



# *Gulfport Community Update*

## *December 13 - 19, 2015*

### **OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Gulfport City Hall, Library and facilities will **be closed for Christmas** on Friday, December 25. Thursday's sanitation routes will be collected on Wednesday, December 23; Friday's routes will be collected on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 49<sup>th</sup> Street South Business Association (So49) weekly **SoTangerine Market** every Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, visit [www.SoTangerine.com](http://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](http://www.gulfportma.com), call Susan Blankenship at 453-9093 or Chris Spencer at 902-2326, or email [FreshMarket@GulfportMA.com](mailto:FreshMarket@GulfportMA.com).

The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce is planning an exciting new level of fun as it hosts a **New Year's Eve Gala** 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](mailto:Angela.Lagan@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/New-Years-Eve-Gala-866500280041698](http://www.facebook.com/New-Years-Eve-Gala-866500280041698).

On January 16, 2016 Gulfport residents, businesses and civic organizations will join Americans across the U.S. for the **Second Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service**. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with an opening ceremony hosted by Mayor Sam Henderson and Vice Mayor Yolanda Roman at Tomlinson Park on the corner of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 54<sup>th</sup> Street. Volunteers will be at their service project destinations from 9 a.m. until noon, and return to Tomlinson Park for closing ceremonies and a picnic. For more information call 893-1118, email [gbiron@mygulfport.us](mailto:gbiron@mygulfport.us), or visit [www.mygulfport.us/mlkdayofservice](http://www.mygulfport.us/mlkdayofservice).

It's time again for Junk in the Trunk on Saturday, January 23 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., Gulfport Neighborhood Center parking lot, 1617 49th St. S. Gulfport Residents, bring your Gulfport I.D. and your junk! If you have good junk that works, drop it off at the free trade table. Free bike

registration and kids free helmets. Have coffee with Zack and Josh and meet the folks from the Gulfport Gecko Garden. Contact: 727-893-1118

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Patrol**

Dispatch calls for service	141
Self-initiated calls for service	328
Offenses	23
Arrests	3
Traffic citations	38
Ordinance violations	34

Examples of arrests or significant incidents or calls this week:

A transient female reported that sometime between December 9 & 10 she left her suitcase with all her belongings between two houses. When she returned her belongings were gone.

A resident in the in the 5100 block of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue reported on December 11 that someone stole a solar yard light from her front yard.

A resident in the in the 1400 Block of 55<sup>th</sup> Street reported 2 packages left by UPS were taken from the porch of the residence.

Officers arrested Erica Blossom at her residence on December 12 on an outstanding warrant for Criminal Mischief.

Commander Farrand stopped a pickup truck in the 5400 block of Tangerine Avenue because the driver, Roland Sparling had a suspended driver license. He was arrested for felony driving on a suspended license.

Sometime over the weekend someone unbolted and stole a toilet from a restroom at Gulfport Storage. A City garbage can was also taken. The crime was not reported until December 15.

A Town Shores resident reported that a man who installed a new microwave overcharged her credit card for the service and made several more unauthorized charges.

A beer delivery man left his hand truck unsecured outside a restaurant on Beach Boulevard while he went inside to deliver kegs. When he returned, the hand truck was gone.

Officer Lavigne was driving into work and observed a juvenile that she recognized from a surveillance video obtained for a burglary investigation. She contacted patrol officers from Gulfport and they were apprehended the young man who later confessed to the crime.

Detective Pham lead the boat parade on December 12. The vessel was in the water for approximately 4.5 hours.

### **Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)**

New cases:	19
Cases assigned:	2
Cases suspended-no leads:	13
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	0
Cases referred back to patrol:	3
Supplements received:	10
Cases cleared with arrest:	2

Previously cleared with arrest: 0  
Cases suspended-no leads: 0  
Cases unfounded-no crime: 0  
Cases exceptionally cleared: 0  
Cases still active: 8

### **Investigator Highlights**

Sergeant Woodman developed Probable Cause and arrested Trevon Barton for armed robbery.

