

## Gecko Recap



By the time August ended, Gulfportians thoroughly hailed the Gecko with the Gecko Pub Crawl, the Gecko Ball, and the festival that started all the Gecko madness: the 13th Annual GeckoFest. Some things changed while others remained the same.

This year, Mayor Emeritus Mike Yakes led the GeckoFest parade while current Mayor Sam Henderson introduced the parade. Mike Yakes is the only mayor who has led the parade, although former vice mayor Dave Hastings did lead the parade in his stead one year. Until this year, GeckoFest never occurred when Mike Yakes wasn't mayor.

Following him in the parade including traditional – for Gulfport – members of the foot parade: Fallopian Tuber Toffer Ross on tuba, Greg Stemm in funky gecko regalia, Gecko Goddess Elizabeth Neily, the Pitzen family with an elaborate-looking gecko float, and the usual cadre of pirates, buskers, and local business leaders. New this year was the Boca Ciega

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## Gulfport Yacht Club Lease Reduced

Although the Gulfport city council renewed the Gulfport Yacht Club's lease for five years almost three years ago, Tuesday night the city council voted to reduce the rent based on silt accumulation in Boca Ciega Bay that impacts the club's wet slips. The lease amount, which previously called for \$22,500 per year (up from the prior lease amount of \$12,500), will decrease to \$19,500 for two years.

The third and final year of the five-year term remains negotiable. The city says it anticipates removing the silt at its own expense at an unspecified later date.

When council considered this item, no one from the public chose to speak.

## No Cause of Death on Ducks Yet

By Cathy Salustri

Despite hope that the state would have a full necropsy report by the end of August, Gulfport city manager Jim O'Reilly told *the Gabber* that the city had yet to receive any test results that could point towards a culprit in the as-of-yet-unsolved duck deaths on the dead ducks discovered at Tomlinson Park.

In late August, the city received reports of ducks struggling for survival at the retention pond. Police responded, finding one dead duck, one duck that died in an officer's arms, and another than expired en route to the emergency vet.

In all, nine ducks – three Pekins and six mallards – as well as one shorebird died in late August. The state suspects but cannot yet confirm either avian botulism or duck virus enteritis (DVE), also called the duck plague.

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## Ducks, from front page

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection also tested for evidence of poisoning.

The State told the Gabber not to expect any test results earlier than the end of last week; the results have yet to arrive as of press time.

The good news, O'Reilly says, is that while the city doesn't yet know what caused the deaths, they also have had no more reports on dead waterfowl or other wading

shorebirds, although one city staffer sent the Gabber photos of moldy bread dumped by the pond last week.

"Up to this point, we have not received any concerns or complaints regarding ducks," O'Reilly said.

Gulfport officials continue to monitor the situation. If you see a dead duck or other bird, please contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's bird mortality reporting hotline, available online.

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## First Friday Art Walk

Gulfport Art Walk takes place on the first Friday and third Saturday of every month all year long, from 6-10 p.m. Meet and purchase the works of talented independent artisans, craftsmen, authors and entertainers, stretched over a half-mile up and down scenic Beach Boulevard. Live musicians appear at venues throughout the waterfront district. There is no admission charge for this pet and family-friendly event. For more information, follow on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GulfportArtWalk](http://www.facebook.com/GulfportArtWalk), visit [www.GulfportMA.com](http://www.GulfportMA.com) or call 727-322-5217.

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## Summer Art Exhibit at Catherine Hickman

Meet the Senior Center artists of summer and celebrate with them as they display their artwork at the opening Reception at the Catherine Hickman Theater this Friday, September 6 from 6-8 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and cash bar is available. Artwork will be displayed throughout September and October in the Theater lobby.

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## Natural History Speaker Series Returns

Have you wondered which insects are "good" and which ones are "bad"? The Natural History Speaker Series is back for the 2013-2014 season, with a diverse range of speakers on Florida natural and cultural history. The series is held on the second Tuesday of every month at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, 1101 Country Club Way S. The first session starts Tuesday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. to discover the fascinating world of insects and what makes them beneficial or harmful and how to tell the difference. Presenter Cindy Peacock, a 15 year experienced horticulturist teaches programs such as butterfly gardening, vegetable gardening, insects, citrus and other fruit trees, and native plants. There is no cost to attend. For further information, call 893-7326 or visit [www.stpeteparksrec.org/boyd-hill.html](http://www.stpeteparksrec.org/boyd-hill.html).

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Have Italian in your blood? Traveling to Italy? In love with "la bella lingua?" You are welcome to join the free Italian language classes every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501

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## Tai Chi for Health

Tai Chi for Health is taught by certified instructor, Rhoda Levine starting Thursday, September 5th,

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## Gulfport Democrats to Meet

The Gulfport Democratic Club will meet on Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m. at the Back Door Theatre (1619 49th Street S. in Gulfport). They will be discussing Medicaid expansion and future voter registration projects. There will also be a voter registration training. For more information on this event, please e-mail info.gulfportdems@gmail.com.

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## Gulfport Neighbors Trash-a-Thon

Gulfport Neighbors, a three-year-old non-profit community organization, invites Gulfportians, and their friends and family to participate in its next popular monthly beach cleanup on Saturday, September 14th at 9 a.m. Orientation is at the large Shelter 4 on Gulfport Beach, followed by a two-hour beach cleanup, and then a Dutch-treat lunch gathering at a local spot to be announced. If you are looking for an

activity where you can get outdoor exercise and meet interesting people while reducing the pollution in our waterways and ridding our beach of debris, this event is for you.

Please bring what you need for sun and bug protection. Wear good foot protection and support and provide your own water, trash bag, plastic gloves, and hand sanitizer. A rake and grabber would be useful, too. Gulfport Neighbors t-shirts will be available for purchase for \$10.

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## Attention young writers!

Do you love to write? Do you dream of getting your book published? Then take part in Gulfport's second annual Youth Writing Book Contest! It's open to grades 1-12. Learn from professional writers every Saturday starting September 14th-November 16th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gulfport Library; parents are welcome to attend as well. The winner will have their book published and added to the library's collection! Contact Cailey at cklasson@mygulfport.us or 727-893-1074.

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## Community Care Package

By Shelly Wilson

On Monday, August 26, a truckload of school supplies pulled up in front of Gulfport Elementary. Everything from pens and pencils, to notebooks, scissors, backpacks and more filled dozens of boxes, a much-needed donation for the local school.

This was more than just a generous gift, however. It was a community collaboration, the end-result of an idea that began with two local business owners.

Tony Spinney and Christine Gallagher, of America's Office Source on Gulfport Boulevard, were inspired to help make a difference for local students. About a month ago, they approached the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce with their idea: to use their vendor buying power to make the most of donations for school supplies.

Thus began a fundraising campaign. Chamber members set up collections at Art Walks, and even went door-to-door to local businesses, many of whom were more than happy to help. Generous donations also came from the Gulfport Merchant's Association,

the 49th Street South Business Association, and the Chamber themselves; eventually the school-supply pot was up to almost \$1500.

That may sound like a lot of pens and rulers, but it was only the beginning. Using their vendor connections, Spinney and Gallagher were able to turn that \$1500 into over \$4500 worth of school supplies, all for the benefit of Gulfport Elementary and its students. For school administrators, who had offered modest suggestions about what supplies were needed most, the donation was far more than they had hoped.

"We know they are in great need of the supplies," said Chamber Secretary Lynda Shehan as a crew of Chamber members and city officials unloaded the myriad boxes. "And there's a little bit of everything here. We hope the students will know that the entire community of Gulfport supports them, and that we care about their success."

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The workshop is \$15 per person; \$13 for Pinellas County Historical Society members. Call 727-582-2233 to register or for more information.

Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th Street N. in Largo. This living history museum brings more than 150 years of local history to life.

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Heritage Village is open Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. It is closed all Pinellas County holidays. For more information about Heritage Village visit [www.pinellascounty.org/heritage](http://www.pinellascounty.org/heritage), or call 727-582-2123.

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## Public Safety Boating Class

An ABS (About Boating Safety) Class will be offered on Saturday, September 14th 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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## Submit an Essay for City's Birthday

The Gulfport Historical Society is taking essay submissions from children in grades 1-12 for the Society's birthday bash! This year's theme is "My Gulfport: What Gulfport Means to Me." Essays should be no more than 1,000 words and be submitted to Cailey Klasson, Youth Librarian at Gulfport Library in person or via email by September 25th. There is a cash prize for the winner and their piece will be read at the Historical Society's Birthday Bash on October 12. Contact Cailey at 727-893-1074.

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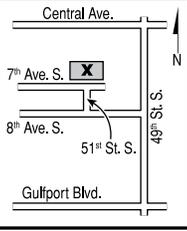
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Do not miss AVP Gulfport Qualifier Saturday and Sunday, September 7-8 on the volleyball courts at the Gulfport Beach Waterfront Complex, 5500 Shore Blvd. S., Gulfport. The qualification format is a Single elimination tournament to qualify the final four (4) teams in the Main Draw tournament. Four (4) men's teams and four (4) women's teams will advance from Gulfport Beach to compete in the St. Petersburg Open. For more information on the tour or AVP, please visit <http://avp.com/>.

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## One Step Closer to the Cure 5K Run/Walk

The Celma Mastry Ovarian Cancer Foundation announces the 3rd annual One Step Closer to the Cure 5K Run/Walk. This event, which takes place on Saturday, September 14th at Albert Whitted Park, 480 Bayshore Drive SE in downtown St. Petersburg starts at 7 a.m.

This exciting community event hosts several types of challenges in which any age can participate and help find a cure: a 5K Run/Walk, the 1-Mile Fun Run, and the Overcoming Obstacles Challenge. Over 1,400 participants are expected.

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Seminar will be held at St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Ave. SE, Demens Landing (take 1st Ave. East and cross the small bridge to Demens Landing), St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials are \$30 per family, maximum of 20 students; pre-registration required. Contact St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron at [www.boating-stpete.org](http://www.boating-stpete.org).

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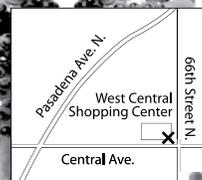
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## PeeWee Sports Class on the Beach

The St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr., is offering a new sports class for ages 3 to 6 years old. Our PeeWee Sports programs are designed to introduce sports to your child. These fun co-ed classes teach the fundamentals of baseball, soccer, basketball and football. Each session, staff will coach your youngster using games, drills and lots of fun. These programs are ideal in keeping your little one active and moving. Classes are held Thursdays 6:00-6:30 p.m. and the cost is only \$20. For a list of what sport is being played each month visit [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com) or call 727-363-9245.

## Water Carnival at St. Pete Beach Pool

Come to the pool and try your luck at some pool games. Join them at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr., on Saturday, September 14th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. There will be both water and land based games for children to play, prizes to be won and great fun to be had along the way. This event is fun for the whole family including carnival games, water activities and treasure hunt. The cost is only \$3 per person. Don't forget to bring your swim suit and towel. Spend the rest of the day relaxing at the pool from noon-3 p.m. For more information call 727-363-9264 or visit [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com).

