



# *Gulfport Community Update*

## *February 10 - 16, 2019*

Gulfport City Hall and facilities will be closed on Monday, February 18 in observance of **President's Day**. The Sanitation schedule will not be affected.

**Duke Energy Crews will be trimming trees** along electric lines in the northwest section of the City in the coming weeks. Pruning activity will include lateral lines, some of which will require climbing in rear lot areas. The tree crews will clean up all debris associated with maintenance activities. Call Public Works Director Tom Nicholls at 893-1089 for more information.

**Free smoke alarms are available to elderly and low income households within Gulfport City limits.** Call Fire Chief James Marenkovic at 893-1062 for more information.

**The south end of the Gulfport Recreation Center outdoor basketball courts is closed** until completion of the new skate park. Call the Gulfport Public Works Department at 893-1089 or visit [www.mygulfport.us/skate-park-perspectives/](http://www.mygulfport.us/skate-park-perspectives/) for more information.

**City of Gulfport residential water customers** are eligible for a rebate of up to \$100 after the purchase and installation of a high efficiency water saving toilet. The application and guidelines are available at [www.mygulfport.us/toilet-rebate-program](http://www.mygulfport.us/toilet-rebate-program). Restrictions apply. Call 893-1016 for more information.

**City Utilities residential sewer customers** are eligible for a 50% rebate following replacement and inspection of a failing sewer lateral between a home and the City connection. Maximum rebate is \$3,500. Restrictions apply. Visit [www.mygulfport.us/lateralrebate](http://www.mygulfport.us/lateralrebate) for more information.

### **Upcoming Events:**

The **Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market** is a weekly year-round open-air market featuring fruits, vegetables, 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. 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) for more information.

Come swing with us at **The Cotton Club Fundraiser for LEADS**, featuring Elder Ricardo Welch as Duke Ellington at the Gulfport Casino at 7 p.m. Friday, February 22 at 7 p.m. Finger food, entertainment, dancing & silent auction. Sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and directed by Dr. Cody Clark. Advance tickets \$30, \$25 for students, available at 307-8379, online at [www.leads.events/cottonclub](http://www.leads.events/cottonclub), or \$35 at the door the night of the show.

Check out cars from the past at the **49<sup>th</sup> Street Business Association So Classic Car Show** during the Trolley Market Square Grand Opening 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, February 23. Gates open at 7 a.m. **The Trolley Market Square dedication** will begin at 10 a.m. FREE admission. For directions, Mapquest 4900 Tangerine Avenue South, Gulfport, FL 33707. For more information visit [www.so49.org](http://www.so49.org).

Animal lovers, get ready for the **Fifteenth Annual Gulfport Get Rescued** event on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront District on Saturday, February 23, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. This popular FREE ADMISSION event has evolved from a handful of animal rescue groups into a popular, festive event representing rescue groups from throughout the region, and is one of the largest animal rescue events in the state. Visit [www.sikpromotions.com/events-calendar/view/1287](http://www.sikpromotions.com/events-calendar/view/1287) for more information.

Ready to Sashay by the Seaside? The **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes** is March 2 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Tour features homes in the neighborhoods west of Beach Boulevard and south of Gulfport Boulevard. Tickets are available at the Gulfport Welcome Center, 3101 Beach Boulevard and the Gulfport Beach Bazaar, 3115 Boulevard. Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes is hosted by the non-profit Gulfport Merchants Chamber. For more information, visit [www.pinkflamingohometour.com](http://www.pinkflamingohometour.com).

Meet your neighbors and help your community at the same time. The next **Gulfport Neighbors Beach Cleanup** is Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Meet at Beach Pavilion #4. A limited number of pickers are available; if you have one please bring it. Water will be provided. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/gulfportneighbors](http://www.facebook.com/gulfportneighbors).

The **City of Gulfport permit-free Citywide Yard Sale** is Saturday, March 16. In the event of rain, the sale will take place on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Gulfport residents who wish to be included on the Yard Sale Brochure can fill out a form at City Hall, 2401 53<sup>rd</sup> Street; Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue, or; online at [www.mygulfport.us/gulfport-city-wide-yard-sale](http://www.mygulfport.us/gulfport-city-wide-yard-sale) no later than 4 p.m. Friday, March 8 (*no exceptions due to set up and printing time*). Brochures will be available at the Library; on the outdoor brochure display at the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Boulevard; Gulfport Municipal Marina, 4630 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, or online at [www.mygulfport.us/gulfportcity-wide-yard-sale](http://www.mygulfport.us/gulfportcity-wide-yard-sale). Call 893-1118 for more information.

Interested in unloading nautical equipment or searching for cool fishing gear? Look no further than the **Gulfport Marina's Annual Nautical Flea Market** 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16. 10x10 vendor spaces (bring your own table) are \$10; free for slip renters. Space is limited so sign up early at the Marina, 4630 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Call Harbormaster Denis Frain at 893-1071 for more information.

