

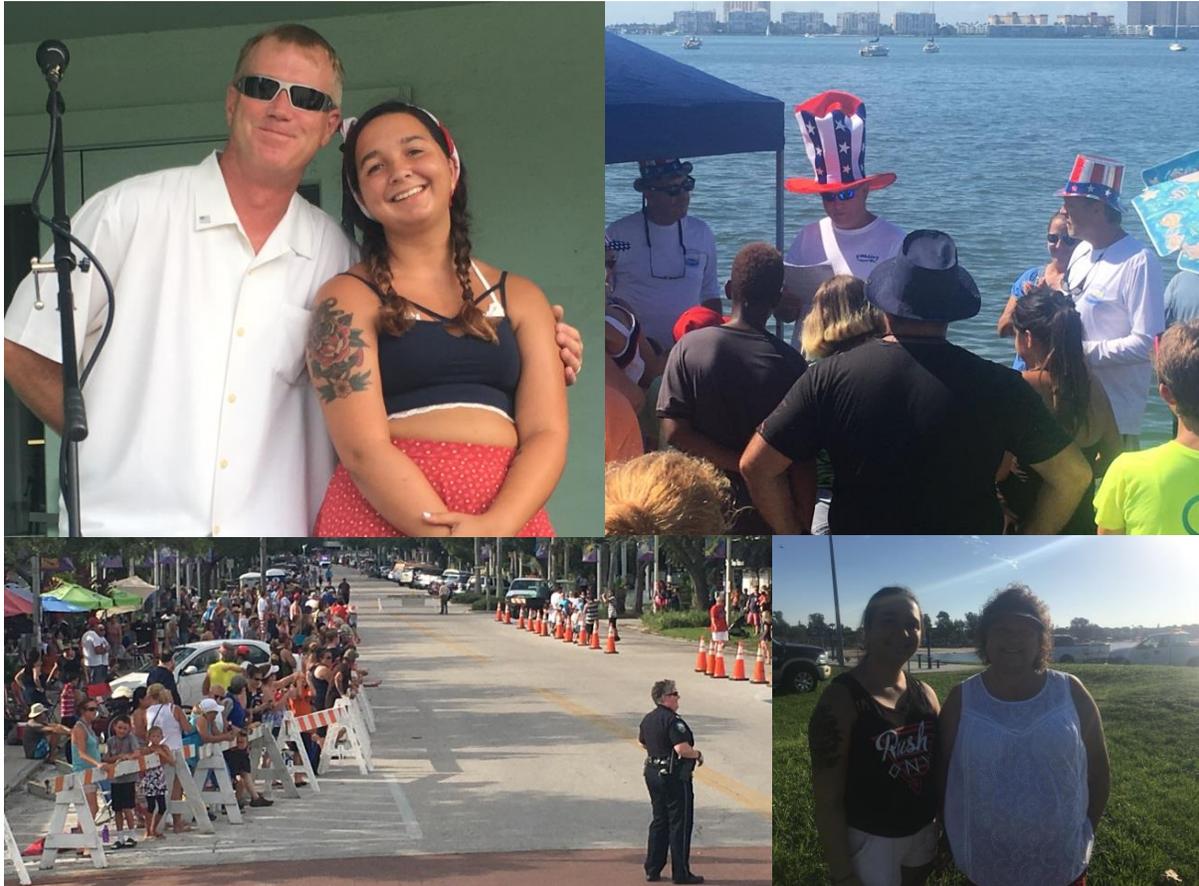


Gulfport Community Update

July 1 - 8, 2017

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

The City of Gulfport Celebrated the Independence Holiday with an array of events in the Downtown Waterfront area. Pictured here are a few snapshots of the day's festivities. Thank you all for making this possible!!!!



Click [here](#) for the City of Gulfport 2017 4th of July Fireworks Show Grand Finale.

[Video Link: City of Gulfport 2017 4th of July Grand Finale](#)

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.

Visit art vendors, have dinner at one of Gulfport's many fine restaurants and enjoy a beautiful evening during **First Friday Art Walk** on July 7.

A **Zumbathon fundraiser for CASA** (Community Action Stops Abuse) will take place at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 8. Admission \$5 to participate or watch, with all proceeds benefiting CASA! For more information call Paula McCart at 813-455-8723 or visit www.casa-stpete.org/events/zumbathon.

