

8th Annual Tour of Homes



The streets of Gulfport were bustling last Saturday with the eighth annual Pink Flamingo Tour of homes hosted by the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce.

"This tour was a wonderful example of our 1920's history. In contrast, was the fabulous 1960's home of Doug and Leonardo." Said Dolly Tickell, event coordinator.

Pictured is the beautifully period renovated home of John Thompson. John was laying tile in his soon to be master bedroom during the tour.

Gulfport's Loss: Judy Ryerson



Mother,
Friend,
Civic
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Dies at 72

Judy Ryerson, a founding member of the Gulfport Community Players, former Ward One council member, President of the Gulfport Historical Society, and tireless volunteer for countless other efforts in the Gulfport community, died in her sleep on Thursday, March 8. She was 72.

Those new to Gulfport may know Judy only as a former councilwoman.

That doesn't begin to describe her. Judy's love affair with Gulfport started well before

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Landslide, Recount and Close Calls in Area Elections



A recount for the ward one Gulfport council race was held Wednesday afternoon at the Pinellas County Supervisor of elections office.

Gulfport

Incumbent Jennifer Salmon wins over Jim Perry by 1,084 to 695 votes in Ward III

Incumbent David Hastings loses to Dan Liedtke by nine votes after a Wednesday afternoon recount for the seat in Ward I.

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St. Pete Beach

Lorraine Huhn won by 34 votes over incumbent Al Halpern in the St. Pete Beach run-off election for District One.

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Nine Votes wins Gulfport's Ward One Race

By Cathy Salustri

After almost four months of campaigning, three debates, and thousands of dollars in campaign contributions, it came down to nine votes Tuesday night.

Ward One Challenger Dan Liedtke beat incumbent David Hastings by nine votes, less than 1/2 of one percent of the 1,867 votes cast. State law mandated the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections perform a machine recount of the ballots.

This is the county's third recount; last year, the county canvassing board held a machine recount for the St. Pete Beach mayoral race. The county canvassing board consists of a county judge Patrick Caddell, county-commissioner designated commissioner Norm Roche, and supervisor of elections Deborah Clark, according to Nancy Whitlock, Communications Director for the Supervisor of Elections.

The canvassing board met at 1:00 on Wednesday and finished the recount by 2:10.

"It's good to know when the system works," Commissioner Roche said.

Before the recount, the numbers showed Liedtke leading by seven votes, but two provisional votes went to Liedtke.

The Gabber called Liedtke Tuesday night for comment.

"I won by seven votes?" he asked. "Wow. I'm very pleased. I think we ran an open honest race. I'm very thankful and I'm ready to get to work."

After the recount, which Liedtke and his wife Michelle attended, he thanked the supervisor of elections, Deborah Clark.

"I'm just very thankful that I've been able to work with such a group of professionals in Pinellas County," Liedtke said after the recount. "We should have our full faith and trust in the election process and the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections. They do an outstanding job for the citizens of Pinellas County. I'm also thankful that I'm going to get the chance to work with the fine people in Gulfport."

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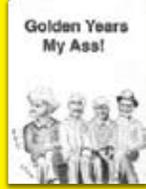
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Large Dog Park Closes for Maintenance

Large Dog Park is closed from Monday, March 26th through Friday, March 30th for general maintenance. Large dogs will use the small dog park on Tuesday and Thursday while small dogs will have the Monday, Wednesday and Friday schedule. Parks will reopen the Large Dog Park on Saturday, March 31 at 9 a.m.

The City appreciates your patience throughout this process. Please

contact Bob Williams at 727-893-1066 if you have any questions regarding the closure of the park.

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Car Wash to Benefit Teacher

There will be a car wash to benefit Mrs. Myers, a teacher at Gulfport Elementary who is fighting cancer, on Saturday, March 17th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Advanced Auto Parts on the corner of 49th St. and 22nd Ave. S. Come on out and get the pollen washed off your car for a great cause that will help a great lady!

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The City of South Pasadena is seeking two volunteers to serve on the Finance Advisory Committee and one volunteer to serve on the Planning & Zoning Board. Applications are available in the City Clerk's office, 7047 Sunset Drive S. in South Pasadena. For more information call 727-347-4171.

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In the Gabber "A Snapshot of Campaign Fundraising" Bob Newcomb was listed as Executive Director of the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce. He is the Executive Director but contributed as an individual to these candidates, not as a representative of the Chamber. The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce does not endorse political candidates and this should not be indicative of a Chamber endorsement.

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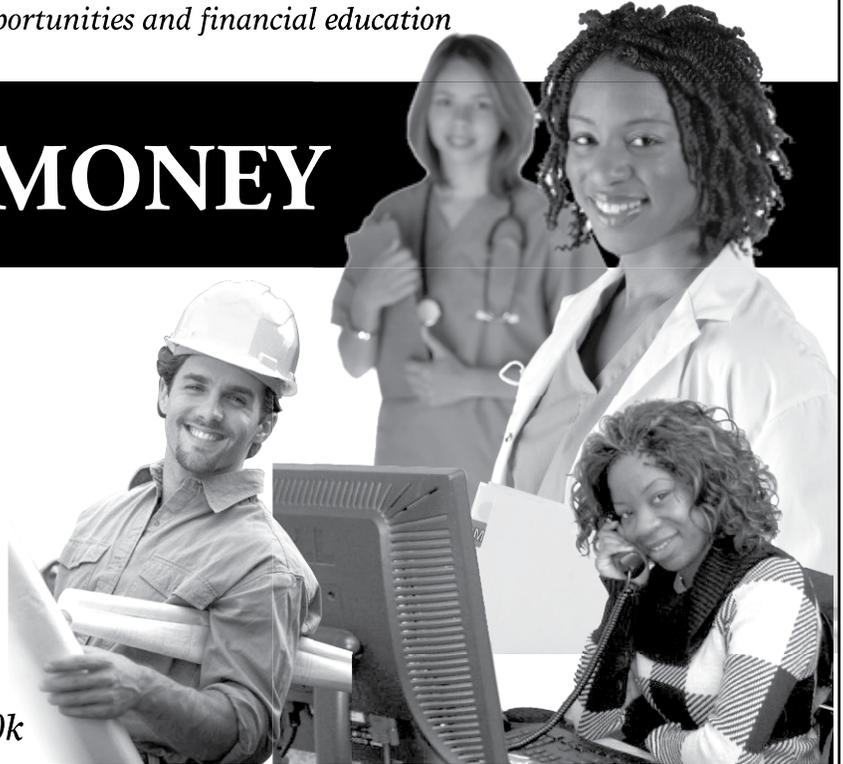
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Saturday, March 17th
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Sierra Club to show the Movie “Bag It”

Suncoast Sierra Club presents the funny, informative, award-winning documentary “Bag It” at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 15 at The Studio@620, 620 First Avenue S. in St Petersburg. A suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated. “Bag It” follows “everyman” Jeb Berrier as he navigates our plastic world. Jeb is not a radical environmentalist, but an average American who decides to take a closer look at our cultural love affair with plastics. Jeb’s journey starts with simple questions: Are plastic bags really necessary? What are plastic bags made from? What happens to plastic bags after they are

discarded? What he learns quickly grows far beyond plastic bags. Watch the “bag it” movie trailer here: <http://www.bagitmovie.com/trailer.html>.

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Community Band to Perform at Casino

The South Pasadena Community Band will present a free concert on March 15 at 7:30 p.m. Come join Musical Director Max Millspaugh and the band for a little bit of Irish and brass. Selections include Fantasia on an Irish Hymn, Ireland, Tiptoe

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The Gulf Beaches Rotary Club in partnership with City of Treasure Island and the Edward's Family Foundation will be hosting its second annual Spring Fling, which will take place at the Treasure Island Community Center and Park, located at 1 Park Place (Gulf Boulevard and 106th Avenue), Treasure Island from Thursday, March 15 through Sunday, March 18th. This 4 day, fun-filled event will provide a collection of carnival rides, live entertainment with both local and national acts

and some awesome food and craft vendors.

American Idol Finalist Michael "Big Mike" Lynche will headline on Saturday night at 8:30 p.m.

Admission is free. The proceeds from the event will benefit local charities and other non-profit organizations.

Ride-All-Day Wristbands for the carnival rides can be purchased in advance at a discounted rate at www.wadeshows.com.

Event parking is available for \$5 at TI Gulf Front Park, 10400 Gulf Boulevard or on the beach directly behind TI Gulf Front Park. The entrance to the beach is located at the

St. Petersburg Municipal Lot located at 112th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard, across from the Waffle House.

Please contact the Treasure Island Recreation Department at 727-547-4575, ext. 237 for more detailed information. Visit the City of Treasure Island's website at www.mytreasureisland.org for additional information and entertainment lineup.

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Course will be held on Wednesday, March 21 from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing in St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$25 per family. There is a maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration is required. Register on-line at www.boating-stpete.org.

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The Trolley loop stops are Essex Ave. S. & Beach Blvd. S., 31st Ave.

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If you are looking for additional parking for your vehicle and would like to take the trolley into the Waterfront district, you can park at Ted Phillips Wood Ibis Park (58th St.

S. and 28th Ave. S.), The Recreation Center (3750 Shore Blvd. S.), The Library (5501 28th Ave. S. – enter on the 27th Ave. S. side), The Senior Center (5501 27th Ave. S. and Chase Park – (Parking by the Dog Park 2726 54th St. S. and behind the Gulfport Museum 5301 28th Ave. S.).

For more information on the trolley, contact 727-893-2237.

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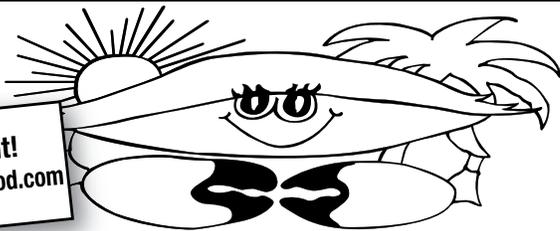
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Beautification Awards Contest

The City of South Pasadena announces the beginning of their 2012 Beautification Awards Contest. The awards will be for First place and runner up in single dwelling, multiple dwelling and commercial categories. First place winners receive framed certificates and signs for property. Runner ups receive a framed certificate. The awards presentation will be held at the Arbor Day celebration on April 27 at 6 p.m. in Galatea Garden at 7015 Sunset Drive S. Information broadcasted on TV Channel 615. For more information contact the Public Works Dept. at 727-384-0701.

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29th Annual Senior Hall of Fame Nominations

ST. PETERSBURG- Do you know a senior citizen who deserves recognition for the services provided to the community? The Office on Aging is seeking nominations for inductions into the prestigious 29th Annual Senior Hall of Fame honoring volunteers over the age of 65. Nominees must be a resident of Pinellas County and have dedicated their service to benefit the residents or community of St. Petersburg.

Previous inductees include volunteers from various non-profit organizations such as the Florida Orchestra, museums, schools, churches, neighborhood associations, military groups, police, and many more.

St. Petersburg Mayor Bill Foster will emcee the awards ceremony at the Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth Street

North on Wednesday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m. Certificates for all nominees and prizes for the inductees will be awarded.

Please call 727-893-7101 for an application or visit the website www.stpeteparksrec.org/sunshine-senior-center.html for an on-line application. Deadline for applications is May 4.

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All donations will be acknowledged with signage at the bar during post game festivities. Whenever possible your logo will be used on promotional or thank you materials.

For more information contact Joe or Maddy Guenther or call 323-8643.

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Clydesdales and Motorcycles

The Suncoasters of St. Petersburg kick start Honda Grand Prix race weekend with the BB&T and Progress Energy Illuminated Night Parade on

Thursday, March 22nd in downtown St. Petersburg.