Empower your mind, body, & soul during the **Annual Health & Wellness Expo** at the Gulfport Casino 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16. Healthcare professionals will offer health screenings, interactive demonstrations and representation of both Eastern and Western health modalities. Visit [www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org/2017/05/health-wellness-expo/](http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org/2017/05/health-wellness-expo/), call 893-1244 or email [mpscfoundation@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mpscfoundation@tampabay.rr.com) for more information.

**The First Annual Best Seat in the House, a Chair-ity Fundraiser** in which ten local artists will transform Adirondack chairs into art, will benefit the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation. Finished chairs can be seen during the February 16 Third Saturday Art-Walk, and will be displayed at the Pink Flamingo Home Tour on March 2. The chairs will be auctioned in the Art Village Courtyard, 2914 Beach Boulevard at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16. Don't miss the opportunity to be the proud owner of one of these chairs!

The **Fourth Annual Dance for Plants** returns to the Gulfport Casino Friday, March 22, 6:45 - 11 p.m. Festivities will include a raffle with prizes donated from by community, expert gardening advice and plant giveaways. Join your friends for a fabulous evening supporting our local Garden. Tickets \$10 in advance available at the Gulfport Casino & Gulfport Beach Bazaar, or \$12 at the door. Proceeds benefit the Gulfport Community Garden. For more information, call George Zarillo at 845-242-7452 or visit [www.GulfportCommunityGarden.org](http://www.GulfportCommunityGarden.org).

Come by land or kayak to volunteer at the **2019 Great American Cleanup Clam Bayou Cleanup** 9 a.m. - noon Saturday, March 23. Volunteers should wear closed-toed shoes, sun protection and weather appropriate clothing. Cleanup supplies, snacks and water will be provided. The Parks Department will be on the grill cooking hotdogs for volunteers. Cosponsored by Keep Pinellas Beautiful and the City of Gulfport. For more information, call 893-1118.

Shop original art work, choose your favorite cuisine and enjoy live music during **Art & Gallery Walk** on Beach Boulevard in the Waterfront district 6 - 10 p.m. every first Friday & third Saturday of the month. For more information, 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 49<sup>th</sup> 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 61<sup>st</sup> Street.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Patrol**

Dispatch calls for service	112
Self-initiated calls for service	452
Incident/offense reports	43
Arrests	5
Traffic citations	109
Ordinance violations	62
Residence checks	17

Examples of arrests or significant incidents or calls this week:

Officers responded to a report of a battery in the 3100 block of Clinton Street after two neighbors had a disagreement, and one fell to ground. The victim declined to prosecute.

Officers assisted Gulfport Fire Rescue following a report of a man lying unconscious on the ground in the 2700 block of Beach Boulevard on February 8. It was determined he was under the influence of alcohol, and he was transported to a local medical facility.

Marian Ceballo was arrested for possession of drugs without a prescription and resisting arrest without violence after a caller reported that an unknown woman was sleeping on the porch of a residence in the 3000 block of Beach Boulevard on February 9.

An undisclosed amount of cash was reported stolen from two unlocked cars parked in the 5500 block of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue on February 10.

An officer removing a solicitation sign from the City right of way discovered a bag, consistent with the manner in which drugs are packaged, lying on the ground in the 1000 block of 49<sup>th</sup> Street. A field presumptive test determined the bag contained heroin. The bag and its contents were submitted to property/evidence and marked for destruction.

An officer was flagged down by a resident in the 2900 block of Dupont Street who stated that a white truck with flashing blue and red lights was driving around the City. Officers located the vehicle and owner forfeited the lights, but the driver could not be identified.

A Pinellas County Sheriff's Office deputy with the HOME (Habitual Offender Monitoring and Enforcement) unit asked Gulfport PD to check on a juvenile assigned to HOME who violated the electronic monitoring by not properly charging his ankle monitor. He was arrested.

Officers approached a suspicious vehicle in the 5700 block of Shore Boulevard and smelled marijuana. The occupants were identified, and Nyjha Bunch was arrested for an outstanding warrant. The other occupant was eligible for the Adult Pre Arrest Diversion (APAD) program, and issued a referral for possession of marijuana.

Officers were dispatched to a report of a burglary in progress in the 2700 block of 57<sup>th</sup> Street after a resident reported seeing 2 men and a woman attempting to force entry to a home. Officers discovered the woman is the resident, and locked herself out. When officers conducted a records check on the 3 people, one was found to have an outstanding warrant for failure to appear for a grand theft charge. Deonte Anderson was arrested for the warrant.

Officer Marshall investigated a report on February 12 that two juveniles did not return to their group home. They lied to their group home director and said they had choir practice but failed to attend, and did not show up at the home. Both juveniles are habitual runaways.

