



Gulfport Community Update

November 15 - 21, 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.

For twenty four years the Gulfport Police Department has sponsored **Operation Santa**, collecting cash, unwrapped toys and gift cards for needy children living in the City, and is again asking for help. Call 893-1097 for more information or to make a donation.

The **Gulfport Senior Center is accepting donations of coats and blankets** through the month of December. Grand Villa of St. Petersburg will distribute the donated items to people in the community in need of assistance. For more information call the Senior Center at 893-5657.

Upcoming Events:

Visit the 49th Street South Business Association (So49) weekly **SoTangerine Market** every Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 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 Impacs 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.

It's time to get your holiday cheer in gear. Support small business by shopping local during the Gulfport Merchants Association's annual **Holiday Hoopla** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront district on Saturday, December 12, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The festival will provide shoppers with one-of-a-kind gifts that cannot be found anywhere else, and all of your holiday shopping can be done in one place! Visitors will be enchanted by a variety of festive and fun holiday-themed music, holiday carolers, dance performances, and roving street performers. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit Operation Santa and Gulfport families in need. Vendor applications and information are available at www.sikpromotions.com/applicants/fall/holiday-hoopla.

The holiday spirit continues on the evening on December 12 with the **Boca Ciega Yacht Club Lighted Boat Parade** along Gulfport Beach at 6 p.m. The parade begins at the Gulfport Municipal Marina and passes by the BCYC clubhouse before heading into the bay, then onto Williams Pier and the beach, passing by the Casino, making our way through Town Shores, Pelican Bay, Kipps Colony and the Pasadena Yacht & Country Club. Lastly we visit Isla del Sol, then head back to the BCYC clubhouse for the Post Parade party. Sail and power boats are welcome! Entry fee: Two or more unwrapped toys for Operation Santa. Boca Ciega Yacht Club is proud to have been part of Operation Santa for 15 years. Sign up at BCYC, 4600 Tifton Drive South, or visit www.sailbcyc.org for more information. To become a parade sponsor call Don & Jen Rogers at 345-7544 or email jrogers@tampabay.rr.com.

Celebrate the history of our winter holidays with a cookie exchange, trolley caroling tour, and a celebration of all the holidays that have combined to give us Christmas. The Gulfport Historical Society's **Festivus History of Christmas Party** is Friday, December 18, 6 - 10 p.m. at the Gulfport History Museum at 5301 28th Avenue. It doesn't matter what you believe - everyone is welcome. Free to all and filled with cookies! Bring cookies to trade or sample.

The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce is planning an exciting new level of fun as it hosts a **New Year's Eve celebration** at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom like none before. *Glitz, Glamour & Glitter* will feature a variety of entertainment and surprises on December 31. Enjoy dancing and live music by the popular party band *Daydreams*, D.J. dance music, party favors, commemorative photo booth, roaming magician and balloon artist, sumptuous decorations, full cash bar, and a midnight ball drop with complimentary champagne toast. Guests are encouraged to dine at one of Gulfport's many fine restaurants prior to the event. Late-night tapas will be served after 10 p.m. Tickets: \$35 per person. Casino Club reservations are \$45 and include reserved seating with no table minimum or maximum, full private VIP bar area, exclusive Casino Club concierge service, tableside midnight champagne pour and premium party favors. Tickets are available at the Gulfport Beach Bazaar, 3115 Beach Boulevard and the Gulfport Casino. Space is limited, so purchase tickets early. This event is sponsored by the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information call Angela Lagan at 348-6490 or email Angela.Lagan@gmail.com, or visit www.facebook.com/New-Years-Eve-Gala-866500280041698.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrol

Dispatch calls for service	133
Self-initiated calls for service	362
Offenses	33
Arrests	7
Traffic citations	65
Ordinance violations	35

Examples of arrests or significant incidents or calls this week:

Two residents in the 5600 block of 12th Avenue reported on November 12 that their bicycles were stolen from their porches.

A cell phone was reported stolen from a van that had been left unlocked in the 1400 block of 49th Street on November 13. An unknown male was seen entering the van and running away.

Heather Feodorov was stopped by an officer in the 2200 block of York Street for failure to maintain a single lane. She performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and was arrested following breath sample results of .221 & .214.

Someone tried to kick in the back door to the scooter repair shop in the 5100 block of Gulfport Boulevard sometime between the evening of November 13 and the morning of the 14th. The door frame was damaged but a scooter leaning against the door prevented entry.

