



# *City Manager's Report*

## *January 18 - 24, 2009*

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

#### ***Stetson University College of Law to Host Elder Consumer Protection Expo:***

Interim City Manager Jim O'Reilly reports he received the attached flyer from Slade V. Dukes, Esq., Elder Consumer Protection Fellow for Stetson University College of Law regarding an Elder Consumer Protection Expo scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2009 at Stetson University in Gulfport. This program serves as an educational, informational and instructional resource for general and legal matters in the areas of elder consumer protection, elder financial exploitation and elder abuse prevention. Supported in part by limited state and federal funding, the program offers assorted materials and various services that provide and promote general knowledge, public awareness and professional development.

For more information on the Expo please email [sdukes@law.stetson.edu](mailto:sdukes@law.stetson.edu), or call 727-562-7800, ext. 7078.

#### ***City Celebrates Arbor Day:***

The City of Gulfport celebrated Arbor Day on Friday, January 16, at the Gulfport Little League Field. Over 40 people attended the event, including Gulfport City Council, Gulfport Teen Council, the children from the Gulfport Recreation School Year Child Care Program, and City of Gulfport staff.

Staff planted a beautiful live oak in honor of the event, and children from the Recreation Center read excerpts on how trees have such an important impact in our environment. Parks Department staff also gave away Sabal Palm, Sugar Berry and Red Bay Tree seedlings to everyone who attended the event! The City would like to thank everyone who assisted in making Arbor Day such a wonderful success this year.



## **LEISURE SERVICES**

### ***Honoring Frances Purdy:***

Everyone is invited to a celebration to remember the late Frances Purdy, of the most active volunteers during the 1990s, one who kept the office doors open many days and provided an endless stream of support and promotion for Gulfport. Library director Kitty Smith has arranged for the meeting room to be named the Frances Purdy Friends Room in her honor, and a dedication reception will take place there on Thursday, February 5, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Please stop by and join her many friends for refreshments, a video memorial to her life, and remarks from her family, as well as the unveiling of a new portrait of Frances by Lynne Brown.

### ***Gulfport Elementary Yard Sale:***

It's no secret that our schools can use some help financially. Gulfport Elementary will host a Yard Sale Fund Raiser on February 7, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on school grounds. This event can help everyone. Residents can donate items no longer used. Those who are challenged in these economic times can shop for clothes, toys and just about everything from soup to nuts, and save lots of money. Here's your chance to help the children in our community as well as yourselves with great bargains.

All donated items can be dropped off at Gulfport Elementary during school hours. Please use boxes or sturdy black bags. In addition to donations, Gulfport Elementary needs volunteers to assist in pickups of large items, to help sort and price items, or to man tables at the event. Gulfport Storage and The Storage House have kindly donated space to store everything until the big day.

Please call Pat Dunham at 727-321-5379 for more information.

### ***Floridiana Festival & Highwaymen Artist Show:***

Please join us at the Gulfport Casino on Saturday, February 7 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. for a show featuring Florida kitsch spanning the range from alligator ashtrays, flamingo figurines, and citrus-shaped radios, to postcards and other fun ephemera from the Sunshine State's old parks and hotels. The Floridiana Festival brings together premier exhibitors and collectors of vintage Floridiana. Serious collectors will enjoy the selection of citrus and cigar box labels, carved alligator canes, and souvenir sterling silver spoons and hotel china from Florida's "golden age of souvenirs," while more casual collectors of kitsch can find postcards of bathing beauties, alligator purses and other Florida fashion, including vintage Aloha shirts.

This is a great chance to meet and mingle with the Florida Highwaymen artists, who will be selling their beautiful Florida sea and landscape paintings.

Admission is \$6.00, with children under two years \$3.00. For further information, call (727) 321-8454 or visit [www.hulahula.biz](http://www.hulahula.biz).

### ***Casablanca Night:***

Come be a part of the most fabulously exciting event in Gulfport on Friday, February 27, 7 - 11 p.m. The Gulfport Museum and Historical Society are planning another spectacular fundraising event this year and invite everyone to be a part of it! This year's fun theme is Casablanca. Everyone is encouraged to dress in their best 30's & 40's attire. Live 30's and 40's music performed by Bobby Tess and singer/entertainer, Steve Wayne. Costume contest for 30's/40's

dress. Proceeds benefit the Gulfport Museum and the Historical Society Scholarship fund. This is THE Gulfport event of the year. Buy your tickets now before they're sold out!

