



Gulfport Community Update

July 9 - 15, 2017

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

The **Gulfport Public Library is a Summer Break Spot**, offering free lunches and snacks for children 18 years and younger beginning at 11 a.m. every Monday - Friday through July 28. Summer Break spots are sponsored through the USDA Summer Food Service Program. No sign-up necessary; just drop in! For more information call 893-1074.

Pinellas remains under increased water restrictions imposed by Southwest Florida Water Management District. The District's modified Phase III water shortage order went into effect on May 24 and will remain in effect through August 1. Under the new order lawn watering is reduced to once a week and allowable watering hours are reduced. Micro-irrigation and hand watering of non-lawn areas is permitted. There are also limits on car washing, and homeowner associations may not enforce any deed restrictions that could increase water use. For additional details regarding watering new lawns and plants, reclaimed water and other water uses visit www.WaterMatters.org/restrictions.

Hurricane Guides are available at Gulfport City Hall, Library & Fire Station. The Atlantic basin Hurricane season ends November 30. Have a plan and remember to restock your hurricane kits. Basic hurricane kit supplies to keep on hand:

- Flashlights and extra bulbs
- Water
- Battery-operated radio
- Fully charged battery-operated lanterns (no candles or kerosene lanterns)
- Extra batteries
- Matches
- Clock (wind-up or battery-operated)
- Plastic garbage bags
- Working fire extinguishers
- Scissors
- Clean change of clothes, rain gear, sturdy swamp boots

Fire Chief Marenkovic would like to remind Gulfport residents that **free smoke detectors are available to elderly and low income households within Gulfport City limits**. Call Chief Marenkovic at 893-1062 for more information.

Duke Energy's vegetation management contractors will perform **maintenance tree trimming in and around the City of Gulfport** during the third quarter of 2017. Duke will notify affected homeowners prior to trimming events, and tree crews will clean up debris associated with maintenance activities. Debris resulting from storm damage or other events unrelated to Duke's maintenance activities is the responsibility of homeowners.

Upcoming Events:

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 Gulfport Police & Fire at the Catherine Hickman Theater at 6 p.m. Thursday, August 3 for **Gulfport Night Out**, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Gulfport Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police, fire, and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Call 893-1066 for more information.

Tickets for the August 9 **Tampa Bay Rays vs. Boston Red Sox** are available at the Gulfport Casino. The \$40 price includes round trip transportation to Tropicana Field via the Recreation Bus, a lower box seat and complimentary Ray's baseball hat, available at the redemption desk inside Tropicana Field. All Rays fans with tickets are invited to catch free a ride to the game. Departure from the Gulfport Casino begins at 5 p.m. Return trips begin during the 7th inning. For more information call 893-1066.

The theme for the **Ninth Annual Gecko Ball is Geckostock**. The event will take place at the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Boulevard 6 - 11 p.m. Saturday, August 26. Tickets are \$35 per person. For more information and updates email John Haugen at jhaugen@hudsonmkt.com or visit and "like" www.Facebook.com/GeckoBall.

The **17th Annual Gulfport GeckoFest** promises a full day of free family-friendly fun on Saturday, September 2, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. This year's street performers include jugglers, magicians, acrobats, face painters, dancers and aerialists. Favorite costumed characters will be roving the village ready to pose for your photos. GeckoFest is preceded each year by the Gecko Art Show, Gecko Crawl and Gecko Ball. All events are hosted by the non-profit Gulfport Merchants Association, and a portion of proceeds benefit local charities. Parking and admission is complimentary and the event is pet and family-friendly. For more information visit www.Facebook.com/GeckoFest or call 322- 5217

The **Citywide Neighborhood Watch** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street. The **Marina District Neighborhood Watch** meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Gulfport Lions club. 4630 Tifton Drive. The **Strand Area Neighborhood Watch** meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Gulfport Recreation Center. 5730 Shore Boulevard. The **Stetson Area Neighborhood Watch** meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Eleazer Hearing Room, 1401 61st Street.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrol

Dispatch calls for service	148
Self-initiated calls for service	409
Offenses	36
Arrests	3
Traffic citations	49
Ordinance violations	29
Residence checks	94

Examples of arrests, significant incidents or calls this week:

A resident in the 1400 block of 60th Street reported on July 6 that the license plate was stolen from a vehicle parked at his residence.