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**. Tickets go on sale July 4. 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.

The **Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT)** meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month; location is determined by the type of training. Call Volunteer Coordinator Jim Wright at 893-1022 or email jwright@mygulfport.us for more information.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrol

Dispatch calls for service	175
Self-initiated calls for service	347
Offenses	51
Arrests	11
Traffic citations	46
Ordinance violations	33
House checks	69

Examples of arrests, significant incidents or calls this week:

Officers were dispatched 6300 block of 9th Avenue South on Thursday, June 29 and homeowner reported finding several items believed to have been stolen. Stone Collins was interviewed regarding the recovered property and although he denied where the items came from, it was determined that he had obtained the property by burglarizing area homes, vehicles, and yards. Some of the property was linked to reported burglaries; however, officers are still identifying owners of some of the recovered property.

A resident reported several items missing from their garage at the 1400 block of 60th Street South. Entry was apparently made through an unlocked door to the garage. The missing items were recovered from the residence in the 6300 block of 9th Avenue South – Stone Collins was charged with burglary and theft.

Someone made entry to an unlocked trailer in the early morning hours at the 6200 block of 11th Avenue South. Several items were found on the ground next to the trailer; however, the owner was unable to determine if anything was missing.

A resident from the 1100 block of 60th Street South returned home and found several lawn tools removed from his shed and laying in the grass just outside his back gate. The window screen to the garage was also partially torn out.

A resident reported that a well pump was stolen out of his shed at 1100 Block of 60th Street South. A possible suspect has been identified.

A resident from the 2200 block of York Street South found several fraudulent checks on Friday, June 30 were deposited in her bank account which resulted in a withdrawal of \$3400.

A lawn maintenance crew reported several items taken from their vehicle at the 1400 block of 58th Street South while they were working in the area.

Brandy Vazquez tried to turn onto Newton Avenue and drove through someone's yard and then struck a car parked in the driveway. She appeared to be intoxicated and after a DUI investigation she was arrested at the 5400 block of Newton Avenue South. Her breath alcohol content was .130/.128.

During the County-wide driving under the influence wolfpack, Sergeant Marotta and Officer Guillory attempted to stop an unregistered vehicle. The vehicle fled from them, but was found a short time later crashed at the intersection of 9th Avenue North and 16th Street North. The driver and passenger were located a few blocks away. The driver, Shikoyia Kilpatrick, admitted she fled because she has a suspended license. The passenger, Steven White, is on felony probation and was changed with violation of probation.

Two residents of Boca Ciega Nursing Home got into a physical fight on Saturday, July 1st over who got to the bathroom first. There were no injuries and it was undetermined who was the primary aggressor since witnesses said that both appeared to be participating equally. Neither party was interested in prosecution of the other.

An intoxicated male started a fight with another male at the Gulfport Municipal Marina. As it continued, a third male jumped in. The intoxicated male then fled the scene in a car driven by a female. All parties were identified by the police, but the victim was not interested in prosecution.

A resident in the 5400 block 18th Avenue South reported a window on the back of her property was broken and she was not sure when it had happened. The caller stated she did not see anything missing or out of place in the residence. Officers processed for finger prints but were unable to find any.

Officers responded to a death call that took place early in the morning around 6:00am in the 2200 block 51st Street South. A male was transported to the hospital to get medical treatment but passed away later in the day. Officers responded to the residence after being notified by the hospital, to investigate what may have caused the death. Officers found several types of prescribed medications as well as two syringes and spoons with residue on them.

A resident in the 5000 block of 12th Avenue South got up the morning of Sunday, July 2 to find that his house guest had died in his bathtub from unknown causes. Gulfport Police and the Pinellas County Medical Examiner's Office investigated the death.

Officers responded a battery that occurred between a male and female in the 3000 block on 49th Street South. Statements were taken from both parties involved and it was determined that both parties were at fault. The female was taken to the hospital by Sun star to get medical treatment.

An employee at Boca Ciega High School reported on Monday, July 3 that someone broke into the vending machines on campus overnight.

On Tuesday, July 4, residents in the 6300 block of 9th Avenue South discovered that someone entered their home the day before while they were gone at work removing several items from the house. It appeared from the items removed that it was the ex-girlfriend of their son who is in jail.