The parade will start at 7:30 p.m. and will feature the always daring Indianapolis Motorcycle Drill Team, the Budweiser Clydesdales, and many of the Grand Prix drivers including Simon Pagenaud, Katherine Legge and Jay Howard!.

The "Second Time Arounders Band" will celebrate their 30th year and will be joined by at least eight local marching bands including Admiral Farragut Academy, Seminole High School, St. Pete High School, Dixie Hollins High School, Pinellas Park High School, Northeast High School, Lakewood High School and John Hopkins Middle School.

They will be joined by an impressive line up of entries including the Tampa Bay Rays street team, All Children's Hospital Clown Alley, several local Krewes, the Egypt Shriners, Radio Disney, Ronald McDonald, floats and more!

The parade will begin at Central Avenue and 5th Street, travel east on Central, then head north on 2nd Street, then east on 1st Avenue, then north on Beach Drive to the end at 5th Avenue North.

After the parade, the "Second Time Arounders" will perform in South Straub Park followed by a spectacular fireworks display along the waterfront!

All downtown parking garages will be open to the public. Handicap parking is available on the south side of 5th Avenue N., east of Beach Drive in front of the Vinoy Marina.

The Suncoasters of St. Petersburg have proudly produced events in celebration of the City of St. Petersburg since 1956.

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Orchid Society to hold Annual Orchid Auction

The Florida West Coast Orchid Society will hold their annual orchid auction on Saturday, March 31st at SW Southwest Recreation Complex, 13120 Vonn Road in Largo. Event features blooming and non-blooming orchid species and hybrids. Preview is at 8:30 a.m. and the auction begins at 9 a.m. Admission and parking are free. Call Ruth Cannon 727-550-7993.

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The first is Hot Date Night on Friday, March 16th from 6-10 p.m. where you can blow your own green beer drinking vessel. Couples will work with experienced IAC glass blowing instructors to choose colors and create a hand-blown drinking vessel.

The second event is Ladies Night on Friday, March 30th from 6-10 p.m. Ladies are invited to create their choice of objects on the IAC's 8-course glass blowing menu. Available objects include the new long neck bud vase, plus ornaments, drinking vessels and small bowls. Space is limited, so reservations are required.

For information, call the Industrial Arts Center at 727-289-9365. The IAC is located at 2902A Beach Boulevard S. in the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard.

Veterans Group to Serve Pancakes

The Veterans of South Pinellas County will hold their 2nd Annual Charity Pancake Breakfast at the Hurricane Restaurant on historic Pass-A-Grille on Saturday, March 31st from 8 a.m. to noon.

This year's event has the participation of the 320th MP Co. of the U.S. Army who will be providing military vehicles and a U.S. Army rock climbing wall. The Armed Forces Museum in Largo will display a 1970's vintage 2½ ton transportation truck used by the U.S. Army. Antique fire engines will be on display and Merrick Frost will perform a magic show for those in attendance.

Pancakes, breakfast meats, coffee, juice and milk will be served on the 3rd floor of the Hurricane which has a magnificent view of both the Gulf and the Pass-A-Grille Channel.

The proceeds of the Pancake Breakfast will be donated in part to the St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops Organization (SPBSOP) that has been sending care packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan for the past decade. Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Gary Lee Littrell, US Army Medal of Honor Recipient *Gabber March 15 - March 21, 2012*

and St. Pete Beach resident will also be in attendance. Littrell has stated in the past that the efforts of SPBSOP not only help our military but save lives by making candy and other items available for distribution to the local children and citizens.

SGT Joel Tavera, USMC will join in the celebration as a representative of Building Homes for Heroes (BHFH). Tavera is one of the most severely wounded warriors returned from the Iraq conflict. BHFH donated a new home to Tavera late last year in Lutz, Florida and are currently working towards a major renovation for Specialist B. J. Jackson in the Orlando area to which much of the proceeds of this event will be donated.

The Hurricane will be dressed out in full military regalia with American and POW flags lining the streets at the

event. Advance tickets are available at the Hurricane Restaurant and at Tierra Verde Hardware.

Luncheon to Benefit Clothes to Kids

Clothes To Kids will host their annual Clothe a Child Fundraising Luncheon on Thursday, March 22nd, from 12-1 p.m. at The Coliseum in St. Petersburg. The price for one ticket is \$50. (\$50 is what it costs CTK to provide a low-income, school-age child with a week's worth of clothing.) Table sponsorships begin at \$400 for a table of eight. Visit www.clothestokids.org to purchase tickets. No tickets will be available at the door. Call Jennifer Jacobs at 327-7100, ext. 226 or jenniferj@clothestokids.org.

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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

Thanks to all who participated in the 2012 Great Backyard Bird Count. According to an article in the Gabber, the club's participation helped in more data being collected from Gulfport residents than in previous years.

It's time to get ready for the business meeting, tea and flower show. It will be held on April 12th at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street S. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the business meeting and tea. Committee leaders will give yearly reports and officers will be elected to serve next year.

The club will provide food and drink for the tea with members contributing \$5 each toward a portion of the cost. Please send your check (payable to Gulfport Garden and Bird Club) to Barbara Dye by April 9th.

Plant judging will be held after the tea. Plant and floral arrangements will be judged by Garden Club members. Categories are: Arrangements over 12 Inches; Arrangements Under 12 Inches; Silk or Dry Arrangements; Oriental Arrangements; Foliage Plants; Flowering Plants; Miniature Arrangements (less than 6"x6"). Prizes will be awarded so bring your best artistic creation.

Membership dues for next year will be collected starting at the April meeting. The \$5 fee (check payable to Gulfport Garden and Bird Club) must be paid before June in order to have your name included in the yearbook.

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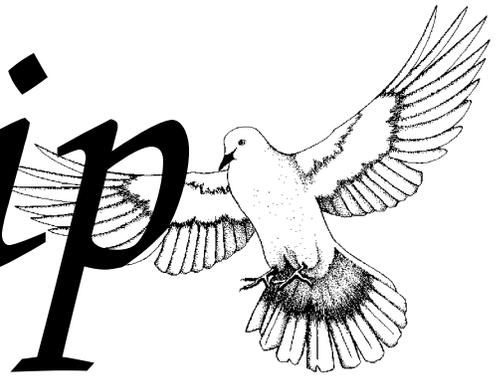
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Huhn Wins on St. Pete Beach

By Cathy Salustri

Lorraine Huhn won her race to represent District One residents by 34 votes.

The election, a run-off between incumbent Al Halpern and challenger Huhn, had a voter turnout of almost 38% of the district's 1,767 registered voters. Of the 660 voters casting a ballot in District One, 347 voted for Huhn and 313 voted for Halpern.

Voters cast all but 202 of those votes on election day.

Voters cast 237 absentee ballots in favor of Huhn; Halpern had 221 absentee voters in his favor.

Huhn will take office at the next St. Pete Beach commission meeting on March 27. The commission meets at 6 p.m.; at this time, the commission will also decide on a vice mayor.

Halpern served two consecutive two-year terms. Tuesday morning he told the Gabber he bore no ill-will towards Huhn.

"I truly respect our representative governmental process that we have in this country and I do realize that the majority rules. Even if it's by one

vote, I can respect that. The majority of the people voted for a change, and I wish Lorraine all the luck in the world," he said Tuesday morning.

Ms. Huhn did not return the Gabber's call in time for the print edition.

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Junior League to hold Open House

ST. PETERSBURG- The Junior League of St. Petersburg (JLSP) is pleased to announce it will be holding two informational open houses providing prospective members an opportunity ask questions about JLSP membership and hear from current members on experiences as part of one of the most dynamic, service-driven groups of women in the Tampa Bay area.

The new member open house will take place on Thursday, March 22 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at All Children's Hospital Education and Conference Center, 701 Fourth Street S. in St. Petersburg.

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Solution on Page 18

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- 5 Sewer
- 9 Declare
- 13 Tied
- 14 Net
- 15 Hindu god
- 16 Jack
- 19 Verse of praise
- 20 Slip a ____
- 21 Busy airport
- 22 Has a change of address
- 24 One ____ million
- 25 Jack
- 31 Letter decoration
- 32 Japanese herb
- 33 Radial or spare
- 34 Oahu souvenir
- 35 Heathen
- 37 Espied
- 38 Soon
- 40 Big van
- 41 Vends
- 43 Jack
- 47 Poorly lit
- 48 Build
- 49 Footless creatures
- 52 Yevtushenko's *Babi* ____

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- 1 Nil
- 2 Roman poet
- 3 Gray-brown goose
- 4 Chang's twin
- 5 Scant
- 6 Broadcast
- 7 Neither Rep. nor Dem.
- 8 Once called
- 9 Pavement material
- 10 Passport adjunct
- 11 Unending
- 12 Funny Martha
- 14 Hot spot
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- 23 Get cozy
- 24 Sacred image
- 25 Ms. Davis
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- 36 Trouble
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- 42 NY summer time
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- 45 Audition
- 46 Raises
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- 50 Kind of shirt
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- 54 Evergreen
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- 58 MA cape
- 59 Corn or pod start
- 60 Brouhaha

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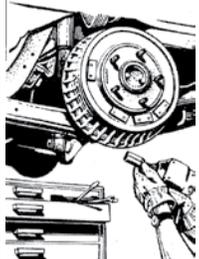
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March Classes at IAC

Registration is open this month for several classes at the Industrial Arts Center, located in the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard.

There's only one day left to register for the next Sculptural Welding series with Jonathan Schork. This month's course is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 10-4, and Sunday, March 18, 12-5.

Glass Blowing 101 & 102, for beginning students, is scheduled on Sunday, March 18, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The Fun With Torches lampwork series with instructor Jason Bourgholtzer is scheduled Monday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 21, from 6-9 p.m. both nights.

For information about any of these classes or special events visit www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org or call 727-289-9365.

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Volunteers Needed for Gulfport Arts Center

Volunteers are needed to help host the Open Studio for Artists on Saturdays mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the City of Imagination-Gulfport Arts Center. By volunteering you get to use the space for free that day; responsibilities are just to lock and unlock the space, and be sure it is tidy before you leave.

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Calling all Crafters and Artisans

Girls Incorporated of Pinellas is now accepting applications for "Crafts in the Park," a premier showcase for handmade crafts and custom artisans scheduled for all day Saturday, March 17th in Pinellas Park. Crafts in the Park is part of the larger Country in the Park weekend celebration sponsored by the City of Pinellas Park and the Pinellas Park/Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

Crafts in the Park attracts crafters from all over Florida and as far away as New York. Attendance records in recent years have topped 20,000.

Vendor spaces are 10' x10' and are \$50 for Saturday. Space is available for 125 crafters. Vendors have the option of setting up Friday afternoon and selling on Friday evening March 16th during the wildly popular Chili Blaze Cook-Off sponsored by Pinellas Park Firefighters. The vendor fee for selling Friday evening is \$25. The fee is \$75 for both Friday and Saturday.

Vendor registration fees benefit Girls Incorporated of Pinellas, a non-profit youth development organization in Pinellas which operates an empowerment-based before/after school program and a full time summer day camp for girls ages 5-17. Visit the Girls Inc. website at www.girlsinc-pinellas.org.

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Happy 95th Birthday, Marie!



Marie Grosso celebrated her 95th birthday on February 20, 2012 with Gary Cannon and Pat Bailey at her favorite place - Gulfport Restaurant. She also had a special visit from her grandson Robert Cannon, Jr. from California. Marie is the oldest member and a charter member of Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Gulfport.