Tickets are on sale now for \$15.00 at the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, 2800 58<sup>th</sup> Street South. Call Cathy at 345-1501 for more information.

### ***Chorus Angelorum Choir of Angels:***

Join us at the Hickman Theater on Friday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. for a premier acappella ensemble of male and female voices with a remarkable reputation for performance in a wide variety of music. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, 5501 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. For reservations and information, call 893-2237 or 1231, email [mpscfoundation@tampabay.rrocom](mailto:mpscfoundation@tampabay.rrocom), or visit [www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org](http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org). All proceeds benefit the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation, Inc.

### ***Upcoming Events:***

- Thursday, February 5, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Francis Purdy Friends Room dedication celebration
- Saturday, February 7, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Gulfport Elementary Yard Sale - Gulfport Elementary
- Saturday, February 7, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Floridiana Festival & Highway Artist Show - Gulfport Casino Ballroom
- Friday, February 20, 6:30 p.m. - Movies on the Bay presents *The Incredibles* - Recreation Center field
- Friday, February 27, 7 - 11 p.m. - Casablanca Night - Gulfport Casino Ballroom
- Friday, February 27, 7:30 p.m. - Chorus Angelorum *Choir of Angels* - Catherine Hickman Theater

### **Technical Events**

Visit the City of Gulfport YouTube website at [www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfport](http://www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfport). Cable and DSL internet users can access streaming video from the City's website at [www.ci.gulfport.fl.us](http://www.ci.gulfport.fl.us). Check out videos of recent events, such as the City of Gulfport Holiday Tree Lighting and Downtown Holiday Celebrations. It's a great way to keep in touch with out of town family and friends! Spread the word!

- Updated weekly program schedule. Copy available at the City Hall reception desk, or online at [www.ci.gulfport.fl.us/GTV15/Live\\_Webstream.htm](http://www.ci.gulfport.fl.us/GTV15/Live_Webstream.htm). Access live webstream at the link above and click on *Watch Live Now*.
- Provided control room coverage for the January 15 Special Council meeting, and January 20 Special Council meeting. Rebroadcast meetings on GTV-615, and made DVD and MP3 copies for files and City Clerk.
- Compiling video/photo footage of Arbor Day Celebration for rebroadcast on GTV-615.
- Continued assisting Library staff with preparations for Francis Purdy Friends Room dedication, providing AV assistance, and creating postcards & programs, etc.

## **Trolley Looper**

Brian VanSlyke installed panels in both Trolleys to accommodate advertising signs, which will be installed in the near future.

Trolley # 1394 has been repaired and is back in service.

Trolley Coordinator Brian Vanslyke is broadening the availability of the new trolley tokens. Gulfport and St. Pete Beach businesses interested in participating as a Gulfport-St. Pete Beach Trolley token purchase location are asked to call Brian at 893-1069. Staff is creating flamingo window cling signs will mark businesses as "Trolley Token" locations.

## **Trolley Token Tuesday!**

Trolley token saver packs are available for purchase on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until noon at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Boulevard South. Regular trolley fare is \$1.75 each way. Purchasing the \$10 (each pack contains ten tokens) trolley token pack will save you 43% off of the regular rate! For more information, call Brian at 893-1069.

Staff continues to monitor Trolley Looper activities. Statistics for January 14 - 20, 2009:

Total riders:	329
Pass holders:	215
Regular fare riders:	113 @ \$1.75 totaling \$197.75
Total fares collected	\$351.76
Token sales	10
Tokens collected	11

## **Parks**

Seeded worn grassy areas at Dog Park, filled in holes, leveled uneven areas, and treated grounds for fleas & ticks.

Commenced removing invasive exotic plants from Clam Bayou Park.

Obtaining price quotes for Veteran's Park lighting repairs.

Cleaned and cleared debris from Casino patio/deck areas, and placed waste receptacles on curb for pickup.

Staff continues to drag and rake Hoyt & Tomlinson Fields. Mowing continues twice a week to maintain proper field levels. This week staff repaired a damaged electrical outlet and edged baseball field baselines at Hoyt and Lum Fields.

Staff continues to rake Gulfport Beach every Monday and Friday. Trash and debris was picked up along the water and children's playground areas. Trash and cigarette receptacles were emptied and the Bocce Ball courts were inspected for needed repairs.