A resident was shot and killed in front of his residence in the 2600 block of Miriam Street South. Members of the Criminal Investigative Section are actively investigating this case.

A juvenile runaway was recovered on Wednesday, July 1 during the early morning hours in the 5100 block of Preston Avenue South.

A resident reported that his nail gun was stolen out of his vehicle last week. The nail gun had already been recovered as part of an ongoing investigation with a known suspect. The suspect, Stone Collins, is already in jail for other burglaries and he was charged with this burglary as well.

The **Marine Unit** was on the water for 16 hours during the 4th of July celebration. Sergeants Woodman and Burkhart maintained the fireworks perimeter to prevent vessels from getting too close to Williams Pier, where the fireworks were being stored.

Criminal Investigative Section (CIS)

New cases:	08
Cases assigned:	02
Cases suspended-no leads:	06
Cases cleared with arrest:	00
Cases exceptionally cleared:	00
Cases unfounded/no crime:	00
Supplements received:	00
Cases cleared with arrest:	00
Previously cleared with arrest:	00
Cases suspended/no leads:	00
Cases unfounded/no crime:	00
Cases exceptionally cleared	00
Cases still active:	00

Investigator Highlights

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports on the following cases: Grand theft, burglary, and a fraud. He was called out twice over the weekend regarding two separate death investigations. He also assisted Sgt. Woodman with the homicide investigation on July 4th.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports on the following cases: two frauds, criminal mischief, theft and an auto theft case. She also assisted Sgt. Woodman with the homicide investigation on July 4th.

Crime Analyst Palmisano is conducting an analysis on offenses occurring at Boca Ciega High School over the past five years. She also assisted with research in reference the homicide investigation. She started the process for tabulating the 2017 semi-annual UCR report.

Records

Reports reviewed	15
Supplements reviewed:	92
Public Records requests:	23

Background checks:	0
Bike registrations:	0
Fingerprints	0
Subpoenas processed:	0
Citizens assisted	33

MARINA

Assisted with fifty four (54) pump outs, evacuating one thousand five hundred and fifty (1,550) gallons of waste.

Pumped five thousand four hundred and one (**5401**) gallons of gas and two thousand nine hundred and seventy four (2,974) gallons of diesel fuel, fueling one hundred and eighty six (186) vessels.

Transient vessels:

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

Marina Maintenance:

- Inspected, repaired / replaced two (2) GFI's located on Pier 7 (Boca Ciega Yacht Club).
- Completed standard and routine pump out maintenance on all pump facilities.
- Picked up additional drinks and other Ship Store merchandise for resale for the 4th of July.
- Completed the repairs on the locks and gates located on Pier 7 for the Boca Ciega Yacht Club.
- Manufactured five (5) additional concrete anchors to weigh down the Warning Buoys along the Gulfport Beachfront to alert Vessels of the No Mooring Zone during the Firework Display, aiding in the safety of Boating Spectators.

LIBRARY

Public Programs/Meetings/Events:

Monday, June 26, 3 p.m. - *Summer Reading Program - Giving Tree Drum Circle*

Tuesday, June 27, 12:30 p.m. - *French Conversation Club*

Tuesday, June 27, 2 p.m. - *Love Letters from Gulfport*

Tuesday, June 27, 5:45 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step Meeting*

Wednesday, June 28, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers*

Wednesday, June 28, 3 p.m. - *Giant Jenga and Mini Golf*

Wednesday, June 28, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*

Thurs., June 29, 10:30 – 11:00 am. - *Storytime*

Thurs., June 29, 7:30 p.m. - *“Keith Haring: Radiant Child”* at Catherine Hickman Theater

Fri., June 30, 5:45 p.m. - *Women’s AA Club*

Sat., July 1, 1 p.m. - *Grownup Movie Day*

Upcoming Events:

Monday, July 10, 3 p.m. - *Summer Reading Program Harry Potter Day!!!*

Wednesday, July 12, 3 p.m. - *Summer Reading Program Teen Harry Potter party!*

Thursday, July 13, 7 p.m. - *LGBTQ Movie Night*: An independently-produced "broad comedy," stars *RuPaul's Drag Race Season Six* winner Bianca Del Rio (Roy Haylock), as school teacher Richard, fired from his job in a small Texas town after community members discover he is gay. He returns "in disguise" as his drag persona Bianca to wreak havoc on those who have discriminated against him. Also starring Rachel Dratch, Alan Cumming, Margaret Cho, Lola Botha and RuPaul. Refreshments available. Donations will be accepted to benefit the LGBTQ Resource Center. For movie title call 893-1074.

