

## Gulfport Pride Represents



Photo by Shelly Wilson

Despite the wet, and sometimes torrential conditions, over 100,000 people flocked to the St. Pete Pride parade last Saturday. Buoyed by the landmark Supreme Court decision last week to strike down DOMA, and the reinstatement of gay marriage in California, revelers were not about to let a little rain stand in the way of the celebration. Gulfport represented with a contingency of proud residents, Mayor Sam Henderson and council members Michael Fridovich and Jennifer Salmon, in the Gulfport Trolley, pouring out candy, beads and Gulfport brochures as they wound through Historic Kenwood and the Grand Central District.

## Watchful Citizens Stop Fire Before it Starts

*The owner of George's Grill says neighbors "saved the day"*

By Cathy Salustri

Just before 1 a.m. Monday morning, Gulfportian Mark Gildauskis smelled smoke. He looked outside and saw smoke coming from the exhaust stack on George's Grill on Newton and 49th. At the same time, his neighbor Cynthia Conley noticed smoke as well.

"The lights were off and the chairs were stacked on the tables so I concluded they weren't open, and the thick smoke was noticeable through the windows from my place," Mr. Gildauskis said.

"The whole inside was filled with smoke; I knew there shouldn't

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## Museum Porch Party Draws Crowd

By Cathy Salustri

For a porch party, not a lot of attendees stayed on the porch – they were too busy inside the Gulfport Historical Museum, exploring displays they'd never seen and discussing new ideas.

Friday night, the Gulfport Historical Society hosted its first-ever "porch party", complete with food donated by attendees (including a spread from Pia's and a blueberry cake that had people talking over full mouths) and lively conversation.

"I was very happy to see that large of a group attend," Board Member Cathy Culler, who joined the Society in the 1990, said. "And I think everyone there was very sincere, and they were there was there



(From left to right) Nicole and Mark Spence and Mikey Chapman discuss the idea of a mullet festival at Friday night's porch party. The porch party, which took place at the museum, showcased the museum and offered people to share ideas for the museum's future.

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**Smoke**, from front page have been no smoke in there," Ms. Conley said. Neither neighbor realized anyone else noticed the smoke, called 911.

Gulfport firefighters arrived on scene by 1 a.m. and determined the smoke had not yet led to fire. They opened the doors and ventilated the restaurant; the owners arrived shortly thereafter.

Gulfport Fire Chief Jim Marenkovic said an overflowing grease vat caused "heavy smoke" but "didn't generate enough heat to make the hood system discharge. There wasn't enough heat generated to put the fire out."

"Somebody left the fryer on," owner George Gomillion said. Mr. Gomillion passed his fire inspection on May 29, which included a hood inspection. If Ms. Conley and Mr. Gildauskis had not noticed the smoke, the hood system would have, according to Chief Marenkovic, triggered and controlled the blaze.

Monday morning, Mr. Gomillion and his staff closed for the day to clean up after the morning's incident. He told the Gabber he would reopen Tuesday.

"We're just going to close today, because we're cleaning up. It was mostly smoke, no flames," Mr. Gomillion said. "There's no smoke damage or anything."

Fire Chief Marenkovic praised Mr. Gildauskis and Ms. Conley.

"I'm sure [they] prevented [something worse]," he said.

"Big props goes out to them," Mr. Gomillion said of the twosome Monday morning. "They saved the day."

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### Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members are meeting during the summer for ways and means meetings. With this being their 33rd year for selling Christmas mice ornaments, they continue to meet to paint the ornaments. Each year has been different and orders are being taken for this year's ornament. They will meet on Wednesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Val Rankin.

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

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## Museum, from front page

because they wanted to be there, and I was just happy to see it. Everyone indicated they wanted to help us in any way they can.”

The Gulfport Historical Society held the event to find out what sorts of events locals wanted to see at the museum. Here’s a smattering of what they told the board of directors:

- Have local restaurant owners and servers dress in period costumes
- Make mullet-themed Christmas ornaments to sell at the birthday bash
- Open the museum for ArtWalk nights
- Have locals tell stories about old Gulfport
- Keep evening hours
- Hold a history contest at local schools
- Have meetings for the public.

The Gulfport Historical Society hoped to get feedback on ideas to energize both the town’s annual birthday bash as well as the society and museum as a whole. If you

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## Toddler Storytime

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## GEMS Summer Schedule

GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mini Bus Service) new summer schedule is out. Check out the new pick up times and new trips. You can get your schedule at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, from your driver (if you are a current GEMS member) or online at [www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org](http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org). Once on the web site, go to the right and click members, the go to GEMS section and click the link "current schedule - spring and summer hours."

Due to lack of participation, GEMS is no longer running the Terrific Tuesdays to the Tuesday Fresh Market and Gulfport Beach on the second and fourth Tuesday. GEMS will still continue regular Tuesday medical trips and the first and third Tuesday trips to Walmart and the Tyrone area. Call Jay at 893-2242 for more details.

If you are a Gulfport resident 55 or older or have a disability, you can take advantage of GEMS door to door service for a yearly membership of \$65 plus \$2 per ride. Trips to the

Center are free! Got Questions? Call the GEMS office at 727-893-2242 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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## City of Gulfport Launches New and Improved Website

The City of Gulfport is pleased to announce the launch of a new and improved website. The new site enhances the user experience with functionality that allows for easier navigation and convenient links to the latest city news and highly used city services. They hope the redesign provides citizens an accessible and easy to use site based upon citizen feedback, statistical research and best practices. The new site has a visitor's center, an event information page, high quality pictures and various other features. Please visit [mygulfport.us](http://mygulfport.us) and see the new and improved look of the City of Gulfport website. Their hope is to build upon this site and make it both functional, inviting and always adapting to the needs of Gulfport citizens.

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## The Circle of Friends Call for Artists

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Public Library is seeking imaginative designs/artwork for the "sculptural wall" portion of the fence surrounding the newly realized Circle of Friends Reading Garden. The new element will replace the chain-link portion of the fence. Their conceptual vision is to make the sculptural wall an art

piece that is esthetically pleasing to both users of the garden and those who pass by at street view. Aside from a work of art, the wall must also be sound and sturdy as well as safe to the touch. It must adhere to all safety measures of a public art piece. The person awarded the commission will receive \$2000 from the Circle of Friends for materials and services. The artist will also be introduced at the grand opening of the Reading Garden and be acknowledged by a plaque installed at the sculptural wall. Please submit your artistic

vision of the wall by August 15, 2013. You may either hand your submission in at the Gulfport Library or mail it to Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., Gulfport, FL 33707. If you require any more information or would like a tour of the garden please contact library administrator, David Mather at 727-893-1075 or [dmather@mygulfport.us](mailto:dmather@mygulfport.us). The landscape designer, Christopher Ross, ASLA can be reached for additional site or information at either 727-480-0987 or at [toffer@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:toffer@tampabay.rr.com).

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## 4th of July Fireworks in St. Petersburg

The city of St. Petersburg will celebrate the July 4th holiday with its annual fireworks display on Thursday, July 4. The fireworks are scheduled to begin at 9 p.m., weather permitting. They can start as early as 8:30 p.m. or as late as 10 p.m. due to impending weather conditions. The fireworks display will be visible all along the waterfront with prime

viewing from Vinoy, Albert Whitted, and North Straub Parks.

Officials remind the public that there is no alcohol allowed or personal fireworks are permitted. There will be food and beverage vendors along the waterfront throughout the day. If you plan to park, arrive early and park in legal parking lots and garages. Accessible parking for the disabled is offered along Beach Drive and in the North Shore parking lots and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Bicycle racks are located throughout the downtown area. Sponsored by St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation. For more information call 727-893-7441 or for waterfront park information see [www.stpeteparksrec.org](http://www.stpeteparksrec.org).

## See "Naked Imagination"

Three Muses & a Fool Productions continues "Naked Imagination", an evening of unusual theatre. Veteran performers Peter Suarez and Ciara Carinci have joined forces again, this time with a host of quirky characters, short plays, clowning, quick changes and even a little Flamenco. Johnny Roth will punctuate the evening with musical interludes on his acoustic guitar.

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To keep you informed ahead of time, street closures are on the following streets starting at 6 a.m. on Thursday, July 4th. Beach Boulevard will be closed from 31st Avenue (south) to Shore Boulevard. Shore Boulevard

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

Other early closings to prepare for the fireworks and your safety will include Williams Pier (corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 54th St. S) which will close at 7 a.m. Tuesday morning, July 2nd until Friday morning, July 5th at noon. At that same time,

perimeter buoys will be placed 900 ft. from the Williams Pier. The Casino dock will be closed from 6 a.m. until after the fireworks show on July 4th. Limited beach access will be granted for non-motorized dinghies. All boaters can dock at the Gulfport marina the day of the event for a fee. Any un-authorized boats parked at the casino dock will be towed to a safe location. Also, fencing will be placed on the seawall at Veteran's Park (corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 54th St. S). Other safety issues include "sparklers only" on Gulfport Beach.

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

Get up, have your coffee and breakfast early and bring the kids to the Kid's Fishing Derby, at the Recreation Center seawall, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Registration for the derby will start at 7:30 a.m.) followed by a Free Family Sand Sculpture Contest, sponsored by the Gulfport Recreation Division, on Gulfport Beach, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Registration will start at 11:15 a.m.). Keeping with tradition,



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the theme will be “Red, White and Blue”. City staff will be on Gulfport Beach from noon to 6 p.m. with a variety of free kid friendly activities!

From 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., check out the 2nd Annual Funky Fourth Car Show along Shore Blvd. S. between 54th St. S. and Beach Blvd. S. Creatively decorated and fun cars will line Shore Blvd. S. in true Gulfport style!

Starting the evening, local vendors offer a variety of arts, crafts, food delicacies and patriotic knick-knacks for your enjoyment, from 2– 10 p.m. At 5 p.m., enjoy live music on the Casino outside main stage. Our community parade will begin promptly at 6 p.m. making its way (southbound) down Beach Boulevard to the Gulfport Casino, where it will head west on Shore Boulevard to 58th Street South. Make sure to grab a good viewing spot!