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The conjunction of Mercury, the minister of communication, and Uranus, Captain Explodes-a-Lot, makes for some wildly complicated exchanges. Communication is always multi-leveled, but now the levels have levels and those sublevels have sublevels, which wouldn't be a problem if we weren't so consciously aware of it all. Compassion and forgiveness are the remedies to discord. The equinox will help balance out hot emotions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People around you will be mighty distracted this week, so you'll have to use special tactics to get through. For instance, ask for the attention you need. And speak the name of your beloved to focus this person on what you're saying and what you want. (People love and fear the sound of their own name!)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There will be key moments during the week, most likely on Wednesday and Thursday, in which all eyes are on you. Hopefully, you'll like the way it feels to be the most important person in the room in those moments. The rest of the time, you'll enjoy giving your attention and support to others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have friends and family who miss you dearly, and this is the perfect week to catch up with them. Sometimes you're afraid to call because you think the conversation will take too long. But this week's social discourse promises to be quite manageable and pleasant. On top of that, much good comes of it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your ambition may hurt you some now. Keep your goals challenging, but not so challenging that you are daunted by the very idea of them. Scale it down to what you can realistically accomplish, and then nudge it up ever so slightly. Aim for consistency; a plan that builds slow-but-sure momentum will be best.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). More than any other factor, attitude will determine your success or failure.

Take the time to get into a good mood. Maybe that means going for a walk, reading comics or talking to your favorite person. Before, you may have considered these kinds of efforts superfluous, but now you will know their critical impact.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As the sign of entertainment, you are typically highly attuned to the signals your audience gives you, especially when that audience is just one person. You'll know when to change the subject or end a conversation. Not everyone is so brilliant in this regard. You'll act as a director, keeping the action moving along.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Grab a pen and use it often this week. You'll be mentally sharp and cosmically aligned with the intellect of great thinkers. Your free associations and doodles could produce magical results. Note that the mechanics of writing, as opposed to keyboarding, will work in your favor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll alternate between having it all together and moments when you feel like you're spinning out of control. Your process is normal. When you spin out, it's best not to fight it, but to relax into the spin. There actually is a direction, and you'll see it once you calm down and get a better perspective.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are so clever and mischievous this week that it would be a shame to waste any energy scheming for others. Use your wit to trick yourself instead! Trick yourself into getting started on a big project and thinking of it as fun instead of work. Also trick yourself into delighting in healthy choices.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You won't move forward until you start giving yourself credit for what you've already accomplished. Think only of what you've done, not of what you still have to do, wish you would have done, or will do tomorrow. Write down your accomplishments so that you can build on those successes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If your insides are not matching up

with your outsides, you're like most people. Hiding your feelings and screening your thoughts are skills that help you survive and thrive in the human family, not bad habits to be ashamed of. You're normal, talented and doing better than you think.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Seek the company of healthy, smart, interesting people. Try to get to know people you find attractive. It won't always work out, but it only has to work out once to make a huge difference in your life. One relationship will help you do something remarkable, like change your relationship with food or find your passion.

This Week's Birthdays: Believe in your inherent luckiness, and you will continue to be lucky. In April, you'll experience the equivalent of finding money on the ground. There will be warmth and comfort in your personal connections, especially in May, when you'll be establishing new domestic habits and style. You'll give presentations and will make a difference for a group you belong to in July. Travel is featured in August and November. You'll be honored and awarded at the end of 2012.

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Thursday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Karaoke by Cookie and Dave

Friday, 2-4:00 p.m.

Entertainment by "Geno"

Saturday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Music for listening & dancing by Chicago Rich

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Fun in the Sun Day Returns

The “Fun In The Sun” Day children’s event is presented by the City of Gulfport and Stetson College of Law Public Service Fellows. The event is Saturday, April 7th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Gulfport Recreation Center (5730 Shore Blvd. S.). The free festivities will include an egg hunt for children ages 8 and under, a raffle for baskets, inflatables, entertainment, food and fun. Children will also have the opportunity to climb into the driver’s seat of their favorite vehicle: police car, police boat, fire truck, ambulance, garbage truck and many more. Remember to bring a basket for the egg hunt and a camera to capture a photo with Peter Cottontail. Please come join them for this wonderful event!

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: *Main Street*

Q: Why is this GREAT opportunity (Main Street) being ignored by our elected officials, our Merchants Association and our Chamber of Commerce? – Lynne DiVenuti

A: We asked the Merchant’s Association, the Chamber of Commerce, councilwoman Barbara Banno, and the city manager to talk to us about this question.

Leslie Gilchrist of the Merchant’s Association told us the Association has considered the program, but “it would require someone to make a full time commitment to making it happen and most of the merchants put all their time into their businesses. There were other reasons we didn’t feel it was a good fit. There are opportunities everywhere, doesn’t make them all great.”

City manager Jim O’Reilly said that the city looked at the program but the city already does much of what the program suggests, such as event support, zoning, and landscaping. Also, he added, it would require a great deal of time, energy and money – not just from the city, but the businesses.

“Main Street is a program that requires large scale private business community and private property owner support and investment of not just money, but time and energy. The creation of the required Main Street Board of Directors with an Executive Director would mean that the program would replace the city’s efforts,” O’Reilly said.

Councilwoman Barbara Banno looked into the Main Street issue, meeting with representatives from Grand Central District’s Main Street program, attending Main Street meetings, and holding a Gulfport town hall meeting about the issue. She told the Gabber she ultimately decided not to pursue the program based on feedback from the Merchant’s Association and the Chamber of Commerce, but she says if businesses change their mind and want her to pursue Main Street, she’d be glad to take her fellow council members for discussion.

That doesn’t mean the city and business associations wouldn’t consider the program again. It simply means that the businesses need to put their time, effort, and funding behind it.

“If those specific property owners directly affected or impacted by such a program would like to pursue the creation of a Main Street program further and accept the appropriate roles and responsibilities, I am sure that city would endorse the private sectors efforts with the program,” O’Reilly said.

Have a question about the way your city works or why it does what it does? Send it to News@theGabber.com.



Gulfport Leisure

Recreation Center 5730 Shore Blvd. So 893-1068

RECREATION WEBSITE-www.mygulfport.us and follow the links: City Departments, Leisure services, Rec. Center.

ACTIVITIES

Open Gym- Tues., 6-9 p.m. and Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res./\$22 non-resident

Open Gym/Game Room- Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res./\$22 non-res.

PROGRAMS

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The School Year Child Care Program is for children entering Kindergarten thru age 14. It is also a quality program which provides a nurturing atmosphere where each child has the opportunity to experience many recreational, social, creative and enriching activities at a cost affordable to families. The program is licensed by the Pinellas County License Board. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

2011-2012 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM

The Teen Night Program is a great hang out for teens in middle school to age 18 (if still in high school). It provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res./\$22 non-res.

2011-2012 TOT TIME & VPK PROGRAMS

The Tot Time & VPK Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who have turned 4 years of age by September 1st. Both programs aim to make learning fun for children and help prepare them for Kindergarten. The Tot Time Program cost is a non-refundable annual registration fee of \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents with two, three and five-day monthly options available. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The VPK Program is FREE but parents must apply at Coordinated Child Care to receive a Certificate of Eligibility. Both programs are limited to 10 children each. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Hours for registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call 893-1068 for more information.

NEW CLASSES- Interested in teaching a class? Call John at 727-893-1079 for more info

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.

- Braveheart Bootcamp - Starts Tues., Mar. 20th, 6:30 p.m. Call Ally at 727-748-6612
- Cheerleading - Thurs., 5:45-6:30 p.m. Call Alison at 410-2227.
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.
- Gymnastics - Fri. 5:30-6:15 p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.
- Hula Dance Class - Wed., 11 a.m.-Noon. Call Kalina at 727-251-0424

• Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.

• Stretch N Tone - Tues. & Thurs., 9-10 a.m. Call Jean at 631-226-7894.

• Tai Chi - Tues. & Thurs., 9-10:15 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.

• Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Call Jack at 430-0690.

• Walking Club - Thurs., 9 a.m. Call John at 893-1079

• Watercolor with Patsi - Beginners/Intermediate - Thurs., 6:30-8:45 p.m. Call Patsi at 501-3559.

• Yoga in the A. M. - Wed., 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.

• Yoga - Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.

• Zumba - Starts Thur., Mar. 22nd, 7:45 p.m. Call Rachel at 727-784-6612

TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

Effective October 1st, all skaters/bicyclists MUST purchase a new City of Gulfport Skate Park sticker to use the City of Gulfport's Tomlinson Lake Skate Park. Stickers MUST be visibly placed on the helmet. Annual fee for stickers is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. Also, all skaters/bicyclists 17 years of age or younger MUST have a signed parental consent form filed at the Gulfport Recreation Center which is located at 5730 Shore Blvd. S. Availability to register: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Stickers valid from October 1, 2011 - September 30, 2012.

Bicycles permitted on SUNDAYS only.



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GULFPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY - PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

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Gulfport Senior Artists Workshop Exhibit: celebrate their 20th anniversary! View members' new original paintings as rendered in watercolor, acrylic or oil. Art

on display at the Library for the month of March. FMI, please call 893-2237 or 893-1231.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, March 15, 10:00 am. Discussion of We the Living, by Ayn Rand, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy of the book. Please call 893-1073 FMI.

St. Patrick's Day & Spring Crafts Program:

Saturday, March 17, 1:30 pm in Youth Services area. Enjoy making holiday creations with Pat. All ages welcome.

One-on-One Computer Instruction:

Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 am-1:00 pm. First come, first served.

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Meeting: Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm. FMI: Call 727-360-9069.

Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers:

Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

Game on! Teen Board Game Afternoons:

Wednesdays from 2:30-4:00 pm. Stop by after school to challenge your opponents!

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PROGRAMS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

For more information, call: 893-1074, email gpublib@yahoo.com,

Gabber March 15 - March 21, 2012

Services *City Sponsored Activities* in the Community

Senior Center

5501 27th Ave. S. 893-2237

SPECIAL EVENTS

Healthy Vision: Don't miss our presentation on Healthy Vision Thurs. Mar. 15 at 1pm: "Cataracts and the New Era of Laser Treatments" by Presenter Neel Desai, MD. Sponsored by The Eye Institute of West Florida.

Sudoku Class: Join the fun and exercise your brain, too, by learning how to play Sudoku every Mon. 1pm.

Senior Trips: Would you like to join others for some great day trips? Hard Rock Casino on Mar. 29 or Apr. 4 or 17 (\$20); Sailor Circus on Mar. 31 (\$57); Marina Jack's Sightseeing Lunch Cruise on Apr. 5 (\$64); Catfish Johnny's on Apr. 13 (\$55); Charms of Leffingwell Tea Room on Apr. 16 (\$49); Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for info on these and other upcoming trips.

Art Exhibit: Senior Center volunteer art instructor Betty Staebell and her students have their artwork on display at the Gulfport Library through the month of March. Each has submitted at least three new original paintings in watercolor, acrylic or oil. Thanks to Betty Staebell who has directed this group for over 20 years. Don't miss it!

Coupon Club: Come join our Coupon Club every Fri. at 11am. Bring unwanted coupons for an exchange and learn ways to save money at the grocery store.

Senior Open House & Gulfport History Expo: A Senior Center Open House and Gulfport History Expo will be held at the Senior Center on Wednesday, March 28 at 2pm. The event is designed to showcase the rich history of the Senior Center as well as the community. The Gulfport Chamber of Commerce and Gulfport Historical Society will partner with the Senior Center to make this an event you won't want to miss. Other Gulfport businesses/organizations are invited to participate. Call the Senior Center for more info.