Officers were dispatched to the 3100 block of 49<sup>th</sup> Street after a car drove in to Boca Ciega Bay. The driver was pulled from the car by the Gulfport fighters who determined the man, who is a diabetic was and suffering from low blood sugar. He was transported to a hospital.

Officer Palazzolo stopped a car traveling eastbound in the 5400 block of Essex Avenue, a one-way westbound street. Driver Maureen Franzese appeared to be impaired and performed poorly on field sobriety tasks. She was arrested for driving under the influence and transported to Pinellas County Jail Central Breath Testing for a breath test, but refused to provide a sample.

A bicycle was reported stolen from a business in the 5800 block of 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue while the owner was working.

The marine unit was not on the water this week.

### **Criminal Investigative Section**

New Cases Reviewed:	17
Cases Currently Assigned:	26

Detective Pham conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for a fraud case, a runaway, and a theft. He also attended a deposition and a motion to suppress hearing regarding an armed robbery case.

Detective Crowson conducted follow up investigations and completed supplemental reports for two fraud cases and a burglary.

### **School Resource Officers**

Officer Embry wrote two police reports; counseled 3 students; met with the parents of 2 students; escorted 6 truant students to the office, and; evaluated a student for a Baker Act in which the student was taken into protective custody.

Officer Sigsbee wrote 2 police reports; provided instruction for 3 classrooms; filed a found property report, and took part in classroom exercises that demonstrate tolerance.

### **Records Section**

Reports reviewed:	21
Supplements reviewed:	65
Public record requests:	37
Reports disseminated:	45
Background checks:	3
Bike registrations:	2
Fingerprints	0
Subpoenas processed:	1
Citizens assisted:	43

### **MARINA**

Assisted with nineteen pump outs evacuating three hundred eighty-five gallons of waste.

Pumped three thousand twenty-seven gallons of gas and two thousand ninety-one gallons of diesel fuel, fueling forty-six vessels.

**Staff activities:**

- Replaced missing deck screws on pier 4.
- Greased pump out system motor for system 2, and monitored leaking motor shaft. Replaced 30amp power outlet on pier 4, slip 33.
- Relocated and installed kayak racks at Lions Club.
- Inspected Marina work truck per City requirements.
- Inspected in-ground fuel sumps for gas and diesel.
- Inspected Marina pump out systems filled and pump oil reservoirs.

**Transient vessels:**

Staff welcomed 8 vessels this week.

**LIBRARY****Public Programs/Meetings/Events:**

Monday, February 4, 9:30 a.m. - *AARP Income Tax Assistance.*

Monday, February 4, 3 p.m. - *K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Club.*

Monday, February 4, 6 p.m. - *LGBTQ Book Club.*

Tuesday, February 5, 12:30 p.m. - *French Conversation Club.*

Tuesday, February 5, 2 p.m. - *Ukulele Group.*

Tuesday, February 5, 5:45 p.m. - *Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step meeting.*

Wednesday, February 6, 10 a.m. - *Gulfport Writers meeting.*

Wednesday, February 6, 4 p.m. - *Preschool Storytime.*

Wednesday, February 6, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters.*

Thursday, February 7, 10:15 a.m. - *Toddler Storytime.*

Thursday, February 7, 5 p.m. - *Spa Day for Teens.*

Thursday, February 7, 7 p.m. - *Folk Music Concert with Billy Kemp.*

Friday, February 8, 10 a.m. - *AARP Income Tax Assistance.*

Friday, February 8, 6:45 p.m. - *Women's AA Club.*

Saturday, February 9, 1 p.m. - *Raven's Guild.*

**Upcoming Events:**

Every Monday, 9:30 a.m. & every Friday, 10 a.m. - *AARP Income Tax Assistance:* Taxpayers MUST bring social security cards for all persons listed on their tax returns, a picture ID and all pertinent records such as W2s, 1099s, other income & credits and a copy of last year's return if available. Free electronic filing is available. Call 893-1073 for more information.

Friday - Sunday, February 15 - 17 - *ReadOut Books for Lesbians events.* All events are free, except the Saturday evening Poppy Champlin show & Sunday workshop. For a full schedule, details or to register visit [www.gulfportreadout.brownpapertickets.com/](http://www.gulfportreadout.brownpapertickets.com/):

- Friday, February 15, 3:30 p.m. - *Romance is in the Air Afternoon Tea.*
- Friday, February 15, 7 p.m. - *Wine & Cheese Meet & Greet.*
- Saturday, February 16 10 a.m. - *Author Lesléa Newman.*
- Saturday, February 16, 11:30 a.m. - *Author Readings.*

- Saturday, February 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - *Vendor sales.*
- Saturday, February 16, 8 p.m. - *Comic Poppy Champlain at the Catherine Hickman Theater.*
- Sunday, February 17, 9:30 a.m. - *Workshop with Lesléa Newman: **Registration required.***
- Sunday, February 17, 1 p.m. - *Author Panel.*

Tuesday, February 19, 10 a.m. - *Conversations with a Doula:* Local practitioner Sarah Parrott answers your questions in an informal class. Learn the difference between a Doula and a Midwife, birthing options in the St. Petersburg area and how to best be supported during labor and the postpartum period. Let's drink tea and talk about birth!