At 9 p.m. an always amazing fireworks display off of Gulfport Beach along Shore Blvd. S. will offer an exceptional closing of the day’s festivities. The City welcomes all to celebrate the Fourth of July in the City of Gulfport! For more information regarding the day’s events, please email Justin Shea, City of Gulfport Technical Events Specialist at jshea@mygulfport.us or call 727-893-1118.

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## SHINE to Answer your Medicare Questions

The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center offers Shine the first and third Tuesday by appointment only. SHINE (Serving Health Insurance

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## Try Easy Tai Chi

The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center is offering a new Easy Tai

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## Support the Summer Book Sale

The Circle of Friends is having a summer book sale on Saturday, July 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Friends Room at the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Avenue S. in Gulfport. All hardcover fiction and paperback fiction will be on sale. Great bargains for your summer reading pleasure. Call Marilyn Field at 727-321-4035.

## The Reading Garden is Taking Shape

The latest edition to this special space in the Gulfport Public Library is the first installment of engraved bricks. The Circle of Friends is selling bricks to fundraise for a sculptural wall, a Reading Circle and other items for the Garden. If you are interested in supporting the Reading Garden with an engraved brick, please visit the library to get a form or call Circle of Friends board member Mary Stull at 302-0931 or library administrator David Mather at 893-1075.

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Dena is an Enrolled Agent, licensed by the U.S. Treasury Department to represent any taxpayer before the IRS. So her clients can rest assured that she is a professional and very much qualified to handle tax filing related concerns and other forms of related assistance. She also has a Masters' degree in Taxation.

**Q.** I thought the program was over.

**A.** The new program runs to April 20, 2014. However, we urge business owners to file as quickly as possible.

**Q.** Why would I qualify? My business isn't on the beach.

**A.** ALL business in our community are in a payable zone. Most types of business are eligible to file a claim. Certain types are excluded, such as banks, insurance companies, and mortgage related businesses.

**Q.** How can I determine if my business is eligible for compensation?

**A.** There is a simple financial test. We look at your monthly sales during the period 2007-2011.

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**Q.** Why should I use a consultant to file my claim? Can't I do it myself?

**A.** Because I've partnered with a leading consulting firm that has filed about 5% of all the paid claims filed. Together we will gather all the necessary documents and complete the claim correctly, including assigning an estimated claim value.

**Q.** How do I know BP is paying compensation?

**A.** In his June 11th report to the court, the Claims Administrator reported there have been 44,236 eligibility notices issued valuing over \$3.5 billion and sent checks to claimants for \$2.44 billion. In the past four weeks in excess of \$300 million has been sent to claimants.

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## Senior Center Summer Hours

The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center has new summer hours: Monday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday evening classes are still available at the Senior Center. Wii Bowling on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., Italian Class for Beginners on Tuesday at 6 p.m., Italian Dance Practice on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., and Card Games on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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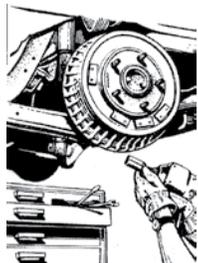
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## Public Safety Boating Class

An ABS (All about Boating Safety) Class will be offered on Saturday, July 13th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the USCG Auxiliary Building at 3120 Miriam Street S. in Gulfport (use the side entrance). There will be a one our lunch break about 12 noon (you can bring your lunch). Bring pens and pencils and note paper. Cost is \$40 per person, books and materials will be furnished. Upon completion the student will receive a wallet card, 8x10 certificate and the State of Florida "bobber" card. All materials are furnished for the student and you may take them with you after the class. They will break one hour for lunch and have several breaks during the day. For information and registration call 727-399-7986.

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## Heritage Village Hosts Writing Workshops

Have you ever wanted to write a novel? Do you have an interest in historical settings?

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Historical writing workshops for the remainder of the year are scheduled for July 12 and September 13. Each workshop is \$15 per person; \$13 for Pinellas County Historical Society members. Call 727-582-2233 to register or for more information. Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th Street N. in Largo.

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## Lithuanian-American Club Lunch

The Lithuanian-American Club is serving lunch every Thursday at 1 p.m. at 4880 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. The menu for July 4th will be American favorites. Also, there will be a table of true Lithuanian foods to buy and take home as herring, homemade cheese, breads, pastry and can/jar goods from Lithuania, as fruit preserves and vegetables. 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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## Special Pet Adoption Prices July 7

As Americans celebrate the Fourth of July, the dogs and cats at Pinellas County Animal Services are looking to declare their independence too, by moving into forever homes. Special prices on pet adoptions on Sunday, July 7 will make bringing a new cat or dog into the family especially affordable.

Animal Services will be open on Sunday, July 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for adoptions only, featuring these special Independence adoption prices: All cats - \$7; Small dogs (under 30 lbs.) - \$21; Medium dogs (30-50 lbs.) - \$14; Large dogs (greater than 50 lbs.) - \$7.

Adoption hours on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. feature animals at

regular adoption prices. All pets come with current vaccinations, including rabies, plus a county license and free microchip. Those seeking to adopt an animal should bring with them proof of property ownership or a copy of their rental lease. All dogs and cats in the home must be current on their rabies vaccines and must have current county licenses.

There will be no rabies vaccinations offered on this special Sunday adoption day.

For more information, visit Pinellas County Animal Services' web page at [www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices/volunteer.htm](http://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices/volunteer.htm) or call 727-582-2600. Pinellas County Animal Services is located at 12450 Ulmerton Road in Largo.

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## Vendors needed for Flea Market

The Kenneth City Social Club will hold its annual Flea Market on September 21 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Hall, 4600 68th Street N. Tables inside or outside available for \$10 each. Contact Dick Laneau at [dicklaneau05@gmail.com](mailto:dicklaneau05@gmail.com) for 727-345-4323.

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"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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**We Want You!**

The Gulfport Garden & Bird Club is seeking new members to participate in their next calendar of events, October 2013 through June 2014.

Background of Club: Early in 1941, several women doing Red Cross sewing in the dining room of the Cedars Hotel (now the Peninsula Inn) decided they would like to know more about raising flowers and vegetables. A nucleus was formed and by May 1941, the Gulfport Garden and Bird Club was organized with the objective of beautifying Gulfport. There were speakers, flower shows, garden and yard contests, picnics and trips.

These traditions continue today with local garden tours, trips to well-known gardens around the state, and a host of speakers providing information on Florida flora and fauna. The Club also continues the tradition of community involvement. Beautification projects have included the placement of bird baths and statuary along with the planting of trees and shrubs in and around our city parks and buildings.

What they need from you: In order to expand the activities as mentioned above and to offer additional programs, the Club is seeking dedicated participants who are willing to share their knowledge and new ideas and time to help the Club expand its vision. There are many opportunities to use your creativity through Club membership. They welcome your participation. Membership costs just \$5 for the year.

For more information, please call Joyce Mobley, President (321-9029) or Barbara Dye, Membership (381-3461). To become a member, please send your \$5 along with your name, address, telephone number and email address to Barbara Dye, 2607 Beach Blvd. S., Gulfport, FL 33707.

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# The Gabs

At Gulfport Historical Society's porch party Friday night, we asked attendees what they thought GHS should do to stay relevant in the community.



**Michael Chapman:** "I think you should have a big town picnic and talk about the history of the town."

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**Jane Carpenter:** "Make history fun. Maybe a re-enactment, have people tell stories and dress in period costumes."

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**Thomas Tomlinson:** "I would ask for more volunteers to keep it open more because if you work during the day you can't come here. Have Porch Party Fridays."

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**Mark Spence:** "Get the word out a little bit better. A lot of people didn't even know the existence of it [the museum]. Advertise. Let people know that this place exists. I told a neighbor I was going and he said, 'We have a history museum?' Also, have a mullet festival."

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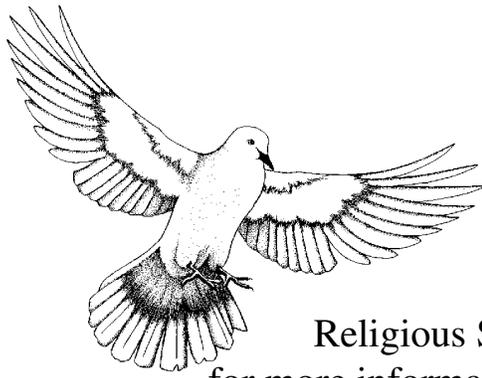
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## **Fresh Market to Host Congregation Beth Sholom**

Congregation Beth Sholom, celebrating over 60 years of serving the Jewish community in Gulfport and surrounding areas, will be joining the Gulfport Fresh Market as the Market's non-profit guest on Tuesday, July 9th.

The public is invited to visit this unique booth which will be featuring luchen kugel. Considered a comfort food, kugel is a traditional sweet noodle pudding made with noodles, eggs, sour cream, cottage cheese and fruit and is a favorite at the kiddushes (luncheons) after Saturday morning services. Evan Cohn, President of the congregation, and the congregation's very own "Kugel Maven", will be overseeing the creation of the kugel for the Tuesday Market using a special recipe from his Hungarian mother-in-law.

Other baked goods will be available as well as one-of-a kind turquoise jewelry fashioned by artist member,

Jose Hurtado, a native of New Mexico.

For further information on Congregation Beth Sholom, please contact Toby Hurtado at 727-343-7473. For further information on the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market, contact the Market Coordinator, Laura Garrison at 727-278-4285 or via email at [gulfportmarket@gmail.com](mailto:gulfportmarket@gmail.com).

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## **Thrift Shop Sale**

First United Methodist Church - Gulfport Thrift Shop has weekly sales. They love their return customers. They return because of all the clean, useful, thrifty items they share with you. If you haven't stepped inside yet, this is a great month to check them out on Friday and Saturday from 9-12 noon. They are located on 53rd St. S. near 28th Ave. S. See you Friday or Saturday!