Connect With Grandparents: Advocates for Grandparent Grandchild Connection, a nonprofit organization that addresses grandparent visitation
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issues, now meets at 6:30pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Senior Center. For more information, visit <http://www.grandparentchildconnect.org> or email Julia at lostaccesstampabay@gmail.com

Fabulous Fashion Show & Entertainment: Mark your calendar for a fabulous Fashion Show in the Hickman Theater on Wed. Apr. 11 at 2pm. The event also includes entertainment & refreshments. Tickets: \$3.00. Fashion Show courtesy of Gulfport's St. Vincent's Thrift Shop.

Celebrating Seniors: The month of May is Older Americans Month and the Senior Center is making plans for a weeklong celebration involving the whole community. Gulfport businesses are invited to be a part of it by offering free coupons or discounts for seniors 50/ up during Senior Citizens week, May 21 through May 25. The GEMS mini-bus will transport clients to participating businesses throughout that week. Plan to be a part of this special celebration to honor our older residents. Call the Senior Center for more information.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Transportation Service: GEMS Door-to-door transportation service for Gulfport seniors 55 and over is available Mon. thru Fri. 8:15am to 4pm. Annual registration fee is \$55 and each one way ride is \$1. Call GEMS at 893-2242 for more info.

AARP Driving Class: are offered on the first two Tuesdays of every month at 12:45pm. Must attend both days. Call 727-341-0130 for fee and registration info.

Elder Law Clinic: Volunteer attorneys will assist clients 60 and over with wills, living wills, powers of attorney, and health care surrogates on Fri., March 16 at 9:30am. Must meet income criteria. Call for more info.

Phones for Hearing Impaired: Phones for qualifying Floridians who are hearing impaired will be distributed at no cost on Tues. Mar. 20, 9:30am-11:30am.

Support Groups
Diabetic Support on Mondays at 9:30am.

Hearing Support 1st & 3rd Mon. at 2pm

Visually Impaired Support, 2nd & 4th Mon. at 2pm.

Caregivers: Every Wed. at 2pm

More Activities: To view the Senior Center calendar in its entirety, please log onto HYPERLINK "<http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org>".

Neighborhood Center
1617 49th St. So./893-1070
Faith Cathedral International Church:
9:30am, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays;
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7-8pm East Coast Swing Lesson
8-11pm Swing Dance, \$7

Every Thursday
Salsa Dance
6:30-8pm Beg. & Inter. Lessons
8-10pm Dance, \$7

Scotsman Fitness is Coming to Gulfport!

The Scotsman Fitness team is proud to present two new classes at the Gulfport Recreation Center, located at 5730 Shore Blvd. S. A husband and wife duo, who is currently taking Pinellas County by storm, Ally Morrell and his wife Rachel will be starting a "Braveheart Bootcamp" and Zumba class. Ally, who recently moved to the US from Scotland, said "We are so excited to be starting

at such a beautiful location. Our sessions have been hugely successful thus far and we feel we have a very unique and dynamic take on fitness. Our sessions are effective and just as important, fun!" "Braveheart Bootcamp" begins March 20th at 6:30 p.m. and "Zumba"® begins March 22nd at 7:45 p.m. The first class is free, so please book early to ensure your place in class. Scotsman Fitness is located at www.scotsmanfitness.com or via Facebook. or call 727-784-6612.

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Town Shores Final Golf Outing

Town Shores residents and friends are welcome to join in and play a round of golf on Saturday, March 31st at Terra Ceia Golf Club, 2802 Terra Ceia Bay Blvd. in Palmetto. The format is captain and crew. Tee off time is 8:30 a.m., registration begins at 8:15 a.m. The \$35 fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, followed by lunch at Beef O'Brady's, 4775 34th Street S. and prizes. Submit your own foursome or you can be assigned to a team. This outing is open to any level of player. Submit cash only to Ellen Johnson, Manchester Bldg., #207 by Monday, March 26th. Call Ellen at 727-345-2109 or email elenajota@hotmail.com. Note: Volunteers are needed to help with future golfing events. This will be the last event of the year. Mark your calendars!

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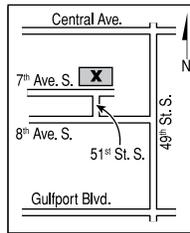
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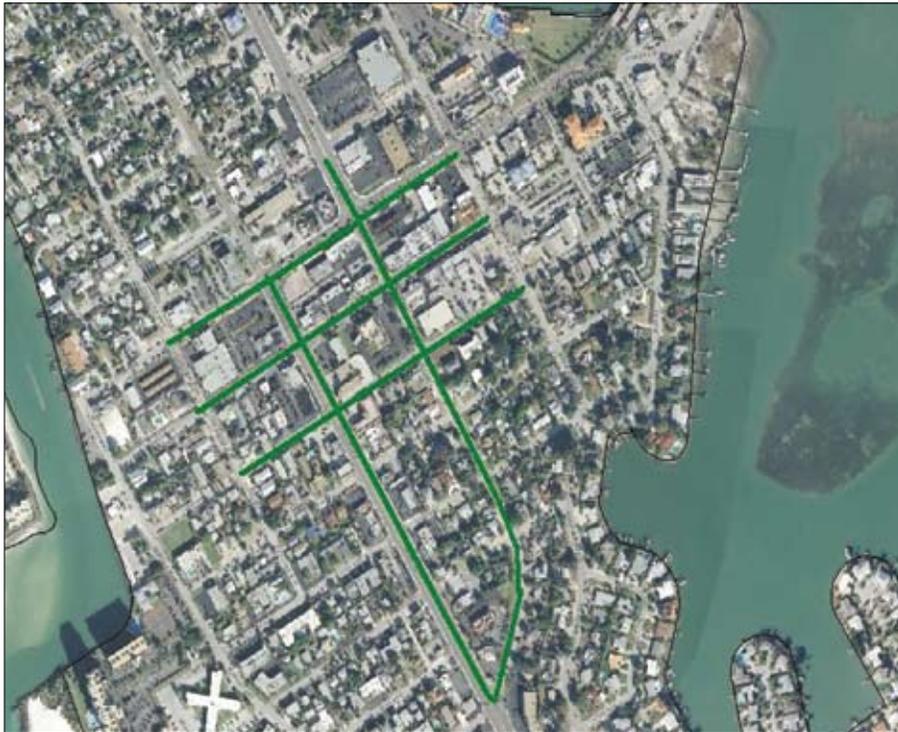


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Important Public Workshop – Corey Avenue/Downtown Area Pedestrian and Street Improvements

As a follow-up to the informational workshop held on October 4, 2011, The City of St. Pete Beach is holding an open house on Thursday, March 22, at 6:00pm at the Community Center (7701 Boca Ciega Avenue) to present further details related to improvements to the public realm in the downtown/Corey area. The proposed improvements implement the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan in that they will help revitalize the downtown as a walkable, bikable, live, work, play destination. The improvements include street beautification, landscaping and additional on street parking, in addition to improving both pedestrian and vehicle connections.

These planning discussions are still in the early development stage and residents, property owners and businesses are encouraged to attend to learn more about the ideas being considered and have questions answered by those working on the project. The improvement area is shown on the map below:



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The next Bunko game will be held on April 20th.

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Pass-a-Grille Woman's Club Home Tour

The Pass-a-Grille Woman's Club (PAGWC) will hold its 15th annual Home Tour on Sunday, March 25 from 1-5 p.m. The tour features the oldest and the largest homes in PAG along with four other unique homes. Patrons may park in one of two free lots and tour in the comfort of four air-conditioned buses with stops for historic 8th Avenue, the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum, the PAGWC Clubhouse and the Suntan Art Center. Patrons may also visit the PAG Community Church with special events celebrating their 100th anniversary. This year's homes include:

- Shangri-La, a 10,000 plus square foot Tuscan villa on the beach with a 3000 square foot garage housing an impressive car collection that will be on display for the Home Tour

- Solway House, a four-unit apartment complex that features a large outdoor ocean sculpture by award-winning Florida artist Clayton Swartz

- The oldest home in PAG, built in 1886 by Zephaniah Phillips

- A beach cottage, built in 1947, with landscaping that features a number of unusual plants including a protected Banyan tree and a gumbolimbo.

- A quaint beach getaway built in 1952

- Turtle Run, a cypress beach house built in 1936 by local architect Archie Parrish

Tickets are \$20 pick-up/\$22 by mail. Tickets are limited. Call 727-362-8041 or visit: <http://www.pagwc.com/home-tour/> for ticket locations.

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Take America's Boating Course

Are you ready to expand your boating knowledge and skills? America's Boating Course will be presented beginning Monday, April 2 from 7-9 p.m. and continue for an additional six weeks on Monday nights. This program, presented over seven evenings by the St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron, is available to anyone 12 or older. It covers Required Safety Equipment, Boat Handling, Rules of the Road, Navigation Aids, Anchoring, Adverse Conditions, Communications, Trailering,

PWC Operation, Knots and Lines, Introduction to Charts and more. This is an essential course for all boaters. Graduates qualify for a Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card and may qualify for insurance discounts.

Course will begin on Monday, April 2, from 7-9 p.m. and continue for an additional six Monday evenings at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing in St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$35 per family. There is a maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration is required. Register on-line at www.boating-stpete.org.

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Gulfport SpringFest

The 18th Annual Gulfport SpringFest Street Festival celebration will take place on Saturday, March 31st from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. along historic Beach Boulevard in the heart of the City's quaint and charming downtown. The event is co-produced by the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Gulfport and The Gulfport Merchant's Association.

The SpringFest event is free to the public and dozens of vendors featuring a wide variety of arts and crafts have already signed up to participate. This year they will add

a gardening twist to their spring event, and are currently seeking vendors with live plants, garden art and other garden type products. Local and area restaurants are encouraged to join with other food vendors offering an array of culinary delights to enjoy. Live entertainment is scheduled to perform on two stages all day long. The children's area will provide activities for the kids, and will include bounce houses, games, face painting and more! The Easter bonnet walking parade at 5 p.m. is an audience participation event and everyone is welcomed to join in anywhere along the parade route.

Following the hat parade the hat contest will take place at the south stage, with prizes given for largest and most unique hats. Additionally, other venues downtown will also feature music and other activities.

Free parking and trolley rides are available in and around downtown. For more information, please contact the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce at 727-344-3711.

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Sale at Congregation Beth Sholom

Congregation Beth Sholom of Gulfport (1844 54th Street S.) will hold their Semi-Annual Rummage Sale on Thursday, March 15th; Friday, March 16th; and Sunday, March 18th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Event features clothing, furniture, housewares, jewelry, shoes, artwork, linens, Judaica, and decorative items. Contact Toby Hurtado at 321-3380.

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Players Call for One Act Plays

The Gulfport Community Players are once again in need of short one act plays for their Summer One Act Play Festival in July. Authors should submit three hard copies of their plays, along with a separate cover sheet with their name, address, telephone number, and email address. Sorry, no plays can be returned.

All plays should be 15 to 20 minutes in length maximum, easy to stage, with a minimal set, family oriented, with no vulgar language or situations. Deadline for entries is March 31st. If your play is picked, it will run in the Players' Summer One Act Festival at the Hickman Theater from July 12th through 22nd. Submit your plays to: Gulfport Community Players, Att: One Act Plays, 1619 49th Street S., Gulfport, FL 33707.

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Judy, from front page

she sat on the dais. She moved to Gulfport in the late 1970s. The day she filed for divorce, she applied for a job working in the Gulfport city garage. She started work on October 19, 1982. The city paid her \$4.89 an hour. Her dad helped her learn about engines.