Wednesday, February 20, 1 p.m. - *African American Quilts; Telling Our Stories in Cloth:* In honor of Black History Month award winning quilter and author Carole Lyles Shaw will share the rich tradition of African American quilters. Attendees will view examples of traditional quilts and see the exciting new directions that African American quilters are taking today.

Thursday, February 21, noon - *Coffee/Talk Book Club discussion of The Sellout* by Paul Beatty. Copies available at the Circulation Desk. Sponsored by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library. Call 893-1073 for more information.

Tuesday, Thursday, February 21, 6 p.m. - *Welcome to Gulfport Workshop:* Learn about the services available through the City & Gulfport Library, and find out how you can participate in our award-winning Gulfport Neighbors organization. Cohosted by Gulfport Neighbors and the Library. Call 893-1074 for more information.

Saturday, February 23, 1:30 p.m. - *Free Family Movie Series:* This magical adventure tells the spine-tingling tale of 10-year-old Lewis (Owen Vaccaro), who goes to live with his uncle in a creaky old house with a mysterious tick-tocking heart. But his new town's sleepy appearance jolts to life with a secret world of warlocks and witches. Based on the beloved children's classic book. Rated PG. Call 893-1074 for title.

Monday, February 25, 5 p.m. - *Open Mic:* Everyone is invited to share their performing talents, musical or otherwise. Call 893-1073 for more information.

Tuesday, February 26, 10:15 a.m. - *Gentle Yoga for Adults:* Nourish your body and spirit with mindful movement, breath work, and meditation. This slow-paced class welcomes all levels, and each month will feature a different set of postures. Bring props if you want them. The class is taught by Certified Yoga for Arthritis Instructor Christa Fairbrother, RYT. For more information or to sign up, call 893-1074.

Tuesday, February 26, 7 p.m. - *Trivia Night:* Are you a trivia buff? Do you love watching Jeopardy? Want to show off your esoteric knowledge? Grab some friends, make a team, and come to our after-hours event. We'll have light refreshments; prizes (including bragging rights) for the winning team! Call 893-1074 or email [klasson@mygulfport.us](mailto:klasson@mygulfport.us) for more information.

Thursday, February 28, 11:30 a.m. - *Community Playdate:* Relax and unwind with your little ones and other caregivers after Storytime.

March 2 - 9 - *Leisha Bishop Art Exhibit:* The local artist invites everyone to view her paintings on display in our Friends Room. Call 893-1074 for more information.

Saturday, March 2, 1 p.m. - *Grownup Movie Series:* Sit back and enjoy this show! We're screening an amazing biopic about a stellar singer. This new release stars Rami Malek, Lucy Boynton, Gwilym Lee, Ben Hardy, and Joseph Mazzello. Rated PG-13. Call 893-1074 for title.

Monday, March 4, 6 p.m. - *LGBTQ Book Club discussion of The Fact of a Body: A Murder and a Memoir* by Alexandria Marzano-Lesnevich. Check for availability at the Circulation Desk

Tuesday, March 5, 10:15 a.m. - *Mommy & Me Yoga:* Taught by registered yoga teacher Ms. Christa! Intended for parents and babies ages 6 weeks to 18 months. Meet other new parents

and babies in the community, stretch, laugh, get some strength back and rejuvenate! Call 893-1074 to reserve your spot or email [cklasson@mygulfport.us](mailto:cklasson@mygulfport.us).

Wednesday, March 6, 1 p.m. - *Faux Stained Glass Vase*: This month we'll learn a simple technique to create faux stained glass. Use Sharpies, rubbing alcohol, and paint to decorate a glass vase. Call 893-1073 or email [library.programs@mygulfport.us](mailto:library.programs@mygulfport.us) to sign up.

Thursday, March 7, 5 p.m. - *Perler Bead Palooza for Grades 6-12*: Make keychains and magnets from the colorful melty beads. Make a cupcake, Mario, Hello Kitty, Minecraft swords, and MORE! Call 893-1134 for more information.

Saturday, March 9, 1 p.m. - *Raven's Guild for ages 12 - 18*: Gather fans of anime, manga, gaming! We'll also have snacks and screen a movie. Sponsored by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library. Call 893-1074 for movie title.

Tuesday, March 12, 3 p.m. - *Lego Club*: Build with Legos, wooden blocks and more! Open to children ages 4-10 with a caregiver.

