

## Seniors Celebrate a Day Early



Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Director Gail Biron leads the crowd in song as part of the early Independence Day celebration on July 3.

They celebrated a day early, but Gulfport's seniors didn't seem to mind as they packed the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Wednesday afternoon. A host of volunteers made sure no one went without a brownie or conversation, the mayor

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## Taxes Rise With Property Values

GULFPORT – The good news? Gulfport property values are on the rise again. The not-as-great-news? That means some property owners will pay more if council doesn't lower the tax rate.

Tuesday night, city council voted to set a tentative millage rate of 4.039 mils, or \$4.04 per \$100,000 of taxable value. Currently, Gulfport property owners pay 4.039 mils in property taxes to the City of Gulfport. County, school and water management district taxes are neither set nor collected by the city but appear on property tax bills issued by the county.

The tentative millage rate, by law, represents the highest amount the city can tax property owners. As council works through the budget for the coming fiscal year, it can set a final rate lower than the tentative rate, but cannot set the rate higher.

The tentative millage rate of 4.039

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## Green Mosquito Control on the Greenway

By Cathy Salustri



Some people know them as "mosquito fish" but people like Ruel Zevin knows them as Gambusia. As a Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services-certified spray technician, he knows all the tricks to keep mosquitoes at bay. Instead of spraying after last week's heavy rains, he went a more environmentally-friendly way: fish.

The county, he says, breeds its own Gambusia in local ponds, but he says local pet stores may stock them as well. If not, you can buy them online from biological supply companies and eBay.

"They're pretty hardy little suckers – we put them in abandoned pools," he says. Pinellas County Mosquito Control puts fish in several Gulfport locations,

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Raul Zevin, a county mosquito control spray technician, checks the drainage ditch at the Tangerine Greenway for mosquito larvae.

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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. The landscape designer, Christopher Ross, ASLA can be reached for additional site or miscellaneous information at either 727-480-0987 or at toffer@tampabay.rr.com.

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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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## 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. StPetersburgWomansClub.org](http://www.StPetersburgWomansClub.org).

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## Chamber Seeks Volunteers

The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteers for multiple tasks. If you are retired and looking to use your business acumen in helping local business start ups; if you have skills in bookkeeping or administrative management, or just looking to meet new people they would be interested in speaking with you. If you wish to have scheduled hours manning the Chamber office or just providing your expertise when

needed please let contact them via email at [rsvp@seabreezemanor.com](mailto:rsvp@seabreezemanor.com).

In particular they seek a dedicated person to provide one hour a day five days a week to do the following:

- Open emails and respond appropriately
- Open mail and respond appropriately or set aside for bill payments
- Check Call Log and assign someone to respond
- Arrange information on upcoming events for front desk in three ring binder

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## Summer Play Festival to Open

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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Attendees will learn the basics of the home buying process, including helpful resource information on down payment assistance and homes for sale. The workshop is especially helpful for those who are working with a lender and need a homebuyer education class certificate or have owned a home before and are considering a new purchase.

Course materials from NeighborWorks America will be available for purchase by check or cash. The books feature comprehensive materials, helpful in navigating the home buying process. The cost is \$17. Those who complete the class will also have the opportunity to win door prizes.

The class size is limited so those interested should call 727-464-8210 or email [housingfinanceauthority@pinellascounty.org](mailto:housingfinanceauthority@pinellascounty.org) to register. The workshop is sponsored by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County and the Pinellas Community Housing Foundation.

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## 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-old boy who must discover the story of the grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect his world, in order to win the affection of the girl of his dreams. Costs are \$3.50 age 3-12, \$4 age 13 and up. Floats provided. Flume slide, and diving boards open, lawn chairs welcome. For more information call 893-7723.

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## Sunday Market Sizzles in Pass-a-Grille

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a quick supper from the grill. The market is located at Suntan, on the grounds of the Don Vista Building, next to the Don CeSar, 3300 Gulf Boulevard. For more information, call the Sunday Market at the Don Vista at 727-367-3818.

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## Get School Records Up to Date

• Parents of high school students who need to register for a school or change their address should take address verification and other required documents to their assigned high school no later than July 18 to assure that their child will be

included in transportation planning. School office staff is on duty, but it is recommended that parents call before going to the schools.

• Parents of elementary and middle school students who need to register for a school or change their address should bring address verification and other required documents to their assigned school or to the district Student Assignment Office by July 18. Over the summer, many, but not all elementary schools, will be open through July 24 for summer programs. Most middle schools, except Carwise, Clearwater Fundamental, Tyrone and Tarpon Springs, will be open through July 25. Please call your child's school to make sure it is open and before going there to register or complete registration.

The first day of school for the 2013-2014 school year is Monday, August 19. Students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2013, to attend kindergarten. For more information about the registration process, call the Student Assignment Office, 727-588-6210, or visit the district website, [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org). Beginning June 10, Student Assignment summer hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

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## Create a Mural within City Council Chambers

The City of Gulfport is currently soliciting submittals from qualified artists to provide a service to the City. The City of Gulfport seeks to hire an artist/artist team to create and execute a mural on a wall within the City Council Chambers. The mural should reflect the history or character of the City of Gulfport. Artist should incorporate the existing city seal and flags into their design using various painting options and materials.

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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The solution to this problem is very simple. Citizens are asked to "put a lid on it" by keeping the lid closed on garbage containers that are stored outside. Some haulers use automated collection containers with built-in lids that should be kept closed all the time. For those with other types of collection, it is important to make sure the garbage is either in a lidded container or in a securely closed garbage bag. Putting a lid on it also helps keep pests and animals out of the garbage and reduces litter.

Keeping the lid closed on garbage containers helps the Waste-to-Energy facility operate more efficiently and reduce potential environmental impacts associated with open containers and wet waste.

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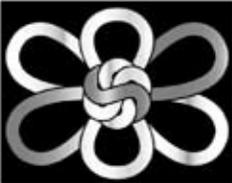
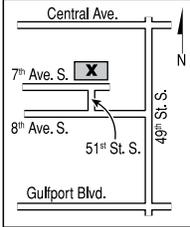
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## Market Offers Non-Profits Free Space

The Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market continues its program of offering one free vendor space each week for community non-profit organizations. The Fresh Market is a year-round event, attracting hundreds of visitors each week. Groups may use the space to provide free information, promote and sell tickets to upcoming

events, offer community outreach, raise funds, or sell items for fund-raising. Any items to be sold must be pre-approved by Market managers. All funds raised in any manner must be for the benefit of the non-profit organization, rather than any individual(s) or for-profit entity.

The free space for non-profits is currently being scheduled and any interested and qualified non-profit groups may apply to use the space as available in upcoming weeks and months. Non-profits that have made use of the space in recent months include library boosters, historical societies, environmental advocacy groups, community health organizers, art and theatre groups, veterans groups, animal rescue organizations and many others.

For more information and to apply, please contact Laura Garrison, Fresh Market Coordinator by email to [gulfportmarket@gmail.com](mailto:gulfportmarket@gmail.com).