## Celebrate Your Gulfportianity

If you think you might be a Gulfportian, we have good news for you – you can get a t-shirt proclaiming your Gulfportianity at the Beach Bazaar. Get your official Gabber “You Might Be A Gulfportian If...” t-shirt to celebrate your Gulfportianity starting this weekend. Based on a recent Hard Candy column, the shirt gives you any number reasons you might be a Gulfportian. For \$15 you can display your city pride for the world to see.

The Gabber used a local printer – Pirate Printing, a husband and wife team based on Fourth Street – and will sell the shirts only through the Beach Bazaar to keep all our money local. A portion of the proceeds will go to a different local charity every month. Get your shirt today and celebrate your Gulfportianity!

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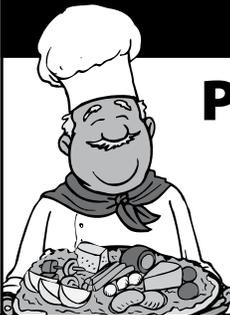
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The Gulfport Lions club will be holding their inaugural "Mulligan Open" golf tournament on Saturday, September 14th at the prestigious Pasadena Yacht and Country Club. The club is located at 6300 Pasadena Point Boulevard S., Gulfport. Come and play where the likes of Walter Hagen, Babe Ruth, Arnold Palmer and many more have graced the fairways.

All proceeds from this event will fund their 2013 Christmas Toy Shop and Food Certificate program. This program has become such a large part of their community outreach efforts during the holiday season, that they as a club see the need to try to expand this wonderful holiday event. This program assists local families during the holiday season with the essentials to put a holiday meal on the dinning room table, and a little holiday cheer under the tree.

They are currently accepting golfer registrations as well as community sponsorships of all types. A \$25,000 Hole In One contest will highlight the event, with in round competitions including longest drive, closest to the pin and a putting contest to name a few. There is also three auxiliary hole in one contests on the remaining par 3s, so there is plenty of opportunity to strut your stuff.

There will be a southern style BBQ after the round at their local Lions clubhouse, where they will hold silent auctions, product raffles, 50/50 drawing, etc. The clubhouse is located at 4630 Tifton Drive S., Gulfport, just a few minutes drive from the course.

For more golfer registration information, or to see the wonderful sponsorship opportunities they have, please contact Smokey Clark, Gulfport Lions V.P., at 727-323-0116 or [fclark89@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:fclark89@tampabay.rr.com).

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## Harmonica Music Celebration

Celebrate with the Gulfport Senior Center Harmonica Club as they begin their 20th year of making beautiful music on Wednesday, September 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater. Learn about their story and lifelong friendships! After the concert, mingle with friends and enjoy appetizers in the Theater Lobby provided by Brentwood. You will receive a free McDonald's coupon for every ticket purchased. Tickets are \$3 and are available for purchase at the Gulfport Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. Sponsored by The Gulfport Senior Center Harmonica Club, Brentwood and McDonalds. All proceeds support the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation. For more information, contact Rachel at 727-893-1231.

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## Hawaiian Hula Dance Class

Kalina will restart the Hawaiian Hula Dance classes at the Gulfport

Recreation Center on Wednesday, September 18th. Classes begin at 10:30 a.m. and last 60 minutes. The five-week session cost is \$40 or \$10 per individually paid class. This dance is for all ages, but we seem to be specializing mostly in "ladies with life experience", or seniors. Kalina won first place in the Gulfport Talent contest held earlier this year at the Hickman Theater; she has many years' experience as a teacher and performer. For more information

please contact Kalina at 727-251-0424.

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## Try Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga will return Friday, October 4th at the Gulfport Recreation Center. This class is a slow and easy, but challenging workout that accommodates people with physical limitations. The cost is \$28 a month and is from 10-11 a.m. Please contact Joyce at 727-345-0679.

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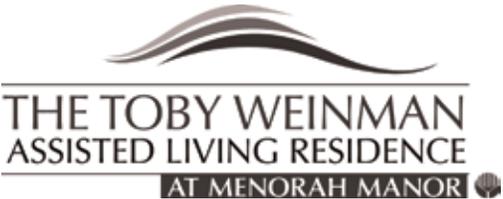
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## Register for Mini Triathlon

It's that time again to start registering for the 3rd Annual Keep Gulfport Weird Mini Triathlon scheduled for Saturday, September 28, same day as the Tangerine Blues Fest. Here is some information regarding this event. Please go to [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us), then Events, then upcoming events, then Keep Gulfport Weird Triathlon, "Keep Gulfport Weird Mini-Triathlon registration" to download the registration form. Please make sure you turn in your registration and registration fee of \$10, by Friday, September 20th.

The race is designed to be short enough to invite participation from most ages and fitness levels, whether individually or in teams, and is intended to be simply for fun. The competitive component is not the priority, but rather the gathering of community in the spirit of having fun and getting outdoors. For a map of the triathlon route, please visit [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us), then Events, then upcoming events, then Keep Gulfport Weird Triathlon.

If you would like to participate as a volunteer, your assistance is key for the success of this event. Or, if your business is interested in participating, please contact Justin Shea at 727-893-1118. Family

teams, individuals, community business teams, and organizations are encouraged to participate in this noncompetitive, fun focused event!

This year, everyone who registers gets a cool bright orange t-shirt with the Keep Gulfport Weird logo. Registration is \$10 per person. Please go to [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us), then Events, then upcoming events, then Keep Gulfport Weird Triathlon, "Keep Gulfport Weird Mini-Triathlon registration" to download the registration form. Please make sure you turn in your registration and registration fee of \$10, by Friday, September 20th. T-shirts will not be available if you register the day of the event.

Get in on the fun, then more at Tangerine Blues Fest Saturday September 28! For more information, please contact Justin Shea, City of Gulfport Technical Events Specialist, at 727-893-1118.

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## Take Advantage of Free Prostate Screening

Did you know that reducing your body weight by just 7% and increasing your physical activity can greatly reduce your risk of developing a host of chronic diseases?

The YMCA of Greater St Petersburg has joined forces with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Medicare to help seniors take control of their health. Gulfport Senior Center is the latest organization to begin offering the YMCA classes to make it easier for local seniors to take advantage of this program. The first series of classes begin Tuesday, September 17th at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 3:30 p.m.

Participants work together to lose a modest amount of weight, increase their physical activity and create healthy habits that can reduce risks of diabetes, cancer, heart disease and erectile dysfunction. Classes meet for one hour a week for 16 weeks and are followed up by monthly maintenance meetings. All classes are led by a trained Lifestyle Coach. Participants are eligible for a complimentary membership to the YMCA throughout the initial 16 week session.

Do you qualify? For more information call Shelley Swapp at 727-895-9622 ext. 219 or [sswapp@stpeteymca.org](mailto:sswapp@stpeteymca.org).

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## Letters

### Mosquito spraying

**Dear Editor:** When I first moved to Florida (1972), I lived in a city that sprayed for mosquitos on a weekly basis. Perhaps it was a coincidence that 70% of our neighbors on that street ended up with some kind of cancer and/or autoimmune disease. Was the cause spraying chemicals? We'll never know for sure, but I don't think it's worth the gamble. My vote is for all of us to go out and buy a bat house, put it up in a tree and let nature take care of nature.

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## Labor Day Fries Again

By Shelly Wilson



It wouldn't be Labor Day in Gulfport without the aroma of fresh fried fish wafting across the marina. The Gulfport Lions Club was at it again on Monday, serving up coleslaw, beans and hush puppies along with over 240 pounds of fish battered in their own special recipe to some 300 guests. The all-you-can-eat affair is a local favorite, as well as an important fundraiser for the Lions Club's many community outreach programs in sight conservation.

## Take America's Boating Course

Are you ready to expand your boating knowledge and skills? America's Boating Course will be presented beginning Monday, September 16, from 7-9 p.m. and continue for an additional six weeks on Monday nights. This program, presented over seven evenings by the St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron, is available to anyone 12 or older. It covers Required Safety Equipment, Boat Handling, Rules of the Road, Navigation Aids, Anchoring, Adverse Conditions, Communications, Trailering, PWC Operation, Knots and Lines, Introduction to Charts and more. This is an essential course for all boaters. Graduates qualify for a Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card and may qualify for insurance discounts.

St. Petersburg Sailing Center is located at 250 Second Ave. SE, Demens Landing, St Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$35 per family. Maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration required. Register on-line at [www.boating-stpete.org](http://www.boating-stpete.org).

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## Yoga in the Morning

Yoga with Valerie continues on Wednesday mornings at the Gulfport Recreation Center. Class starts at 9 a.m. and cost is \$10 a class. Class suitable for all levels, yoga meets you where you are at. For more information call Valerie at 727-557-4258 or go to her website-getfitwithvalerie.com. Please bring a yoga mat and a bottle of water.

## Vegan Potluck

Reaching out to vegans and vegetarians who are truly concerned with the welfare of animals and the planet, Brigitte is hosting a vegan potluck gathering at her home in Gulfport on Saturday, September 14th at 7 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.

## 6th Annual Tangerine Blues Fest

Bluegrass and Blues music will invade the Tangerine Greenway on September 28th. This year the 49th Street South Business Association (So49) has gone all out to bring some of the best talent from all over Florida and Georgia. Gates will open at 9 a.m. with the first band – “Boilin’ Oil” hitting the stage at 10 a.m. At 12 noon “Sycamore Shade” will take the stage and rounding out the Bluegrass is “The Blue Grass Sound Band” (from Marietta, Georgia) at 2 p.m.

Then the traditional Blues will kick off with the “Charlie Morris Band” at 4 p.m. They will be followed at 5:30 by the high energy sound of the “Lauren Mitchell Band.” At 7, “TC Carr” (a crowd favorite in Tampa Bay) will take the stage. Our headliner, the “Selwyn Birchwood Band” will take the stage at 8:30 to close it out.

To make this a true family event, not only do they have great music, they also have a large kiddie area brought by Spot Light Amusements. There will also be great food and something for everyone. The Tampa Bay Rays Foundation will be there doing their Official Autograph Auction booth.

Let's not forget that “One Blood” will be there again this year, so plan on donating. Also new this year is a Dining Tent (where you can sit and enjoy the great food) and a VIP seating area (up front and close to the bands - call for pricing as they only have six tables left of 25 available). Finally, help them help our Senior Centre replenish the pantry! Bring

in four cans of canned goods and get a free soda. Bring in six cans and get a free beer (must be 21). They must be brought to either ticket booth and exchanged for your drink ticket. Plan your day around your favourite band or come stay all day. Please note, due to the crowds and nature of the event, there will be no coolers or pets.

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**Monday, September 9th | 2:00pm**

*Skin Cancer* – Get a free screening and learn about prevention and treatment options from Dr. Frank T. Armstrong, Board Certified Dermatologist.

**Monday, September 16th | 2:00pm**

*Thrive Doctor Series: Medicare Part A, B and D* – Get Medicare answers just in time for open enrollment at this presentation by Lory Smeltzer of Advanced Senior Solutions.

