

## With Thanks and Beads



At Monday night's annual meeting of the Gulfport Historical Society, President Miki Vaughan presented historian Lynne Brown with a gift of thanks for her contributions to the Society. The Society included a gift certificate to Buttons, Bangles, and Beads on Corey Avenue; Ms. Brown makes jewelry.

To volunteer with the Gulfport Historical Society or receive the newsletter, call the museum at 327-0505

## Welcome to South Pasadena Wal-Mart?

South Pasadena Mayor Calabria says it's coming

By Cathy Salustri

Although city officials say it's far from a done deal, South Pasadena Mayor Dan Calabria sent an e-mail telling constituents he met with a "representative of the development group that works for Wal-Mart" who told him the group was moving forward with plans to remodel the vacant Publix location into a Wal-Mart.

In 2008, Publix vacated the shopping plaza and moved to the empty Albertsons store at the opposing corner of Gulfport Boulevard and Pasadena. Since then, the cornerstone storefront in the Pasadena Shopping Center has remained vacant. The Hallmark store also closed, although a CVS, Regions and smattering of other shops remain open.

"I consider this only the first See *Wal-Mart*, page 5

## A New Gulfport Police Station?

**A Word From the Chief**

*Gulfport Police Chief Robert Vincent speaks about moving the police station*

With the proposal at a recent workshop to consider building a new police station, I knew it wouldn't be long before folks started asking for my comments.

The fact is, this is not a new idea. I presented the concept during budget planning in 2009/2010 as an effort to help address rising concerns about safety on our city's northeastern border. It quickly became clear, however, this project was unlikely to become

See *Police Station*, page 45

## Introducing Melinda Pletcher, St. Pete Beach District Four Commissioner

By Cathy Salustri

Melinda Pletcher is a force of nature to watch. She moves forward at what seems to be a million miles an hour, but once she slows down for you, you have her full attention. She and her husband, Steve, raised two girls in Pass-a-Grille, and they still live on the water in Vina del Mar. Her husband has his own semiconductor business on St. Pete Beach. His family owns Middle Grounds (and formerly owned Robby's Pancake House); her father lives locally as well.

She makes her priorities clear when she talks:

See *Beach Commissioner*, page 31



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## Remembering Pam

A celebration plaque was purchased by friends of the late Pam McGinnis. There will be a small gathering at the Gulfport Senior Center on Friday, April 5 at noon at the Celebration Wall outside of the Senior Center. All are welcome to participate in her life and memory.

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## Gulfport Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Gulfport Lions will be presenting their fourth Pancake Breakfast of the Season, Saturday, April 6th, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please note these new serving hours.

Breakfast will be served at the Gulfport Lions Center, 4630 Tifton Drive So. in the Gulfport Marina Area. Ask anybody! Pancakes with syrup, scrambled eggs and sausage with coffee or tea to drink, and all you care to eat at the donation price of \$5 per person. Bring your entire family and friends and spend an enjoyable morning overlooking beautiful Boca Ciega Bay. You might even see some manatees. Children really love these breakfasts.

When you come and support their fund raising activities, you are doing much to help them help those in need. Their primary efforts are directed towards sight preservation. There are many other community based functions they continue to sponsor and fund. Gulfport Lions is a service organization, meeting the needs of those less fortunate.

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## CORRECTIONS

Last week, the *Gabber* ran an article about Gulfport's city council workshop. In it, we printed "Gulfport has 108 full time employees; roughly 50 of those work for the police department." This should have read "work for the public safety departments," which would include police and fire. We regret the error.

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The *Gabber* ran a photo of Dawn Fisher making a generous donation to the Senior Center food pantry in the Mar. 28, 2013 issue. We misspelled her name in the caption. We apologize for the error.

## Large Dog Park Closes for Maintenance

Large Dog Park is closed from Monday, April 8th through Friday, April 12th for general maintenance. Large dogs will use the small dog park on Tuesday and Thursday while small dogs will have the Monday, Wednesday and Friday schedule. Parks will reopen the Large Dog Park on Saturday, April 13th at 9 a.m.

They appreciate your patience throughout this process. Please contact Bob Williams at 727-893-1066 if you have any questions regarding the closure of the park.

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## Aquamania Returns Bigger than Ever!

The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Gulfport are co-sponsoring the Pro Hydro-X Jet Tribe Tour's first race event of the season, Saturday through Sunday, April 6th and 7th. This two day event will feature personal watercraft racing both closed course and freestyle. Tucked in with this full throttle action are two days of entertainment including a Kayak and Paddle Board Race and Recycle Regatta. This free event will have something for everyone to enjoy. Events features free admission, free kids activities, vendors, Corn Hole Tournament, kayak and paddle board races, Recycle Regatta, beer, wine and food.

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## Bayway Bridge Update

Orion (the contractor working on the Bayway Bridge) plans to close the eastbound lanes of the Bayway Bridge from 9 a.m. until at least 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9. Please note: Orion could extend this closure into the evening.

Workers will make sure emergency vehicles can get through the work zone as needed. Workers will not necessarily have eastbound lanes closed all day, however drivers should anticipate closures and pay attention to the flashing signs situated around St. Pete Beach and the bridge for more information.

As always, the Gabber will post any changes under the "Top Stories" section of our web site (www.theGabber.com) as we learn of them.



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## Wal-Mart, from front page

step in the revitalization of the city for both businesses and residents. I'm confident as we make progress with upgrading and improving Pasadena Avenue, more major businesses will be looking at us as a candidate for their attention and possible location," Mayor Calabria said, noting that Wal-Mart's presence in South Pasadena marked "the first new, major national brand to become part of South Pasadena in too many years."

Wal-Mart Grocery Store, known as the Neighborhood Market, applied for a site plan three months ago, according to Neil Schwartz, South Pasadena's Community Development Director. The Neighborhood Markets focus on selling groceries rather than a full complement of items sold in larger Wal-Marts.

The plan did not include major exterior renovations but Wal-Mart, if it did pursue the deal, would have to make extensive renovations inside the old grocery store, Mr. Schwartz said.

The city approved the site plan but has nothing else on record from from Wal-Mart.

"The next step is going to be pulling permits. I've been in touch with the development company since January 2011, and we've come a long way to get here. It's taken too long, [but] I'm assuming the work permits will be in place in three or four weeks," Mayor Dan Calabria said. "I don't want to imply that there's an opening date, but I'm going to work closely with them on a grand opening event."

"As far as I was concerned, it was just a fact finding mission. You are looking at millions and millions of dollars for Wal-Mart to come in," Mr. Schwartz said. "We have a 40,000 square foot shopping center that's

been sitting out there vacant... we have what I call 'tire kickers'."

He could not say that Wal-Mart had plans to move forward with the old Publix but cautioned that he did not mean to contradict the mayor.

Wal-Mart looked at the former Winn-Dixie in Gulfport (now a Save-a-Lot) but never submitted a site plan.

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## MA Society to Meet

The final meeting of the Massachusetts Society will be held on Wednesday, April 10th at Beachway Mobile Park on 54th St. in Gulfport at 1 p.m. This will be their annual pizza party. Cost is \$3 for members, \$7 for guests. They will meet again on November 13th.

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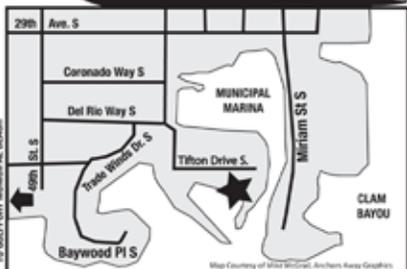
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## Gulfport Lions Give Flag to Gulfport Elementary

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"We're the good guys. I think we're the only nonprofit charitable org in Gulfport that does that kind of stuff," Mr. Padula said.

Jean Beum, President of the Lions Club, and Art Padula, Secretary, presented it to the principal, James Pribble, on the school's closed-circuit morning news show Wednesday morning.

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## Republican Club to Meet

Ken Burke, Pinellas County Clerk of the Court, will address the members and friends of the St. Petersburg Republican Club on Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Mr. Burke will discuss the position he has taken and publicly put forth on the "red light cameras". Following his presentation Mr. Burke will answer questions from the audience. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the Question and Answer Session. There is no charge to attend this event.

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- Council made changes to the pension plans for firefighters and police officers. These changes will not cost the city money; they instead satisfy IRS requirements.
- Council voted to accept a grant from the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative. This grant will go towards improvements to the Gulfport library, including technology upgrades and plumbing and electrical work.
- Council named freshman Councilwoman Christine Brown, as the Suncoast League of Cities representative and Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke as the alternate. Council initially planned to name freshman Councilman Michael Fridovich as the alternate, but he asked to withdraw his name from consideration, citing personal issues that might prevent him from giving the committee proper attention.
- Council approved “reasonable rules and policies” with a 3-2 vote. Although all the council expressed consensus regarding the posited rules and policies at the workshop, since that time Councilwomen Christine Brown and Jennifer Salmon changed their view and voted against the proposed policies.
- Council approved lowering the nonresident fee for registration to participate in the recreation department. Council lowered the fee from \$110 to \$22 per year.

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groups are the Broad Reachers from the St. Petersburg Yacht Club station at Pass-a-Grille and the Treasure Island Tackers from Treasure Island. There will be 11 women's sailing organizations represented from this west-central region of Florida and they will be sailing in Prams and Sunfish. The organization was founded in 1973 and there are over 400 women sailing weekly at their respective clubs. The racing will take place in the morning and will be followed by a picnic luncheon and social hour. Call 321-7295.

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## Band Returns to Galatea Garden

On April 11, at 7:30 p.m., the South Pasadena Community Band will present "Galatea Favorites". The free concert will take place in the beautiful Galatea Garden at 7001 Sunset Drive in South Pasadena. Gather your friends and your lawn chairs and come enjoy selections

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This 8 week session for beginners will be held on Mondays from April 8-May 27. The fee is \$10 per class and is held in the Art room at the Gulfport Recreation center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For more information please contact the instructor by email at : [tutoring@conversationalspanishnow.com](mailto:tutoring@conversationalspanishnow.com).

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## Catch some Jazz

Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society will sponsor the following concerts:

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On Thursday, April 11 "Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps" will play from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Bilmar Beach Resort 10650 Gulf Blvd., Treasure Island. Admission is \$7, students and military free with I.D. Call 727-522-6877.

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## Polish American Society

The Polish American Society, 1343 Beach Drive SE (next to Coast Guard commissary) will hold their next dance on April 7th. Doors open at 1 p.m.; bar is open at 1:30 p.m. Dinner is from 2-3:30 p.m. and costs \$7. Dancing is from 3-6 p.m. to "Soundz of South" and costs \$5 for members and \$7 for guests. Become a member.

Please RSVP for dinner; 3-course meal will be served, pork roast or meat loaf. Bring family and friends and support Polish heritage. You will meet all nationalities.

