

## Retiring Old Glory



Tony Amendola prepares retired flags for proper disposal at Gulfport's Flag Day ceremony last week held at Veteran's Park in Gulfport.

## Sting Operation Catches Car Burglars

Craig McComas, Brian George and Tiffany Kenton, all Gulfport residents, thought they had things made. They'd wait for dark, then walk through neighborhoods looking for unlocked cars. When they found one, they'd help themselves to whatever they found in the car: cell phones, money, credit cards.

Thursday night, their luck changed. Newly-appointed Lieutenant Joshua Stone and Sergeant Tom Woodman organized a late-night sting operation intended to put the thieves out of business. When police saw a trio walking the neighborhood hit by these burglaries, south of 27th Avenue South between Tifton Street and Beach Boulevard, they paid close attention.

While Officer Jason Motte waited in some bushes, the trio approached a car not 10 feet away from him and attempted to help themselves.

The surveillance team attempted to arrest the trio, who all fled on foot. Police immediately caught McComas and Kenton, and a county K-9 unit helped them apprehend George.

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## Firecrackers, Insect Repellent: Not a Good Mix

Photo courtesy of Joan Barry

Friday afternoon a Gulfport teen playing with fireworks started a fire that burned a detached shed, trees, fence, and a neighbor's boat. The fire also reached burned neighborhood power lines. No one was injured.

"He was playing with fireworks and he decided to dump Off! on a stick and start lighting stuff up. I don't think he meant to burn his father and mother's shed down; it just happened. It got away from him," Gulfport Fire Chief Jim Marenkovic told the *Gabber*.

"Little tiny firecrackers" ignited in the Off! in the teen's parent's shed at the corner of DuPont and 31st Street, Chief Marenkovic added.



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**Burglaries**, from front page  
 Police recovered items stolen last week as well as items not previously reported stolen in Gulfport. The trio, who all live at 2522 50th Street South but remain in jail at press time.

Charges against the three include armed burglary of an unoccupied vehicle, burglary to an unoccupied vehicle, attempted burglary to an occupied vehicle, resisting arrest without violence, and principal in the first degree.

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## Councilmember Post Plagiarized

Two weeks ago the Gabber published Gulfport councilmember Dan Liedtke's comments from a recent council meeting. The comments, a transcript of the council member's comments concerning the Clean Air Act, appeared in the "Reader Posts" section of our web site and we referenced this post in our print edition.

Shortly after those comments appeared, a reader notified us via e-mail that the comments came directly from a February 8, 2012 Washington Examiner editorial (read this article online at theGabber.com to find a link to the original article) and we pulled the councilmember's comments off our web site.

We contacted Councilmember Liedtke and questioned him about the origin of his comments. He admitted that what he read at council came from other sources and re-posted his comments with proper attribution.

"Taking things word for word is not a good example," he said, but added, "I didn't lie and I'm not going to apologize. I said, 'according to several sources'."

He also told *the Gabber* he didn't think that anyone thought that the words were his original words.

"I would have had to do my own research," he said, adding that he had not. "I didn't gain personally, monetarily, or politically. That's typically where you have a big issue. I was just trying to argue why I didn't want the EPA to enact more regulation."

We asked him how voters could believe his veracity moving forward. "I think we're all understood on what needs to be done going forward," he said. "We need to be clearer."

*The Gabber* apologizes to the Washington Examiner, the author of the editorial and to our readers. Councilmember Liedtke called *the Gabber* and apologized Monday. He told editor Ken Reichart he was sorry he "put *the Gabber* in that situation."

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## Fire, from front page

The boy, 13, went to the Gulfport Police Department for questioning, but the fire department deemed the fire not malicious and the fire chief said he expected no charges to be filed.

Investigators do not believe the teen has any connection to the "palm tree arsonist" setting fires in Gulfport alleys.

"He was playing with fire and it got out of control," the Chief said. "This was an isolated incident. It was just one little thing of his own doing."

Fireworks, Chief Marenkovic reminded residents, are illegal in the city of Gulfport.

"The only thing you're allowed is sparklers," he said "and those sparklers should be in the care of an adult."

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## Gulfport Kayak Storage Fees in Place

City council voted to charge kayak, paddleboard, and canoe storage rates. The city will charge \$15 per month (plus a \$30 deposit) for secure storage.

"I want to commend Harbormaster Denis for taking the initiative to bringing this to the Gulfport Marina," Councilmember Barbara Banno said. Harbormaster Denis Frain created the concept and worked out the details of putting in place kayak storage at the city marina.

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The Dive-In Movies are held at the St. Pete Beach Pool, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, on June 22nd, July 6th, 13th, 20th, and August 3rd and 10th. A special Tween Night Dive-In for ages 10 and up will be held on June 29th with a showing of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows". An adult-only showing of "Jaws" will be held on July 27th for ages 18 and up. These specialty Dive-Ins cost \$5 per person. For more information contact the St. Pete Beach Pool at 727-363-9264.

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Orion may need to change this schedule if the weather does not cooperate; please check the Gabber.com's "Top Stories" or the electronic signs on St. Pete Beach for the most up-to-date information.

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## St. Pete Pride Benefit

The LGBT square dancing group the Suncoast Squares will hold a special benefit night to raise money and awareness for St. Pete Pride on Tuesday, June 26th from 7:30-10 p.m. at King of Peace MCC, 3150 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Pete. Dancers of all (or no) skill levels are invited to participate, meet new friends and learn some new moves. Come out for food, raffles, fabulous door prizes and of course some fun square dancing. The charge is \$5 and all proceeds are donated to St. Pete Pride. Square dancing is for the LGBT and straight communities and all are welcome. For more information visit Suncoastsquares.com.

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## Bike Safety Rodeo

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The adventure includes regular Deep Sea Voyages into the Bible, crafts, music and dinner. Tall the church office 321-3620 and sign-up. Pre-registration is a requirement so we know how many to expect for dinner.

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## Aquamania Hits Gulfport Beach

Bring your water gear and your competitive spirit to cheer on your favorite contestant OR bring your beach chair and enjoy live entertainment, shop arts and craft vendors and watch all the action from

land as Aquamania hits Gulfport Beach on Saturday, June 23rd from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.!

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# Letters

## Police services

**Dear Editor:** Over the past 6 years it has been apparent that in order for our residents to make any type of educated decision on important issues, we as a commission must provide them with every possible fact and detail. This is our responsibility and any personal political strategizing must be excluded from the process in order to present a clear and factual understanding. In addition, over the past 6 years we have experienced serious deception and misinformation that resulted from allowing unstructured forums as demonstrated at Tuesday night's commission meeting. Quite frankly I am disappointed at some of the conduct I witnessed as we were simply trying to perform our duties as commissioners which then resulted in a counter productive step in searching for the facts in a very important endeavor. There were numerous unsubstantiated statements made that were not only untrue but in many cases irrelevant to the subject at hand. If those at home were listening in order to obtain facts, not only did they receive falsehoods but they were left with a pretty poor impression of our municipality as a whole. **IT IS OUR DUTY TO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN AGAIN.**

I completely agree with Mr. Bonfield's suggestion that we provide

him with questions for the Sheriff so that he can answer many of our residents' concerns in a structured and detailed manner. Should the commission decide to proceed with the process, then if agreeable, structure a forum in which residents can present their questions and concerns to the Sheriff or his representative in a controlled manner. To open the next presentation to audience comments would be totally reckless as demonstrated at the last meeting. Again, we have an obligation to get the facts for our residents, they elected us to do that. We do not need to conduct an unstructured referendum in order to make the decision to hold a referendum. Keep in mind that the commission made the decision to approach the Sheriff, he did not solicit us.

That being said, as the record states, I was against soliciting this proposal at this time for several reasons. However the commission made the decision to proceed therefore our duty is clear. I have committed to conducting a thorough examination of this proposal without bias as should we all. Part of that process is correcting any false information presented towards either party. Therefore I feel I must correct a serious misrepresentation that was presented at the commission meeting that was not rebutted but rather applauded by our Police force.

If you will review, you will note that on several occasions individuals

suggested that we simply inquire with other municipalities that have contracted with the Sheriff suggesting that at least half are dissatisfied.

Vice Mayor Shavlan stated that he did contact all but one Mayor (Seminole) and they ALL were happy with the Sheriff. This was in response to a gentleman who gave a detailed presentation concerning his "history" with Seminole's decision 12 years ago to switch from the "locals" to the Sheriff. He stated that after the change to the Sheriff, service was terrible and that the deputies only showed up for their paychecks and didn't care about the people. He went on and on about how bad the situation was to the extent of stating that he knew the Mayor and that he had stated that he wished he had never switched to the Sheriff. Quite a collection of detailed woes to degrade the Sheriff, wouldn't you say? Well as I was sitting there listening, I remembered that in 1974 I managed a small business in Seminole. While I was there I established some long term relationships with a few of the local law officers who I am still in contact with. The fact of the matter was that they were deputies and yes it was the Sheriff's department that was contracting with Seminole back in the early 70's. After confirming today, Seminole has never had their own Police department. **GO FIGURE.** I find it incredible that someone would go to that detailed extent to fabricate such a story in order to slander the Sheriff's department. This and much more is what comes from allowing uncontrolled forums in the middle of such an important process.

Oh and by the way, again simply trying to establish the facts, I spoke with Mayor Jimmie Johnson of Seminole today. I asked if he was satisfied with the Sheriff's services. He replied with an extended positive reply and continued to go on and on about how positive their working relationship with the Sheriff's department was and that in no way has he ever made a derogatory remark about the Sheriff or their relationship.

So again, these are just the facts but a little late in countering last night's debacle.

Steve McFarlin

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## Hot Date Night at the IAC

The glory hole will be glowing for Hot Date Night on Friday, June 22nd from 6-10 p.m. at the Industrial Arts Center. This monthly event is open to any two people who want to create a glass masterpiece together ... husbands and wives, life partners, grandparents and grandkids. These mini glass blowing workshops are limited and reservations are suggested due to the high demand.

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## One Week Scuba Camps

Jim's Dive Shop and the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center will be hosting SCUBA Camps throughout the summer for kids and teens ages 10 and older. All students that pass the course will be Open Water Certified. Cost for the week-long camp is \$400 per student and includes all study materials as well as use of necessary equipment for all dives. Classroom and pool sessions will be held at the St. Pete Beach Community Center and Pool at 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Summer courses will be held the weeks of June 25th, July 9th and July 30th. Call 393-3483.

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allow us to tailor a program to meet treatment needs and support of life-long recovery.” said Chad Johnson, Tranquil Shores NPC, President.

The event will include 18-holes of golf with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. followed by lunch and awarding of prizes. There are closest to the pin, hole-in-one, longest drive for men and women and putting prizes. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. All proceeds go to the Tranquil Shores NPC charity.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$100. There are 4 levels of sponsorship ranging from \$100 to \$2,500. Cash or in-kind donations are most appreciated and tax deductible.