**Tuesday, September 17th | 8:30am – 2:30pm**

*AARP Driver Safety Program* – No tests are required and insurance discounts may apply. \$12 for AARP members or \$14 for non-members includes class and light lunch.

**Friday, September 20th | 2:00pm**

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## Democratic Club to Meet

The September 12th meeting of the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club will feature Stetson Law School Professor Michael (Mike) Allen who will speak on/review the work of the last session of the Supreme Court and discuss cases that will be coming up when the Court convenes this October.

The meeting, which will be held at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Boulevard, Pinellas Park, will start with cocktails (cash bar) and social time at 6 p.m. followed by a delicious buffet dinner at 6:30 (\$15, make reservations please) and the speaker's presentation. Call Betty Morgenstein at 727-360-3971.

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## Garden Club of St. Petersburg Calendar

On Monday, September 9 Creative Crafts by the Garden Club of St. Petersburg presents a program of creating a Daisy Chain Seed Bracelet at 10 a.m., 500 Sunset Drive S., St. Petersburg. The cost of materials for members is \$3.50 and non-members \$4 and you take home what you craft. The public is welcomed.

On Tuesday, September 10 All Members Meeting presents a program on "Sustainable Gardening" by Julia Stack of the Florida Aquarium at 1 p.m., 500 Sunset Drive S., St. Petersburg. Visitors welcomed.

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## Gulfport Tai Chi

Gulfport Tai Chi classes have returned to the Recreation Center, 58th St. S. and Shore Blvd., Beginners to tai chi classes will be able to join the Tuesday and Thursday classes starting September 10th at 9 a.m. This gentle form of exercise is beneficial in maintaining body elasticity, heart health, bone strength, balance and more while avoiding stress on knee and hip joints. To obtain maximum benefits it is recommended that you attend both classes. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per class. The classes are open to all. Call Marge at 727-345-6708.

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## Toast-Masters Contest Winners

Gulfport Toastmasters is pleased to announce the winners of the Humorous Speech Contest.

Wesley Whittaker of Gulfport took

first place with his speech titled, "A Toastmasters Evaluation of the Big Bang." Wesley is a ghostwriter currently working on his third project.

George Everitt of St. Pete Beach took second place with a speech titled, "An Evening with the Mole." George is the Founder and CEO of Applied Relevance, a semantics software company for enterprise application. Mr. Whittaker will represent the Club at the Area Contest on September 19th at All Children's Hospital.



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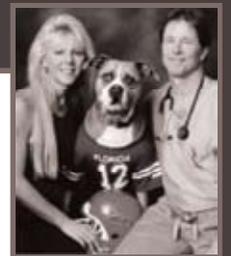


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**Mark Your Calendar!**

Many residents, men and women, still enjoy the wonders of nature even when they are no longer actively gardening. Listed below are events to put on your fall calendar so you won't miss out on places to go with them. Further details will be in upcoming publications. Just save the dates for now. Note: Their meetings this year will be on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

• Oct. 17: Jude Bagatti, master gardener and world traveler, will share photos and facts from all around the world. For Jude, the world IS her garden! If you would like an early peek at her work, Jude's photo show "Facing Five Continents" will be hanging in exhibit in the Friends Room from Oct. 1-Oct. 21. Their meeting is in the Gulfport Library Friends Room at 1 p.m.; treats will be served. Member directories and additional business will be distributed and conducted after Jude's presentation.

• Nov. 21 - Bus trip to Bok Tower Gardens, walkways are cane and walker friendly. Lush ferns, oaks, and pines provide a backdrop for flowering foliage and seasonal colors. Carillon tower concert included. They will board the bus at the Gulfport Library before 8:30 a.m. and return about 4:30 p.m. Reservations must be made by Nov. 1. Cost (including transportation and admission) is \$26.50 for members. Non-members are welcome and will pay \$31.50 which will include membership in the club until June 2014. Mail your reservation to Barbara Dye (2607 Beach Blvd. S. 33707). You will purchase your own lunch (options range from \$3-\$8).

• Dec. 17: Bus trip to tour holiday lights and enjoy refreshments together (with Red Hot Beach Nuts of Gulfport) Details later.

• Dec. 19: Holiday Party and gift exchange at J's Waterfront Dining and Lounge.

Remember - details will be in future issues...watch for them!

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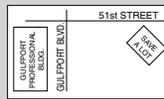
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# The Gabs

We walked the streets of GeckoFest and, as Gecko Season neared a close, we asked "regulars" to describe the Gecko madness in one word.



Susan Blankenship, riding in the Gecko golf car: "Amazing."

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Leigh Hanson, working a refreshment station: "Fun!"

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Suzi King, Events Coordinator: "Hot mess."

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Jon Ziegler, Gecko Ball organizer: "Fun!"

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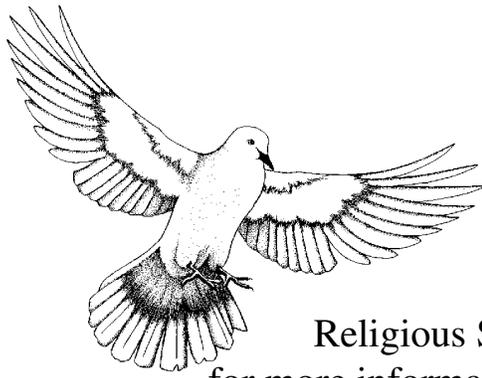
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GriefShare group meets at Cornerstone Community Church, starting every Friday from September 6th through December 6th, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Child care is not available at this time. Address is 6745 38th Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Please contact the church for additional information at 343-7747.

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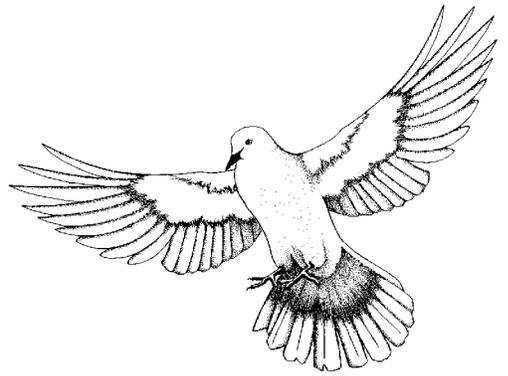
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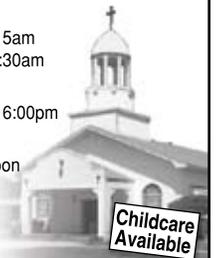
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Treasure Island



## September Opening Show

The Art Guild will be accepting pictures for the opening show of the season on Thursday, September 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium, 120 108th Avenue. Members may enter up to three paintings and cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded to the winners. If you are not a member and would like to display your work, you are invited to join the Guild.

The Guild will host a reception for the winners of the show at a reception on Saturday, September 14th at 1 p.m. at Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium, 120 108th Avenue. There will also be a demonstration by local artist Ron Guerin. The reception and demonstration is free and open to interested persons.

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

## Art Classes

The Art Guild is starting art classes on Monday, October 7th. Basic drawing will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 and basic watercolor from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30/ Cost for each is \$30 for six weeks or \$6 per class if paid weekly. They will be held in the Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium, 120 108th Avenue. To sign up for classes and for supplies needed call Fred at 360-8390.

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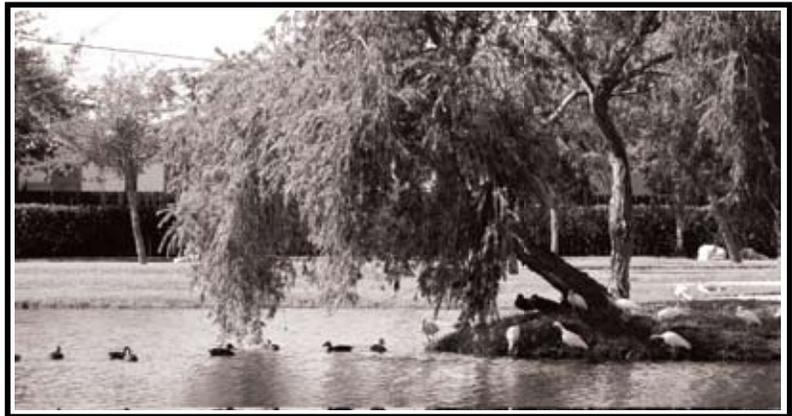


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## GeckoFest, from front page

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Next year, both organizations expect to have a contest for the next Gecko Queen and Mullet King. The original name for the first GeckoFest was "Gecko Fest and Mullet Mutiny"; GeckoFest started as an end-of-summer celebration, according to the GeckoFest web site.

The GeckoBall, held the Saturday before GeckoFest, started several years after GeckoFest as a fundraiser. First held at the Peninsula, organizers moved the Ball to the Casino as the Ball outgrew the Peninsula's capacity. Even with the larger space – the Casino has room for 300 people – the Ball sold out several weeks before the actual event. Next year, one Gulfport Merchant's board member told *the Gabber*, the Merchants want to have a midnight madness ticket sale to help draw attention to GeckoFest.

The Pub Crawl, held in the beginning of the month, also sold out before the event started.

## September is Alzheimer's Awareness Month

With an estimated 5.2 million Americans currently living with Alzheimer's, many more millions of untrained caregivers – usually spouses, relatives, neighbors and friends – spend countless unpaid hours caring for them as best they can. In St. Petersburg, professional caregivers in the memory care program of The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay, 1255 Pasadena Avenue South, help residents manage the disease with physical exercise, social activity, proper nutrition, health maintenance, and a calm and well-structured environment. They also help family caregivers cope with information, respite, education and support.

The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay welcomes family caregivers to attend its next Alzheimer's support group on September 25th at 10 a.m. Call 727-381-5411 for more information.

Strong supporters of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay is preparing to once again field a large team in the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. Due to construction at the St. Petersburg Pier, this year's event will take place at Bright House Field in Clearwater on October 19th. Co-captains Jennifer Naster and Barb Beveridge have been working hard since last year to grow their team of walkers and donors. The Fountains hopes to raise more than \$10,000 and be crowned top fundraising team. Toward that end, The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay is hosting a fundraising dinner on September 19th at 5:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Guests are welcome to attend and the suggested donation is \$10. Call 727-381-5411 to reserve a seat.

Anyone interested in getting involved in the Walk to End Alzheimer's can register on line at [act.alz.org/Pinellas](http://act.alz.org/Pinellas) or contact Rachel Farinas of the Gulf Coast Chapter by calling 727-259-2317.

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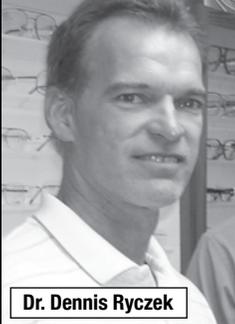
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## Pasta Dinner Every Monday

The Sons of Italy will serve a pasta dinner every Monday from 4-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 and includes pasta, two meat balls and salad. Donation to Scholarship Fund. They are located at 2500 34th Street S. in St. Petersburg. Call 798-6355.