"The first time I fixed a fire engine and drove it back over I thought they were going to have apoplexy—a woman touched their truck!" Judy told this reporter several years ago. With young boys to support, she was determined to support her family.

"If I hadn't gotten hired by the city, I don't know where I'd be right now," she said.

A woman car mechanic in 1982?

"I did whatever was necessary to get money to help with the family," she said.

"She was determined to damn well provide for her kids, and she did," friend and current mayor Mike Yakes says. Judy worked her way from underneath trucks to behind a switchboard, then onto personnel and risk management, spending almost two decades of her life on the city payroll. Her work in the city, however, goes far beyond those two decades.

Judy helped start the Gulfport Community Players.

"In the early days," her daughter-in-law Kelly says, "it was not uncommon to see Judy doing the lights, makeup, set design, set building, and acting – all in the same play!"

Alongside friends like Catherine Hickman, Mary Atkinson, and Frances Purdy, Judy worked on Scout Hall preservation, served as the president of the Gulfport Historical Society for two decades, and helped get several buildings historical status. She met the town's

current historian, Lynne Brown, when she recruited Lynne for the Historical Society.

"She recruited me to be on the board, and a lot more was involved than just that," Lynne laughs. Lynne wrote three books about Gulfport as a result of her association with the Historical Society.

In addition to building Gulfport as a city and community, Judy raised three sons, Robert, Eric, and Dirk, fixing things around the house and making sure they could play in Little League and be a part of Cub Scouts.

"We adapted pretty well," her oldest son, Bobby, says. "She did the dad stuff, that's why she got so involved in Scout Hall."

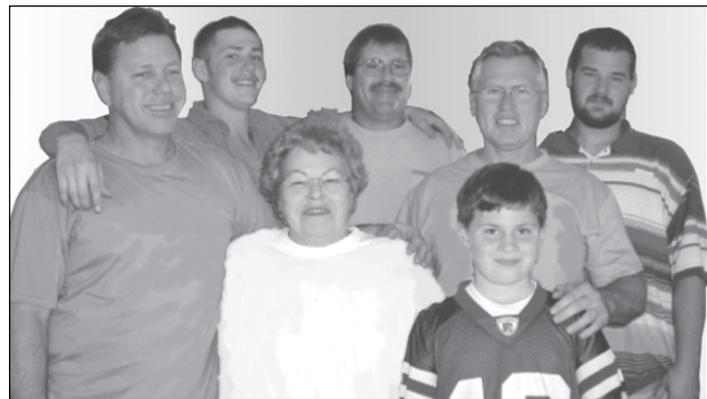
Judy had a sweet collection of miniature doll furniture on display in her living room and gladly showed anyone who asked about the tiny beds, blankets, and curios. When school wasn't in session she watched her grandson.

As she battled cancer, she not only finished her term as councilwoman, she acted in Gulfport's centennial musical, *Gulfport: the Musical*, produced plays, and stayed active in the community, giving trolley tours and helping the town get and dedicate a sundial.

"If there was something you didn't think she was involved in, just hang around – either she had been or she was going to be," Mayor Mike Yakes says. He knew Judy for years, but tells us his best memory of Judy was when he acted onstage with her during *Gulfport: The Musical*.

"I was part of that, and I think being there with Judy in it and knowing her health condition and being able to do it. I'll remember that forever and ever and ever," he says.

Carol Valdes met Judy



Judy and her Guys: Sons, Robert II, Eric, Dirk and Grandsons Billy, Bobby & Robert

Photo from Judy's 2010 campaign advertising

when a friend suggested over her lifetime, from Carol audition for a play in Gulfport. That was 1989.

"We just became friends over the years," Carol says. "She was low-key; she didn't run around and say, 'Look what I did'. Her legacy will go on forever; she's a really special friend. We laughed a lot together."

Three weeks before she died, Judy admitted her lung cancer would best her.

"She told me, 'I don't have long'," Carol says. "According to Hospice, she just went to sleep, and she wasn't in pain."

The doctors told her son Bobby they initially didn't expect Judy to last more than two years, but she lived more than four years.

"She had a lot she wanted to do, so she refused to die," Bobby says. His wife, Kelly, says her family had to talk her out of running for the Ward One council seat this year.

A letter from Judy's old personnel file at city hall sums up Judy best:

"Judy is a loyal and valued employee who has a genuine love for the city and its progress," Administrative Services Director Bill Kucera wrote. The current city manager, Jim O'Reilly, grew up in Gulfport, served on city council, and returned to the city as staff. He first met Judy when he was 18.

"Judy gave so much of herself to the community

when a friend suggested over her lifetime, from Carol audition for a play in Gulfport. That was 1989. "We just became friends over the years," Carol says. "She was low-key; she didn't run around and say, 'Look what I did'. Her legacy will go on forever; she's a really special friend. We laughed a lot together."

When Judy resigned from the city on January 4, 2002, she gave her boss a letter. In it, she wrote the following:

"I will miss everyone, however, I won't be far away."

Judy is survived by her three sons, Bobby, Eric, Dirk, two daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren: Billy, Bobby, Kristin, and Robert. Eric and Dirk live in Gulfport; Bobby lives in St. Petersburg. She is also survived by her older sister, Dolores, in Ohio, and an older brother, Bud, in Seminole.

The Gulfport Community Players will host a memorial to honor Judy on March 31 at the Back Door Theatre. Judy's family suggests that instead of sending flowers, those who wish to honor Judy make a donation to either the Gulfport Community Players, the Gulfport Historical Society or Hospice Woodside.

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Local Obituaries

ALBANESE, EILEEN, of South Pasadena, passed away March 6, 2012. Born Aug. 6, 1924, in Linden, NJ, she came to Florida in 1985, from Manahawkin, NJ with her husband Geno, who passed away in 1996. She was Past President of the Essex Co., Legal Secretary and the Business and Professional Womens Club in NJ. In Florida, she served on the Board of Ladies Elks #1224 and the St. Petersburg Womens Chamber. She was active in the Good Life Games and won medals in Swimming from 1991 to 2001. She volunteered at the Florida International Museum, Museum of History, Palms of Pasadena and Long Term Care Ombudsman of South Pinellas County. For over 12 years, she served on the Board of the Florida Suncoast Opera Guild and was a past President. She was a member of the Treasure Island Yatch Club. She is survived by her sister Violet Maguire and nephew Robert Maquire of Clark, NJ. Services will be Graveside at 2 pm, Monday, March 12, 2012, at Bay Pines National Cemetery. Gee & Sorensen Funeral Home.



FOSTER, GEORGE F., of Gulfport and previously of Tampa passed away on 3/7 at St. Pete, Bayfront Hospital. He leaves his loving wife Sylvia

of 21 years, his son Frank (wife Fran and children: Felicia Winger, Sierra, and Kenneth) of Palm Harbor, stepson Jim Koford (wife Nichole and children: Joel, Colin, Aiden and Abby) of Tampa, and his brother Brian (wife Marie and children: Traci and Brian) of PA. Granddaughter Felicia Winger, and husband Adam, of WI, gave him 2 great-grandsons: Jonathan and Wyatt. George was preceded by his parents George and Florence. Born on Staten Island, he grew up in Wallkill, NY, and worked for IBM Poughkeepsie, NY, and Tampa, FL for 39 years. He retired in 2006 as a database administrator. George dearly loved his family, as well as his beloved Tampa Bay Rays, fantasy baseball, books, theater and cinema. He really loved Gulfport and enjoyed the many activities and events it had to offer. He was known by all as a

good and gentle man, who was kind and thoughtful. He will be missed by all who loved and knew him. Funeral Services were held at St Clement's Episcopal Church, 706 113th Ave. W., Tampa, 33612, on March 13. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to The St. Clement's Episcopal Church Roof Fund (address above), Save the Beach Theatre Fund (315 Corey Ave., St. Pete Beach, 33706), or to the charity of your choice.

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FOWLER, JANE MARIE, 49, of Gulfport, passed on March 7, 2012. Survived by her daughter, Rachel Fowler; boyfriend, Jerry Edwards; siblings Judy Powers, Sandy Bernard (Bob), Bill Powers (Heather); 3 nephews and 1 niece. Family will receive friends, Saturday, March 24, 2-6 pm at 1126 Hull St. S., Gulfport. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jane's daughter, Rachel Fowler, c/o Judy Powers, 707 Gray St., Gulfport FL 33707.

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LAPEARL, BEVERLY MAE, 64, of Gulfport, died Thursday, March 1, 2012 at Kindred Hospital. She is survived by a loving family. A Life Tribute-Gulfport.

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NELSON, IONA (LOUISE), 57, January 29, 1955-March 1, 2012. Longtime resident of Gulfport passed peacefully in her sleep. Predeceased by husband Ralph James. Survived by son Gizmo Allen & many sisters & brothers in Ohio & best friends Betty Wynne & Joanie Ross. A Life Tribute Funeral Care Gulfport Chapel.

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O'KEEFE, DODIE, passed away Sunday, Feb. 26 at Hospice. This colorful, spirited, and generous full time studio artist

was a familiar and beloved figure in the Tampa Bay arts community. Born Sept. 26, 1927, in New York she studied at the School of Art and Design, Pratt Institute, The Art Students' League, in NYC and The Institute Allende, San Miguel, Mexico. She was Art Director for Scholastics Magazines, D-Polan Adv. Agency, and Garmise Associates and designed for Dan River and

Winston Fabrics. She illustrated four children's books and was also featured in Family Circle and Woman's Day magazines. Primarily a painter of American Indians and Mexican Indigenous Groups, she was inspired by many trips to the Southwest and Mexico. Her art work was exhibited in the National Academy of Design, NYC, the Leslie Flynt Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, and Worldwide Gallery, Dunstan, GA. Dodie moved to the Tampa Bay area from New York City in 1971. She produced three arts events for AIDS related charities. Her work was shown in U.S.F. Tampa, Santa Fe Trails Gallery, Sarasota, and Elliott Gallery and The Florida Craftsmen Gallery, St. Petersburg. She had many private collectors. Dodie is survived by her son, Bruce Sussman; granddaughters Laura Kassner and Dena Sussman; great-grandson Hudson Kassner; sister Mary Campbell and brother Richard Gellman. Dodie was a popular figure in the community and had a large circle of caring friends. A memorial celebration of her life will be held on April 5th at 3 p.m. at The Friends Meeting House, 130 19th Avenue S.E. in St. Petersburg.

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ROSSOW, ROBERT J., 82 of South Pasadena, and Arbor Oaks passed away March 11, 2012. Loving husband of Moira C. Rossow; beloved father of Tom (Mary), John (Linda), Tory, Holly (Tom) Virnoche and Scott Rossow. Grandfather to Kerry and Thomas Rossow and Nicholas, Conor and Matthew Virnoche. Robert was a retired administrator of Brown Deer, WI School District and an avid fisherman. Private services planned. Online guestbook at www.davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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RYERSON, JUDITH C., 72, of Gulfport died March 8, 2012. She was a personnel assistant for the City of Gulfport, founding member of the Gulfport Community Players and the Gulfport Historical Society. She was a former council member for the City of Gulfport also. She is survived by 3 sons, Robert (Kelly), Eric and Dirk (Jenny); a brother, George Fenner (Lupe); sister Delores Breece; 4 grandchildren, Billy, Bobby, Kristen and Robert. A Celebration of Life will be held March 31 at the Back Door *Gabber March 15 - March 21, 2012*

Obituaries (con't.)

Theater. Family suggests memorials be made to Hospice House Woodside, Pinellas Park.

