

Police Chief Says Police Can't Reduce Crime, Can Change Perception on 49th Street

By Cathy Salustri

Although Gulfport Police Chief Rob Vincent told the city manager in a July 16 memo "it is unlikely we will be able to reduce actual crime any further" along the 49th Street corridor, Tuesday night he presented council with an almost-\$150,000 plan to improve the community's perception of 49th Street.

Chief Vincent's perception-improving plan includes improving lighting on 49th Street, adding a police officer, and try surveillance cameras along the corridor. Chief Vincent said he would not feel it necessary to move the city's four man, plainclothes, criminal investigations unit to the 49th Street Neighborhood Center if the council agreed to give him

another officer. Not moving the criminal investigations unit would shave \$20,000 off the \$150,000 price tag.

Chief Vincent also said the extra officer, which would carry a cost of \$85,000 (that figure includes benefits, a vehicle, and equipment), would allow him the ability to "be more proactive" with Neighborhood

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"We're very grateful to Christopher Mathis for not being afraid to take his work home with him," Mayor Sam Henderson said.

Founder's Cemetery

The first Gulfportians buried their dead in part of what is now the Highland Oaks neighborhood in south St. Petersburg. According to lifelong resident – and a descendant of the first settlers, the Barnetts – Bob Worthington, the first Gulfportians buried their dead on an old shell mound, the only land considered unsuitable for fruit trees.

When St. Petersburg annexed the land, the graves went with the annexation, although the city does not care for the graves. That responsibility falls with the descendants of Gulfport's founders and the neighboring church.

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Bob Worthington kneels at a headstone reading "Miller" at Gulfport's first cemetery.





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Church officials told Gulfport Historical Society members that some graves receive visitors on holidays such as Memorial or Independence Day. Although former cemetery keepers made no provisions for perpetual care, the church says it does its best to keep the cemetery grass cut.

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Gulfport's Financial Picture Looks Better

For the first time in several years, Gulfport city council's discussion of the budget did not include what they would have to cut to balance the budget. Instead, City Manager Jim O'Reilly's proposed budget points the city towards rebuilding staff and programs.

Councilmembers discussed the city's \$17 million-plus budget during the workshop portion of the city's council meeting. Items discussed at this preliminary discussion included

- Adding building inspector and permit person
- Making a part-time preschool teacher full time
- Putting a receptionist back in city hall
- Making the library administrator the "Director of Library and Technology"
- Making the Harbormaster "Director of Marine Operations", which will include Casino docks
- Granting employees a two percent raise
- Improving lighting on 49th Street

• Not building volleyball bleachers
This marked the first of several budget discussions. Council did not vote and will have several more such discussions, including opportunities for public input, before voting on a final budget. To see the proposed budget, read this article online at TheGabber.com and look for the link.

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Third Saturday Art Walk

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This year's Festival has 11 short plays, both comedies and dramas,

with a total cast of 27 great actors. It's got something for everyone in it and is suitable for the entire family. Curtain time for Thursday, Friday and Saturday is 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. for Sunday. The Players advise you to get your tickets ASAP and they are looking forward to selling out many, if not all, of the remaining shows.

Many in their audiences say that this is the best Festival yet! You can check out a ton of their rehearsal photos from this play on the Players' website at: <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org>. See you at the Hickman!

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End of Summer Reading Program Party

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Correction

Last week *the Gabber* incorrectly identified Gulfport Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon as the Ward One Councilwoman. Voters, in fact, elected her to represent Ward Three. The Gabber regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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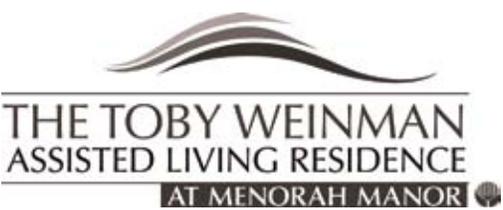
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FDOT workers will make sure emergency vehicles can get through the work zone as needed. Workers will not necessarily have eastbound lanes closed all day, however drivers should anticipate closures and pay attention to the flashing signs situated around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

As always, the Gabber will post any changes under the "Top Stories" section of our web site (www.theGabber.com) as we learn of them. You can also get e-mail updates about the Bayway construction project. E-mail roadwork@dot.state.fl.us and ask to receive Bayway detour information.

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"If you have people volunteer in your name, you have to have somebody watching everything they do," he said, adding that with an extra officer to oversee volunteers, the department could assist code enforcement officer Bruce Earling with his duties.

Although some area residents have asked that Gulfport take a more proactive approach to the St. Petersburg side of 49th Street, the chief refused to do so.

"We must recognize that Gulfport has neither the authority nor the right to press for changes in neighborhoods outside of our city," he said in the same July 16 memo to City Manager Jim O'Reilly. "The residents of those areas are entitled and empowered to insist that their government provide the level of services they desire. If those residents want change, they must be the ones to make it happen."

Tuesday night, he reiterated that message, but added a twist.

"We don't have any right to tell.. the government of St. Pete what they should be doing," he said, but added that if council approved funding for an additional officer, it would "be completely appropriate" to meet with community leaders involved with both sides of 49th Street.

The chief suggested that video surveillance would work only in tandem with staff or volunteers who could monitor the footage.

"If you don't have somebody watching it, it's limited in value," he said. He suggested purchasing two cameras using seized funds and consulting with "anyone affected" on both sides of 49th Street as to the placement.

Ward One Councilman and Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke said he would not support adding another officer but suggested the city create a "Gulfport Commerce SafeCam Grant Program" whereby the city offered businesses a matching \$1,000 grant to install security cameras.

Council made no decisions.

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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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By Cathy Salustri

City of St. Pete Beach: Fuel

Q: How many vehicles does the city own, and where do they get their fuel?

A: St. Pete Beach owns 33 vehicles. The large fire trucks get fuel from the South Pasadena Fire Station, while the city has a corporate EXXON/Mobil charge account for most other vehicles.

“That removes taxes and gives a small discount,” City Manager Mike Bonfield says of the corporate charge account.

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. 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.”

GEMS will 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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Fraud Awareness

Stetson Elder Law presents Elder Consumer Fraud Awareness on Wednesday, August 7 at 1 p.m. at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. Learn about consumer fraud and scams aimed at older adults, ways to help protect yourself, and what to do if you become a victim. You must be a Center member to attend. Sign up today at the Center.

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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

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Vegan Potluck

Reaching out to vegans and vegetarians who are truly concerned with the welfare of animals and the planet, Brigitte and Ian Wallace are hosting a vegan potluck gathering at their home in Gulfport, on Saturday July 20th at 7:00 p.m. They are hoping to make this a monthly event, where like minded caring humans enjoy meeting friends and sharing delicious ethical kind food in the comfort of a home. Must RSVP at 727-793-7055 and plan on bringing only 100% vegan dishes.

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Maximo Boat Ramps Dedication Ceremony

ST. PETERSBURG- City of St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation invites the public to celebrate the dedication of seven brand new boat ramps at Maximo Park, 34th Street South and Pinellas Point Drive South on Tuesday, July 23 at 10:30 a.m. Maximo Park boat ramps allow easy access to Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. The ramps were replaced due to their deteriorated condition.