A resident in the 5600 block of Tangerine Avenue reported that medication that was supposed to be delivered to his house never arrived. He checked with the shipper who advised it had been delivered correctly.

Officers were dispatched to a battery in progress in the 3100 block of 50th Street on July 7 after a caller reported an altercation between a man and woman. The man left in a truck, and the woman left on foot before officers arrived. They circulated the area but did not find either party or the truck.

A resident in the 1700 block of 53rd Street reported on July 8 that her silver Terra bicycle was stolen from her front porch.

A vehicle owner reported on July 9 that she left her car in a field in the 4900 block of 20th Avenue for a few days, and when she returned she discovered the passenger side window broken out. A \$20 bill was missing from the glove box.

Casin Stamper was arrested on a felony warrant for possession of marijuana with intent to sell after officers received a tip that he was at a residence in the 5900 block of Seabird Drive.

Officers responded to the area of Premier Drive & Gulfport Boulevard after a juvenile lost control of the vehicle he was driving and hit several trees, causing the vehicle to flip onto its side. He was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Blood alcohol test results are pending.

A resident in the 5700 block of 21st Avenue reported on July 10 that her car alarm sounded, and she discovered that someone entered the unlocked vehicle and stole her change purse.

A resident in the 5200 block of 31st Avenue reported on July 11 that sometime over the prior two weeks, someone entered his open garage and stole a bicycle.

A resident in the 4900 block of 10th Avenue reported that sometime over the prior week, someone entered her unlocked shed and stole a lawn mower and a bicycle.

A Dollar General customer reported he left his unsecured bicycle against the building while he was inside the store for approximately fifteen minutes. When he returned it was gone.

A resident in the 5100 block of 16th Avenue reported on July 12 that he parked his unsecured trailer on the side of his house and it was stolen overnight.

A resident in the 4700 block of 27th Avenue reported that her checking account was fraudulently accessed and several hundred dollars was transferred from the account via Western Union.

A resident in the 2400 block of 53rd Street reported that a woman who had been staying at his residence had taken several items when she moved out. Officers contacted her and she agreed to return the items, advising they mistakenly ended up in her possession.

The Marine Unit was not on the water this week.

Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)

New cases:	14
Cases assigned:	5
Cases suspended-no leads:	7
Cases cleared with arrest:	0
Cases exceptionally cleared:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	1
Supplements received:	13
Cases cleared with arrest:	1
Previously cleared with arrest:	0
Cases suspended/no leads:	0
Cases unfounded/no crime:	1
Cases exceptionally cleared	0
Cases still active:	11

Investigator Highlights

Sergeant Woodman is lead investigator on a July 4 homicide case and has been working overtime to bring the case to resolution.

Detective Pham assisted with a homicide investigation.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for two auto thefts, two frauds and a death investigation case; arrested a suspect in an auto theft case, and; attended a Universal Interviewing Tactics training class.

Margaret Palmisano assisted with a homicide investigation; compiled and distributed open case lists; started tabulation of the 2017 semi-annual UCR report; compiled the June PCSO call out report; created and distributed a bulletin for Ofc Langston for a grand theft case, and; compiled data on activity at BCHS for Pinellas County schools police.

Records

Reports reviewed	11
Supplements reviewed:	52
Public Records requests:	44
Background checks:	2
Bike registrations:	0
Fingerprints	0
Subpoenas processed:	13
Citizens assisted	35

MARINA

Assisted with forty two (42) pump outs, evacuating one thousand five hundred fifty (1,550) gallons of waste.

Pumped six thousand three hundred forty eight (6,348) gallons of gas and three thousand one hundred ninety (3,190) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling two hundred thirty seven (237) vessels.

Transient vessels:

Staff welcomed nine vessels of various type & size this week.

Marina Maintenance:

- Repaired GFI on pier 3, slip 2.
- Performed routine maintenance on eastern pump out.
- Purchased ship store merchandise and drinks for resale.
- Repaired latch and gate on pier three.
- Mounted soap dispenser in downstairs men's restroom.
- Refurbished and reinstalled dock box on pier 5, slip 28.
- Repaired and reattached rub rail on courtesy dock.
- Replaced hang-up on pier 1, slip 1.
- Replaced line holders on pier 3, slip 18.