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SNYDER, RONALD LEROY, 68, of Gulfport, passed away March 10. A private cremation is planned. Guestbook at www.davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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WALTERS, FREDERICK WILLIAM, age 56, of St. Pete Beach died on Friday, March 9, 2012. Born July 21, 1955 in Newton, NJ, he was the son of the late Carl D. Walters and the late Audrey Terrill Walters. A 30 year resident of St. Pete Beach, he was a painter of residential homes in the area, as well as hotel properties. For many years he was employed by TradeWinds Island Resorts in St. Pete Beach. Fred was a 1973 graduate of Newton High School in Newton. Surviving are two sisters, Eleanor Walters and Diane Walters Click (Ron), both of Anderson, SC; and one nephew, Dylan Click of Anderson. Also surviving are a number of uncles, aunts and cousins. A family celebration of Fred's life will be held at a later date and time. A message of condolence may be sent by visiting www.mcdougaldfuneralhome.com. The McDougald Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Anderson, SC.

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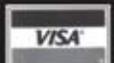
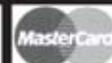
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On Our Way Out?

Talk about bad timing and bad things happening. Last week's column about Koran burning and hyper-sensitive and hypocritical Muslims using the Koran as an excuse to attack Americans (and just about anyone else) seems silly when we talk this week about Afghani reaction to a deliberate murder of 15 civilians by an American soldier. That is something to protest. And, it may just be the beginning of the end of the Afghanistan campaign.

Not that mass killings are an anomaly there. Suicide bombers have been killing civilians for years. The rogue soldier killing, however, comes from a supposedly friendly, protective, and controlled institutional source: the U.S. armed forces. That the killer, an army sergeant, was a lone, probably combat stressed, mentally ill man is, for political purposes, irrelevant. Similarly, arguments that this is as random and unpreventable as recent shootings in America, means nothing. This is a foreign force, welcomed in many ways, but resented always, invading homes and killing civilians. Explaining it, yes; rationalizing it, no.

The irony is that our troops are already on the way out of this, the justifiable and right war (according to public opinion polls

and the Obama administration as compared to the later Iraq war), that emanated from 9/11. The pull out was announced even as we increased the number (temporarily) of troops going in. This pull-out, however, was based on training an Afghanistan police/military force that can keep order in that country as well as non-governmental institutions for domestic stability. These were undermined by reaction to the Koran burning in which supposedly friendly, on-our-side-Afghanis shot soldiers and trainers. U.S. and NATO forces withdrew everyone to protected areas. In other words, both military and domestic missions have been compromised.

As a review, this mission began as a retaliation against the Taliban which, in September of 2011, ruled Afghanistan. They harbored Osama Bin Laden and supported his efforts to attack the United States and refused to turn him over to us. Our response was to go in and get him and throw out the Taliban, bring in a less radical, committed to democracy, regime. This was the popular military exercise compared to the Iraq invasion that took place two years later.

Bin Laden and his Al-Qaeda friends took to the hills and to Pakistan, and we sought him out unsuccessfully. Some say we botched that, but we did

topple the Taliban, whose fondness for public, by hand, beheadings of religious wrong-doers, was not too popular. We brought in an Afghan exile, Hamid Karzai, to head up a more inclusive government. Taliban insurgency, however, has increased with much help from neighboring Pakistan which is playing both sides rather well. Wide-spread corruption, tribal rivalries, and a not-so-effective and corrupt Karzai administration, a fear campaign by the Taliban, and complex religious and cultural resistance, has brought the war to a stalemate.

The question now remains about what to do. Do we simply walk out of Afghanistan and hope for the best? How many troops and non-combat, contract organizations, stay? Will they be allowed to stay? Can the Karzai government survive? Unlikely without our help. Will Afghanistan become, again, a haven and operating center for Al-Qaeda and its affiliates? If so, what can we and should we do about it? Will a civil war ensue? If we withdraw, will there be a mass exodus of westernized Afghans and to where? The U.S.?

Do we stand back and throw bombs at training camps and make drone attacks on Al-Qaeda operatives? Do we threaten to annihilate whole populations and countries if they continue to threaten us? Do we rattle our atomic weapons at Pakistan? Do we isolate Pakistan and Afghanistan economically? Or, do we hang in there with a bit of this and a bit of that, and prevent any drastic negative changes and hope for positive, in-their-self-interest, changes?

My guess is that it will be the latter, because I'm not sure total extraction is possible in this inter-connected world. Oh, by the way, did I mention that we now have troops in central Africa? Should we be talking about it?

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- Suspicious Person-** 5200 Blk 7th Ave. S.
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 - Disturbance-** 1800 Blk 50th St. S.
 - Animal Call-** 5400 Blk 20th Ave. S.
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- Sunday 3/4**
- Domestic-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd S.

- Disorderly Conduct-** 2000 Blk 54th St. S.
 - Noise Complaint-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
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They also participate in parades, as color guards for special events, flag folding for military funerals, as honor guards for military funerals, rendering support to members in need and participation in other patriotic and charitable endeavors along with various youth oriented events.

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March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, is their annual dinner for members and their guests to be held at The Wine Cellar followed by entertainment.

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For more information, please contact Clarence Dadswill, President, KWVA at 727-522-6496.

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Town Shores Bocce

Blast play is set to begin on Monday, March 19. The schedule for playing and the team members along with

the Captain of each team is posted on the bulletin board at the Bocce Courts. If you signed up, please read for information.

The tickets for the Bocce Dinner Dance are now in the hands of your building rep. Lee Roy Selmon's will be catering and Al Ruggerio will provide the entertainment. Tables of 8-10 are available by calling Judy at 344-7558.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

What is a Living Trust?

A Living Trust is created while you are alive. The use of Living Trusts has been effective for maintaining personal privacy and control outside of the court system. A Living Trust is

also very useful for reducing estate taxes and for probate avoidance.

LIVING TRUST BASICS

A separate legal entity is created upon the formation of a Living Trust. This entity can own and hold both real estate and personal property. Every Living Trust has a Settlor or Grantor, a Trustee and Beneficiaries. A basic understanding of what these terms mean is important to understanding how Living Trusts work and how they are different from other types of trusts.

WHO IS THE SETTLOR OF THE TRUST?

The Settlor of a Living Trust establishes the Living Trust and signs the document creating the Living Trust. The Settlor controls what the Living Trust says and does. Living Trusts are revocable, that is, the Settlor can change or cancel a Living Trust at any time in her/his discretion. A Settlor is sometimes also referred to as the Grantor of the Living Trust. When you set up a Living Trust, you are considered to be the Settlor or Grantor.

WHO IS THE TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST?

A Trustee of a Living Trust manages the trust assets. When a Living Trust is created, assets should then be transferred into the trust. Decisions concerning what property to buy, sell, mortgage, transfer or lease are made by a Trustee. The Trustee has a special duty to beneficiaries of a Living Trust which is called a fiduciary duty. What this means is that the Trustee has a legal obligation to perform her/his duties properly and in accordance with the law while keeping the best interests of the beneficiaries in mind. In a Living Trust, you act as your own Trustee as long as you are able to or desire to act in this capacity. Upon your death or disability, a Successor Trustee will take over management of the trust assets.

WHO IS THE BENEFICIARY OF THE TRUST?

A Beneficiary of a Living Trust is someone who benefits from the assets in the trust. Income and earnings are used for the benefit of the Beneficiaries. Trust assets cannot be used for any other purpose. You will initially be the Beneficiary of your Living Trust. Upon your death, the people you have named (normally family members) will become the Beneficiaries.

Mr. Myers is the owner of Akerson Law Offices which is located at 1135 Pasadena Avenue South, Suite 140, St. Petersburg, Florida. The telephone number is 727-347-5131. Mr. Myers welcomes calls regarding this article and other related legal topics. This column outlines general legal principles and is not intended to give you legal advice. If you have a specific question about the law, please consult an attorney.

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**Concert at Palm Lake
Christian Church**

Mikayla Winner presents her "Words Fail, Music Speaks" concert at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 18th, at Palm Lake Christian Church, 5401 22nd Ave. N. in St. Pete. Mikayla, an accomplished blues singer and composer, will share songs from her new Christian solo album, along with a variety of selections from her growing repertoire. Mikayla, also lead singer and instrumentalist for the popular local band, "Anchor Atlantic", will be joined in this concert by Kenny Beers, guitar and voice and Luke Albright, keys and voice.

All concert proceeds from this concert and her album will benefit Mikayla's mission trip to Uganda this summer to help the Sozo Children's Orphanage.

Sunday's concert is presented as part of the Palm Lake Community Concert Series. A reception will follow the concert. Call 321-8356.

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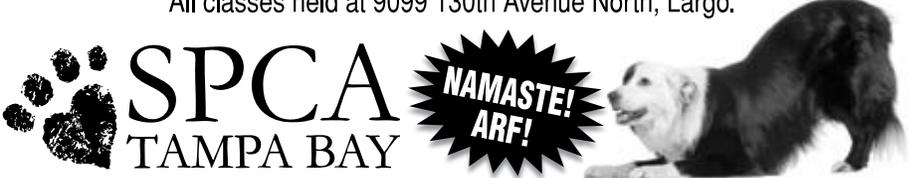
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RUSH'S Reality

A satirical look at the world around us.

By Anne Rush

Beware the Ides of March

Before Julius Ceasar's demise, the ides of any month were nothing more than a part of the Roman calendar which refers to the middle of the month. Since Ceasar's bloody death way back when, the day has taken on an eerie connotation of foreboding, as though doom and death and destruction were imminent.

That's just ridiculous. The fact that our taxes are due on the ides of April is simply a mere coincidence. It's all about the calendar, people; no significance in that date.

Having said that, I think we should all be afraid. Very afraid. Not just today. But every single day.

Case in point. I'm afraid to even get out of bed this morning. Not only is it the Ides of March, but research shows that most fatal heart attacks happen in the morning. Usually when you get out of bed and first stand up. Something about the blood pressure I think. Hmm.

1. I need to get at least catastrophic health insurance!

So let's say I survived the rising. What would I do next? Take a shower. Do you know how many accidents happen in bathrooms? Some of them fatal, even if you aren't a celebrity?

2. I need to at least add ER coverage to my catastrophic!

From there, I might check my email. I could totally open an attachment trying to help someone in Nigeria that would crash my computer and I'd lose everything on it (i.e., financials, family photos, my entire life's diary).

3. I need to sign up for Carbonite, or some other depository for the contents of my hard drive which are updated continuously and are guaranteed to be completely confidential!

From there I would likely crank the ignition on my car. My God! Everyone's out to get me! I will surely have an accident.

4. I not only need bare bones car insurance enough to be street legal,

I need comprehensive! Which will ultimately have exclusions for every type of claim I might submit. Yet I'd feel more secure.

Regardless of the level of car insurance coverage I may have, I'm afraid of red light cameras. I am not by nature a red light runner. I'm the one who comes to a complete stop before turning right on red. But gee whiz, even on my commute to work, the road I travel back and forth every day, it's confusing. Some lights are timed to the walk signals, (i.e. when they go red so does the light). Other intersections, the walk signal could be red and yet the light stays green for a minute. A minute is an eternity when you're driving! Other intersections the yellow light is so short that it lends credence to the term orange even when you're going 35 mph. In sight of a car in your rear view mirror riding your bumper.

5. Can't buy insurance for that, other than to have \$158 in my bank account in case the municipality needs that money more than I do.

I use my credit card at a restaurant for lunch. I later find that my entire bank account has been cleaned out by a thief. The police don't care and can't do anything, my bank is mildly miffed, and no one cares that the \$50 I'm responsible for was targeted to go to either the water bill, my red light camera fine or the Lifelock identity theft protection policy that I kept meaning to take out.

6. Is it too late to buy a shredder?

It occurs to me that someday I might die.