In 2009, the city applied for grant funding for Maximo Park from the Florida Boating Improvements Program through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. In 2012, the city was awarded the Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the Maximo Park boat ramp improvement project. The project included design and permitting services, demolition of seven existing boat ramps, construction of seven new boat ramps and four floating docks, construction of a new restroom facility, security lighting, and parking improvements.

Maximo Park improvements also include a new playground, additional landscaping, a replica Indian Temple Mound, improved accessible paths to the picnic shelters and other Park upgrades. Penny for Pinellas funds provided the necessary funding for the remainder of these projects.

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New for August

Summer still sizzles at the Gulfport Senior Center with new additions of fun and interactive events for Senior Center members coming up in August.

Laugh, Smile & Re-Energize will be on Mondays at 12:45 p.m. with the 1st class on Monday, August 5th. The Coffee Club is the second Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. with the next meeting on Thursday, August 8th. They will start celebrating everyone's birthday in August with "Birthday Party at the Senior Center" on the third Tuesday of every starting August 20th sponsored by Wellcare. Challenge your mind and have fun during The Puzzle Pages Party on the second Friday of every other month at 11 a.m. beginning August 9th!

Check out all their monthly classes, programs and events at www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org website.

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Seniors' Chat Room

Join others as they experience table topics with the Gulfport Senior Center's Chat Room every Friday at 2 p.m. The Center is located at 5501 27 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

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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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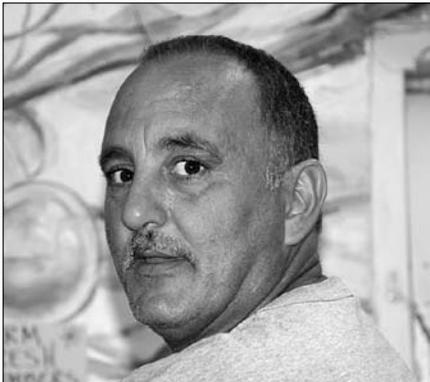
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CORRECTION
Last week, we incorrectly identified Gulfport Produce (and its new owners) as Pasadena Produce. Both produce markets thanked us for the coverage but asked that we clarify: Pasadena Produce does NOT have new owners, while Gulfport Produce does. We regret the error and any inconvenience or confusion it may have caused owners, management, or customers of either establishment. Above you can see how the Gabs should have read.

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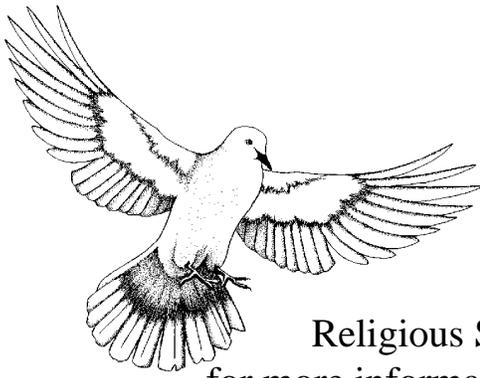
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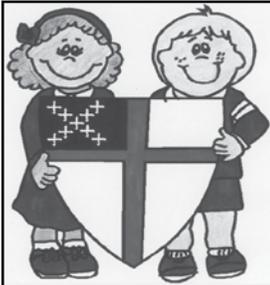


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The summer schedule of Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. remains. St. Alban's is located at 330 85th Avenue, St. Pete Beach. The Parish Hall is at the corner of 85th Avenue and Boca Ciega Dr. Call 360-8406 or email stalbands@tampabay.rr.com for more information.

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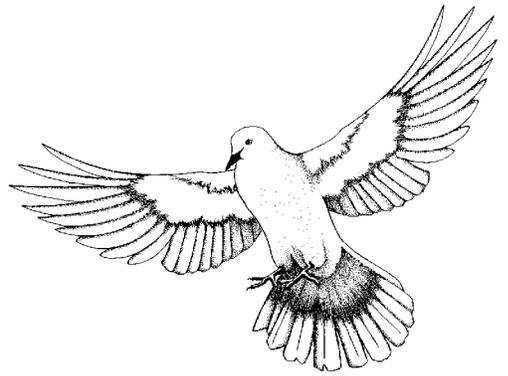
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Country Gospel Sing A Long presents Don and Jadene Boot in concert on July 21st at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Connection Church, 635 64th Street S. in St. Petersburg. Call Pastor David Oliver at 727-565-5244.

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Care Givers Support Groups

Do you find yourself "caring" for the health concerns of another adult? Do you sometimes feel a need for a listening ear of another person who has empathy for your situation? If so, we invite you to visit one of our Care Givers Support Groups at Pasadena Community Church. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and on Wednesday

mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Life Enrichment Center at 227 70 Street S.

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.

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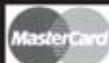
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Gulfport Teen Beaten

By Cathy Salustri

Last Wednesday afternoon, a Gulfport teen received a beating on a school bus as a direct result of his telling authorities at Lealman Intermediate School that three older boys tried to sell him marijuana in the school's bathroom.

"The kids apparently didn't have anything on them when the school official spoke to them," according to Gulfport Detective Sergeant Tom Woodman said, although that portion of the incident remains out of Gulfport's police jurisdiction – the school board will handle that portion of the investigation.

The victim, a 13-year-old Ward Four resident, reported the alleged offer of drugs to school officials. The three older boys, all 15, boarded the bus with the Gulfport teen and, according to a police statement released by Gulfport Detective Sergeant Tom Woodman, began the beating as the bus neared the boy's stop.

"As the bus was stopping near the above location, the three suspects began their attack, punching and kicking the victim for nearly a full minute," Detective Sergeant Woodman wrote in the statement. "As the victim tried to crawl under the seat, the suspects kicked and stomped on him. In all, the suspects threw dozens of punches, often simultaneously, and at least 23 kicks or stomps."

The bus driver reportedly radioed for assistance "when three fifteen-year-old students ganged up on and repeatedly punched and kicked the smaller, thirteen-year-old victim" according to the statement, and Gulfport police officers arrived at 20th Avenue South and 51st Street, but the suspects had fled the bus using its emergency exit. Police did later identify and arrest all three teens, charging Lloyd Khemradj, Julian McKnight and Joshua Reddin with aggravated battery. Police charged Reddin with robbery as well, as they believe he took the victim's money after the three 15-year-olds finished beating the victim.

In addition to inflicting other injuries, police say, the threesome fractured the victim's arm. Police will not release the name of the victim, *Gabber* July 18 - July 24, 2013

but can and did legally release the names of the accused; although they are under 18, because police charged them with a felony they can release the boys' identities.

The school bus driver retired effective Monday July 15, according to Pinellas County School Board District spokesperson Lisa Wolf. When asked why the three boys accused of trying to sell drugs on school property were allowed on a school bus with their accuser, Ms. Wolf said state law and district policy forbade her from discussing disciplinary actions.