Please contact Andy Blair or Heather Johnson at Tranquil Shores at 727-391-7001.

Proceeds from this year’s event will help fund life-saving projects designed to aid people struggling with substance abuse and their families. Donations sponsor education and substance abuse treatment for those seeking help as well as for those affected by drunk driving. The goal of this nonprofit is to benefit all through service; thereby offering hope for those impacted by substance abuse. For more information, visit [www.tranquilshores.org](http://www.tranquilshores.org).

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## Apply for Social Services Grants

ST. PETERSBURG- Social service agencies may now apply for \$338,000 in grants from the city of St. Petersburg. Grant applications are due Monday, June 25 by 4 p.m. and are available online at [www.stpete.org/socialservices](http://www.stpete.org/socialservices)

Priorities for funding will be limited to social service programs that provide homeless prevention services and/or services to homeless families (highest priority), unaccompanied youth (second priority) and individuals (third priority).

Grant awards will not be offered to agencies requesting less than \$10,000 or more than \$40,000. An agency can request funding for more than one program, but the total request cannot exceed \$40,000. Agencies must submit only one application.

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## Comedy Night at Metro Center

St. Pete Pride and Metro Wellness & Community Center proudly present Christine O'Leary, touted as "One of the 50 Funniest Lesbians in America" according to *Curve Magazine* on Saturday, June 30th at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Cover is \$10 and cash bar. Proceeds benefit Metro Wellness & Community Center. The Center is located at 3251 Third Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. For tickets visit [stpetepride.com](http://stpetepride.com) or [metrotampabay.org](http://metrotampabay.org) or visit Metro Center or their Thrift Store on Central Avenue.

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## Two-Tank Summer Camp

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materials and tools are provided.

Week one will be an orientation to the hot shop, tools, and safety followed by simple demonstration. Students make a frit paperweight. Following weeks will cover gathering glass from the furnace and shaping glass with a variety of tools. Students will make a variety of pieces including a round ball, cylinder, bowls and a plate.

Tuition for all six sessions is \$500.

For information about any of these classes or special events visit [www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org](http://www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org) or call 727-289-9365.

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## Bike Trail to link with the Pinellas Trail

Share your ideas about the proposed bike path linking Treasure Island and the Pinellas Trail with the Treasure Island City Commission at a special "Bike Trail Community Workshop" on Tuesday, June 26th at 6 p.m. at the Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium, 120 108th Avenue. Some of your ideas from the previous bike trail meetings have already been added to the various proposals. Up for discussion with the commission on the 26th are: specific ways to improve the intersection of 104th, 107th and 108th Avenues to provide safe and comfortable riding and walking experiences; crosswalks; and any other concerns or issues regarding the bike trail.

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If you've ever been to Rocky Horror you know most of the campy fun of seeing it is the audience participation through call backs and use of props like rice, a squirt gun, toast, etc. The St. Pete Quakers have taken the concept to a whole new level as they present the Wizard of Oz as a funny, campy evening of alcohol free fun in tribute to St. Pete Pride. Participants will be encouraged to shout out funny call backs to the film much like is the tradition with Rocky Horror.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 23 at 7 p.m. at the Quaker Meeting House, 190 19th Avenue Southeast and is free and open to the public.

Those attending are encouraged to wear costumes and be prepared to sing along to songs like *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* and *Follow the Yellow Brick Road* and give funny outlandish comments back to the film as it's playing.

“When you get to the Meeting House just “follow the yellow brick road” to the door, but don't forget your ruby slippers...you'll need them to get back home!” said Judy Nelson, co-clerk of the Peace and Community Concerns Committee of the Quakers who are producing the event.

“There are two sides to Pride,” said Greg Stemm, co-clerk of Peace and Community Concerns and clerk of the Quaker's LGBT Issues Committee. “There is a serious side and a fun side. Last year we celebrated the serious side by screening ‘Milk’, but this year we want to do something really fun. This has been a great year for members of the LGBT community and there is much to celebrate. This gives people a chance to have a great fun evening that is also alcohol and drug free. And you don't have to be gay to enjoy it!”

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## Gulfport Fresh Market to Host Blood Drive

Florida Blood Services will conduct a blood drive during the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market on Tuesday, June 26th from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The blood donation vehicle will be parked in the Fresh Market area near the corner of Beach Blvd. and 31st Ave. South.

Blood and platelet donors will receive a free wellness check-up and cholesterol screening, as well as an "Operation Blood Donation Hero" t-shirt, and a coupon for \$5 off at Outback Steakhouses. Those who donate blood or platelets twice during the summer, prior to August 31st, will receive a coupon good for a free steak dinner at Outback Steakhouses and will be entered into a drawing to win "Outback for a Year" and a suite package from the Tampa Bay Rays. Blood drive organizers hope to revisit the Gulfport Fresh Market again on July 31st and August 28th.

The Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market is a year-round open-air market featuring fruits, vegetables and a wide variety of other foods; hand-made art and crafts; bath, body and wellness products; live music and more. Over 50 vendors and exhibitors participate each Tuesday. Hours for the summer are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, go to [www.gulfportma.com](http://www.gulfportma.com), or contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086 or email [dan@igc.org](mailto:dan@igc.org).

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Summer league begins the week of July 9. League fees vary with the sport. All participants must purchase an ADVANTAGE membership, \$15 for City of St. Petersburg residents and \$38/season pass for non-residents. Visa, Mastercard, cash

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The Garden Club of St. Petersburg welcomes all adults to their crafts programs which are offered the first Monday of the month from September through June and the following dates in the summer. It is \$3.50 per member and \$4.50 for guests. They meet from 10-12 in their building at the corner of 5th Ave. S. and Park Street. A sense of enthusiasm and a wish to meet new

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## July 4th Fireworks in St. Pete Beach

ST. PETE BEACH- The City of St. Pete Beach will host their annual fireworks display on Wednesday, July 4th beginning at dark. The display will be launched from a barge in the Gulf directly west of the County Park located at 47th Street (across from the Dolphin Village Plaza). All normal beach and parking ordinances will be in effect. The St. Pete Beach 4th of July firework celebration is made possible in part by the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of St. Pete Beach. Call 727-367-2735.

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# Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

## ACROSS

- 1 Cinema feature
- 5 Fumble
- 9 Wets one's line
- 14 Indy 500 racer  
Luyendyk
- 15 Attic window view
- 16 Aimée, of *La Dolce Vita*
- 17 Glum bird?
- 20 Manuscript reader
- 21 Kitties
- 22 What chuck is
- 24 Gents
- 25 Bird alliance?
- 30 Word with ghost or boom
- 34 European autos
- 35 Crib contents
- 36 Actress Peeples
- 37 Out loud
- 38 Animated deer
- 39 Coagulates
- 40 Tennis call
- 41 Conception
- 42 Word at an unveiling
- 43 \_\_\_ now: immediately
- 45 Bird gesture?
- 47 Bear, in Spain

- 49 Novelist Tyler  
Rascal
- 54 Play opener
- 58 With A, urban migratory bird?
- 61 Commencement
- 62 Spock's captain
- 63 North Carolina college
- 64 States of mind
- 65 Stone, et al.
- 66 Chicago's Sandberg

## DOWN

- 1 '80s movie/song/TV series
- 2 Exasperated
- 3 \_\_\_ *Marlene*
- 4 Part of a spaghetti dish
- 5 Edict
- 6 Hearty cheer
- 7 Ab \_\_\_: from inception
- 8 Filthy lucre
- 9 Minidish alternative
- 10 Coronate
- 11 Any day now
- 12 Toothpaste holder
- 13 The \_\_\_ the limit

- 18 *Silent Night*, et al.
- 19 Aden native
- 23 False front
- 25 Dough
- 26 Belgian battle site
- 27 Super keen!
- 28 Pyle, of sitcoms
- 29 University of Illinois city
- 31 \_\_\_ a million
- 32 Novelist Cather
- 33 Like some congestion
- 38 Chomped
- 39 Young Turk
- 42 Leonardo da \_\_\_
- 44 Bore, on the farm
- 46 Eats between meals
- 48 Vegas contraptions
- 50 A bit of chemistry?
- 51 Host Jay
- 52 Africa's Burkina \_\_\_
- 53 Aleutian isle
- 55 Well-lubricated
- 56 Glowing gas
- 57 Serf
- 59 Barrister's topper
- 60 Valued rock

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To keep you informed ahead of time, street closures are on the following streets starting at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4th. Beach Blvd. will be closed from 31st Ave. (south) to Shore Blvd. Shore Blvd. will be closed from 54th Street S. (west) to

56th Street S. 54th Street S., south of Essex Avenue will also be closed. Beach Blvd. south of 28th Ave. South to 31st Ave. S. will be temporarily closed for the City's 4th of July Community Parade from 5:45-7 p.m.

Other early closings to prepare for the fireworks and your safety will include Williams Pier (corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 54th St. S.) which will close at 7 a.m. Friday morning July 2nd until Monday morning, July 5th at noon. At that same time, perimeter buoys will be placed 900 ft. from the Williams Pier. Also, fencing will be placed on the seawall at Veteran's Park (corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 54th St. S.).

Other safety issues include "sparklers only" on Gulfport Beach.

The open air trolley will be running from 4-11 p.m. to pick up passengers from remote parking spots to make your journey more convenient to Gulfport. Remote parking spots include: Recreation Center (5730 Shore Blvd. S.), Library (5501 28th Ave. S.), Senior Center and Theater (5501 27th Ave. S.), Hoyt Field (2306 56th St. S.), Chase Park (54th St. S. and 28th Ave. S.), Ted Phillips Wood Ibis Park (58th St. S. and 28th Ave. S.). If you see the trolley, just give the driver a wave and they will pick you up along the route.

Get up, have your coffee and breakfast early and bring the kids to the Kid's Fishing Derby, at the Recreation Center seawall, from 8-11 a.m. (registration for the derby will start at 7:30 a.m.) followed by a Free Family Sand Sculpture Contest, sponsored by the Gulfport Recreation Division, on Gulfport Beach, from 10 a.m. to noon (registration will start at 9:30 a.m.). Keeping with tradition, the theme will be "Red, White and Blue". City staff will be on Gulfport Beach from noon to 6 p.m. with a variety of free kid friendly activities! Also, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Beach Blvd. S. towards 54th St. S., you can view a stunning variety of autos at the annual auto show. Did we say all of this is free?

From 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., check out the 1st Annual Funky Fourth Car Show along Shore Blvd. S. between 54th St. S. and Beach Blvd. S. Thirty-five creatively decorated and fun gas powered and electric cars will line Shore Blvd. S. in true Gulfport style!

Starting the evening, local vendors offer a variety of arts, crafts, food delicacies and patriotic knick-knacks for your enjoyment, from 4-10 p.m. At 5 p.m., enjoy live music on the Casino outside main stage. Our community parade will begin promptly at 6 p.m. making its way (southbound) down Beach Blvd. to the Gulfport Casino, where it will head west on Shore Blvd. to 58th Street S. Make sure to grab a good viewing spot!