LIBRARY

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Monday - Friday, noon - *Student luncheon.*

Monday, July 3, 3 p.m. - *Summer Reading Program 4th of July Kid's Crafternoon.*

Wednesday, July 5, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers*.

Wednesday, July 5, 3 p.m. - *Summer Reading Program Teen Movie & Sundae*.

Wednesday, July 5, 7 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*.

Thursday, July 6, 10:30 a.m. - *Toddler Storytime*.

Thursday, July 6, 3:30 p.m. - *Preschool Storytime*.

Thursday, July 6, 7 p.m. - *Daughter of the Revolution: the Documentary*

Friday, July 7, 5:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club*.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, July 15, 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Day*: This month's movie is the next outing a wildly popular series based on colorful building blocks. It features a black-masked vigilante! An annoying teenage sidekick! Super villains! And the voice talents of Will Arnett, Michael Cera, Rosario Dawson, and Ralph Fiennes. Rated PG. For movie title, call 727-893-1074.

Monday, July 17, 3 p.m. - *Summer Reading Program Cardboard Construction Creations*.

Wednesday, July 19, 3 p.m. - *Summer Reading Program Teen Yoga*.

Thursday, July 20, 11 a.m. - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of Dead Man's Walk by Larry McMurty*. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Visit the Circulation Desk to borrow a copy. For more information call 893-1073.

Thursday, July 20, 3:30 p.m. - *Reading Paws*: Maya would love to hear one of your young reader's favorites. She visits our children's area on the third Thursday of every month.

Monday, July 24, 1 p.m. - *Ukulele Academy for Children 7-12*: Learn to play the ukulele after a few lessons with instruction provided by the Tampa Bay Ukulele Society. Space is limited. Register at www.ukuleleacademy.eventbrite.com.

Monday, July 24, 3 p.m. - *Summer Reading Program Gulfport Rocks*: Join us for some outdoor fun in the Circle of Friends Reading Garden.

Wednesday, July 26, 3 p.m. - *Summer Reading Program Teen Water Balloon Fight*: Help make our third annual contest the wettest one ever! Combatants will face off in our Reading Garden.

Thursday, July 27, 11 a.m. - *Community Playdate*: Follows Storytime on the fourth Thursday of the month. Get acquainted with other caregivers of toddlers & preschoolers in a relaxed, informal setting.

Thursday, July 27, 6:30 p.m. - *A Plastic Ocean Documentary Screening*: In the center of the Pacific Ocean gyre our researchers found more plastic than plankton. The film documents the newest science, proving how plastics, once they enter the oceans break up into small particulates that enter the food chain where they attract toxins that are stored in seafood's fatty tissues, and eventually consumed by us. Hosted by City Councilmember Yolanda Roman. For more information visit www.plasticoceans.org.

Monday, July 31, 5 p.m. - *Open Mic night*: Open to all comedians, singer-songwriters, poets, storytellers, musicians, jugglers and stage magicians. For more information call 893-1073.

Saturday, August 5, 1 p.m. - *Grownup Movie Day*: This month's film is based on a popular novel about the keepers of the Warsaw zoo who saved both animals and people during the World War II invasion of Poland. Starring Jessica Chastain, Johan Heldenbergh, and Daniel Bruhl. Call 893-1074 for movie title.

Monday, August 14, 5:30 p.m. - *Astrology Program*: Presented by Jennie (Gilmore) White, Ode to Pluto Astrology. For more information call 207-332-0787 or email jennie@odetopluto.com.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 12:30 p.m. - *Lunch in a Foreign Language*: Bring a dictionary and bag lunch. A different language group meets each weekday: Tuesday - French; Italian; Wednesday - Spanish; Friday - German. For more information call Mel Donovan at 893-1074.

Every Tuesday, 5:45 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 contact@gulfporttoastmasters.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. Cailey leads the group in singing songs, playing instruments & networking with other caregivers in our community.

Every Thursday through August 24, 3:30 p.m. - *Preschool Storytime*: Geared toward kids 3 - 5 years old. Programs include stories, songs, movement, and a craft or two.

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

Library Services/Statistic June 25 - July 1, 2017:

Items Circulated Patrons

Weekly Circulation:	1,470	1,075
Sun. 7/2	Library closed	
Mon. 7/3	299	223
Tue. 7/4	Holiday - Library closed	
Wed. 7/5	360	152
Thu. 7/6	258	216
Fri. 7/7	314	207
Sat. 7/8	233	162

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/gtv640. Spread the word!