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The Leo sun and the full moon in Aquarius conspire to create dramatic games. In movies, the villains often set up an elaborate diabolical plot and then leave before their victims are fully dispatched, giving them time and privacy to heroically save themselves. The drama this week has a similar dynamic except that the villain is invisible from the start, which leads the wise person to wonder whether the predicament was self-created.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some people seem to be born with a positive attitude, and some struggle to achieve it. Still others don't even try. It may not come naturally to you to find a silver lining, but you're determined. Through effort, you make up the difference, and it means more to everyone around you. They are inspired by how hard you try.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some days it's hard to know how to encourage yourself. Should you hold yourself to a higher standard, or will easing up on the controls be your best bet? The latter idea will yield the most satisfying results more often than not this week. Oddly, you'll find that freedom and productivity go hand in hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll respond best to people who are clear in their intentions, because your brain is highly organized and loves to categorize things. If what you're dealing with can't be neatly sorted into a category, this will be distressing, and your brain will automatically default the thing to the "get away from it" category.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sad feelings are normal as long as they don't happen too often or last too long. Processing these feelings while moving along in a happier direction is simpler than you would have thought when you have a friend to help. You are especially compatible with fire signs now: Aries, Leo and Sagittarius.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are good reasons why you feel as you do. Anyway, feelings can't be wrong

or right -- they just are. The big question now is: Are these feelings helping you to do and be your best? If not, they must be worked through. There's a difference between noticing how you feel and dwelling in it. Try to be bouncy. Stay up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Before you put all of your effort into trying to fix someone's life, consider all angles. Sometimes what looks like a slump is actually not a slump at all, but a lifestyle. People who are never happy and are always mired in down-in-the-dumps drama may like it that way. Who are you to change that?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are not an acquired taste, though someone close to you may want you to believe that's the case. It gives this person power if you think that what you have isn't interesting to everyone around. Don't be fooled. You have mainstream appeal, and there is tremendous value to what you're offering.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Unusual circumstances have you wondering about the nature of reality. You'll think: How much of this is happening in my head? You are wise to realize that other people's perceptions are bound to be different from yours. But right now many will see the story just as you do. This should be validating.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Intelligent decisions are easier to make when you don't need or want anything. Detachment lends objectivity. But how are you to stop wanting what you want and needing what you need? Play the "as if" game. Your imagination will help you get the most advantageous perspective.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The new you is waiting, watching a cellphone for the time, and will soon be texting you: "Where are you?" What will it take to get from here to there? A good friend or coach provides the right push. A Taurus can give you practical solutions, and an Aquarius will introduce a vision to your mind's eye.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've

done a stellar job, and your reward for that work is that now you're expected to do even more, faster and cheaper. This doesn't seem fair and makes little sense, and yet you'll pull it off amazingly well. Then -- surprise, surprise -- on Thursday the tables turn, and suddenly you are calling all of the shots.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you think of your relationships, part of you is happy and grateful and part is discontented and longing for something more like you thought love would be when you were younger. That dissatisfaction will drive you to get out and meet new people. You can still have the love you wished for once upon a time.

This Week's Birthdays: There's a niche to be filled. In deciding that you are the one to fill it, you'll take the first step in realizing your potential. You'll notice a chemical reaction to the certain someone you meet next month. This can be utilized to do excellent work together, or if single, this could be love. The change you undergo in September seems miraculous, but in fact, this is just the culmination of work you've been doing for years. This is important: Give back in November. Complete a mission or begin a quest.

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Local artist Joan Allen, originally from Oklahoma, has lived in Gulfport for 11 years. While acquiring a varied resume over the years in locations around the country, including rural stay-at-home mom, graphic artist, envelope-stuffer, coffee shop proprietor and historic hotel manager, Joan managed time to teach herself the craft of quilting. After discovering and working with oven-cured clay, she eventually combined this with her talent for needle and fabric work to develop a line of highly imaginative "art dolls," made with detailed clay appendages, bodies of assorted fabrics, and inventive hair and accessories. She has created a wide variety of the dolls over the years and they have been extensively collected. With the exception of a line of "peacock" sculptures created from fabric and mixed media, most of Joan's art dolls are women or girls, each with her own name, vivacious personality and witty back story. (Example: "Wilheimina, born on a turkey farm in Kentucky, hopped a bus, changed her name, learned Texas Hold'em, bought the casino. Likes her martinis dry.") Domain Home Accessories has offered Joan Allen's "art dolls," especially her mermaids, for many years.

Also prominently featuring women in her art work, local photographer Melissa Lowe has had a passion for the camera for as long as she can remember. She was raised by both her mother in Guatemala, as well as her father in Florida. She has lived near Gulfport for over 20 years, and has worked in various Gulfport restaurants as a server for many years. Melissa also works as an event, wedding and portrait photographer. After creating a number of artful women's portraits over the years,

the idea for a book came to fruition earlier this year with the publication of "Gulfport Girls" (2013, Trace Taylor Publishing). The book is a collection of stunning photographs of ten Gulfport-area women, in a range of ages, who agreed to pose in a variety of settings. Melissa's art photography is centered on the female form in the work she displays at "& Gallery."

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2013-2014 Tot-Time Program

The City of Gulfport Recreation Center is currently accepting pre-registrations for the 2013-2014 Tot Time Program. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Program hours are from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The program begins September 3, 2013. Call 893-1068.

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Artists Create Geckos for Charity Auction

GULFPORT- Seven larger-than-life steel geckos will be the centerpiece of a live auction to benefit local charities as well as a public art installation in Gulfport's Waterfront District. Each of the large steel geckos has been reimagined, manipulated and decorated in a variety of media by local artists. The geckos are now on display in locations throughout the Gulfport Waterfront District until Friday, August 23rd and will be up for auction during the fifth annual Gecko Ball on Saturday, August 24th at the historic waterfront Gulfport Casino Ballroom (5500 Shore Boulevard S.). Doors for the event open at 6 p.m. and the party continues until 11 p.m. Each gecko will be a prized collector's art piece and will be accompanied by a certificate of authenticity signed by the artist. Organizers initiated the Artists' Gecko Auction four years ago with much success, and due to its popularity, the auction is now a part of the tradition of annual Gulfport Gecko-related activities in August and September.

The seven finished geckos are on display at the following Gulfport locations in the weeks leading up to the Gecko Ball: Beach Bazaar (3115 Beach Blvd.), Domain Home Accessories & Gallery (3129 Beach Blvd.), J's (3128 Beach Blvd.), Neptune Grill (5501 Shore Blvd.), Pia's Trattoria (3054 Beach Blvd.), Salty's (5413 Shore Blvd.), and T & Me Tea Co. (2908 1/2 Beach Blvd.). Advance bids will also be accepted for geckos at their preview locations.

The annual Gecko Ball has become known as Gulfport's Party of the Year! This year's theme is "Gecko Night Fever!" evoking the 1970s disco era, including the music, dance moves, outfits, hair and fads of the 70s. Colorful and fun décor with a disco and gecko twist will take over the Gulfport Casino Ballroom. Admission includes cocktail hour hors d'oeuvre, a 70s-inspired dinner buffet, full cash bar, drink specials including the infamous "Geckotini," a live disco DJ and dancing, posed commemorative and candid photos for sale, silent auctions and other surprises. Costumes are encouraged but are not mandatory. A costume contest will determine some of the

best outfits in the house. New this year: a Gecko Queen and her Court will be presented to the assembled Ball-goers.

Tickets are \$30 each and are available in advance with check or cash at Gulfport Beach Bazaar (3115 Beach Blvd.), Domain Home Accessories & Gallery (3129 Beach Blvd.) and Couture'd (5401 Gulfport Blvd.) in Gulfport. Tickets may also be purchased online with a credit or debit card at GulfportMA.com. While they last, tables of eight may be reserved by purchasing as a group in advance. For more information on the Gecko Ball or Artist's Gecko Auction, contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org.