Inspected and repaired fountain in Tomlinson Lake.

Made final preparations for Arbor Day celebration, and distributed seedlings to all attendees.

Set up and removed equipment for *Movies on the Bay* night.

## **Other Activities:**

- All City park trash containers and cigarette waste containers were emptied.
- Staff watered all non-irrigated areas.

- Inspected and repaired exercise equipment within City parks.
- Cleaned and cleared debris from tennis courts and surrounding park areas, and repaired damaged lights.
- Staff edged, mowed, and weeded 64<sup>th</sup> Street Park, Pasadena Entranceway, Recreation Center, Veteran's Park, City Dog Parks, City Hall Complex, Fire Station, Clam Bayou, and all City Baseball fields and surrounding areas.
- Cleaned and cleared debris from City Parks and surrounding areas following last week's windstorm.
- Installed a shelf at the Gulfport Senior Center.

## **Senior Center**

The Senior Center Snack Bar offers pizza for \$1.25 a slice every Wednesday.

The Senior Center offers a Diabetic class every second and fourth Monday at 10 a.m. Diabetic Educator Sandra Grosvenor provides educational information approved by the American Diabetic Association. This service is made possible by the Senior Center Foundation.

The Community Law Program offers legal consultations for low-income seniors at the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month.

Casino/Theater employee Phil Penrose is facilitating an exercise program at the Senior Center every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and Wii Bowling games every Thursday at 1 p.m.

Planning continues for the Senior Center Health Fair scheduled for January 26 - 29.

The Senior Center annual Entertainment Fair is scheduled for Friday, January 30. There will be a Flea Market from 9 a.m. until noon. Entertainment will be provided in the Hickman Theater at 1 p.m., with refreshments following. Admission: \$1.00 in exchange for a candy bar!

Free line Dance classes will be offered in the Senior Center Exercise Room beginning Thursday, February 5 at 10 a.m. Space is limited.

The Senior Center will offer lunch for \$2.00 on Presidents Day, Monday, February 16, as Neighborly Care Services will be closed. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs Communities for a Lifetime will host a Volunteer, Intergenerational and Employment Symposium in the Hickman Theater on Wednesday, February 25 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Between 50 & 75 participants are expected to attend. Lunch will be served in the Senior Center Dining Hall. Participants of Neighborly Care Network Group Dining Program plan a field day to the Enoch Davis Center on that day.

## **Upcoming Events**

Monday - Thursday, January 26, 27, 28 & 29 – Senior Center Health Fair & Fitness Center Open House:

- Monday, January 26:
  - 10 a.m. - noon - Free Beauty Treatments
  - 10:30 a.m. - Presentation: *How to Dress Smart in Today's Economy*
  - 1 p.m. - Movie in Theater: *Driving Miss Daisy*
- Tuesday, January 27:
  - 10 a.m. - noon - Free Health Screenings
  - 11:15 a.m. - Presentation: *Look Good, Feel Good*
- Wednesday, January 28:
  - 10 a.m. - noon - Balance Screenings
  - 10:30 a.m. - Presentation: *Safety Tips/How to Get Up From a Fall*
  - 11:15 a.m. - Cooking with Karen Saley. Includes lunch. Admission \$1.00

- 1:30 p.m. - Yoga
- Thursday, January 29:
  - 9 - 10:30 a.m. - Free Line Dance Class
  - 10:30 a.m. - Presentation: *Lighten Up with Laughter*
  - 11:15am Exercise with YMCA
- Friday, January 30, 9 a.m. - noon - Flea Market
- Friday, January 30, 1 p.m. - Annual Entertainment Fair. Admission \$1.00
- Thursday, February 5, 11 a.m. - Lunch & Learn, H&R Block
- Tuesday, February 17, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Free Hearing Screenings
- Tuesday, February 17, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Distribution of phones for hearing impaired at no cost to qualifying residents

### **GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mini-Bus Service)**

The City of Gulfport offers transportation service for Gulfport residents 55 years and over. GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mini-Bus Service) offers rides to grocery stores, medical appointments, etc. The \$50 annual registration fee entitles members to ride GEMS for \$1.00 per one-way trip and is good for one year from date of registration.

### **Library**

The Gulfport Library offers one-on-one computer instruction by appointment. Please see Alex Hooks at the Reference Desk or call 893-1073 for more information.