At 9 p.m. an always amazing fireworks display off of Gulfport Beach along Shore Blvd. S. will offer an exceptional closing of the day's festivities. The City welcomes all to celebrate the Fourth of July in the City of Gulfport! Call 727-893-1118.

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All are encouraged to participate in the parade (please check spot on application if interested). Have fun and celebrate July 4th with your best dressed vehicle. This is no ordinary car show, it's Gulfport style! Trophy will be given for Mayors/Councils Choice and for Best Dressed Electric Vehicle. Join in the funky fun! For more information, call 727-893-1118.

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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

Since Uranus was discovered in 1781 and Pluto was discovered in 1930, 231 years ago, a square of Uranus and Pluto would not have been cause for wide-eyed anticipation. But these days, momentous alignments such as this week's peak of the Uranus/Pluto square bring awareness to the milestones of our evolution. Being alive on the planet right now, you're part of one of the more remarkable periods of human history.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Gossip seemingly connects the gossipers and distances them from the one being gossiped about. But in reality, it distances everyone because it erodes trust. A person who talks behind another person's back could do the same to anyone. This is the week to steer clear of gossip in every form.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). While there's something to be said for self-guided tours and self-paced study, you've had enough of that sort of thing lately. Getting with the program means joining a group. You do enough on your own. There's no reason you should do everything that way. Make a plan, and find someone to keep you accountable to it.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People always say "be yourself" as if that were the easiest, most natural thing to do. For deeply thinking types, those two words could be pondered for a lifetime. But if you simply get into action, doing what you're naturally inclined to do, you'll fulfill the directive. In other words, don't over-think it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Here's a money-saving tip: Decide what you want before you're in the marketplace. The only trouble is, sometimes you don't know what you want until you've shopped around. The answer is to go shopping first with the firm resolve not to buy a thing. Leave the money at home, and open your eyes to what's out there.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Problems are like bullies on the playground. If you let them push you around, they will -- especially when

the teacher is not around. Your dreams are like supervisors who keep everything on track. Be led by your dreams, and your problems won't get the chance to advance on you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are not so far off from accepting yourself entirely. If you can consciously do this even for a few minutes each day, your confidence will transform your experience of your life. At the end of the week, you'll look back and say unequivocally that you are proud of yourself.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). One of the world's longest surviving cultures, Australian Aboriginal culture, calls their spiritual and natural existence "Dreamtime." You will relate to the concept this week, as your life seems to float forward and backward in time, taking surprising and colorful, if illogical, turns.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are feeling semi-nomadic now and are willing to go where your work, projects and general sense of purpose take you. Even though you know that travel is not an effective means of escape, your problems still have a way of disappearing after you embark.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You have a lesson to impart. Ask the muses for help in finding the most interesting way to get your point across. If you don't have a relationship with the muses, it's the perfect week to develop one. A muse can be a person you know, someone you admire but don't know (living or dead), or the spirit of creativity itself.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to fuel your dreams so long as you know what they really are. What scares you are the unquantifiable and unknown factors. Do your research. People who have traveled a path very much like yours can answer questions that could help you assess your risk.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The law of karma dictates that you claim

your actions, or your actions will claim you. So many of the actions that result in your living the way you currently do happen automatically. This week will bring awareness to some of your auto-piloting, and you will see a way to make adjustments to support your well-being.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll be cooking something up this week -- not food, but a tasty bit of life. You'll follow the recipe and be surprised at the outcome, which will look nothing like the picture in the book. Don't fret, though. It is still delicious, and you can always hone your methods later.

**This Week's Birthdays:** Your relationships bring you happiness this year. You'll see remarkable progress toward one of your most important goals in July. Social connections lead to financial success in August, and yet you must be very careful to keep your interactions in their proper category. Mixing business and pleasure will be dicey at this time. September has an invigorating effect on your love life. There's satisfaction in mentoring others and/or watching young people win as a direct result of your tutelage.

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# Gulfport Leisure

## Recreation Center 5730 Shore Blvd. So 893-1068

**RECREATION WEBSITE**-[www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) and follow the links: City Departments, Leisure services, Rec. Center.

### ACTIVITIES

Open Gym – Tues. 6.-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$4 non-res.

### PROGRAMS

**2012 SUMMER PROGRAM** - Ongoing registration continues for the 2012 Summer Recreation Program for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Registrations for Gulfport residents and non-residents (30 children max.) are currently being accepted. Proof of residency is required for registration. Hours of registration for Monday-Friday are from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. You can pick up your packet at the Rec. Center or log on to [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) and follow the links to City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center. For more information call 893-1068.

**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/\$4 non-res.

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

**CLASSES** - Call instructor for more information.

- Braveheart Bootcamp- Tues., 6:30 p.m. Call Ally at 727-748-6612
- Beginners Spanish- Mon., 6:30-7:30. Call 482-2125 for more info
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.
- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.
- Tai Chi –at Scout Hall, Tues. & Thurs., 9-10:15 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.

- Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Call Jack at 280-4276
- Yoga in the A. M. – at the Neighborhood Center, Wed., 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Yoga- Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Zumba- Thur., 7:45 p.m. Call Rachel at 727-748-6612

### 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.

## Gulfport Library

5501 28th Ave. So. 893-1074

or fax 344-6386



### GULFPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY - PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

The Library will be closed Wed., July 4th for the Independence Day holiday  
Search for/request books and other items on our online catalog:  
<http://pals.polarislibrary.com>

**eSalon:** Tuesdays, 3 – 5 pm, Would you like to download ebooks from the Library? Learn how! Browse, place a hold, and check out ebooks from our digital catalog. Meet with others to learn the basics or to discover new ways of using your e-Reader; tablet; and/or mp3. Come by or call the Reference Desk, 893-1073.

**StoryTime:** Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:00 am, Diann shares picture books and activities selected for preschoolers. Youth Services area around the rocking chair by the Easy books.

**Citizenship Classes:** Mondays, 5-7 p.m. FMI, contact Adriana Santos, 727-222-8883 or 727-442-6881, email [asantos@umcm.info](mailto:asantos@umcm.info). Last class is July 2.

**FLYP Summer Reading Program:** Wednesdays, 2:00 pm. FMI, call 893-1074 and ask for Diann.

**Coffee/Talk Book Club:** Thursday, June 21, 10:00 am. Discussion of Catch-22, by Joseph Heller, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy of the book. Please call 893-1073 FMI.

**FLYP Summer Reading Program:** Reptiles as Pets! Wednesday, June 27, 2:00 pm. Chase & Blaire introduce their cool friends. See live geckos; turtles; ... and a python. FMI, call 893-1074 and ask for Diann.

**Make-your-own-journals for Teens:** Saturday, June 30, 1:00 pm. Turn crafts supplies plus odds & ends (interesting twigs?) into a cool way to contain your personalized statements... FMI, call 893-1074 & ask for Sheri.

**Free Family Movie Day:** Saturday, July 7, 10:30 am, Journey 2: The Mysterious Island [PG] (2012); and, 1:30 pm John Carter [PG-13] (2012); Enjoy with free popcorn provided by the Library! FMI, call 893-1074.

**The Mysterious World of Bats:** Wednesday, July 11, 2:30 pm. See a live bat! Learn about the special role bats play in the environment. Presented by Boyd Hill Nature Preserve Off-site Programs. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Public Library.

**Meditation Classes:** Saturdays, starting July 14, 10:00 am. Taught by Ted Leitho, using The Power of Now by E. Tolle; and Your Head in the Tiger's Mouth by R. Balsekar. Preregister at the Reference Desk. FMI, call 893-1073.

**One-on-One Computer Instruction:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 am-1:00 pm. First come, first served.

**Free Thinkers Open AA (Twelve Step) Meeting:** Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm. FMI: Call 727-360-9069.

**Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers:** Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

**Business Debtors Anonymous Meeting:** Thursdays, 4:30 - 6 pm, FMI, call 727-238-1688.

**Anime Afternoons:** Fridays, Kick-off June 22, 2:00 pm. FMI, contact Sheri, 727-893-1074.

# Services *City Sponsored Activities* *in the Community*

## Senior Center

**5501 27th Ave. S. 893-2237**

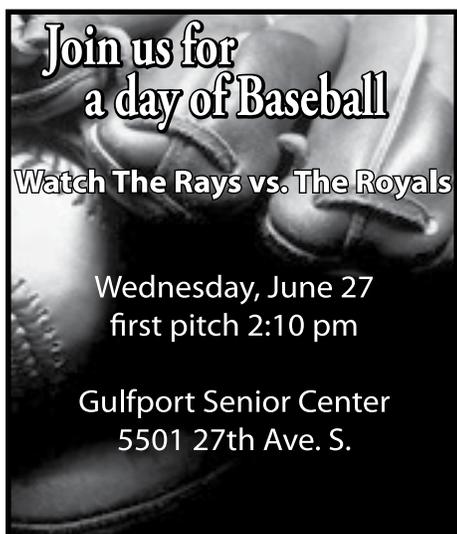
### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Thursday Bridge Club:** Bridge will start at 1:30pm on Thursdays during the summer months.

**Beginners Line Dance Class:** A beginners Line Dance Class will be offered at Scout Hall starting on Tues. July 3 at 10:30am. Must be a registered member of the Senior Center. Registration and the class are free.

**Senior Trips:** Looking for day trips? Hard Rock Casino on June 30 or July 4, (\$20); "New York Nights" matinee at the Show Palace Dinner Theater in Hudson (\$75); Empress Tea Room of Carrollwood on July 20 (\$51); "The Producers" at the Straz Center in Tampa at 2pm (\$86). Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for details.

**Senior Center's Rays Fan Club:** Plan on joining us at the Senior Center for the next Ray's game on Wed. June 27 at 2:10pm when the Rays play the Royals. Come early for lunch at the Snack Bar and stay to watch the game on our flat screen TV. Free snacks included during the game.



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### Beach Party Bingo & Ice Cream

**Social:** Mark your calendar now for Beach Party Bingo and Ice Cream Social on Wed. June 27 at 1:30pm. (Please note that the time has been changed from 1pm to 1:30pm). Games, refreshments, and more! Tickets: \$3.00. (No Bingo on Fri. June 29)

### SPECIAL SERVICES

**Food Pantry Low:** The Senior Center Food Pantry has an ongoing need for non-perishable food items. Please consider donating food to help our low-income seniors.

**Snack Bar for June:** Light Breakfast served every morning: 1 egg, 2 pieces of toast & tomato and coffee, only \$2.50. All lunches, \$3.00. Great food! Great company! If you are heading for the beach, stop at the Senior Center to pick up a boxed lunch. Call 893-2259 to place your order.