A Gulfport Library employee reported that his iPhone was stolen more than a week earlier. He thought he knew who took the phone but would not provide the information since it was obtained from the Library database and was not public record. The victim received a call from an unknown person asking for the passcodes and offering to work out a deal. There was negative contact at the address associated with the phone number.

A woman reported that her purse and cell phone were stolen from her car after she left it unlocked in an alleyway in the 4900 block of 9th Avenue for more than an hour.

Officers were dispatched to the 1800 block of 51st Street after a resident reported two women removing items from his front yard. They claimed they thought the items were scrap metal, and returned the property. The owner did not wish to prosecute.

Jonathon Fellows was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear after officers responded to a fight in progress in the 5600 block of 29th Avenue. The altercation was over by the time officers arrived.

A resident in the 2500 block of Beach Boulevard reported on the morning of November 15 that her debit card, medication prescriptions and cash were stolen from her unlocked car sometime overnight. She also stated that her car was burglarized 2-3 weeks earlier, and a pair of Ray Ban sunglasses and an iPhone lightning cable were stolen.

A small fire was reported behind a residence in the 2200 Block of 53rd Street. Fence and cable wires were burned. The origin of the fire is unknown and no injuries were reported.

Officer Nicita arrested a juvenile on a warrant issued by Manatee County on November 17 after he observed him riding a bicycle in the 1900 block of 59th Street during school hours.

School Resource Officer Motte notified Alpha Squad officers that two Boca Ciega High School students had just left campus and were truant. They were located by patrol officers and one was taken back to school. The other was arrested for possession of marijuana.

Detective Pham manned the marine unit for 5 hours this week, making contact with 1 boater.

Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)

New cases:	11
Cases assigned:	2
Cases suspended-no leads:	6
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	3
Cases referred back to patrol:	1
Supplements received:	18
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Previously cleared with arrest:	2
Cases suspended-no leads:	0
Cases unfounded-no crime:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases still active:	16

Investigator Highlights

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations at several locations in Pinellas County and completed supplemental reports in a fraud case, a grand theft auto, a hit & run, a burglary and a

theft. He also manned the Marine Patrol on Sunday, assisting two exhausted paddle boarders who drifted out to sea.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations at several locations in Pinellas County and completed supplemental reports in two auto theft cases, two burglaries, a criminal mischief and a fraud; attempted to locate and interview three suspects in separate cases; completed subpoena requests for a fraud investigation, and; assisted Det. Pham in attempting to locate and question suspects in his cases.

School Resource Officers Motte & Langston taught constitutional rights to one American Government class; assisted the school in breaking up two altercations; participated in the Great American Teach-in at Gulfport Elementary and Mt. Zion Christian Academy; responded to a trespasser on campus; viewed school video footage for a report of lost property; researched the student database for 2 cases; taught the police explorers response to resistance, and; assisted with organizing the Shop with a Cop and MLK Day of Service events.

Crime Analyst, Margaret Palmisano conducted pawn checks on 11 cases with a named suspect, known serial number or searchable description; completed a review of property reported stolen with a known serial number to ensure the item was entered into FCIC/NCIC; processed and distributed 59 case agent evidence review forms, and; completed the monthly PCSO call out report.

Records

Reports reviewed	8
Supplements reviewed:	56
Reports disseminated:	28
Background checks:	5
Bike registrations:	0
Fingerprints	9
Subpoenas processed:	10
Citizens assisted:	35

MARINA

Assisted in nineteen (19) pump outs evacuating two hundred ninety five (295) gallons of waste.

Pumped one thousand five hundred eighty two (1,582) gallons of gas and one thousand one hundred twenty four (1,124) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling seventy two (72) vessels.

Transient vessels

Marina staff welcomed a 45' motorboat, 39' motorboat, 38' motorboat, 2' motorboats, and a 36' sailboat and 2 34' sailboats this week.

LIBRARY

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

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Monday, November 9, 3 p.m. - *K-5th Grade Science Club* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Tuesday, November 10, 11 a.m. - *Gumbo Ya Ya Potpourri for Seniors*.

Tuesday, November 10, 2 p.m. - *Ukulele Group* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Tuesday, November 10, 4 p.m. - *Middle School Robotics Club*.

Tuesday, November 10, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.*

Wednesday, November 11, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, November 11, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters.*

Thursday, November 12, 10:30 a.m. - *Storytime*, facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Friday, November 13, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

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.

Upcoming Events:

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, 3 p.m. - *Teen Hangout:* Games and activities for teens and tweens.