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## Republican Club to Meet

Julie Marcus, Chief Deputy for Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections, will address the members and friends of the St. Petersburg Republican Club on Wednesday September 11th at 7 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Ms. Marcus will discuss changes in the election laws among other issues. Following her presentation, Ms. Marcus will answer questions from the audience. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the Question and Answer session. There is no charge to attend this event.

For more information on this event and other club activities, please call Gus Pries at 727-864-0312.

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## Historic Kenwood Plant Sale

Historic Kenwood Garden Workshop will be having their annual plant sale on Saturday, October 5th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bula Kafé, 2500 Fifth Avenue N. HKGW members have grown and raised all the plants for months using cuttings or divisions from their own gardens. A wide variety of great plants at cheap prices will be available, including tropicals, natives and succulents. Garden Workshop members will be available to answer your gardening questions. All proceeds from the sale benefit local charities (cash or check only). Bula Kafé will be open and serving up delicious coffee, kava, tea and smoothies during the sale. Keep it local and come shop for plants grown in Historic Kenwood! For more information contact them at hkgardens@msn.com or check out their Facebook page.

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Excerpts heard at the September 3, 2013

# Gulfport City Council Meeting Public Comment & Council Quotes

***"They need drivers. You can do a route in about an hour and a half, two hours."*** – Mayor Sam Henderson, about the Gulfport Meals on Wheels program.

***"I didn't pick her first because she's my mother-in-law!"*** – Mayor Sam Henderson, when he called on Karean Dorn for the public session.

***"That was a misquote. That wasn't quite what I said."*** – Mayor Sam Henderson, about a recent quote in a daily paper that said he had concerns that a lawsuit against the EPA would jeopardize BP RESTORE grant proceedings.

***"I think you're going to have a pretty... wide-scale debate about what to do with that BP money."*** – City Manager Jim O'Reilly

***"You had one more invitation to go check out [Clam Bayou] at low tide, and I just want to encourage you again."*** – Ward Three Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, to the council. She encouraged them to take special note of the property behind the Gulfport residences.

***"It's like velvet in your mouth."*** – Ward Two Councilwoman Christine Brown, about the new snow cone business next to Cousins on Beach Boulevard.

***"Contact our Facebook page to find out all the rules about it."*** – Ward Two Councilwoman Christine Brown, about the Gulfport Through Your Eyes photo contest. Check it out at <http://gulfporthisitoricalsociety.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/GulfportHistoricalSociety>

***"It doesn't say just dogs, so I guess you can bring your pig, your chicken."*** – Ward Two Councilwoman Christine Brown, about "Historical Pet Parade" that will be part of the city's birthday bash on October 12 this year.

***"I'm actually the second oldest competitor... so if I don't break a hip between now and then, I'll be playing."*** – Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke, about the AVP Volleyball qualifiers.

***"For Friday's workshop... there's a spreadsheet that gives a cost of all the 76 festivals."*** – Ward Four Councilman Michael Fridovich



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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

On Monday, the winged messenger Mercury moves out of Virgo and into the sign of the scales. In Libra, communication is lighthearted, and it's easier to see the other person's point of view. Diplomacy is alive and well, and many a compromise will be struck. It also will be harder to make up our minds. On Tuesday, Venus adjusts the cosmic clockwork, slipping into intense Scorpio for four weeks of gripping romantic drama.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Permanence is a myth. There is no such thing. That's why it's unwise to make any move out of a desire for permanence. These types of grabby actions have a desperate air that is repellant to others. The most attractive energy is comfortable, easy and accepting of the fact that things change.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Acceptance is saying "yes" to where you are and who you are. It's putting yourself in the driver's seat as opposed to standing on the curb and criticizing the car. Acceptance gives you power. Only those who accept the moment can control it. This week you'll go places because you get in the car and grab the wheel.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You were a different person back when you first met your friend, and tomorrow you'll be a different person again. Reinvention is part of who you are. Old relationships can be new again if at least one of the people involved chooses to see the other as the different person he or she is each day.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). New people will pop into your life in the upcoming week. This could have a startling effect on the people who are already in your life. They could become jealous and fearful that your attention will wane. Or they could encourage you, realizing the benefit of varied influences.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Good manners are one thing, but you don't trust people who only say what you want to hear. The

ones who say, "You may not like to hear this, but..." and follow with a generally innocuous or even likeable comment are the ones who *really* can't be trusted. Don't treasure social slickness over honesty.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). How can you give more than you can give? Well, you just can, and that's an unexplainable phenomenon. Anyway, keeping score is pointless. Counting the contributions you've made is a waste of time that could be spent mining the treasures of your spirit for new sources of future generosity.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Encourage others to contribute to the conversation and the work at hand. If you are the only one making an effort, it won't be fun for you. You might think things will be more complicated if you include too many people, but in fact, everything gets lighter and simpler as you add more people to the equation.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You strive to achieve a healthy frame of mind this week, and all other health springs from that effort. The good thing about feeling down or negative is that it's the perfect time to train your mind. The habit of finding the opportunity in problems will serve you well. In fact, it will be the key to your success.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Just because your destination is far away doesn't mean it's going to be hard to get to. The directions won't be complicated. A simple effort made on a daily basis will get you there. This week, reinforce consistent action. Schedule an activity, and repeat it at the same time every day.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It feels good to be needed, but that good feeling may only be detectable after the fact. While you're doing what others need, you're too busy to notice how right it feels. When they no longer need you, you will recognize what you had. This will prompt you to be of service elsewhere.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The universe seems intent on doing

things you don't expect, but it's up to you to interpret these events as surprising, disappointing, fortunate or unlucky. Much depends on your attitude. The less connected you are to the outcome the better you'll be at interpreting in a way that brings you joy.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're too smart to take the hard line on everything today. Believing something that is not true can be dangerous or lovely. This week the issue is compounded by the very nature of truth; it's so layered that you can't know it absolutely. The best you can do is interpret things in a way that empowers you.

**This Week's Birthdays:** You're having fun and are in a positive mood, so you'll take risks. The first part of your year is adventurous, and you'll be gathering influences from far and wide. What you learn about art, philosophy, religion, sports and culture will expand your horizons. New friends will connect with you as you explore these themes. November and May are the best for your financial situation. December brings a big professional commitment. January transforms your domestic scene and schedule.

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## Music at Gulfport Beach Pavilion #6

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**Tuesday, 1-3:30 p.m.**

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**Wednesday, 1-3:30 p.m.**

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**Thursday, 1-3:30 p.m.**

Dancing & Karaoke with Dave & Cookie

**1st & 3rd Friday, 1-3:00 p.m.**

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- Poodle Palace - 6660 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach
- Westminster Shores - 125 56th Ave. S., St. Petersburg

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Got a cute outfit for your favorite buddy? Let them see the photo of your pet in it's Sunday best. Include name, what she is dressed in and why.

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### Seen About Town: Ted Nugent



Among the things seen about town on St. Pete Beach, one of Ted Nugent's guitars has a permanent place of honor at Jackie's on Corey. Owner Jackie Smit, once chef at the World Trade Center's Windows on the World and, more recently, Chill and The Riviera Supper Club on St. Pete Beach, once cooked for Ted Nugent. She so impressed him with his food that he gave her one of his guitars, which hangs in a place of honor at her cozy restaurant and jazz club in the heart of St. Pete Beach.

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The Annual Fall Corey Car & Truck Show will be held Saturday, September 14th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 100 stock and modified cars entered. Live music by Joel & Dakota, father/son duo from Tarpon Springs. Food vendors include Jaxson's on the Boulevard and Tropiccool Sorbet Treats. For registration form and/or more information call 727-547-8082 or go to [www.premiumcarshows.com](http://www.premiumcarshows.com). Corey Car & Truck Show sponsored by Premium Productions, CABA and City of St Pete Beach. Awards by Dudley's Trophies, Pinellas Park. Free parking. Free entry. Event info: 727-498-8778

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## Laugh, Smile and Re-energize!

Turn that frown upside down with this new activity. The Gulfport Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. is offering "Laugh, Smile & Re-energize" on Mondays at 12:45 p.m. The classes are ongoing. Come out to catch the very contagious laughter bug and experience the awesome power of laughter. Now's your chance to find out why they say "Laughter is the best medicine"! You must be a registered Senior Center member to attend. For more information, call 727-893-1231.

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## Heard About Town

Rumor has it that **Jackie's on Corey** (338 Corey Avenue) could soon have some pretty cool street-side seating... the city commission voted on this issue after press time, so be sure and check the [Gabber.com](http://TheGabber.com) for an update. On Saturday, September 13, head to the **Tradewinds Guy Harvey resort for the Rays "Watch Party"**— they'll take on the Minnesota Twins at 8:10, so come early for a great seat. The next day head to Corey Avenue for its car and truck show. Gecko Season might end this weekend, but that doesn't mean Gulfport's not a hip place to visit: **Mangia** (2930 Beach Boulevard) will soon have **Reggae Sundays** and rumor has it that the **Historical Society** (5301 28th Avenue South) is planning a dinner under the stars in October, and the **Industrial Arts Center** will make a move out of the Art Village Courtyard and back into Artist's Alley (across the avenue from the current location). The new **Philanthropy gift shop** in the Art Village Courtyard takes over Castaways old spot. On the Gulfport Community Co-op page, one local woman has made inquiries about starting a **random acts of kindness group**, so watch out for a silent army looking to pay things forward...On our **"still shuttered" list**: The Peninsula's food and beverage side, The Village Pub building and the Beach Theatre. Rumors abound that someone wants to open a school at the Peninsula, but so far there's nothing to substantiate that.

Have business news or heard rumors that you want us to explore? Send it to [News@thegabber.com](mailto:News@thegabber.com) with the subject header "Heard About Town".

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# Gulfport Leisure

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

### ACTIVITIES

**Open Gym/Gamerroom** – Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and Tues., 6-9 p.m., Annual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

### PROGRAMS

#### **2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM**

Ongoing registrations for the 2013-2014 School Year Child Care Program continue for children who are entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

#### **2013-2014 TOT TIME PROGRAM**

Pre-registration continues for the 2013-2014 Tot Time Program are currently being accepted. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. A non-refundable annual registration fee of \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents is required to secure a spot. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. 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. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Classes begin September 3, 2013 and is limited to 10 children. Call 893-1068 for more information.

#### **2013-2014 VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) PROGRAM**

Pre-registration for

the 2013-2014 VPK Program are currently being accepted. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1st. Parents must apply at the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. and the child must receive a Certificate of Eligibility. VPK will start on Tuesday, September 3rd and is limited to 10 children. Contact the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. at 400-4411 for questions or call the Recreation Center at 893-1068 for more details.

#### **2013-2014 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, game-room and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

#### **NEW CLASSES**

- Interested in teaching a class? Call John at 893-1079 for info
- BeVolley Academy Clinics – Sept. 10th & 18th, Jr. Class 5:30-7p.m. Adult class 7-8:30p.m. Call 495-6696 for more information or visit the website [www.bevolleyacademy.com](http://www.bevolleyacademy.com)
- Chair Yoga - Returns Friday, Oct. 4th 10-11am. Call Joyce at 727-345-0679
- Beginners Conversational Spanish – Starts Mon., Sept. 9th, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Call 727-482-2125 for more info.
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Ian Forrester at 823-0922.
- German For Beginners - Tues., 6 to

7pm. Call 727-755-3459 or email [Pegasus.scholar@gmail.com](mailto:Pegasus.scholar@gmail.com)

• Gymnastics – Returns Thur., Sept. 5th, 5:30-6:15p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.

