novak and Sergeant Vandenberg removed a small alligator that was hiding under a resident's car in the 1200 block of 59th Street on October 28 following heavy rains. The gator was released into the pond at Wood Ibis Park.

Officers were dispatched to the 5500 block of 28th Avenue regarding a person down. They determined the woman was extremely intoxicated and took her into protective custody under the Marchman Act.

Sergeant Woodman manned the Marine unit for 4 hours this week, making contact with 2 boaters. Detective Pham manned the boat for 4.5 hours, making contact with 3 boaters.

Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)

New cases:	17
Cases assigned:	4
Cases suspended-no leads:	6
Cases cleared with arrest:	1
Cases exceptionally cleared:	1
Cases unfounded/no crime:	4
Cases referred back to patrol:	1
Supplements received:	10
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Previously cleared with arrest:	1
Cases suspended-no leads:	1
Cases unfounded-no crime:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases still active:	8

Investigator Highlights

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for a fraud case, a derelict vessel, a grand theft, a hit & run, and a burglary; conducted pawn checks and sex offender checks and; interviewed a suspect at the Pinellas County Jail.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for two burglaries, two grand thefts, a fraud, a stolen vessel, and a death investigation; attempted to locate and interview a suspect in a grand theft case, and; added another burglary charge to Michael Sampson's case.

School Resource Officer Motte counseled 4 students; met with a parent; hosted the Explorer meeting; provided security at an afterschool event; scheduled 5 constitutional rights presentations for American Government classes; assisted the school in breaking up two physical altercations; assisted SPPD with a homicide investigation, and; investigated a 911 hang-up call.

School Resource Officer Langston prepared reports for two 2 theft cases, 1 found property, 1 battery and 1 supplement; counseled 4 students; met with the parents of three students; investigated the thefts of two phones, identifying the suspects and recovering the stolen property; responded to a 911 hang up; responded to a disturbance; investigated a trespasser on campus; provided security at a football game and the homecoming dance; assisted the principal by viewing the school cameras on a school related issue, and; made arrangements to speak at the Great American Teach In at Mt. Zion Progressive School.

Crime Analyst, Margaret Palmisano created and distributed a bulletin for Officer Affeldt to attempt to ID a suspect in an indecent exposure case; created a *Tips to keep your home safe and secure* crime prevention flyer for Officer Mills; compiled and distributed the open case lists, and; created and distributed a bulletin for Detective Pham in an attempt to gather information on a fraud/identity theft investigation.

Records

Reports reviewed	6
Supplements reviewed:	65
Public records requests:	30
Background checks:	2
Bike registrations:	2
Fingerprints	3
Subpoenas processed:	8
Citizens assisted:	56

MARINA

Assisted in twenty five (25) pump outs evacuating three hundred ten (310) gallons of waste.

Pumped two thousand six hundred thirty six (2,636) gallons of gas and eight hundred ninety (890) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling seventy four (74) vessels.

LIBRARY

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

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Monday, October 19, 3 p.m. - *K-5th Grade Science Club* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Tuesday, October 20, 1 p.m. - *Ukulele group*.

Tuesday, October 20, 2 p.m. - *Computer class for Beginners* facilitated by Alex Hooks.

Tuesday, October 20, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting*.

Wednesday, October 21, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting*.

Wednesday, October 21, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*.

Thursday, October 22, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime*, facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Thursday, October 22, 11 a.m. - *Kids Yoga* facilitated by Alex Hooks.

Friday, October 23, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club*.

Saturday, October 24, 11 a.m. - *Teen Book Giveaway & Games*, sponsored by the Stetson Law Library student group.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, November 10, 4 p.m. - *Middle School Robotics Club*: The group meets every second Tuesday of the month. Start creating and commanding your own robot! Registration required; see Cailey in Youth Services to sign up or call 893-1074.

Saturday, November 14, 2:30 p.m. - Author Michael Ciafone discussion of his book *Silent Cries and Traveling Forward*, personal accounts of living with traumatic brain injury.

Monday, November 16, noon - *Lunch & Learn with Herb Snitzer* The second in our ongoing series of hosting exceptional speakers. Mr. Snitzer's topic will be Jazz Art. Consider bringing lunch. Drinks will be provided. For more information call 893-1073.

Monday, November 16, 5:30 p.m. - *Introduction to Essential Oils workshop*: learn the benefits of pure, therapeutic-grade products with Jen Schaefer. Become empowered with knowledge and tools to address many mild (and some less mild) health issues at home, naturally. For more information, email gulfportyoga@gmail.com.