**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 727-343-9044 for fee and registration info.

### Support Groups

- Diabetic Support Group on Mondays at 9:30am.
- Grandparent Grandchild Connection, 4th Tues at 6:30pm
- 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;  
4th Sunday Bible Study  
**Overeaters Anonymous: Sun.**  
6:15-8:15pm



**GULFPORT CASINO BALLROOM**

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**893-1070**

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**Sun., June 24, 6-10pm, \$7**

**USA BALLROOM DANCE**  
**Mon., June 25, 7-10:15pm**  
\$5 Members, \$7 Non-members

**WEEKLY DANCES**  
**Every Tuesday**  
**Ballroom Lessons 12-3pm, \$7**  
12-1 Intermediate  
1-2 Beginner, 2-3 Dancing

**Argentine Tango 6:30-10:30pm, \$7**  
6:30-8pm Lesson,  
8-10:30pm Dance

**Every Wednesday**  
**Swing Dance**  
6-7pm Lindy Hop Lesson  
7-8pm East Coast Swing Lesson  
8-11pm Swing Dance, \$7

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

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**Summer Jazz on  
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On Thursday, June 28, Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps will play from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Bilmar Beach Resort, Treasure Island. Admission is \$7. Call 727-522-6877.

**Lithuanian-American  
 Lunch this Thursday**

The Lithuanian-American Club at 4880 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg is serving lunch on Thursdays at 1 p.m. The cost is \$7. Today's lunch is koldunai (meat dumplings) with saltibarsciai (cold beet soup or pink soup), dessert and coffee.

The club is also having a Lithuanian Craft and Food Sale, imported Lithuanian food goods as well as homemade cheeses and baked goods. As usual they have Lithuanian beer and homemade bread to buy. Call Vida at 866-7936 for more information. Everyone is welcome.



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## Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me for a tour of the park on June 26 at 10 a.m. and learn how to recognize tree hazards and when they should be removed. Barbara Gilberg Habitat is located at 1600 Pasadena Avenue next to the electronic billboard on Shore Drive.

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## 4th Annual Pets & People Food Drive

Pasadena Pet Motel kicks off the 4th Annual Pets & People Food Drive now up until July 4th. Proceeds will benefit the Gulfport Senior Center and Pet Pal Animal Shelter. Bring non-perishable food items and pet food to the Motel at 6735 Gulfport Blvd. Call 345-2852 for more information.

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## USCG Safe Boating Program

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 78 has a 13-week continuous Safe Boating program every Tuesday, 7 p.m., Warren Webster Community Center, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach (1 mile south of Don CeSar) Start at your convenience. First day, come at 6:30 p.m. to register. Begin any Tuesday and finish 13 weeks later or take up to two years to finish.

June's program includes: "Handling Your Boat" June 26.

July's program includes: "Your Highway Signs" July 3, "Rules of the Nautical Road" July 10, "Boating Safety" July 17, and "Piloting Your Boat Part-A" July 24.

Cost is \$40 for 13 weeks and includes new 400-pages of materials. Call Jim at 360-4846, Warren at 321-7801, or Phil at 865-2226.

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## Gulfport City Council Meeting

# Public Comment & Council Quotes

*"I like your program. I age by the minute."* – Mayor Mike Yakes, to the Area Agency on Aging representative before his presentation.

*"The pictures on the wall are great, awesome, very colorful. I'd like to take some of them home with me."* – Jan Lowe, about the Gulfport Elementary art displayed in city hall.

*"I would like to encourage the council to make sure they're doing this as well. As a grad student I write a lot of papers... giving credit to others for their hard work is not only important, it's the right thing to do."* – Jan Lowe

*"I just think that we've imposed restrictions that make it very difficult... the fact that ... if Jack the Ripper [sat on the dais], we would not be able to address his naughty behavior."* – Gerry O'Regan, who asked the city reconsider its stance on allowing personal attacks on the dais. He suggested it may restrict the rights of Gulfport citizens.

*"There is a big change in three of our wards with the precinct numbers... look for your new card and call us with any questions."* – City Clerk Lesley DeMuth, about the new districts. Watch the Gabber for a new district map.

*"I can't see spending \$1,400 to find out we can't spend money we don't have."* – Councilmember Dan Liedtke, about spending money to reevaluate the cost of relocating the city's sanitation department.

*"I'm going to avoid bringing any new business up until we see a budget... Jim, your plate is piled entirely too high."*

– Councilmember Dan Liedtke, when asked if he had any "new business." City manager Jim O'Reilly continues to work on preparing a draft budget for the city.

*"Well, I'm not going to do that."* – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon

*"I'd like to see it all working. It's been a little contentious."*

– Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about the possibility that the Teen Council may be working outside the city's resolution about the Teen Council. She asked that the city put the resolution on the docket for the July workshop, before the Teen Council had possible August re-appointments.

*"Is that really more important than the budget?"*

Councilmember Dan Liedtke, who said he preferred to wait until after the city dealt with the budget. Further discussion revealed that the July workshop agenda already included four items in addition to the budget.

*"What time are you going to be in the dunk tank?"*

– Councilwoman Barbara Banno, to Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about her volunteering for the Aquamania dunk tank this Saturday. Councilwoman Salmon will be in the dunk tank at 11 a.m.; at 2 p.m. Councilwoman Banno will take her turn. Mayor Mike Yakes said he'd be glad to go first.

## Volunteer to Plant Sea Oats

ST. PETE BEACH- The City of St. Pete Beach has partnered with Pinellas County Environmental Management, the Sirata Beach Resort, and The Florida Aquarium to bring a large-scale sea oat planting project to St. Pete Beach and volunteers ages 12 and older are needed. The effort will take place on Saturday, June 30th starting at 9 a.m. behind the Sirata Beach Resort, 5300 Gulf Blvd. in St. Pete Beach. This is a great project for friends, family, neighbors, church

groups, community associations, students needing volunteer hours and other community organizations.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring gloves, small hand shovels, sun block, hats, beach shoes, watering cans or milk jugs, and knee pads if desired. Parking passes and bottled water will be provided.

Planting of native vegetation like sea oats helps form and maintain sand dunes, critical to controlling beach erosion. Come out and help save our beaches. To volunteer, contact Adam Duff at Aduff@flaquarium.org.

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## Step it up at Scout Hall!

Beginners Line Dance Class will be offered at Scout Hall (5301 28th Ave. S.) starting on Tuesday, July 3rd at 10:30 a.m. You must be a registered member of the Senior Center. Registration and the class are free. To register to be a member of the Senior Center, stop by at 5501 27th Ave. S. For more information, contact 727-893-2237 or 727-893-1231.

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## Fresh Market Coming to Azalea

Starting July 7th the Azalea Recreational Center is becoming the home of the Azalea Community Fresh Market. Located in the Tyrone area, the market plans to have fresh produce, arts and crafts, foods of all sorts, activities for the kids, a variety of music and much more.

The Azalea Community Fresh Market is offering weekly or monthly booths rates, 30 spots air conditioned inside and outside booth spaces with electric also available. Call Joe and Kathy Irizarry at 727-492-4789.

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By Scott Lafee

## It's a Dangerous World, Just Ask Any Parent

Unintentional injury is the leading cause of death among children and adolescents. In 2009, the most recent year for which there is data, more than 9,000 American children died. The good news is that this number has been declining.

"Kids are safer from injuries today than ever before," says Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "In fact, the decrease in injury death rates (30 percent from 2000 to 2009) has resulted in more than 11,000 children's lives being saved. But we can do more."

Part of doing more is knowing specifically what kinds of threats put children at risk and to what degree. In a new study, the first of its kind for the CDC, researchers found that the most common cause of death from unintentional injury for children is motor vehicle crashes, followed by suffocation, drowning, poisoning, fires and falls.

These causes of death have declined in numbers over the past decade, with two exceptions: Suffocation rates are on the rise, most notably a 54 percent increase among infants less than 1 year old. And poisoning death rates have increased -- a 91 percent increase among teens aged 15-19, largely due to prescription drug overdoses.

Where kids live also seems to affect their risk of injury and death. Massachusetts and New Jersey are among the safer states, with less than five deaths per 100,000 children. South Dakota and Mississippi are at the other end, with more than 23 deaths per 100,000 children.

### BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

Fingernails grow at 0.02 inches per week, four times faster than toenails. This translates to .0028 inches in a day or 0.000119 inches per hour. The middle fingernail grows fastest, the thumb slowest.

### GET ME THAT. STAT!

Each year, 2 million patients

contract an infection during a hospital stay; approximately 100,000 die as a result of these infections, which is more than AIDS, breast cancer and auto accidents annual deaths combined. According to the Institute of Medicine, hospital-acquired or nosocomial infections add \$45 billion to the annual cost of healthcare in this country.

### EPITAPHS

"He gave all he possessed, including his life, for the wild animals of Africa." -- Michael Grzimek (1934-1959) was a German zoologist, conservationist and filmmaker whose work was instrumental in promoting the development of several of Africa's most famous national parks, including Tanzania's Serengeti National Park. He was killed when the plane he was piloting near Ngorongoro Crater collided with a vulture, causing him

to lose control.

### DOC TALK

Thrill -- a vibration that a doctor or nurse can feel by touch, often used to describe cardiac murmurs that can be felt through the chest wall.

### PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Anablephobia -- fear of looking up.

### OBSERVATION

"My doctor gave me two weeks to live. I hope they're in August." -- Comedian Ronnie Shakes

### BEST MEDICINE

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Second guy: That's terrible. What'd you do?

First guy: I planned to take 1,000 aspirin, but after the first two, I felt better.

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## Get your Team into Extreme Mud Wars

ST. PETERSBURG- The City of St. Pete Parks and Recreation Department and TASC0 (Teen, Arts, Sports, and Cultural Opportunities) are once again partnering with Tampa Bay Club Sport to bring back the wildly popular Extreme Mud Wars (EMW) to Spa Beach Park July 14-15. Last year, more than 600 people competed against each other in series of events that are just as enjoyable to watch as they are to participate in. EMW, hosted at Spa Beach park at the base of the Pier in downtown St. Pete, boasts eight mud covered events that teams rotate

through to determine who the best of the best is.

This is the prime opportunity for teams of friends or co-workers to participate in the all day mud event. Teams of 6-8 are suggested with a minimum of at least 2 females. All participants must be at least 18 or older. Food and drink vendors will be on site with a "beer garden" that will benefit the St. Pete Aquarium.

Team cost before July 1st is \$350 and after it is \$400. Proceeds from event registration to benefit TASC0. All teams must register ahead of time and can do so at [www.tampabayclubsport.com](http://www.tampabayclubsport.com). EMW will start promptly at 11 a.m. and run through 5 p.m. Curious? Check out the results, photos, and

videos from 2011 by visiting [www.ExtremeMudWars.com](http://www.ExtremeMudWars.com).

