



Gulfport Community Update

November 8 - 14, 2015

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Gulfport City Hall, Library and facilities will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27 in observance of **Thanksgiving Day**. Thursday's sanitation routes will be collected on Wednesday, November 25; Friday's pickup will remain on schedule, and there will be no Wednesday yard waste collection.

It was an eventful Heroes Weekend in Gulfport on November 7 & 8: Shoppers found great deals during the Citywide Yard Sale; jammed with six talented bands at Tangerine Blues Fest; honored our Veterans at the Parade, and; watched some sporting competition at the 4th Annual VETsports Volleyball open (photos below).



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.

Join the Gulfport Historical Society and the City of Gulfport for the **Gulfport Casino's Birthday Celebration** on Friday, December 4 at 6 p.m. The Gulfport Casino has been the site of

weddings, special events, dancing, concerts, school functions, etc. for 80 years. Doors open at 6 p.m. and a historical presentation will begin at 7. The Impacts will entertain during the event. The Gulfport Casino is located at 5500 Shore Boulevard. Free admission/cash bar. For more information call 893-1118.

Everyone is welcome at the **Gulfport Holiday Tree Lighting** in Clymer Park at the corner of Gulfport & Beach Boulevards on Monday, December 7 at 7 p.m. Bundle up for an evening of festive music with songs performed by children from the Tot Time/VPK & School Year Child Care programs. Join Mayor Henderson, City Council and Yvonne Johnson for caroling. There will be refreshments and festive cheer as the Mayor lights the tree for another holiday season. The big man in red will be there to listen to the little ones' holiday wishes. For more information call 893-1118.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrol

Dispatch calls for service	175
Self-initiated calls for service	343
Offenses	32
Arrests	14
Traffic citations	72
Ordinance violations	44

Examples of arrests or significant incidents or calls this week:

Someone attempted to enter a home in the 1500 block of 55th Street early November 5, but was unsuccessful because the resident had placed a security bar in the track of the sliding glass door, preventing the door being opened.

A resident in the 2600 block of 53rd Street reported on November 6 that he was inside his home watching TV when someone threw a brick through the living room window. He heard a car speed off down the alley but did not see anyone.

Officers recovered a Lexus reported stolen from St. Petersburg and found abandoned in the 1800 block of York Street. The vehicle was processed and released to the owner.

Officers responded to the 5200 block of Gulfport Boulevard in the early morning hours of November 7 after a caller reported a man stumbling down the street. He was found inside the Citgo gas station intoxicated, stuffing candy bars into his pocket. The candy bars were returned to the store, and the man's brother arrived to take him home.

Officers stopped a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed on 58th Street. The driver, identified as Robert White was arrested for DUI after a breath test.

A resident in the 5500 block of 28th Avenue reported on November 8 that someone broke windshield of his van with an unknown object while it was parked in the street in front of his house. There are no suspects.

A resident posted an ad on Craigslist advertising a Gulfport property for rent. Someone posted a duplicate ad with different contact information in an attempt to defraud potential tenants.

Officers are looking for a white male who took a United Cab from Clearwater to Seaside Villas. When the cab arrived at its destination, the man ran away without paying his fare.

Gulfport Police assisted a PCSO Child Protection Investigator interviewing a child on November 9 regarding allegations possible of abuse.

A resident in the 4900 block of 25th Avenue reported that someone used her debit card in an apparent shopping spree. She suspected a recent house guest of the theft.

A man reported on November 10 that his bike was stolen from Advance Auto by a black male wearing khaki clothing. A witness chased the suspect in his vehicle and tackled him near Yarmouth Avenue & 46th Street, and recovered the bike. The suspect was not located.

An employee at Project Free Gallery reported that a bag of donated equipment and a Galaxy tablet were stolen approximately 2 months ago. Staff believes they know who took the items and delayed reporting it because they were hoping the suspect would return the tablet.

A clerk at Suncoast Food Mart reported that a man shoved two large beers down his pants and fled the store. Upon reviewing the stores security video, officers recognized Daniel Yost as the suspect. He was arrested the next day after employees at McDonald's reported he was intoxicated and trying to sleep on the patio. Yost was charged with disorderly intoxication and felony theft due to numerous prior theft convictions.