For more information call Bev at 727-526-6835 or visit [www.polishamericansociety.org](http://www.polishamericansociety.org).

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## Unlocking the Door to Successful Caregiving

The 7th Annual Caregivers Conference - "Unlocking the Door to Successful Caregiving" will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This conference is sponsored by the James Sanderlin Neighborhood Center and will be held at Suncoast Hospice, 3050 First Avenue S., St. Petersburg. This is a free event and continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Call 727-321-9444 to register. Speakers and agencies providing services to caregivers will be present. This is a program aimed at helping persons struggling with caregiver responsibilities.

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# Letters

## Times have Changed

**Dear Editor:** I read an article recently on the average net worth of today's families. They listed two figures. One was including their home equity; the other not listing home equity. I guess home equity depends on what someone is willing to pay for the house. Not including the house, the average household net worth is only \$20,000. There are people ready to retire and at best only have \$20,000 in savings.

Where did it all go? A lifetime of work, putting kids through school, maybe buying things they could do without. For what ever reason, they are heading into an adventure. When I was going to sea on a regular

basis to make a buck, I found that an adventure was the result of poor planning.

There are countries that will take care of the retired folks so they can live the last of their lives worry free, but not here. I am convinced that the new American dream is to provide for your family's food, clothing, shelter and a modest worry free retirement. Too many thought that the American dream was two cars in the garage and a house guaranteed to appreciate in value each year, making home ownership a very good deal.

The times have changed. What you see is what you got. Where did it all go?

Tom Barrett

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### Letters to the Editor

Please keep letters to the editor as brief and to the point as possible. Letters must be typed in upper and lower case on plain white paper or emailed to publisher@thegabber.com.

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## Annual Spring Bonnet Tea

You don't want to miss the "Centennial" Spring Bonnet Tea on Sunday, April 7th from 3-5 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isla Blvd. N.E. A tasty selection of sandwiches and sweets will be served. In keeping with the 100th Anniversary theme, a special Vintage and Contemporary Fashion Show by "So Chic" will be the featured program. The cost is \$10 per person. Sunday dress attire suggested and hats are encouraged. Proceeds of the event to benefit the Historical Building Restoration Fund. For reservations, call 727-527-3250 or email: behamsah@msn.com.

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## Red Hot Beach Nuts News

On March 13th, 34 ladies with the Red Hot Beach Nuts of Gulfport, took a ride to Weeki Wachee Springs State Park. Transportation was provided by All Florida Transportation. Mermaids have been entertaining

visitors for over 60 years and what show they put on! The group also enjoyed the Wilderness River cruise and Animal Show which took place at the Riverside Theater. Their next outing will be to Sunken Gardens on April 9th.

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## School Assignment Request Period Opens

Pinellas County Schools Special Assignment Request period begins on Monday, April 8, and runs through Monday, April 22. This online application process is for parents who would like their children to attend a school other than their zoned school for the 2013-2014 school year. To apply, parents must log onto

the district's Student Reservation System, <https://reservation.pcsb.org>, using their user ID and password. If parents do not have a User ID and password, they may visit any school in the district to get one. Incoming kindergartners and other students new to the district must be enrolled in a school before they begin the process. This means parents must first complete the registration process, not just reserve a seat. All assignments will be made on a space-available basis. Please note that parents must apply for Special Assignments for their children each school year. For more information, call Student Assignment, 727-588-6210, or visit the district website, [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org).

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## Volunteers Needed for Military Parade

The Veterans of South Pinellas County are planning their 3rd annual "Salute to the Military" Parade, street fair and charity breakfast for April 12 and 13th in Pass-a-Grille. They have planned a large parade with some great military vehicles, recruits that will be sworn in at the end of the parade and so much more. To make this a success, they are in need of some volunteers to assist in the following areas:

- road guards for the parade on April 12. Time would be from 4 p.m. until around 7:30 p.m. If interested in helping here there is also a short training session on Friday, April

5th at the Pass-A-Grille Community Assoc. building at 7 p.m.

- Able bodied volunteers the morning of April 12th that will meet in Pass-A-Grille Park to help with the planting of Flags, decorations and other chores that will require some lifting and moving of tables, etc.

- Volunteers to help with the Parade and Fair which will last till 5-10 p.m.

- Saturday volunteers are needed to help with the Fair and Breakfast. Breakfast and fair will be going from 7 a.m. to noon and then they have to clean up.

All the proceeds are going to a veteran who was severely injured in Afghanistan. Any assistance you can lend would be appreciated.

Call Don Schmidt, Event Coordinator at 727 592 2860 or email at [donschmidt45@yahoo.com](mailto:donschmidt45@yahoo.com).

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## MOWC to Meet

Military Officers Wives Club will meet for luncheon April 19 at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Social hour starts at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and a short program. Military officers that are retired, active duty or former officers and their spouses or widows are invited to attend. For reservations call CDR Bill Bolin at 584-1595.

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## Stretch And Release Fitness Class Coming

Starting April 17th the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, will be offering a Stretch and Release class. This fitness class will help improve posture for greater overall health and well being. Come learn to stretch, breathe and release tension and stress. This one hour class will lengthen and strengthen your muscles including the spine and the core. Classes will be held Wednesday mornings 9-10 a.m. The cost is only \$6 per class. Join anytime. It's fun, safe and user-friendly! Visit [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com) or call the Community Center at 727-363-9245.

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## Democratic Club to Meet

The April 11 meeting of the Greater Pinellas Democratic club will feature Rick Kriseman who has just thrown his hat in the ring in announcing his intention to run for Mayor of St. Petersburg! Rick has already served three outstanding terms in the Florida House and did a stint as a dynamic St. Petersburg City Councilman between his second and third term in Tallahassee.

With all that experience, his bona fides (graduate of U. FLorida and Law degree from Stetson) and his true concern for the citizens of his city( expressed in his promise to "listen, learn, lead and move the city forward", Rick's candidacy should prove to be exciting and successful!

Come to the meeting and hear how Rick plans to navigate his campaign. Time permitting, he will take questions, encourage discussion.

The meeting which will be held at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park, will start with cocktails (cash bar) and social time at 6 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner

at 6:30 (\$15, reservations please to Betty at 727-360-3971) followed by Mr Kriseman's presentation.

And remember this is the season to start thinking about their annual picnic in Fort De Soto Park on Sunday, May 19.

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## Fashion Saving Diva

Our friends at St. Vincent Thrift Store in Gulfport are here to show you how to stretch your money and dress smart on Wednesday, April 24

at 1 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater. See some of your favorite Gulfport models sport some of the latest fashions for less! Want to know more? Come check it out at this bargain fundraising event with tickets at just \$2! Write the name on the back of your ticket to enter a special drawing. The Gulfport Senior Center and Foundation want to thank St. Vincent Thrift Store for sponsoring this fun event!

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## First Friday Flea

Donations of small items are always welcome for the next First Friday Flea Market scheduled for Friday, April 5 from 9 a.m. – noon. Ideas for items include watches, any kind of jewelry, including costume jewelry, wallets, change purses, tote bags, purses, knick knacks, knitted slippers or any type slippers. Any clean useable item or items are greatly appreciated.

While you visit, please bring a canned good or two to the new “bucket of love” which will be located in the Senior Center lobby. This food goes into the Center pantry where local seniors who are less fortunate can

get the assistance they need. For more information or to get involved call 727-893-2237.

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## Jazz in the Stacks

Dave Manson and his O Som Do Jazz band will perform at the West St. Petersburg Community Library on April 4th at 7 p.m. The library is on the SPC/Gibbs campus at 6605 Fifth Avenue N. The 6-piece band features Brazilian bossa-nova and samba-jazz and is led by Rio de Janeiro singer Andrea Moraes Manson.

The easiest way to approach the library is from Ninth Ave. N. Turn south on 67th St. It will lead you right into the library parking lot. The

concert is sponsored by the Friends of West St. Petersburg Community Library and is free. Call Elaine at 727-253-6904.

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## Lithuanian-American Club Lunch

The Lithuanian-American Club is serving lunch on Thursdays at 1 p.m. at 4880 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. The spring schedule of luncheons are one week koldunai and the other week cepelinai. The cost is \$7 for entree, side, dessert and coffee. Today's menu is cepelinai (grated potato meat dumplings) served with bacon and/or sour cream, dessert and coffee. As usual, they have Lithuanian beer and fresh baked Lithuanian bread to buy every Thursday. Call Vida at 866-7936. Everyone is welcome.

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## Seniors want to Sing!

Are you a retired choir/music director ready to get back into the scene and have fun? Well, the Gulfport Senior Center is looking for you. They are looking for a vibrant volunteer to lead a choir who loves their music. They are also looking for a piano accompanist. If you are interested, please call Gail at 727-893-2237.

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## Reading Paws with Maya

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The City is looking for Hurricane related vendors, products or anything related to helping during hurricane season. The spots are free (one per vendor) and space is limited. Vendors will be located inside the Theater Lobby. A table will be provided, but you must supply your own linens.

This informative seminar is open to the public. For more information on this event or your interest in being a vendor, please email [jshea@mygulfport.us](mailto:jshea@mygulfport.us) or call Justin Shea, City of Gulfport Technical Events Specialist, at 727-893-1118.

## Fashion Show to Benefit Alzheimer's Association

A fashion show to benefit the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will take place at The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay, 1255 Pasadena Avenue S., on Saturday, April 20, from 1-3 p.m. Fountains residents will model styles by Bon Worth and assorted local retailers will offer accessories for onsite purchase. The event is open to the public and the suggested donation to attend is five dollars. For reservations or more information, call The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay at 727-381-5411.

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## Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members enjoyed "stuffing" the plastic eggs for Sunshine City Council's Eater Egg Hunt. The work party was held at the Elmer O. Smith Lodge in Pinellas Park on Tuesday, March 26. Then on Saturday, March 30, members of Laureate Epsilon Theta and the

other chapters of Sunshine City Council met at 8 a.m. at the England Brothers Park to spread the eggs out for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to begin at 9 a.m. Many attended the hunt and the kids had a great time. The hunt for the eggs by the children took only a matter of minutes but the gratification knowing many children had a fun time was well worth it.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9 at the home of Donna Smith and Donna will be presenting the program.

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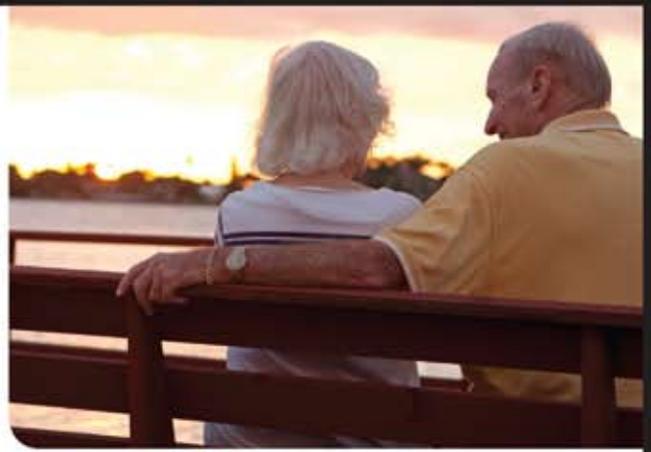
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Stetson's Elder Consumer Protection Expo will provide services including an on-site document shredding drop-off, Do-Not-Call/Opt-Out registration, and free credit reporting services to help guard against identity theft.