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## Come See Antique Wedding Gowns

An exhibit of antique wedding gowns dating from the Victorian Era through the 1930s is scheduled for display through Sunday, August 4th at Heritage Village. Favorite vintage wedding gowns from Heritage Village's permanent collection will be on display in the parlors of the House of Seven Gables during regular half-hour tours.

To help promote the exhibit, the program, Portrait of a Bride: An Evolving Silhouette is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 at 1 p.m. in the Magnolia Room of Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources, located at 12520 Ulmerton Road in Largo. The program will focus on the ever-evolving history of the American bride from the 1890s to the present as told through 25 to 40 vintage and contemporary wedding gowns that will be on display.

Through her collection, Leigh Anne Brown shares the stories of different wedding gowns and their importance in American history. Substantial emphasis is given to the

social, economic and political events that surround each bride in her day and textiles used as influenced by the times in which the gowns were created.

The program is a fundraiser for the Pinellas County Historical Society and all proceeds will benefit Heritage Village. Tickets are on sale now in the Heritage Village gift shop; open

Wednesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. A \$10 entry fee includes entry into the program, cake and refreshment beverage. Limited seating is available; tickets must be purchased before day of program. For more information, contact the Pinellas County Historical Society at 727-582-2233.

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and confidential insurance counseling and education regarding Medicare rights, options, and prescription drug assistance for elders, their families, and caregivers.

While the state's SHINE Program is a trusted community source, there are some organizations and individuals who should not be granted access to personal information. If you suspect the program or individual asking for your information is not legitimate, do not give them your information. Report the incident to the Senior Medicare Patrol project immediately at 1-866-357-6677.

To learn more about the SHINE Program or receive free help from SHINE, individuals may visit designated SHINE counseling sites, attend enrollment events in local communities, or contact SHINE's trained volunteer counselors at 1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337). For a listing of SHINE counseling sites and enrollment events, visit [www.FloridaSHINE.org](http://www.FloridaSHINE.org).

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Both groups are open to the public and provide a confidential setting for those attending to share with others who are in like situations their experiences, joys and concerns of “care giving”. The person may be a relative or just a good friend. It is not necessary that the individual reside in the same house with you or even the same state.

Call Pam Lanning at 347-2809 or Barbara Posey at 381-2499, ext. 214.

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## District Launches New Academic Planner

Pinellas County Schools has recognized a significant need to help guidance counselors work with students and track their progress, while offering parents more access to their children’s academic planning information.

To fulfill these goals, the district will begin the 2013-2014 school year with a new online academic planning system that will help students plan their path through high school and beyond. Students will start using the program in eighth grade as they plan their high school academics.

Counselor Connect, created by locally-based Lighthouse Guidance Systems, incorporates diploma designations for students following the academically-focused “scholar” pathway as well as the industry certification-focused “merit” pathway established recently by the Florida Legislature and helps students:

- Design and update their academic plans to align graduation, college and

career goals

- Project their grade point averages based on future performance in classes

- Analyze their performance based on their actual grades to ensure they meet graduation, college admission and scholarship requirements.

The interactive online planning system also helps guidance counselors monitor student progress and allows parents to use a messaging feature so they can communicate directly with their student’s counselor.

“Counselor Connect will help students work with their parents and guidance counselors to achieve their academic goals,” Superintendent Michael A. Grego said. “This valuable online resource will empower students to play a much greater role in determining their educational and career paths.”

Parents will have online access to their children’s plans. Students will be able to update their academic plans to align with their goals at any time in their academic careers.

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# A Social Bike Network



By Cathy Salustri

By this time next year, Gulfport could have a low-impact bike share program in full swing – at no cost to the city. A company called Tampa Bay Bike Share (TBBS) approached the city about placing rental bikes in downtown Gulfport.

Cities like Copenhagen and college campuses such as Eckerd College have bikes available, but TBBS Program Director Andrew Blikken said TBBS differs slightly.

“What they have in Copenhagen is the same thing they have in Eckerd College, and that is what they call a free-range bike share. There’s no real inventory control,” he said.

Each of Gulfport’s city bikes would have a GPS and a cellular chip so the company can keep locate each of its bikes.

“That’s an important distinction,” Mr. Blikken said. “You have to be able to communicate with the bike.”

TBBS will place its bikes throughout Gulfport’s downtown area at no cost to the city. Gulfport, Mr. Blikken told the Gabber, wouldn’t even have to add bike racks.

“Any existing bike infrastructure is welcome. Any new bike racks installed are wonderful, but they are not necessarily program-specific,” he said.

TBBS will sell daily bike passes for five dollars, as well as weekly and annual passes (\$25 and \$80, respectively). TBBS will charge late return fees and offer student discounts. Each bike – and Mr. Blikken estimated that Gulfport would have “no less than 100” although that number could change once TBBS did a feasibility study

“Basically,” Mr. Blikker said, “all of downtown Gulfport will be a pocket. On its own, Gulfport doesn’t have critical mass to support bike share, but it makes sense as pocket for bike sharing.

There’s never going to be a fixed number of bikes in Gulfport,” Mr. Blikker said, because people will be using them interchangeably with nearby cities.

The weather tolerant, chainless bikes will have airless tires, reflectors, and lights. The bike locks operate on solar batteries, which get recharged as people pedal the bicycle. They will also be sponsored by “major, national level companies”, although Mr. Blikker could not, at press times, say which companies would sponsor the bikes.

Eric Trull, a marketing assistant, presented the plan to Gulfport city council Tuesday night. “The best way to see the beauty of the area is on a bike,” he told council. “We’d love to add Gulfport to this list as well.”

Over 500 cities participate in Bike Share, including Chicago, New York, and now, Tampa Bay. Tampa Bay Bike Share estimate Tampa Bay would sustain 10,000 bikes. If council approves, the company will have the city’s permission to use right-of-ways.

Council agreed unanimously to move forward with an agreement between the city and Tampa Bay Bike Share. The agreement will allow TBBS to place bike racks on city property.

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Contact Cathy Salustri at [CathySalustri@theGabber.com](mailto:CathySalustri@theGabber.com)  
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## Taxes, from front page

mills leaves the tax rate untouched; although council is not raising the tax rate, as Gulfport property values rose .92% over the last year, that means property taxes will increase an average of .92% under the tentative millage rate.

“Technically, the city will not have a tax increase as long as the adopted millage rate does not exceed 4.0087 mills, the calculated rollback rate for the coming tax year,” City Manager Jim O’Reilly said in a memo to staff.

The term “rollback” refers to a way to keep revenue steady for the city from year to year. It refers to the tax rate the city needs to set so that it collects the same amount of revenue from property owners as it did the year before.

Ward One Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon asked her fellow councilors to consider a higher tentative rate rather than using PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) from the water and marina departments to balance the budget. She suggested a 4.14 millage rate, which she estimated would raise the millage rate for a \$100,000 home with two exemptions roughly four dollars.

No councilmembers agreed with her, although she said her suggested higher rate would cost the average homeowner four dollars a year.

“I’m not going to support anything above... now, two weeks for now, or in September,” Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke said. Councilman Michael Fridovich agreed.

“I can’t, because I said I wouldn’t,” Mayor Sam Henderson said, explaining that he promised “a whole bunch of people between December and March” that he “wouldn’t raise taxes unless property values fell again.