The Gecko Ball takes place one week prior to GeckoFest, Gulfport's largest street festival of the year, on August 31st, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Gecko Fest is free and open to all. The Gecko Pub Crawl is another component of Gulfport's Gecko-centric activities, this year taking place on Saturday, August 10th. More information is available at GeckoFest.com. A portion of proceeds from each event will benefit a planned public art installation in the Waterfront District of Gulfport. Another portion of proceeds this year will be used to purchase equipment for the Gulfport Little League Program, as well as needed supplies for the Gulfport Senior Center Pantry.

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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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PROGRAMS

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 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. An-

nual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

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

- German For Beginners-Starts Tues. July 30th. 6 to 7pm. Call 727-755-3459 or email Pegasus.scholar@gmail.com
- Urban Survivor Bootcamp Fitness-Starts Tues. Aug. 20th. 6:15 to 7:15. Please call Donnie Ali-McClendon @ 727-550-7185

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.

- Chair Yoga- Returns in the fall. Call Joyce at 727-345-0679
- Beginners Conversational Spanish- Mon. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call 727-482-2125 for more info
- Intermediate Conversational Spanish - Mon., 6:45-7:45 p.m. Call 727-482-2125 for more info.
- Fencing - Wed., 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.
- Tai Chi - Tues. & Thurs., MOVED TO THE CASINO 9:15-10:30 a.m. Call Mar-

ge at 345-6708.

- Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Call Jack at 280-4276.
- Yoga in the A. M. - MOVED TO SCOUT HALL, Wed., 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- 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

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

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

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.

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.

SCORE Counseling: Tues., July 23. FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals the fourth Tues-

day of every month. Call 893-1073 FMI & to schedule an appointment.

Community Involvement Consulting: Tuesday, August 6, 9:00 - 11:00 am. A staff member from Congressman C.W. Bill Young's office is available to provide information and to listen to your questions, concerns, and suggestions on the first Tuesday of each month. First come, first served.

CHILDREN/FAMILY PROGRAMS

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:

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

Angry Bird feeders: Love angry birds? Why not feed them with your handmade bird feeder! Wed., July 31, 2 - 3 pm.

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

TEEN PROGRAMS

Beneath the Surface Teen Summer Reading Program:

Mustache Party: I mustache you a question! Have you ever wanted to go incognito? Come disguise yourself and cool mask or deck yourself out with glasses and a mustache. Wed., July 24, 4 - 6 pm.

Steampunk Projectiles!: We will be transforming nerf guns into steampunk inspired artillery. Wed., July 31, 4 - 6 pm.

Teen Financial Literacy & Job Skills Program - Your Career, Your Finances & You:

Part 1: Wed., Aug. 7, 1:00 - 3:30 pm.
Part 2: Fri., Aug. 9, 1:00 - 3:30 pm.

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Senior Center

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

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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.

Stetson Elder Law presents Elder Consumer Fraud Awareness – Wednesday, August 7 at 1 p.m. Learn about consumer fraud and scams aimed at the elderly, ways to help protect yourself, and what to do if you become a victim. Free

The Puzzle Pages – Friday, August 9 at 11 a.m. Free Fun For Everyone! Come out and play word seek, crosswords, Sudoku and many other puzzles with all your friends at the Senior Center. Free

What will Your Legacy Be? – Monday, August 12 at 11:30 a.m. Entrepreneur Pat Dunham speaks about things that you can do today to leave a footprint

and make a difference for tomorrow. What will you contribute to your family, community or yourself? How can you make it happen? Free

Movie Day at the Snack Bar - Tuesday, August 13 at 11:30 a.m. Watch a FREE movie and get a great deal on lunch for \$3.00!

The Law of Attraction – Wednesday, August 14 at 1:30 p.m. Join Life Coach, Kathy Lane, as she teaches you how to visualize what you want. Free

Tiki Time Luau! - Hula on over to the Gulfport Senior Center for some tropical fun on Wednesday, August 21 from 1 – 3 p.m. Hawaiian music, "Pupus" (appetizers) and hula lessons with a fantastic Hula dance demonstration. Raffles, games and more. Tickets are \$3.00. Event to support the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation.

TRAVEL! Call Carolyn at 727-347-0806.

Monday, July 29 - Kennedy Space Center with New Shuttle Atlantis Exhibit. (meal on own). \$94.00.

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.

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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 onto HYPERLINK <http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org>.

Neighborhood Center

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Faith Cathedral International Church: 9:30am, Sun.; 4th Sun. Bible Study
Overeaters Anonymous: Sun. 6:15-8:15pm



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7-8pm East Coast Swing Lesson

8-11pm Swing Dance, \$7

Every Thursday

Salsa Dance

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

8-10pm Dance, \$7

Excerpts heard at the May 26, 2009

Gulfport City Council Meeting

Public Comment & Council Quotes

"I was taught if someone is following and you feel unsafe, kick 'em in the privates... that's not the safest thing to do anymore." – Ward Three Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about safety, neighborhood watch groups, and calling the police as opposed to taking matters into one's own hands (or feet)

"It also overlaps my wife's birthday." – Mayor Sam Henderson, about his decision not to attend the Florida League of Cities conference in August

"I think this is one of the best meetings the city has ever had. I think you did a great job leading it." – Margarete Tober, resident, to Mayor Sam Henderson. Ms. Tober also commended the city manager

About the budget...

"You will reach the point when you are more a fee-based budget than you are ad-valorem." – City Manager Jim O'Reilly

"Of course, I just got this yesterday. I haven't read the whole thing." – Ward Two Councilwoman Christine Brown

"It's a lot nicer when you're not having to argue over what to cut up." – Mayor Sam Henderson

"Until we address that watershed... until we address the many ways the contaminants are getting in – I don't want to make a plan... but we should have the discussion." – Mayor Sam Henderson, about Clam Bayou

About 49th Street...

"I welcome the fact that currently there's action being proposed, instead of just talk... instead of just sitting around playing armchair quarterback... now we are acknowledging there is a problem. I want to say thank you. I don't live on the 49th Street corridor, but it is part of Gulfport..." – Mark Grantham, resident

"I do think we have the right to get together with them and talk... I think it's time for the people on this dais to make that effort." – Margarete Tober, resident

"I'm very excited about the proposals, and one of the main reasons is I don't think we should negate the idea of perception." – Rose Marie Seawall, resident

"Gulfport's a great community. Unfortunately we have a high crime community close by... Gulfport is a zero-debt city. If they can do that, if they can get the police station over there [49th Street] and try to keep it as close to zero debt as possible." – Timothy Spencer, resident

"Quite honestly, what people is afraid of is robbery, taking your property by force... that crime, specifically, had occurred more frequently [along the 49th Street corridor]" – Police Chief Rob Vincent

"The residents... are the only people who have the right to dictate what they want. Their residents have the right to tell their government what services they want. That doesn't mean we can't get involved." – Gulfport Police Chief Robert Vincent, about the St. Petersburg side of 49th Street

"Can the council meet with their [St. Petersburg's] council and talk about it at a roundtable? I'd like to be more proactive. I think the face to face is much better than the camera to face. I'd like to build those relationships." – Ward Two Councilwoman Christine Brown

"They were not captured from evidence at police surveillance cameras." – Ward One Councilman and Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke, about the Boston Marathon bombers. Privately owned surveillance cameras captured the images of the alleged bombers.