Presenters from local and state organizations and agencies will provide information and answer questions during the event.

Attendees will be treated to a free continental breakfast, boxed lunch and door prizes.

Doors open and continental breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. Registration is required and limited. To register or request more information, contact Elder Consumer Protection Program

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## Wednesday Morning Yoga

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## Advisory Committee Seeks Volunteers

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**Gulfport Garden & Bird Club**

The annual business meeting and tea will be held on April 11th at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street S. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Committee leaders will give yearly reports and officers will be elected to serve next year. There will be no flower show this year.

Positions up for election are president, program chairman, membership chairman, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, yearbook chairman, treasurer and publicity. Anyone interested in applying for these positions may do so by calling Joyce McMahon at 321-9029 or may do so at the meeting; nominations from the floor will be welcomed.

The club will provide food and drink for the tea with members contributing \$5 each toward a portion of the cost. Please send your check payable to Gulfport Garden and Bird Club to Barbara Dye by April 8th.

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

The club would like to see more community involvement. If you are interested in gardening and would like to become a member, please call Joyce McMahon at 321-9021 or come to the meeting on April 11th. Everyone is welcome; you do not have to live in Gulfport or even have a garden!

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**Tom Pitzen, Ward Two:** "It kind of doesn't seem necessary. If it works where it is, we should keep it. It seems that a lot of resources could be allocated in better ways."

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**Bobby Reynolds, Ward Four:** "I think there does need to be a presence there. I think it would help deter crime over there."

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**Joe Baker, Ward One:** "It doesn't seem to be the central part of the city. Is it going to cost money? [Then] I'm not in favor of it."

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**Louis Distasio, Ward Four:** "I know when the [Gulfport] Neighborhood Center was built it was going to be [used for] the garbage trucks and the police department. I think it would add a little more security. I think it would be a good thing for 49th Street."

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competition quality hickory-smoked pulled pork, dinners will include hickory smoked baked beans, cole slaw, bread and dessert. A plateful and the mouth-watering aromas that go along with it is available for just \$9 per person. Hot dog dinners for children under 12 are also available for just \$3. Dinners will be served from 5-7:30 p.m. Take-outs are available. Everyone is welcome.

Right now about 300 tickets are available. You may purchase your tickets at the church office located at 2728 53rd Street S. in Gulfport. Call 727-321-3620 or 727-488-9031.

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# Worship



## Christmas in April

The Angel Outreach Committee of Pasadena Community UM Church is sponsoring their annual Spring Flea Market on Saturday, April 13th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Jerger Hall, 227 70th Street S. and directly behind the church in west St. Petersburg. Sale items will include unique gifts, toys, books, collectables, clothing, glassware, furniture and other gently used household articles. The grill will open at 10:30 a.m. for those tasty "Dave's Dawgs". Soft drinks and snacks will also be available.

This is a major fundraiser for the committee's holiday outreach projects which include Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, Angel Child adoption tree and Christmas party for struggling families with young children in the community. To donate or volunteer, call Kay Benson at 341-1296 or Barbara Posey at the church office, 381-2499, ext. 214.

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## Care Givers Support Groups

Do you find yourself "caring" for the health concerns of another adult? Do you sometimes feel a need for a listening ear of another person who has empathy for your situation? If so, we invite you to visit one of our Care Givers Support Groups at Pasadena

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Both groups are open to the public and provide a confidential setting for those attending to share with others who are in like situations their experiences, joys and concerns of "care giving".

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## April Show

The Art Guild will be accepting pictures for the April Show "After the Rain" on Thursday, April 4th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium, 120 108th Avenue. Members may enter up to three paintings. If you are not a member, you are invited to join.

The Guild will host a reception for the winners of the show on Saturday, April 13th at 1 p.m. Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded. There will be refreshments and an art demonstration at that time. The reception is free and open to interested persons.

For more information visit our website at [www.TreasureIslandArtGuild.org](http://www.TreasureIslandArtGuild.org).

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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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Sanders has held a number of seminars and written professional papers concerning bankruptcy law in general, ECF requirements and new issues. He is a former director of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

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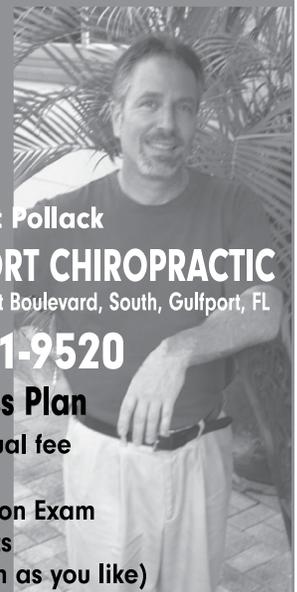
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- 5 Old NYC club; abbr.
- 9 Vernon Castle's wife
- 14 Last word in a famous palindome
- 15 Serene
- 16 Certain musical group
- 17 Seaman's wear
- 19 Kind
- 20 Small drum
- 21 O'Rourke, of *F Troop*
- 23 Madison Ave. concern
- 24 Noah's ark site
- 26 Top quality
- 28 Accountant
- 34 Basics
- 38 Hebrew judge of old
- 39 Mean
- 40 Clodhopper
- 41 With 57 Down, fictional sleuth
- 43 Crucifix letters
- 44 Mistakes
- 46 French refreshment
- 47 Looked at
- 48 Doit
- 51 Tore
- 52 Send back

- 57 Rap's Dr.
- 60 Burst forth
- 63 Portuguese colony in China
- 64 O'Reilly, of *M\*A\*S\*H*
- 66 Redhead
- 68 \_\_\_ Zola
- 69 Actor Blore
- 70 Learned book
- 71 Brandish
- 72 Greek portico
- 73 Goddess of discord

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- 2 Erase
- 3 Addis \_\_\_
- 4 Former British prime minister
- 5 Fed. agency, 1933 - 1943
- 6 Dumbarton \_\_\_
- 7 Request
- 8 WWII troop landing vehicle
- 9 Young actress
- 10 Fish eggs
- 11 Sicilian city
- 12 Square
- 13 French summers
- 18 Steed

- 22 Micheiin competitor
- 25 Like Archie or Sluggo
- 27 Del \_\_\_, NL RBI leader in 1950
- 29 \_\_\_ mode
- 30 1980 Stacy Keach film, *The \_\_\_ Configuration*
- 31 Modulation
- 32 To be, in Paris
- 33 Check
- 34 Actor Guinness
- 35 Half of a South Sea island
- 36 Hold back
- 37 Pierces
- 42 Fidel's associate
- 45 Like candles
- 49 Brings out
- 50 Car salesman's car, perhaps
- 53 Photo finish
- 54 Performer
- 55 Ruth's mother-in-law
- 56 Drugs
- 57 See 41 Across
- 58 Plant branches
- 59 Actress Adams
- 61 Role
- 62 Like the Graces
- 65 \_\_\_ *My Children*
- 67 \_\_\_ Victor

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The Children's Plant Fair on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28, is part of the Green Thumb Festival and is a non-competitive program designed to promote environmental awareness in children. Each participant will receive a "goody bag," and the first 100 plant entries each day receive a free t-shirt. This event welcomes students in preschool through fifth grade. The Green Thumb Festival Highlights include: Garden Club of St. Petersburg Flower Show, educational exhibits, grow and share, free mulch, kid's crafts, nursery plant vendors, plant auction, gardening tips, and a food court.

To participate, just complete two easy steps: Grow one or more plants in a container and second, bring your favorite plant and register card for "show and tell," at Walter Fuller between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on either Saturday or Sunday. The event takes place at Walter Fuller Recreation Center, 7891 26 Avenue N., and starts at 9 a.m. and continues through 3 p.m.

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## Empowerment of Healing

Join Barbara Newborn at Scout Hall at 5315 28th Ave. S. in Gulfport on Tuesday, April 16 at 1 p.m. Her lecture will discuss methods and new insights into the amazing power of healing. Disability and illness can teach us about ourselves. As Barbara says "We can learn from these experiences and gain perspective on what is truly important in our lives. Our experiences can also enlighten us toward new directions. We can personally transform from the external world of appearances, into our internal world of balance and self-worth."

Barbara Newborn is the author of *Return to Ithaca: A woman's triumph over the disabilities of a severe stroke*. She was the Chief of staff of The National Stroke and Quality of Life Medical Education Institute in New York City Barbara also has two master's degrees in Rehabilitation and teaches Yoga Therapy in Gulfport, Florida and volunteers for the Gulfport Senior Center. This is a free seminar, open to the public and sponsored by the City of Gulfport Senior Center.

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## Wednesday Evening Yoga

Yoga with Tamara on Wednesday evenings is at the Gulfport Recreation Center. The class focus is gentle Hatha yoga, breathing techniques and relaxation for the mind, body and spirit. Class starts at 6:30 p.m. and cost is \$10 a class. For more information call Tamara at 727-512-2763 or email her at tharte@tampabay.rr.com. Please bring a yoga mat and a bottle of water.

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## Gulfport City Council Meeting

# Public Comment & Council Quotes

***“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”*** – Councilwoman Christine Brown, quoting from Proverbs during the council invocation

***“Give the podium to a principal and you’ll be here for a while.”*** – Principal Michael Vigue, upon receiving the Spirit of Gulfport award.

***“It’s been truly an honor to have served as an elected official. I’m very proud of this elected council... If you serve this community well, they’ll treat you well.”*** – Former Mayor Mike Yakes. Mayor Sam Henderson, on behalf of the Gulfport city council, presented former mayor, Mike Yakes, with a key to the city and a flag. He also presented The Boca Ciega High School principal, Michael Vigue, with the Spirit of Gulfport award. Former Mayor Yakes noted later that the city included the gavel he had used since he took office in 1991. He also expressed his gratitude for City Clerk Lesley DeMuth and the thought she put into the arrangement of the flag presentation.

***“Maybe it’s me being sentimental, but Lesley is that kind of a person,”*** he said Wednesday.

***“We’re going to keep on making you come to meetings, apparently.”*** – Mayor Sam Henderson, to former mayor, Mike Yakes about a future resolution to make him a mayor emeritus.