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, 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.

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.

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 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: 1,755 1,276

Sun. 6/25	Library closed	
Mon. 6/26	273	229
Tue. 6/27	316	186
Wed. 6/28	268	218
Thu. 6/29	311	229
Fri. 6/30	304	174
Sat. 7/1	264	169

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!

- Distributed press releases to Gabber, and weekly Constant Contact newsletter to email distribution list, and assisted with updates to social media pages.
- Rebooted TV station equipment.
- Continued daily updates and enhancements to mygulfport.us and social media sites.
- Distributed calendars and event information to Tuesday Market vendors and Gulfport Welcome Center.
- Continued preparation of 2018 events list.
- Entering orientation process of new Technical Events Specialist employee.

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.

The Alzheimer's Association offers free **Memory Screenings** the second Monday of each month, 9 - 11:30 am. The next screening is July 10. By appointment only; call 893-5657 to schedule.

Learn the latest strategies for building brain and heart health at the next **Healthy Aging with Dr. Cate: Secret of the Tin Man** at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. Dr. Cate will offer her translation of proven lifestyle choices.

It is important to **Know Your Numbers**. Come out to have your blood sugar and blood pressure checked at the Senior Center on Thursday, July 13th at 10:30 am.

The **Out-to-Lunch Bunch will visit Big Apple Chinese Buffet** restaurant on Thursday, July 13. Enjoy a large selection of Chinese and American cuisine. Round trip transportation: GEMS members; \$4/nonmembers \$6. Meals are selected from menu & paid separately.

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 to **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.

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.

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):

Sunday, June 25	6 p.m. - Contra Dance with Tampa friends of Old Time Dance (Turnout 98)
Tuesday, June 27	9 a.m. - Tai Chi with Marge Grudzinski (Turnout 18) Noon - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker (Turnout 15) 7 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson & dance (Turnout 60)
Wednesday, June 28	10 a.m. - Yoga with Barbara Newborn (Turnout 15) 6 p.m. - Swing Dance with Swingtime (Turnout 242)
Thursday, June 29	9 a.m. - Tai Chi with John Amsallen (Turnout 9) 6:30 p.m. - Latin Night with Carol Rivera (Turnout 16)
Friday, June 30	11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 27)
Saturday, July 1	8 p.m. - Wilson Family Reunion (Turnout 30)

Casino (upcoming events):

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

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

Sunday, June 25 9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Int'l Church (Turnout 13)
6:15 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting

Tuesday, June 27 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 26)
7 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous

Thursday, June 29 10 a.m. - Easy Tai Chi (Turnout 26)

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, June 26 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 24)

Tuesday, June 27 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 15)

Thursday, June 29 11 a.m. - Meditation class (Turnout 15)

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

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 **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 six 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.

Staff Activities: Marivel Gutierrez, John Lapham, Joanne McRoberts and Alton Hooker worked the 4th of July Family Sand Sculpture Contest on Tuesday morning.

Marivel Gutierrez assisted with the check-in for the 4th of July Parade on Tuesday afternoon.

Elizabeth Brown-Worthington sang the National Anthem during the 4th of July Parade on Tuesday afternoon.

Teen Council: Teen Council members Cameron Althaus, Phoebe Carrazco, Sarah Eisenbaum, Taryn Spence and Robert Wolf walked in the 4th of July Parade on Tuesday evening.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:

- 44 Emergency Medical Calls
- 2 Trauma Alert
- 3 Structure Fires
- 3 Fire Alarms
- 4 Vehicle Crashes
- 2 Wires Down

Life Safety:

- 3 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.

Gulfport Fire Department had a busy 4th of July. Special Rescue17, Engine 17 along with Command GP100 were at the July 4th Celebration in the city. Chief James Marenkovic staffed the Unified Command Post in the Casino with Police Commander Mary Farrand. Special Rescue 17 had 2 medical emergencies it responded inside the city event.