Richard Allen was arrested for disorderly intoxication on November 11. Allen was getting drunk at the Oar House on a nightly basis then walking over to Gulfport and lying on the sidewalk to get free rides to the hospital. He has been transported at least 6 times in the last few weeks.

Travis Barnes was issued a notice to appear after he was stopped for a traffic infraction in the 400 block of 58th Street. Officers smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Barnes admitted he was in possession and gave a bag of the substance to the officers.

Sergeant Woodman manned the marine unit for 4 hours this week, making contact with 2 boaters.

Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)

New cases:	12
Cases assigned:	2
Cases suspended-no leads:	7
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	1
Cases referred back to patrol:	2
Supplements received:	11
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Previously cleared with arrest:	1
Cases suspended-no leads:	1
Cases unfounded-no crime:	1
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 burglary, and a suicide, and; conducted pawn checks in an attempt to locate stolen property.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for five auto theft cases, a grand theft, and one leaving the scene of a crash, and; attempted to locate and interview a witness in an auto theft.

School Resource Officer Motte hosted the Monday night Explorer meeting; taught constitutional rights to American Government classes; assisted in breaking up three physical altercations; counseled four students, met with the parents of two students, attended a safety meeting, assisted with two Baker Acts, and; provided security for a football game at St. Pete High.

School Resource Officer Langston completed 7 supplemental reports; forwarded an arrested referral to the State Attorney Office; counseled a student; met with the parents of two students, and; attended *Girls in Gangs* training at SEPSI.

Crime Analyst Margaret Palmisano compiled and distributed the open case lists and continued reviewing old sex assault cases to determine if DNA evidence was collected and processed.

Records

Reports reviewed	8
Supplements reviewed:	64
Reports disseminated:	28
Background checks:	2
Bike registrations:	0
Fingerprints	1
Subpoenas processed:	11
Citizens assisted:	37

MARINA

Assisted in twenty (20) pump outs evacuating three hundred forty five (345) gallons of waste.

Pumped four thousand three hundred eighty six (4,386) gallons of gas and one thousand seven hundred ninety six (1,796) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred thirty nine (139) vessels.

Transient vessels

Marina staff welcomed a 25' motorboat, 48' motorboat and a 30' sailboat this week.

LIBRARY

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

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Monday, November 2, 3 p.m. - *K-5th Grade Science Club* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Tuesday, November 3, 11 a.m. - *Gumbo Ya Ya Potpourri for Seniors*.

Tuesday, November 3, 2 p.m. - *Ukulele Group* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Tuesday, November 3, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting*.

Wednesday, November 4, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting*.

Wednesday, November 4, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*.

Thursday, November 5, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime*, facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

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

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, November 14, 2:30 p.m. - Author Michael Ciafone discusses 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.

Thursday, November 19, 7 p.m. - *An Evening of Performance Art*: Be one of 15 chosen performers to read or recite your original work; sing; dance; play a musical instrument; or present another type of entertainment. To be considered, email teachedit@yahoo.com or submit your name and contact information to one of our librarians. Presented by the Gulfport Library Circle of Friends.

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

Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m. - *Circle of Friends Seasonal Book Sale*: Hardcover editions & more, great for gifting! Offerings will be available for preview by members of the Circle of Friends on Friday evening.

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 November 1 - 7, 2015:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	2,153	704
Sun. 11/1	Library closed	
Mon. 11/2	439	121
Tue. 11/3	374	126
Wed. 11/4	320	107
Thu. 11/5	433	125
Fri. 11/6	306	105
Sat. 11/7	250	90

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.
- Continued preparations for Citywide Yard Sale, Veterans Day Parade, Gulfport Casino 80th Birthday celebration, Holiday Tree Lighting and MLK Day of Service.
- Continued preparation of December calendar and created Volunteer Luncheon program.
- Provided set up assistance for Art Reception at Catherine Hickman Theater and technical assistance during Tangerine Blues Fest; checked-in Veterans parade participants, and provided photographic coverage for Vetsports Volleyball ceremonies.
- Provided technical assistance for Senior Center event.

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.