Thursday, November 19, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club book club discussion of Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris* over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Call 893-1073 for more information.

Saturday, November 21, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day*. For movie titles, call 893-1074.

Every Monday, 3 p.m. - *K-5th Grade Science Club*: We try a fun new activity every week, explore engineering through building with Legos, and meet other young scientists and engineers in the community! Parents get to join in on the fun too! Email cklasson@mygulfport.us or call 893-1074 for more information.

Every Tuesday, 11 a.m. - *Gumbo Ya Ya Potpourri for Seniors Group*: Everyone is invited to join in for reminiscing mixed with trivia style gaming with a sense of humor! Recent transplant Sally Heirsch will lead fun activities for seniors. For more information call 893-1073.

Every Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting*. For more information call 360-9069.

Every first & third Tuesday, 2 p.m. - *Ukulele Group*: Everyone is invited to join Allen Goldenson for some strummin' fun!

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

Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*. Email robynfeatherstonesq@gmail.com for more information.

Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime*: Join us for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers in the Youth Services area around the rocking chair near the Easy books. Cailey leads the group in singing songs, playing instruments & networking with other caregivers in our community.

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

Library Services/Statistics October 18-25, 2015:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	2,185	725
Sun. 10/18	Library closed	
Mon. 10/19	462	129
Tue. 10/20	429	123
Wed. 10/21	301	122
Thu. 10/22	325	105
Fri. 10/23	429	131
Sat. 10/24	199	93

PARKS & RECREATION

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-640. Spread the word!

- Distributed press releases to Gabber, and weekly Constant Contact newsletter to email distribution list.
- Rebooted TV station equipment.
- Continued updates and enhancements to mygulfport.us.
- Updated meeting schedules, agendas & minutes, upcoming events, Recreation Center, Senior Center and water quality information on City website.
- Distributed November calendar, and commenced preparation of December calendar.
- Continued preparations for Citywide Yard Sale, Veterans Day Parade, and Gulfport Casino 80th Birthday celebration.
- Met with Relay for Life representatives to discuss upcoming event.
- Commenced preparation for MLK Day of Service.

Multipurpose Center

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

Gulfport Extended Mobility Service (GEMS) offers transportation to grocery stores, medical appointments, etc. Gulfport residents 55 & older or residents with a disability can take advantage of GEMS door to door service for a yearly membership of \$65 plus \$2 per ride. GEMS also offers transportation to Bay Pines VA Hospital & Medical Center, Northside Hospital and the St. Pete Beach Family Aquatic Center. For more information call 893-2242 between 8 a.m. & 1 p.m.

The Senior Center participates in the **Neighborly Dining & Meals on Wheels** program, offering lunches for seniors 60 and older. Call Joe at 344-2111 to inquire about the program or to lend a hand as a volunteer driver.

The **Gulfport Multipurpose Center Pantry** is in need of peanut butter, tuna, dry cereal, pasta sauce, soups & canned meats. The pantry is open 1 - 3 p.m. every Tuesday & Thursday for qualified Gulfport residents 50 & older. Applicants should bring a photo I.D., a utility bill or bank statement and proof of income (SSI). For more information please see Rachel, or call 893-1231.

The Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center has **multiple volunteer opportunities** available. If you want to make a difference and help your community, join the volunteer program at the Senior Center. It's a great way to meet new friends and to get acquainted with more than 50 programs, classes and workshops. Volunteers assist as Lobby Receptionist, Fitness Center Attendants, Reassurance Callers, Class/Activity Instructors, Special Events, Food Pantry, Clerical Support, Flea Market, Promotions, Bingo, Card/Magazine organizing, etc. Call Rachel at 893-1231 or stop by the Center at 5501 27th Avenue South for more information.

Find out if you're eligible for a free caption phone that displays text of conversations on a touchscreen when **Clear Captions** visits the Senior Center at 10 a.m. Monday, November 2.

Learn the causes and types of strokes, how to recognize and prevent strokes and the impact a stroke has on you and your family during this month's **HCA St. Petersburg General Hospital Health Talks: How Would You Know if you are Having a Stroke** at 2:30 p.m. Monday, November 2.

Join Financial Advisor Scott O'Berry for a discussion of current events, the economy & investing over coffee & donuts during **Coffee Club** at 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 3.