***“We’ve got to close this race course.”*** – Stan Kreuter, about Gulfport Boulevard

***“Can I buy a speed hump?”*** – Anne Humphries, who objected to the 30 MPH speed limit on the side streets

***“From our discussion [at the workshop], I got the impression there were some people on council wanted to [limit] free speech.”*** – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about proposed changes to public comment at city council meetings

***“Whether the words ‘personal attack’ is in there or not... if someone comes up and slanders a ... I’m going to use my judgment.”***

***“My preference would be to remove it.”*** – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about the phrasing “personal attacks” in prohibited public comment behavior

***“Jennifer... thank you so much for bringing this up. I have the exact same thing highlighted.”*** – Councilwoman Christine Brown, about personal attacks

***“I felt like this is where we were at the end of the workshop...”*** – Mayor Sam Henderson, about Councilwoman Brown and Councilwoman Salmon’s concerns about public comment

***“I have full faith that you’re going to let people speak their mind... I don’t think we need to get into the minutiae.”*** – Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke

***“You have different rules than if you were outside.”*** – Councilman Michael Fridovich, who says as a past president of a chapter of the ACLU he favored free speech but wants to hold people to civility

***“I certainly hope that if there’s a point where you feel I’m not running the meeting well, each and every one of you will let me know.”*** – Mayor Sam Henderson

***“It is you who own the bully pulpit, not the citizens.”*** – Cindy Davis, to the council

***“For those of you who did come to the workshop, where we did have public comment... no one up here is in favor of getting rid of the public session. I don’t think that anyone needs to feel concerned that we’re going to hear you out.”*** – Mayor Sam Henderson

***“I’m sorry to be the person to bring things out in the open, but I’m not really sorry.”*** – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about the changes to the rate structure for certain city programs

***“That serves a purpose, so people don’t drive into the sea.”*** – Mayor Sam Henderson, about the barricade at the end of 49th Street. He asked the council to consider building a pocket park to provide neighborhood access

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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The new moon in Aries will breathe green spring air into the cosmic lungs. Life-giving oxygen will inspire immediate action on fresh endeavors, and the rest of the planets enthusiastically agree. With the sun, Venus, Mars and Uranus all in the sign of the warrior spirit, there's a sense of good triumphing over evil. It's important to remember that this is usually an internal battle. Use the new moon energy to squash the selfishness within.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You have a kind of magic power tingling in your fingertips this week. You might use your wizardry to make someone fall in love with you. Check your heart to be sure this is what you really want, though, because the spell you cast might be stronger than anticipated. A good rule of thumb: Compassion before passion.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your political prowess will be tested. Power is yours to gain or lose. Gain it by expressing yourself. Lose it the same way. Discretion and discernment are the keys to success. Know what's appropriate and what others want before you speak out. You may not do what they want, but make your choice consciously.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You put people at ease by being the one to reach out first. This is a sort of gift you give, and it does come at an expense to you: You risk being rejected. But you've made the first move enough times to know that chances are you won't be. You'll be received in a rush of relief, and you'll promote unity wherever you go.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It might amaze you that people often cannot see their own best qualities. They have lived so long inside of them that they forget what they are. That's why when you point out people's strengths, you do them a great service. It's just part of your natural interaction in the world, though you could get paid for it this week.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You've wondered at times about your

guardian angel and have tried to envision the face of this kind, protective force. However you want to personify this force of goodness is up to you. You may change the way you think about your angel, but that won't change the way this constant source of loving energy considers you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your work ethic isn't strong because you're trying to impress someone or because you have to prove your worth. The bottom line is that you work hard because you want the chance to develop your skills and build a stronger inventory of achievements.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You might think you need help, but what you really need is motivation. There are many things that could provide it: a deadline, an undesirable consequence or a potential result that is so powerful that it lifts and draws you in like a high-powered super-magnet. Everything kicks in on Wednesday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An old television commercial suggested, "Never let them see you sweat." Unfortunately, that's not always possible. You pay your dues through exertion, and the exertion makes you sweat, until the day comes that you are conditioned enough that it doesn't. This week they will see you sweat -- but next week, maybe not!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When things take too long, it's a turn-off for you. It goes against your high-energy spirit and makes you feel like your time is being wasted and your energy is blocked. Thursday brings an exception to this rule in the form of someone or something you're willing to wait for, even if the waiting feels like an eternity.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Course corrections may be necessary this week, and this is the way of movement -- any movement, really. Walking, running, driving, flying -- there is no perfect way to do it. You are always responding to your environment. You get where you're going through a series of adjustments.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not so worried about what's expected of you this week, because you are very involved in getting to the result you want. You are impervious to the opinions that might sway others, wisely noting that everyone comes from their own experiences, and their observations have little to do with you personally.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Objectivity can be difficult in the most normal of circumstances, and it will be even harder to come by this week. What if the thoughts and feelings you are having belonged to a dear friend instead of to you? What compassion would you offer? Can you provide any new solutions from this perspective? Detachment spawns wisdom.

**This Week's Birthdays:** This year features new blends of your talents and resources. The cross-pollination of two parts of your life will result in a beautiful hybrid. You are the only one who could have made this happen, and you'll be celebrated for what this adds to other people's lives. Love is a healer, an adventurer and a multiplier of good fortune. This month and May bring more dollars to work with. You'll be building in June. Learning a new language will be necessary, and you'll be opening up to the world in July.

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The St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, is offering "Learn to Swim Classes" for all ages through the American Red Cross. From infants six months of age to seniors, classes will teach proper technique and tips for safety in any water environment. Classes are held Monday through Thursday and run in two-week sessions of 30-minute classes. Classes are available morning and evening to fit every schedule. A two-week session is only \$40 for residents of St. Pete Beach and \$45 for non-residents. Registration starts on Monday, April 1st at 9 a.m. Visit [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com) or call 727-363-9245.

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## Intermediate Spanish

This 6 week session will be held on Mondays from April 15-May 20. The fee is \$10 per class and is held in the Art room at the Gulfport Recreation center from 7:45-8:45 p.m. Contact the instructor by email at: [tutoring@conversationalspanishnow.com](mailto:tutoring@conversationalspanishnow.com).

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## Thank you Legion Post 125!



Cricket Leonard, President of the Women's Auxiliary of Legion Post 125, along with the assistance of her husband brought in several bags of canned goods and toiletries for the Gulfport Senior Center Pantry. Thank you for your generous donation!



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## Chamber Gives Business a Voice

Under the experienced leadership of Michael Audino, the Board of Directors of Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce has established a new way for business to study and weigh in on local issues and regulatory matters affecting business growth and development in Gulfport and South Pasadena. Mr. Audino will lead the Chamber's new Community Affairs Committee that is charged with identifying and researching issues, reporting to the Chamber's Board of Directors, determining the

Chamber's position on the issue and then conveying the position to the public bodies involved.

According to Mr. Audino, business people need the Chamber to provide this service because so many actions taken by local government bodies have serious direct and indirect impacts on their ability to conduct and grow their businesses. Often, business people are not residents of Gulfport or So. Pasadena and need someone to represent them locally. In many cases, small business people are just too busy trying to stay afloat in this difficult economy to become directly involved.

Simply stated, the mission of the committee as developed by Mr. Audino is: "Identify and analyze public policy and regulatory issues that impact business growth and development, recommend Chamber actions that address the issues and communicate the Chamber's position to area stakeholders."

Michael Audino, Senior Researcher at the Center for Urban Transportation Research at USF and principal of Audino Associates is uniquely qualified to lead the Community Affairs effort at the Chamber. In addition to his Master's Degree in Business Leadership, he spearheaded business retention initiatives at the Des Moines, Iowa Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Governmental Affairs Committee and Chairperson of the Development Committee of the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce. Audino served on the Boards of Directors for both the Tampa Bay Beaches and the Wesley Chapel Chambers of Commerce and, in Wesley Chapel, he was a member of the Government Affairs Committee.

The Community Affairs Committee joins the Mentor/Education Committee, chaired by Lawrence Burke which has been very successful in Mentoring start-up and growing small businesses in the area as well as providing community support for the new STEM, (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), programs at our now "A" Rated Boca Ciega High School. This summer the Chamber will be establishing an Economic Development Committee and a Cooperative Marketing Service, (CMS) that is currently under development.

Anyone wishing to serve on a Chamber Action Committee may do so as long as they are a Chamber Member, are employed by a Chamber Member or are willing to join the Chamber as a Mentor Member. Call 344-3711.

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Tax collector employees help register potential organ donors by asking all driver license customers if they would like to join the registry. Last year's Donate Life Challenge led to more than 66,000 new donor registrations throughout Florida.

Florida's organ registry recently reached a milestone of 7 million registrants. It is the second largest state registry in the nation, which gives hope to families of patients like 10-year-old Hope Kienle, who received a liver transplant before she reached age 2.

"Although my husband and I were both registered organ donors, we didn't give much thought to organ donation until Hope was 64 days old," said Hope's mom, Amy Kienle. "That was the day we found out she may need a liver transplant. We don't know much about Hope's organ donor, but we feel like they are part of our family. Their loved one saved our Hope."

More than 4,500 Floridians currently await organ transplants, and more than 118,000 patients are on the nationwide list.

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Shandy Premer, 14, digs through bushes searching for eggs at Saturday's egg hunt in Belle Vista. She has hunted out eggs every spring since she was nine. Her friend, Dylan Micksch, 11, has attended the egg hunt every year since he could walk.

The Belle Vista egg hunt breaks egg seekers into groups by age. Every age group searches a different area of Bill Currato Park. Hidden among the prize-laden eggs are two special eggs per age group. The finders of these eggs get special prizes.



## Life is in the Blood

Starting Wednesday, April 10 at 2 p.m., Debi McArthur, operations director of LBC Analysis reveals revolutionary new approaches to maximizing one's lifestyle and health through diet, supplements and exercise. Debi states that Blood Optimizer is the world's first mobile nutritional live blood cell analysis clinic. She is introducing a sneak peek of with Live Blood Cell Analysis, the new high definition visual analysis of an individual's live blood cells through informational seminars.

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## Prom Dress Drive

The Gathering of Women will hold it's Grand Opening Celebration for the 2013 Princess Prom Dress Drive on Saturday, April 6 from 1-5 p.m. at its new location in the Skyway Mall, 4301 34 Street S., St. Petersburg.

The Princess Prom Dress Drive promotes self-confidence and individual beauty by providing free prom dresses and accessories to high school girls who cannot otherwise afford them. Their effort is made possible through invaluable volunteer, donor and community support.

They are still accepting items in need that include: new or gently used formal dresses sizes 0-6 and 12 and up, that are clean, in good condition and teen appropriate, prom accessories such as jewelry, handbags, wraps and shoes and gift certificates to restaurants, florists, limos and hair and nail salons. Please contact Samantha at 727-433-1352.

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## Beach Commissioner,

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family. She started a Mom's Day Out at Pass-a-Grille church in 1992, and where her girls spent their time, so did she, volunteering alongside them at school and in their extracurriculars.