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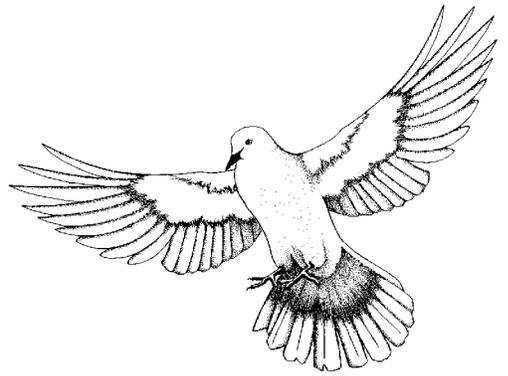
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Interested artists can obtain the Request for Qualification beginning July 8 by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 727-893-1012 or [ldemuth@mygulfport.us](mailto:ldemuth@mygulfport.us), by downloading the RFQ from the city's website [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us), or requesting a copy in person at City Hall.

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## Mayor's Corner

By Gulfport Mayor Sam Henderson



We got a taste of hurricane season right off the bat this year with Tropical Storm Andrea. Andrea spawned a waterspout that came ashore as a tornado in downtown Gulfport on the morning of June 6. The storm caused a good deal of damage to some homes and local businesses, and felled many trees and power lines as it moved from the beach northward to Clymer Park and beyond.

Thankfully, due in part to luck and in part to prepared residents, there were no reported injuries associated with the storm. I want to commend our city's emergency responders, whether citizens, city crews, volunteer organizations or simply concerned passers by, for their level-headedness and altruism in the wake of this event.

News crews descended on Gulfport, in the midst of cleanup efforts, to report on the damage, but a deeper and less material element became the core of these stories: what the media witnessed and shared with the world that morning was an inspired and communal effort to restore order. People came out of the woodwork, in the rain and the wind, to help out neighbors because it was the right thing to do. That makes me proud to be a part of this city. We can disagree, we can bicker, we can throw proverbial stones at one another, but when the chips are down – Gulfport sticks up for Gulfport.

My thanks to all of the folks you put their backs and their hearts into aiding the neighborhood that morning. It was a pleasure earning some sore muscles and splinters with you, and inevitably, we will certainly do it again. Keep up the good work, and stay prepared for future storms.

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For more details, and to follow the development of these and other projects, "like" the City of Imagination on Facebook and join the party!

## Flick and Float Movie at Northwest Pool

Bring the family and friends to movie night at Northwest Pool, 2331 60th Street N. on Thursday, July 11, 8 p.m. St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation presents a family friendly movie based on Dr. Seuss children's book about a twelve year-

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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

Water is the prevalent element of the skies now, and the new moon in Cancer embodies the deep emotion, intuition and sensitivity of this element. The new moon mixes in nurturing qualities that are inherent to Cancer. Relationships and arrangements that start this week will be infused with a feeling of protection. To some it may seem as though destiny is being carried out and nothing can stop what is meant to be.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Some days you feel invincible, but this week you're humbler and more realistic than that. We are all limited people in a world that will test our limits over and over. You're ready for trials, optimistic that you'll either win or learn valuable lessons that will help you win the next time. Your serious approach helps you prepare.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be put in charge. As the leader, you'll deal with both delightful and difficult personalities. Passive-aggressive people will be among them. These types are experts at not taking responsibility for their actions. You may be tempted to call them out, but don't be surprised if they hide behind lame excuses like "I forgot."

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some people enjoy thinking that anything can happen. You'd rather have a good idea about something that is likely. It may feel like you've skipped over the edge of your groove and are now in an insecure, unpredictable place. Don't try to get back into the same pattern, though. That groove was in danger of becoming a rut.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People admire and fear your drive, which is in high gear at the top of the week. Caution: You'll only be able to keep your energy up if you take good care of yourself. Why wait until you're worn out and feeling fragile to give yourself a lift? Give kindness, relaxation and treats to yourself all along the way.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). One beautiful feature is all you need to be a great beauty. One talent is all you

need to be successful. You could fret over flaws and obsess about what you perceive as shortcomings, but seeing the problems in yourself and others is really a waste of time. Happiness is focusing on what you do well.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). One of the best things you can do for your own creative spirit is to allow yourself to fail. Expecting greatness at every turn will only be discouraging in the end. Instead, drop the demands. Be less critical. Focus on enjoying yourself, learning more and getting out of your own way.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have behaved honorably in a situation, but you are too modest to mention this to anyone but your nearest and dearest. Great choice. People see who you really are. You don't have to tell them. Your stellar character radiates in everything you do. Only untrustworthy people talk about how good they are all the time.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). No one is great at everything. Most humans excel at a handful of endeavors and specialize in one or two. That's why it's so important to know what you are really good at and what you could happily spend a great deal of your life pursuing. This week, you'll experiment and explore in a quest to find your thing.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Why keep an old fight alive? There's so much going on in your world now that you may not even remember why you were mad. But just because you drop the grudge doesn't mean you'll return to the relationship. Your energy is better used building a bright tomorrow you can move toward.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You can't go on an adventure with another person without feeling somewhat responsible for him or her. To you, togetherness means watching out for each other. Assuming this high level of responsibility for your fellow humans will lead to heroics. Many will look up to you and follow your ways.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your

sign rules the appetite, and yours will be particularly strong this week -- and not just for food, but for other things that make life decadent. There is a danger of overindulgence. Too much of a good thing ruins the goodness of the thing. You'll have to remind yourself to think from your head instead of your appetites.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your conversational skills are needed, especially in groups that are not as outgoing as you are. You'll get invited to social gatherings, dinners and the like because you're well admired, but also because the host knows that you're the perfect one to break the ice and get the party started.

**This Week's Birthdays:** Making a difference is more important to you than ever as you realize that lasting legacies are not built in a few years, but in decades. You'll get busy! The financial boost you get in the next six weeks helps, but ultimately, it's your resourcefulness that will carry you through. Guided by your principles, you'll continue past a number of roadblocks in September and October. A special relationship ignites your creativity in August. November brings fresh work. Children figure into December plans.

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Have you taken your summer vacation yet? The Gulfport Community Players haven't! In fact, they're ready to open up their "13th Annual Summer One Act Play Festival" on July 11th. This year's Festival will consist of 11 short plays, both dramas and comedies, that you have never seen before. The Festival will run from July 11th through 21st at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport.

Tickets are just \$15 and are available at the Gulfport Casino, the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, the Beach Bazaar, at the door, or by calling them at 727-322-0316 for advance will-call tickets. Curtain time for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday is 8 p.m., while Sunday is 2 p.m. There are a total of 28 people in the casts, many of whom have never been seen by Gulfport audiences before. Break up those summer doldrums! Hop on down to the Hickman Theater and catch some great live theater.

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# City Whys?

Have you got a question for your city government?

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of Gulfport: Wi-Fi

**Q:** Where does Gulfport have Wi-Fi (wireless internet access)?

**A:** "We currently have Wi-Fi access at the marina, library, senior center and city hall," Gulfport's Interim Information Technology Director David Mather says. "The marina's Wi-Fi hotspot is a really well-constructed system. The library's will be redone to include all public areas, even the garden, with the renovation. City hall will be rewired as well this year."



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# Energy Express The latest trends for staying healthy

by Marilyn Preston

## Turn Your Walk Into Your Workout

This we all know: Walking is a wonderful way to exercise. It calms your mind, juices your joints, and makes you stronger so you can last longer. If all of us began our day with a 30-minute romp around the neighborhood, enjoying the fresh air, breathing in, breathing out, saying hello to the birds, air-kissing the flowers, our world would be a better place. At least for those 30 minutes.

Any style of walking is admirable when you're just getting started, but there comes a time when it makes sense to pick up the pace and add some moisture to your brow, so your walk becomes your workout. Here's how to do it:

**GIVE YOURSELF A HEADS-UP.** Start walking your usual comfortable way, and after five minutes, flip on your Posture Awareness switch. Feel your body in space. Is your head jutting forward? Your chin pulled down? Are your shoulders rounded? All these

misalignments can produce pain and tightness over time. You'll feel tired more quickly because you aren't able to breathe as well as you would if you were walking with your chin level, with your spine aligned. Be sure that your head is sitting balanced between your shoulders, not too far forward, not too far back.

### CHECK THOSE SHOULDERS.

It's very common to walk with your shoulders lifted instead of relaxed. To feel the difference, do what yogis do and assume the Banker's Pose. Try it now. Stand up, and lift up your shoulders, toward your ears. Then slowly, with awareness, roll them up and back and feel your shoulder blades moving toward each other, on your upper back. This will create a joyous spaciousness in your chest and open up your heart. When you're walking, or driving, or just living your life, this is a very good thing.

**MOVE YOUR ARMS.** You'll be surprised how much more powerful your stride gets once you bring your upper body into play. Don't tense

your arms when you walk. Just allow them to swing in a relaxed and easy way in opposition to your feet. Keep your elbows tucked into your side (as opposed to flying elbows), arms bent at about 90 degrees, hands loose and tension-free. The more you pump those arms, the more energized your walking.

**WORK THOSE HIPS.** Race walkers get a lot of forward thrust and speed from their exaggerated hip wiggle. You can, too. Think about your leg starting at your waist. As your right leg comes forward, so should your right hipbone in a loose and natural rotation. Then your left. The more hip action you add, the more power you'll have.

**PULL IN YOUR TUMMY.** As you walk, be aware of pulling in your abdominal muscles and your gluteals (butt muscles). Think about pressing your belly button toward your spine -- and holding it there without holding your breath. Walking with this kind of body awareness and muscular effort can really help tighten those areas that tend to get loose and flabby as we age.