7. I need to up my life insurance! Why do they call it life insurance? Hmm.

Beyond all that, I'm afraid to buy fruit. Everyone tells you to shop the outer aisles of the grocery store where all the fresh natural organic or non-processed foods are and I've tried really hard to do that. But I'm weary of apples that are rotten to the core, oranges that are tasteless and

mealy, and strawberries that are sour despite Reba McEntire coming to town.

I used to take vitamin supplements coz I worry I'm not getting enough through my diet, and then I find out that they offer no real benefits and in fact, they're actually bad for my kidneys! I'm supposed to get those vitamins through my diet, most of which I can find on the outer aisles of the grocery store.

I can get Vitamin D by being out in the sun, but I need to put on sun block to prevent skin cancer.

And I'm starting to feel that I can no longer trust that carrots are good for my no-line bifocal eyes or that rabbits see any better than I did growing up. Their eyes are on the sides of their head. So what? I have two ears on the sides of my head. They don't make me hear any better, say what? Hmm.

I swear, I could be afraid to do anything. Or NOT do something. But I won't be. Because according to the Roman calendar, following the ides of any month is the kalends which stands for the first day of the month. And as of now, that would put me right smack dab in the moment of April Fool's Day, which I think is where we all belong.

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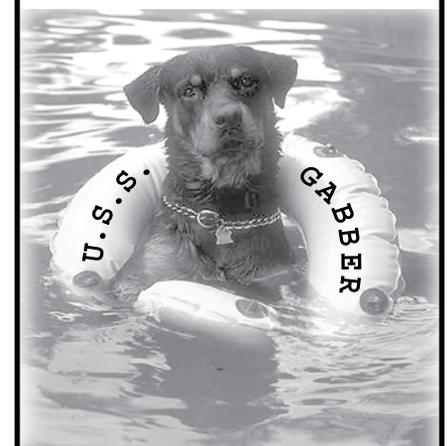
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Free Tax Preparation for those who Qualify

AARP will be offering free tax preparation and assistance at the Gulfport Public Library at 5501 28th Avenue S. on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 13th.

This service is offered for households with low to moderate incomes, for taxpayers of all ages, but with an emphasis on those over 60 years of age. Taxpayers must bring social security cards for all persons listed on their tax returns, a picture I.D., and all pertinent records such as W2's, 1099's, other income and credits and a copy of last year's return. Free electronic filing is available. To locate other sites in the area, please contact 1-888-227-7669.

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Join the Gulfport Toastmasters Club

The Gulfport Toastmasters club meets every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 at the Gulfport Meeting Center, 5021 Tangerine Ave. S. in Gulfport (the sage green building with the red awnings at the corner of Tangerine Ave. and 51st St. S.). Visitors and new members are welcome.

Would you like to become a better communicator? Would you like to be more comfortable speaking in front of others? Find out how Toastmasters can help in a safe and supportive environment. Contact Don Stafford or Stephanie Decker at 727-328-2921 or Don at don@rsri.net or just show up at the meeting.

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the Relay site, and when they are not taking their turn walking, they take part in fun activities and enjoy local entertainment. These events take place nationwide and provide a wonderful opportunity for people to have fun and support a great cause at the same time. This "celebration of life" brings the Gulfport community together in a unified effort to fight cancer.

Relay For Life of Gulfport needs you! American Cancer Society and Relay For Life needs people who are passionate about this cause to take

part in this event. Former and current cancer patients, their families, businesses, civic organizations, and the public are invited to take part in this exciting team event. If you are interested in getting involved with this year's Relay For Life in Gulfport, please contact Leah at 727-504-6902 and like us on Facebook at Relay For Life- Gulfport Florida.

Relay For Life takes place from 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 14th until 8 a.m. on Sunday, April 15th at Gulfport Recreation Center field.

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EarthFest 2012 Parade Workshops

First Florida Frontiers and Earth Scouts of St Petersburg are hosting a series of community workshops every Sunday from March 25th through April 1, 8, 15 from noon-2 p.m. at the City of Imagination Gulfport Art Center, 2726 54th Street S., Gulfport. Come help them make puppets, masks, signs, banners, flags, and costumes for the "Water" Walking Parade to be held during EarthFest 2012 on Saturday, April 21st in Gulfport. The series costs just \$5 per family and includes four 2-hour workshops. Children must be accompanied by an adult. They can take their artwork home with them after the parade. Kids learn to reuse, reduce, recycle and rethink!

They need donations of remnants, trims, art papers, paint, brushes, beads, glitter, paper and fabric glue, fabric pens, artificial flowers, bamboo poles, plastic containers, or anything that can be recycled for the parade. Contact Rosemary at 727-385-7083 or email rosemarieseawall_47ymail.com for more information about donations.

EarthFest 2012 is also putting out a call to local artists to assist with developing designs for the parade.

For more information or to register for workshops visit www.floridafrontier.com/EarthFest2012.html or call Elizabeth Neily at 727-744-7051.

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St. Petersburg Aglow Lighthouse

St. Petersburg Aglow Lighthouse invites you to its meeting on Saturday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Piccadilly Restaurant, 1900 34th Street N. in St. Petersburg. The guest speaker is Melody Evans from Aglow International Florida Southwest Area Board. In order to use the restaurant facility, a food purchase (large or small) is required. all 727-327-9070 or 727-348-3587.

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Lithuanian-American Lunch this Thursday

The Lithuanian-American Club is serving lunch on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. at 4880 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. The cost is \$7. Today's lunch is cepelinai (potato meat dumplings) with soup, dessert and coffee. By popular demand, they are doing cepelinai one week and koldunai every other week. Also available to buy is Lithuanian beer. Call Vida at 866-7936 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members and guests will meet on Saturday, March 17 at the Acropolis Greek Restaurant at 515 Central Avenue at 11 a.m. for lunch. This social will be hosted by Barbara Bofferding and Sue Hill.

The next regular meeting of Laureate Epsilon Theta will be held on Wednesday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at the home of Barbara Bofferding. Barbara will present the program.

As part of the chapter's service project, they will be collecting items for our military serving in Afghanistan. Some of the items they will be collecting are Starburst candies, beef jerky, individual servings of instant coffee, hot chocolate, crystal light, toothpaste, shaving cream, disposable razors, individual packaged of assorted nuts to name a few. During the course of the year, the chapter has collected

canned goods for Ready for Life and to help stock the food pantries in the area.

For more information, please contact, Sharon Ingram at 321-2849.

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Vendors needed for May-Faire Festival

Vendors are invited to participate in the "May-Faire" Community Family Fun Festival to be held Saturday, May 12th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Boca Ciega Center, 1414 59th Street S. in

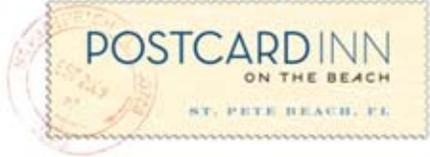
Gulfport. Vendors needed include arts and crafts, community yard sale, health/businesses/organizations. The fee is a \$25 space donation with proceeds benefitting the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation, Most Holy Name Catholic Church and Boca Ciega Center, LLC. They are also seeking entertainers to donate one hour of outdoor performance. Contact Ruth Gruhn, Activity Director, 727-344-4608 or Activities@bocaciegacenter.com.

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On March 5th, members of the St. Petersburg Woman's Club participated in celebrating Dr. Seuss Day at All Children's Hospital. The children enjoyed stories, games and art projects.

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Laura Brock,
Tricia Schactel;
Back row- Carolyn
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Mainsail Arts Festival Seeks Volunteers

ST. PETERSBURG- Mainsail Arts Festival will celebrate its 37th anniversary on April 21 and 22. This prestigious art festival is one of the most exciting outdoor arts events in Florida, attracting 250 artists from across the country. Once again, the event will be held in beautiful Vinoy Park on St. Petersburg's downtown waterfront (Baysshore Drive at 7th Ave. NE).

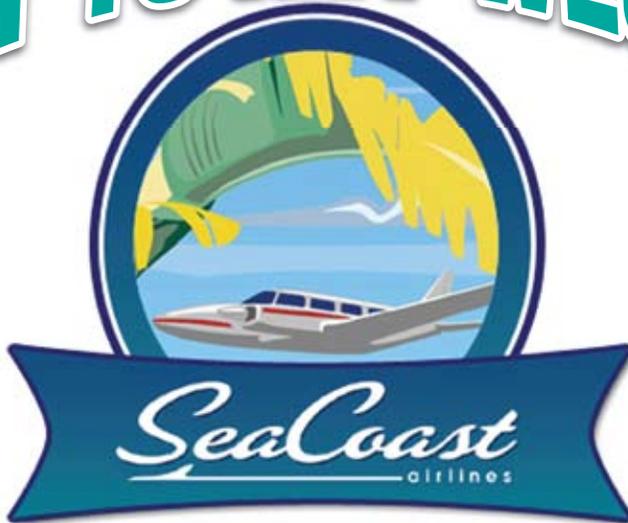
More than 250 volunteers are needed to staff several booths on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22. Volunteer areas include: soft drink/water booths, beer/wine trucks (must be 21 years and older, limited to one shift per day), promotions/t-shirt sales and hospitality.

In an effort to make the sign-up process more efficient, volunteers are asked to use our online Volunteer Registration Form to select a location, day and time that has openings available. To register to volunteer online, please visit the Mainsail website at www.mainsailartsfestival.org and click Volunteers on the left side of the page. A brief summary of the volunteer opportunities will appear. Click SIGN-UP at the bottom of the page to open the Volunteer Registration Form.

For more information about volunteering at the Mainsail Arts Festival, please contact Chloe Firebaugh, Mainsail Arts Festival Volunteer Coordinator, at 727-204-2553 or volunteers@mainsailartsfestival.org.

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Wildwood Spring Co-Ed Volleyball League

ST. PETERSBURG- The Wildwood 2012 Spring Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League is now forming. Learn and enjoy the fundamentals of volleyball while you get fit and socialize. The league plays Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 22 through April 26. Register now. Teams of 12 people pay \$150 registration or team t-shirts included \$190. Must be at least 18 years of age. Call 893-7750 for more information.

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Pinellas Citizen University begins new session April 12

Ever wonder how county government works, and what goes on behind the scenes in the various departments that provide local services?

Pinellas Citizen University unravels the mystery. Similar to other leadership classes, PCU brings students face to face with county administrators and decision-makers. During this remarkable 10-week course, participants go behind the scenes at many Pinellas County operations and talk to the experts as the class explores a wide range of county functions.

Students meet and talk with county officials and elected county leaders. Through exciting field trips and decision-making exercises, PCU participants learn firsthand how Pinellas County provides services to nearly 1 million county residents.

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- Peek inside a Sunstar ambulance as you learn how Emergency Medical Services works.
- Tour the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility and find out how they make reclaimed water out of wastewater.
- Sit in the grand jury room and talk to the judges and administrators within our criminal justice system.

- Get an overview of tourism and economic development.
 - Tour the Pinellas County Jail.
- Class enrollment is limited. Classes meet Thursday nights, usually from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuition for PCU is \$35 which includes a class shirt, all course materials, graduation ceremony and diploma. Enrollment applications and a complete course schedule are available online at www.pinellascounty.org/citizenu or by calling 727-464-5197.

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You could say my motto is 'been there, done that,' says Keith Sanders, from Sanders Law, P.A.

He says that for two reasons. First, he says his more than 18 years of experience as an attorney specializing in handling "literally thousands" of bankruptcies means that he has dealt with virtually any kind of problem or issue that might arise with them. And, secondly, he had to file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy himself. He says that experience makes him very sensitive to the kinds of things people face when making the difficult decision to file.