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports in a fraud case, a grand theft, a hit & run, and a death investigation. He also developed probable cause for a suspect involving in a Hit and Run crash, and; attended a one day "Interview of Child Molesters" class.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports in an auto theft case, leaving the scene of an accident, and several thefts. She also interviewed and arrested a juvenile who admitted to stealing vehicles in St. Petersburg and Gulfport; attended a one day "Interview of Child Molesters" class, and; assisted patrol with interviewing a suspect at the Pinellas County Jail.

Officer Motte has been training Probationary Officer Gainer at BCHS and on patrol.

Officer Langston assisted with a school evacuation due to a gas leak; responded to 2 disturbances; assisted day shift with a vandalism call; assisted SPPD with identifying a student; assisted the SAO with making contact with a student; responded to 2 trespassers on campus, and; attended CART conference.

Margaret Palmisano created and distributed a bulletin for Sgt. Woodman in an attempt to locate a juvenile wanted for Armed Robbery. The subject was later arrested by the St. Petersburg Police Department. She also researched old case files for Chief Vincent, processed and distributed 58 case agent review forms, and completed pawn checks on 17 cases with a named suspect, known serial number or searchable property description.

### **Records**

Reports reviewed 8  
Supplements reviewed: 68  
Public Records requests: 11  
Background checks: 10  
Bike registrations: 3  
Fingerprints 2  
Subpoenas processed: 12  
Citizens assisted: 52

### **MARINA**

Assisted in thirty four (34) pump outs evacuating four hundred fifty five (455) gallons of waste.

Pumped one thousand six hundred twenty three (1,623) gallons of gas and seven hundred eleven (711) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling eighty five (85) vessels.

## **Transient vessels**

Marina staff welcomed a 30' sailboat, 19' sailboat, 27' sailboat, 23' motorboat, and a 34' powerboat this week.

## **LIBRARY**

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

### **Public Programs/Meetings/Events:**

Monday, December 7, 3 p.m. - *K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Club* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Tuesday, December 8, 2 p.m. - *Computer Class for Beginners* facilitated by Alex Hooks.

Tuesday, December 8, 4 p.m. - *Middle School Robotics Club* facilitated by Cailey Klasson.

Tuesday, December 8, 5:30 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting*.

Wednesday, December 9, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting*.

Wednesday, December 9, 3 p.m. - Teen Hangout.

Wednesday, December 9, 4 p.m. - *Welcome to Gulfport* presentation.

Wednesday, December 9, 6 p.m. - Gulfport Toastmasters.

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

Thursday, December 10, noon - *Lunch & Learn: All About Cats*.

Friday, December 11, 5:45 p.m. - Women's AA Club.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Friday, December 18, 7 p.m. - *Family Blanket Fort Night*: Bring the kids and some old sheets. We'll build awesome forts and watch a family movie. Popcorn provided! For more information call Cailey at 893-1074 or [cklasson@mygulfport.us](mailto:cklasson@mygulfport.us).

Saturday, December 19, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day*. For movie titles, call 893-1074.

Monday, December 28, 5 p.m. - *Open Mic Night*: Alex invites everyone to share their talents, musical and otherwise for a lively season of spontaneity. Call 893-1073 for more information.

Every Monday, 3 p.m. - *K-5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cklasson@mygulfport.us) or call 893-1074 for more information.

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](mailto: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 December 6 - 12, 2015:**

#### **Items Circulated Patrons**

Weekly Circulation:	2,176	719
Sun. 12/6	Library closed	
Mon. 12/7	404	141
Tue. 12/8	420	123
Wed. 12/9	314	115
Thu. 12/10	418	124
Fri. 12/11	332	98
Sat. 12/12	252	89

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

### **Technical Events**

Visit [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) or [www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfport](http://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](http://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, Public Works, Human Resources and water quality information on City website.
- Continued preparations for MLK Day of Service.
- Audio technical set up for event at Library.
- Assisted in Cultural Facilities operations while supervisor on vacation
- Provided control room coverage for December 15 City Council meeting, uploaded video and links to City website, and rebroadcast meeting on GTV-615. Fulfilled one request of DVD of meeting.
- Continued preparation of January calendar.
- Uploaded event images and post on Social media.
- Covered a portion of the event for Holiday Hoopla.