“At some point,” he said, “we’re going to get back to that 4.3 range, but we need to give people another year of recovery” (before we raise millage again). The city had a higher millage rate before property values fell several years ago.

A 4.039 millage rate will bring in \$2,648,561; a 4.0087, \$2,628,692. Council will vote twice on the final tax rate: once at the September 4 council meeting and again on September 18.

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## Museum Porch Party Draws Crowd



By Cathy Salustri

(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.

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.

Last 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 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 have an idea for the museum or the birthday bash, please e-mail [admin@gulfporthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:admin@gulfporthistoricalsociety.org).

Please watch the Gabber to learn of future events.

## Free Meals for Kids and Teens

The City of Gulfport Recreation Center, located at 5730 Shore Boulevard S. will be offering free nutritious meals to kids and teens 18 and under, regardless of their economic situation from June 11 through August 9. Lunch will be offered between 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and afternoon snack will be offered between 4:30-5 p.m. Summer Break Spot is a federal nutrition program sponsored by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Pinellas County School Board. Please contact the Center at 893-1068 for more information. To place an order for the following day, please call by noon to ensure that a nutritious meal will be available.

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## Learn to Swim Program Registration

Register for swim lessons at all City of St. Petersburg pools. Registration times are 7:30 a.m. for morning and 5:30 p.m. for evening lesson on these dates: Wednesday July 3, Thursday, July 18, and Thursday August 1. Swim lessons are available for infants age 6 months to senior citizens. Classes include: swim lessons from beginner through advanced swim level, and diving lessons. Swim lessons are taught by certified American Red

Cross Water Safety Instructors. Not all programs are offered at every pool. Sessions last two weeks in duration with advancing levels upon passing each session. Classes are Monday through Thursday for two weeks. An ADVANTAGE Member card is required for registration. Cost per session: \$39. Reduced rates are also available for residents with Medicaid, food stamp cards or free school lunch and reduced lunch status forms. Morning and/or evening lessons session time varies depending on pool location. Locations: Walter Fuller, 7883 26th Ave. N., 727-893-7636;

Northwest, 2331 60th St. N., 727-893-7723; Childs Park, 1227 43rd St. S., 727-893-7730; E.H. McLin, 602 14th St. S., 727-893-7635; Fossil Park, 6739 M.L. King Jr. St. N., 727-893-7440; Jennie Hall, 1025 26th St. S., 727-893-7725; Lake Vista, 1450 60th Ave. S., 727-893-7745; Shore Acres, 4142 Shore Acres Blvd. NE, 727-893-7752; North Shore Aquatic Complex, 901 North Shore Dr. NE, 727-893-7727. For more information please contact 893-7732 or 893-7441 or for pool classes and information see [www.stpeteparksrec.org](http://www.stpeteparksrec.org).

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

Florida's organ registry recently reached a milestone of 7 million registrants. It is the second largest state registry in the nation, which

gives hope to families of patients like 10-year-old Hope Kienle, who received a liver transplant before she reached age 2.

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

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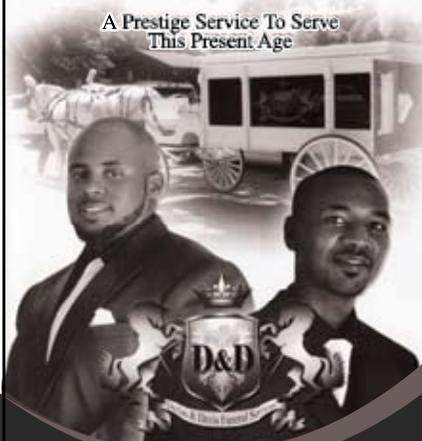
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The meeting day and time has changed beginning this month. They will be meeting on Sunday, February 24th at St. Anthony's Hospital at 2 p.m. in the auditorium on the ground floor.

They will have a round table discussion which is very useful when it comes to learning to live with your specific type of ostomy or challenges you may be having. A whole new world will open up to you by discussing your problems with others who have experienced the same doubts and questions. Learn about new and better products and meet fellow ostomates.

The meetings of the United Ostomy Association local support group are the last Sunday of each month at St. Anthony's Hospital from 2-3 p.m. Refreshments are served. There is no cost for the meetings.

Call Leslee Hall at 727-418-0820 for more information.

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SHINE is a free service of the

Florida Department of Elder Affairs, operated locally through the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco- Pinellas, Inc. SHINE provides free and unbiased Medicare information and counseling. For more information or to learn how you can volunteer, please call the Elder Helpline toll-free at 1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337) or visit the SHINE website at [www.FloridaSHINE.org](http://www.FloridaSHINE.org).

The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (or Open enrollment) begins on October 15, through December 7, 2012 for new Medicare plans in 2013.

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## Toddler Storytime

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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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## 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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## Forget-Me-Not

Loss can be devastating and often individuals are unsure as to how they should process their grief. What can a grief support group offer you? A focus group is being created for opportunity to share your experiences with others who are struggling with similar grief. Discuss feelings and learn appropriate ways to express your bereavement while learning techniques for coping with the feelings associated with the loss and gain a sense of empowerment.

If interested, please call the Gulfport Senior Center at 893-2237 or 893-1231 to get on the list. This is provided by Coast's Older American's Program. For more information, contact Meagan Flores at 727-272-7771.

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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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**Toss your Mullet in Gulfport T-Shirt Contest**

Talented artists with a penchant for mullets should listen up: the Gulfport Historical Society (GHS) needs your talent! This year, the city's annual birthday bash has some new events in store, but at least one thing will remain the same: the annual mullet toss.

Along with a new and improved birthday bash, the Society wants to design a new shirt for the city's 103rd birthday. Artists should submit a design building on the theme "Toss Your Mullet in Gulfport!" no later than July 31. Mullets depicted in the artwork must be physically accurate and the overall design should be clean, eye-catching, and, according to the Society, funky.

"We want something that's definitely 'Gulfport'," GHS President Miki Vaughan says. Please e-mail print-quality (at least 300 dpi) designs to admin@gulfporthistoricalsociety.org or mail them to the Gulfport Historical Society, care of the City of Gulfport 2401 53rd Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707.

The winning artist will receive gift cards for O'Maddy's, Pia's and PJ's Oyster Bar.