**GO FOR THE ROLL.** To cover more distance at greater speed, it's a matter of technique, not stride length. For maximum efficiency, learn to walk heel-ball-toe style. That means you focus on landing (gently) on your heel, your toes flexed to the sky. Then roll through the foot, using your big toe to give your body a powerful push forward so that all your muscles -- from your lower calves to your glutes -- are awake and engaged.

Walking in the ways I'm describing definitely makes for a better workout, but please, be careful not to overdo it. Step up your pace gradually. And expect a little muscle soreness, especially in your shins once you start doing that rolling step, ending with your toes flexed. Welcome it, and drink some extra water.

And finally, it's a worthy goal to turn your walk into a workout, but don't push so hard you forget it's supposed to be fun. Walk with a friend; listen to a book or your favorite band; challenge yourself with occasional sprints; focus on your breath.

And when you've finished your walk, take a minute to soak up all the good feelings you've just generated. Close your eyes. Put your hand over your heart. This is what joy feels like.

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## St. Pete Updates Red Light Camera Policy

Changes in state legislation regarding red light cameras (the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act) require the city to make the following changes to the "Stop on Red" program, to take effect July 1. Some of the changes include:

- **Right on Red Violations:** Prohibits issuance of a violation if the driver of the vehicle came to a complete stop before turning right, if permissible at a red light, but failed to stop before crossing over the stop bar or other point at which stopping is required.

- **Notice of Violation:** A person who receives a notice of violation may request a hearing within 60 days of the notification date or pay \$158 fine (previously 30 days, and no hearing on the violation notice was permitted). Payment of a fee may not be required before the hearing. The notice of violation must be accompanied by information on the person's right to request a hearing and on all court costs that may be associated with the local hearing request (or direct the person to a Web site containing that information). If an affidavit is submitted by the owner of the motor vehicle identifying another as the driver of the vehicle at the time of the violation, a notice of violation may be reissued to the driver within 30 days after receipt of the affidavit. Previously, the law allowed for transfer of the violation, but only at the higher fine amount.

- **Uniform Traffic Citation:** A person shall be issued a uniform traffic citation if they have not made payment or requested a hearing to challenge a notice of violation within 60 days of the mailing of the notice of violation.

With these new amendments the program has addressed the concerns of the County Clerk of Court Ken Burke. The moratorium the city imposed on March 7 on issuing Uniform Traffic Citations to those who swear in an affidavit that they were not driving the vehicle at the time of the infraction, will be lifted. Read the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act in its entirety at [http://laws.flrules.org/files/Ch\\_2013-160.pdf](http://laws.flrules.org/files/Ch_2013-160.pdf)

Mayor Foster reiterated that he continues to have great faith in the effectiveness of the city's "Stop on

Red" campaign and plans to continue the use of traffic safety cameras in St. Petersburg.

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## Democratic Club to Meet

The July 11 meeting of the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club will feature Adam Smith. Mr. Smith has been with the *Tampa Bay Times* (formerly St Petersburg Times) since 1992 and has been its political editor since 2001. 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, make please) followed by their guests' presentations. Call 727-360-3971 for reservations.

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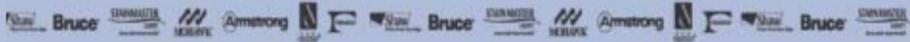
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An Intermediate Digital Camera Workshop will be held on Saturday July 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Completion of Beginning class is prerequisite to attend Intermediate class. Pre-register at the Reference Desk or call 727-893-1073.

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## Calling all Vendors

Arts, crafts, food and plant vendors are wanted for Holly Fest at Pasadena Community Church on Saturday, November 2nd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holly Fest is a fun, family event which includes a variety of vendors, entertainment, children activities, pet blessings, food and more. Vendor registration fee is \$60; register before July 31st and pay \$40. Visit [www.pasadenacommunitychurch.org](http://www.pasadenacommunitychurch.org), call the church office at 727-381-2499 or email Jennifer Gee at [jenngee63@juno.com](mailto:jenngee63@juno.com).

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## Art Walk this Friday

Gulfport Art Walks take place on the first Friday and third Saturday of every month all year long from 6-10 p.m. at 3129 Beach Blvd. S., Gulfport. Meet and purchase the works of talented independent artisans, craftsmen, authors and entertainers, stretched over a half-mile up and down scenic Beach Boulevard. Live musicians including the "New Horizons Band" and the "Double M Band" appear at venues throughout the waterfront district. Visitors can view the stars through *Gabber July 4 - July 10, 2013*

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**2013 SUMMER PROGRAM**- Ongoing registration continues for the 2013 Summer Recreation Program for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Registrations for Gulfport residents and non-residents (30 children max.) are currently being accepted. Proof of residency is required for registration. Hours of registration for Monday-Friday are from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. You can pick up your packet at the Rec. Center or log on to [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) and follow the links to City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center. For more information call 893-1068.

### 2012-2013 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM

The Teen Night Program is a great hang out for teens in middle school to age 17. It provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects.

The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$2 non-res.

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- CLASSES** - Call instructor for more information.
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  - 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., NEW TIME 5:30 p.m.** Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.
  - Gymnastics - Returns in the fall. Call Barbara at 804-9400.
  - Karate - **Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m.** Call Diane at 459-1399.
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• Yoga in the P.M. - **RETURNS IN THE FALL** Call Tamara at 512-2763.

• Zumba- **RETURNS IN AUGUST.** Call Rachel at 419-905-5562 for more info.

### 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**

### CLOSED JULY 4TH TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

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

**Beginning Digital Camera Workshop:** Sat., July 20, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Want to have more fun and get better results when using your camera? Cathy Salustri shows you how. Limited to 15 participants, pre-register at the Reference Desk or call 727-893-1073.

**Intermediate Digital Camera Workshop:** Sat., July 27, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Completion of Beginning class is prerequisite to attend Intermediate class. Pre-register at the Reference Desk or call 727-893-1073.

### 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).

**Women's AA Club:** Fridays, 5:45 - 6:45 pm. FMI, call 893-1073.

**Circle of Friends Book Sale:** Sat., July 13, 10 am - 2 pm. Shop for sizzling

bargains in the cool comfort of our Frances Purdy Friends Room. FMI, call 893-1073.

**Coffee/Talk Book Club:** Thurs., July 18, 11:00 am. \*\*Note new time. Discussion of Light in August by William Faulkner, 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.

### CHILDREN/FAMILY PROGRAMS

**Reading Assistance Dog, Maya:** Wed., July 10, 3:15 - 4:00 pm. Did you know that reading to a pet can help boost your child's literary confidence? To make an appointment with Maya, call Cailey at 893-1074 or email [cklasson@mygulfport.us](mailto:cklasson@mygulfport.us).

**Crafts Club for All Ages:** Sat., July 13, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Summer crafts + Christmas in July! FMI, call 727-893-1076.

**Summer Storytime & Summer Storytime Garden Jamboree:** Join us every Thursday for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers. Don't miss our special SS Garden Jamboree on the last Thursday of every month this summer. Sing songs, play instruments & have a great time in the new Circle of

Friends Garden! Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am.

### Dig into Reading Summer Reading Program for Grades K-5:

**Whimsical Wind chimes!:** Let's get crafty by making our very own wind chimes to hang from a tree or by a window! Wed., July 10, 2 - 3 pm.

**Mummy Mania!:** We'll dig into ancient Egypt and discover the treasures in ancient pyramids like mummies! Wed., July 17, 2 - 3 pm.

**Busy Burrowers:** We're going underground to learn about all the animals that live beneath our feet. Wed., July 24, 2 - 3 pm.

For more details call Cailey, Youth Services Librarian, 727-893-1073.

### TEEN PROGRAMS

#### Beneath the Surface Teen Summer Reading Program:

**Paracord Survival Bracelets:** Wanna look rugged this summer? Come learn how to make a paracord bracelet; it's the same super durable material used in parachutes and can withstand pretty much anything. Wed., July 10, 4 - 6 pm.

For more details call Cailey, Youth Services Librarian, 727-893-1073.

# 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 July schedule or go online at <http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org>

Like us on Facebook at Gulfport Senior Center and Foundation! Help our page grow and get daily valuable information!

The Summer hours for the Center is as follows: Monday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday evening classes are still available at the Senior Center. Wii Bowling on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., Italian Class for Beginners on Tuesday at 6 p.m., Italian Dance Practice on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., and Card Games on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

New Easy Tai Chi Class at the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th St. S. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Life is in the Blood - Wednesday, June 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

Senior Vision Seminar – Wednesday, July 17, 1:30 p.m. Seminar provided

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by the Healthy Vision Institute.

Hospice and Caregiving – Want to know more about what Hospice does and do you need questions answered? Join Janet Pattison on Thursday, July 25 at 1 p.m. for free info.

TRAVEL! Call Carolyn at 727-347-0806.

Wednesday, July 10 – Hard Rock Casino Tampa. Received your PlayPass Booklet for bus-only drawings & food and beverage offers. Try the Fresh Harvest Buffet with Players Club Card. Bring valid I.D. \$20.

Thursday, July 18 – It's Back! Snook Haven on the Myakka River. This is Old Florida at its finest. Boat cruises for nominal fee with music from the Banjo Society. Great food – meal on your own. \$36.

### SPECIAL SERVICES

The Center offers Shine the 1st and 3rd Tuesday by appointment only. SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is a free program offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and your local Area Agency on Aging. Specially trained volunteers can assist you with your Medicare, Medicaid, and health insurance questions by providing one-on-one counseling and information. SHINE services are free, unbiased, and confidential. To schedule an appointment, please call 893-2237 or 893-1231.

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.

AARP Driving Classes are offered August 6 & 13 at 12:45pm. Must attend both days. \$12 for AARP member and \$14 for non-member. Call 893-1231 or 893-2237 to register.