• Hawaiian Hula – Starts Wednesday, Sept. 18th, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call Kalina at 251-0424 for more information.

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

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

• Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. for 10 & under, & 6 p.m. for adults & Fri. 5pm for Juniors. Call Jack at 280-4276

• Urban Survivor Bootcamp Fitness – Tues., 6:15-7:15 p.m. Please call Donnie Ali-McClendon @ 727-550-7185.

• Yoga in the A. M. – RETURNS TO REC CENTER Wed., Sept. 4th, 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.

• Yoga in the P.M. – RETURNS Wed., Sept. 4th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.

• Zumba - RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER. 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 –



## Gulfport Library 5501 28th Ave. So. 893-1074 or fax 344-6386

### TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

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

**Beginning Digital Camera:** Saturday, Oct. 5, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Digital is the way to go for fast and easy results. Cathy Salustri shows you how to capture those moments digitally. Pre-register at the Reference Desk or call 727-893-1073.

**Intermediate Digital Camera:** Saturday, Oct. 26, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Build on your skills with Cathy's guidance. 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**

**Victims' Support Group for Victims of Sexual Abuse:** Mondays, 6 – 6:45 pm. FMI, call 727-637-4331.

**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).

**Gulfport Toastmasters:** Wednesdays,

6:00 – 7:30 pm. FMI, call 727-827-7875.

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

**Coffee/Talk Book Club:** Thurs., Sept. 19, 11:00 am. \*\*Note new time. Discussion of "Breakfast at Tiffany's" by Truman Capote, 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.

**Tim Dorsey:** Thursday, Sept. 19, 7:00 pm. The popular Florida author returns! Please call 727-893-1073 to reserve your seat for this lively event.

**SCORE Counseling:** Tues., Sept. 24 FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 893-1073 FMI & to schedule an appointment.

#### **CHILDREN/FAMILY PROGRAMS**

**Storytime:** Join Cailey every Thursday morning for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers. Sing songs, play instruments and meet other caregivers in the community. Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am.

**In Our Own Words, Youth Book Writ-**

**ing Contest:** Saturdays, Sept. 14 – Nov. 16, 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Students in Grades 1-12 will have a chance to create a book and participate in workshops. The winning book to be published by Trace Taylor Books! Parents welcome. FMI call 893-1073.

**Free Family Movie Day:** Saturday, Sept. 21, two movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 p.m. It's been a long summer, so join us as we resume our monthly program. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by our Circle of Friends. For movie titles, call 727-893-1074.

#### **TEEN PROGRAMS**

**TEEN GAME ZONE:** Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. Come challenge your friends on the latest XBOX 360 games or just hang-out. Free Refreshments. FMI, call 727-893-1073 & ask for Cailey.

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

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New hours for the Fitness Center is as follows: Monday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Several evening classes available by going to [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) and follow the links to the Senior Center.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

1st Friday Flea Market – Friday, September 6, 9 a.m. – Noon. It's back and you won't want to miss all the cool stuff you can buy for bargain prices!

NEW! B.Y.O.C. – Bring Your own Computer Class – Social Media Class – Mondays, 10 a.m. Ever wonder what Facebook is all about? Learn how to create an account, privacy settings, share photos with family and friends or contact long lost friends. Space is limited so you must sign up at the Senior Center. You must bring your own computer. FREE

Movie Day at the Snack Bar – Tuesday, September 10 at 11:30 a.m. Watch a FREE movie and get a great deal on lunch for \$3.00!

Coffee Club – Thursday, September 12 at 10 a.m. Scott O'Berry has an open discussion on current events, the economy and investing, in a relaxed informal setting. Free coffee and doughnuts. Sponsored by Edward Jones. FREE

iPad Workshop – is full.

Happy Birthday to YOU – Tuesday, September 17 at 12:00 p.m. A Birthday Party with cake and ice cream for everyone. Whether you are celebrating a September Birthday or not, this party is for you! Provided by Wellcare.

**NEW FITNESS CENTER SCHEDULE:** Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 am – 4:00 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.

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

### Support Groups

Diabetic Support Group on Mondays at 9:30am

Caregivers: Every Wed. at 2pm

MoreActivities: [www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org](http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org).

### Harmonica Music

Celebration! – Wednesday, September 18 at 2 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater. Mingle at 1:30 p.m. with appetizers in the Theater Lobby. Celebrate the Harmonica clubs many years of making beautiful music. Learn about their story and lifelong friendships! Free McDonalds coupon for every ticket purchased. Tickets: \$3.00.

Prostate Cancer Screening (blood test only) – Friday, September 20 from 1 – 3 p.m. Please call 893-1231 to schedule an appointment. Offered by the J. West Prostate Cancer Foundation.

How to bring new personal satisfaction into your world – Wednesday, September 25 at 1:30 p.m. Workshop provided by Access Community Services.

A Night in Italy – Friday, September 27 – Dinner at 6 p.m. and Dance Performance at 7 p.m. by the Italian Folk Dancers. Tickets: \$10

Hospice and Caregiving – Want to know more

about what Hospice does and do you need questions answered? Join Janet Pattison on Monday, September 30 at 2:30 p.m. for free info.

TRAVEL! Call Carolyn at 727-347-0806.

Wednesday, September 11, Englebert Humpferdink. 7 p.m. show. \$69

Thursday, September 19, Tarpon Springs Visit with Castle Winery. Tour, Tasting and glass to keep. Lunch on own. \$41.

### SPECIAL SERVICES

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

### G.E.M.S. Gulfport Extended Mobility Service:

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

Available Trips offered Monthly: Downtown St. Pete Medical-32 trips; Pasadena Medical-96 trips; Grocery up to 50 trips; Walmart-34 trips

### Neighborhood Center

**1617 49th St.  
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**Faith Cathedral International Church:** 9:30am, Sun.; 4th Sun. Bible Study  
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1-2 Beginner Lessons**

**2-3 Dancing  
Argentine Tango  
7-11pm, \$7  
7-8pm Lesson,  
8-11pm Dance**

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

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

## Local Obituaries

**HEINLE, RUTH C.**, 97, of South Pasadena, died Aug. 28, 2013. Survived by family and friends. Guestbook at [www.davidcgross.com](http://www.davidcgross.com). David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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**SULLIVAN, COL. MARVIN BAIRD PHD. USAF (RET.)** 89, of St. Pete Beach, FL, took his final flight and soared into eternal peace, Aug. 26, 2013. He was born in Van Orin, Illinois and grew up in Ohio, Illinois. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942, retiring after 32 years and numerous missions. He was a decorated veteran of WWII, having received the Air Medal for flying gliders carrying troops behind enemy lines in 1944. He was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, having received the Distinguished Flying Cross in Vietnam in 1968. He received a PhD in Organic Chemistry from the University of Chicago in 1967. He was instrumental to the Cold War efforts by helping engineer the first nuclear hardening of the U.S. Air Force B1 aircraft. This and other of

his achievements in the 1970s were effective in deterring a Soviet first strike. In retirement he developed research into hurricane tracking and measurement and supported the citizens of St. Pete Beach in efforts to preserve the residential ambience of the community. He married his wife Carol in Chicago and remained married for 67 years until his death. He was a caring father to his sons, Charles (Rebecca), Dan (Denise), Mark (Pam) and daughter, Marvi (Billy); a wonderful "Pop" and "Papa" to his grandchildren, Jennifer, Ryan, Joshua and (predeceased ) Michael; and 5 great-grandchildren. He lived a missioned filled and adventurous life dedicated to grand causes of good and will be missed by many. The family will hold a private memorial with interment at Arlington National Cemetery in the future. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in his memory to The Salvation Army or Military Veteran project that helps all to remember the sacrifices of those who served this country.

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## Pinellas Trail Gets Sensor Counters

It is 47 miles long, has been a Pinellas County asset since it opened in 1990, and is now going to be monitored to get an accurate count of users. The Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail is being outfitted with a series of infrared monitors to tally the number of runners, bikers and walkers who use this linear park.

Five monitors were purchased through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services with a Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant. These sensors are capable of detecting the infrared emission from individuals who pass by the monitors, differentiating between the directions of travel and whether they are on foot or on a bicycle. They do not take photographs, and no personally identifying information can be obtained from them.

The data will be used to measure the trail usage to assist with staffing and maintenance assignments, identifying areas for trail expansion, and building a case for additional grant and transportation funding.

All units are battery operated and automatically transmit data, eliminating the need for staff to go to the monitoring locations. Three of the sensors are permanently mounted in busy unincorporated north, central and south locations on the trail. Two are portable, being used to determine the best location for future sensors.

For more information about Pinellas County services and programs, visit [www.pinellascounty.org](http://www.pinellascounty.org).

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## Community Law Program

If you are over 60 and meet the required criteria, you can get legal assistance from the Community Law Program at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Avenue S. the third Friday of the month. You must call 727-582-7480 to qualify and make the appointment.

If you qualify, the legal assistance is free. The Community Law Program is provided by St. Petersburg Attorneys and exists to empower the most vulnerable in our community through pro bono legal representations and assistance and outreach.

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## Take a Native Plant Landscape Tour

The Pinellas Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will host its 7th Annual Native Plant Landscape Tour on Saturday, October 5th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be six houses on the tour, in St. Petersburg, Largo and Seminole. The tour is self-guiding; tour goers will receive a booklet with suggested route, addresses and descriptions of tour sites. Pinellas FNPS members will be on hand at each site to greet visitors and answer questions. Come and find inspiration for your own yard! Tickets are \$5 and will go on sale beginning the first week in September. For locations or to purchase online, visit the Pinellas Chapter's website <http://pinellas.fnpschapters.org/tour/>.

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## Wednesday Evening Yoga

Yoga with Tamara continues on Wednesday evening at the Gulfport Recreation Center. The class focus is gentle Hatha yoga, breathing techniques and relaxation for the mind, body and spirit. Class is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the cost is \$10 per class. For more information call Tamara at 727-512-2763 or email her at [tharte@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:tharte@tampabay.rr.com). Please bring a yoga mat and a bottle of water.

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of St. Pete Beach: Camps

**Q:** How many summer campers did St. Pete Beach have, and of those, how many lived on St. Pete Beach?

**A:** "We had a total of 243 children registered in either the full summer or by the week," Director Jennifer McMahon says. "Of that, 132 were residents, or 54%. Of those that registered for the full eight-week summer, 65% were residents. Of those registering for week by week, 47% were residents. Additionally, to the 243, we had 100 children register for eight specialty camps were offered, and 43% were residents.

"So," she finished "we served 343 children this summer and overall approximately 50% were residents."

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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## Syria - No Small Issue

**H**ow do you like your war? Hot or cold? With cream or black? Sugar, too? Oh, you don't like war at all? Well, how do you avoid it? And, what consequences either way? Don't need congress? Well, maybe. Maybe it's not a war at all, just a little explosive action, or maybe just a bit more than that. What then? Is there a plan? What is it? Why is this something new when the "red line" was drawn more than a year ago?