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## Free Family Movie Day

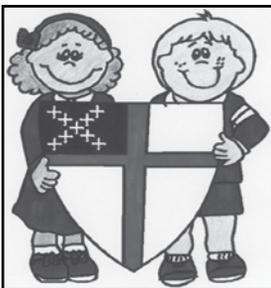
Enjoy free movies with the kids on Saturday, July 7, starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Francis Purdy Friends Room at the Gulfport Public Library at 5501 28th Ave. S. The movies showing this month are *Journey 2, The Mysterious Island* [PG] (2012); and beginning at 1:30 p.m., *John Carter* [PG-13] (2012). Enjoy with free popcorn provided by the Library! Call 893-1074.

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## Spanish Classes Forming

Learn Conversational Spanish at the Recreation Center with Beginner adult Spanish classes starting Monday, July 9th from 6:45-7:45 p.m. Sign up on your first visit at the class. Cost is \$10 per class (all materials provided). Instructor is a native Spanish speaker. For more information call 727-482-2125.

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# City Whys?

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of St. Pete Beach: *Sirata Deck*

**Q:** Why does the Sirata need permission to build a deck on the beach behind the property? Don't they own some of the land?

**A:** Because it's past the coastal construction line, city manager Mike Bonfield explained. While the proposed deck is indeed on Sirata property, St. Pete Beach city code stipulates that before a property owner can build anything past that line, they must get a variance from the city commission.

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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## Bad Alliances

President Dwight Eisenhower warned against an industrial/military complex that could not only be corrupting, but draw us into war. President George Washington warned against foreign entanglements. President Franklin Roosevelt warned about public unions that would find government negotiating contracts with the people that elect them. They were all right, but we did them anyway.

Now, the big temptation, partly a political agenda, and partly an attempt to create jobs, is the alliance, or investment of government in businesses. I write "now", but I really mean relatively new because this has been going on in the states as well as federal government for some time. Joint government/business ventures have been pushed, on the state and federal level, by politicians, business people, and local community leaders, including the media, for several

years. It sounds good, but isn't.

It poorly allocates taxpayer money. The government picks the winners and losers. Incentive is created for businesses to "invest" in politicians (same goes for the current tax codes). Taxpayers have little upside and lots of downside. When businesses fail, the taxpayers lose all; when business succeed, taxpayers may get jobs, but no control over whether the businesses stay or move-on. It creates too-big to fail entities. It creates amoral relationships because money is amoral.

A glaring example is Solyndra, the solar energy company to whom the government loaned and guaranteed millions of dollars. This supported a political agenda of "green energy". Another is Freddie Mac and Fanny Mae, whose government guaranteed financial support of the housing industry, combined with the government's unholy political alliances with the banking industry,

were a major cause of our recent Great Depression II.

For a period of time I headed a non-profit community industrial development group. We raised private money to build an industrial park and to assist start up businesses. Many businesses came to us requesting operating funds and there was community pressure to agree particularly from politicians and business people who had money in that particular project. We always said "no". We didn't guarantee loans, either. Some came with subtle bribes. We said "no" to that, too.

What we did do was develop infrastructure - roads, water lines, rail, electricity, etc. We shared the cost of utility lines in return for a part of the proceeds of the billing, interceded with government to get quicker approvals, worked with industrial unions, and created a friendly environment for all businesses. It didn't always work, but when failure came neither taxpayers nor our donors lost their money. The infrastructure remained.

Bluntly put government shouldn't be guaranteeing loans for some businesses, they shouldn't be investing in some businesses, they shouldn't be subsidizing some businesses. Government can create incentives for all businesses through more effective and appropriate regulations, good physical infrastructure, tax rates, tax climate, but shouldn't do it for specific businesses or causes. Our convoluted and unfair tax code is a result of that.

The more money floating around, not directed specifically to public needs, the more taxpayers will lose. Money is amoral. It flows toward rewards. It encourages politicians to seek support from businesses and interests that aren't in the taxpayers' interest. Conversely, it encourages payoffs, directly and indirectly, to politicians.

There always will be conflict about government spending. However, deciding that government can be the provider of capital, directly or indirectly, for business is bad to the bone.

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**Animal Call-** 55th St. & 15th Ave. S.

**Disorderly Conduct-** 5100 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

**Vandalism-** 5300 Blk 31st Ave. S.

**Neighbor Problem-** 1300 Blk York St. S.

**Disturbance-** 1600 Blk 53rd St. S.

**Assault/Battery-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.

**Friday 6/8**

**Lost/Stolen Tag-** 1200 Blk 60th St. S.

**Burglary Residence-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

**Neighbor Problem-** 2100 Blk 55th St. S.

**Theft-** 4900 Blk 9th Ave. S.

**Theft-** 2900 Blk 45th St. S.

**Civil Matter-** 2800 Blk 49th St. S.

**Burglary Residence-** 5800 Blk 17th Ave. S.

**Juvenile Trouble-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

**Burglary Residence-** 4600 Blk 27th Ave. S.

**Burglary Residence-** 5100 Blk 8th Ave. S.

**Domestic-** 5000 Blk 27th Ave. S.

**Disturbance-** 3000 Blk Clinton St. S.  
**Saturday 6/9**

**Neighbor Problem-** 2600 Blk Miriam St. S.

**Person Under Influence-** 58th St. & 20th Ave. S.

**Stolen Vehicle-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

**Theft-** 2900 Blk 59th St. S.

**Theft-** 5200 Blk Jersey Ave. S.

**Juvenile Trouble-** 51st St. & Tangerine Ave. S.

**Neighbor Problem-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.

**Juvenile Trouble-** 4600 Blk 29th Ave. S.

**Animal Call-** 1900 Blk 55th St. S.

**Person Under Influence-** 58th St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.

**Sunday 6/10**

**Person Under Influence-** 1800 Blk 55th St. S.

**Juvenile Trouble-** 5200 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

**Trespass-** 1800 Blk 55th St. S.

**Juvenile Trouble-** 63rd St. & 7th Ave. S.

**Disturbance-** 5000 Blk 14th Ave. S.

**Domestic-** 2600 Blk Upton St. S.

**Monday 6/11**

**Burglary Residence-** 1600 Blk 53rd St. S.

**Burglary Vehicle-** 5200 Blk 26th Ave. S.

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**Burglary Vehicle-** 2600 Blk 48th St. S.

**Burglary Residence-** 1600 Blk 55th St. S.

**Theft-** 3000 Blk Miriam St. S.

**Tuesday 6/12**

**Trespass-** 2900 Blk 59th St. S.

**Burglary Vehicle-** 5300 Blk 27th Ave. S.

**Civil Matter-** 2200 Blk Premier Dr. S.

**Theft-** 5200 Blk 8th Ave. S.

**Disorderly Conduct-** 4600 Blk 29th Ave. S.

**Suspicious Person-** 4900 Blk 13th Ave. S.

**Assist Citizen-** 5200 Blk 11th Ave. S.

**Civil Matter-** 5700 Blk 17th Ave. S.

**Wednesday 6/13**

**Animal Call-** 1300 Blk Gray St. S.

**Burglary Vehicle-** 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.

**Burglary Vehicle-** 5400 Blk 27th Ave. S.

**Alarm Duress-** 5200 Blk 31st Ave. S.

**Civil Matter-** 3000 Blk 57th St. S.

**Juvenile Contacts-** 5200 Blk 17th Ave. S.

**Burglary Vehicle-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

**Prowler-** 2600 Blk 44th St. S.

**Theft-** 5600 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

**Disorderly Conduct-** 2900 Blk 59th St. S.

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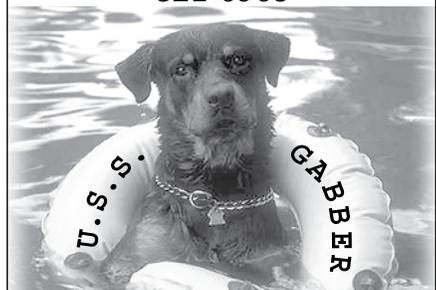
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Sky is for kids from Kindergarten to 6th Grade and will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each day. The cost is \$25/child, with discounts available for families with multiple children. For more information, call the church office at 727-344-1501 or visit [www.tradewindschurch.org](http://www.tradewindschurch.org).

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## Friday Flicks in the Park

The City of Treasure Island will present its Friday Flicks in the Park on the second and fourth Friday in June and July in the Treasure Island Community Center Park located at 106th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard. The event begins at 7 p.m. with food vendors and activities for the children, with the movies beginning at 9 p.m. The schedule is as follows: Friday, July 13th, "Big Miracle" and Friday, July 27th, "Sherlock Holmes, A Game of Shadows".

The movie will be shown under the stars on a giant outdoor screen. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy the show. Snack vendors and children's activities will be available for before and during the movie.

The event is free to the public. For additional information, please contact the Treasure Island Recreation Department at 727-547-4575, ext. 237 or visit the City's website at [www.mytreasureisland.org](http://www.mytreasureisland.org).

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## Local Teens Put Free Loaner Bikes in the Art District

By Cathy Salustri

The latest addition to the Arts Districts? Free loaner bikes.

Y Not ministries, a local youth organization, has placed a dozen red bikes in new bike racks along Beach Boulevard. Guided by youth pastor Nick Harper, 10 teens repaired and repainted bikes. The first wave of bikes found their way to Beach Boulevard last Wednesday. The bikes say "Gulfport Loaner Bikes – Thou Shall Not Steal – Donated by Y Not Ministries."

"People are taking them and using them," Harper said. A day after placing the bikes on the street, the 12 had dwindled to three, but by Friday the racks held eight bikes.

"We like to think of it as 'they got borrowed'," Harper said. The group has spoken with the police as well as Parks Supervisor Bob Williams.

"We told the police, don't arrest any kids riding. They're there for them to use; if we start making stipulations, that's missing the whole point. If a kid takes one and rides one for a year, that's alright with me. We'll put another one there to replace it. Not all the kids in Gulfport can afford bikes," Harper said.

Adults can use them, too, he added.

"They're loaner bikes. They're just there. We hope we're helping people in the Art District out by having them there," he said, adding that the bikes are for anyone – kid, adult, local, or tourist.

"We felt we could help the city out and have it better for tourists who can grab a bike and ride around."

The city installed several low-profile bicycle racks on Beach Boulevard to accommodate the extra bikes.

*No photo accompanies this article as we could not find any of the bikes on Beach or Shore Boulevard.*

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

## How is your Legal Health? (Part 2)

In our last article, the need for periodic legal checkups was examined. The following are some of the legal problems which may be uncovered by a legal checkup:

### WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING

An indicator of good legal health usually includes having a valid will and some basic estate plan. If you don't have a will, your personal and real property may not be distributed in accordance with your desires. In addition, unnecessary expenses and taxes may be incurred and certain family members could possibly inherit your assets contrary to your desires.

A trust is another effective estate planning document. A trust allows you to transfer property to your designated heirs utilizing a successor trustee to implement your specific instructions. If you create a trust in a last will and testament, this is called a testamentary trust. Another form of trust is a living trust which is created by written contract. Living trusts are very useful estate planning tools for everyone--not only the very wealthy. A living trust assists in the avoidance of probate and will help in keeping your affairs out of the public record and private.