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

- Monday, January 12 , 1 p.m. - *Twenty One Legal Puzzles*, presented by Local Chapter Brandeis University Women
- Wednesday, January 14, 10 a.m. - Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers Group meeting
- Thursday, January 15, 10 a.m. - CoffeeTalk Book Discussion Group: *A Thread of Grace*, by Mary Doria Russell. Facilitated by Alex Hooks

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Every Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. - Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers meeting.
- Every Friday through April 10, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - AARP Tax service for seniors and others on low or fixed income. First come, first served. Bring all tax papers and a copy of last year's return.
- Saturday, January 24, 2 p.m. - Craft Club for all Ages, presented by Pat Brinkley.
- Saturday, January 24, 1 p.m. - Genealogy Discussion Group meeting. For more information call Kay Boatwright at 893-1074.
- Monday, January 26, 1 p.m. - Short Stories Discussion Group meeting, presented by Brandeis University Women, Local Chapter.
- Thursday, February 5, 5:30 - 7 p.m. - Francis Purdy Friends Room dedication and reception.
- Saturday, February 7, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Voter registration and Optical Scan Voting System demonstration, facilitated by the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office.

- Thursday, February 12, 10 a.m. - Socrates Café: These monthly discussion groups were inspired by the book *The Six Questions of Socrates*. Author Christopher Phillips traveled the world to lead informal groups, engaging people in the manner of the ancient Greek philosopher, for whom “the questions are more important than the answers.”
- Saturday, February 14, 1 p.m. - Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults. Bring your pictures, books and questions, and prepare to have a great time! Make beautiful pages of memories for yourself and your family. Some Supplies available, but participants must furnish their own 12x12 scrapbook album. For more information contact Kay Boatwright at 893-1074.
- Saturdays, February 14 & 28, 2 p.m. - Craft Club for all ages, presented by Pat Brinkley.

**Staff activities:**

Wednesday, January 14, 11 a.m. - Leisure Services staff meeting with Director, at the Casino Ballroom (Kitty Smith).

**Library Services/Statistics - January 11 - 17, 2009:**

	<b>Items Circulated</b>	<b>Patrons</b>
Weekly Circulation:	1,816	572
Mon. 1/12	337	113
Tue. 1/13	361	107
Wed. 1/14	280	90
Thu. 1/15	248	92
Fri. 1/16	319	94
Sat. 1/17	271	76

**Gulfport Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater & Gulfport Neighborhood Center**

**Casino (last week's events):**

Sunday, January 11	6 - 7 p.m. - Ballroom dance lesson 7 - 10 p.m. - Ballroom dance (Turnout 128)
Tuesday, January 13	1 - 2 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson & dance (Turnout 27)
Wednesday, January 14	8 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. - Swing dance & lessons (Turnout 215)
Thursday, January 15	7 p.m. - Salsa lessons & dance (Turnout 8)
Saturday, January 17	6 p.m. - Wedding reception (Turnout 70)

**Casino (Upcoming Events):**

Every Sunday	6 - 10 p.m. - Ballroom dance & lessons Admission \$7
Every Tuesday	12 - 1 p.m. - Intermediate Ballroom dance lessons Admission \$7 1 - 3 p.m. - Beginner Ballroom lesson & dance Admission \$7 7 - 8 p.m. - Argentine Tango lesson with Eddy & Veronica Hernandez Admission \$12
Every Wednesday	7 p.m. - midnight - Swing dance & lessons Admission \$7

Every Thursday	6 - 10 p.m. - Salsa lessons & dance with Carol Rivera Admission \$7
Sunday, January 26	7 p.m. - USABDA dance Admission \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members

**Catherine Hickman Theater (Last week's):**

Thursday, January 15	6 p.m. - Gulfport Community Players (GCP) present <i>The Silver Whistle</i> (Turnout 108)
Friday, January 16	6 p.m. - GPC presents <i>The Silver Whistle</i> (Turnout 102)
Saturday, January 17	6 p.m. - GCP presents <i>The Silver Whistle</i> (Turnout 170)
Sunday, January 18	2 p.m. - GCP presents <i>The Silver Whistle</i> (Turnout 127)

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

Friday & Saturday, January 23 & 24, 8 p.m. and Sunday, January 25, 1 p.m. - Gulfport Community Players present *The Silver Whistle*. Tickets \$15, available at the Gulfport Casino, Beach Bazaar, Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, and Eileen's Resale Boutique, or by calling (727) 322-0316.