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Assistance is Available

Publications pertaining to property protection, flood safety, etc. can be obtained at South Pasadena City Hall at 7047 Sunset Drive South, South Pasadena, FL 33707, and the Gulf Beaches Library at 200 Municipal Drive, or information links on the City of South Pasadena website: <http://ci.south-pasadena.fl.us/>

Questions pertaining to flood zone, protection methods, flood elevation certificates, grant assistance, etc; please contact South Pasadena Community Improvement Department at (727) 343-4192.

Flood Insurance Rate Maps

The most recent Flood Insurance Rate Map for South Pasadena went into effect in 2003. Since all of South Pasadena is in a Special Flood Hazard Area, it is important to know the base flood elevation of the property and the flood insurance purchase requirements. The City of South Pasadena has copies of the elevation certificates for many structures in the community.

Are you insured?

The 2005 Hurricane Season was one of the worst on record and saw Florida impacted by four major hurricanes. Property losses due to flooding are not covered under most standard homeowner insurance policies. You can protect your home and its contents with flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The NFIP is a federal program that enables property owners to buy flood insurance at reasonable rates in participating communities. In return, participating communities carry out flood management measures designed to protect life and property from future flooding. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through its Federal Insurance Administration administers the NFIP. As a Special Flood Hazard Area, flood insurance is required for all properties in the City of South Pasadena with a federally backed mortgage. To find out more about flood insurance for your property and its contents, contact your insurance agent. There is usually a waiting period before a flood insurance policy takes effect, so do not wait until a storm threatens before you secure the flood insurance you need.

Flood Threat

Flooding in South Pasadena can be caused by heavy rainfall that occurs in short periods of time, as is common during summer thunderstorms, and by tidal surges that accompany coastal storms, tropical storms and hurricanes. Hurricane tidal surges are the City's greatest threat and can cause flooding up to 24 hours before the "eye" of the storm reaches the coast. Because the City has low land elevations and abuts the Boca Ciega Bay, the flood threat is significant. FEMA has identified the entire City as a Special Flood Hazard Area on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps. These maps establish base flood elevations for development within these areas with the lowest permitted habitable flood levels ranging from 10 to 15 feet above sea level.

Flood Warning Systems

The Pinellas County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) works with the National Weather Service, the National Hurricane Center, and the cities to monitor flood and storm threats and advise the communities accordingly. Flood alerts are issued by TV 8, TV 13, TV 10, and Bay News 9. For evacuation centers or other information on flooding, write to: Pinellas County Emergency Management 400 S. Fort Harrison Avenue Room #111 Clearwater, FL 33756 OR visit the County website: www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/shelters.htm

Storm Warnings

- Tropical storm watch: Tropical storm conditions are possible within 48 hours.
- Tropical storm warning: Tropical storm conditions are expected within 36 hours.
- Hurricane watch: Hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours.
- Hurricane warning: Hurricane conditions expected within 36 hours. All preparations should be complete.

Flood Safety Measures

South Pasadena residents can protect themselves from flood hazards by taking measures to ensure the safety of life and property before, during, and after a flood occurs. These safety measures include:

Prepare before the storm

- Know your evacuation plan. Evacuation time for South Pasadena could take hours because the City's evacuation routes are prone to flooding early in a storm. Pinellas County has posted all primary evacuation routes with blue and white signs.
- Review your family disaster plan.
- Get your survival kit (double check your kit and make necessary purchases of food, water, and medicines to avoid lines and traffic), important insurance papers, and identification ready.
- Prepare your home and yard (shop early, be sure you have all materials and tools necessary to shutter windows)
- If you have special needs, be sure your caregiver begins to implement your plan and, if needed, you are registered for a special needs shelter.
- Gather special supplies for infants, children, seniors and pets.

Pinellas County EMS, the South Pasadena Fire Department and PSTA work together to provide evacuation assistance to those persons requiring special assistance enrolled in the County's special assistance program. If you are physically impaired or require special assistance to evacuate, write to: Pinellas Co. Emergency Management 400 S. Fort Harrison Ave. Room #111 Clearwater, FL 33756 Or call (727) 464-3800 to register. Do not wait for a storm to strike! Write or call as soon as possible for an application requesting placement into the program.

Prepare for evacuation.
Keep a battery-powered radio tuned to local stations, and if an evacuation order is given, comply with it. Even if the evacuation order turns out to be unnecessary, leaving the area is better than potentially risking the loss of life by staying.
When preparing your home prior to evacuation, it is advisable to:
■ Turn off all the electricity, with the possible exception of the power to your refrigerator;
■ Fill your tubs, sinks, and any available containers with water; in case fresh water is not available after the storm (Sanitize tubs and sinks with bleach, rinse and then fill);
■ Shut off your water line to prevent any contaminated water from backing up into your house;

- Move as many valuables as possible to upper floor;

- Elevate furniture, if possible;
- Create floodway openings in non-habitable areas such as garage doors;
- Seal off sewer lines to the dwelling to prevent the backflow of sewer waters.

After the storm

The City will be working as quickly as possible to ensure a speedy and safe return to your homes.

- Keep a battery-powered radio with you so you can listen for emergency updates and news reports.
- Use a battery-powered flash light to inspect a damaged home (The flashlight should be turned on outside before entering – the battery may produce a spark that could ignite leaking gas, if present).
- Stay off the streets. If you must go out, watch for fallen objects; downed electrical wires; and weakened walls, bridges, roads, and sidewalks.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Keep children away from the floodwaters, ditches, culverts and storm drains.
- Clean everything that has been wet.
- Use the phone only to report life-threatening emergencies.
- Watch out for animals, especially poisonous snakes.

More people are injured after a storm due to unsafe buildings, downed power lines, contaminated water, and other unsafe conditions than are injured in the storm itself. Carefully check for structural damage prior to entering a building. Use caution when re-entering the structure. Turn on electricity one breaker at a time and watch for smoke or sparks.

Property Protection

While recent construction practices and regulations have made new homes less prone to flooding, many existing structures remain susceptible. Retrofitting non-compliant buildings is recommended approach to reduce flooding because the property itself remains subject to flooding while the building is modified to prevent or minimize flooding of habitable space. Several approaches to retrofitting are:

- Elevation of the structure above flood protection levels
- Construction of barriers (floodwalls, berms)
- Dry flood proofing (water tight floor and wall systems)
- Wet flood proofing (construction that allows the entry and passage of flood water and also removing or relocating items of value to higher elevation levels)

Floodplain Management

The City's Stormwater Management Regulations require new construction and substantial remodeling to meet stringent standards in order to increase the survivability of structures, reduce the cost of repair and reconstruction after a storm event, and ensure that reasonably priced flood insurance is available.

Drainage System Maintenance

The City continues to improve and maintain its stormwater management system. This has reduced the amount and duration of road and yard flooding during the rainy season. The City routinely inspects and performs maintenance on drainage ditches, catch basins, and culverts that comprise the City's stormwater drainage system. If you see any areas that may need additional maintenance or if you experience any localized drainage problems, please call South Pasadena (727) 343-4192.