Join Heidi Crockett of Aging Care Advocates for **Using Neurobiology to Improve Communication & Relationships** on November 4 at 2:30 pm. This is the first class of an exciting 4-part Health Series.

Find great deals during **First Friday Flea Market** on November 6, 9 a.m. - noon.

Enjoy a healthy snack as Robert Galban of Family Focus Insurance Services presents **Fruit for Thought** the second Monday of every month. The next meeting is November 8

The Alzheimer's Association offers free **Monthly Memory Screenings** the second Monday of each month, 9 - 11:30 am. The next screening is November 9. By appointment only; call 893-5657 to schedule your screening.

What if you knew how to empower your whole being and give yourself exactly what you need? Barbara Newborn guides you to do just that with her 3-part series **Empowerment of Healing: Body, Mind, & Soul** on Monday, November 9 at 3 p.m. November's topic: BODY.

Enjoy lunch and a free current movie during **Movie Day at the Snack Bar** at 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 10.

Enjoy ice cream with your friends during our **Monthly Ice Cream Social** at 3 p.m. Thursday, November 12. This event is sponsored by Pinellas Point Nursing & Rehab.

Volunteers for the **Telephone Reassurance Program** call Gulfport seniors every Monday through Saturday between 7:30 & 8:30 a.m. To sign up for this program visit the Gulfport Senior Center and bring valid I.D.

Having a problem hearing on the phone? Florida residents with a hearing loss qualify for a **FREE amplified home phone**. Florida Telecommunications Relay Inc., Family Center on Deafness issues equipment at the Gulfport Senior Center at 10 a.m. every third Tuesday of the month. This program is paid for by a surcharge on all Florida households with home phone lines and all business lines, and has been available since 1991. Call 399-9983 for more information.

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

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

Casino (last week's events):

Sunday, October 18 6 p.m. - Ballroom Fusion dance with Ellis Hale's Band (Turnout 41)

Tuesday, October 20 Noon - Ballroom lessons/dancing with Carol Baker (Turnout 20)
7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (Turnout 57)

Wednesday, October 21 10:30 a.m. - Yoga with Barbara Newborn (Turnout 28)
6 p.m. - Swing dance with Swingtime (Turnout 246)

Thursday, October 22 6 p.m. - Latin Night with Carol Rivera (Turnout 25)

Friday, October 23 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 20)
6 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 98)

Saturday, October 24 7 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 115)

Casino (upcoming events):

Every Sunday 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson
7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom Fusion dance Admission \$8

Every Tuesday 12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker
2 p.m. - Ballroom dance Admission \$8
6:30 p.m. - Beginning Argentine Tango lesson
8 p.m. - Milonga dance Admission \$8

Every Wednesday 10 a.m. - Yoga with Barbara Newborn/Joyce Bloom
6 p.m. - Bonus dance lesson with Swingtime
7 p.m. - Beginner Swing lesson with Swingtime
8 p.m. - Swing dance Admission \$8

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

Every Friday 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom

Saturday, October 31 7 p.m. - Monster Mash II: Music, dancing, food, costume contest & raffle prizes. Tickets \$15 at the Casino & Beach Bazaar

Gulfport Neighborhood Center (last week's events):

Sunday, October 18 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 19)
6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday, October 20 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 17)
7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Thursday, October 22 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 20)

Neighborhood Center (*upcoming events*):

- Every Sunday 6 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting
- Every first - third Sunday 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral International Church services
- Every fourth Sunday 9:15 a.m. - Bible study
- Every Tuesday 7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting
- Every Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi
- Every first Wednesday 7 p.m. - Crimewatch meeting

Scout Hall (*last week's events*)

- Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
- Monday, October 19 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 27)
- Tuesday, October 20 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 10)
- Friday, October 23 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 13)

Scout Hall (*upcoming events*):

- Every Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
- Every Monday 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga
- Every Tuesday & Friday 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing

Recreation Center

Get your kids and costumes ready for the **Spooktakular Halloween Bash** at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Boulevard on Saturday, October 31. Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. and will include Trunk-or-Treat, a frightful Haunted House, Boo-Room for tots and carnival games with prizes. The Haunted Snack Shack will sell hot dogs for a \$1, "potion" for 25¢ and chips for 25¢. The Costume Contest begins at 7 p.m. Winners will be chosen from eight age categories: 0-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-12, 13-17 and Family. There will be three awards given in each age category. Plan to be there, as we are "dying" to see you!