CPR Training will be offered at the Senior Center on Monday, November 16 at 3 p.m. Call 893-5657 to reserve a seat. This is not a certification class.

Join Master Life Coach, Kathy Lane as she discusses how to your brain to its maximum advantage. **Boosting Your Brain Power** is Wednesday, November 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Goodbye snail mail, Hello email! **Tech Talk** is Wednesday, November 18 at 2 p.m. Learn to create an email account, send & open emails, and send & open attachments.

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, December 1.

Enjoy lunch and a free current movie during **Movie Day at the Snack Bar** at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 8.

Enjoy ice cream with your friends during our **Monthly Ice Cream Social** at 3 p.m. Thursday, December 10. This event is sponsored by Pinellas Point Nursing & Rehab.

The Alzheimer's Association offers free **Monthly Memory Screenings** the second Monday of each month, 9 - 11:30 am. The next screening is December 14. By appointment only; call 893-5657 to schedule your screening.

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, November 1	6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance with Ellis Hale's Band (Turnout 18)
Monday, November 2	6 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 160)
Tuesday, November 3	Noon - Ballroom lessons/dancing with Carol Baker (Turnout 25) 7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (Turnout 59)
Wednesday, November 4	10:30 a.m. - Yoga with Barbara Newborn (Turnout 23) 6 p.m. - Swing dance with Swingtime (Turnout 234)
Thursday, November 5	6 p.m. - Latin Night with Carol Rivera (Turnout 23)
Friday, November 6	11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 26) 6 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 80)
Saturday, November 7	7 p.m. - Monster Mash II (Turnout 165) 5:30 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 160)

Casino (upcoming events):

Every Sunday	6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson 7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom Fusion dance Admission \$8
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- 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
- Friday, November 13 6 p.m. - Food Forest Jamboree: Help support the Gulfport Food Forest.
 Musical Jamboree with Laura Shepherd, Urban Gypsies, Food Forest
 Singers, and Hot Tub Club, nutritious refreshments & cash bar. Tickets
 \$10 - available at Casino - kids free.

Catherine Hickman Theater (*last week's events*):

- Thursday, November 5 8 p.m. - Gulfport Community Players (GCP) present *The Slut From
 Blue Eye* (Turnout 31)
- Friday, November 6 4 p.m. - Art Reception (Turnout 125)
 8 p.m. - GCP presents *The Slut From Blue Eye* (Turnout 40)
- Saturday, November 7 8 p.m. - GCP presents *The Slut From Blue Eye* (Turnout 25)

Catherine Hickman Theater (*upcoming events*):

Thursday-Saturday, November 12-14, 8 p.m., and Sunday, November 15, 2 p.m. - The Gulfport Community Players present *The Slut From Blue Eye*, an original comedy by Patrick Brafford. Tickets: \$16, available at Beach Bazaar, at www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org or at the door the day of performance

Gulfport Neighborhood Center (*last week's events*):

- Sunday, November 1 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 20)
 6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous
- Monday, November 2 4 p.m. - Pasadena Point HOA meeting (Turnout 15)
- Tuesday, November 3 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 11)
 7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous
- Wednesday, November 4 7 p.m. - Crime Watch meeting (Turnout 4)
- Thursday, November 5 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 20)
 2:30 p.m. - Juvenile Welfare Board meeting (Turnout 35)

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, November 2 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 12)
- Tuesday, November 3 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 8)
- Friday, November 6 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 11)

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

The multipurpose room is reserved 12:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, November 14 for a birthday party, and noon - 10 p.m. Saturday, November 28 for a wedding reception.

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. The Tot Time Stone Soup Social is scheduled for Friday, November 20. The children will perform plays and sing songs for their parents, and make stone soup from vegetables they contribute.

Thirty 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 drove the trolley in the Heroes Weekend Parade on Sunday afternoon.

Teen Council Chair Elizabeth Brown-Worthington walked in the Veteran's Day Parade, sang the National Anthem during VETSports opening ceremonies and kept score for volleyball games.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 38 Emergency Medical Calls
- 3 Structure Fires
- 1 Fire Alarm
- 6 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Gas Leak
- 1 Water Rescue
- 2 Odor/Smoke Invest

Life Safety:

- 12 Fire Inspections
- 2 Re-Inspections
- 1 Permit Review
- 1 Plan Review

GFD Paramedics are finishing their Advanced Cardiac Life Support Renewal Course this week. Final testing has begun which involves Paramedics taking a written exam and performing a Megacode.