Permit Requirements

The City administers flood management regulations that are designed to minimize the potential of flood losses in the City. Any development requires a permit from the City of South Pasadena Community Improvement Department, which ensures that all development meets the flood regulations. Such regulations include minimum elevations of living floor areas, flood proofing of certain construction, limitations on placement of fill, and limitations

on substantial improvements, additions, and reconstruction. Following NFIP standards, the City mandates that if the cost of any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's depreciated value, then such work is considered a substantial improvement. The existing building is then required to meet the same standards as a new building.

The NFIP standards relating to substantial improvement are enforced through the development and building permitting process. Applicants for remodeling or repair of "nonconforming" structures (i.e. buildings which are not elevated to or above the base flood elevation) are required to submit a cost estimate of the improvement and, if necessary, an appraised value of the existing structure, to determine if the work constitutes a substantial improvement.

The building permit review is a necessary component of its participation in the NFIP, making flood insurance available to those who want to protect their property from flood damage. Development that occurs without permits threatens the City's continued participation in the NFIP and the ability to obtain flood insurance. If you see development occurring without permits, protect your rights and immediately contact the City. Two funding programs are available to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings insured under the National Flood Insurance Program.

SAFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE Category	Wind Speed
1	74-95 MPH
2	96-110 MPH
3	111-129 MPH
4	130-156 MPH
5	157+ MPH

POTENTIAL SURGE HEIGHTS (IN FEET)	A	B	C	D	E
EVACUATION ZONES	4-8 FEET	8-14 FEET	14-19 FEET	19-26 FEET	26-29 FEET

Flood Mitigation Assistance

Qualified mitigation activities include elevation of the existing home or commercial structure, acquisition of the property, or relocation of insured structure out of the floodplain. The structure must be insured under the NFIP and have suffered 2 or more flood losses; each with a claim of at least \$1,000 within any ten-year period since 1978.

Severe Repetitive Loss Program

A Severe Repetitive Loss property is defined as a residential property that is insured under the National Flood Insurance Program and has at least 4 Flood Insurance claim payments (building and contents) over \$5,000 each, and the cumulative amount of such claims payments exceeds \$20,000 within any ten-year period. Or has payments only 2 separate Flood Insurance claims payments (building and contents) over \$5,000 each, and the cumulative amount of the building portion of such claims exceeding the market value of the building within any ten-year period.

For more information go to:

- FEMA/NFIP at www.fema.gov/
- Pinellas County Emergency Management at www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/default.htm
- Florida Department of Emergency Management at www.floridadisaster.org
- The Official Hurricane Guide for Pinellas County www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/hurricaneguide.htm



Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Stopping Another Injustice

A six person jury stopped a media and political lynching from being a near real lynching by finding George Zimmerman "not guilty" for the killing of Trayvon Martin in Sanford, FL. There's no other way to look at it. The state, which was politically coerced into charging Zimmerman with second degree murder in the first place, couldn't prove its case because it didn't have the evidence to prove it.

There was nothing secret about the trial. It was public, televised, and nothing withheld from the prosecutors. Even the thrown-in-at-the-last minute "manslaughter" charge couldn't be made to stick. Most legal analysts predicted the verdict. It shouldn't have been worth commenting on except that the pre-trial "hang'im without a trial" mantra has now become "hang's anyway".

This comes from such political opportunists as Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson, know nothing football players and celebrities, twitter cowards (actual threats to assassinate), the newly minted Black Panthers and the "let's burn something anyway" radical left. Even an Associated Press reporter tweeted "so we can all kill teenagers now?"

Of course, worse is the top Democrat leaders are weighing in for overriding the jury. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said, "it isn't over". And, of course, the renowned Justice Department led by Fast and Furious Eric Holder is now investigating to try to file federal murder charges. Constitutional rights don't have much meaning there anyway. No, let's try 'em 'till we get the politically right decision. If the locals can't do it, the feds can. They have unlimited money and power.

President Obama was more reserved and called for calm, but then threw in politics by saying gun control should be passed in honor of Trayvon Martin. Martin, if you recall, was the son Obama would have liked to have.

That was a piece of the pre-trial hanging Zimmerman got.

It's all because a white man shot, for no reason at all, a young, small black teenager. Except that Zimmerman isn't white unless President Obama should be called white. Zimmerman is Hispanic. And, Martin wasn't the little teen-ager shown earlier. He was 5' 11" and 158 pounds (no heavyweight, but in good shape) and Zimmerman is 5' 7" and a portly 204. Martin, who was visiting there, was walking through a neighborhood that was plagued by burglaries committed by blacks. Zimmerman was a neighborhood watch guy, saw him, thought he was suspicious, called police and followed him.

Martin knew he was being followed, didn't like it, but didn't head for where he was visiting, didn't call the police. A confrontation occurred, Zimmerman got hit and knocked down with Martin on top. His nose was broken and his head hit the concrete sidewalk. According to him, he feared for his life and pulled the trigger on the gun he was legally carrying. All in all, a quirky, kind of absurdly escalating situation, that shouldn't have gone where it went and shouldn't have ended in tragedy but did.

There were no real racial overtones as the trial showed. Zimmerman is not a racist in spite of his profiling Martin. Martin had "a background", but Zimmerman didn't know that. There was a history of black crime in the neighborhood and there is a history of white on black injustice. But, here, it boiled down really to the confrontation and fight. That was what the trial was about.

There are lots of "ifs". What if Zimmerman was black and Martin Hispanic? What if they were both white? What if they were both black? What if Zimmerman had not followed Martin? What if Martin had gone to his destination? What if Martin had killed Zimmerman? The what ifs weren't on trial, however. The evidence for murder and manslaughter wasn't there. You don't

try what ifs or racial history. Perhaps the only rational question is whether or not there should have been some punishment (other than character assassination and death threats) for Zimmerman. And, of course, there are real issues about "stand-your-ground", or actions taken when "in fear of your life".

It might have helped, though I doubt it, if critics had really followed the trial, or in the aftermath waited to carefully read the trial transcripts. No, it's all about politics and race-baiting and media malpractice. In the meanwhile, while there is this turmoil about a nonexistent white on black crime, the scandal of our age is largely ignored: the wholesale killing of young people in our city centers. More deaths there than in Iraq and Afghanistan combined. Described often as black on black crime, it isn't. It is people on people, human on human, crime. There as here, the color is irrelevant. The crime, causes, punishments and cures aren't.

Insisting, as the political left and not-so-left does, that all issues be viewed through the prism of race, freezes us in time and place and the past, and makes dealing with the present impossible. That is the real crime.

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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.

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Bar Bingo 7pm Food Served	Fish & Chicken 6-8pm Geno 6:30-9:30pm	Steak Dinner 6-8pm Lee Jay Nelson 6:30-9:30pm	Installation of Officers 1pm	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm Karaoke 6:30-9:30pm	SAL Mtg.-6pm Pizza available All Day	Wednesday Dinner Special 6-8pm Trivia

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Friday 7/5

- Noise-** 2600 Blk 56th St. S.
- Noise-** 2200 Blk Premier Dr. S.
- Assault/Battery-** Jersey Ave. & 49th St. S.
- Noise-** 52nd St. & 12th Ave. S.
- Prowler-** 5400 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Vandalism-** 1200 Blk 56th St. S.
- Domestic-** 1200 Blk 56th St. S.
- Trespass-** 2700 Blk 50th St. S.
- Burglary-** 2900 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Hit & Run-** 2900 Blk 54th St. S.
- Keep the Peace-** 2900 Blk 28th Ave. S.