Programs, Classes & Activities

Forty five children are registered for the **2015/16 School Year Child Care Program** for children in Kindergarten thru age 14. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Monthly fees are \$150 for residents and \$188 for non-residents. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Gulfport Elementary, Bear Creek Elementary and Douglas Jamerson Elementary.

Nine children have been registered for the **2015/16 Tot Time Program**, and ten 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.

Twenty three teens are registered for the **2015/16 Teen Night Program** for teens in middle school thru age 17. Program hours are 6 - 9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Annual registration fee: \$2 for residents, \$22 for nonresidents.

Contractual classes: Bootcamp, Gymnastics, Karate, Mat Pilates, Pickleball, Spanish, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Tennis, Women's Self-Defense, Yoga and Zumba.

Staff Activities:

John Lapham used the school bus to transport twenty three Gulfport Elementary students and three (3) adults to the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg on Thursday.

Marivel Gutierrez, Nicole Latragna, Alton Hooker and Joanne McRoberts worked on the haunted house and Boo Room this week.

John Lapham, Narada Caldwell and three teens from the Teen Night Program judged homes and businesses entered in the Halloween Decorations Contest. There were eight (8) entries in the General Theme, two (2) entries in the Commercial Theme and one (1) entry in the Haunted House Theme.

Marivel Gutierrez attended the Senior Staff meeting on Wednesday.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 47 Emergency Medical Calls
- 3 Structure Fires
- 4 Fire Alarms
- 3 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Fire Outside Structure

Life Safety:

- 3 Fire Inspections
- 6 Re-Inspections
- 1 Life Safety Plan Review
- 14 Smoke Detectors

GFD Paramedics continued their Advanced Cardiac Life Support Renewal (ACLS) course this week. 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.

Lieutenant/Paramedic Scott Burford on the "B"-shift is Preceptor for a St. Petersburg College Paramedic program student.

Chief Marenkovic and the "C"-shift signed up fourteen low-income and elderly residents for smoke detector installation during the Junk in the Trunk event on October 24.

The Gulfport Fire and Police Department participated in the 10-24 Campaign at Gulfport Elementary School on October 26. The Fire Chief and Police Chief received awards for providing public safety to the community. Engine 17 had a demonstration for the kindergarten students. The school maintenance department conducted the annual fire drill.

Inspector Lundh performed a Safety walk-thru at the Recreation Center Haunted House on October 28. They had no violations.

PUBLIC WORKS

Staff continues daily water quality testing at Gulfport Beach and Marina. **The beach is currently closed.** The results of October 29 are provided below. Visit www.mygulfport.us for the most up-to-date information.

<u>Gulfport Casino</u>		<u>Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)</u>			<u>Fecal coliform – SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)</u>		
Sample ID	Date/Time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
1530208-01	10/29/15 7:40 a.m.	44 B	4	10/29/15 10:05 a.m.	170 B	10	10/29/15 10:05 a.m.

<u>Gulfport Marina</u>		<u>Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)</u>			<u>Fecal coliform – SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)</u>		
Sample ID	Date/Time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
1530208-02	10/29/15 7:50 a.m.	340 B	4	10/29/15 10:05 a.m.	960 B	10	10/29/15 10:05 a.m.

<u>Gulfport Shores</u>		<u>Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)</u>			<u>Fecal coliform – SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)</u>		
Sample ID	Date/Time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time	Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
1530208-03	10/29/15 8:02 a.m.	240 Z	4	10/29/15 10:05 a.m.	600 Z	10	10/29/15 10:05 a.m.

<u>Good</u>		<u>Enterococcus Results Description</u>		<u>Poor*</u>	
0-35 Enterococcus sp per 100 ml of marine water	Geometric Mean	36 – 104 Enterococcus sp per 100 ml of marine water		105 or greater Enterococcus sp per 100 ml of marine water	
		<u>Moderate</u>		36 and over CFU/100 ml Enterococcus sp Geometric Mean	
<u>Good</u>		<u>Fecal Coliform Results Description</u>		<u>Poor*</u>	
0-199 fecal coliform organisms per 100 ml of marine water		200-399 fecal coliform organisms per 100 ml of marine water		400 or greater fecal coliform organisms per 100 ml of marine water	
		<u>Moderate</u>			

*A poor rating may result in a resampling event to confirm poor conditions; otherwise a Health Advisory or Warning will be issued immediately. These indicate that contact with the water at this site may pose increased risk of infectious disease, particularly for susceptible individuals. A reading of NR means “No Result”. This could indicate that no sample was taken at this point because of weather or other factors, or that an analysis result was not obtained from the laboratory.