Oh, another thing. Did Syria really use chemical weapons on its women and children, on its civilians, or at all? Could it have been its Al-Qaeda affiliated rebels? What kind of proof? Are other countries with us? Have we been working with our allies on these issues for the past two years that the Syrian civil war has been going on? The UN is out of it, of course, because Russia and China, who have veto powers on the Security Council, are allies of Syria pretty much whatever they do. But, maybe they are not. Syria has asked for UN protection from the U.S.

Another question: do we or do we not want Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to be overthrown? Didn't we - Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and President Obama, specifically - declare that he should step aside last year? Didn't the administration say that Assad was a "spent force"? How does that fit with the declaration of a couple days ago that military action in response to the use of chemical weapons was not aimed at regime change? Isn't wanting Assad out asking for a regime change?

Isn't this the same guy that Hillary Clinton said might be considered a reformer and the same guy that John Kerry as a U.S. Senator when G.W. Bush was president visited more than once to keep the lines of diplomacy open? Isn't this the administration that re-established its ambassador there after the Bush administration had withdrawn it? Didn't the current state department urge Israel to return the Golan Heights to Syria?

Has Assad ever cleaned up his act? Oh, that's right, he's an English educated Opthamologist with a good looking, classy wife. That's a good image and he has been a stable dictator unless opposed. Along the way he tried to establish a nuclear development facility in the Bakka Valley before the Israelis took it out. Syria also assassinated leaders in Lebanon, provided a conduit for Sunni insurgents in post-war Iraq, fired on peaceful demonstrators in its own country and then tortured and killed young children who wrote anti-Assad graffiti on the walls.

Of course, that was then and this is right now. So, can we prove he used chemical weapons? If so, should we put some "shots across the bow" to stop him? Will it? If we do more, such as take out his air force, and mess up his military capabilities, what then? Can we get the right weapons and support to the only apparent ("apparent" being critical) good-guys, the Free Syria Army? Are the Islamist radicals, who are also fighting amongst themselves, isolated? Who will fill the vacuum when (and if) Assad goes?

What's the response from Iran and Hezbollah, both Assad supporters, if there is a pro-west regime change? Will they attack Israel and then what do we do? If we do nothing, is this a green light for chemical weapons use, and what if the weapons get in the hands of the Islamist radicals? Does doing nothing give the green light to Iran and its nuclear weapons program? Will North Korea feel less restrained about using its chemical weapons on South Korea?

Does a dithering, on-again-off-again, not quite sure what to do U.S., strengthen the bad guys? Does the U.S. "leadership" become irrelevant? If Assad and his regime survive, will the Iran, Syria, Hezbollah and Muslim Brotherhood alliance become THE power of the Middle East? Will that destroy Israel? Does any of this matter to the U.S.? Are our national security interests at risk?

At this juncture, military action of

any sort (by the U.S.) is off the table for at least a month while the issue is taken to the Congress, appropriately, I might add. Interjecting another question here: shouldn't the Obama administration have been laying the groundwork about these issues with Congress for at least the past year? Either way, the matter has been thrown to Congress. Is it to get President Obama off the political hook for the 2014 elections? Will this make it a political debate more than a moral or national security issue?

Whatever the context or the questions, the issue is war in some form. It is not for the lighthearted or the timid. One pundit commented that he hopes people realize how difficult the issue is for Obama. That's hinting he'd like to change the test questions after the test is given. It is what it is. It's what a world leader has to deal with. There's no room for, "gosh, this is tough." And, one of the tough issues, not mentioned, is whether our military is strong enough, has the will, or the funding to take on more. Those lead to even more questions.

So, what's the solution? I don't know if there is a "solution". I do know that no action only postpones the issue and that if action is to be taken, it has to have purpose more than being a "shot across the bow".

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# American Legion Activities

## Post 125

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

| THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  | SUNDAY  | MONDAY          | TUESDAY                             | WEDNESDAY  |
|---|---|---|---|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Lunch Served<br>11am-3pm<br><br>Ron's Karaoke 7pm | Kitchen Open<br>11-2pm<br>Dinner 4:30-6:30pm<br>Southern Knights Band<br>7-11pm | Southern Knights Band<br>7-11pm<br><br>Dinner 4:30-6:30pm | Breakfast Buffet<br>8:30-11am<br>S.A.L. hamburgers and<br>hot dogs 12-3pm<br><br>Steakums 1-3pm | No Lunch Served | Lunch 11-3<br><br>Ron's Karaoke 7pm | Lunch Served<br>11am-3pm<br>Euchre 1pm<br>Bingo 6pm<br>Kitchen Open<br>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.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 125 is collecting donations of canned goods and toilet paper for Liberty Manor, a facility that provides housing and assistance to our homeless veterans. You can drop off donations at the American Legion, 6440 5th Ave. S., St. Pete. For more info about Liberty Manor, visit [www.libertymanor.org](http://www.libertymanor.org).

## Post 305

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

| THURSDAY                     | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   | SUNDAY                   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   |
|------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|--|---|---|
| Bar Bingo 7pm<br>Food Served | Fish & Chicken<br>6-8pm<br><br>Geno<br>6:30-9:30pm | Steak Dinner<br>6-8pm<br><br>Lee Jay Nelson<br>6:30-9:30pm | Sports & Pizza<br>12-6pm | Bucky Burgers<br>5-8pm<br><br>Karaoke<br>6:30-9:30pm | <b>ALA EXE Mtg.-<br/>5:45pm<br/>Reg. Mtg.-6pm</b><br><br>Pizza available<br>all day | <b>Exe. Com. Mtg.-6pm</b><br><br>Wednesday Dinner<br>Trivia |

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|----------|------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|
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- Animal Call-** 25th Ave. & 53rd St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Theft-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Theft-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Domestic-** 5200 Blk 14th Ave. S.

**Saturday 8/24**

- Trespass-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Domestic-** 2800 Blk Dupont St. S.
- Animal Call-** 1800 Blk 55th St. S.

- Burglary Residence-** 5000 Blk 16th Ave. S.
  - Theft-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Reckless Driver-** 700 Blk Gray St. S.
  - Disturbance-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Noise-** 17th Ave. & 57th St. S.
  - Civil Matter-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Theft-** 5200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Person Under Influence-** Gulfport Blvd. & 53rd St. S.
  - Domestic-** 3000 Blk Clinton St. S.
  - DUI-** 52nd St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Sunday 8/25**
- Hit & Run-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
  - Disturbance-** 5800 Blk 18th Ave. S.
  - Domestic-** 6300 Blk 11th Ave. S.
  - Hit & Run-** 3000 Blk Dupont St. S.
  - Burglary Residence-** 5300 Blk 14th Ave. S.
  - Civil Matter-** 6300 Blk 9th Ave. S.
  - Disorderly Conduct-** 5500 Blk 14th Ave. S.
  - Theft-** 3000 Blk 57th St. S.
  - Noise-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
  - Neighbor Problem-** 700 Blk 58th St. S.

- Domestic-** 5500 Blk 19th Ave. S.
  - Noise-** 4600 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Monday 8/26**
- Theft-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Domestic-** 2800 Blk Clinton St. S.
  - Animal Call-** 18th Ave. & 53rd St. S.
  - Noise-** 1700 Blk 53rd St. S.
  - Animal Call-** 1500 Blk 55th St. S.
  - Trespass-** 5000 Blk 17th Ave. S.
  - Juvenile Trouble-** 16th Ave. & 54th St. S.
  - Domestic-** 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.
  - Trespass-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Tuesday 8/27**
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 5400 Blk 12th Ave. S.
  - Theft-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Burglary Residence-** 5200 Blk 28th Ave. S.
  - Burglary Residence-** 5200 Blk 25th Ave. S.
  - Civil Matter-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Civil Matter-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Juvenile Trouble-** 1800 Blk 55th St. S.
  - Drug Call-** 4900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Wednesday 8/28**
- Noise-** 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.
  - Animal Call-** 5400 Blk 29th Ave. S.
  - Domestic-** 1100 Blk 61st St. S.
  - Animal Call-** 5900 Blk Pelican Bay Plaza
  - Shots Fired (Heard)-** 5100 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Thursday 8/29**
- Domestic-** Gulfport Blvd. & 27th Ave. S.
  - Civil Matter-** 2800 Blk Clinton St. S.
  - Juvenile Trouble-** 11th Ave. & 56th St. S.
  - Assault/Battery-** 1100 Blk 53rd St. S.
  - Trash Dump-** 3000 Blk 50th St. S.
  - Drug Call-** 5700 Blk Newton Ave. S.
  - Drug Call-** 1400 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Juvenile Trouble-** 1800 Blk 55th St. S.
  - Burglary Residence-** 5500 Blk 14th Ave. S.
  - Neighbor Problem-** 800 Blk Gray St. S.
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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 summer schedule of luncheons is one week koldunai and the other week cepelinai. The cost is \$7 for entree, side, dessert and coffee. This Thursday's menu is cepelinai (grated potato meat dumplings), served with bacon or sour cream, dessert and coffee. As usual, they have Lithuanian beer and fresh baked Lithuanian bread to buy every Thursday. Call Vida at 866-7936. Everyone is welcome.

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# City Whys?

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of Gulfport: *Recycling*

**Q:** [A recent Gabber] article says what the city receives for aluminum cans and other recycling material, but does not show what it took in last year as revenues and what it costs! My guess is that residents are paying quite a high price for the privilege of saying "we recycle". A balanced editorial piece would be appreciated!

**A:** We asked Don Sopak, the city's Public Works Director, for some numbers. He told us that last fiscal year (2011-2012) the city collected \$188,752; this included "a recycling grant, recycling sales, and recycling charges to households and businesses," Sopak said.

That same year, the program cost \$165,277. This included truck costs, fuel, repairs, insurance, employee salaries, replacement bins and administrative costs, bringing the program's profit to \$23,525 for last fiscal year.

Sopak also added that the program "eliminated 471 tons of recyclables from the solid waste stream," and saved the city disposal fees of \$17,662.

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# Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

## Bringing Home Happy

This summer I did something I hadn't done in 20 years. And this something reminds me every day how much easier it is to give advice than it is to apply it.

I got a puppy. He's a German shepherd. His name is Happy.

Happy came from a breeder I know in North Carolina. My wife and I flew in on a Friday, and the next day, bright and early on that beautiful Saturday morning, we drove to the breeder's house like two anxious adoptive parents.

When we arrived, the breeder's property was bustling with at least 15 people and their dogs already midway through a training session. One of the dogs being trained was 14 months old and from the same

parents as the pup we were there to meet, the dog who would be Happy. Beautiful boy.

My wife was with me not for moral support or the trip to North Carolina. The dog we would fly home with was to be her dog. I was there to play matchmaker.

That morning, we met not one dog but two. I rattled my car keys, turned them onto their backs, waved my hands in their little puppy faces and watched them interact -- with us and with each other. My wife played with both pups, and both are good dogs. But one was clearly sweeter, gentler, and the other was more strong-willed and a little pushy with the other.