It is critical to review your estate planning documents whenever important changes in your life occur. If you marry, move to a new state, have a child or lose a loved one, an update of your legal documents may be necessary. Also, it is an excellent idea to discuss with your lawyer if your estate plan is keeping pace with the value of your property and is updated to address changes in Florida law and tax laws. Revisions may be made with the drafting of new documents or an amendment to existing

documents may be necessary. It is important to never make a change in your old will or trust by writing on or crossing out words or phrases which you want to eliminate as this may invalidate your documents.

### DIVORCE

A lawyer should be consulted if your marriage is ending or you are contemplating ending your marriage. Issues concerning child custody, financial support and a fair division of the marital property will need to be addressed. If your spouse threatens to harass or harm you, hide marital property or take your children in violation of your visitation or custody rights, a lawyer can assist you in seeking protection against these improper acts of your spouse.

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Spinning wheels and fiber, including angora and other types, will be provided. The first class will cover an introduction to spinning, fiber characteristics, drafting, hand/eye/feet coordination exercises, and beginning spinning. During class on the second week, students will learn beginning techniques, adding on wool, plying and skill refinement.

To sign up for classes, visit Billie and Brennan at the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. The open-air market is located on Beach Blvd. S. below 29th Ave. S. Contact Billie Rodriguez at 813-428-2484 or email boogie595@yahoo.com.

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By Cathy Salustri

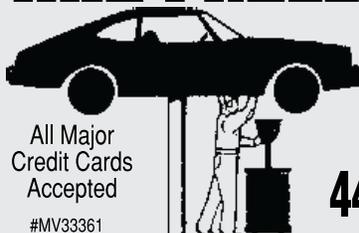
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# Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

## Summertime Pests

Summer brings outdoor fun, warm weather and a closer relationship with Mother Nature and all her offspring -- including pests that can affect your dog's health.

This time of year, vets see more dogs who are eating their normal fare but experiencing weight loss. This could be caused by a lot of things, but any dog who eats what he normally eats and suddenly starts losing weight needs to see a veterinarian. Among other things, this is a symptom of heartworm (*Dirofilaria immitis*), which is caused by a parasitic worm that infests the pulmonary arteries after the dog has been bitten by a mosquito that has previously bitten an infected dog. The disease is life threatening and must be treated promptly.

Other signs of an infected dog include coughing after physical exertion and labored breathing. You could protect your dog by avoiding exposure to mosquitoes, but that's impossible if he goes outside when mosquitoes are in season. So the best protection is preventive medication for heartworm, which can only be administered if your dog has not been infected.

Unfortunately, there is no protection against the West Nile virus, also carried by the pesky mosquito. Keep your dog indoors at sunset and during the early evening hours when those disease-laden pests are hunting for blood.

Puppies abound this time of year, and they start their basic vaccinations at about 6 to 8 weeks of age. Follow-ups continue every four to six weeks until the pup reaches about 4 months

of age. Until that time, your pup isn't protected from some of the more prominent and serious diseases -- distemper and parvovirus -- and it's best to keep him out of dog parks and group obedience classes until he is.

Internal and external parasites are big problems, especially now. Beware of fleas, ticks, flies and lice, all of which carry disease and cause serious allergic reactions. Fleas also transmit internal parasites.

What can you do about these pests?

Inspect your dog regularly. Look beneath the fur to the skin for signs of fleas and for ticks. Check him head to toe. Fleas are sneaky little buggers, and there is more than one variety. Some prefer ears. Others lurk in armpits. And when you come looking for them, they scatter so rapidly that you'll miss them if you are not diligent. If your dog is scratching frantically or digging into his skin ferociously with his teeth, you can be sure you have a problem that needs tending. There are many types of flea protection, so ask your veterinarian which kind is best for your dog.

Embedded ticks must be removed immediately and disposed of, and this is no easy task. You may want your vet to handle this. Ticks cause blood loss and eventual anemia, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and other blood diseases; the most common today is Lyme disease.

Once any and all pests have been removed from your dog, treat your home with a thorough cleaning and the use of an appropriate, nontoxic pesticide. Disinfect all areas, including your dog's bedding. If your home is infested, a professional exterminator may be the best choice.

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Adopt a Shelter Cat Month, nationally promoted each June, calls attention to the thousands of felines that are abandoned at animal shelters every year.

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## Annual Pool Passes at Half Price

ST. PETE BEACH- For the months of June and July, the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center is selling all yearly pool passes for 50% off! St. Pete Beach residents and non-residents are both eligible to purchase child, adult, senior or family year pool passes at the discounted rate. A family of four could save over \$250. Each pass provides year-round access to the pool with lap swimming, sun bathing, picnic areas, water slides, a children's splash zone and much more! What a perfect gift for birthdays, dads and grads!

Each year membership purchased comes with two free passes to a Dive-In Movie at the pool this summer. This sizzling summer promotion won't last long so get yours before this deal is gone. Stop by the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, any day in June or July to purchase your passes.

Call the pool at 363-9264 for more details.

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All summer long campers will collect stamps on their keep-sake

passport as they participate in activities such as games, crafts, swimming, weekly field trips, and signature special events such as All Camps Day, Beach Olympics, Kid's Triathlon, Fishing Derby and much more. The full 8-week camp program runs from June 18th to August 10th. Pre- and Post-camps are also available the weeks before and after for an additional charge.

All camp information and paperwork can be found online at [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com). Registration begins April 2nd in the Recreation Office, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive.

Several specialty camps and programs will also be available this summer and can be taken alone or in conjunction with our regular camp program. "Archery for Kidz" will be offered the weeks of June 11th

and July 9th, contact Coach Dan McKaeg at 727-536-6207. Summer Painting Classes will be offered every Thursday, contact Caroline Duvoy at 727-647-8294. Swim Lessons for kids of all ages are offered all summer long at the Aquatic Center; registered campers in the W.A.V.E. or T.W.E.E.N.S. programs receive a discounted rate. Information on all specialty camps and lessons can be found online at [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com) or call for more information at 727-363-9245.

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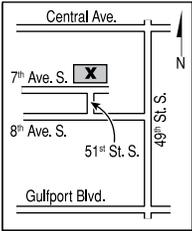
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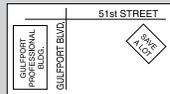


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# Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



## Greener Lawns

Traditional gas-powered lawn mowers are responsible for 5 percent of the nation's air pollution, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. One gas mower running for an hour emits the same amount of pollutants as eight new cars driving 55 mph for the same amount of time, according to the Union of Concerned Scientists. Even the innocuous Weedeater emits 21 times more emissions than the typical family car, while the leaf blower can emit up to 34 times more according to Eartheasy.com.

All this adds up to about 800 million gallons of gas burned each year in the quest for the perfect patch. But, about 17 million gallons of that fuel doesn't quite make it to the mower tank and winds up spilled on the ground. That's more than the Exxon Valdez spilled in 1989, and chances are that most homeowners do not

clean it up. If that spilled fuel is left to evaporate into the air, it forms smog-forming ozone when cooked by heat and sunlight and seeps into our water supply.

If your mower happens to be a two-cycle engine, it releases 25 to 30 percent of its oil and gas unburned into the air, along with particulate matter, carbon dioxide, and other ingredients of smog. This unhealthy soup we breathe contributes to cancer and damages our hearts, lungs, and immune systems.

Want to lessen the environmental impact of your lawn?

The "greenest" thing you can do is convert your lawn to a vegetable garden and replace the turf with lovely raised beds of edible greens.

If that is too crunchy for your

taste, how about trading in those gas guzzlers for the old-fashioned human-powered kind? Reel mowers are easier to use, quiet, non-polluting and you don't have to worry about spilling the gas. With the money you save on gas alone, you could buy a good pair of clippers for the bushes and a scythe for weed whacking.

If you want to take the work out of lawn care, consider investing in electric mowers and weed whackers. Electric mowers range in price from \$150 to \$450, and the average cost in electricity to power the mower for one year is about five bucks, with no spilled gas and less emissions. Propane powered lawn equipment is a good choice when your lawn is the size of a golf course.

Leave grass clippings on the lawn instead of using chemical fertilizers. This keeps yard waste from landfills, and cycles the nutrients from your lawn back into the soil. It also provides a little mulch so that your lawn needs less watering.

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## Gulfport Rec Summer Program

Ongoing registrations continue for the 2012 Summer Program for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9a.m.-5p.m. Annual registration fees are \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. The 8-week program (June 18 - August 10) cost is \$275 for residents and \$550 for non-residents, which does not include field trips. Pre Camp (June 11-15) and Post camp (August 13-17) cost is \$77 for each week, which includes field trips. Pre and Post camps are limited to 60 Gulfport residents only. Summer camp hours are from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Detailed pricing is currently available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. or on-line ([www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) and follow the links: City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center). Packets now available. Call 893-1068 for any questions.

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# Community Treasures

## Mary O'Malley

By Cathy Salustri

*"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals." ~ Immanuel Kant*



– "The dogs know that she's an animal lover," VIP Rescue co-founder Terri Ensign says of Mary "and that's one of the more challenging things for any groomer who volunteers for a rescue, is to take those animals that are not used to that grooming practice."

If you're a dog nobody loves, it's good to meet Mary O'Malley. Especially if you have curly poodle hair.

Nine years ago Mary O'Malley set up shop as a dog groomer in Gulfport. Since then, she's groomed perhaps thousands of dogs. If you have a dog and live in Gulfport, odds are you know Mary.

What you may not know is that Mary spends a lot of time grooming unwanted dogs. For free.

Mary works primarily with VIP Rescue, a rescue group that handles unwanted poodles and other non-shedding dogs, although she works with other rescues as well.

"I met her many, many years ago when she was the founder of Get Rescued in Gulfport," VIP co-founder Terri Ensign says. "I bring her a lot of dogs. She probably

does 70% of the animals who require grooming. Not only does she just groom them, a lot of the times they get to the point where they have to be buzzed down entirely. Mary will go through the extra effort to try and save the coat if possible."

Rescue dogs don't always know what it means to get groomed.

"They're typically more challenging than your average pet," Ms. Ensign says. "The challenge with these dogs is that they're not particularly socialized."

It doesn't matter to Mary, who has taken on some pretty rough cases and made them look like pampered pets.

When rescuers removed 260 dogs from an animal hoarder in Sarasota County last month, Mary offered her services to VIP Rescue. The dogs, caged in chicken coops, had received minimal care. They had fleas, intestinal

parasites, and limited human interaction.

"These dogs didn't know they were being treated poorly, because that's all they knew," Ms. Ensign told the Gabber.

VIP Rescue wanted to try and find "forever homes" for the poodles rescued, but before these dogs could even be considered for adoption, they had to get them in better shape. Mary and her staff had to cut away matted fur, wash away pounds of fleas, and try and get these scared and neglected dogs to trust her while she worked on their haircuts.