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 on to 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



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8pm-12am

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Sundays July 7 & 21

6-10pm, \$7

**MARIO DELEON'S BAND, July 7**

**ELLIS HALE'S BAND, July 21**

No Ballroom Dances July 14 or 28

**WEEKLY DANCES**

**Every Tuesday**

**Cha Cha 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

**Thursday, July 11, 18 & 25**

**Salsa Dance**

6:30-8pm Beg. & Inter. Lessons

8-10pm Dance, \$7

## Local Obituaries

**BIRO, SUE**, 65, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, June 22, 2013. She was born in Winchester, MA and came to Gulfport in 1998. She is survived by her loving husband and best friend Bob son Eric Biro, Gulfport, daughter Meagan A. Shane, St. Petersburg, grandson Kian, mother Jean Hannon and sister Janet Rawlins both of Carrollton, TX. She graduated from Beverly Hospital of Nursing in MA and went on to be an accomplished R.N. of 39 years working for Massachusetts General Hospital, Children's Hospital of Massachusetts and the Oncology Center of St. Pete. She had the honor of presenting a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier three times representing Massachusetts Veterans of Foreign Wars in Washington, D.C. She had the pleasure of taking care of John Wayne at Massachusetts General and he asked for Susie on his departure and she was remembered in his book. She was known for her positive outlook on life and sense of humor and would help anyone in need with her generosity and knowledge. She was an animal lover with many pets that were a part of her family. Sue was very proud to be a major part of our Gulfport family and will be missed and loved by each person she touched. A service will be held at Veterans Park at 12 p.m. on Saturday, July 6th followed by a reception at O'Maddy's to celebrate her life with stories, laughter, music, food and drinks.

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**CONSUEGRA, JULIA**, 93, was called to the Lord, Friday, June 28, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ulises; her daughter, Catherine A. Consuegra; and a sister, Helen Roscioli. Survivors include her loving sons, Gerard (Robin) and Daniel (Karen); a sister, Anne Allen; 7 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren. A Mass for Julia will be celebrated Monday, July 8, 4 p.m., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 5225 N. Himes Ave., Tampa, FL, with a reception to follow at Higgins Hall. The family would like to thank the staff of The Fountains of Boca Ciega Bay for their loving care and suggest a donation in lieu of flowers to The Fountains of Boca Ciega Bay Christmas Fund, 1255 Pasadena Ave.

S., St. Petersburg, FL 33707. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7 Complete obituary at <http://www.rlwilliams.com/>.

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**HICKS, JO ANN**, 75, of South Pasadena, passed away June 28, 2013. Survived by her loving family & friends. Guestbook at [davidcgross.com](http://davidcgross.com). David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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**HORKA, PHILLIP M.**, 49, of St. Pete Beach, formerly of Woodland Hills, CA, died Friday, June 28, 2013, at Palms of Pasadena Hospital. Mr. Horka was born in Chicago and moved to Florida in 2007. He was a sheet metal worker in the heating and air conditioning industry and was a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union, Local 73, Hillside, IL. Survivors include his mother, Marian; daughters, Gazelle and Amanda Gallegos; son, Michael Gallegos, all of Florida; brothers, Vincent Lewis of Maryland, Lenard of Florida, and Oscar of Illinois; and four grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Phillip's memory to the American Diabetes Association, at 1701 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA 22311 or call 1-800-DIABETES. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, Central Avenue Chapel, in St. Petersburg is serving the family.

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**SMITH, RANDY**, 49, of Gulfport, FL, passed away June 21, 2013. No known survivors. A Life Tribute Funeral Care.

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**WOLFF, JACK H.**, 84, of South Pasadena, died Wednesday, June 19, 2013. Born in Germany, he came here in 1987 from Massachusetts. He was a Navy Veteran of WWII, and a member of the American Legion Post 273, Elks, and a Life Member of the Institute of Electronic & Electrical Engineers. Survivors include a son, Dr. Gerald Wolff; and a daughter, Diane Wolff. Graveside services will be at 10:45 a.m., Monday, July 1st, at the Bay Pines National Cemetery. View and sign online memorial and guestbook at: [www.brettfuneralhome.net](http://www.brettfuneralhome.net).

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**WOODS, JOHN THOMAS**, 54, former Gulfport resident from Milton, OH, was delivered into the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 19, 2013. Born October

17, 1958 in Harriman, TN. John graduated from Wayne High School in Class of 1977. He went to Bowling Green State University for Industrial Design. John spent the majority of his life in Gulfport/St. Petersburg as a Commercial Builder. John had a passion for Harley Davidsons, and all British motorcycles and just riding with friends. World History was his personal fascination, that he always shared willingly with family and friends. He greatly loved dogs, and animals in general. He always held The Good Book close to his heart. Truly though, his greatest passion was people, he always flourished in all social environments, and enjoyed interacting with all walks of life. He is survived by: his parents Carl T. Woods, and Mary Helen Wisor, his sister Kimberly A. O'Brien, his brother Brian S. Woods, and his daughter Rachel Manzo, and extended family; SBR Brothers and Sisters and friends! He will be buried at Poplar Hill Cemetery in Vandalia Ohio. A memorial service is currently pending, and will be held later this summer so all family and friends can attend. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made at any U.S. Bank location in care of his sister Kim Obrien who may be contacted at 937-829-0258 or by mail at 6760 S. Kessler-Frederick Rd. West Milton, OH 45383 for the specific details or email [nu2u13@yahoo.com](mailto:nu2u13@yahoo.com). John loved the feel of the wind in his hair when he was on his bike. Now he feels the wind beneath his wings.

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### Did you know John Woods?

A keepsake box is being created in memory of John for his surviving family. If you have a photo, fond memory or simply remember something that he said, please send it to: John Woods Memorial, 2819 53rd Street N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710.

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## Obituaries (con't.)

### Celebration of Life for Jack Anderson

There will be a Celebration of Life for Jack Anderson on Monday, July 8th from 4-8 p.m. at the Gulfport Lions Club, 4630 Tifton Drive S. (behind Gulfport Marina). Entertainment provided by "No Name Storm" and Guitar Daddy. If you'd like to bring a dish, thanks. Special thanks to Linda.

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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## A Government Out of Control

It is July 4, or at least the week of July 4, the day we celebrate our declaration of breaking away from an oppressive British government in 1776. While the list of grievances may have been more than slightly exaggerated, the basic premises were solid: no consent of the governed, taxation without representation, coercion by the government, and this telling declaration: "He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance."

A war and fifteen years later in 1791 the states adopted a Bill of Rights (the First Ten Amendments to the Constitution), a mix of guarantees of individual freedoms and, most important, a limit on the powers

of a government over its citizens. Two hundred and twenty-two years later, we are increasingly dependent upon a central government and slowly but surely surrendering our independence with it.

Growth and power of government, as the founders warned in the Federalist Papers, are not only corrupting but dangerous. Not only has our federal government grown to an excessive and powerful size, some, including President Barack Obama's advisors, contend it is not manageable, its bureaucracy swollen and its powers unchecked. We aren't talking political parties nor individual elected officials. It is a simple fact: power is corrupting.

We now have a government whose tax collectors can and have exercised their powers to suppress actions and

a government whose combination of power and technology permits them to eavesdrop on our private comings and goings and when they feel like it our private conversations, writing, and feeling; we now have a government that has coordinated not only the power of its tax collectors, but its myriad regulators to harass, threaten, and prosecute persons of differing political ideology; we now have a government whose justice department can and has intimidated the media and threatens to monitor free speech of U.S. citizens; we now have a government that will use those same agencies to coerce and rummage through our individual health care; we now have a government seeking the power to disarm its citizens; we now have a government seeking to regulate to the finest degree our trade and commerce; we now have a government whose bureaucracy feeds itself by advocating dependence rather than self-sufficiency; we now have a government that produces laws that it has not read; we now have a government that passes laws are mammoth and complex that they become enforceable only selectively; and we have a citizenry increasingly dependent upon government and increasingly willing to sacrifice their personal freedoms for security.

These are dangerous combinations that should be viewed in the perspective of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights and other amendments. These are really short reads. Only a handful of pages, instead of multiple thousands, to express enduring principles that by identifying the corrupting ambitions of men seek to secure the freedom of Mankind.

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## 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 Buffet 8:30-11am S.A.L. hamburgers and hot dogs 12-3pm  Steakums 1-3pm	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.

Auxiliary meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Please join us and share your ideas.

Legionnaire meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Sons of American Legion meetings are the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m. All members are welcome.

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

## Post 305

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

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Independence Day Picnic 1pm	Fish & Chicken 6-8pm  Geno 6:30-9:30pm	Steak Dinner 6-8pm  Lee Jay Nelson 6:30-9:30pm	Sports & Pizza 12-6pm	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm  Karaoke 6:30-9:30pm	<b>ALA EXE Comm. Mtg.-5:45pm Reg. Mtg.-6pm</b>  Pizza available All Day	<b>Exe. Com. Mtg.-6pm</b>  Wednesday Dinner Trivia

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Independence Day BBQ 1-5 p.m. Thursday, July 4th. Smoked pork, hot dogs, burgers, salads and dessert. Music by Lee Jay Nelson 2-5 p.m.

NEW! Trivia night Wednesdays beginning July 10th, Music, dinner served 6-8 p.m.

## 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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  - Domestic**- 54th St. & 29th Ave. S.
  - Domestic**- 6300 Blk Vista Verde Dr. E.
  - Animal Call**- Beach Blvd. & 30th Ave. S.
  - Keep the Peace**- 2500 Blk York St. S.
  - Domestic**- 5300 Blk Newton Ave. S.
  - Disorderly Conduct**- Gulfport Blvd. & York St. S.
  - Road Rage**- 1000 Blk 61st St. S.
- Saturday 6/22**
- Stolen Vehicle**- 5300 Blk 21st Ave. S.