Thursday, March 14, 7 p.m. - *LGBTQ Film Series*. Call 893-1074 for title.

Every Monday, 3 p.m. - *Science Club for grades K - 5*.

Every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - *German Conversation Club*: Enjoy conversing in a relaxed atmosphere with others. All levels are welcome; this is not a class, simply an opportunity to engage with others interested in improving fluency.

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, 4 p.m. - *Preschool Storytime*: Join us for an afternoon story, songs, movement and crafts! Everyone welcome but geared for 2-5 year-olds.

Every Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. - *Bees Learning*: Mobile reading intervention program for grades K-5. Classes held in RV parked in front of Library. **Registration required.** For more information email [leahveal@beeslearning.org](mailto:leahveal@beeslearning.org), or call 404-308-0295.

Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - *Gulfport Toastmasters*: call 537-9098 for more information.

Every Thursday, 10:15 & 11 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 February 3 - 9, 2019:**

#### **Items Circulated Patrons**

Weekly Circulation:	1,804	1,444
Sun. 2/3	Library closed	
Mon. 2/4	306	260
Tues. 2/5	315	251
Wed. 2/6	286	249
Thu. 2/7	375	242
Fri. 2/8	283	177
Sat. 2/9	277	176

## **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, or access live & web stream rebroadcasts at [www.mygulfport.us/gtv640](http://www.mygulfport.us/gtv640). Spread the word!

- Distributed press releases to Gabber, and weekly Constant Contact newsletter to email distribution list.
- Assisted with daily updates and enhancements to City website.
- Posted upcoming events to social media sites.
- Created designs for e-newsletter.
- Made preparations for upcoming events.
- Commenced preparation of March calendar.

### **Gulfport 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 Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Stop by the Senior Center for this month's calendar or download a copy at [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us). Find us on Facebook at [www.FB.com/GulfportSeniorCenter](http://www.FB.com/GulfportSeniorCenter). Help our page grow and get valuable daily information!

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Happy Birthday to You!** Help us celebrate February's birthdays with cake, games, and more at 3 p.m. Friday, February 22. Sponsored by Simply Healthcare.

Join us for our monthly **Healthy Cooking Class** at 3 p.m. Monday, February 25 and learn to make a delicious, healthy meal. This month's recipe: *Spinach Stuffed Chicken Breast*. Space is limited; call 893-5657 to preregister.

Join us at 5:30 p.m. Monday, February 25 for **Big Ideas: An Evening with TED (Talks)**, thought provoking "ideas worth sharing." This month's topic: *The Best Way to Help is Often Just to Listen*.

Spark your creative side with **Devoted Health Plan's monthly Arts & Crafts Workshop** at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 26. This month's craft: *Floral Arrangement Fun*. Spaces is limited; call 893-5657 to preregister.

Everyone is welcome to join the **Wednesday Walkers** at 9 a.m. on the second & fourth Wednesday of the month. Locations will vary. Towels and pedometers will be provided! Call the Gulfport Senior Center Event Line at 893-5657 for more information!

What are stem cells, what do they do, is the process safe, and how can this help me? Join Dr. Damon Stafford, DC of Professional Health Care of Pinellas, Inc. at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 27 for **The Science Behind Stem Cells** and learn where research is taking us. Call 893-5657 to preregister.

Hop aboard the Cross Bay Ferry for a day of fun with our February 28 **GEMS Getaway to Sparkman Wharf** in Tampa's Channelside where you'll find shops, restaurants, a movie theater & bowling alley. Round trip transportation & ferry passage: GEMS members \$14/nonmembers \$18.

Discover a great selection of jewelry, home décor, cook books, collectibles and many other goodies during our next **First Friday Flea Market** at 9 a.m. Friday, March 1.

Meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments during the **Annual Gulfport Senior Artists Exhibit** 4 - 6 p.m. Friday, March 1. Works will be on display through March.

Join Empath Health Chats at 2 p.m. Monday, March 4 for **Caring for our Heroes- Specialized Veterans Care**. Tampa Bay is home to one of the largest veteran populations in the nation. Learn about specialized programs and how Empath honors those who served. Are you a veteran or know someone who is? Bring them along and allow us to honor and thank them with a special pinning ceremony.

Join Community partners and Stetson Law Students to learn about identity theft, fraud and the most recent scams happening in Pinellas County, and tips to avoid becoming a victim during the **Consumer Protection Fair** 3 - 6 p.m. Monday, March 5 at the Gulfport Senior. A great lineup of speakers, including the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, The Better Business Bureau, Pinellas County Consumer Protection, and Professor Mark Bauer from Stetson Law College. Business Records Management will also offer FREE shredding of sensitive documents. LIMIT ONE FILE SIZE BOX/BAG PER PERSON.