"Dogs have a much better chance of getting adopted when they look the role of 'I want you in my house pet' as opposed to some of the matted, flea infested, poop-infested messes we get," Ms. Ensign explains.

And this group of dogs fit that description. On top of that, they weren't used to being touched.

"They were so frightened," Mary says of the dogs. "It was just awful."

It took her and her staff hours to groom the dogs.

She will groom unwanted dogs every couple of weeks, as the need arises. Usually she keeps her emotions under control. Not this last time.

"I broke this time," she says. "I fell to pieces. I was sobbing. It was devastating to look at, that someone could do this. They didn't have a hope or a prayer."

"I expected to get bit," she says, "but they came around so quickly. It was just amazing." The dogs she

groomed are slowly finding homes through VIP Rescue.

Mary doesn't stop with grooming the dogs. In her shop you'll find two formerly– unwanted dogs who live with Mary full-time. VIP Rescue brought Daisy, now six, to Mary for grooming when they found her tied up in a Jacksonville sand pit. When Mary first saw Daisy, matted curls obscured the dogs eyes completely. Terri Ensign brought Daisy in and told Mary, "I have your dog."

"I thought, 'you've got to be joking,'" she recalls, but sure enough, she fell in love with the sweet, curly-haired pooch. Next came Lance, now three. When his owner died, none of his family wanted the young poodle, so he, too, came to VIP Rescue and, in turn, to Mary. They go to work with her every day, lazing about the shop and watching over Mary as she grooms all types of dogs.

Dogs might love Mary the most, but they aren't the only ones. Gulfport Merchants Association president Mike McCue called Mary "instrumental" in building the Gulfport Merchants Association.

"Her spirit and passion for Gulfport has resulted in great improvements in our community spirit and the visibility we've accomplished as a destination for visitors," he says. "She is also a very accomplished businessperson while maintaining a free and creative spirit."

Mary loves Gulfport – she's quite clear on that – but for her, it's all about the dogs. She loves grooming the rescue dogs.

"It's the least I can do to help them out," she says, adding that she gets her reward from the dogs themselves: "Every single last one of them is so grateful."

Visit [VIPRescue.org](http://VIPRescue.org) for more information about adopting dogs rescued from the Sarasota hoarder.

## Spirit of Gulfport: Irving Zeider



"One meeting is enough for most people to acknowledge... just how great Irving Zeider is," Gulfport Mayor Mike Yakes said to the 97-year-old recipient of Tuesday night's "Spirit of Gulfport" award. Zeider fought in World War II as part of the 88th Infantry and the May 11, 1944 push.

The Mayor presented Zeider with a plaque and key to the city. St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops also attended to support the Gulfport veteran and presented him with a "Support Our Troops" shirt.

*Read this article online to find a link to our May 2011 article about Mr. Zeider.*

## Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta chapter members are enjoying the summer and will be working a few projects. The ways and means project will be the painting of the annual Christmas mouse ornament. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27 at 7 p.m. at the home of Lucy Brushaber. They will be meeting every two weeks or so to work on these ornaments. Members take orders for these ornaments each year. They are \$3 each and can be personalized for \$3.50.

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## Black Cat Friday at SPCA

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Senior Matches- for dogs and cats five years and up and people 55 years and up runs through June.

Whisker Wisdom comes in all colors and sizes during June's adopt-a-shelter-cat month! SPCA Tampa Bay has dozens of senior felines waiting for your attention. People 55+ pay just \$20.55 for any cat 5+ years of age, includes a pre-owned carrier. If you prefer barks over meows, adopt a senior dog of 5+ years and up for only \$50.55. Fee includes an SPCA collar and leash.

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Tampa. The calendar will sell for \$15. All proceeds from the sales will go to Pet Pal Animal Shelter.

The 13-month full-color calendar features Rays Manager Joe Maddon with his Great Dame, Athena and his English Bulldog, Winston; Evan Longoria and his Boerboel Mastiff, Tatum and Bull Terrier, Jango, both rescues; David Price and his beloved French Bulldog; and B.J. Upton with Deuce, a Rhodesian Ridgeback.

Pet Pal Animal Shelter is a no-kill, non profit organization committed to

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"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.

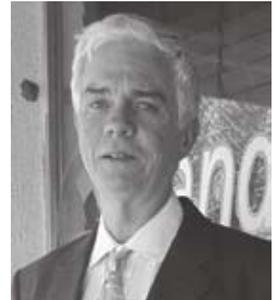
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**The firm also handles Short Sale negotiations, defense against foreclosures, wills & trusts, civil litigation and personal injury.**

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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# Living a Healthy Life

by David Lipschitz

for all ages

## Post-50, Annual Exams and Select Screenings Are Crucial

If you are over 50, it is time to have an annual physical. At an earlier age, provided there are no known medical conditions, a screening every two to three years may be adequate. Not every 50-year-old receives an annual physical, and when they do, they often receive more testing than needed. It is important, therefore, that everyone know what should and should not be included in the examination.

An annual physical includes a careful history and physical examination during which any problems and complaints are documented, as is a history of hospitalizations, surgeries, allergies, medical conditions and medications taken.

A family history is needed to determine if there is an increased risk of heart disease, cancer, diabetes or Alzheimer's, as well as a sociological assessment (marriage, education, religious preferences, habits). The examination seeks to gauge high blood pressure and heart, lung, abdominal, vascular and neurological health.

An assessment of mood is important and if older, a screening test for memory loss may be done. Calculating the body mass index identifies obesity. (There are many BMI calculators online.) A value above 30 is considered obese. No examination is complete without counseling on how to stay healthy and manage obesity. A referral to smoking cessation programs can also be recommended, if needed.

Perhaps the most confusing and over-utilized portion of the annual physical is the screening tests needed to exclude or prevent disease. Most recommendations come from the United States Preventive Services Task Force. Its approach is based on a meticulous analysis of all available scientific information by a panel of experts in public health.

To prevent heart disease, high blood pressure is measured

two to three times annually and cholesterol levels in the blood should be evaluated every two to three years after age 50. Some experts suggest that elevated cholesterol should be excluded for the first time as early as age 20. Blood pressure can be measured at home or at a drugstore. Electrocardiograms, stress tests or CT scans of the heart should not be done solely as screening tests in healthy individuals. Blood tests are obtained to evaluate liver, kidney and thyroid function and to exclude anemia. Unless a medical condition warrants it, there is no need to perform screening tests every year.

The preventive task force only recommends screening for diabetes in healthy patients with elevated blood pressure. However, most other groups suggest that screening should be obtained every 2-3 years in obese individuals or those with a family history of diabetes.

Most contentious are recommendations for cancer screening. The task force recommends mammograms every two years for women in the 50-75 age group. Mammograms should be done annually for women 40 to 50, only if there is significant increased risk. A routine pap smear to screen for the human papillomavirus and cervical cancer should be done every three years in sexually active women up to age 65. The task force states that screening for ovarian or bladder cancer is of no proven value.

For men and women, a colonoscopy should be done at age 50 and every five years thereafter until age 75, and screening the stool for microscopic amounts of blood should be done annually. Of all the screening tests available, those to identify colorectal cancer are the most effective. Recently, the task force recommended against the PSA (prostate-specific antigen) blood test to screen for prostate cancer in healthy men of any age. Like the mammogram, this remains contentious with many experts recommending that prudent use of this test continue.

As part of the annual physical examination, vaccinations must be

reviewed. Today, teenage boys and girls should receive the vaccine for the human papillomavirus to decrease the risk of cervical and penile cancer. Everyone over age 50 should be vaccinated against shingles and over age 65 the pneumococcal vaccination should be given. Flu vaccination is required annually.

Strive to be as educated as possible about what it takes to stay healthy and prevent disease. Go into the doctor's office armed with information so that you are able to ask the necessary questions to get the best care possible.

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Prepare to Survive can be seen online at [www.pinellascounty.org/eseries](http://www.pinellascounty.org/eseries) or on PCC-TV (Bright House Channel 622, Knology Channel 18 or Verizon Channel 44). Upcoming eSeries: Prepare to Survive presentations are scheduled for June 27, Aug. 1, Sept. 5, Oct. 3 and Nov. 7.

Last year's eSeries: Prepare to Survive presentations, and videos on disaster preparedness can be viewed on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/PCCTV1](http://www.youtube.com/PCCTV1). For more information on hurricane preparedness, visit Emergency Management at [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency), call 727-464-3800 or join Pinellas County Emergency Management on Twitter. Pinellas County complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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## What you Need to Know for Aquamania

Here is your survival guide for a fabulous free, fun day Saturday, June 23rd from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Parking is Free
- Attendance is Free
- There will be arts and craft vendors and other vendors to purchase from including beer/wine.
- You can register up to one hour before your race!
- Print registration form <http://suzieking.com/applicants/summer/aqua-mania-festival.com>
- Races have a registration Fee: Water Balloon \$5; Kayak and SUP \$10; Recycle Regatta \$25; Bartender Beach Race \$10; Corn Hole \$10. Prizes consist of local gift certificates

### **To participate in Races**

- You must register and sign a hold harmless agreement. If you are a minor your parent must sign
- Registration tables for races will be next to beer/wine ticket sales on the Point
- For water races you must have on a life jacket. There will be some available for use free
- If you need to rent a paddle board or Kayak you may do so for \$15
- Bartender Beach Race: Must be in flip flops we will provide a frosty drink on a tray
- Corn Hole Tournament will be held on the Point
- Dunk Tank will be on the Point
- Kids Area will be on the Beach, there will be free options and an all day charge option
- Free salt watercolor painting area

### **There are different ordinances for the Beach and "The Point" behind the Recreation Center.**

#### **On "The Point"**

- You may purchase beer and wine from the vendor but not leave the designated area with proper identification
- You may smoke
- You may bring your dog
- You may bring your beach chair/umbrella (there will be limited tent shade)
- You may not bring a cooler
- There will be limited food options but local restaurants will offer specials

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# Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

## Tips on Using Social Security's Website

I get lots of email from readers who tell me they have a hard time finding answers to their questions at the Social Security Administration website: [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). Or, I often hear from readers telling me they want to "see something official in black and white" before they will believe whatever I wrote in my column.

I frequently steer both groups of inquirers to the same part of SSA's website. It is the "Publications" section. SSA produces hundreds of pamphlets and fact sheets for the public designed to explain Social Security laws and regulations.

Frankly, I'm kind of partial to that little corner of the website because I used to be SSA's chief editor of all their publications. Of course, I don't think they are quite as good as they were before yours truly hung up his blue editing pencil to retire to the sunny beaches of San Diego about seven years ago! But I believe they still provide the most readable and understandable explanations of Social Security rules that you will find on the web.