- Burglary Residential**- 2800 Blk 57th St. S.
  - Animal Call**- 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
  - Hit & Run**- 1100 Blk Hull St. S.
  - Animal Call**- 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Noise**- 2100 Blk 56th St. S.
  - Domestic**- 5500 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Sunday 6/23**
- Noise**- 5700 Blk 28th St. S.
  - Person Under Influence**- 900 Blk 51st St. S.
  - Domestic**- 5000 Blk 28th Ave. S.
  - Drug Call**- 5200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Vandalism**- 5900 Blk Pelican Bay Plz.
  - Theft**- 5200 Blk 18th Ave. S.
  - Theft**- 5300 Blk 31st Ave. S.
  - Animal Call**- 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
  - Domestic**- 1200 Blk Gray St. S.
  - Noise**- 5200 Blk 14th Ave. S.
  - Juvenile Trouble**- 1400 Blk 55th St. S.
- Monday 6/24**
- Animal Call**- 1100 Blk 53rd St. S.
  - Keep the Peace**- 5100 Blk Pine Grove Terr. S.
  - Domestic**- 1000 Blk 58th St. S.

- Theft**- 5000 Blk 13th Ave. S.
  - Civil Matter**- 1800 Blk 49th St. S.
  - Domestic**- 2800 Blk 50th St. S.
  - Brush Fire**- 1200 Blk 60th St. S.
  - Reckless Driver**- 56th St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Tuesday 6/25**
- Domestic**- 5000 Blk 9th Ave. S.
  - Juvenile Trouble**- 1800 Blk 55th St. S.
  - Burglary**- 3000 Blk 56th St. S.
- Wednesday 6/26**
- Civil Matter**- 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Animal Call**- 2700 Blk 56th St. S.
  - Stolen Vehicle**- 4900 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Thursday 6/27**
- Assault/Battery**- 5100 Blk 9th Ave. S.
  - Fraud/Forgery**- 5200 Blk 11th Ave. S.
  - Keep the Peace**- 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
  - Person Under Influence**- 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Drug Call**- 1200 Blk 52nd St. S.
  - Vandalism**- 1800 Blk 55th St. S.
  - Domestic**- 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.
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## Residents are Reminded about Fireworks Ban

As the rockets red glare this Independence Day, revelers are reminded that Pinellas County bans the retail sale or purchase of fireworks that project into the air or explode. Pinellas County Public Safety Services urges residents to play it safe by enjoying fireworks displays that are conducted by trained professionals.

Sparklers remain legal, but they can be dangerous, reaching temperatures of up to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. Only those over 12 years of age should handle sparklers of any type. Many young people get burned by sparklers every year, so adult supervision is necessary at all times. Officials urge citizens to use extreme caution and follow basic safety recommendations:

- Read all cautions and warnings.
- Use sparklers only outdoors.
- Use sparklers as intended - do not try to alter or combine them.
- Do not mix fireworks and alcohol.
- Never pick up fireworks that may be left over after the display, as they may still be active.

For more information on Pinellas County services and programs, visit [www.pinellascounty.org](http://www.pinellascounty.org), now with LiveChat, or create a shortcut to [www.pinellascounty.org/mobile](http://www.pinellascounty.org/mobile) on any smartphone. Pinellas County government is on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Pinellas County complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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## Post 125 Bowling Tournament

On Saturday, July 27th, American Legion S.A.L. Squadron 125 will hold their annual bowling tournament at Ten Pin Lanes, 1453 Pasadena Avenue S. Call 727-381-1010.

The charity event will start at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person, five person teams (if you are one or two short, they generally can team you up with others). Format is 8-pin no-tap (8 pins count as a strike). Prize payout is \$125 for first place, \$100 team for second place and \$75 team for third

place. Entry fee includes bowling, shoes and dinner at the American Legion Post 125, 6440 Fifth Avenue S. after the tournament. There are prizes and 50-50's

All proceeds are distributed to Wounded Warriors and Hospice. Sign up sheets are available at Ten Pin Lanes and Post 125. Come out, have fun, drink beer (or whatever) - it's all for a good cause.

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## Gulfport Geckofest Seeks Volunteers

The Gulfport Merchant's Association has opportunities for volunteers to

assist with Geckofest on Saturday, August 31st. Volunteer shifts are 2-4 hours long and are available from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Volunteer positions on event day include: vendor and equipment set-up, t-shirt and water sales, distribution of local business information, VIP food service, stocking and clean up. Volunteers may also choose to be involved in event planning.

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## Highlights of Proposed St. Pete Budget

A lower millage rate, five new police officer positions, and the first modest general wage increase for employees who have not received an increase in several years are just a few of the highlights of a balanced, recommended Fiscal Year 2014 city budget which Mayor Bill Foster submitted July 1st. The recommended budget is posted at [www.stpete.org/budget](http://www.stpete.org/budget).

Mayor Foster submitted a \$211,161,324 million General Fund Budget to City Council. It has been formulated after the city heard input from the public at three earlier Budget Summits, Council budget workshops and many of hours of budget preparation on the part of the mayor and his staff.

Facing an initial shortfall of more than \$4 million, a robust rebound in the economy, evidenced by a large number of new construction projects underway, resulted in the first increase in property values since 2008. The recommended budget includes a projected increase in property values of 4.21 percent, generating \$3.1 million in additional ad valorem revenue compared to 2013.

The Mayor's budget proposes a millage rate of 6.7700 mills, down from the Fiscal Year 2013 rate of 6.7742. "While this small reduction may seem insignificant, it is important to our residents. This slight reduction should be viewed as a down payment toward my commitment to reducing taxes in the future," said Mayor Foster.

Some highlights of the budget include:

- The first year of grant-matching funds to add five police officers to increase SPPD's sworn officer count from 545 to 550 officers.
- Fire Department service levels are funded at the same level in FY 13.
- Codes funding has remained at the same level as FY '13.
- Arts funding has remained at the same level as FY '13.
- Social services funding has also remained at the same level as FY '13.
- The city continued funding the Summer Youth Employment Program.
- A modest general wage increase for city employees, some of whom have not only had wage freezes in recent years, but also wage decreases.
- Overall, the city has reduced the work force by one full-time position and 10.63 part-time positions. The majority of these are vacant, and employees affected have been placed in other positions.

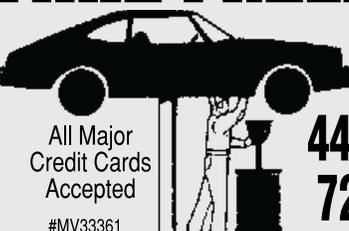
• The cost of providing health insurance to employees continues to increase, and the FY '14 budget includes a 16.5 percent increase to cover the costs.

The next step in the process to adopt the Fiscal Year 2014 City Budget is to set the tentative millage, which City Council has scheduled for July 25, followed by two Public Budget Hearings on September 12 and 26.

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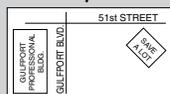
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# Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

## Let's Hear it for the Toys

If you've walked the aisles of an animal shelter anytime in the past decade, I'm sure you noticed a breed that tends to dominate in terms of numbers. Hint: They fit in the palm of your hand, have eyes like watery walnuts and look like they're about to bust out with, "Yo quiero Taco Bell."

What's wrong with Chihuahuas? Why do so many of them end up at the shelter?

The American Kennel Club has this to say about Chihuahuas: "Graceful, alert and swift-moving with a saucy expression, Chihuahuas are highly intelligent and should not be underestimated even though small in size. The breed can be any color -- solid, marked or splashed -- and the coat may be long or short. These sassy little dogs are well known as 'purse dogs' like the famous Bruiser in the movie 'Legally Blonde' starring Reese Witherspoon."

Graceful and smart? Travel-ready? Adored by the rich and famous? What's not to like?

The fact that Chihuahuas and other toy dogs end up in shelters in high numbers has nothing to do with the breed and everything to do with this fully unsupported idea that the smaller the dog the less in need of training he is.

A horseman doesn't lead a new horse into his bedroom, feed him breakfast in bed, put little ribbons in his mane and wait for the horse to tell him he needs to relieve himself.

And no one brings home a Great Dane and pooh-poohs the notion of housebreaking.

I spoke with a man last week who was having trouble with his min-pin. He is tired of cleaning up the messes his dog leaves in the house and is disgusted by the smell of his own home. "How did he housebreak his dog?" you ask. Yeah, so did I. The guy designated his hallway and kitchen, both tiled, the dog's bathroom. He not only allowed his dog to urinate

and defecate in those areas, he encouraged it. And now he's pissed at the dog.

The damage created by this kind of negligence on the part of toy dog owners extends far beyond soiled grout, stained tile and ruined carpet. The unfettered yapping of an untrained dog creates tension among neighbors. The unchecked dominance of a family dog can lead to aggression toward family members, the effects of which range from annoying to dangerous. And housebreaking problems -- one of the easiest behavioral problems to solve --

most often land a dog in the shelter. I was at the airport a couple of weeks ago waiting to board my flight. Sitting in the boarding area across from me was a woman who was traveling with her Cavalier King Charles spaniel. The dog was elegant, smart, energetic, agile and small in stature -- just as the AKC describes. He was also extremely well behaved, which is no accident of DNA. His good behavior has nothing to do with his breed or size and everything to do with his owner -- who trained her dog and never lost sight of the fact that he is, indeed, a dog.