**Neighborhood Center (Last week's events):**

Sunday, January 11	9 a.m. - Faith Cathedral Church services (Turnout 16) 6 - 8 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting (Turnout 10)
Monday, January 12	1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Secure & Fit Exercise class (Turnout 12) 5:30 p.m. - EDAC meeting (Turnout 6)
Wednesday, January 7	7 a.m. - Rotary Club breakfast meeting (Turnout 25) 1:30 p.m. - Secure & Fit class (Turnout 10) 5:30 p.m. - Dog Obedience class (Turnout 9)

**Neighborhood Center (Upcoming events):**

Every Sunday	6 - 8 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous meeting
Every Monday & Wednesday	1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - FREE Well Quest exercise class
Every Wednesday	7 - 9 a.m. - St. Pete West Rotary Breakfast meeting

**Recreation Center**

The game room is reserved from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, February 14 for Stetson's *Salute the Troops* event.

Don't miss this month's fun and exciting Recreation Center activities! Call 727-893-1068 for additional information. Don't wait! Classes fill up fast.

The City of Gulfport invites you to join us for *The Incredibles* at the next *FREE* Movie on the Bay Friday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center Field. Mr. Incredible, A.K.A. Bob Parr and his wife Helen, A.K.A. Elastigirl are the world's greatest famous crime-fighting superheroes in Metroville. Always saving lives and battling evil on a daily basis. But fifteen years later, they have been forced to adopt civilian identities and retreat to the suburbs where they have no choice but to retire from being superheros and force to live a "normal life" with their three children Violet, Dash and Jack-Jack, who were secretly born with superpowers.

Bring your chairs, blankets, family and friends, and join in the holiday spirit under the stars! The Teen Council will offer popcorn, soda and water for purchase.

Three (3) regular Teen Council members, Cameron Harbachuk, Darcy Reed and Joseph Reed attended the Teen Council meeting on Tuesday evening. Topics discussed were the 4-H Community Grant and voting in of a new Secretary.

Since Katisha Diab was not present at the meeting, Cameron Harbachuk stated he would be willing to look into the 4-H Community Grants that are available if Katisha has not done so. This topic will be discussed further at the next meeting. The teens decided to wait to vote for a new Secretary until all members were present.

### ***Recreation Programs:***

- Forty-seven (47) children are registered for the 2008/2009 School Year Child Care Program. Three (3) are non-residents, and six (6) are registered for in-service. There were two (2) withdrawals this week.
- Twenty (20) children are registered for the Tot Time Program. Three (3) are non-residents.
- Contractual Classes currently in session: Beginners Watercolor, Creative Writing, Fencing, Gymnastics, Karate, Nia, Streetwise Self-Protection for Women, Stretch & Tone, Tai Chi & Health Recovery, Tennis, Walking Club, Watercolor and Yoga.
- Forty-three (43) teens are registered for the 2008/2009 Teen Night program. Five (5) are non-residents. Teen Night is for teens in grades 6-12.
- Eleven (11) FY08/09 Skate Park stickers have been sold to date, five (5) to non-residents.

### ***Staff Activities:***

Marivel Gutierrez attended the Leisure Services staff meeting at the Casino on Wednesday morning.

Marivel Gutierrez and the School Year Child Care staff attended the Arbor Day celebration at Gulfport Little League field on Friday. A few children read excerpts of the seedlings that were handed out, and a tree was planted in honor of Arbor Day.

Mike Worthington assisted the Teen Council with concessions for *Movies on the Bay* night on Friday evening. They sold popcorn, sodas and water.

John Lapham hosted the monthly Teen Council meeting in the game room on Tuesday evening.

## **Marina:**

### **Marina Services:**

Pumped four hundred forty nine (449) gallons of diesel fuel and four hundred twenty seven (427) gallons of gas, fueling fifty five (55) vessels.

Assisted in five (5) pump-outs, evacuating one hundred sixty (160) gallons of sewage. This free service is well received by the boating public and helps keep our waters clean.

Twelve (12) slip payments were received, and forty two (42) credit transactions processed.

### **Transient Vessels:**

Marina staff greeted the crews of a 50' motor boat from Connecticut, a 32' sailboat, a 28' shrimp boat, a 28' sailboat, a 26' sailboat, a 25' motorboat, and a 37' trawler. Welcome to Gulfport!