Building Maintenance

- Repaired roof drain and ballast in elevator at Recreation Center, relocated bench, assisted with Boo Room setup, and replaced electrical outlets on exterior of building.
- Replaced ceiling tiles at Police Department.
- Repaired plumbing issue in Library men’s.
- Inspected and reported street light outages near Town Shores.
- Performed roof repairs at Fire Station, Coast Guard Building and Neighborhood Center.
- Delivered mail to main Post Office for Finance Department.

Parks

- Continued building Haunted House in preparation for Recreation Center Boo Bash.
- Aerated ball fields.
- Replaced outlet at Recreation Center basketball court.
- Replaced fence post at a private residence and fence post & gate at Regions Bank, both damaged by City vehicle
- Repaired irrigation at Clymer Park and City complex.
- Mowed Tangerine Greenway, Tomlinson Park, and drainage areas at Wood Ibis Park & 56th Street.
- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched Beach Boulevard Streetscapes, Recreation Center green spaces & Clymer Park, hand raked around benches and pavilions, and cleaned beach.
- Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades, repaired tires on aerator, replaced belts on Groundskeeper mowers.

- Picked up trash and emptied bins along Beach & Shore Boulevards following weekend events.
- Staff continues to rake Gulfport Beach & volleyball areas every Monday and Friday. Trash and debris were picked up along the water and children's playground areas.
- All City parks trash containers and cigarette waste containers were emptied.
- Watered all non-irrigated areas.
- Cleaned all City playground areas.
- Mowed, raked, lined and dragged all ball fields daily.

Streets & Sanitation

- Delivered recycling bins with information sheets.
- Completed billable work orders for brush, Code Enforcement, trash/furniture & electronics.
- Removed and disposed of animal carcasses from City rights of way.
- Removed and disposed of illegal dumping and curbside yard waste throughout City.
- Repaired asphalt and potholes throughout City.
- Assembled & delivered new residential and commercial automated trash containers, and replaced broken containers.
- Cleaned and removed debris from storm drains, inlets, and storm water outfalls and reset storm grates throughout City.
- Set grade and added millings in alleyways per direction.
- Removed limbs & branches obstructing City roadways, alleyways & sidewalks.
- Filled sinkhole at 56th Street & 27th Avenue.
- Cleared debris from Bank of America sidewalk following irrigation blowout.
- Continued automated curbside street sweeping.
- Set up barricades, trash and recycling containers for Junk-in-the-Trunk event.
- Filled sinkhole, reset grade and opened road at York Street & 13th Avenue.
- Disposed of debris from the 49th Street holding area and items collected during Junk-in-the-Trunk event.
- Assisted Fire Department in clean-up and treatment of dumpster in alleyway at 52nd Street, between 27th & 28th Avenues following fire inside the container.

Water

- Daily Chloramines sampling at the points of connection to water distribution system (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily inspection and read of Wholesale meters (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Completed routes # 45, 46, 47 & 48 of monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 24 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 107 miscellaneous customer service department service orders.
- Completed 9 Sunshine One-Call, Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Replaced 1 old meter with new electronic meter.
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water samples at Gulfport Shores, Gulfport Beach & Marina for quality testing.
- Replaced 2 meters that were stuck and not recording water usage.
- Continued locating water mainline valves throughout City.
- Installed new water service at 5843 26th Avenue, 5801 26th Avenue & 2501 58th Street.

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- Daily rainfall check and documentation.
- Daily ground water elevation recording.

- Weekly generator exercise & preventive maintenance check on lift stations 1 & 2.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Fire Department/Garage, Police Station/City Hall & Senior Center.
- Weekly vehicle safety and maintenance inspection.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced leaking fuel filter on Fire Engine #P17.
- Removed rusted-through control arm on Building Maintenance vehicle #65.
- Delivered Police vehicle #18 to dealer for cylinder 7 misfire.
- Delivered Parks vehicle #53 to dealer for exhaust manifold repair.
- Repaired operating deck retention clamp, replaced batteries and remedied electrical load issue on Sanitation vehicle #88.
- Replaced aluminum entry step, and arm belts on Sanitation vehicle #46.
- Investigated brake line leak in Water vehicle #78.
- Replaced oil pressure sensor in Police vehicle #102.
- Delivered Police hybrid vehicle #14 to dealer for repairs.
- Performed preventive maintenance and various small repairs on City vehicles.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

On anything other than small and simple DIY projects we recommend homeowners consider using a licensed contractor. Unless you are very handy and have the necessary skills to take on more complex construction projects, larger projects can quickly overwhelm those less skilled in construction methodology and management.