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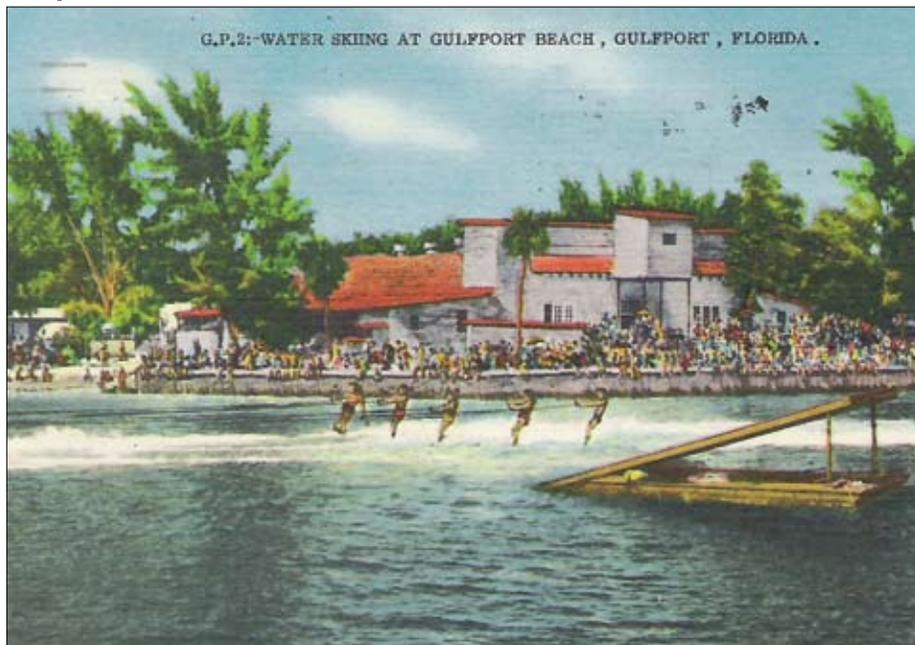
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## Workshopping History and Gulfport's Birthday at Your Museum



An historic postcard from the Gulfport Historical Society's collection. Come see more at the Gulfport History Museum.

If you missed the June porch party at the Gulfport History Museum, don't worry – they have plenty of other chances for everyone to get together. Coming up next is a workshop on Friday, July 26. The workshop, which will start at 6:30, will take some of the fabulous ideas from the porch party and start to make them real. This is your chance to become a working part of Gulfport's history.

Thanks in no small part to the suggestions made at the porch party, the Gulfport Historical Society board decided to overhaul the annual birthday bash with a day and a nighttime event. The daytime event will include the traditional birthday celebration – with new events – while the nighttime celebration will offer a different type of party for the city.

At the workshop, the board will look for people to help with both events. Even if you can only give an hour of your time to the birthday bash, please make plans to join the Gulfport Historical Society for the workshop. As President Miki Vaughan reminded everyone at the porch party, the museum belongs to the people of Gulfport and the Society wants to know what the people want to see at their museum, so please give the Society your input on their new Facebook page or via e-mail.

Please "like" the Gulfport Historical Society's new Facebook page at Facebook.com/GulfportHistoricalSociety to learn of upcoming events and opportunities.

The Museum docents do not keep regular hours in the summer; however, come September the museum will open with new hours that will make history more accessible to people who work during the day. Hours will include ArtWalk, the Tuesday market, and expanded Saturday hours.

As always, the Society welcomes all members. Please contact the Society on Facebook or at [admin@gulfporthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:admin@gulfporthistoricalsociety.org) for more information.

## Legion 125 Seeks Active Duty Soldiers

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 125, located at 6440 Fifth Ave. S., is looking for servicemen in the Middle East who are in need of care packages. If you have a family member or friend, or friend of a friend, please let us know. If you wish to drop off items to send please do. If they do not have a name they send to "any soldier" and they are returned. Thank you in advance from their Auxiliary.

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## MOAA to Meet

The Military Officers Association meets for lunch on the third Friday of each month. The next luncheon will be on July 19 at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Social hour starts at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and a short program. The speaker will be Kerrie Witty, Director of Veteran Affairs Regional Office. Military officers who 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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## Calling All Craft Vendors

The St. Petersburg Woman's Club located at 40 Snell Isle Boulevard N.E. is announcing to craft vendors the opportunity of participating at their Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 2nd. For more information please call Carolyn DeFreitas at 727-674-3484 or email [candj81388@yahoo.com](mailto:candj81388@yahoo.com).

The St. Petersburg Woman's Club which is celebrating 100 years of community activity, is affiliated with the General Federation Of Woman's Clubs. A not-for-profit volunteer organization committed to serving the community through hands-on projects and fund raising as well as leadership development. To find out more information about our club-membership, monthly meetings, Saturday Group, weekly sewing group, card games or information on booking our Historical Clubhouse. Call 727- 822-4982 or visit [www.StPetersburgWomensClub.org](http://www.StPetersburgWomensClub.org).

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# A Greener View

By Jeff Rugg

## Poison Ivy

**Question:** I found poison ivy in my flower bed. I did a little searching and found it in a large clump in my woods and growing up some tall trees. In the trees, all that is accessible is the trunk of the vine that is about two inches in diameter. In the clump in the woods, there are lots of good plants intermingled within the poison ivy. What is the best way to remove it all?

**Answer:** During the summer many people are in the woods and they often encounter poison ivy, poison oak or poison sumac, but many people are surprised to find them in their own gardens. Birds often carry the seeds from these plants and deposit them in hedges, under trees and even in urban areas.

Bayer makes the Bayer Advanced Brush Killer Plus systemic herbicide. The nice thing about it is that it soaks into the plant and kills the root system. It can take from one to six weeks to work, but that beats having to wade through the poison ivy to repeatedly spray. Read the label of any herbicide you use to make sure poison ivy is listed on the label.

For the poison ivy growing on the tree trunks, cut the vine trunk off down low and then again on a ladder above where people might contact it in the future and remove the middle section. The rest of the upper vine will die and remain in place out of reach until someone cuts the tree down. Coat the end of the remaining stump with the herbicide.

If the roots send up new growth, it will be easy to spray. It is possible that an old mature vine with a large root system won't just re-sprout next to the tree trunk, the roots can sprout new stems up where ever they are growing, which can be many feet away from the tree, so look for new sprouts all over the area.

In the wooded area, you can spray the leaves of the poison ivy with as much care as possible to not get the good plants. Waiting until next spring will allow you to spray the poison ivy as it begins to sprout in the spring, before many other plants start to grow.

It is the urushiol oil of the poison ivy plant that causes skin irritation and it is found in all parts of the plant. If it is just washed in water, the oil might float around and not rinse away. Anything the oil contacts in the future could transfer the oil to someone's skin. If you wash the

skin with soap and water, the oil will go away, but the appearance of the irritated skin may become visible later. Zanfel is an ointment that bonds to urushiol and removes it from the skin. A tube of Zanfel is much easier to carry in the woods than soap and water.

Scientists are working on a spray that will indicate where the oil is when lit up by ultraviolet light. Until then, you will need to wash all clothes that may have contact with poison ivy.

Throw the cuttings away in a sealed bag. Never burn these plants or logs with the vine wrapped on it. The sap can evaporate into the smoke and coat other things (like lawn furniture) that will give you a rash. Even worse, you could get the oily smoke on your skin or even breathe it in to your throat and lungs.

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## Two New Therapy Dogs in Gulfport and on St. Pete Beach

By Cathy Salustri



Saturday afternoon, Vato and Skeeter joined the ranks of therapy dogs. Vato, a German Shepherd, and Skeeter, an Welsh Springer Spaniel, successfully passed a series of tests at the St. Petersburg Dog Club.

Vato lives in Gulfport's Ward Four; Skeeter lives on St. Pete Beach. Vato has worked as a rescue dog, whereas Skeeter's lineage includes his father Tucker, the former reading dog at the St. Pete Beach library. Tucker died last year and his human companion, Kathleen Johnson, told library staff she hoped to have his son Skeeter continue Tucker's reading tradition.

Saturday, Skeeter passed the test with flying colors, as did Vato.

"He [Skeeter] will start as soon as he gets his official paperwork," St. Pete Beach Librarian Maryjane Hyatt said. "It can take four to six weeks."

Therapy dogs, certified by Therapy Dogs International (TDI), are similar but not the same as service dogs. Service dogs work for one person while therapy dogs can work for different groups of people while handled by one person.

"The amount of work needed to own a therapy dog is not much more than the usual family dog," Lori Fricker, the TDI evaluator who evaluated both Skeeter

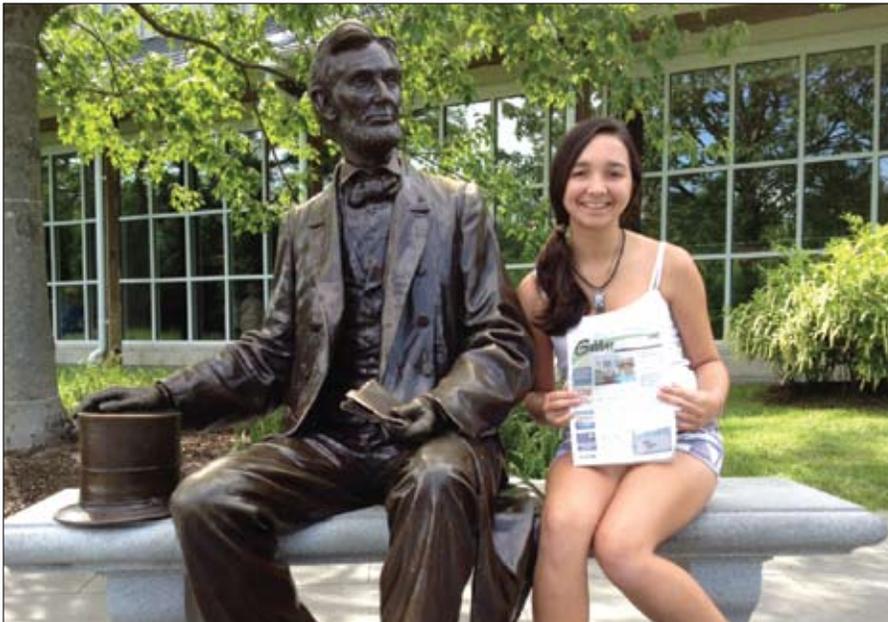
and Vato, says. "The only thing that may be extra is a bit more brushing as they need to always be clean and well groomed for a visit."

When not working as a therapy dog, therapy dogs remain pets who play with fellow pets and humans. A therapy dog can work as much or as little as the dog will tolerate in venues ranging from hospitals to schools.