With the girls in college now – one at FSU and one at USF-SP – she spends more time working as a Realtor, specializing in Vina and the beaches. Business, she says, is on the rise. She keeps a packed schedule, but last year she decided to run for the District Four Commissioner. No one ran against her, and she took her seat on the St. Pete Beach commission in March, shuffling her schedule to make the city a priority as well.

"My entire life, I'm a bleeding heart for a good cause, and I see our city as worth me prioritizing," she says when we sat down last week.

"I chose to do it because I thought it was the right decision for the community. Somebody's got to do it; there's not a lot of folks who are compelled to take on the responsibility. I felt like, after serving six years on the historic board, there are a lot of things we need to address in our district."

Top on her list? Design guidelines for Pass-a-Grille.

"I was really proud of our city for being proactive rather than reactive when it came to [the comprehensive plan]. I liked that whole concept; I liked the dynamics that were in place. I thought that was a responsible thing for our city to have undertaken. They, at that time, left Pass-a-Grille, out of the comp plan. They did it for a reason: Pass-a-Grille is very unique. When I was appointed to the historic board, my first order of business was to interview consultants to create design guidelines for Pass-a-Grille.

"I learned a lot," doing that, she says. "Unfortunately, we had made our selection and when it was time to initiate the contract, we had lost our funding because it inadvertently hadn't been extended in the budget.

"We've gone six years and we don't have design guidelines in Pass-a-Grille. What's allowable is not favorable, and what's favorable is not allowable. We're trying to initiate

'performance-based' code. We have height restrictions and we have setbacks and that's all.

"What performance-based code could allow is a reduced rear-yard setback for a garage if you build your house at minimum-based flood. What people are doing is they build [their homes] up so they can put the garage underneath."

That's an example; the city could work the code in a number of ways, but would, Commissioner Pletcher says, need to hire a consultant to come up with the guidelines or do it at a planning level.

"We would retain our character and charm," she says. "The goal would be to create a sustainable, character-driven district.

On a grander scale, she admits she still needs to come up to speed on a

few things. First on her list is how the city earns and spends money.

"I'm still learning that, still learning how I can bring a positive impact to the city as a whole," she says. "I'd like to get a better grasp on the budget. I've looked over the budget and that itself is what I'm focusing on right now."

She says she's looking forward to making a difference on St. Pete Beach.

"I can bring something to the table. I will always prioritize my community and people. I love our town," she says.

Contact Commissioner Melinda Pletcher at [mpletcher@stpetebeach.org](mailto:mpletcher@stpetebeach.org). The Gabber will print periodic community updates from Commissioner Pletcher.

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• Chair Yoga - Fri., 10-11 a.m. Call Joyce at 727-345-0679

• Beginners Conversational Spanish - Mon. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call 727-482-2125 for more info

• Intermediate Conversational Spanish - Mon., 6:45-7:45 p.m. Call 727-482-2125 for more info.

• Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.

• Gymnastics – Thurs., 5:30-6:15 p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.

• Hula - Call Kalina at 727-251-0424.

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

• Kickboxing Cardio – Starts Thurs. Apr. 25. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Bonita at

941-243-7740 for more info.

• Stretch-n-Tone - Tues. & Thurs., 9-10 a.m. Call Jean at 727-302-1016 for more info.

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

• Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Call Jack at 280-4276.

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

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

• Zumba- Tues., 6:30 p.m. and Thurs., 7:00 p.m. Call Rachel at 419-905-5562.

### TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

All skaters/bicyclists MUST purchase a 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, 2012 – September 30, 2013. Bicycles permitted on SUNDAYS only.



## Gulfport Library

5501 28th Ave. So. 893-1074

or fax 344-6386

### TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

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

### ADULT/ALL AGES PROGRAMS

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

**Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers:** Wednesdays at 10:00 am. (previously known as Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers).

**Beginning Spanish Classes:** Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:30 am. FREE & open to everyone

**AARP Income Tax Assistance:** Mondays & Fridays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm thru April 15th. FMI, call 893-1073. TAXPAYERS MUST BRING SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS FOR ALL PERSONS LISTED ON THEIR TAX RETURNS, A PICTURE ID, AND ALL PERTINENT RECORDS SUCH AS W2'S, 1099'S, other income & credits, & a copy of last year's return if available. Free Electronic filing is available at all sites.

**Coffee/Talk Book Club:** Thursday, Apr. 18, 10:30 am. Discussion of Tortilla Flat by John Steinbeck, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by

Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Please call 893-1073 FMI.

**Free Family Movie Day:** Saturday, Apr. 20, 10:30 am is first feature, followed by second film at 1:30 pm. Enjoy them with free popcorn provided by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library! FMI, call 893-1073.

**SCORE Consulting:** Tuesday, Apr. 23. FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 893-1073 FMI & to schedule an appointment.

**Light the Night & World Book Night:** Tuesday, Apr. 23, 7:15 pm. This year our Circle of Friends will celebrate WBN and present an informal program at the Library. Luminarias available for a suggested donation of \$5 each, proceeds to help fund the new Reading Garden. FMI, call 893-1073; or 727-488-0663.

**Downsizing, Donuts, & Donations:** Sat., Apr. 27, 10:00 am. A mini yard & book sale by the Circle of Friends, fundraiser for the new Reading Garden. FMI, call 727-488-0663.

### CHILDREN/FAMILY PROGRAMS

**StoryTime:** Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:00 am, Come read stories & sing songs selected for preschoolers. Meet other caregivers in the community. Youth Services

area around the rocking chair by the Easy books. FMI, contact Cailey at 893-1133 or cklasson@mygulfport.us.

**Reading Assistance Dog Maya:** Thursday, Apr. 11, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Enjoy a "Paws to Read" & share a story with a beautiful Golden Retriever... Call to schedule an appointment, 893-1073.

**Crafts with Cailey: Saturday, Apr. 13, 11:00 am – noon.** For more details call Cailey, Youth Services Librarian, 727-893-1134.

**Free Family Movie Day:** Saturday, Apr. 20, 10:30 am is first feature, followed by second film at 1:30 pm. Enjoy them with free popcorn provided by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library! Please note that this is the last program of the season, and will be on hiatus through the summer. Please plan to join us for a variety of summer programs for all ages, soon to be publicized. FMI, call 893-1074.

### TEEN PROGRAMS

**Teen Game Zone:** Wednesdays 3:00-4:00 pm. Come challenge your friends on the latest XBOX 360 games or just hang-out. Free Refreshments. FMI, call 893-1074 & ask for Cailey or Sheri.

Open Monday-Friday: 10 am-7 pm & Saturday: 10 am-4 pm

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# Services *City Sponsored Activities* in the Community

## Senior Center

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

Enjoy the benefits of all the classes and events below at the Gulfport Senior Center. It's easy to join. Come in and sign up today! Ask for Gail or Rachel to give you a tour! This is your Center! Pick up your February schedule or go online at <http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org>

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

1st Friday Flea Market: Friday, April 5, 9 a.m. – Noon

Special Plaque Dedication to Pam McGinnis: Friday, April 5, Noon after the Flea Market, at the Celebration Wall

Joe Koehler Senior Follies: presents Blast from the Past "Musical Memories of the 50's and 60's, Sorry, we are sold out!"

Movie Day at the Snack Bar: Tuesday, April 9, 11 a.m. Watch a FREE movie and get a great deal on lunch for \$2.50!

Life is in the Blood: Wednesday, April 10, 2 p.m. Blood Analyst, Debi McArthur will analyze a drop of blood to show what different cells in the blood look like, what they mean and how we can be healthier. A very fascinating, not to miss seminar! FREE

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Healing: Join Barbara Newborn at Scout Hall, 5315 28th Ave. S., Gulfport on Tuesday, April 16 at 1 p.m. Her lecture will discuss methods and new insights into the amazing power of healing. FREE

Fashion Show for

the Fashion Saving Diva! Our friends at St. Vincent Thrift Store in Gulfport are here to show you how to stretch your money and dress smart on Wednesday, April 24 at 1 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater. See some of your favorite Gulfport models sport some of the latest fashions for less! Want to know more? Come check it out at this bargain event with tickets at just \$2! Your ticket will enter a special drawing.

TRAVEL! Call Carolyn at 727-347-0806.

Hard Rock dates, Monday, April 1, Tuesday, April 9, Thursday, April 25 is \$20.00 free play and \$5 off buffet with card. Bus meets at Tyrone Gardens. Saturday, April 6: is the Sailor Circus breakfast buffet at Der Dutchman \$20.00.

Sunday, April 7, "Harvey" Players Theater Sarasota. Meal at Duffs. \$67.00.

Punta Gorda Cruise & Fisherman's Village. Lunch not included. \$ 50.00.

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### SPECIAL SERVICES

G.E.M.S. Gulfport Extended Mobility Service: Affordable transportation for Gulfport

residents 55 and over. \$65 annual membership. \$2 per ride and your ride to the Senior Center is FREE!. Go to the mall, grocery store, doctor's appointments and more. Call 727-893-2242 for more information.

Fitness Center Schedule: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm, Friday: 8:00 am -3:30 p.m. Annual sign up for the Fitness Center is an affordable \$25 a year or \$40 a couple. Stop by the Senior Center and take a tour of our state of the art fitness facility.

Snack Bar: Bring a friend to the Senior Center and enjoy a light breakfast for only \$2.50 or lunch for only \$3.00. In a hurry? Order a boxed lunch-to-go by calling 893-2259. Great food! Great prices!

FREE Legal Help for people over 60 and meet the required income criteria: Community Law Program visits the Senior Center every 3rd Friday of the month at 10 a.m. Call 727-582-7480 to see if you qualify.

### Support Groups

Diabetic Support Group on Mondays at 9:30am

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, Sun.; 4th Sun. Bible Study  
**Overeaters Anonymous:** Sun. 6:15-8:15pm



**5501 27th Ave. So. 893-1070**

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Sun., April 7 & 21, 6-10pm, \$7

**ELLIS HALE'S BAND**  
**Ballroom & Social Dancing**  
Sun., April 14, 6-10pm, \$7

**Every Monday**  
**Hustle Dance Lessons**  
7-9pm, \$10

**Every Tuesday**  
**Ballroom Lessons**  
12-1pm Intermediate Lesson  
1-2 Beginner Lessons  
2-3 Dancing

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

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

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

## SPCREA to Meet

The South Pinellas Retired Educators Association (SPCREA) meets at 11 a.m. the second Thursday of each month from October through May. Meetings are open to all who have worked in the field of education, including teachers, support personnel and administrators, whether here in Florida or elsewhere. After hearing from their speaker, various chairpersons share information. They often plan fun field trips. At each meeting they have the opportunity to help a local charity carefully chosen by the project cheer committee. At this meeting they will bring donations for Friends of Strays and the SPCA. Items needed include cat and dog food, Clorox, Dawn Original

liquid dish detergent, cat/dog toys, cat litter, hand sanitizer and soap. A more complete "wish list" may be found at FriendsOfStrays.com. Their speaker will be Joe McCoy who will present perspectives on American History. The meeting generally ends by 1 p.m. Their April 11th meeting will take place at Ferg's Sports Bar, 1320 Central Avenue. Call Joyce Walters at 727-526-5065.