Being a household that already includes one German shepherd and three Cardigan Welsh Corgis, a natural inclination toward playing nicely with others was a must.

Happy it was -- until we got back to the hotel, that is.

That night, we got no sleep. The teething, the whining... Like I said, 20 years had elapsed since I last did this. Don't get me wrong. We both were excited and thrilled to be bringing Happy home. But the challenges of raising a puppy were already seeping back into the forefront of my awareness.

The thought that kept coming to me all night long: As much as I've yakked about this my whole adult life, I hope I still know how to do it.

We arrived home to a quiet house. In preparation for our arrival, we had boarded our other dogs to give us uninterrupted bonding time with the new guy. Otherwise, dogs will bond with one another and ignore the humans.

At this initial stage, caring, feeding, loving and nurturing are the priorities - it's not the time to lay down the law or begin training. We set Happy up to sleep in his comfy crate right next to our bed. We hear him when he cries, and he lets us know when he needs to go out, when he's hungry, when he needs a frozen washcloth to soothe his aching jaws from the teething. And we've had no housebreaking accidents at all, which makes me think I've still got it! I actually do know what I'm talking about!

Whenever Happy's inside, he's either on a leash or in his crate. We'll maintain this rule for months, and all new puppy parents would be wise to, as well. Last night at sunset, I was sitting on the back deck with Happy. There was a broom propped up against a wall behind us. Happy wanted to eat that broom. The leash and the crate help you to prevent destruction and to quietly set boundaries on behaviors such as chewing.

That said, as I look down right now, I can't see the floor under my feet for the dog toys all around. With some things, boundaries are totally overrated.

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## Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members will be attending a chapter Beginning Day Social at the home of Lucy Brushaber on Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m. At that time the plans for the new year will be shared and will look forward to another great year.

The first regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11 at the Lake Rich Village Club House. The hostess for this meeting will be Paula Roberts and the program will be presented by Pam Puskas. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

The Vice Presidents of Sunshine City Council are encouraging all members to seek out family and friends to join Beta Sigma Phi. They are looking to increase their membership. If anyone is interested in learning more about Beta Sigma Phi, please contact Sharon Ingram at 321-2849.

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## 1st Friday Flea Back in September

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While you visit, please bring a canned good or two to the new "bucket of love" which will be located in the Senior Center lobby. This food goes into the Center pantry where local seniors who are less fortunate can get the assistance they need. For more information or to get involved call 893-2237 or 893-1231.

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Anyone can play who is over 21. A whole team or just an individual can join. This is a great way to get

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## USCG Safe Boating Program

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CeSar) Start at your convenience. First day, come at 6:30 p.m. to register. Begin any Tuesday and finish 13 weeks later or take up to two years to finish.

September's program includes: "Knots" Sept. 10, "Weather" Sept. 17, and "Your Boat's Radio" Sept. 24.

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

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## Get your Community Service Hours

Hey teens! Are you looking to fill community service hours for school or for a scholarship? The Gulfport Public Library is a great place to volunteer! It's a fun way to meet other teens and improve the library while fulfilling your community service requirement. Contact Cailey at [cklasson@mygulfport.us](mailto:cklasson@mygulfport.us) or 727-893-1074.

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## Tim Dorsey Returns to Gulfport Public Library

Tim Dorsey, the popular Florida author, returns Thursday, September 19 at 7 p.m. inside the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Ave. S. Reservations are being accepted now, please call 727-893-1073 to reserve your seat for this event.

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## Singing Group Needs Instructor

Singing Group practice which was held at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. on Mondays at 2:30 p.m. is cancelled at this time. Once a new volunteer music instructor has been found, we will restart the class. We are also looking for a volunteer accompanist pianist. If you have questions or you are interested, please call Gail at 727-893-2237.

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## Blues Fest Volunteers Needed!

The So49 Business Association is seeking volunteers to assist with the

2013 Tangerine Blues Fest, to be held Saturday, September 28th. Volunteer shifts are generally two hours long, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and running till 10 p.m. Proceeds from the Blues Fest Benefit All Children's Hospital in St Petersburg. Please contact Don Stafford at don@rsri.net if interested in volunteering or for information.

## Cookbook Sale at the Library

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library is holding a cookbook sale at the library through Saturday, September 7 or until all the books are sold. Every kind of cookbook imaginable is on sale. Don't forget to

visit the book shop within the library for a wide selection of books priced to sell. Christmas is coming and books make a great gift.

## Register for Little League

Gulfport Little League is now taking registrations for the Fall Ball Season. Sign up on-line at [www.gulfportlittleleague.net](http://www.gulfportlittleleague.net) or in person at the field, 1820 55 Street S. on Thursdays between 6-7 p.m. upstairs. Call Bruce Ward at 727-327-7383 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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The top 10 designs will be posted on the Blueberry Patch Facebook page and voted on by your fellow Patch Pals! Artists of the top 10 designs will receive one free pass to a regularly scheduled Patch event.

The winner will receive four free passes, a Blueberry Patch t-shirt with his or her design on it and most importantly, the bragging rights of being the artist who designed this year's t-shirt!

Please note: All designs will be saved for possible future use. Please be sure to provide your name and contact information in your submission. By entering, artist acknowledges, agrees and understands that the winning design will become the exclusive property of the Blueberry Patch and Sharevival at The Blueberry Patch, which retains exclusive rights to the reproduction of the design and the submitting artist relinquishes all rights to such design.

You must submit your design by November 1st.

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The Players' 2013-2014 Season opens on November 7th at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport. They have five productions lined up for their season and, for the most part, these haven't been seen on any stage around this area before. As is usual with the Players, they are all pretty much suited for the entire family.

Give the Players' Hotline a call at 727-322-0316 and leave a message, along with your phone number, saying that you're interested in season tickets. Their ticket lady, Cathy Culler, will get back to you in short order. When she contacts you, she'll ask for an address where she can send you a Season Ticket Form for you to select the dates you want to attend the shows. She will also include another page showing you their complete play line up, a little information about each play, and their run dates. You simply check off the dates you want to attend, send them a check for \$60 for each Season Ticket(s) you want, and the Players will mail your ticket(s) right to you. It's that simple!

For more information about the Gulfport Community Players, please visit their website at: <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org>.

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# Community Treasures

## Gecko Wizardry at Gecko Ball: Community Treasure Jon Ziegler



By Cathy Salustri

If you saw the tall man with the gecko-sequined blazer and stylish 70s wig dancing on the Casino's small stage at Saturday night's Gecko Ball, you witnessed one of Gulfport's most ambitious costumers for the annual event.

Jon Ziegler

You've seen his costumes every year, and they're always phenomenal affairs. The only reason, perhaps, he doesn't win the GeckoBall costume contest

is because he can't: Jon Ziegler helps plan GeckoBall every year.

This year you saw him on the dance floor of the Casino, sporting a 70s-esque sport coat with sequins – including a spangly gecko across the back. To complete the outfit, a disco ball drinking cup. In years past, he built costumes for the Mad Hatter and White Rabbit.

Many of the Gecko Ballers may not realize this, but Jon often designs other costumes for the Ball. This year, he designed his partner Richard's costume.

Textiles have an art all their own – consider the gecko created by local textile artist Mary Joyner – but many people may not realize the talent and craft that goes into a costume. Jon hails from Central Illinois, where he costumed local theatre companies.

He learned his craft from his maternal grandparents: his grandfather was apprenticed to a tailor. To learn to sew on a machine he had to make a quilt of men's suits. His grandfather ultimately opened a dry cleaning business, and his grandmother did the alterations. In 1971, she started her clothing lessons with the little things: sewing on buttons and ironing shirts.

When Jon entered junior high, the classes became co-ed, and all the boys attended home economics classes while the girls went to shop class. For his project, he made himself a cape.

"Not goth," he laughs "but we're talking The Cure."

In that class, he also made a pullover.

"I even embroidered it," he says. "It would have been perfect for the Ball."

Although two jobs keep him busy, Jon says he would love to start working with costumes again but simply doesn't have the time to volunteer with local theatre companies. His portfolio – and his appearances at GeckoBalls – displays an impressive portfolio that proves costuming everything from the entire cast of Gypsy to a few gecko-minded Gulfportians is indeed an art.

You can view more of Jon's costume creations online at [theGabber.com](http://theGabber.com).



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# Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

## How Opting for the Minimum Payment Changed My Life

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I reasoned that I didn't have enough money to pay the credit card balances in full, so what was I supposed to do (oh, hear me whine)? I'd catch up next month and pay everything down to \$0 before my husband found out. All I needed was a little breathing room.

And with that, I made a 180-degree

turn and headed down the road to financial devastation.

What was an option the first time I made only the minimum payments soon became my only choice. I deceived myself into believing even though I didn't have enough money to pay for things now, somehow I'd have enough to pay for them later. I reasoned that these banks and department stores wouldn't lend me this much money if they didn't know that I could afford it. And wasn't that a nice surprise.

It took 12 years to ruin my life, putting me in danger of losing my marriage, my family and my home. The only thing that stopped me was that I ran out of credit.

With both of us unemployed and having just received notice that

our home was scheduled to go into foreclosure, I arrived at the end of myself.

Owing more than \$100,000 on all of my handy credit accounts -- and all of them in default -- there was no more credit. No more options. I was out of hope, with nowhere to turn. It was in the darkness of fear and despair that I realized what I'd done to myself, my husband and my family. Through my remorse and pain, I turned to God and made this promise: I would pay back all of the debt no matter how long it took or what I had to do, if I could only keep my family and my home.

For the next 10 years, I did exactly that. I never worked so hard in my life. Overnight I turned into a cheapskate -- frugal beyond the legal limit, I'm sure. I worked every kind of job I could get my hands on. I developed a payback plan. I became a giver and a saver even while deeply in debt. After 10 years and \$88K repaid, I was restless. This was taking too long. So, as just another way to raise funds, I decided to try my hand at writing a subscription newsletter with the goal to help others do what we were doing. That was in 1992. It wasn't an overnight success, but almost.

It took another three years to pay back the entire debt (13 years in all), and in the process I developed a passion to learn all I could about personal money management.

Now I live to help others do the same. Want to know more? I would be honored to have you join us online at Debt-Proof Living (DebtProofLiving.com).

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## Spectacular Senior for September: Ric Ortisi

“Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made.” – Robert Browning

Every month, the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center elects a senior citizen of the month. The Gabber finds out more about what makes these distinguished men and ladies so spectacular.



### Ric Ortisi

**Hometown:** Middletown, Connecticut

**Current City:** Gulfport

**When did you move to the area:** April 1998

**What was your career?** Custom cabinetry and house painting. While I was building cabinets, I have been fortunate to meet stars like Martha Raye [and] Shirley Jones, as well as other TV executives. I am self-taught by trade and was proud of my work.

**Family?** I am one of four siblings. I just became a great uncle in December. When family comes to visit, we always go to baseball games and all the local festivals that Gulfport has to offer.