To find these publications, go to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). At the home page, you'll find a box on the left side of the page labeled, "Top Services." One of those services is "Get a publication." Clicking on that link will take you to a page that lists each of the more than 100 publications the agency produces. You can scroll through them one by one. But it would be better to narrow your search by pulling down the "Topic" box. There you will find publications listed under categories

such as "Retirement" or "Disability" or "Medicare" and quite a few more.

Some of my favorite publications are:

--Understanding The Benefits (under the Introduction to Social Security section);

--What Every Woman Should Know (under the Introduction to Social Security section);

--Your Retirement Benefit - How It Is Figured (under the Retirement section);

--Special Payments After Retirement (under the Retirement section);

--How Work Affects Your Benefits (under the Work and Earnings section);

--Blue Book - Disability Evaluation Under Social Security (under the Disability section); and

--Understanding Supplemental Security Income (under the Supplemental Security Income section).

Some of my readers aren't content with seeing a pamphlet or fact sheet with an explanation of the rules. They want to see the rules themselves. Many write asking me to cite the specific law that covers a certain Social Security topic. (These are the kind of folks who, when you ask them for the time, will take 30 minutes to tell you how a watch works!) Frankly, I'm not much help to these people. I worked for the Social Security Administration for 32 years and maybe needed to look up an actual law a half dozen times. There are other sources with much better information (which I'll get to in a minute). But if you want to wade through the actual Social Security law, you will find it at SSA's website. At the homepage, look for the box labeled "About Our Agency." Open up the pull-down menu and click on "Program Rules." At the Program Rules homepage, click on "Compilation of Social Security Laws." And if you really find that useful, maybe you will want to apply for a job with SSA!

A much better place to find explanations of Social Security rules

and regulations is something called the Programs Operations Manual System, or POMS. This is essentially the "bible" that all Social Security employees use when they need to verify an agency rule or policy. It's easy to find POMS. Follow the instructions in the prior paragraph for getting to the Social Security law. When you get to the Program Rules homepage, scroll down to the section labeled "Employee Operating Instructions" and then click on "Program Operations Manual System."

That's the good news: POMS is easy to find. Now here's the bad news -- it won't be so easy to find the specific rule you are looking for. The Social Security program is very extensive and extremely complicated. There are thousands and thousands of rules and policies, and every one of those has dozens of sub-rules and sub-policies designed to cover the myriad of possibilities involved in the eligibility factors for the many kinds of Social Security benefits. Before POMS was digitized, this Social Security "bible" filled up about 15 three-inch binders in a bookcase in my office.

You are welcome to wade through the law or POMS to find a specific ruling, but I strongly recommend you settle for one of the fact sheets or pamphlets if you really need to see something in black and white.

Finally, here are two other sources of fascinating Social Security information. At the pull down menu in the "About Our Agency" box, click on "Actuarial Resources" or "Research, Statistics, and Policy Analysis." The former will take you to many actuarial studies and findings, including the annual report of the Social Security Board of Trustees. The latter will lead you to many fascinating publications, including my favorite: "The Annual Statistical Supplement." This extensive book will give you a breakdown of all Social Security beneficiaries and payments in hundreds of different categories.

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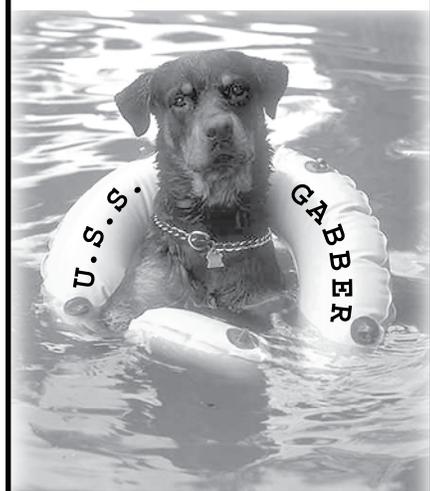
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JUST SOLD! 554 65th St. S. - 3 Bed/2 Bath 2 Car Garage with Workshop, Double Lot, 2 Fireplaces, Custom Kitchen, Custom Family Room, Screened Porch, Maintenance Shed and Landscaping. Priced at \$215,000, SOLD for \$203,000!

<b>Avalon #212</b>	1 Bed/1 Bath, Custom Condo, Newer Kitchen & Bath, Recessed Lighting, Stereo System, Wood Floors, Carport, Turn Key.....	<b>\$119,500</b>
<b>Barclay #305</b>	2 Bed/2 Bath, Standard, Newer Carpet & A/C, Carport .....	<b>\$82,500</b>
<b>Diplomat #412</b>	3 Bed/2.5 Bath, Corner Unit, Fabulous Views, Carport, <b>NEW PRICE, OWNER MOTIVATED!</b> .....	<b>\$209,000</b>
<b>Diplomat #902</b>	2 Bed/2 Bath Split Plan w/Master on the Water, Wood Floors, New Custom Kitchen w/Granite Countertops, Security Shutters, Carport.....	<b>\$155,900</b>
<b>Embassy #308</b>	1 Bed/1.5 Bath, Deluxe Unit, Updated, Bay Views, <b>NEW PRICE, 6 Months Maintenance Paid</b> .....	<b>Contract Pending</b> ..... <b>\$119,500</b>
<b>Embassy #607</b>	1 Bed/1.5 Bath, Deluxe Unit, Updated, Move in Ready, Bay Views, <b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	<b>Open House Sunday 1 - 3pm. Darren Owens, Realtor</b> ..... <b>\$115,000</b>
<b>Groton #208</b>	1 Bed/1 Bath, Standard Unit, Newly Painted, Updated, Water Views, <b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	<b>\$59,500</b>
<b>Groton #212</b>	1 Bed/1 Bath, Deluxe Unit, Sparkling Southern Marina Water Views, Turn Key, Newer Windows, Furnished, Carport... ..	<b>Contract Pending</b> ... <b>\$69,000</b>
<b>Groton #312</b>	1 Bed/1 Bath, Deluxe Floor Plan, Carport Marina Water Views, <b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	<b>\$59,000</b>
<b>Hampton #214</b>	West end unit, 1420 s.f., Prime location next to pool, full water views, large living/dining room, eat-in kitchen, covered parking, <b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	<b>\$194,500</b>
<b>Lancaster #211</b>	1 Bed/1 Bath, Deluxe Unit, Beautiful Northern Marina Water Views, Newly Updated Kitchen, Clean, Furnished, Carport .....	<b>\$88,500</b>
<b>Lancaster #403</b>	Deluxe Floor Plan, Freshly Painted, Carpet, Updated Kitchen, Marina Views, <b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	<b>Contract Pending</b> ..... <b>\$112,000</b>
<b>Lancaster #415</b>	Corner, 2 Bed/2 Bath, Deluxe, Excellent Views - Marina <b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	<b>Sold!</b> ..... <b>\$105,500</b>
<b>Windsor #108</b>	1 Bed/1.5 Bath, Deluxe Model, Beautiful Bay Views, <b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	<b>Contract Pending</b> ..... <b>\$128,500</b>
<b>ANNUAL RENTALS</b>		
<b>Groton #309</b>	2 Bed, 2 bath Waterfront Condo, Standard Floor Plan, Nicely Furnished, Move in ready.....	<b>\$850</b>
<b>Hampton #214</b>	2 Bed, 2 bath (unusual), Open Floor Plan, Panoramic Water Views From All 20 Windows, Large Open Kitchen, Steps To Pool & Carport .....	<b>\$1200</b>
<b>Lancaster #112</b>	2 bed, 2 bath, Deluxe Beautiful Interior, Furnished, Updated, View of Marina, Patio, Park at Door, No Pets.....	<b>\$1000</b>
<b>Lancaster #604</b>	1 Bed, 1 bath, Deluxe Model, Furnished .....	<b>\$950</b>
<b>Nottingham #601</b>	2 Bed, 2 bath, West Corner, Furnished, Beautiful Panoramic Views of St. Pete Beach, Carport.....	<b>\$1200</b>

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**Lancaster 414** - 2BR/2BA Deluxe. Freshly painted from top to bottom. Newer carpet, ceiling fans & vanity. Covered parking ..... **\$98,900**

**Diplomat 903** - 2BR/2BA, 1,450 s.f. of beautiful living space. Updated large kitchen, new stainless steel appliances, tile flooring & stunning wood floors. Split floor plan, breathtaking water views, pride of ownership reflected throughout. Small cat accepted..... **\$155,000**

**Hampton 314** - Spectacular West end unit. 1420 sq. ft. Offering 2br's & 2ba's. The location of this condo is prime and one of Town Shores finest. Stunning waterviews surround you from every room. You will find pergo flooring & new carpet in bedrooms. Updated, large, eat-in kitchen. All new windows. Bose sound system. This unit is totally & tastefully furnished. There are no negatives here, only praise. Perfection at it's best. Location, location, location! Covered parking..... **\$195,900**

**Chatham 107** - 815 sq. ft., 1br/1ba, standard, offering freshly painted kitchen, newly installed countertops. Carpeted living room, dining room, & bedroom. May add on patio to make your outdoor living even more enjoyable. Pet friendly..... **\$61,900**

**Hampton 308** - 2br/2ba Standard, beautifully updated unit w/fabulous french doors in bedroom leading out to Florida room which overlooks Boca Ciega Bay. This condo is truly move-in ready. Covered parking. steps to pool **Priced to sell at \$107,900**

**CHATHAM 204** - Large 1br deluxe... **SOLD** ..... **\$76,900**

**MANCHESTER 508** - 2/2 Standard, freshly painted throughout, newer windows in Florida room. This 2br is bright, cheery, immaculate, and move-in ready. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Come and enjoy the beautiful water views. Small cat ok, covered parking ..... **\$101,900**

**Manchester 608** - 2/2 Standard. This unit comes completely and comfortably furnished. The kitchen was recently redone. Move in ready, Small cat accepted, covered parking. **\$120,900**

**Hampton 107** - 2/2 Standard, offering newer kitchen, baths & flooring. Step out your back door and enjoy the panoramic water views while sitting on the common area patio with BBQ. Life doesn't get much better than this. Move in ready, covered parking ..... **\$118,500**

**JAMISON 515** - West end unit... **SOLD** ..... **\$119,900**

**HAMPTON 203** - 1 br Deluxe, new kitchen & windows, great floor plan, covered parking, water views abound! ..... **\$95,000**

**MANCHESTER 603** - 2/2 Deluxe beautifully done with open concept floor plan. Kitchen and bath have been tastefully updated. This condo has picturesque water views. Truly move in ready. Covered parking. Small cat accepted. .... **\$129,900**

**JAMISON 110** - 2/2, Standard, freshly painted form head to toe, brand new flooring in every room, and much more... Direct view, literally steps to pool. .... **\$72,900**

**Hampton 102** - 2/2 Deluxe... **SOLD** ..... **\$102,900**

**Windsor 309** - 1/1.5 ..... **SOLD** ..... **\$119,900**

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**Avalon #302** 2br/2ba Deluxe unit, pet friendly..... Annual \$775/mo.  
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