## Women's Club Winds Down

The last meeting of the Gulfport Women's Club will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 in the Town Shores Clubhouse Auditorium. This meeting is known for its small bites pot luck lunch provided by the

members. A used jewelry sale will also be held with jewelry donated by the members in which all proceeds from our jewelry sale will go to "Operation Smile" for one smile.

Registration and used jewelry will begin at 12 (noon) followed by guest speaker Dr. Kristie Wallace from Albert White Hospital who will share information regarding their "Brown Bag Check Up. This is a program where one can share her meds which will be check for interactions.

Lunch will follow their speaker's program. Please R.S.V.P. if you plan on attending this interesting meeting by calling either Marcia at 384-0188 or Judy at 344-7558. They need your reserve by Monday April 8th.

Gulfport Women's club is a volunteer, not for profit organization whose goal is to better serve the children and seniors of Gulfport. They encourage and welcome new members to join. Meetings are scheduled the second Wednesday of each month from November to April. If interested in joining, please call Joan (345-5443) or send check made out to GWC, POB 531274, St. Petersburg, FL 33747 for an annual membership.

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## Local Obituaries

**BRAMLETT, ELLEN D.**, of South Pasadena, died Wednesday, March 27, 2013. Born in Brooklyn Heights, she was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, the Catholic Daughters of America and the D.A.V. She was a volunteer at Palms of Pasadena Hospital for many years. She is survived by her sister, Miriam Juza; a stepdaughter, Emily Fowler, and her caregiver and best friend, Ursula Jones. Visitation will be Monday, April 1st from 5-7 p.m. at Brett Funeral Home, with a prayer service at 6 p.m. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 2nd at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. Burial will be in Westbury, NY. On line memorial and guestbook at [www.brettfuneralhome.net](http://www.brettfuneralhome.net).

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**STOCK, MARIE**, 90, of Pass-A-Grille Beach, passed away March 26, 2013. She is preceded in death by her husband, Johnny. She is survived by her loving family, Amy and husband, Tim, Lauri and partner, Jenny, Peter and wife, Lauri; and children, Ashley and Michael and Jenn and partner, Nance. Marie worked for Neighborly Senior Services managing the congregate dining center on Pass-A-Grille Beach for 17 years. She was a dedicated and much-loved volunteer at the St. Pete Beach Library and the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum. Marie will be remembered for her love of St. Pete Beach, her commitment to community service and her welcoming and friendly spirit; we are all better for having her in our lives. A memorial service will be held Thursday, April 4th from 1-4 p.m. at the Pass-A-Grille Women's Club, 2201 Pass-A-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Friends of the St. Pete Beach Library, 365 73rd Ave., St. Pete Beach, FL 33706 or Friends of The Gulf Beaches Historical Museum, 115 10th Ave., St. Pete Beach, FL 33706, or Suncoast Hospice, in Marie's memory.

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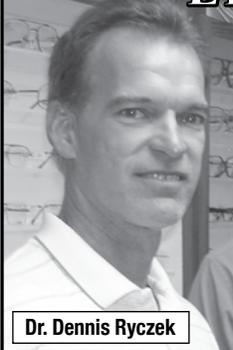
From the Paso Robles wine region in California this wine is known for producing outstanding red wines. This Cabernet is deep and intense in color. Rich berry with hints of tobacco on the nose. Big, huge mouthful of true Cabernet flavors. Rich and ripe, full of currant and plum with a slight tobacco and mocha finish. Soft and ripe tannins.

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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## Proving Who You Are

Got a note from the State of Florida Division of Motorist Services a couple of weeks ago. Never heard of them? Neither had I. Nothing really wrong though. It's the division of Florida Department of Transportation that deals with what the first paragraph of the note warned about: " Your lorida driver license expires on: 05/17/2013".

No great surprise. My wife got one too. Nice to get the warning. But then came the stunner, in caps: "YOU MUST BRING AN ORIGINAL OR CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS. NO COPIES.":

For U.S. citizens, a government issued birth certificate (a hospital copy wouldn't do), or a valid U.S. passport, or naturalization papers. For non U. S. citizens a valid

Department of Homeland Security document. For everyone, a social security card, W-2 form, or pay check of SSA-1099 or non-SSA-1099 showing a complete social security number.

For those whose names have been changed, a court order or government-issued marriage certificate and finally, again for everyone, two documents showing your residential address (bills must be less than 60 days old).

By the way, the old driver's license pix and identity factors can't be used.

Wow. I was ready to call the ACLU. Hey, I know that a driver's license is a privilege and not a right, but how's the average guy (or girl) supposed to get all this together. Someone must be out there trying to keep me from getting a driver's license. What do the poor and minorities do?

Do they realize that not everyone has a passport, or can hustle up some old birth certificate. And, if you're from Puerto Rico, the birth certificate has to be issued after 7/1/2010. I don't even know what's that about. What about the W-2 if you don't have a job? Does everyone know what a 1099 is? As for the Social Security card, who knows where that might be? Two bills, in the last 60 days? Not everyone has bills if you pay in cash.

Voting is easier than all this. Even with the inconvenience of a photo ID. Even with a couple of months to do everything, it's not as if I had a whole year to prepare. Gee whiz. Owning a car costs a lot and you still have to go through this red tape. What a hassle.

Somehow, I (and my wife) got through this ordeal (though I couldn't find a social security card). Also, I know it's all because of post 9/11 regulations. Moreover, it wasn't really that hard - not if I wanted to drive. In addition, the county tax collector's office where we processed the papers and had new pictures taken, was efficient, friendly and helpful. In fact, it's a good time to point out that I've always had good experiences at our county and state offices.

However, I couldn't get past the comparison with the big fuss about tighter identification procedures for voters. Again, I know that one is a privilege and the other a right, but identification is identification and in each case it's really a good idea to know that the person representing himself as that person really is that person.

Just sayin'.

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# American Legion Activities

## Post 125

**6440 - 5th Ave. S., St. Petersburg 347-6085**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Lunch Served 11am-3pm  Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Kitchen Open 11-2pm Dinner 4:30-6:30pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Southern Knights Band 7-11pm  Dinner 4:30-6:30pm	Breakfast 8:30-11am	No Lunch Served	Lunch 11-3  Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Lunch Served 11am-3pm Euchre 1pm Bingo 6pm Kitchen Open for Bingo

The Legion Riders meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

We invite Auxiliary members to attend our meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. We welcome your ideas.

Service Officer, Bob Cannon is at the Post on Thursday's from 9 a.m. till noon to offer assistance.

Dinners are now served 4-30-6:30 Friday and Saturday.

Rock-n-roll Dance Sat., April 20th.

ATTENTION AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Election of officers' nominations will be held April 9th at 7p.m. All offices are open. Members whose dues are paid are eligible for nomination. You must be present. Please think about the role you could have in the upcoming year! Voting will be held in May.

## Post 305

**6999 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach 367-1596**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bar Bingo 7pm  Food Served	Fish & Chicken 6-8pm  Fiona & Rich 6:30-9:30pm	Steak Dinner 6-8pm  Lee Jay Nelson 6:30-9:30pm	Retirement party for Nancy 3-6pm  Music by Ruby & Keith	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm  Dee Karaoke 6:30-9:30pm	ALA EXE Mtg.-5:45pm Reg. Mtg.-6pm  Pizza available All Day	Exe.Com.Mtg.-6pm  Wednesday Dinner  Stan Johnson 6:30-9:30pm

Check with the Post for any upcoming events

email [post305@msn.com](mailto:post305@msn.com)

[www.post305.org](http://www.post305.org)

## AMVETS Post 0001

**421 45th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705 727-896-4122**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
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Following are some of the calls that Gulfport Police responded to during the past week.

**Friday 3/22**

**Theft-** 6300 Blk Vista Verde Dr. E.

**Animal Call-** 1000 Blk Gray St. S.

**Vandalism-** 5400 Blk 16th Ave. S.

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

**Burglary-** 1300 Blk 60th St. S.

**Noise-** Shore Blvd. & 54th St. S.

**Saturday 3/23**

**Domestic-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.

**Animal Call-** 5600 Blk 11th Ave. S.

**Animal Call-** 5600 Blk 16th Ave. S.

**Sunday 3/24**

**DUI-** Gulfport Blvd. & 17th Ave. S.

**Domestic-** 5400 Blk 29th Ave. S.

**Assault/Battery-** 6300 Blk Vista Verde Dr. E.

**Burglary Vehicle-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.

**Assault Battery-** 1400 Blk Gray St. S.

**Keep the Peace-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.

**Monday 3/25**

**Civil Matter-** 15th Ave. & 58th St. S.

**Animal Call-** 5600 Blk 16th Ave. S.

**Person Under Influence-** 5600 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

**Neighbor Problem-** 2400 Blk 54th St. S.

**Juvenile Trouble-** 4900 Blk 13th Ave. S.

**Person Under Influence-** 5100 Blk 23rd Ave. S.

**Tuesday 3/26**

**Neighbor Problem-** 3000 Blk 50th St. S.

**Animal Call-** 2600 Blk Quincy St. S.

**Stolen Vehicle-** 5200 Blk 14th Ave. S.

**Burglary Residence-** 5100 Blk 12th Ave. S.

**Juvenile Trouble-** 1800 Blk 55th St. S.

**Animal Call-** 53rd St. & 18th Ave. S.

**Wednesday 3/27**

**Disturbance-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

**Theft-** 5600 Blk 14th Ave. S.

**Animal Call-** 2700 Blk 45th St. S.

**Disorderly Conduct-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.

**Theft-** 4800 Blk Trade Winds Sr.

**Juvenile Trouble-** 5100 Blk 25th Ave. S.

**Thursday 3/28**

**Civil Matter-** 1800 Blk 50th St. S.

**Domestic-** 5200 Blk 11th Ave. S.

**Burglary Residence-** 3000 Blk 50th St. S.

**Person Under Influence-** Beach Blvd. & 30th Ave. S.

**DUI-** 56th St. & 30th Ave. S.

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**Gulfport Free Clothing Swap**

Gulfport's next free clothing swap will take place at the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market on Tuesday, April 9th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The popular event is now regularly scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month. The swap takes place in the courtyard adjacent to the historic Peninsula Inn at 2937 Beach Blvd. S. Participants are invited to bring up to five gently used garments to exchange for vouchers that may be used to select clothing brought in by other participants. Items may be for women, men or children. Gently used shoes and wardrobe accessories are also accepted. Please provide hangers for all garments to be used in the swap. For anyone interested, vouchers may also be purchased for \$3 each.