- Created monthly calendar of events for August.
- Completed online training for Word Press.
- Assisted with daily updates and enhancements to mygulfport.us.

Multipurpose Senior Center

The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior 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.

The **City of Gulfport Telephone Reassurance program** is much more than a morning wake-up call. This free service offers Gulfport residents 50 years or older - and their families comfort, security, and peace of mind. Volunteers provide daily phone calls to registered members. If the member cannot be reached, the volunteer follows specific procedures to confirm there are no major concerns. Registration is simple and free. If you or someone you know could use this service, call 893-2237 or stop by the Gulfport Senior Center at 5501 27th Avenue.

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 Senior 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 Monday & 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 Multipurpose Senior Center has **many 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 for more information.

Need a ride in Gulfport? Call the **Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation GetGO free ride service** at 542-7757. The non-profit program transports residents to destinations within City limits free of charge.

St. Anthony's Memory Disorder Clinic is offering **FREE & CONFIDENTIAL Memory Screenings** on Monday, July 17. By appointment only; call 893-5657 to schedule.

Join us for **Health Talks with Humana** at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 17 when Wendy will discuss this month's topic: *Making a Healthy Change*.

Learn to download apps, take pictures, add contacts, adjust your phone settings, protect your phone, and more at the next **iPhone/iPad Instruction Class** on Wednesday, July 19 at 1:30 p.m. Registration required; call 893-5657 to reserve a seat.

Join us for light refreshments and a presentation by Karyn Rizzo, author of *Aging in America: Navigating our Healthcare System* on Wednesday, July 19 at 2 p.m. for helpful tips and techniques for **Choosing the Best Primary Care Physician**.

The Community Law Program provides **free legal assistance** at the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. the third Friday of every month. The next meeting is July 21. Call 582-7480 to schedule an appointment.

Join John Herrick for a very exciting **Florida Birds presentation** at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 24. A Floridian for 45 years, John is a volunteer for the Gulfport Senior Center and a Bird Steward. He will share pictures, stories, and insightful information about local Florida birds.

Join us on Thursday, July 27 for our next Gulfport Getaway to **William Dean Chocolates** where chocolate and art become one. Enjoy an afternoon tea prior to an exclusive tour of the candy kitchen. Every piece of artisan chocolate is handmade offering a "multi-dimensional palette": Want to be creative? For an additional \$5 you can make your own chocolate bar. Seats are

limited; reserve no later than July 21. Round trip transportation, parking, guided tour & Afternoon Tea: GEMS members; \$30/nonmembers; \$32.

The Senior Center offers free blood pressure and health screenings at 10 a.m. on the last Thursday of every month. Our next **Monthly Mini Health Clinic** is July 27.

Happy Birthday to You! Help us celebrate this month's birthdays with cake, games and more at 3 p.m. Friday, July 28. Sponsored by Robert Galban of Family Focus Insurance.

Meet Palms of Pasadena Hospital CEO Sharon Hayes at 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 2 for a discussion of **Caring Connection**, a new program designed for seniors and their loved ones.

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

The **FUNDamentals of Watercolor** class meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. This basic class uses a limited palette which emphasizes watercolor techniques including color selection, color mixing, blending and glazing, and use of the color wheel to choose a personal palette. No prior drawing or painting experience is necessary. Registration is required.

Bring your game face for a friendly game of **Texas Hold'em** every Tuesday & Friday at high noon. No stakes; chips only.

The Seasoned Sowers Garden Club meets on the first & third Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Get down & dirty with one of America's favorite hobbies. No experience needed! Natural-born green thumbs & first-time gardeners welcome.