### **Marina Maintenance:**

- Installed new piling caps on the new sign.
- Prepared swim buoys for bottom paint.
- Prepared anchors for swim buoys.
- Repaired the gate located on the north-west corner of the Marina.
- Completed installation of the dock boxes for the BCYC slip renters.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

- 31 Emergency Medical Calls
- 2 Structure Fires
- 2 Vehicle Crashes
- 1 Transformer pole Fire
- 1 Single Engine Response
- 2 Elevator Rescues

### ***Life Safety:***

- 4 Inspections
- 4 Re-Inspections
- 2 CO Inspections

### **CERT Program:**

The CERT Executive Board met on January 17, 2009. Topics were succession planning, general enrollment and background checks, Funding and Operational issues of deployment, and documentation of training calendar for the year.

The next Basic Academy CERT Class will begin in February 2009. Please contact Lt. Pete Huffman for open enrollment.

### **Other Activities:**

- Eleven Cert Team members recertified in CPR on January 17. The course was Heartsaver with AED. Interim Chief Marenkovic and Firefighter/EMT Lesley Jordan were the lead instructors. Lt. Pete Huffman trained other team members in Medical Assessments.
- Interim Chief Marenkovic attended a Pinellas Advanced Life Support Providers (PALS) Meeting on January 20. Topic of discussion was Deletion on NIBP (Automatic Blood Pressures). Patient Care Reports are now to be written in blue ink. Lift assistance calls are now to be made as Patient refusal of care with documentation.
- Interim Chief Marenkovic, Lieutenant Poirrier and Lieutenant Huffman had a quarterly supervisors meeting. Discussed were Personnel on shifts, NFPA 1410 drills, Uniform policy, Engine 17 maintenance and other internal operational issues.
- Gulfport Fire Department participated in South County Fire Training with South Pasadena, Treasure Island and St. Pete Beach on January 19, 20 & 21. The topics were the dynamics of Elevator Operations and Elevator Rescues.
- Two St. Petersburg College students, one a paramedic, the other an EMT continue to ride with Gulfport Fire utilizing Gulfport paramedics as preceptors/mentors.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Administration**

Lieutenant Vincent attended the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation meeting representing the Pinellas Police Standards Council and the Florida Police Chief's Association. These organizations are asking the legislature to reduce unfunded mandates to local governments, and to continue funding for the Tampa FDLE crime lab and the Pinellas Juvenile Assessment Center.

### **Patrol**

Offenses	25
Arrests	7
DUI	0
Parking Tickets	10
Traffic Citations	80
COV	1

The patrol commander has designated one officer per squad to work primarily on traffic enforcement. This is a trial effort which will be evaluated after several months to see if it has an impact on crashes, and to consider the effect it may have on our ability to respond to other calls for service

Four people attacked and robbed a man as he pulled into his driveway in the 5100 block of Tangerine Avenue. The robbers hit the victim in the head with a gun and then stole his car. Sergeant Stone spotted the car shortly afterward and pursued it for several miles before losing sight of it near 31<sup>st</sup> Street and 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. St. Petersburg officers located the vehicle the next day and apprehended two sixteen year-olds, charging them with being a principal to armed carjacking. Police are still looking for the other two suspects.

A resident in the 5100 block of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue called police because a neighbor was calling her names. The Officer was able to restore peace.

A security guard fell into the very cold water at Pasadena Yacht & Country Club marina and was having difficulty getting out. Police and fire personnel responded to assist.

GPD responded to a report of a crash in the 6300 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. A resident struck a neighbor's house when pulling into her driveway. She claimed to have been distracted by a man walking a dog nearby. No injuries or serious structure damage. Police investigated and determined it was a civil matter entirely on private property.

GPD arrested Kenneth Baker in the 2600 block of 54<sup>th</sup> Street on outstanding warrants for failure to pay fines or appear in court on four citations issued for violations of Gulfport's noise ordinance. Several residents have complained over the past few months about loud music from Baker's house, and he has been cited numerous times. Because he ignored the citations, the court issued warrants for his arrest

### **Investigations**

Lieutenant Vincent prepared a release and responded to media inquiries regarding a carjacking that occurred over the weekend.

Several local and a few national media outlets have inquired about the presentation of the lifesaving medal to the Hoang children. Video from the council meeting has been released to True TV as well as to a national media conglomerate IRD.