"Most attorneys have never been in a situation where they have been worried about how to keep the lights on, but I have been there myself so I can really relate to what people are going through," said Sanders. "Plus, many people are very embarrassed when they come to me, but when I tell them how embarrassing it was for me to have to stand in front of judges and colleagues who knew me

and go through the process myself, that usually helps to put people more at ease and understand that I have been there and done that MYSELF."

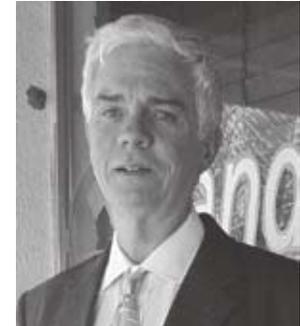
"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

He began his career as a staff attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in Atlanta. He is licensed to practice law in both Florida and Georgia.

"I like what I do because I feel like I can help people get a fresh start," said Sanders.

"Since the initial consultation is free, you really don't have anything to lose to meet with me and we can assess your situation and see how it might be best for you to proceed. **Bankruptcy can be one solution to getting back on your feet financially, but it may not be the best or only solution for you.**

Sanders has held a number of seminars and



written professional papers concerning bankruptcy law in general, ECF requirements and new issues. He is a former director of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Georgia. **The firm also handles Short Sale negotiations, defense against foreclosures, wills & trusts, civil litigation and loan modification.**

Outside of the courtroom, Sanders lives in an unusual home in Gulfport that was one of the featured properties in a recent Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes. It has a tree growing right up through the floor and up through the ceiling of his kitchen. He has four dogs and a cat.

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Scholarship applications must be received by 5 p.m. March 19 in any Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office: 315 Court St., Room 117, Clearwater; 13001 Starkey Rd., Largo; or 501 First Ave. N., St. Petersburg.

For a mailed application or additional information, please call the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office at 727-464-6108.

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Teens Ready for Second Visit behind the Scenes

On January 25th, about a dozen high school students got a close-up look at Pinellas County Public Works. They saw firsthand what it takes to control the timing of traffic lights, make roadway signs, run Mosquito Control and operate a host of other services provided by the department. They learned about the new Emergency Responder building, constructed to withstand a hurricane so Public Works staff could safely stay there during a storm and quickly spring into action to clear roads before other recovery efforts could begin.

The program offers students the opportunity to experience the inner workings of government while touring the various facilities. The monthly program runs through April and is presented by the county's Youth Advisory Committee, modeled after the Pinellas Citizen University.

Program line-up is as follows:

- Most Wanted! on March 21. Take a tour of the Pinellas County Jail. Learn about intake, maximum security, and direct supervision. (Parental release required to participate.)

- 9-1-1 101 on April 18. Get an up-close look at the Pinellas County EMS system and get the chance to participate in a first responders' demonstration.

- Awards Night (6 p.m.) on April 24. Be on PCC-TV with your County Commissioners and receive your certificate.

The sessions are offered the fourth Wednesday of the month from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the site of the featured department. This free program is open to high school students who are at least 14 years old. The registration deadline for each session is two weeks before the program date. Class size is limited.

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The policies written by his agency are supported by the federal government through FEMA. FEMA pays a commission to the agencies that write their policies. Jeff and his agency are sharing that commission with their customers. Jeff says, things are tough for everyone, and if his company has a little to share with the community, it's happy to do so. *"With the economy the way it is, we thought it would be nice to give something back, especially since insurance has such a negative connotation,"* Jeff says. Maybe not anymore.

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

Paradise Compromised

If I could live anywhere in the world, I would still choose Florida. It's March, and it's already in the 80s, the sun is yellow and warm overhead, and the water is about 30 seconds from my front door. I just bought myself an early graduation present – a beautiful green standup paddleboard – and I can't wait to do some serious mangrove exploring with Calypso.

One of my favorite places to take Calypso is Bird Island, a spoil island just south of the Don CeSar boat ramp. We don't stop or get off the board, because doing so would certainly result in getting beaked to death by angry mama pelicans, but I love how Calypso's hot dog-shaped body gets tense and crouches low on the board as we approach the island. Fortunately for me – and the birds – she's not much for jumping off the board to take a swim, so everyone leaves happy.

As much as I love the southern tip of the county and I love living by the beach, if money were no object, I wouldn't choose Pinellas county.

We're too crowded with hotels and t-shirt shops along the beach. I'd probably choose Siesta Key or Pine Island or Big Pine Key, because I don't care for the development along our strip of coastal paradise.

Let me be crystal-clear on this: I would love to see a hurricane level St. Pete Beach (sorry, guys) and restore it to coastal pine forest and cabbage palm thickets.

That said, we need the hotels.

Do I like the crowds they draw every year? Um, no. None of us do, not even the people working in the hotels. Do I enjoy the obstructed view of the Gulf? Of course not; none of us moved here for the view of the skyline. Do I think the city's comprehensive plan allowing some hotels to climb to 12 stories is too high? Absolutely; I much prefer one-story mom and pop hotels.

But we need that comp plan. Without it, the hotels suffer. And let's all be clear: without the hotels, we're screwed.

I'm a realist. I can only afford to live here because we have the Tradewinds, Sirata and Don CeSar paying a premium in taxes. I don't like them, but I know that we need them. Take a look across the bay at Gulfport and its financial picture: pretty grim. They get precious little money from property taxes. They also have no large plots of land given over to commercial. These two things are related. We can have that in St. Pete Beach, but then we all have to make some tough choices. Gulfport lost its dispatch to the Sheriff, it sucks money out of its marina and sewer funds to keep the city afloat, and it's still not generating enough money. I shudder to think what budget time's going to look like over there this year.

We do not have those problems here. We have money to add some pretty nifty stuff to our parks, like solar lighting. We can afford to subsidize a pool that, like most pools, will never turn a profit. We have funds to take every last scrap of city land and make parks, however tiny. You can thank those hotels for that, whether you like them or not.

I can hear the chorus of naysayers

now, complaining that the hotels want too much and the comp plan is crap and selling paradise out from under us. And I have one thing to ask those people:

Are you really that dim, or are you just unwilling to accept that you moved to St. Pete Beach and not Siesta Key?

Because it's not Siesta Key, you know. Maybe it was like Siesta Key or Anna Maria Island a long time ago, but the Don Cesar went up in the 1920s. Unless you – not your father, not your uncle, you – lived here before then, you have no cause to complain.

Consider this passage, taken from a 1939 tour guide to Florida:

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The tour guide also notes the Don CeSar and hotels in Pass-A-Grille. Even in 1939, tourists wanted to know where to sleep on the beach. Hotels are not a new concept here. Why act as though they are? This is a sort of paradise, yes, but it's not pristine. That ship sailed almost a century ago. We're a compromise between Big Pine Key and Pensacola, whether we like it or not. I wish everyone would stop acting like babies and fighting a comprehensive plan that does its best to work a compromise between the hotels and the people who choose to live by them.

As long as these lawsuits contesting the comprehensive plan drag on, no business in its right mind will come to St. Pete Beach. While that suits some just fine, please remember that empty buildings don't magically revert to charming cottages and sea pines, and empty storefronts and shuttered hotels won't magically disappear; they're going to slowly crumble into the Gulf. That's really not how I envision the beach. Like I see, it's a compromised paradise, but I'll take it.

Because until I have the money to head off to Big Pine Key or Anna Maria, I'd rather see a 12-story hotel than an abandoned, derelict building. I mean, I can't afford a less-developed paradise, but I'm not about to punish an entire city because of it.

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There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3) times. Holy Mother, I place this prayer in your hands. (3) times.

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish it and it will be granted to you. 4 E.T.

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NEVER FAILING PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL - St. Michael, the Archangel, Defend Us In Battle; Be Our Defense Against the Wickedness and Snares of the Devil. May God Rebuke Him We Humbly Pray; and Do You Oh Prince of the Heavenly Host, By the Power of God, Thrust Into Hell Satan and the Other Evil Spirits Who Prowl About the World For the Ruin of Souls. Amen. St. Michael, I Resort to Your Protection and in My Faith, Offer This Light Which Shall Burn Every Tuesday. Comfort Me in My Difficulties and While Lodging in the House of Our Savior Intercede for Me and My Family That We Will Be Able to Hold God Close to Our Hearts and Be Provided for in All of Our Necessities. I Beseech You, to Have Infinite Pity in Regard to Favors I ask of You (Name Them) So That I May Be Able To Overcome All Difficulties as You Did the Dragons at Your Feet. Our Father (Say 3 Times). Hail Mary (Say 3 Times). Glory Be (Say 3 Times). This Prayer is to be Said 9 Tuesdays, in Succession and Each Tuesday a Candle Shall Be Lighted and a Copy of This Prayer Lft in the Church to Help Another Soul in Distress and Support the Devotion to St. Michael. This Miraculous Saint Grants Everything, No Matter How Difficult, Before the Termination of 9 Tuesdays. G.F.

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Gulfport City Wide Yard Sale Addresses

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Town Shores

6020 Shore Blvd. S. – Windsor Building
6025 Shore Blvd. S. – Manchester Building
5925 Shore Blvd. S. – Lancaster Building
5980 Shore Blvd. S. - Diplomat Building
2850 59th St. S. - Kenmore Building

29th Ave. S. to Water

5131-5137 29th Ave. S.
5230 29th Ave. S.
5414 29th Ave. S.
5426 29th Ave. S.
5620 30th Ave. S.
5112 31st Ave. S.
5200 31st Ave. S.
5301 31st Ave. S.
2802 53rd St. S.
2908 54th St. S.
3028 54th St. S. Apt. 6 (Alley entrance)
3058 56th St. S.
3101 56th St. S. #2
3101 Beach Blvd. #3
2816 57th St. S.
3120 58th St. S.
3108 Dupont St. S.
3120 Dupont St. S.

28th Ave. S. to Gulfport Blvd.

2507 Beach Blvd. S. Apt. 1
2607 Beach Blvd. S.
2619 Beach Blvd. S.
5837 24th Ave. S.
5838 25th Ave. S.
5813 26th Ave. S.
5814 26th Ave. S.
4920 27th Ave. S.
5136 27th Ave. S.
5861 27th Ave. S.
5830 27th Ave. S.
2408 50th St. S.
2218 51st St. S.
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2808 57th St. S.
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6285 10th Ave. S.
6315 11th Ave. S.
5932 15th Ave. S.
6038 15th Ave. S.
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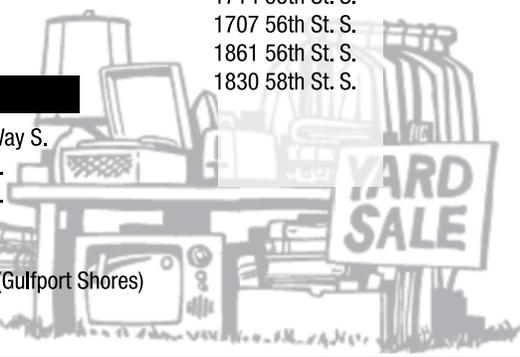
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4811 Coronado Way S.
4721 27th Ave. S.
4714 29th Ave. S.
2716 45th St. S.
2744 45th St. S.
2900 45th St. S. (Gulfport Shores)
2706 46th St. S.

4763 Baywood Pt. Dr. S.
4768 Baywood Pt. Dr. S.

North of Gulfport Blvd.

4929 9th Ave. S.
5026 12th Ave. S.
5000 14th Ave. S.
5146 15th Ave. S.
5600 15th Ave. S.
5129 16th Ave. S.
5709 18th Ave. S.
5519 19th Ave. S.
5510 20th Ave. S.
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