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, July 2 | 6 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 200) |
| Monday, July 3 | 7 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 60) |
| Wednesday, July 5 | 10 a.m. - Yoga with Barbara Newborn (Turnout 17)
6 p.m. - Swing Dance with Swingtime and Keith Jones & the Makeshifts (Turnout 317) |
| Thursday, July 6 | 9 a.m. - Tai Chi with John Amsallen (Turnout 11)
6:30 p.m. - Latin Night with Carol Rivera (Turnout 18) |
| Friday, July 7 | 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 27) |
| Saturday, July 8 | 10 a.m. - Zumbathon (Turnout 19) |

Casino (upcoming events):

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| Most Sundays | 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson
7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom Fusion dance Admission \$8 |
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- Every second Sunday 6 p.m. - Soul Night with Swing Time Admission \$8
- Every Tuesday 9 a.m. - Tai Chi
12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker
2 p.m. - Ballroom dance Admission \$8
6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango lessons with Kathleen & Steve Prucher
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 9 a.m. - Tai Chi
6 p.m. - Latin Night lesson with Carol Rivera
8 p.m. - Latin dance Admission \$8
- Every Friday 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Pat Van Leuvan
- Every fourth Monday 7 p.m. - U.S.A. Dance ballroom dance: members \$5, non-members \$8

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

- Thursday, July 6 8 p.m. - Gulfport Community Players (GCP) Summer One Acts (Turnout 40)
- Friday, July 7 4 p.m. - Diana Fleming Art reception (Turnout 20)
8 p.m. - GCP Summer One Acts (Turnout 40)
- Saturday, July 8 2 p.m. - GCP Summer One Acts (Turnout 33)
8 p.m. - GCP Summer One Acts (Turnout 66)

Catherine Hickman Theater (*upcoming events*):

Thursday - Saturday, July 13 - 15, 8 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday, July 15 & 16, 2 p.m. - *Gulfport Community Players 17th Annual Summer One-Act Festival*: Ten original short plays by Florida playwrights Tickets \$18 in advance at www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org or \$20 at the door within one hour of performance (cash only).

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

- Sunday, July 2 6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting
- Thursday, July 6 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 27)

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, July 3 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 28)

Tuesday, July 4 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 15)

Thursday, July 6 11 a.m. - Meditation class (Turnout 20)

Friday, July 7 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 10)

Scout Hall (*upcoming events*):

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

Every Monday 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga

Every Tuesday 6 p.m. - Meditation class

Every Tuesday & Friday 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing

Every Thursday 11 a.m. - Meditation class

Recreation Center

The game room is reserved 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. Saturday, July 15, and 1 - 5 p.m. Saturday, July 22 for family reunions.

Registration is underway for the **2017/18 School Year Child Care program** for children who will be entering 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.

Registration is underway for **2017/18 Tot Time/VPK program**. Tot Time is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5 that aims to make learning fun for children, and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1. Parents must apply with Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas, Inc. and receive a Certificate of Eligibility to attend the program. Class begins Tuesday, September 5.

Thirty nine teens are registered for the **2016/17 Teen Night Program**, a great hangout for teens in grades 6-12. Teen Night provides recreation and social activities, and offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects.

One hundred forty seven children have been registered for the **2017 Summer Recreation Program** for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14.

Contractual classes: Bootcamp, Hoop Jam, Karate, Pickleball, Table Tennis, Tennis & Zumba.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 42 Emergency Medical Calls
- 1 Trauma Alert

- 3 Structure Fires
- 2 Fire Alarms
- 8 Vehicle Crashes
- 2 Wires Down
- 1 Elevator Rescue
- 1 Fire Outside Structure

Life Safety:

- 17 Fire Inspections
- 2 Re-inspections
- 1 C.O.

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting is July 20, and will take place at Gulfport City Hall. Call 893-1022 or email jwright@mygulfport.us for more information.

Martin Joyce has been selected to fill the vacant Firefighter/Paramedic position on the “A”-shift. His start date will be August 7.

Gulfport Firefighters are undergoing their annual Physicals with LifeScans. Lab work and blood tests will be performed by Lab Corp. The Physicals will also include a series of tests for Firefighter Safety and Wellbeing under NFPA 1500.

The annual pump test for E-One Pumper 17 was performed at Ten - 8 in Bradenton with a minor failure. The repair has been completed. Pump testing is required for ISO rating requirements.