Lieutenant Poirrier on the "A" shift is preceptor for an EMT Student from the St. Petersburg College Field Internship Program.

Lieutenant Scott Burford and the "B" shift conducted a Fire Extinguisher Training Drill for the Sea Scouts Ship 915 on November 7 (photos below).



PUBLIC WORKS

Staff continues daily water quality testing at Gulfport Beach, Gulfport Shores and the Marina. The beach is currently open. The results of November 12 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
1531607-01	11/12/15 8:12 a.m.	12 B	4	11/12/15 9:15 a.m.	10 B	10	11/12/15 9:15 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
1531607-02	11/12/15 8:20 a.m.	12 B	4	11/12/15 9:15 a.m.	50 B	10	11/12/15 9:15 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
1531607-03	11/12/15 8:29 a.m.	44 B	4	11/12/15 9:15 a.m.	150 Z	10	11/12/15 9:15 a.m.

<u>Good</u>		<u>Enterococcus Results Description</u>		<u>Poor*</u>	
0-35 Enterococcus sp per 100 ml of marine water	0-35 CFU/100 ml Enterococcus sp Geometric Mean	36 – 104 Enterococcus sp per 100 ml of marine water		105 or greater Enterococcus sp per 100 ml of marine water	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	

*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 toilet, roof drain and fuse in exercise room at Senior Center.
- Replaced wood pieces at Casino.
- Replaced two ballasts at Fire Department.
- Treated Recreation Center for ants.
- Delivered mail to main Post Office for Finance Department.

Parks

- Replaced benches at Recreation Center, Senior Center and Clam Bayou.
- Repaired bench swing at beach.
- Seeded ball fields.
- Installed mesh windscreen on volleyball court fencing.
- Mowed Beach, Recreation Center & Marina green spaces and Veterans Park.
- Repaired irrigation at Recreation Center & Library.
- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched Clymer & Veterans Parks and Senior Center green spaces, and cleaned beach.
- Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades and replaced fuel lines on chain saw.
- 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.
- Set up barricades and cones for Chemical Collection Day.
- Delivered trash/recycling bins to Tangerine Greenway in preparation for Bluesfest, and removed following event.
- Removed garbage and debris following Beach Volleyball event.
- Removed palm trees on 25th Avenue between 55th & 56th Streets per Code Enforcement.
- Added fill to alley entrance on Tangerine Avenue between 56th & 57th Streets.
- Raised grades around manhole in alleyway at 56th Street & Tangerine Avenue.

Water

- Daily Chloramines sampling at the points of connection to water distribution system.
- Daily inspection and read of Wholesale meters.
- Completed routes # 23, 24, 25 & 26 of monthly meter reading schedule.
- Completed 12 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off
- Completed 108 miscellaneous customer service department service orders.
- Completed 12 Sunshine One-Call, Call Before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water samples at Gulfport Shores, Gulfport Beach & Marina for quality testing.
- Replaced 1 meter that was stuck and not recording water usage.
- Continued locating water mainline valves throughout City.
- Repaired water fountain at tennis courts.

Sewer

- 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 brakes on Police vehicle #2.
- Replaced and relocated heater control valve, and removed leaking a/c line in Sanitation vehicle #45.

- Removed leaking swing motor in Sanitation vehicle #88.
- Replaced engine on Police vehicle #54
- Replaced torque arms on Sanitation vehicle #45.
- Delivered Police vehicle #18 to dealer for warranty repair.
- Repaired fuel leak in Streets vehicle #35.
- 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.

Code Enforcement activities continued this week in 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.

The number of code enforcement cases for October was 157. The number of citizen complaints was 10. The fiscal year-to-date ratio of complaints to total number of cases is 6.4 percent. Fiscal year 2014/15, which ended on September 30, yielded 2,236 cases. The number of complaints was 164 resulting in a ratio of complaints to total number of cases of 7.3 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. 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.

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.