The Gulfport Fire Department Firefighter/Paramedic position on the “A”-shift still remains open. There is one candidate to proceed further with Polygraph Exam and Psych Exam along with Background check. The Physical Exam with drug screening will be conducted before hiring. The process should be completed by August.

The 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.

Annual Pump Test for the E-One 2004 Pumper 17 was performed at Ten – 8 in Bradenton with a minor failure, which is being repaired over the weekend. When work is completed, then the E-One 2012 Engine 17 will be taken down for pump testing.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building Maintenance

- Repaired air conditioning unit on the west side at the Casino.
- Repaired faucet in the Ladies Restroom at the Casino.
- Repaired kitchen door at the Casino.
- Fixed door on the north side at the Neighborhood Center.
- Repaired air conditioning unit at the Parks Department.
- Repaired south gate at the Police Department.
- Moved stolen tools for the Police Department.
- Replaced hose bib on the back patio area at the Recreation Center.
- Installed an anti-tip device at the Recreation Center.
- Patched hole at the Recreation Center.
- Hung picture at the Recreation Center.
- Installed wall protector in the Dining Room at the Senior Center.
- Installed and removed fencing for the July 4th Celebration at the Beach.
- Delivered mail to Post Office for Finance Department.

Parks

- Replaced outlets on Beach Blvd event poles and outlets and covers on Pavilion 6
- Added sand to beach playground
- Raked the beach
- Worked on A/C and cleaned trolley
- Cleaned up Beach area, Veterans Park, Recreation Center and pier after the 4th
- Changed banners on Gulfport Boulevard
- Crew worked during July 4th Celebration
- Cleaned restrooms at little league, beach and outside Casino.
- Oiled bench swings on beach and Pier.
- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched 49th Streetscapes, Gulfport Beach parking lot, Casino and Beach Boulevard S. streetscapes, hand raked around benches & pavilions, cleaned beach, picked up trash and emptied receptacles on Beach & Shore Boulevards.
- Mowed Hoyt perimeter, Caldwell Park, 14th Avenue South medians, Pasadena entrance area
- Cleaned screens on lake fountains at Wood Ibis Park.
- Greased mowers and sharpened blades for mowers.
- Continued repair on irrigation along 49th Streetscape.
- Picked up trash and emptied bins along Beach & Shore Boulevards.
- 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.
- Removed several loads of debris from 49th Street holding area.\
- Removed garbage and debris from the following City weekend event(s): July 4th Celebration
- Removed and disposed of reported dead animal carcasses in City roadways.
- Removed limbs & branches obstructing City roadways, alleyways & sidewalks.
- Added millings and graded alleyways throughout the City.
- Completed asphalt patchwork, as needed, throughout the City.
- Removed seaweed from the beach front area.
- Removed fallen tree at 2415 Beach Boulevard South.
- Posted signs for road closings for the July 4th Celebration at the Beach.

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 #9, 10, 11 & 12 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 44 location for non-payment of service.
- Completed 13 non-pay recheck to confirm water services were still off.
- Completed 109 miscellaneous customer service department service orders.
- Completed 5 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 2 old meters with new electronic meters
- Repaired water break at 1407 53rd Street South.
- Repaired water break at Williams Pier.

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.
- Televised sewer lateral at 5405 8th Avenue South.

Stormwater

- Cleaned and televised storm line from 59th Street to Gray Street South.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced door spring on Fire vehicle #E-17.
- Replaced starter and air conditioning system on Fire vehicle #P-17.
- Delivered Parks vehicle #704 to dealer for warranty repairs.
- Replaced brake line and master cylinder on Parks vehicle #700.
- Delivered Police vehicle #02 to dealer for alternator recall.
- Replaced radiator and fans on Police vehicle #154.
- Delivered Sanitation vehicle #47 to Tampa Crane for repairs.
- Performed preventative maintenance, repairs and other duties as needed.
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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 have moved to 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

July 12, 2017 Board of Adjustment meeting:

- There are no cases scheduled for this agenda.

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

- There are no cases scheduled for these agendas at this time.

August 9, 2017 Board of Adjustment meeting:

- There are no cases scheduled for this agenda at this time.