Donations of clothing above the 5-garment limit are encouraged and accepted. All additional donations should be contained in bags or boxes. All cash proceeds, donated clothing, and non-selected garments at the end of the swap will be donated to Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA). CASA is a local non-profit organization providing services to survivors of abuse or violence. For more information on the clothing swap, contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org. In case of rain, the next clothing swap is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th.

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**Toddler Story Time**

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## Meeting for Charter School on the Beach

Academy by the Sea is a proposed public charter school for St. Pete Beach and surrounding communities, serving grades 4 through 8. They will hold their monthly public meeting on April 16 at 7 p.m. at the St. Pete Beach Recreation Center, Second Level, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St. Pete Beach and everyone interested is invited. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Introduction
- Review of school's mission and goals
- Discussion of school admission policies
- Update on charter application, facility, budget and finances, fundraising/pledge party, search for corporate supporters
- New Ideas for Public Awareness
- Questions and Answer

Please visit [academybythesea.com](http://academybythesea.com) and like Academy by the Sea on Facebook. If you have questions, please contact them at [info@academybythesea.com](mailto:info@academybythesea.com).

## World Book Night in the New Garden

Join them Tuesday, April 23, as they "Light the Night" and celebrate their 2nd annual World Book Night at 7 p.m. in their new reading garden! "Light the Night" is a celebration of life and lanterns and is a great way for you to enjoy the library's new outdoor space. They will also be giving away a limited copy of books to celebrate World Book Night, spreading the love of reading, person to person. Contact Cailey at [cklasson@mygulfport.us](mailto:cklasson@mygulfport.us) or 727-893-1074.

## Bingo Volunteers Needed

The Gulfport Senior Center is looking for a few volunteers to assist with Bingo weekly on Fridays from 1 – 3 p.m. Duties are to help organize event and bingo caller and set out prizes. It's a great way to meet new people and play bingo at the same time. If you are interested please see Rachel at the Gulfport Senior Center or call 893-1231.

# City Whys?

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of Gulfport: Interest Rates

**Q:** At a recent city council meeting, Ward Four Councilman Michael Fridovich said the city could borrow money at a lower interest rate than it currently earned on its money. What does the city currently earn on its reserve fund?

**A:** Terry Gould, the Administrative Services Director for the city, told us the city's invested funds (meaning Gulfport doesn't use them for cash flow) total just over \$2 million and earn an average of .10% interest.

"Remember," she said, "that the city must comply with Florida Statutes (218.415) regarding its investments as well as the city's investment policy."

This means the city makes the safety of the reserves a priority, followed by how easily the city can access the money. Only then can the city consider what the investments will yield.

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## 5th Annual Gulfport Free Cancer Screening

The City of Gulfport, in conjunction with the Oral Cancer Foundation, Moffitt Cancer Center and Walgreens, will be hosting a free Oral Cancer screening, free Skin Cancer screening and free PSA Screening on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Walgreen's parking lot on the corner of 58th St. S. and Gulfport Blvd. S. in Gulfport. People will register for the screenings at the day of the event. David Hastings, a cancer survivor and the Senior Patient Advocate of

the Oral Cancer Foundation, started this event to raise awareness of oral cancer. Now, expanding into its fifth year, this event will include free skin cancer screenings and free prostate cancer screenings.

The key to reducing the death rate of cancer is earlier detection, and the key to that is for all adults to receive opportunistic cancer examinations at least once a year.

A new addition this year will be the Moffitt Cancer Center's Mole Patrol, a 40 ft. Mobile Diagnostic Center that travels to venues around Florida offering free skin cancer screenings

and cancer education to the public. The Mole Patrol is comprised of medical doctors and midlevel practitioners who specialize in skin cancer and/or dermatology, as well as registered nurses and support staff.

Don't miss this opportunity to receive free screening for oral, skin, and prostate cancers. It might just save your life. To learn more about oral cancer go to [www.oralcancer.org](http://www.oralcancer.org) on the web. For event information, please call David Hastings at 727-322-5669.

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## Center and Foundation Offer Thanks

The Gulfport Senior Center and Foundation want to thank the many people who participated in either monetary funds or canned goods for the Gulfport Senior Center Food Pantry donations for Dawn E. Fisher's birthday party on March 23, 2013.

Thank you to Dawn Fisher (\$10 to even out the amount brought in), David and Veronika Badgeley (\$40), Nora Callahan and Cheryl Peer (\$100), Carol Chapple (\$40), Connie Crocker and Kasey Zielinski (\$500), Joannie Dolby and Richard James (\$50), Bill and Phyllis Kahn (\$75), Sandra Lewis and Jassy Ynocencio (\$40), Jean and Tom McGuire (\$50), June Paciga and Virginia Bodden (\$100), Piper, Joyce (\$25), Maureen/Manny/Dewey Ramalho, (\$50), VanArk, Claire (\$25), George and Carol White, (\$50) and Debbie Wolfe (\$75) totaling \$1230.00 plus a large amount of non-perishable goods.

Thank you again for sharing your gifts with the less fortunate in the community.

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## Kickboxing Cardio Starts April 25th

It's time to get in shape for spring, burn away calories, feel energized and feel empowered. Kickboxing Cardio will be held at the Gulfport Recreation Center on Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the game room. The fees are \$40 a month or \$10 per drop in class. Please contact Bonita at 941-243-7740 or [hmocha4@aol.com](mailto:hmocha4@aol.com) for more information. The first class is free so there is no excuse not to try this fitness experience.

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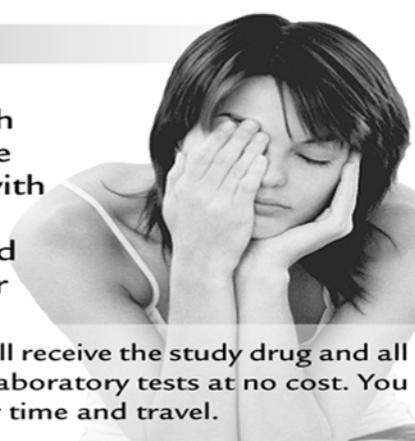
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## Learning Your Digital Camera

Shelly Yanow, who plans to see all 50 states with her mother, attended the digital photography workshop Thursday night at the St. Pete Beach Community Center. The workshop, taught by Gabber reporter and photographer Cathy Salustri, lasts two and a half hours and costs \$10. In the beginner workshop, students learn how to use the different settings on their camera and basic digital camera skills.

Ms. Yanow, who lives in Maryland, attended the workshop with her mother, who lives locally.

"We've been noticing we could probably do better if we knew a little more about our cameras," she said.

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## A Silver Do-Over

By Shelly Wilson

Like all of us, Cathy “Cookie” Cottrell has good days and bad days. Only for her, nearly every one of those days is accompanied by migraine pain. Sometimes, she says, it’s just a twinge; other times – like her 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary – Cookie is incapacitated.

At 51, the Gulfport native and daughter of notable residents Lum and the late Mary Atkinson, has suffered from Chronic Migraine – a neurological condition characterized by 15 or more headache days per month – for almost two decades. The condition keeps her from working and has taken time away from her favorite activities, from Little League games to meetings of the Historical Society.

“It’s very debilitating,” she admits. “It’s always there.” Still, in spite of the pain, Cookie has struggled to live as normal a life as possible. In 1981, Cookie and her husband, Walter, spent their honeymoon at Disney World. Cookie calls the place “magical,” and the pair made it a tradition to return each year. In 2006, however, while she was supposed to be sampling world culture at Epcot with her family, Cookie spent her silver wedding anniversary laid up in a hotel bed. It was a special milestone Cookie thought she would always miss. Until now.

Enter the *Rewrite Your Day* campaign, a national educational initiative to raise awareness about Chronic Migraine, and to



One of 15 *Rewrite Your Day* contest winners, Gulfport resident Cookie Cottrell, her with husband Walter (right) and father Lum, renewed her wedding vows in a special silver anniversary do-over at the Vinoy Park Hotel.

help sufferers recreate a special day they lost due to the condition. Sponsored by Allergan, Inc. and the National Headache Foundation, *Rewrite Your Day* put celebrity event-planner Mindy Weiss at Cookie’s disposal to finally celebrate her anniversary in style.

Of course, it’s been over six years since the ill-fated Disney trip; Cookie and Walter recently celebrated 31 years of happy marriage. So this time, the stage was set in the plush beauty of the Vinoy Park Hotel’s tea garden. Last Tuesday evening, next to the sparkling garden fountain, Cookie and Walter renewed their wedding vows in front of a small crowd of beloved family and friends. As part of

the day, Cookie also enjoyed a mini-makeover, complete with professional hair and makeup, every bit a queen for the day.

“I haven’t had that done since my wedding day!” Cookie beamed, adding that, being at the Vinoy where she was once very happily employed in the hotel’s gift shop – and on a day that also happened to be her mother’s birthday – was a special surprise. “This is also a magical place,” she said.

The *Rewrite Your Day* organizers actually gave Cookie more than just one day, she explained. They had worked closely with her for months, making sure every detail of the celebration would be memorable for her and Walter, including a

special recreation of Epcot’s “Tastes of the World” for the couple and their guests. Cookie spoke very fondly of the new friends she had made through the process.

“They’ve been so wonderful,” Cookie explained of Weiss and her team. “I mean, who gets to do this?”

Being queen for the day is one thing, but Cookie counts many more blessings. In spite of suffering a chronic and debilitating condition, she is still ever-positive and full of love for her family, friends and, most especially, her partner.

“It’s just amazing” Cookie said, holding back a few happy tears, “to be with your best friend for thirty-one years.”

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## Chair Yoga Class

Chair yoga with Joyce is a slow and easy, but challenging workout that accommodates people with physical limitations. In chair yoga the movements, based on traditional Hatha yoga postures are done seated or standing supported by a chair, so almost anyone can participate. Classes meet on Fridays at 10 a.m. at Gulfport Recreation Center. The cost is \$7 per class. Please contact Joyce at 345-0679 for more information.

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## Fencing, an Olympic Sport

Calling students ages 8 to adult. Learn basic foil training by Fencing Master James Campoli. Or Sabre training, for those who have a basic foil knowledge. Classes are Wednesdays, Foil Training from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and Sabre Training from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per class. Call Jim Campoli, one of three fencing masters in the State of Florida at 813-855-3113 for more information.

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## Gymnastics Class

Sunshine Gymnastics at the Gulfport Recreation Center is an ongoing class on Thursdays from 5:30-6:15. Skills are introduced on balance beam, cartwheel mat, spring board, incline mat, and back handspring mats. Ages 5-12 for \$30 per month/\$15 registration. For more information call Barbara at 804-9400.