Don't take chances with unlicensed contractors

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

The Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board helps guide homeowners in hiring a licensed contractor for home improvements.

Hiring an unlicensed contractor can put residents' homes in jeopardy, produce safety hazards and cost extra money to homeowners when work is not done correctly.

"Do your homework and follow the guidelines and resources provided to you by the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board," said Executive Director Rodney Fischer. "Why take a chance with your money and safety?"

The function of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board is to regulate construction and home improvement contractors practicing in all Pinellas jurisdictions.

The licensing board can tell you if a contractor has a license. They must be licensed by the board or the state of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and be registered with the board. Licensed contractors have passed a competency exam and perform electrical, plumbing or structural work in compliance with the building codes.

The state requires licensed contractors to have workers' compensation and liability insurance and the board monitors their insurance coverage. Without these, if a worker gets injured on the job or damages property, the homeowner is liable. Many insurance policies will not pay claims if an unlicensed contractor was doing the work.

WHEN SELECTING A CONTRACTOR, REMEMBER:

- Talk to friends and neighbors for recommendations.
- Home improvement contractors of various skills must be licensed with the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board. The license number must be displayed on advertising as well as on contracts. You can verify a contractor's license number and check any complaints by contacting the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board at (727) 582-3100.
- Check with the Department of Justice and Consumer Services at 464-6200 to determine the number of complaints against a business.
- Ask the contractor for references and follow through with verifying them.
- Ask the contractor for proof of insurance.
- Never deal with anyone who solicits or appears at your home unannounced.
- Obtain a minimum of two bids for the work to be done.

WHEN SIGNING A CONTRACT, MAKE SURE:

- All work should be specifically stated in the contract.
- An approximate starting and completion date should be included.
- All warranties including labor and materials should be addressed.
- A payment schedule should be contained in the contract.
- Do not give a large deposit before the beginning of work and do not pay the balance until completion.
- A three-day right to cancel rarely applies to home improvement contracts.
- Do not sign a blank contract or one containing blank spaces.
- Watch for non-refundable deposits and non-escrow accounts. In new home construction, part of the purchase price must be escrowed (this can be waived).

For more information call the board at 582-3100 or visit www.pcclb.com.

November 10, 2015 Board of Adjustment:

V15-25; 2816 Skimmer Point Drive South; Variance request to reduce the right-hand one-third setback requirement by 5.37 feet, from 26.37 feet to 21 feet to allow for the removal of a jet-ski lift and installation of a proposed boat lift in its place.

V15-26; 5305 15th Avenue South; Variance request to reduce the rear yard setback requirement by 19 feet, from 25 feet to 6 feet to allow for a proposed addition onto a non-conforming duplex structure.

V15-27; 6013 Kipp's Colony Drive East; Variance request to reduce the right-hand one-third setback requirement by 12 feet 6 inches, from 29 feet 9 inches to 17 feet 3 inches to allow for the construction a proposed new boat lift.

V15-28; 5626 29th Avenue South; Variance request to reduce the rear yard setback requirement by 21 feet 5 inches, from 25 feet to 3 feet 7 inches to:

1. Recognize the encroachment into the rear yard setback of the existing primary structure and attached screen porch; and
2. To enclose the existing screened porch to create an additional bedroom and closet.

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.

Because the City has one inspector who focuses on one section at a time, we depend on residents to call in violations when they see them. We will inspect within one working day of a complaint to verify any violation. Please call 893-1061 if you see violations. If the inspector is unavailable, leave as detailed a message as possible to help us find the violation. Complaints can be anonymous, but if you want a follow-up you will have to leave contact information which means the complaint is no longer anonymous. E-mail correspondence is considered a public record, so if you wish to make a complaint using e-mail, please understand that such communications are not anonymous.

Beginning in November Code Enforcement activities will move to Section 4 of the City, also known the Art District which generally extends south from Gulfport Boulevard to the water and east from 49th Street to 58th & 59th Streets. To review Code Enforcement activities documents for more detailed information and a map of the Code Enforcement areas please visit the Special Documents section of the City's website at www.mygulfport.us.