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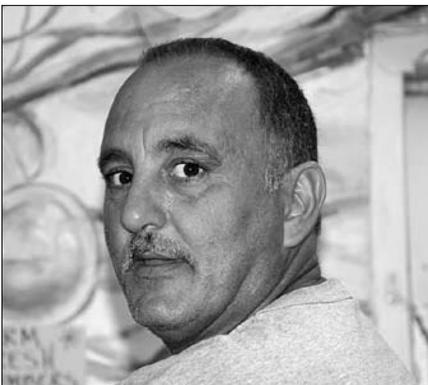
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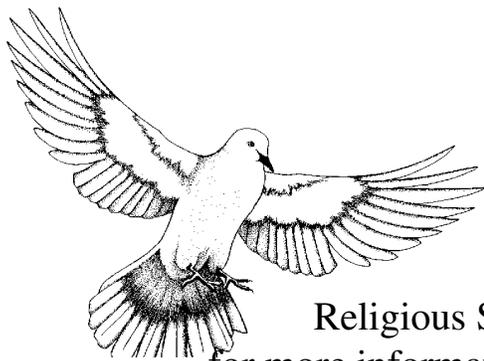


“Watermelon and corn.”  
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## MOAA to Meet

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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## 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 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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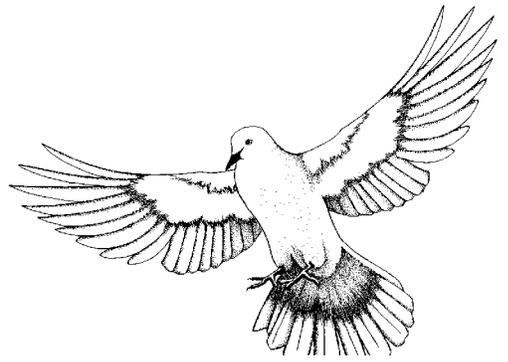
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# Worship



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St. Alban's.

The summer schedule of Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. remains. St. Alban's is located at 330 85th Avenue, St. Pete Beach. The Parish Hall is at the corner of 85th Avenue and Boca Ciega Dr. Call 360-8406 or email stalbans@tampabay.rr.com for more information.

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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## Support for your Art and Business

Get support for your art and business on Sundays at 4 p.m. at Unity of St. Pete, First Ave. N. Come and get support for producing your art and expanding your business. Arts Anonymous and Business Owners Anonymous offer this support. Call Ani at 727-327-3909.

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## 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

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### CTK Needs Shorts and Short Sleeve Tops

Schools out and Clothes To Kids is almost out of young boys and girls shorts and shirts! Please clean out your children's closets for summer and donate any gently used clothing to them. They have an urgent need for young boy's shorts sizes 6-16; short sleeve tops M, L and XL. Their supply of young girls shorts sizes 7-12, pants (size 7 and 8) and short sleeve tops in all sizes are critically low.

CTK operates year-round and provides more than 12,000 much needed wardrobes to low-income Pinellas County school children every year. They are extremely low on summer clothing and need your help!

Clothes To Kids is a not-for-profit organization which provides free clothing to low-income, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge. For more information, please call 441-5050 or visit [www.ClothesToKids.org](http://www.ClothesToKids.org). In 2012, CTK was awarded a 4 star rating by Charity Navigator.

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Since expanding activities at the City of Imagination in April to include a monthly curated art show, regular art classes, theatre work, live music, and more, organizers would like to schedule regular weekend hours during which the public can drop in.

Volunteer duties at the air-conditioned Imaginarium are uncomplicated: ambassadors should be prepared to greet visitors, answer questions, hand out brochures, and promote arts activities. Shifts are from 4-6 hours long, and volunteers are encouraged to bring a book or project with which to entertain themselves during slow times.

Meanwhile, the Industrial Art Center of Gulfport has a lot of roles to fill. Since expanding their hours of operation last fall, Owen Pach and his floor team need help with everything from cleaning and answering the phone to manning the welcome desk and managing customer traffic on art walks and other events. In addition to

making themselves part of the IACG family, volunteers will get discounts of classes and activities, invitation to closed events, and shop time with the floor team.

Anyone interested in volunteering at one or both of these great community centers should e-mail schork.jonathan@gmail.com, or send them a note on facebook.

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## Jazz on the Beach

The Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society will sponsor Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps on August 15th. Concert will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Bilmar Beach Resort, Treasure Island. Admission is \$8, students and military free with I.D. Call 727-522-6877.

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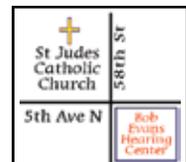
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Carol Valdes and Cathy Culler, board members of the Gulfport Historical Society, toss candy to the crowd from the Gulfport Trolley.



Harbormaster Denis Frain, dressed here as a seafaring Uncle Sam.

### ***Fourth***, from front page

hamburgers and the Senior Center director, Gail Biron, sang, and a host of volunteers. In the halls of the Hickman, people played cornhole.

The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center has parties like this one for most major holidays. If the holiday falls on a day when the Center is closed, the staff plans the party a day early.



The official derby ended, James Kile wasn't ready to call it quits yet.



Hal Ross helped select the top three winners in this year's sandcastle contest. 17 families entered the contest; about 70 people worked on the sandcastles. The top three winners included Dinoland, and Octopus, and sand polar bears drinking – what else? – Coca Cola.



Cyclists rode Miami bikes and regular bikes bejeweled for the day's festivities.

## Fresh Market Collects Pantry Donations

The Gulfport Merchants Association continues to collect donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and personal needs to be distributed to the Gulfport Senior Center Pantry. Bring your donations to the Gulfport Merchants Association tent each Tuesday during the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market, on Beach Blvd. below 29th Ave. S., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each week. The Pantry, which offers food and other needed items to struggling Gulfport individuals and families, is in great need of donations to keep up with the needs of its clients. The stock of items on Pantry shelves has been greatly diminished since the holidays and new donations will be much appreciated.

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## Help Save our Pets

The Oar House lounge located at 4807 22nd Avenue S. is a perpetual donation station for our four-legged friends. Pets supplies and cash are greatly appreciated. Items are donated once a month to an animal shelter.

## Sharing the Beach: Nesting Season for Sea Turtles

People aren't the only ones who find Florida's beaches a necessary part of summer. It's nesting season for sea turtles in the state and the endangered animals are laying hundreds of nests every night along the 1100 miles of Florida's coasts. According to Elizabeth Fleming, Florida representative of Defenders of Wildlife, it's important for Floridians to remember that beaches provide a home to hundreds of species. (contd.) Podcast and entire story available: [www.newsservice.org/index.php](http://www.newsservice.org/index.php)

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Arte Galleria, 2655 6th Ave. S., St. Pete. (727) 322-3579. Donation \$10. A fund raising party with a silent art auction, music and a great buffet by Smokin' J's BBQ.

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## Benefit For Youth Baseball

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## 3rd Annual Party for the Paws

This year's 3rd Annual Party for the Paws (a benefit for Pet Pal Animal Shelter) will be held at Ferg's Sports Bar & Grill, 1320 Central Avenue, St. Pete on Saturday, July 20th from 5-9 p.m. The theme is Tropical "Luau" so dress cool, bright, and flowery! This is a dog and kid friendly event featuring live music by 80's cover band "Screamin' Donkey", raffle baskets, 50/50 split, doggie VIP section, meet the artist of murals for mutts, tie dye creation station for the kids, adoptable dogs, and more!

All proceeds of this event will directly benefit the shelter and emergency medical fund. Pet Pal Animal Shelter is located at 405 22nd Street South,

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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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By Cathy Salustri

## City of St. Pete Beach: Community Center

**Q:** Recently the city commission discussed renaming the community center and mentioned Ms. Morean as a donor. How much money did she donate to the Community Center? What other sources of funding paid for the building and associated park?