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 8 - 14, 2015:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,975	618
Sun. 11/8	Library closed	
Mon. 11/9	413	108
Tue. 11/10	362	125
Wed. 11/11	Holiday - Library closed	
Thu. 11/12	457	143
Fri. 11/13	389	104
Sat. 11/14	286	92

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 Gulfport Casino 80th Birthday celebration, Holiday Tree Lighting and MLK Day of Service.
- Continued preparation of December calendar, and updated City calendar.
- Attended volunteer Luncheon.
- Provided information on the Catherine Hickman Theater, Casino and City Facilities during the Canadian Club luncheon.

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.

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.

Get into the holiday spirit with special evening trips to the **Holiday Lights in the Gardens** holiday light spectacular at the Florida Botanical Gardens on Tuesday December 1 & 2. Stroll through over 750,000 twinkly LED lights, animated figures, & entertainers. Space is limited: seats **MUST** be reserved in advance. The \$10 fee for GEMS members and \$12 fee for nonmembers includes round trip transportation & admission.

Regions Bank presents **What Every Woman Should Know about Money**: Why you should be confident in your finances on Wednesday, December 2 at 2 p.m.

Discover the great selection of jewelry, home décor, cook books, collectibles, and many other goodies at **First Friday Flea Market** on December 4 at 9 a.m.

The **LGBT Support & Resource Group** meets at 5:30 p.m. every first & third Monday of the month. The group focuses on unique challenges confronting older LGBT citizens. December's topic is *Religion & the LGBTQ Community*. The next meeting is December 7.

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

You got a Tablet! Now What? Learn the basic functions of Android Tablets during **Tech Talk** on Wednesday, December 9 at 2 p.m. Provided by The Gulfport Library.

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.

The **Out-to-Lunch Bunch** is a monthly get together to share a meal, conversation, and fun! The group will visit Cracker Barrel on Tuesday December 15. Space is limited: seats **MUST** be reserved in advance. The round trip fee is \$4for GEMS members and \$6 fee for nonmembers.

Learn how to make a holiday centerpiece for your table at the **Flower Arrangement Class** on Thursday December 17 at 2 p.m. Presented by Boca Ciega Center. Call 893-5657 to register.

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):

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| Sunday, November 8 | 6 p.m. - Ballroom Dance with Swing Time (Turnout 93) |
| Tuesday, November 10 | Noon - Ballroom lessons/dancing with Carol Baker (Turnout 20)
7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (Turnout 59) |
| Wednesday, November 11 | 6 p.m. - Swing dance with Swingtime (Turnout 228) |
| Thursday, November 12 | Noon - City of Gulfport Volunteer Luncheon (Turnout 170)
6 p.m. - Latin Night with Carol Rivera (Turnout 27) |

Friday, November 13 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 20)
6 p.m. - Food Forest Jamboree (Turnout 240)

Saturday, November 14 5:30 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 150)

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, November 21 6:30 p.m. - Jukebox Saturday Night with the Impacs & Ken Brady.
Tickets: \$15, available at the Beach Bazaar and Gulfport Casino or
online at www.theimpacs.com

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

Sunday, November 8 2 p.m. - Gulfport Community Players (GCP) present *The Slut From Blue Eye* (Turnout 91)

Thursday, November 12 8 p.m. - GCP presents *The Slut From Blue Eye* (Turnout 73)

Friday, November 13 8 p.m. - GCP presents *The Slut From Blue Eye* (Turnout 73)

Saturday, November 14 2 p.m. - GCP presents *The Slut From Blue Eye* (Turnout 30)
8 p.m. - GCP presents *The Slut From Blue Eye* (Turnout 81)

Catherine Hickman Theater (*upcoming events*):

Saturday, November 21, 7 p.m. - Tap Dance Extravaganza. Tickets: \$15 available at the Senior Center, Casino & Beach Bazaar

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

Sunday, November 8 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church services (Turnout 23)
6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

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

Thursday, November 12 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 23)

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 9 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 21)
- Tuesday, November 10 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 7)
- Friday, November 13 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 12)

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 was rented 12:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, November 14 for a birthday party with 35 in attendance.

The multipurpose room is reserved noon - 10 p.m. Saturday, November 28 for a wedding reception.

Programs, Classes & Activities

Forty seven 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.

Thirty five 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:

Marivel Gutierrez and Nicole Latragna attended the Volunteer Luncheon on Wednesday.