New cases	6
Assigned	3
Closed	3
Cleared with arrest	0
Unfounded	0
Supplements received	11
Cleared with arrest	0
Suspended	4
Exceptionally cleared	1
No crime	0
Cases still active:	6

Detective Parks was called in over the weekend for a carjacking that occurred in the City. Using descriptions given by the victim, he created composite photo images of what the suspects looked like. He was called in the next night after St. Petersburg Police pursued the stolen car and arrested two juveniles. Detective Parks interviewed the juveniles, who were charged with principal in the first degree to carjacking.

Detective Pham stopped a vehicle that was involved in a retail theft at the Walgreens in Gulfport. He and Officer Kellington apprehended the suspects and recovered stolen items from the vehicle. Detective Hanh Pham also discovered more items in the vehicle, in which the owner has not been identified. He will send out a bulletin to surrounding agencies regarding the items in question.

Youth Resource Officer White recovered a runaway from St. Petersburg. She also went to a mentoring class in Palm Harbor, and started her tutoring session with a child from Gulfport Elementary School

Sergeant Burkhart closed a case where a \$4,800.00 Les Paul guitar was stolen. After speaking to a possible suspect, the guitar was returned to the owner unharmed.

On top of the assigned cases, all ISD personnel have been working on the Joy Foods robbery, following up on more than 20 leads. Detectives have also been working with St. Petersburg Police Robbery Detectives due to both agencies having connected robbery cases.

### **Records**

Records requests:	28
Reports reviewed:	59
Supplements reviewed:	50
Bike Registrations:	1
Fingerprints:	3
Vehicle checks:	1

### **Communications**

Communications Officers handled 16 911 calls, 548 inbound administrative calls, and placed 139 outbound calls.

Communications Officers were also responsible for handling and processing 784 CAD log entries, 80 citation entries and 2 database entries.

### **Policy Compliance Unit**

The accreditation assessment has been scheduled for April 4 - 9, 2009. A mock assessment is planned for March 3 - 5, 2009.

Officer Kellington completed a course in covert surveillance techniques.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

#### **Building Maintenance:**

- Repaired two toilets and door lock at Little League building.
- Replaced two ballasts in locker room at the Police Department.
- Installed storm panels and hardware at lift stations 1 & 2.
- Repaired heating on A/C unit at the Recreation Center.
- Repaired toilet at the Dog Park.
- Installed lettering on awning at Theatre.
- Repaired chair at Senior Center.
- Replaced two ballasts at Library.
- Continued scheduled and emergency maintenance of City facilities.

#### **Streets & Sanitation:**

- Filled road obstructions with E-Z patch cold asphalt citywide.
- Removed & replaced holiday banners along Beach & Gulfport Boulevards and 49<sup>th</sup> Street.

- Removed 16 loads of asphalt from Tangerine Avenue between 54<sup>th</sup> & 53<sup>rd</sup> Streets for roadwork project.
- Unloaded and stored 238 additional 90-gallon automated trash carts.
- Graded beach parking lot and added shell where needed.
- Installed new traffic control devices at 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 54<sup>th</sup> Street; 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue & 56<sup>th</sup> Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 56<sup>th</sup> Street, and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue & 54<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Sidewalk work completed in the 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 56<sup>th</sup> Street area.
- Distributed sanitation survey door hangers to new automated customers for container requirements.
- Filled roadway cut with millings at the Town Shores 58<sup>th</sup> Street entrance.
- Forty-eight brush and special pickup work orders completed from 1/08 to 1/14.
- Performed daily vehicle safety and maintenance check lists.
- Recycling personnel added several new containers/pickups to route and replaced old and broken bins. If interested in participating in the recycling program, please contact 893-1089 for information and request a recycling bin.

### **Water:**

- Daily Chloramines sampling at the points of connection to water distribution system.
- Daily inspection and read of Wholesale meters.
- Completed routes #31, 32, 33, & 34 of the monthly meter reading schedule.
- Placed 165 reminder notices on doors that water payment has not been received.
- Disconnected water service at 52 locations for non-payment of service.
- Completed 1 non pay recheck to confirm water services are still off.
- Completed 96 miscellaneous service orders generated by Customer Service department.
- Completed 7 Sunshine One-Call Call before digging utility locates.
- Reviewed permit applications for fences, driveways and irrigation.
- Collected bay water sample between the Pier and the Casino for quality testing.
- Collected water samples for main line clearance section #1.
- Repaired water break at 5004 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.
- Repaired water service and rebuilt backflow at 2855 51<sup>st</sup> Street South.
- Regraded and compacted base material on Tangerine Avenue & 54<sup>th</sup> Street South.