**A:** Ms. Morean donated \$458,000, making her the largest non-governmental source of funding for the community center. The total project cost \$8.2 million. That included demolition of old city hall/police station and public works annex, removal of old fuel tanks and cleanup of soil contamination from former Misener Marine operations, complete renovation of the existing gymnasium, and construction of seawall, Horan Park and pavilion, swimming pool, community center building and all site improvements.

The city paid for the project the following ways:

Penny for Pinellas/General capital improvement project revenues:	\$3,700,000
Loan (with loan payments through 2018 from Penny for Pinellas):	\$3,900,000
Donations, Beth Morean:	\$458,000
Donations, Other:	\$205,000
Total Cost	\$8,200,000

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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

Uranus, the planet of surprise, revolution and secret power, goes retrograde on Wednesday and will continue for five months in this backward course. The big change for Uranus is a break from change for the rest of us. Settle in, review past events and decisions, and get intimately acquainted with the status quo. On Saturday, Mercury ends his retrograde cycle, and a grand trine celebrates the stress-relieving skies.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The issue of forgiveness comes up time and again. There's a point in the near future at which it will no longer be an issue, presumably because you won't put yourself in a position of judgment over the situation. You'll simply accept that things are what they are and deal with life from there. At that point, you are free.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You might be surprised by how your friends and neighbors regard you, especially since you don't normally give this much thought. But your kindness and neighborly gestures will catch up with you. The habits of being a conscientious, community-minded person will create good will that extends beyond your block.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You think everyone is on the same page as you. But when you put the theory to the test this week, you'll be surprised at all of the different chapters -- and even different books -- from which people are operating. So assume nothing. Make your vision and expectations clearly known. You'll be a fine leader.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your sideways viewpoint is needed. You'll reframe things in a way that helps others be productive. Something that is not working in its original capacity is actually quite functional as something else entirely. You're the one who will see this and explain it to the others. You promote a feeling of well-being.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sensible dreams that are within

your reach will bring a happy feeling when you finally wrap your grasp around them. And yet, you may not be able to bring yourself to go for such easy pickins. If that's the case, embrace your outlier style. You'll do something extraordinary. It will take time, lots of time, but keep going.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As soon as you feel at one with the scene you're in, it will change. That feeling of being in flow is extremely attractive to others, and they won't be able to resist joining you. "Students achieving Oneness will move on to Twoness." -- Woody Allen

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Short presentations take longer to prepare than long ones. That's why you don't have to prepare much for a casual conversation with your friend, but a meeting with a VIP requires attention and decisions about what to include and leave out. Prepare for such a meeting -- it will focus you for all you do this week.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The universal brotherhood of man sometimes feels like a strong bond, a safe place and a precious treasure of humanity. Other times, it just feels like sibling rivalry. Your connection to your fellow humans will be a mixed bag this week, but you'll continue to represent the higher instincts of our species.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). When a stranger speaks to you early in the week, note the moment of apprehension and expectancy (and the accompanying adrenaline rush) that happens before you know what this person wants. Later, you'll be the stranger, and you can use your heightened awareness of the moment to make a stellar first impression.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Don't assume that the people in power are put there because they have a talent beyond yours. They are there because they have a talent for getting those kinds of jobs. Your ideas are valid, if not superior, and will help the group -- but only if you dare to pipe up and say what's on your mind.

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

is your soul's way of telling you what it needs to stay joyful. Not everything you desire, however, would be good for you to have. When you want something (and you will this week), look at the core of what it is. The specific package might change, but the core need will remain the same until it is met.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You know where you want to end up, but unless you have a map, it's unlikely to happen. Your destination isn't a location -- you'll be exactly where you are now, only you'll be a different person. Your destination is a state of mind. Find someone who has achieved it, and ask for specific directions.

**This Week's Birthdays:** Changing other people is nearly impossible, but the changes you make in yourself will inspire others. Relationships will transform over the course of the next 10 weeks. People will take you seriously in August, so be careful to say what you mean and mean what you say. September brings a flight of fancy. The people you meet by chance will make a huge difference in your work. Your family grows in November. An angel of good fortune visits your personal life in December.

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## Gecko Night Fever

GULFPORT, FL: Dust off that polyester leisure suit and shine that disco ball! "Gecko Night Fever" will be theme of Gulfport's Fifth Annual Gecko Ball. Tickets are now on sale. "Gecko Night Fever" will evoke the 1970s disco era, including the music, dance moves, outfits, hair and fads of the 70s.

This year, the Gecko Ball will be held at the historic Gulfport Casino Ballroom (5500 Shore Blvd. South) from 6 to 11pm on Saturday, August 24th. The event gets larger and more popular each year, including costumes, over the top décor, cocktail specials, hors d'oeuvre, a dinner buffet, silent auctions, and the popular live auction of geckos created by local artists. New this year: a Gecko Queen and her Court will be presented to assembled ball-goers. Dress as a disco diva, a dance floor god, or gecko-fy yourself, or try a combination. A costume contest will determine some of the best outfits in the house. (Costumes are encouraged but are not mandatory.) A live DJ will spin some of the most popular music of the era, perfect for dancing. There will be many other surprises in store, creating what has become known as Gulfport's Party of the Year!

The Gecko Ball occurs one week prior to the Gecko Fest street festival each year, and a portion of proceeds from the two events along with the annual Gecko Pub Crawl to be held August 10th this year, annually benefit a local cause or charity. This year, a portion of proceeds will be allotted to create a new work of public art in Gulfport's Waterfront District. Additionally, another portion of proceeds will be used to purchase needed equipment for the Gulfport Little League program as well as staples for the Gulfport Senior Center Pantry.

For more information and updates on the Gecko Ball, go to the Gecko Ball Facebook page: [www.Facebook.com/Geckoball](http://www.Facebook.com/Geckoball). Tickets are \$30 per person and are available at Beach Bazaar, Domain Home Accessories & Gallery, and Couture'd in Gulfport with cash or check, as well as online at [www.GulfportMA.com](http://www.GulfportMA.com) with a credit or debit card. While they last, tables of eight or twelve may be reserved by

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of Gulfport:

**Q:** I want to put a free lending library on our property. What are the restrictions for a small weather-proof container on my right of way? – Juju Stevens

**A:** While Gulfport does not typically allow structures on the right of way, City Manager Jim O'Reilly and Community Development Director Fred Metcalf researched free lending libraries at [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org) (link provided courtesy of Juju Stevens) and said that, given the size, it would be possible to install a small library on the right of way if the homeowner had no room elsewhere.

"If it is similar in size to a mailbox," the city manager said "we would normally ask for a set of plans to determine what, if anything, may need to be done."

purchasing as a group in advance. Organizers expect the event to sell out, so Ball-goers are encouraged to purchase tickets as far in advance as possible. Gecko Fest, Gecko Ball and Gecko Pub Crawl are all sponsored by the Gulfport Merchants Association. Contact Daniel Hodge (727-366-4086 or [dan@igc.org](mailto:dan@igc.org) for details.

## Free Bags for Gulfportians

GULFPORT – Gulfport qualified for state money to buy canvas shopping

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## Water Taxi to Gulfport

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**Friday 6/28**

- Noise-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 5600 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
- Domestic-** 5500 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Trespass-** 5100 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Theft-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Theft-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Civil Matter-** 5200 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 5100 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 1100 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Disorderly Conduct-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Civil Matter-** 1800 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Shots Fired (Heard)-** 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.