### **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](http://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 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue South for more information.

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 21.

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

Enjoy a healthy snack as Robert Galban of Family Focus Insurance Services presents **Fruit for Thought** every second Monday of the month. The next meeting is January 11.

Enjoy lunch and a free current movie during **Movie Day at the Snack Bar** at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 12.

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.

The **Community Law Program** offers free legal assistance to qualified residents 60 & older at the Gulfport Multipurpose Center every third Friday of the month. Call 582-7480 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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, December 6                      5 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 150)

Tuesday, December 8      Noon - Ballroom lessons/dancing with Carol Baker (Turnout 22)  
    7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (Turnout 61)

Wednesday, December 9      11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Barbara Newborn (Turnout 34)  
    6 p.m. - Swing dance with Swingtime (Turnout 255)

Thursday, December 10      6:30 p.m. - Latin Night with Carol Rivera (Turnout 14)

Friday, December 11      6 p.m. - All Children's Hospital holiday party (Turnout 100)

Saturday, December 12      5:30 p.m. - RSM holiday party (Turnout 40)

**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

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

Thursday, December 10      6:30 p.m. - Adlerian School performance (Turnout 100)

Friday, December 11      6:30 p.m. - Adlerian School performance (Turnout 173)

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

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

Tuesday, December 8      10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 19)  
    7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Thursday, December 10      10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 15)

**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*)**

Sunday, December 6 9 a.m. - Calvary Christian Assembly church services (Turnout 11)

Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting

Monday, December 7 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 27)

Tuesday, December 8 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 14)

Friday, December 11 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 14)

### **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 Gulfport Recreation Center will offer **full day activities during Holiday Break** from 7:45 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. December 21-24, December 28-31 & January 4 for children in Kindergarten through age 14. Extended care is available until 6 p.m. for an additional fee. The children will participate in arts & crafts, field trips, sports, and much more!

### **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. Fourteen Tot Time/VPK participants and nine adults visited the Dollar Tree in South Pasadena on Friday morning where they purchased a gift for a needy child.

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:

John Lapham used the school bus to transport fourteen Tot Time/VPK Program participants and nine adults to Dollar Tree in South Pasadena on Friday.

Marivel Gutierrez attended the Teen Council meeting on Friday afternoon, and the Senior Staff meeting on Wednesday.

John Lapham, Jaylissa Williams and two teens from the Teen Night Program drove around the City to judge the homes entered in the Holiday Decorations Contest. There were fourteen (14) entries in the contest.

**Teen Council** members Elizabeth Brown-Worthington and Phoebe Carrasco helped serve cookies and punch during the City's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting celebration.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Calls for Service:

- 39 Emergency Medical Calls
- 2 Structure Fires
- 4 Fire Alarms
- 5 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Gas Leak
- 2 Fires Outside Structure

### Life Safety:

- 19 Fire Inspections
- 2 Re-Inspections
- 1 Permit Review

Chief Marenkovic attended the Fire/EMS Administration meeting on December 21 to discuss EMS/ALS funding budgets for the upcoming fiscal year with County staff and other Fire Chiefs in Pinellas County.

Lieutenant/Paramedic Scott Burford of the B-shift is preceptor for a new St. Pete College Paramedic Program EMT student.

Chief Marenkovic would like to congratulate Firefighter/Paramedic Fernandez for completing the Acting Officer Requirements for the Gulfport Fire Department. Mr. Fernandez started his career here in September 2006. He has successfully completed the Acting Officer Check-list and currently holds his State Fire Officer I Certification. He is cleared to be an Acting Lieutenant on Engine 17.

All GFD Paramedics received their ACLS Provider Recertification from the American Heart Association. Certification is valid until December 2017.