**What do you consider your “moment”?**

When I was 14-15 years old, I belonged to the YMCA Leadership Club and one of the things I did was teach little kids, just learning to swim, to blow bubbles and kick their feet in the water, and basic swimming techniques. They got so good at it they wanted to jump off the diving board. I had to be out in the middle of the pool, to catch and bring them to the side of the pool. [My moment is] doing all this and not showing the kids that I have a great fear of water, as I almost drowned when I was their age.

**What advice would you give to young people starting out on their own?**

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# Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

## Gulfport, it's good to be home.

August wasn't the best month. My uncle – my godfather, my dad's best friend, and just an all-around good guy – died wholly and completely unexpectedly a few weeks ago, leaving a wrenching void. He was on the cusp of his 68th birthday and – especially compared with his three brothers – fairly healthy. Except apparently not. My cousin – his son – went on vacation and my uncle thought he'd surprise him by installing new doors. My uncle and my dad are incredibly generous like that; I can't tell you how much work they did – one of them living in New York, mind you – on places I've lived. But this last project will likely haunt my cousin for the rest of his life, because my uncle dropped dead in his son's bathroom, most likely, doctors say, of a massive coronary.

I flew to New York for the services, and I can assure you that one of the worst things I've ever experienced was watching my dad and cousins grieve as I sat there helpless to make things better. Of all the heartbreaks I've experienced, watching my cousins burst into tears at the sight of their daddy in a casket paled only to seeing my dad take one last moment to tell his brother goodbye just before they closed the casket.

The only thing worse than not visiting family you love often enough is visiting them only because of a tragedy.

I found myself in a sea of relatives – most of whom I love, but in an Italian family the relatives are like an all-you-can-eat buffet: they just keep coming – with nights in the high 40s and not a single gecko in sight. I was there to bury my godfather. It pretty much, if you will forgive my base vocabulary, sucked.

Don't get me wrong, my family made me welcome, despite the circumstances. My very pregnant, very beautiful cousin Sue had just spent two years in Charleston, and we re-acquainted and then bonded (much to the New Yorkers' chagrin) over our mutual love of shrimp and grits. We

also (to no one's surprise) bonded over our even stronger love of dogs. I have a munchkin dachshund, she has two labs and a mastiff that I would have crammed in my carry-on if I could have gotten away with it (my cousin's pregnant but I still think she could take me in a fight; Salustri women are scrappy, but she has youth on her side). I raised eyebrows at the idea of diners that had full liquor bars; they marveled that we could sell wine and beer at CVS drugstores. My cousin Michele showed me her house; I spent time with my cousin Chris' little girls, who didn't really understand what happened to Poppy but knew he wouldn't be there for his dog anymore. His younger daughter – entering kindergarten this year – also knew that her dad "was all alone now."

Needless to say, we cried a lot. It was awful. We laughed a lot, too, and we ate a lot. Those parts, while always overshadowed by death, were not so awful. Nevertheless, I missed El Cap. I missed Calypso. And I missed Gulfport. Although my cousins did a tremendous job of making me feel utterly welcome and comfortable in their homes and lives under horrendous circumstances, it did not ease my unreasonably acute homesickness. It wasn't just El Cap or Calypso; although they played a huge part. It was all of you people.

My family is, of course, my blood, and I wouldn't trade that time. But coming home was lovely, made more so by the imminent Geckness swirling like a dustbowl through town. I was thrust back into work – always a good thing for me – in a way that reminded me that home and family are words that can stretch to fit different meanings. When I came home, one of the first things I did was pay a visit to the Casino to see what was in store for GeckoBall, and the first thing that happened was that someone swept me up in a hug. This was one of many – I didn't realize how many people knew the situation until I started getting e-mails in New York – and it helped ease the suck.

Right about the time things calmed down for me and I started to feel a dull ache at my uncle's death (as opposed to a sharp pain), my friends

Tiffany and Donna had to hospitalize their nine-year-old daughter, Katie. After unsuccessfully battling a virus, Katie went to All Children's Hospital. Spoiler alert: Katie, after a grueling bone surgery and much wringing of hands, will make a full recovery, and her moms cannot say enough good things about All Children's Hospital. Katie had – you'll love this – cat scratch fever. I can't get Ted Nugent out of my head, but that's besides the point.

When people I love are having a bad time, I try not to ask "is there anything I can do?" because it's kind of an empty question; no one is going to say "yeah, come clean my toilets." I ask "Can I bring food? Can I let your dog out?" because food and animals are two things I do very well. For Tiff and Donna, I offered both. They asked instead if I knew anyone who could cut their grass while they rotated shifts by their daughter's bedside.

I asked Sunday morning and within five minutes of a few text messages, someone had arranged for the grass cutting. Before they could get out there, though, someone else had already cut the grass. The first person actually apologized to me for not getting there sooner.

In case you're so immersed in Gulfport that you don't realize this, that sort of thing does not happen everywhere.

Gulfport, we have our problems but they pale compared to what else we have. Even through the ever-isolated moments of acute sadness and odd bouts of tears, I realize how lucky – and yes, it was luck, there was zero planning in my decision to move here 10-plus years ago – I am to have a home here.

I appreciate your indulgence in reading this Hard Candy this far, because this one was mostly for me. I had to write something to get back into writing, because I've been sort of phoning things in, if you will, since my uncle died. I apologize. August was surreal. This week's column doesn't have some great outrage or message; it's just a (probably way too long) message of gratitude.

Thank you, Gulfport. Thank you for being what you are and letting me be a part of it. Of all the good, wonderful, and happy things in my life, I count you all as one of the top ten.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

## What are Health Care Surrogates and Living Wills?

A thoughtfully prepared disability plan should cover who should handle a disabled person's health care matters as well as their property management issues. After all, health care matters are of monumental importance because of their deeply personal character and the consequences those decisions might have on the person's length and quality of life. The best way to avoid a guardian being appointed by the court to make these health care decisions is to designate a Health Care Surrogate.

The Health Care Surrogate should be in a good position to use substituted judgement for the disabled person, the principal, and thus should have a solid grasp of the disabled person's attitudes, the quality of life the disabled person would find satisfactory, and his or her religious beliefs and philosophy of life. The disabled person should be confident in placing these important judgments into the hands of the Health Care Surrogate.

A competent person has the right to refuse medical treatment for any reason whatsoever, even if that refusal

will result to an otherwise preventable death. But what happens if that person is unable to communicate his or her wishes?

A living will goes into effect if a person falls into a condition where recovery is almost impossible. It is a set of written instructions stating an individual's desire not to be kept alive through the use of medical technology when that individual is in a terminal condition and incapable of giving informed consent or refusal for further treatment. It also appoints someone to make such decisions on that person's behalf.

A living will is one of the most important estate preservation techniques available to the average person. Numerous studies have shown that a large portion of all health care costs in the United States are incurred in the last few days of a person's life. The cost burdens to the family members of individuals in terminal conditions are also considerable. Many families are forced to spend substantial amounts of their income and savings in order to medically prolong the lives of their loved ones for just a few days.

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## Yard/Garage Sale

**1210 22ND ST. S.**-Benefit Next STEPP Center. Baby Items, Household, Clothes, Home & Office Furniture & More! Saturday 8-3p.m.

**MULTI FAMILY SALE**-Inside & Out. 6516 Flamingo Way S. (off Gulfport Blvd.). Saturday 9am. 5 Piece Wicker Set, Tapestry Bench and Much More!

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**\$1-\$5 SALE**- Everything must go. 5701 12th Ave. S. Sat. 8:30-2p.m.

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**Everything must go!**  
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**5525 16th Avenue South**  
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Washer/dryer, lawn equip., entertainment center, TV, living room furniture, dresser, toys, clothing (men, women, children), stereo, kitchen items, Thomas the Train, *CocaCola*, Winnie the Pooh.

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### Activities (last 6 weeks)

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| <b>Lancaster #211</b> | <b>SOLD</b>   |                  |
| <b>Dover #303</b>     | <b>SOLD</b>   |                  |
| <b>Windsor #603</b>   | <b>SOLD</b>   |                  |

### NEW ANNUAL RENTALS at TOWN SHORES

|                        |   |                      |
|------------------------|---|----------------------|
| <b>Hampton #209</b>    | 1BR / 1BA Deluxe floor plan, open kitchen, wood floors, views of Marina Waters, unfurnished ..... | <b>\$800 monthly</b> |
| <b>Manchester #111</b> | 1BR / 1BA Deluxe floor plan, updated, clean, furnished, patio, views of Marina Waters .....       | <b>\$950 monthly</b> |
| <b>Lancaster #109</b>  | 1BR / 1BA Deluxe floor plan, updated, partially furnished, views of Marina Waters .....           | <b>\$900 monthly</b> |

### GULF SHORES CONDOS 55+

|                            |  |               |
|----------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>ANNUAL RENTAL</b>       | 1BR / 1BA 2nd floor condo, end unit, furnished, non-smoker, cat OK. Pool, shuffleboard, assigned parking, laundry hallway.<br>Complex sits on Clam Bayou. ....                           | <b>\$850</b>  |
| <b>SEASONAL (181 DAYS)</b> | 2BR / 2BA 1st floor water views, furnished, non-smoker. Pool, shuffleboard, barbecue, assigned parking, laundry hallway.<br>Complex sits on Clam Bayou. ....                             | <b>\$925</b>  |
| <b>SEASONAL (181 DAYS)</b> | 2BR / 2BA Large 2nd floor condo, end unit, open water views, furnished, non-smoker. Pool, shuffleboard, barbecue,<br>assigned parking, laundry hallway. Complex sits on Clam Bayou. .... | <b>\$1100</b> |

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# Gulfport Recycles

## The City of Gulfport Recycling Guidelines

### PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS:

- Marked #1-7 such as soda bottle, milk jug, shampoo bottle, yogurt cup, margarine tub, deli container
- Empty, rinsed and crushed if possible
- Labels okay
- Caps okay but remove from the bottle; toss both in the bin

### STEEL (TIN) CANS:

- Steels cans used for food such as soup or vegetables cans
- Empty and rinsed
- Labels and lids okay
- NO aerosol or paint cans

### ALUMINUM CANS:

- Aluminum cans used for drinks or food such as Soda/Beer cans
- Empty, rinsed and crushed if possible

### MIXED PAPER:

- Any clean, dry paper item that tears, such as white/colored paper, office paper, shredded paper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, wrapping paper, cereal boxes, paper towel rolls
- NO paper towels or tissues

### CARDBOARD:

- Clean, empty and dry
- Must be flattened
- Pizza box TOPS only
- Must fit inside bin

### NEWSPAPER:

- Clean and dry newspaper including inserts
- NO string or twine

### PHONE BOOKS:

- REMOVE plastic bag, wrap or magnets

### GLASS:

- Drop-off Recycling container located at The Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 – 49<sup>th</sup> St., S.
- All colors of glass are accepted
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### YARD WASTE:

Picked up on Wednesdays. No Cans. Small tree or shrubbery clippings loosely piled no larger than 4 feet long, 4 feet wide and 3.5 feet high. Items cannot exceed 4 inches in diameter.

Please call 727.893.1089 to arrange FREE pick up of bagged leaves or grass clippings.