Alton Hooker worked the room rental on Saturday afternoon.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 44 Emergency Medical Calls
- 1 Trauma Alert
- 2 Structure Fires
- 1 Fire Alarm
- 4 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Water Rescue
- 2 Fires Outside Structure

Life Safety:

- 8 Fire Inspections
- 1 Re-Inspections
- 1 C.O.
- 1 Plan Review

Fire Chief Marenkovic, Acting/Lieutenant Grady and the “A” shift participated in the Great American Teach-in at Gulfport Elementary School on November 17.

Inspector Lundh and Chief Marenkovic performed a walk-thru and pre-inspection/safety plan inspection for the Holy Name fall festival. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspected the fair rides on November 19.

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

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 19 are provided below. Visit www.mygulfport.us for the most up-to-date information.

Gulfport Casino

Sample ID	Date/Time
1532307-01	11/19/15 7.54 a.m.

Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
12 B	4	11/19/15 9:22 a.m.

Fecal coliform – SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
10 B	10	11/19/15 9:22 a.m.

Gulfport Marina

Sample ID	Date/Time
1532307-02	11/19/15 8 a.m.

Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
4 B	4	11/19/15 9:22 a.m.

Fecal coliform – SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
10 U	10	11/19/15 9:22 a.m.

Gulfport Shores

Sample ID	Date/Time
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Enterococci EPA 1600 – (CFU/100 ML)

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
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Fecal coliform – SM 922D- (CFU 100 ML)

Result	MDL	Analyzed date/time
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1532307-03 11/19/15 8:10 a.m. 32 B 4 11/19/15 9:22 a.m. 110 B 10 11/19/15 9:22 a.m.

Enterococcus Results Description

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

Fecal Coliform Results Description

<u>Good</u>	<u>Moderate</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

- Cleared block sink in Casino outdoor ladies restroom and toilet in Public Services men’s room.
- Stripped and waxed floors at Neighborhood Center.
- Replaced 5 ballasts and 48 lamps at Library.
- Performed monthly pest control on all City buildings.
- Commenced semi-annual preventative maintenance on City a/c units and air handlers.
- Removed metal bunk beds from old jail cells.
- Reattached several pieces of baseboard at Recreation Center.
- Delivered mail to main Post Office for Finance Department.

Parks

- Delivered chairs to Theater stage.
- Sealed benches and picnic tables.
- Delivered donated bench to Library.
- Set up space in Library parking lot for bloodmobile.
- Repaired mailbox on 64th Street.
- Cleared debris from Pinellas trail at 49th Street following car accident.
- Filled in sand at Veterans Park.
- Oiled and performed preventive maintenance on Caldwell Park playground equipment.
- Mowed City Complex, Library & Senior Center grounds, Clymer, Veterans & Caldwell Parks, 14th Avenue medians and signage areas at Pasadena limits, intersection of Tangerine Greenway & 49th Street, and 28th Avenue.
- Repaired irrigation at City Complex & Caldwell Park.
- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched Clymer Park, Lions Club and Senior Center, 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.
- Replaced poles and signage at City Hall, Veterans Park, Library & Senior Center.
- Removed fallen tree in alleyway on 18th Avenue between 55th & 56th Streets.
- Replaced stop signs, posts & street signs at 59th Street & 27th Avenue.
- Delivered five 300-gallon trash containers to Holy Name for weekend event.
- Disposed of old tires from City Garage.
- Cleared and removed debris from the truck wash area in the City Yard.
- Set grade in the alley at 62nd Street & 8th Avenue.

Water

- Daily Chloramines sampling at the points of connection to water distribution system.
- Daily inspection and read of Wholesale meters.
- Completed routes # 31, 32, 33 & 34 of monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 38 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 2 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off
- Completed 117 miscellaneous customer service department service orders.
- Completed 18 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.
- Collected biweekly bacteriological samples on water distribution system.
- Continued locating water mainline valves throughout City.

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.
- Cleaned and televised sewer lateral at 4520 26th Avenue, and sewer lateral & main at 5626 25th Avenue.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced rear tire on Police Vehicle #16 and front tires on GEMS vehicle #1.
- Replaced main swing motor in Sanitation vehicle #88.
- Replaced rear brakes and front tires on Police vehicle #9.
- 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.

November 10, 2015 Board of Adjustment Results:

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. APPROVED

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. APPROVED

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. APPROVED

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.
ALL REQUESTS DENIED

December 9, 2015 Board of Adjustment:

V15-29; 4624 27th Avenue; Variance Application request to reduce the front yard setback requirement by 6.55 feet, from 25 feet to 18.45 feet to allow for a proposed addition onto an existing single family house.