**Saturday 6/29**

- Assault/Battery-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 1000 Blk Gray St. S.
- Disturbance-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 53rd St. & 18th Ave. S

**Sunday 6/30**

- Noise-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 700 Blk 60th St. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 5600 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- DUI-** Shore & Beach Blvds. S.
- Drug Call-** Shore & Beach Blvds. S.
- Burglary-** 5100 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Hit & Run-** 2900 Blk 58th St. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 5400 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 2700 Blk 49th St. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 5000 Blk Newton Ave. S.

**Monday 7/1**

- Domestic-** 5000 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Civil Matter-** 2800 Blk Dupont St. S.
- Vandalism-** 1500 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Theft-** 1100 Blk 49th St. S.

- 911 Hang Up-** 700 Blk Gray St. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 5000 Blk 31st St. S.

**Tuesday 7/2**

- Disturbance-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Trespass-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Noise-** 5300 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- DUI-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.

**Wednesday 7/3**

- Animal Call-** 1600 Blk 60th St. S.
- Burglary-** 5100 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 2600 Blk 44th St. S.
- Vandalism-** 1300 Blk 49th St. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 5300 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Road Rage-** 5100 Blk 18th Ave. S.

**Thursday 7/4**

- Noise-** 12th Ave. & 52nd St. S.
- Trespass-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Animal Call-** 5400 Blk 30th Ave. S.
- Civil Matter-** 2200 Blk Pasadena Plz
- Theft-** 2800 Blk 54th St. S.
- Animal Call-** 5300 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- Disturbance-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Drug Call-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Noise-** 5900 Blk Skimmer Pt. Blvd. S.
- Assault/Battery-** Beach & Shore Blvds. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 1400 Blk 61st St. S.
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## Taste of the Beaches

From Tierra Verde to Clearwater Beach; close to 30 eateries will be present this year at the Taste of the Beaches: Sizzlin Summer Bash. A few local favorites you'll find serving up their most delicious taste sensations are: 1200 Chop House, Snappers Sea Grille, Bob Evans, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Chick Fil-A, Chill/Steam Crabby Bill's, D'Lites Emporium, Hurricane Seafood Restaurant, Island Grille and Raw Bar, Jackie's Bistro, Sweet IRB, Lobster Pot, The Pub, Smokin' J's, Nori Thai, Bayou Catering, Maritana Grill at Loews Don CeSar, McCall & Son's, Middle Grounds, Offshore Seafood Co., PCI Bar and Grill, Publix, Ricky P's, Sea Hag's, Harry's and Rum Runners Beach Bars at Sirata Beach Resort, Square 1 and Verducci's.

Located at Horan Park in St. Pete Beach (7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St. Pete Beach, FL) on Saturday, July 20th; as well as the food samplings, you will enjoy auctions and live music by The Hamiltones & the Hunks of Funk. Our event is sponsored by Bright House Networks, Bayprint, Busch Gardens, Caputo Creative, Crown Audi, Great Bay Distributors, Sirata Beach Resort, Tampa Bay Times, Walgreens and Zonin.

Auction opportunities include: a weekend getaway with a three day rental of a 2013 Audi A5 Convertible, a NEW Beach Cruiser bicycle and many other exciting packages.

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## Learn How to Use your Sails

The United States Power Squadron's Seminar Series: Sail Trim & Rig seminar will be presented by the St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron on Wednesday, July 17 from 7-9 p.m. This seminar shows in clear and simple terms how to use and adjust sails for optimum performance under a wide range of

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## Bayway Bridge Closing

The East bound travel lanes on the Pinellas Bayway bascule bridge on Friday July 12th from 9:00am to 4:00pm for concrete placement, weather permitting. All emergency vehicles will be directed through the work zone if needed during the detour. All other vehicles will be detoured to Corey Causeway. In the event of inclement weather, the closure dates may need to be adjusted accordingly and notice will be given as soon as possible.

conditions. The seminar comes with a waterproof USPS Captain's Quick Guide written by North Sails and Student Notes. It will be held at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing, St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$25 per family. There is a maximum of 20 students; pre-registration required; Contact [www.boating-stpete.org](http://www.boating-stpete.org).

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## Seen Around Town: Politics and Beer With a View



Gulfportians Arnie and Barbara Miszaros talk healthcare and city council while they check out the view from the newly-remodeled J's on Beach and Shore Boulevards. The couple, who live on the other side of Gulfport Boulevard, remember the old Casa Cortez, which closed in 2003.

"We were here when it was just a Mexican place," Barbara says. "This blowout is just tremendous. We wish them luck."

Since Casa Cortez, four separate restaurants have occupied the building: Aquabella's, Roman Gardens, the Dive Bar, and now J's. The building once housed an ice cream shop on one side of Casa Cortez and a gift shop on the other; when new owners remodeled to open Aquabella's, they removed the ice cream shop and the gift shop.

## Mosquitos, from front page

including the ditch line by Wood Ibis Park, Veteran's Park, and Tangerine Greenway. He says the fish can survive in very little water, so if Tangerine drains down to puddles they will survive. He also noted that the dragonfly larvae he observed in the Greenway will also eat the mosquito larvae.

Mr. Zevin asks all readers to empty any containers in their yard, as even tiny puddles offer mosquito larvae fertile ground.

"That's a huge problem for us- getting people to dump their containers," he says.

For more information about how to stop mosquitoes, please read this article online and look for the link to Pinellas County Mosquito Control.

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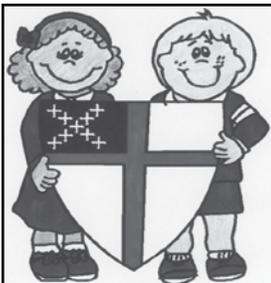
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## Become a Donor

CLEARWATER, Fla., April 2, 2013 – Employees at the Pinellas County Tax Collector's Office are teaming up with Donate Life Florida this month to make Floridians aware of the life-saving role they can play by registering as an organ, tissue and eye donor. April is National Donate Life Month, and tax collector employees are participating in the annual Donate Life Challenge, a month-long effort among tax collectors and the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to promote awareness of Florida's organ donor registry.

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

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

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

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

Florida offers four simple ways to register as an organ, tissue or eye donor.

- On Donate Life Florida's website at [www.DonateLifeFlorida.org](http://www.DonateLifeFlorida.org).
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### "Chamber Chatter"

by Lynda Shehan

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The Chamber's next "networking mixer" will be held Thursday, July 18 hosted by America's Office Source and The Cell Phone Solution, 5014 Gulfport Blvd from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. These mixers are a fabulous opportunity to showcase your business and meet those in need of your services. You need not to be a member to attend simply a desire to learn more about what your Chamber can do for you. We also welcome those with an interest in volunteering.