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## Chito Ryu Karate

Sensei Diane Konstantinovic has been teaching classes at the Gulfport Recreation Center for over 20 years. Chito Ryu is a traditional Japanese martial art. In these classes you will learn self-defense, focus and self-discipline, conditioning, exercise regiments, the Kata Art form and weapons training. Classes are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. with advanced students staying until 8:30 p.m. Classes are \$40 per month. For more information, contact Diane at 727-459-1399

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## A Fleet of Fun

By Shelly Wilson



While visiting her grandparents in South Pasadena, Chicago resident Olivia Mariner, 7, straps in to the bungee jump at last Saturday's event.

Though it looked more like a "dash-and-grab" than a "hunt," there can be no doubt plenty of eggs were wrangled at last Saturday's Fun in the Sun event at the Gulfport Rec Center. The day started with a bang – with hundreds of eggs up for grabs – and within moments, there wasn't one to be found. But that wasn't the end of the fun. Sponsored by the City of Gulfport and Stetson College of Law Public Service Fellows, the day's festivities included raffles, music, food and Peter Cottontail himself. There was a bungee jump, a monster truck bounce house and small children at the helm of heavy machinery. In other words, something for everyone.

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## **Police Station,** from front page

reality without an independent funding source.

Fast forward to now, when it's been suggested that the city borrow money for this and other construction projects, and suddenly it's the topic du jour. Everybody (well, lots of people anyway) want to hear my take on whether or not we should break a long-standing debt-free position so that we can build a police station.

I will say this first: we (as in, the police department employees) do not need a new police station. We operate in a building that is less than 20 years old and is completely functional for our work and our mission. Sure, it's got some problems. The women's locker room is too small; we have no exercise facility; we are using holding cells to store sensitive equipment; and our video/audio surveillance systems are inadequate. But the truth is that all of these things could be brought up to standard in the existing space for far less than it would cost to build a new building. Any argument in favor of new construction would not be justified, even in part, based on a claim that our working conditions merit a new building.

That being said, I do believe that establishing a new police station, located on 49th Street, is a good idea. There are three primary reasons I make this claim: facility security, improved perception of safety, and economic development.

The current police headquarters is located in a flood zone that requires mandatory evacuation in the event of a major hurricane. Evacuating the

building is itself a serious challenge for our operations, but the larger concern is the fact that many critical items (radio tower and transmitters, fuel storage tanks, emergency electric generator) are exposed to a greater risk of flood damage or destruction. It makes sense to have these items in an area with higher elevation, such as the site of the current Neighborhood Center on 49th Street.

"Make 49th Street safer" is a chant I hear all too often. In comparing Gulfport crime rates to those of the Child's Park neighborhood, I can assure you that our streets and homes are much safer. There is clearly a different expectation of police service from our residents, and I think we do a great job of meeting those expectations. What the people of Gulfport cannot do (and should not try to do, in my opinion) is impose those standards on the city of St. Petersburg. Our neighbors have every right to determine the level of service they expect from their government, and our residents do not and should not have a vote in that decision. After all, I don't tell my officers to pull back their efforts when St. Petersburg residents complain that they're too heavy-handed.

Faced with the simple fact that crime of all types is much higher in the communities that share our border to the east, many folks in Gulfport feel unsafe when they live or traverse near that border. This perception was confirmed in a 2010 "survey of community partners," where respondents from all over Gulfport indicated in high percentages that the 49th Street corridor should get more police attention than other areas of our city. There is also some factual basis to support the negative perception of the area. While overall crime is not necessarily higher in the 49th Street corridor, one type of crime happens to be—robbery. Almost half of all robberies (taking property by force) occur within three blocks of 49th Street.

Many academic studies have been published which discount the belief that police presence decreases crime. On the contrary, several other studies have confirmed that increased police presence can significantly reduce the perception or fear of crime. That may seem superficial, but such an effect is very desirable and can produce

exponential benefits. We've already done several things to increase police presence on 49th Street. I reconfigured patrol zones so that three (as opposed to two) officers patrol this roadway every shift. I designated the Neighborhood Center parking lot as the preferred location for officers to transfer prisoners from their patrol cars to the transport van. I assigned a community resource officer specifically to focus on problems in the 49th Street redevelopment area, and he works primarily out of an office in the Neighborhood Center. While these things have had some effect, I can think of nothing else that would make the impact of building a conspicuously-placed police headquarters on 49th Street.

Helping people to feel safer is an important part of improving the economic viability of any area. Police presence goes a long way toward this goal, but we also need more legitimate activities that attract people, particularly at night. There are two properties on 49th Street that lend themselves to evening activities. One is the theater, and the other is the former Czech hall, both of which are located in the 1600 block of 49th Street, adjacent to the site where any new police headquarters would likely be built. Being next door to the cop shop would certainly boost the confidence of any prospective investor who may want to open a new, or boost existing business. I would even suggest reserving a portion of the new building for lease to a private enterprise that would attract nighttime activity.

Obviously, the council faces a tough decision here. While I maintain that the cops don't need a new police station, there is no question that there would be significant community benefits to building a new headquarters on 49th Street. The question is, are those benefits worth the costs? How many other city projects would be delayed or eliminated in favor of this one? As our elected officials mull over the data and try to answer that and other questions, I certainly don't envy them of their task.

Whatever happens, rest assured that the men and women of GPD will continue to do our best to uphold the expectations our residents have established.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

## Joint Ownership - A Will or a Trust?

Andy, a widower with four children, had most of his available cash invested into four Certificates of Deposit. The teller at the bank told Andy that if he would hold each C/D in a trust for each of his children, there would be no probate on Andy's death and each child would then automatically become the owner of one C/D. What the bank teller advised Andy was true, but Andy was probably not told the whole story.

If Andy was to hold one C/D in trust for each of his children, whose money would be used if Andy required expensive surgery,

twenty-four hour home care or care in a nursing home? Under such circumstances, what had been planned as an equal distribution on death would substantially decrease the inheritance of one or more of his children because money would be spent for Andy's care. In addition, if each of Andy's C/D's were held in trust for one of his children, another problem would arise if Andy became incapacitated. No one would have access to Andy's money and then it would be necessary to have the Court appoint a guardian for Andy. Even though the guardian could be one of Andy's children, this could create a needless expense and a great inconvenience.

At the very least, Andy should have a Will which states that whatever money is left in Andy's estate after the costs of his daily living, lifetime care and final expenses have been paid will be distributed to his children equally, if that is Andy's wishes. This Will, of course, would require a probate on Andy's death

but Andy would have been provided for during his lifetime.

A much better way of handling Andy's estate, however, would be for Andy to create a Living Trust. He could then place all of his assets into the trust by transferring the title to his assets from his individual name into his name as Trustee of his trust. Andy would then retain full control of his assets while he is competent, or chooses to have such control, but upon his incapacity the successor trustee that he names in the trust (this may be one or more of his children) takes over control of Andy's assets, pays his bills and keeps a record of receipts and disbursements. The trust will do the following things for Andy and his children:

1. Significantly avoid probate costs and provide for immediate distribution of all assets on Andy's death.

2. Avoid the necessity of a guardianship if Andy is incapacitated.

3. Provide money management during Andy's lifetime if Andy is unable to manage his own finances.

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# Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

## The Beaches of Copenhagen

It's that time of year, where the sun breaks through the veil of pollen and grey clouds and we remember, hey, we live in paradise. Well, paradise with a traffic jam. As much as I loved living on the beach, I never loved the traffic this time of year.

Of course, that's a good problem to have – too many people crowding into your shops and restaurants. And, despite the hopefully fading lawsuits and chronic naysayers who hate everything the city tries to do, things are finally looking up on St. Pete Beach for the residents as well as the sand seekers and sun worshippers.

Why do I say that? Look at the most recent election – the one the city didn't hold. District Three Commissioner Jim Parent had no opponent yet again, and I'm fairly certain he's likely to hold that post until he needs a nurse to wipe the spittle from his lower lip. District Four welcomed new commissioner Melinda Pletcher without so much as a peep from anyone. Clearly people are happy enough with the way government's running on the sandbar.

Given the community's apparent satisfaction with its leadership, it makes no sense to me how people could not trust it when they suggest creating a couplet, a system of two one-way streets that would slow down traffic around Corey Avenue and allow for pedestrian and bicycle crossover between east and west Corey. The couplet has met with resistance from some people, and I understand their concerns. They feel it would leave their businesses behind.

Understanding their concerns doesn't mean I don't think they're short-sighted and disagree. The couplet not only slows people down

along what former planner Catherine Hartley called a "traffic sewer"; in doing so, it gives people a chance to see Corey and the shops there.

The couplet would give St. Pete Beach a chance to show off its downtown and attract people to West Corey businesses (instead of letting them whiz right by them) but more than that, it allows for increased bike and pedestrian. That would likely appeal to our foreign visitors, many of whom don't rely as heavily on cars (look at the size of their stomachs if you need proof they walk or bike a lot more than we do). Up and down the beach we see these visitors walking from the Publix to their hotels and restaurants. Despite that, we've yet to make our beach pedestrian-friendly. The couplet would change that and, in turn, make us even more appealing to European visitors.

My friend and now world-traveler Shelly spent three years living under the lukewarm Denmark sun, and when I mentioned the couplet and the outcry against it, she shook her head, puzzled. Shelly, I should note, loves her Honda Element and isn't in any danger of surrendering it anytime soon (especially after three years of bringing groceries and beer home on a bike in 20 degree weather), but she pointed out that Copenhagen... well, here, let me just quote her:

"Copenhagen made a very conscious decision, back in the 1960s when motorized traffic was taking over the city center, to make bikers and pedestrians a priority. The result? It's a bitch to drive through, but who wants to? (Denmark also has a 180% tax on cars and some of the most expensive gas in Europe, but that's another story.)

"I think any prioritizing of bikers and pedestrians is a great thing, especially for visitors, European or otherwise. And for locals, what you get is a place where people will be slowly passing your business. Copenhagen has the longest pedestrian street in the world and let me tell you, rent is not cheap. Those businesses do quite well."

She makes some excellent points, although please, don't tell her as those sorts of compliments just go straight to her head. I'll be honest with you: I have no desire to travel to Copenhagen. It's cold. The sun has poor job performance. Apparently you can only get Carlsberg beer and they don't have stone crab claws. But I am not so xenophobic as to think we couldn't learn a lot from countries that don't suck up as much gas and oil as we do. I may not want to lounge on the beaches of Copenhagen, but I do think we can learn a lot from the people who do.

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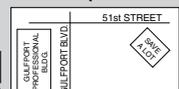
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April 2013

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|----------------|---|
| April 2, 2013  | <b>Council Meeting</b><br>7:00 pm             |
| April 3, 2013  | <b>Planning &amp; Zoning Board</b><br>6:30 pm |
| April 4, 2013  | <b>City Council Workshop</b><br>4:00 pm       |
| April 10, 2013 | <b>Teen Council</b><br>4:45 pm                |
|                | <b>Board of Adjustment</b><br>6:30 pm         |
| April 16, 2013 | <b>Council Meeting</b><br>7:00 pm             |

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