Want to learn more about how **hemp and CBD** can help you and your pets live healthier with less pain and stress? Join CR. World at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 6 and learn about the benefits and applications of CBD, including topical and nutritional supplements.

Enjoy Strawberries, strawberries and more strawberries during our March 7 **GEMS Getaway to the Florida Strawberry Festival**. Round trip transportation & admission: GEMS members \$14/nonmembers \$18.

Worried about your memory? St. Anthony's Memory Disorder Clinic offers free, confidential **Memory Screenings** between 9 a.m. & noon on the second Monday of each month. The next screening is March 11. Call 893-5657 to schedule an appointment.

It's important to **Know Your Numbers**. Have your blood sugar and blood pressure checked at the Senior Center at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 14. See front desk volunteer for details.

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 March 15. Call 582-7480 to schedule.

Have you always wanted to learn to play Bridge but thinks it's too difficult? Join the **Bridge 101** class every Monday at 9 a.m. This class is for those who know nothing or almost nothing about Bridge. Learn to bid and all the tricks to playing.

**Guided Healing Meditation** promotes holistic wellness through a very simple yet powerful guided meditation that can advance personal growth, improve relationships, cleanse and strengthen chakras, and expand one's awareness of their presence in daily life. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. every Monday.

The **English as a Second Language** class meets at 6:30 p.m. every Monday. Students will learn basic English and grammar to be able to converse at a beginning level.

The **Gulfport Senior Citizens Harmonica Club** meets every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. at All levels of experience are welcome; come learn if you are a beginner, come share your expertise and knowledge if you are experienced. Over the last year, this well-known musical group has performed at many venues, entertaining a variety of people throughout the county. We hope to see you there as our group expands. Great people, lively conversation, and fun music for all to enjoy.

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.

Join us for **Clubhouse Chatter** 10 a.m. - noon on the second Tuesday of each month. Open discussion about the MLB season and your hometown Ray's. The good, the bad and the ugly and what the season could have been. Topics include but not limited to: Player personnel, draft picks, farm system (minor leagues), coaching staff, spring season, ticket pricing, and the future of Tropicana Field. The discussion will be moderated by John Dallam.

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.

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**Recycle** your old cell phone, General Mills Box tops, Campbell's labels, can tabs & eye glasses at the Senior Center. Staff forwards the 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, February 3      10 a.m. - PAVA 2Cool Art Show (Turnout 778)

Monday, February 4      10 a.m. - Yoga (Turnout 41)

Tuesday, February 5      10 a.m. - Tai Chi with Richard Barracato (Turnout 44)

12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker (Turnout 11)  
6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango with Kathleen & Steve Prucher (Turnout 85)

Wednesday, February 6 6 p.m. - Swing Dance with Swingtime (Turnout 338)

Thursday, February 7 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with Richard Barracato (Turnout 41)  
6 p.m. - Latin Night with Carol Rivera (Turnout 25)

Friday, February 8 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom (Turnout 51)  
7 p.m. - Soul Night with Swing Time (Turnout 207)

Saturday, February 9 7:30 p.m. - Lady In Red Ball (Turnout 400)

**Casino (upcoming events):**

Every first & third Sunday 6 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson  
7 p.m. - Band & Ballroom dance Admission \$8

Every second Sunday 6 p.m. - Soul Night with Swingtime Admission \$8

Every Monday 10 a.m. - Yoga

Every fourth Monday 7 p.m. - U.S.A. Dance ballroom dance: members \$5/non-members \$8

Every Tuesday 10:30 a.m. - Tai Chi with Richard Barracato  
12 p.m. - Ballroom lessons with Carol Baker  
2 p.m. - Ballroom dancing Admission \$8  
6:30 p.m. - Argentine Tango lessons  
8 p.m. - Milonga dance Admission \$8

Every Wednesday 10 a.m. - Yoga with Barbara Newborn  
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 10:30 a.m. - Tai Chi with Richard Barracato  
6:30 p.m. - Latin Night lesson with Carol Rivera  
8 p.m. - Latin dance Admission \$8

Every first & third Thursday 7 p.m. - Salsa Dance/Lesson Admission \$8

Every Friday 11 a.m. - Chair yoga with Joyce Bloom

Every second Friday 7 p.m. - Soul Night with Swingtime Admission \$8

Every third Friday 7 p.m. - Sock Hop with the Impacs: Advance tickets \$15, \$20 at the door.

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

Saturday, February 9 7 p.m. - SAGES presents *A Corset Line* (Turnout 165)

**Catherine Hickman Theater (*upcoming events*):**

Saturday, February 16 8 p.m. - *Poppy Champlin Happy Medicine Show*: Adult lesbian comedy. Presented by and benefitting the Gulfport Public Library's LGBTQ Resource Center. Tickets \$25, or \$30 for early entry & reception, available at Beach Bazaar or at [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com).