### **Sewer**

- Daily preventive maintenance and service to lift stations 1 & 2.
- Daily rain fall check and documentation.
- Daily ground water elevation recording.
- Daily per trip vehicle check inspection.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance check on lift stations 1 & 2.
- Weekly generator exercise and preventive maintenance at Police and Fire Departments.
- Painted new pump stands at lift station #2.

### **Vehicle Maintenance**

- Replaced cracked thermostat and housings in Lightning Loader #35.
- Repaired transmission oil leak in Building Department Vehicle #03.
- Replaced steering column bushings and broken steering column clamp in Police Vehicle #18.
- Replaced broken pantograph arm for windshield wiper on driver's side of Beach Trolley #95.

- Performed routine maintenance, repairs, etc on various City vehicles.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **Building**

The Building Division is working on the development of an insurance inspection program for wind retrofitting. The program will require a property owner to fill out an application requesting an inspection. Inspections will be scheduled around building inspection activities.

Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) is conducting their 5 year audit of the Building Division. ISO assigns classifications from 1 to 10 based on the effectiveness of Building Departments with 1 being the highest and 10 the lowest rank. Gulfport has a ranking of 3. These rankings are used by insurance companies in assigning premiums.

### **Planning**

The Planning Division has been working on the Public School Facilities Element and associated ordinance. Due to a notice problem for the adoption hearing, the ordinance will be re-heard on February 3, 2009. The State completed their review of the element and had no objections. Staff will immediately begin working on a set of Land Development Regulations to implement the element upon its adoption. This is a mandated project.

Staff continues to work with TBE Group on the Evaluation and Appraisal Report Based Comprehensive Plan amendments. There were several objections raised during the State review which are taking longer to address than originally anticipated. This is a mandated project.

Staff had recently completed a draft of the fertilizer ordinance which will be reheard on 1<sup>st</sup> reading on February 3, 2009. The ordinance sets forth regulations involving the sale and application of fertilizer.

TBE Group is also working on the 49<sup>th</sup> Street and Waterfront Redevelopment Projects and work products should be forthcoming soon.

Staff hopes to present conceptual commercial architectural guidelines to the Planning and Zoning Board and the City Council in February or March. The concepts will help provide staff with direction in the development of a set of regulations that will affect new development and redevelopment within the commercial areas of the Waterfront Redevelopment Area. Concepts will focus on the preservation of the character of the area and will likely have several components.

The countywide Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Plan is currently being updated due to FEMA mandated changes. Staff is actively participating in this countywide effort. The LMS is an important mitigation tool for the City since it plays a very important role in pre-storm mitigation and in the Community Rating System (CRS) Program that the City voluntarily participates to achieve a 15% flood insurance premium reduction for residents who live in the 100-year floodplain and have active flood insurance policies.

## Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement sector activities continue in Section 2 of the City, also known as the Northeast Area, which generally extends north to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, south to Gulfport Boulevard, west to 58<sup>th</sup> Street and east to 49<sup>th</sup> Street.

To review the Code Enforcement Activities documents for more detailed information and a map of the code enforcement areas, please visit the Special Documents section of the City's website at [www.ci.gulfport.fl.us](http://www.ci.gulfport.fl.us).

There are no cases scheduled **February 4, 2009 Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency (P&Z/LPA)** at this time.

There are no cases scheduled **February 11, 2009 Board of Adjustment** at this time.

**March 4, 2009 Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency (P&Z/LPA) and March 17, 2009 City Council/CRA:**

- Application #S09-01; 5332 Gulfport Boulevard; Site Plan to request change of use of a structure from Residential to Commercial Retail.
- Application #C09-01; 5519 Shore Boulevard; Conditional Use request to remove time limits on outdoor seating for a restaurant. No other changes are requested to existing structure and use.

The **Waterfront Redevelopment Advisory Board (WRAB)** meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2009.

The **Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)** meets on the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the 49<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Center. Due to vacancies and the inability to hold a quorum, the next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2009.

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Admission: **FREE (Open to the Public) FREE**

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Exhibits and booths hosted by various state and local agencies.

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Do-not-call/Opt-out registration kiosks.

Two brief informational elder protection presentations.

Continental breakfast foods and beverages will be provided.

Door prizes will be given at various times throughout the event.

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