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**HOGAN, SARAH DEEM**, Mother, Educator, Environmentalist and Friend, May 11, 1937 - June 29, 2013. *"For whatever we lose (like a you or a me) it's always ourselves we find in the sea."* -E.E. Cummings. Ms. Sarah Deem Hogan passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 29, 2013. Sarah was born in 1937 and grew up in Annapolis, MD. After graduating from Emma Willard and Vassar College, Sarah worked for United Airlines in Washington, D.C. before moving to St. Pete Beach, FL, in 1963. Sarah embraced Florida's sun and sea, even the heat and humidity, and, fittingly, spent the last week of her life surrounded by family taking in both sunsets over the Gulf and sunrises over the Atlantic. Raising her beloved children, Kathleen, Tim and Eric, in a beach town was Sarah's joy. Always the selfless provider, Sarah scheduled her work life at the Careless Navigator and the Kopper Kitchen so she was home each afternoon to make sure her children paid proper attention to their studies. Only after her youngest was successfully settled at the University of Florida did Sarah pursue her dream of teaching. Sarah began teaching as a substitute teacher in 1986 at Boca Ciega High School. She taught full time while pursuing her Masters degree in English Education, which she earned from the University of South Florida in 1995. Sarah was proud to join the International Baccalaureate Program at St. Petersburg High School where she taught English until she retired in June 2005. In addition to her love for teaching and education, Sarah was a tireless environmentalist, lover of all things cultural, and an eager volunteer in the Tampa Bay community. She was never afraid to roll up her sleeves and get to work. Sarah was known for cleaning up the local beaches and waterways while kayaking and beach-walking and for building "Oyster Domes" for Tampa Bay Watch, where this year she was named "Volunteer of the Year." Sarah's commitment to community included volunteering at Clearwater Marine Aquarium, St. Pete Beach Library, Studio@620 and freeFall Theatre. She loved supporting the American Stage Theatre Company and sharing countless joy-filled events with the Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association, Inc. - where she served as the Board's Director of Membership. A

prolific reader, Sarah was passionate about literature and words, often juggling multiple books and subjects simultaneously, and she routinely completed, in INK, the weekend NY Times Crossword Puzzle. Her love for all sports was especially pronounced when the game involved tennis, the Tampa Bay Rays and the Florida Gators. Sarah gathered regularly with many groups of beloved friends that will miss her deeply. She held in her heart a special fondness for her Fancy and Laid Back Ladies. Sarah is survived by her three children, Kathleen Hogan Wolf (Edward), Timothy H. Hogan, and Eric D. Hogan (Skip Kirst); grandchildren Michelle Thompson (Bill), Sam Hogan and Murphy Hogan; brother, Joseph Deem; and her beloved nieces and nephews through the extended families of Mary Deem and Pat Anderson. Sarah is predeceased by her parents, U.S. Naval Commander Joseph M. and Enid H. Deem. A celebration of Sarah's life will be announced separately. The family requests that in lieu of flowers any donations be made in Sarah's memory to Tampa Bay Watch, 3000 Pinellas Bayway S., Tierra Verde, FL 33715,

www.tampabaywatch.org, 727-867-8166.

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**KURANT, THOMAS JUDE**, 53, formerly of St. Pete Beach, passed from this life in Pensacola on June 28, 2013. He was the son of Robert and Bernadette Kurant, deceased. He is survived by his sisters, Susan Smith and Mary (Richard) Belicka; brothers, Dan (Jill), Stephan (Leslie), James (Barbara) and John (Cathy) Kurant all of St. Petersburg. A celebration of life will be held at the home of Jim and Barbara, 6670 Emerson Avenue South, St. Petersburg on July 13, 2013. Trahan Funeral Home Pensacola, FL.

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promote arts activities. Shifts are from 4-6 hours long, and volunteers are encouraged to bring a book or project with which to entertain themselves during slow times.

Meanwhile, the Industrial Art Center of Gulfport has a lot of roles to fill. Since expanding their hours of operation last fall, Owen Pach and his floor team need help with everything from cleaning and answering the phone to manning the welcome desk and managing customer traffic on art walks and other events. In addition to making themselves part of the IACG family, volunteers will get discounts of classes and activities, invitation to closed events, and shop time with the

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Anyone interested in volunteering at one or both of these great community centers should e-mail schork.jonathan@gmail.com, or send them a note on facebook.  
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by Marilyn Preston

## The Doctor-Patient Dance: You Take the Lead

Few of us enjoy going to the doctor, especially if you have something scary, like symptoms. A stabbing knee pain. A nagging chest pain. A headache that keeps coming back, no matter how much Tylenol you take.

Though your symptoms may vary, the goal is the same: You want to feel better, fast. And you want your physician to figure out what's wrong (also fast).

That's why Dr. Jerome Groopman's eye-opening book, "How Doctors Think," is so valuable for people on the path to a healthier, happier lifestyle. He teaches us to be better, more aware patients. He recognizes that doctors are far from perfect when it comes to diagnosing our problems. They make mistakes, and the majority of errors they make are not technical screw-ups, but rather errors in thinking.

Doctors are under great pressure to perform, and perform quickly. Like the rest of us, they jump to conclusions they're comfortable with. They ignore facts that don't fit. They have egos and emotions that cloud their judgment and lead them astray.

So, given human nature, how can you improve your medical care? That's what Groopman's book is all about. Here are some highlights:

-- BE A PARTNER. You can't be passive, shy or intimidated by your doctor, Groopman insists. Instead, be involved. A doctor-patient relationship works best when it's a partnership. "Patients and their loved ones can be true partners with physicians when they know how their doctors think, and why doctors sometimes fail to think."

-- TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS. If you sense the white-coated one is rushing through your exam, not listening to your story, pay attention. It's an instinct to be honored. "Research shows that patients do pick up on a doctor's negativity, but few understand

how that affects their care, and rarely change doctors." Groopman's advice? Change doctors! Preston's advice? Find an integrative doc trained in best practices of Western and Eastern medicine.

-- DON'T BE PIGEONHOLED. Doctors think in stereotypes, like the rest of us: the hysterical housewife, the overworked executive. If you think your doctor is pigeonholing you and not paying enough attention to who you really are and what you're really saying, call him on it. Humor will help.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

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

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

### WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING

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

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

It is critical to review your estate planning documents whenever important changes in your life occur. If you marry, move to a new state, have a child or lose a loved one, an update of your legal documents may be necessary. Also, it is an excellent

idea to discuss with your lawyer if your estate plan is keeping pace with the value of your property and is updated to address changes in Florida law and tax laws. Revisions may be made with the drafting of new documents or an amendment to existing documents may be necessary. It is important to never make a change in your old will or trust by writing on or crossing out words or phrases which you want to eliminate as this may invalidate your documents.

### DIVORCE

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

visitation or custody rights, a lawyer can assist you in seeking protection against these improper acts of your spouse.