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

Sunday, January 27 6 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting

**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 first Wednesday 7 p.m. - Crime Watch meeting

**Scout Hall (*last week's events*):**

Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting  
11 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Turnout 50)

Tuesday, February 5 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 28)

Thursday, February 7 11:30 a.m. - Meditation class (Turnout 9)  
6 p.m. - Free Thinkers AA group meeting

Friday, February 8 10:30 a.m. - Line dancing (Turnout 18)

**Scout Hall (*upcoming events*):**

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

Every Monday 11 a.m. - Chair Yoga

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

Every Thursday 11 a.m. - Meditation class

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

**RECREATION CENTER**

Fifty-four children are registered **2018/19 School Year Child Care program** for children in Kindergarten thru age 14. Two are nonresidents. 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.

Eight children are registered for the **2018/19 Tot Time program**, and nine for **VPK**. Tot Time is a hands-on preschool 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. Both programs aim to make learning fun for children and help prepare them for Kindergarten, and are limited to 10 children

each. Class begins Tuesday, September 4. Program hours are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Hours for registration are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. Call 893-1068 for more information.

Fifty-six teens are registered for the **2018/19 Teen Night Program**, a great hangout for teens entering middle school through age 17. Teen Night provides recreation and social activities, and offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects.

**Contractual classes:** Adult Dance, Ballet/Tap Combo, Bootcamp, Essential Oils, Karate, Pickleball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Walking Club, Watercolor, Women's Support Group, Yoga for Balance, Yoga for a Better Life & Zumba.

### **Staff Activities**

Marivel Gutierrez facilitated the Teen Council meeting on Tuesday.

Five **Gulfport Teen Councilmembers** attended the monthly meeting on Tuesday. Marivel Gutierrez facilitated. Topics discussed: Advisor Report, Approval of January's minutes, Special Events, Old Business and New Business.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Calls for Service:**

- 46 Emergency Medical Call
- 1 Trauma Alert
- 3 Structure Fires
- 1 Structural Collapse
- 1 Water Rescue
- 2 Fire Alarms
- 3 Vehicle Crashes

#### **Life Safety:**

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

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** meets at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. The next meeting is February 18. The standard operating and field operating procedures (SOPs/FOGs) have been completed, and members will receive and sign for a copy. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Operations 101 event is scheduled for 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11. CERT will provide assistance in registration and incident rehab. The number of CERT members participating is limited to 15.

Gulfport Fire staff continued their February 2019 online Continuing Medical Education (CME) this week. This month's topic is EMS Assessing the Patient with Major Trauma.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Building Maintenance**

- Cleaned rain gutters at Recreation Center, painted over stains on gazebo, uncovered skylights, primed and painted backboard and replaced basketball rim, repaired a/c unit in game room, and ran conduit wire and installed new camera.
- Assisted film crew at Casino, and delivered snacks and beverages to theater for event.

- Fabricated new wire covers for poles on Pier.
- Repaired restroom door at Scout Hall.
- Repaired theater door.
- Assembled storage shelf for Parks office.
- Placed TV in Senior Center dining room on TV stand, installed TV in lobby, repaired walls and installed bulletin board, and repaired a/c unit.
- Replaced lights in Sanitation Shed.
- Restocked restrooms at Beach and Casino.
- Delivered mail to main post office for Finance Department.

### **Parks Maintenance**

- Made preparations for Get Rescued event, Health & Wellness Expo & Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes.
- Worked at the Gulfport Fine Arts Festival
- Watered palms at beach and new trees at Tomlinson and Caldwell Park daily.
- Continued deck replacement at Casino.
- Trimmed low branches at Recreation Center, and rerouted mainline on ballfield.
- Planted palms at Skate Park.
- Seeded all ballfields.
- Dug out and graded new beds at Marina and northeast corner of Casino.
- Repaired Casino dock.
- Filled in washouts along seawall at Clam Bayou.
- Mowed all baseball fields.
- Cleaned & sanitized event trashcans.
- Repaired irrigation at Veterans Park, Trolley Market Square, Recreation Center & Skate Park.
- Cleaned restrooms at Little League, beach and outside Casino.
- Trimmed, weeded, cleaned & mulched Casino, Beach & Recreation Center green spaces and Veterans Park, and hand raked around benches & beach pavilions.
- Cleaned screens on lake fountains at Wood Ibis Park.
- Greased mowers, sharpened/replaced blades, replaced belt on Toro Workman and rebuilt pressure washer.
- All City park trash and cigarette waste containers were emptied.
- Watered all non-irrigated areas.
- Cleaned all City playgrounds.

### **Streets & Sanitation**

- Completed billable work orders for pick-up of brush, electronics & appliances, trash & furniture, and items requested for pick-up by Code Enforcement.
- Picked up residential bagged leaves as requested.
- Delivered/replaced residential recycling bins with information sheets.
- Assembled & delivered new automated trash containers, and replaced broken containers as requested.
- Removed and disposed of illegal dumping and curbside yard waste throughout the City.
- Patched asphalt throughout City as needed.