- Hit & Run-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Disorderly Conduct-** Shore Blvd. & 54th St. S.

Saturday 7/6

- Hit & Run-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Drug Call-** 2500 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 1800 Blk 55th St. S.

Theft- 5400 Blk 12th Ave. S.

Domestic- 5900 Blk Bayview Cir. S.

Sunday 7/7

- Domestic-** 4900 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Noise-** 2300 Blk 59th St. S.
- Stolen Vehicle-** 5000 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Burglary-** 5400 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 6100 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Trespass-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Vandalism-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 5600 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Noise-** 2900 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Noise-** 3000 Blk 54th St. S.
- Domestic-** 2500 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Monday 7/8

- Noise-** 4600 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 4800 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 4900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5100 Blk 12th St. S.
- Pandhandling-** 6200 Blk 10th Ave. S.
- Pandhandling-** 5100 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Drug Call-** 2500 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Noise-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Hit & Run-** 5400 Blk Essex Ave. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 3000 Blk Clinton St. S.

Assault/Battery- 2700 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Tuesday 7/9

- Theft-** 2800 Blk Miriam St. S.
- Robbery-** 20th Ave. & 51st St. S.
- Drug Call-** 2500 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Domestic-** 2500 Blk 52nd St. S.

Wednesday 7/10

- Shots Fired/Heard-** 2600 Blk 59th St. S.
- Burglary-** 1200 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Trespass-** 5400 Blk 31st Ave. S.

Thursday 7/11

- Keep the Peace-** 6200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Noise-** 2600 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

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Fun for your Brain

Join in the fun at the Puzzle Party on Friday, August 9 at 11 a.m. at the Gulfport Multi-purpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. Learn how to play Sudoku, Binairo and so much more! Prizes provided. From the Puzzle Pages. You must be a Center member to attend.

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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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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 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.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: Turtle Lights

Q: Is all the beach lighting on Gulfport's beach turtle-friendly?

A: No. Here's what Gulfport city manager Jim O'Reilly said:

"As the Gabber is aware and has previously articulated very well in print, the State of Florida considers any beach facing saltwater a possible nesting site, even Gulfport Beach. The utilization of "turtle friendly" lighting is intended not to confuse turtles trying to make it to the water.

"At present, the minimal city beach lighting and the residential/commercial lighting along Shore Boulevard would not be considered 'turtle friendly'. 'Turtle-friendly' lighting requires specific shielding and a reduction in the specific apogee of the lights bearing aware from the shore line; criteria would need to be met to protect the turtle hatchlings immediately following their hatching as they begin their quest to return to the sea.

"If it is found that Loggerhead turtles or even Kemp's Ridley turtles have determined Gulfport Beach as an appropriate nesting site, such as found on the Gulf beaches of Long Key (St. Pete Beach), and such nests found and identified, city staff will take appropriate action – and, if needed, propose appropriate beach lighting standards for city council's consideration."

Try your hand at Sudoku

Solution on Page 18

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Local Obituaries

DAUGHERTY, JR., DAVID VINCENT, age 50, passed away on July 7, 2013 after a battle with cancer. He was a resident of Gulfport, FL and formerly of Brookville, PA. David is survived by his parents, Ethel Hetrick Daugherty of Colorado Springs, CO and David Vincent (Jennifer) Daugherty, Sr. of Mansfield, OH. Also surviving are his siblings Loraine (Michael) Daugherty and son Bryan of Saint Petersburg, FL; Dr. Margaret Daugherty of Colorado Springs, CO; Patrick (Joanna) Daugherty and son Allan of Valrico, FL and Patrick's daughter Melissa of Norman, OK.; Kelly (Mindy) Daugherty and daughter Lexi of Longmont, CO; and Ben Daugherty of Evansville, IN. Also surviving is lifelong friend and roommate, Beverly Johnson of Gulfport, FL. David served in the United States National Guard for over 10 years. A memorial service will be held at a later date to honor David's life. In lieu of flowers, a donation to Suncoast Hospice in Pinellas County, FL in David's honor would be greatly appreciated in support of their kindness, generosity and care in David's final days. Please send checks to: Suncoast

Hospice Foundation, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd. Clearwater, FL 33760. Make checks payable to: Suncoast Hospice Foundation.

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JENNINGS, KEN, peacefully passed away at his home surrounded by his family on July 9, 2013 at the age of 57. Ken is survived by his

loving wife, Kris, of 37 years. They were married in Bismarck, ND. Ken is lovingly remembered by his two daughters, Missy (Matt) McLeod and Chelsey (Christopher) Ternes, one grandson, Declan, one sister, Deb Testa, and his faithful dog, Raven. He will also be remembered by his many in-laws, nieces, nephews, and friends he left behind. Ken was born in Fargo, ND but grew up and lived in Bismarck, ND prior to his retirement in 2009 when he and his wife lived the dream and moved to St. Pete Beach, FL. Ken enjoyed trapshooting and received many awards and recognitions for his abilities, mainly being inducted into the ND Trapshooting Hall of Fame.

He loved spending time outdoors and on the beach where he could watch for dolphins. He spent many nights cheering on the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team and was an avid football fan. Ken loved being surrounded by and spending time with his family and friends. He was always hopeful his lottery ticket would be "the Big One" and will no doubt be playing scratch offs with the Big Guy upstairs. A private beach celebration will be held in honor of Ken's life and memory.

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ROKES, WINIFREDE., of Gulfport, passed away July 11, 2013. She is survived by her daughter, Louise Kenney. R. Lee Williams & Son, 49th St. www.rlwilliams.com.

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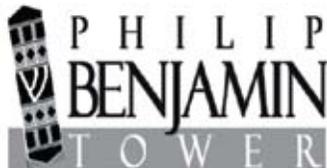
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have large print books or current magazines you wish to donate for this special program, please contact The Circle of Friends at Gulfport's Public Library.

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Check out this Lithuanian Cookbook

The Lithuanian Scout Association has published a cookbook in honor of its 95 years of scouting as a fundraiser. It is a kalaidoscope of old generation Lithuanian recipes as well as new ones that have come about by the globalization of world culture. People have memories of grandma's cooking and baking and now they want to try to incorporate their ethnicity to international families. This is a cookbook trying to help the cook, as it is using the tried and true recipes into the 21st century with an international flavor. The cookbook is, "Tried & True Treasured Recipes", about 350 recipes. The cost is \$15. Call Irene at 727-363-1234.

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Center offers Tea and Tee at Two

Boca Ciega Center cordially invites ladies to have a cup of tea with the resident ladies of Boca Ciega Center. Each Thursday at 2 p.m., ladies may come relax and enjoy hot tea and afternoon refreshments for a delightful afternoon social gathering. Entertainment is provided by various musicians. They also encourage ladies to wear your favorite hat! Men, you are welcomed to join them as well! "Tee Off Time" enables men to practice their putting golf with Boca's resident men. Boca Ciega Center is located at 1414 59th Street S., across from The Most Holy Name of Jesus Church. For more information, or if you would like to donate china tea cups, tea pots, ladies brim hats, or putting green items, please contact Ruth Gruhn, Activity Director, at 727-344-4608.