Pinellas County Dispatch ran a Condition 4/5 Drill on July 12. Reports were received by the EOC printer.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Removed chairs on Council Chambers in preparation for carpet cleaning.
- Assembled chair carrier, repaired paper towel dispenser and door at City Hall.
- Adjusted filing cabinet at Casino.
- Replaced lumber at Coast Guard Station.
- Repaired hose bib at Hoyt Field, and removed wasp nests from restrooms.
- Repaired light fixture at Library and moved table to storage.
- Performed semiannual inspection of suppression system at Little League, Senior Center Kitchen and Senior Center Bus.
- Attached conduit to pier.
- Moved refrigerator & furniture, and patched holes at Police Department.
- Replaced water heater in Public Services Building.
- Replaced outlet cover & soap dispenser at Recreation Center and repaired playground fence post.
- Performed annual termite inspection at Scout Hall and Dog Park building.
- Moved desk, reattached toilet paper dispenser and touched up paint at Senior Center.
- Repaired flushometer on toilet in Theater lobby men’s restroom, and reset light timer.
- Delivered mail to Post Office for Finance Department.

Parks

- Retied electric conduit on pier.

- Mulched playgrounds at Tonkin and Caldwell Parks.
- Filled sandbox at Recreation Center.
- Filled in washed outs areas around seawall Recreation Center and Marina area.
- Order new signs for the parks.
- Cleaned restrooms at little league, beach and outside Casino.
- Oiled bench swings on beach and Pier.
- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched Clymer Park, City complex & Senior Center, hand raked around benches & pavilions, cleaned beach, picked up trash and emptied receptacles on Beach & Shore Boulevards.
- Mowed Veterans, Wood Ibis, Tomlinson Clam Bayou & Clymer Parks, Recreation Center, Library, Senior Center, Marina, & Lions Club green spaces, Hoyt perimeter, Tangerine greenway, trail spur, 56th Street drainage area, and York & 49th Street termini.
- Cleaned screens on lake fountains at Wood Ibis Park.
- Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades and replaced idler pulley and spindle on Toro Groundskeeper mower.
- Repaired irrigation at Veterans & Clymer Parks.
- 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 ball fields.

Streets & Sanitation

- Delivered recycling bins with information sheets.
- Performed 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.
- Cleaned and removed debris from beach, 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.
- Cleaned debris, cans and trash following Tuesday Market.
- Restocked recycled mulch pile in Neighborhood Center parking lot.
- Continued cleanup and debris removal at City Yard & 49th Street Yard.
- Removed garbage and debris following weekend Volleyball tournament.

Water

- Daily Chloramines sampling at points of connection to water distribution system (Includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily inspection and read of Wholesale meters (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily inspection and recording of rainfall (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily check of ground water levels (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Completed routes #23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 26 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 11 non-pay rechecks to confirm water services were still off.
- Completed 125 miscellaneous customer service department service orders.
- Completed 6 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 2 meters that were stuck and not recording water usage.
- Replaced 1 old meter with new electronic meter.
- Repaired water breaks at 5726 Newton Avenue, 4901 Newton Avenue and on south side of Beach Boulevard in area of new construction.

Sewer

- Daily preventive maintenance and service to Lift Stations #1 & 2.
- Daily rain fall check and documentation.
- Daily ground water elevation recording.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance check on Lift Stations 1 & 2, Fire Department/Garage, Police Station/City Hall, and Senior Center.

Stormwater

- Excavated and repaired holes in 2 areas of 15" storm line along 9th Avenue.
- Excavated at 52nd Street and Tangerine Avenue, removed decaying stump, backfilled and installed base material in preparation for asphalt replacement.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Removed decals from Fire Department vehicle #D17.
- Replaced air conditioning unit on Fire Department vehicle # E17.
- Installed decals on Parks vehicle #714.
- Repaired electrical wiring for trunk release on Police vehicle #2.
- Replaced battery on Police vehicle #9.
- Investigated exhaust odor on Police vehicle #9.
- Replaced oil & filter, and repaired rear tire on Police vehicle #527.
- Replaced passenger side mirror on Sanitation vehicle #40.
- Welded arm on Sanitation vehicle #46.
- Performed preventative maintenance, repairs and duties as needed.

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 464-7723. They also offer personalized business consulting to help you become successful with your startup business.

The longer daylight hours of summer means more time for home improvement projects. **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 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 referred to as the Art District which generally extends south from Gulfport Boulevard to the water and east from 49th Street to 58th & 59th Streets.

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 Code Enforcement areas visit the Special Documents section at www.mygulfport.us.

Planning and Development

August 2, 2017 Planning & Zoning Board and August 15, 2017 City Council/CRA meeting:

Discussion of the monitoring and evaluation of the Public Information Program Strategy Plan for the Community Rating System Program.