### **Water**

- Daily Chloramines sampling at the 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 & 27 of monthly meter reading schedule.
- Disconnected water service at 20 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 8 non pay rechecks to confirm water service still off.
- Completed 112 miscellaneous service orders generated by customer service department.
- Completed 18 Sunshine One-Call, Call before You Dig Utility Locates.
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected drinking water microbial samples on City distribution system.
- Replaced 1 water old water meter with E-Coder R900i meter.
- Serviced and painted 12 fire hydrants.
- Repaired damaged backflow at 919 49<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Installed new water service at 5948 Seabird Drive and at 2102 59<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Sewer**

- Daily preventive maintenance and service to Lift Stations #1 and #2.
- Daily rainfall checks and documentation, (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Daily ground water elevation recording (includes Saturday & Sunday).
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance check on Lift Stations #1 & 2, Fire Department/Garage, Police Station/City Hall, and Senior Center.
- Collected bay water samples at Gulfport Beach, Clam Bayou & Marina for quality testing.
- Cleaned and televised sewer lateral at 1336 60<sup>th</sup> Street & 2714 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.
- Replaced sewer lateral at 2225 56<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Stormwater**

- Formed and poured concrete pad for water fountain at Skate Park.
- Replaced storm structure lid at 1120 53<sup>rd</sup> Street
- Repaired hole in storm structure at 2418 52<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- Replaced ring and cover on storm manhole at 2501 54<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Vehicle Maintenance**

- Replaced marker light on Recreation Center bus.
- Replaced tires on vehicles #1135 and 2379.
- Fixed headlight on vehicle #2379.
- Fixed taillight on vehicle #1136.
- Replaced hydraulic hoses on vehicles #1301 and 1489.
- Body repair work on vehicles #1301 and 1794.
- Changed oil on vehicles #0503 and 1492.
- Performed preventive maintenance and various small repairs on City vehicles.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **Building Division**

Before embarking on home improvement projects give us a call at 893-1024 to discuss your plans and see what permits and inspections may be necessary, and code requirements to help you through the process. Whether it's deferred maintenance or new improvements, many elect to do these projects themselves. Building Division staff tries to take extra time to work with homeowners embarking on these do-it-yourself (DIY) projects.

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 jobs can quickly overwhelm those less skilled in construction practices and management.

### **Don't take chances with unlicensed contractors**

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.

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](http://www.pcclb.com).

### **Business Tax Receipts**

A Business License is good from October of the current year through September 30 of the following year. For questions regarding business tax receipts, call Lisa Giddens at 893-1063.

Thinking of starting a new business? Checkout out the City's website for the "City of Gulfport New Business Checklist" at [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) under the Community Development Building



Department tab in the Information & Regulations section. Call Lisa Giddens at 893-1063 for more information.

Call the Small Business Development Center at Pinellas County Economic Development at 464-7332 or visit [www.pced.org/entrepreneurs](http://www.pced.org/entrepreneurs) for information, including a number of workshops on starting a new business. They also offer personalized business consulting to help you become successful with your startup business.

**Code Enforcement** activities continued this week in Section 3 of the City, also referred to as the Southwest Neighborhood area which generally extends south from Gulfport Boulevard to the water and west from 58<sup>th</sup> Street & 59<sup>th</sup> Streets to the City limits.

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. Any personal information you provide becomes part of the public record, which any other citizen has the right to review. E-mail correspondence is considered a public record. If you wish to make a complaint using e-mail 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](http://www.mygulfport.us).

**February 13, 2019 Board of Adjustment Meeting results:**

V19-01; 5421 Essex Avenue South; Variance requests:

1. To reduce both side yard setback requirements by 3 feet, from 6 feet to 3 feet to allow for the proposed construction of new balconies on the east and west sides, and the front and rear of a proposed new single family house. DENIED
2. To reduce the rear yard setback requirement by 6 feet 1 inch, from 25 feet to 18 feet 11 inches to allow for the proposed construction of new balconies onto the rear of the proposed new single family house. APPROVED

V19-02; 3026 57<sup>th</sup> Street South; Variance requests:

1. To reduce rear yard setback requirement by 17 feet, from 25 feet to 8 feet to allow for the proposed addition to the existing garage; and
2. To reduce the rear yard setback requirement by 17 feet, from 25 feet to 8 feet to allow for the proposed relocation and construction of a new exterior stairway to the living space located over the existing garage. ALL REQUESTS APPROVED

**March 6, 2019 Planning and Zoning Board and March 19 City Council/CRA meeting(s):**

AV18-01; Alley vacation request for the remaining portion of the existing North-South Alley between 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> Streets South and South of 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.