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Gecko Night Fever

GULFPORT- 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. 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 with a credit or debit card. While they last, tables of eight or twelve

may be reserved by 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) for details.

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Think Kickball is for Kids?



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Enthusiastic members of the Gulfport league of the Kickball Society of Tampa Bay played their last games of the summer season last Wednesday out at Hoyt Field. Reclaiming the old schoolyard game, Kickball Society was formed in 2009 as a way for adults of all ages to socialize with some friendly athletic competition. Mixed in with the games are special events, including Theme Night, Kickball Idol contests and other challenges. Members meet after the game at O'Maddy's, the official league "bar and grill" for Gulfport, to celebrate the night's victories (or drown the crushing defeat). Though the season is done, the league will be ramping back up in the fall, with registration in August. Check out www.kickballsociety.com for more information.

Hospice and Caregiving

Want to know more about what Hospice does and do you need questions answered? Join Janet Pattison from Suncoast Hospice on Thursday, July 25 at 1 p.m. for free information at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 5502 27th Ave. S.

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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 for 727-345-4323.

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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.

For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Susan Blankenship, 727-322-5217 or Susan@SIKpromotions.com.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members are busy with their ways and means project for the summer. They are painting the annual Christmas mice ornaments. The next ways and means meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 24 at the home of Sharon Ingram at 7 p.m.

Sunshine City Council will hold their Organizational meeting on Monday, July 22 at Dixie Hollins High - ROTC Room at 7 p.m. The council committees are busy working on plans for the many events to be scheduled this year. Call Sharon Ingram at 321-2849.

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August program includes: "Rules of the Nautical Road" August 6, "Boating Safety" August 13, "Piloting Your Boat – Part A" August 20, and "Piloting Your Boat – Part B" August 27.

Cost is \$40 for 13 weeks and includes new 400-pages of materials. Call Jim at 360-4846.

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

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

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

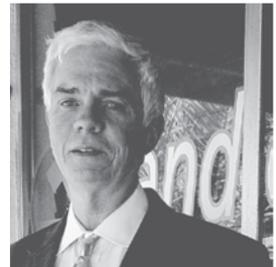
"I like what I do because I feel like I can help people get a fresh start," said Sanders.

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

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From the Desk of the Chief: Governor's Veto to Impact Local Taxpayers

By Gulfport Police Chief Robert Vincent

For nearly 40 years, one of the most efficient government operations in the state of Florida has been operating with no revenue from taxes. Thanks to Governor Rick Scott, that's about to change.

Since 1975, a relatively obscure government operation known as the Police Applicant Screening Service (PASS) has continued to provide a centralized screening operation for all of the law enforcement agencies in Pinellas County. Although employers perform some additional background investigation, this initial screening establishes a pool of candidates who meet established basic criteria. Four full-time employees process applicants at a rate of 30-40 per month, conducting interviews and reviewing records from employers, government organizations, and credit bureaus.

Because applicants often express interest in several law enforcement agencies, PASS reduces the need for redundant screening. Instead of five or six

background investigators at several police departments creating a similar file on the same applicant, one PASS investigator does the work and shares it with any interested department. This arrangement was the first of its kind in Florida, and others have followed suit. Since the 1975 inception of PASS, 12 law enforcement selection centers have been developed around the state. The US Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, in cooperation with the International Association of Chiefs of Police, highlighted PASS in a 2009 report as an example of government collaboration.

The best part of this program is that it has been completely funded with revenue from user fees and fines from traffic citations. Applicants pay a \$250 processing fee, and PASS receives \$2 from each traffic citation issued in Pinellas County. Unfortunately, the revenues have not kept up with expenses. To keep the operation solvent, PASS Director Mike Waters indicated PASS would need an additional \$100,000 in

revenue in the coming year.

Since the applicant fee is market-driven, it cannot be increased, so PASS needed another solution. The Police Standards Council (PSC), which consists of the state attorney, sheriff, and chief of police for every law enforcement agency in the county, serves as the board of directors to the PASS operation. The PSC focused its efforts on amending the charter to allow for an increase in traffic fine revenue instead. Florida law allows selection centers to receive up to \$3 per traffic citation, but the PASS charter, in place for decades, limits it to \$2.

Representative Ed Hooper sponsored House Bill 1411, which was drafted to accomplish this goal. It earned unanimous approval at the Pinellas Legislative Delegation. In committee and on the main floor of the House, the Bill met with similar results. In the end, not one single member of the legislature expressed opposition to the idea of allowing the PSC to charge an additional \$1 to traffic violators so that this outstanding program could

thrive.

Then it got to the governor's office. Showing a complete lack of understanding for how the program works, Rick Scott vetoed the Bill, referring to PASS as an additional layer of unnecessary, duplicate government services.

Now, Pinellas agencies are faced with two options: we can disband the PASS operation entirely, which would require every agency to increase personnel dedicated to applicant screening, or (what is more likely) we can ask each agency to contribute some amount to make up the budget shortfall. Either of these options will result in an immediate and direct impact to taxpayers.

Ironically, in his effort to approve "no new taxes or fees", Governor Scott's veto has put this government organization on a path where taxpayers, for the first time in nearly 40 years, will fund it. In my opinion (and that is the purpose of this blog), the governor's action was completely irresponsible and entirely driven by politics. The people of Florida deserve better.

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Meanwhile, the Industrial Art Center of Gulfport has a lot of roles to fill. Since expanding their hours of operation last fall, Owen

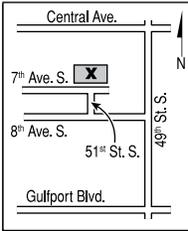
Pach and his floor team need help with everything from cleaning and answering the phone to manning the welcome desk and managing customer traffic on art walks and other events. In addition to making themselves part of the IACG family, volunteers will get discounts of classes and activities, invitation to closed events, and shop time with the floor team.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

How is your Legal Health? (Part III)

[This Article is Part III in our series of articles on your legal health.]

MARITAL STATUS

During your legal checkup, a review of your marital status may uncover certain aspects of the marriage which you may wish to address. For example, couples may desire to enter into prenuptial agreements or separation agreements to help avoid disputes in the event of a divorce.

Prenuptial agreements or separation agreements can address property rights, child support, child custody and visitation rights you may have regarding your children. These agreements can be finalized before or during your marriage. Unmarried couples who are living

together may desire to enter into an agreement to specify expected rights and responsibilities which are similar to a prenuptial or separation agreement. Prenuptial and separation agreements can additionally specify how to value assets which were jointly obtained such as a home, retirement plans and investments.

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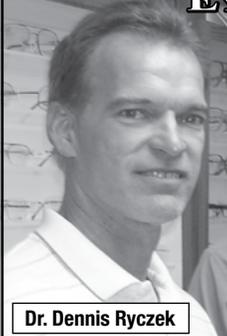
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Mr. Myers is the owner of Akerson Law Offices which is located at 1135 Pasadena Avenue South, Suite 140, St. Petersburg, Florida. The telephone number is 727-347-5131. Mr. Myers welcomes calls regarding this article and other related legal topics.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

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