## PUBLIC WORKS

Staff continues daily water quality testing at Gulfport Beach, Gulfport Shores and the Marina. The beach is currently open. The results of December 17 are provided below. Visit [www.mygulfport.us](http://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
1535107-01	12/17/15 11:55 a.m.	4	4	12/17/15 1:20 p.m.	30 B	10	12/17/2015 1:20 p.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
1535107-02	12/17/15	12:08 p.m.	220	4	12/17/15 1:20 p.m.	170 B	10	12/17/2015 1:20 p.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
1535107-03	12/17/15	12:15 p.m.	4	4	12/17/15 1:20 p.m.	50 B	10	12/17/2015 1:20 p.m.

<u>Enterococcus Results Description</u>		
<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
<u>Fecal Coliform Results Description</u>		
<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

- Replaced faucet and water lines in men’s restroom at the Public Services Building.
- Replaced two ballasts in Fire Station bay.
- Repaired toilet in Dog Park ladies restroom.
- Reattached toilet paper holder in Theater lobby men’s restroom.
- Performed monthly pest control on all City Buildings.
- Replaced flapper on toilet at Casino outside ladies restroom.
- Replaced double light switch and repaired chair at Library.
- Repaired Art Room door handle at Recreation Center.
- Delivered mail to main Post Office for Finance Department.

## Parks

- Ordered fence post and lumber to replace fence at Pinellas trail spur.
- Installed bench in Library outdoor reading area.
- Replaced power poles on Beach Boulevard.
- Greased swing benches and playground swing on beach.
- Replaced trash cans and bike rack in front Stella’s restaurant.
- Sanded picnic tables in preparation for installation.
- Cleaned screens on lake fountains at Wood Ibis Park.
- Continued work on tree lights and electrical outlets on Beach Boulevard.
- Mowed Tangerine greenway, 55<sup>th</sup> Street medians, Clymer Greenway, Marina & Lions Club green spaces, and 49<sup>th</sup> Street & York Street termini.
- Repaired irrigation at Clymer & Veterans Parks, Senior Center and City Complex.
- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched 49th Streetscapes, Neighborhood Center, Dog Park and Senior Center, hand raked around pavilions and cleaned beach.
- Greased mowers and sharpened/replaced blades.
- 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.
- Continued automatic street sweeping.
- Removed debris and seaweed from beach and around outfall drain at Casino.
- Removed dirt from roadway at 54<sup>th</sup> Street & 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Assembled and delivered 90-gallon containers for Holiday Hoopla, and removed following event.
- Removed several of debris from 49<sup>th</sup> Street holding area.
- Continued automated curbside street sweeping.
- Restocked recycled mulch bin at Neighborhood Center.
- Sealed opening in storm pipe, backfilled and regraded pipe.
- Removed and disposed of old tires and parts from City garage.
- Delivered and spread 5 yards of topsoil and laid two pallets of Bahia sod on easement at 2801 46<sup>th</sup> Street following removal of sand and rocks.

### **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 26 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 6 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off.
- Completed 79 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.
- Continued locating water mainline valves throughout City.
- Replaced 3 meters that were stuck and not recording water usage
- Replaced old 3 water meters with new style electronic meters.
- Repaired water break at 925 Hull Street.
- Installed new water service lines at 5819, 5820, 6825 & 5826 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

### **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 6301 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

### **Vehicle Maintenance**

- Replaced radiator and lower radiator hose in police vehicle #102.
- Disassembled and removed broken propeller shaft in Parks' Toro mower.
- Performed preventative maintenance, and replaced front sway bar links, and rear sway bar links on Fire Department vehicle #D17.
- Investigated hydraulic leak in Sanitation vehicle #45.
- Replaced tire on Code Enforcement vehicle #55 and on Sanitation vehicle #88.
- Repaired hydraulic fitting, and refilled hydraulic reservoir on Sanitation vehicle #42.
- Cleaned Sanitation vehicle #31 in preparation for maintenance.
- 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.pcclb.com).

**Code Enforcement** activities continued this week in Section 5 of the City, also known as the Marina District which comprises the southeast portion of the City and generally extends south from 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the water and east from 49<sup>th</sup> Street to the City boundaries.

The number of code enforcement cases for November was 113. The year-to-date total number of cases is 270. The number of citizen complaints for November was 6, making a year-to-date total of 16. The fiscal year-to-date ratio of complaints to total number of cases is 5.9 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](http://www.mygulfport.us).