"A therapy dog is such a huge benefit to the community in so many ways," Ms. Fricker says. "From the unconditional acceptance of listening to a child read, the spark of a memory long forgotten in a nursing home patient, the safety and love of a court dog, and the easing of the passing of a hospice patient, therapy dogs provide love, support and a gentle nudge of encouragement and comfort to all they encounter."

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For more information on the event or adoption visit [MyFWC.com/NonNatives](http://MyFWC.com/NonNatives) or call Boyd Hill Nature Preserve at 727-893-7326.

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## Concert to Benefit Free Clinic

Two local bands have teamed up with St. Petersburg Free Clinic and the historic Palladium to rock and, hopefully, roll a little money into the coffers for St. Petersburg Free Clinic. Local bands, "Coo Coo Ca Choo" and "Tin Pan Alley" will play the benefit concert on Friday, July 19 at 8 p.m. at the Palladium Theatre, 253 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Tickets are \$25.

Family homelessness is at epidemic levels and there are far too few family shelters and units available in St. Petersburg and Pinellas County. St. Petersburg Free Clinic Family Residence is designed to keep newly homeless families together and to prevent longer term family homelessness. Families with children are the fastest growing category of homeless persons. Families live in a homelike environment; perform daily and weekly house chores while they do the hard work of

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regaining stability. Families are given significant assistance in this endeavor from all of the partners in this collaboration, in order to shorten the term of homelessness.

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## Register Now for the Junior Guard Program

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

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

As with your physical well-being, you can avoid major legal problems by periodically checking the status of your legal health. Some of the areas in which you may wish to consider

getting a legal "check-up" are estate planning, wills, trusts, insurance coverage, financial investments and retirement planning. A review of your legal affairs on an annual basis to ensure that all relevant legal documents meet your current needs is recommended.

Many times, a yearly legal checkup will uncover legal problems that can be corrected before they cause a major problem. For example, with a birth or death of a loved one, you may wish to reevaluate your will, trust or estate plan. Like a physician or dentist, a lawyer is trained to diagnose legal problems or maladies

and recommend cures. During your legal checkup, a review of your family affairs, real estate holdings, finances, investments, business interests and employment should be accomplished. If a "fix" is required to your legal health, a lawyer should be able to anticipate what remedial action is necessary before a minor problem becomes a costly disaster. In upcoming segments of this publication, we will together explore some of the common legal problems uncovered by a legal checkup. As with a medical problems, it is important to see a lawyer as early as possible, that is, before a legal problem occurs, or if there is already a legal problem, before it becomes more aggravated and costly.

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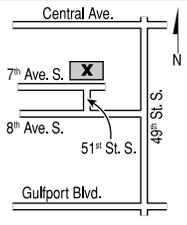
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# Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

## CAVE-ing In

*"All the war-propaganda, all the screaming and lies and hatred, comes invariably from people who are not fighting."* – George Orwell

So a curious thing happened this Saturday. I dropped by the sea oat planting behind the Sirata to get some photos of locals planting sea oats, and I didn't see any locals. I mean, I saw St. Pete Beach employees and volunteers from all over, but no locals. That's not to say no locals attended, just that I saw none. After all, it takes a lot of people to plant 10,000 sea oats, and not all of them could have been volunteers from J.P. Morgan.

But the paucity of beach residents started me thinking about the difference between the number of local sea oat planters and the number of people who attend city commission meetings and screech about the awful things the city's trying to do to them. Over the past few years, those "awful" things included allowing the public on a public sidewalk in Pass-a-Grille, building a sidewalk and slowing traffic on a residential street, and building transient boating docks to draw more boaters (and their money) to St. Pete Beach.

Notably present at these meetings but painfully absent from Saturday's event (and pretty much every other city event) was CAVE. Never heard of CAVE? The commissioners refer to them as "Citizens Against Virtually Everything"; that may sound disrespectful, but come to a few meetings and you'll quickly understand why that's most likely the nicest name for these folks. They're

not a formal group, although often they share the same attorney, and they're not members of the weekly press or any group that's bound by any ethical or legal standards, which an impartial observer can quickly ascertain.

No, CAVE is a loose group of loose cannons who are so angry at the city – and, if I had to guess, I'd say the world – that the commission could listen to them and then say, "Hey, we're going to do exactly what you suggested" and CAVE would jump up and down and scream that the city was too narrowly interpreting their request.

The commission can't win. Which is fine. I mean, they were the ones crazy enough to run. But, uh, the rest of us? We're getting pretty damn tired of hearing this load of digested bull nutrition. No commission can be all evil. They must do something right. What's more, the people who don't believe the commission to be evil aren't evil themselves for wanting to work with, not against, the city they love.

Is the commission perfect? No. As much as I like some of them, I'm pretty sure they all talk outside chamber walls, and I know that we (the Gabber) will never have the following we have in Gulfport. I hold no illusions about how much this column or our reporting matters to them (somewhere between "hmmm" and "not at all") but that doesn't mean I have to hate them. I believe in the direction they're pointing St. Pete Beach.

I'm glad, too, that they're led by the city manager, because despite some of their individual intelligences,

collectively they're too clueless to fight their way out of a paper bag. That's OK, because St. Pete Beach has a city manager form of government, not mayoral (be glad for that – have you read about St. Petersburg politics lately?). That's OK, too, because I also happen to believe that the city manager is eminently qualified and a relatively moral man. If you compare him to other career bureaucrats, he actually shoots to damn near top of the morality charts.

Now, some of you may not agree with me, and I respect your opinion. As for your actions? Well, if you want respect for those, here's what I respect:

I respect people who work from within to try and change things. I respect people who volunteer to join a city board. I respect people who attempt to learn about the workings of city hall without prejudice. I respect people who show up for sea oat plantings and beach cleanups and board meetings, and I respect people who choose to listen instead of beat their chest and comment like a curly-haired ape in heat.

I respect people who see the commissioners and city staff as real people who must use facts, not emotion and selfish whims, to make decisions for the good of the city, not themselves and their two friends. I respect the doers, not the screechers. I respect people who prefer to live in the sunshine of cooperation and not the CAVE of negativity.

Of course, you have to make your own choices. But I'll ask you to do one thing: the next time you hear someone who you suspect may be a card-carrying CAVE member, ask them to tell you about the last time they planted a sea oat.

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## Prevent Child Drownings



Summer has arrived, temperatures are rising and what better way to keep the kids entertained and cool than an afternoon by the swimming pool, a trip to the beach or even a water park. A dark side of summer in the sun is that a sparkling pool or the inviting ocean waters can also be a summer hazard. Unfortunately, when the temperature goes up, so can the number of accidental drownings involving children.

A moment of adult distraction can have tragic results. Of all law enforcement calls for service, a call to a home where a child has drowned is one of the most heartbreaking.

The loss of a child's life to drowning can be prevented with extra caution, common sense and inexpensive equipment. To begin with, never leave your child alone in or near a pool or other body of water, not even for a moment. Teaching a child to swim for sport, safety and survival is a must. Remember, however, that even if they have mastered their swimming skills, nothing can replace proper supervision as the most important step to water safety. The same common sense approach applies while at the beach or water park, even when lifeguards are present.

It is always a good idea to learn CPR, especially if you are responsible for watching children around the pool or at the beach. Being CPR certified can prevent a serious poolside incident from becoming fatal.

Keep rescue equipment on hand and a phone nearby for emergencies. It is also important for pool owners to properly install and secure fences, screened enclosures and lock sliding glass doors to ensure that young children cannot wander into the water unsupervised. Remember a torn screen or doggie door can be an invitation to a curious toddler who will not always recognize the danger that may be waiting outside. An alarm system around the pool or pool access is another option.

Keep furniture away from safety fences to prevent children from climbing and reaching the pool. Also remove toys and floating objects from the pool when not in use so there is no temptation for a child to retrieve them and accidentally fall in.

For more information, access the Pinellas County Health Department's Summer Safety video PSA at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1lmBMVV3XI>

To learn more about swimming pool safety, swimming lessons and CPR contact the following providers:

- American Red Cross (Tampa Bay Chapter) at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
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This summer, protect yourself, your loved ones and even your friends and neighbors by taking the time to prepare and plan in order to enjoy a safe summer pool season.

## Help Break the Mosquito Cycle

With the recent rains from Tropical Storm Andrea, mosquitoes are again on the wing in Pinellas County. Pinellas County Mosquito Control technicians are aggressively treating known breeding areas by ground and by air, as well as responding to calls from citizens.

Technicians have noted that many homes they've inspected also have items or areas that contain standing water – the ideal breeding condition for mosquitoes – and are contributing to the mosquito problem.

Pinellas County Mosquito Control asks all citizens to do their part to reduce the mosquito population. Remember that mosquitoes only need ¼ to ½ inch of standing water for the larvae to survive. Some simple suggestions are to:

- Empty water from flowerpots, garbage cans, recycling containers, wheelbarrows, aluminum cans, boat tarps, old tires, and buckets; any item that can hold water.
- Flush birdbaths and wading pools weekly.
- Flush ornamental bromeliads or treat with BTI, a biological larvicide available at home stores.
- Clean roof gutters, which can become clogged and hold water.
- Change the water in outdoor pet dishes regularly.
- Keep pools and spas chlorinated and filtered.
- Stock ornamental ponds with mosquito-eating fish.
- Cover rain barrels with screening.
- Check for standing water under houses, near plumbing drains, under air conditioner drip areas, around septic tanks and heat pumps.
- Take steps to eliminate standing water, improve drainage, and prevent future puddling.

Protect your skin from mosquito bites when outdoors; wear mosquito repellent (products containing DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus) or long-sleeves and pants. The threat of virus, although minimal, is present throughout the year, and precautions should be taken during outdoor activities. No virus has been detected in the County's sentinel chickens this year.

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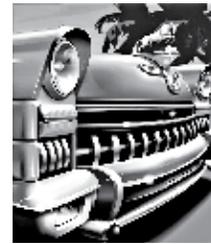
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