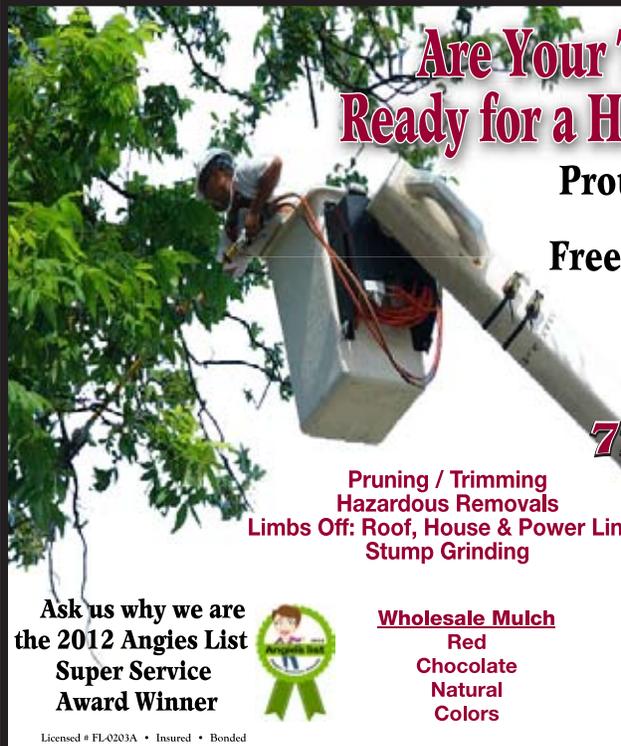
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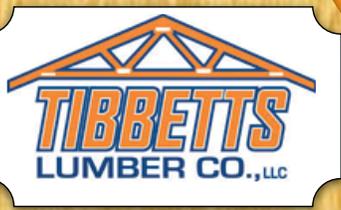
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# Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

## Hard Candy: You Might Be A Gulfportian If...

Amidst all the festivities during the city's Fourth of July celebration (by the way, well done, city staff!), I realized that, despite a New York birthplace and growing up in Clearwater, somewhere along the way, I've become a Gulfportian. How do I know? Well, for one, I now anticipate the Fourth of July and GeckoFest much like a child does Christmas and her birthday. That started me thinking: How do you know you're a Gulfportian? I asked some of our readers, alongside some of my clues that I might be one, here's how you know you might be a Gulfportian.

You might be a Gulfportian if...

... you know the proper pronunciation of "Gulfportian".

... you're wheeling a baby carriage through downtown, but have a dog in it and no one thinks twice about it. If you have a baby in that carriage, though, everyone does a double-take.

... you may not like all your neighbors but it's like family: only Gulfportians can talk that way about each other.

... likewise, even the Gulfportian who likes you the least would join you to rescue a mistreated animal.

... you fly a rainbow flag even though you aren't gay.

... you spend two hours at the Tuesday Fresh Market – 20 minutes to shop and the rest to chat.

... you are in some way related to the Worthingtons.

... someone refers to Disston City or Veteran's City and you know what they mean.

... you have ever spoken before city council about the necessity of owning chickens.

... your local paper ran an article about the (former) police chief getting his gun stolen from his cruiser and no one seemed to notice. The

next month someone found an abandoned rabbit and the Gabber received letters for two months.

... you can't find most Eastern Block countries on a map, but you could find the Thursday Night Social, the Blueberry Patch and the Worthington fish fry blindfolded in a rainstorm.

... when someone makes fun of the guy with the mullet, it takes you a minute to realize they mean his hair.

... the thought of tossing a dead fish into a kiddie pool is totally normal to you.

... you've used the phrase "behind the wall" and didn't mean Berlin.

... you start to feel homesick when you go north of Central Avenue and a trip to Tampa feels like a visit to a foreign land.

... you try to ice the fish you caught last night and a crowd forms at the fish box.

... at least once a year you have to explain to someone "the one in Florida."

... "Hurricane Watch" means going down to O'Maddy's and drinking beer while watching the storm roll in.

... you don't like shoes, but if you must wear them, you wear sandals.

... you know Jimmy.

... you see Charlie Williams every-day but you've never once seen him in shoes.

... you can tell when someone moved to town by what they call the Casa Cortez building.

... you know Pia and Maddy aren't just trendy restaurant names.

... you know we're not like Key West. Key West is like us.

... your mayor is also your bartender.

... your police officers investigate duck snatchings and home invasions with equal enthusiasm.

... the social event of the year involves a gecko dressed in a leisure suit.

... you and your lesbian partner have matching "Keep Gulfport Weird" t-shirts.

... you know exactly how many chickens are permissible in a residential zone.

Special thanks to readers Tiffany Anderson-Taylor, Christine Brown, Elizabeth Brown-Worthington, Mike Chapman, Diane Craig, Lindsay Fussell, Pat Harbachuk, Brenna Henderson, Sam Henderson, Jono Miller, Juju Stevens, Frank Verdino, Charlie Williams, Denise Wimmer-Lowe, and (of course) my mom for helping write this week's column.

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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, then 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.

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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## Keeping the Sunshine

Florida has one of the best Sunshine Laws (open government) in the country, but it's not always easy to monitor and enforce nor to keep legislators from amending it away. Benjamin Franklin when asked, after the 1787 Constitutional Convention, "is it a Republic or a Monarchy?", replied: "A Republic, if you can keep it". Sunshine laws are like that. It takes vigilance and participation on the part of the public to keep them even though their essence is a part of the Florida Constitution.

A case in point is in St.Pete Beach where the City Commission is accused of operating behind closed doors in what are referred to as "shade meetings". The First Amendment Foundation, a coalition of news media and open government activists, is challenging the Commission even though it is the first battle in the circuit court. The Foundation argues that the Commission hid behind the Sunshine exemption for legal strategy meetings and did regular business.

According to the St. Pete Times, the judge ruled that not only didn't they hide, the issue was "cured" because there were numerous open meetings.

I'm not going to argue either side on this particular issue. My point is that this is a public concern and Floridians probably don't appreciate how good their laws are for the public. I spent years as a reporter and as a representative of the media in Pennsylvania fighting for half of what Florida has. In fact Gulfport's City Manager, Bob Lee of several years ago. Lee volunteered to testify before the Pennsylvania legislature on the issue. He had worked in both states and much preferred Florida's everything-is-open way of doing public business.

It's far too easy for a public official to say, " we can't do business with everyone knowing everything." My answer is that those are the rules. If you don't like them don't run for the office. The government belongs to the people and they are entitled to know what's going. And, they're entitled to search public records to find out. This goes for all the branches of the government and its agencies. Does it

make the job more difficult? Perhaps, but not that much. And, often it's easier for administrators to be open than to have to keep secrets which are often kept from other public officials.

An exception is for legal strategy meetings - the St. Pete Beach Commission issue. The problem is that hired lawyers, who too often have too much sway over public officials (too many laws that are too complex?), tend to side with secrecy rather than openness. The question is: who is the client? The public body or the public? The fact is that bad things happen in the dark or very late in the night or early morning.

I was interested in the "cure" aspect of the case. That is, an argument that no harm was done because ultimately the issue was done in the sunshine. Hmm. Kind of like robbing someone then giving the money back the next week and saying, "it's ok. No harm done." Don't get me wrong. No one was robbed in a literal sense, but sneaking in a few behind closed door meetings is a type of public taking.

Don't bash your public officials just for being public officials. It is tough duty sometimes. However, don't give up your hard won rights to know what your government is doing.

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**MAY THE SACRED** Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved throughout the world. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. Blessed Mother, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. Say this prayer for nine days, nine times a day. Then publish this prayer. Thank You, Jesus. T.A.B.

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