

## Visions of Corey Avenue



By Cathy Salustri

St. Pete Beach's Corey Avenue may not get a traffic couplet to slow and redirect traffic, but if the St. Pete Beach Commission approves a vision presented by Michael

J. Baker, Jr., Inc. (the Baker Group), the whole of Corey Avenue could receive a facelift that includes extra touches like sea glass in the sidewalks and native landscaping. Last September, St. Pete

Beach commission asked Michael Baker Jr., Inc. (Baker Group) to create a vision for the Downtown Corey District, which it presented Tuesday, June 24.

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## Mayor Kriseman Talks About LGBT Rights and St. Petersburg

For the first time in its history, St. Petersburg hoisted a rainbow flag over city hall during last weekend's Pride celebration. The *Gabber* asked Mayor Rick Kriseman five questions about his decisions and his beliefs.

**What influenced your decision to hoist the rainbow flag over city hall?**

First, supporting Pride is personally the right thing to do. In my role as mayor, it's also the right thing to do. It's right because we have a diverse, inclusive city. A city which is stronger and more vibrant because of our LGBT community. It's the right thing to do

economically. Businesses want to be in cities that are diverse and inclusive. Plus, Pride has a huge economic impact on our city.

**When did you first become aware of LGBT issues?**

I first became aware of LGBT issues in the late 80s early 90s. I became a member of the Tampa Bay Business Guild in 1992.

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## BCYC Takes First



Submitted by Cheryl Martin

Allison Martin and Alex Brown took first place at the International Regatta in Long Beach CA.

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## First Friday Art Walk

On Friday, July 4, from 6 to 10 p.m. visitors can meet and purchase the works of talented independent artisans, craftsmen, authors and entertainers, stretched over a half-mile up and down scenic Beach Boulevard.

The event features new artists every week and includes several different sculpture and paint mediums, jewelry, photography, fish rubbings, upcycled items, handmade/designed clothing and accessories, body products and more. Most recently, Art Walk has added a new component called Collective Soulz. Collective Soulz brings to Gulfport new and emerging artists, whose talents range from

photography to pottery and from drawing to music, giving them the opportunity to see if they can succeed as a working artist at street fairs. Live musicians appear at several venues throughout the waterfront district. The Industrial Art Center of Gulfport offers step-by-step classes and instruction in specialized areas such as glass casting, glass fusing, sculptural welding and forged steel for students age 5-85.

While browsing the art and craft booths, don't miss Gulfport's unique shops, boutiques and galleries and enjoy dinner at one of over a dozen fine restaurants within the area.

There is no admission fee for visitors and complimentary parking is available nearby with courtesy trolley

rides available from off-site parking areas. Gulfport events are pet and family friendly. Experience a dining, shopping and cultural experience unlike any other. The event is located near the surrounding area of 3129 Beach Blvd. S., Gulfport.

Vendor information can be found at [SIKpromotions.com](http://SIKpromotions.com). For general information, follow on Facebook at [facebook.com/GulfportArtWalk](http://facebook.com/GulfportArtWalk), visit [GulfportMA.com](http://GulfportMA.com) or call 727-322-5217.

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## Literary Afternoon at the Blueberry Patch

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## Deadline Nears for Non-Profits to Apply

The Gulfport Merchants Association is giving back to the community once again. Each year, the GMA donates a portion of its proceeds from Gecko-world, which includes the Gecko Pub Crawl (August 9), the Gecko Ball (August 23) and concludes with the end-of-summer street festival GeckoFest (August 30), to local 501c(3) non-profit organizations. Those interested in applying for support during the 2014-2015 cycle, must complete the request form now available at [gulfportma.com](http://gulfportma.com) by July 4.

The GMA and its community support program have given assistance to many organizations, including the Gulfport Little League, ASAP, Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center and its senior center pantry, Operation Santa, the Industrial Arts Center of Gulfport, the Gulfport Neighbors and more.

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To make this prestigious regatta you have to participate in a regional qualifier. BCYC sent four Scouts and all four qualified.

Allison Martin and Alex Brown took first place. Allison recently finished her junior year at St. Petersburg High School and Alex just finished his freshman year at Palm Harbor University. Team Two consisted of Mourad Feggous, Safety Harbor Middle School, and Nick Forsythe, who just graduated from St. Petersburg High School.

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## Teen 3D Printing at the Library

The future is now! They will have a 3D printer come to the library on Wednesday, July 9 at 3 p.m. as part of the teen summer reading program. Check out a live printing demo and take home some 3D printed objects. Call Cailey at 893-1133.

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## Pass-a-Grille to Hold Public Meeting on Design Standards

The city will hold a public meeting as a next step in the Pass-a-Grille Pathway to the Future Project. At the meeting, residents will help staff create Design Standards and other solutions to the issues raised at previous events. The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17 at 6 p.m. at the Warren Webster Building, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach. Visit [stpetebeach.org](http://stpetebeach.org).

## Check Out this Book Sale

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library is holding a book sale on Saturday, July 5 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Reading Garden of the library. All proceeds of the sale will benefit the new LGBTQ collection, a unique resource in Pinellas County. They have a wonderful selection of self-help, health and spiritual books as well as many other non-fiction and popular fiction choices and all

books will be priced \$1 or below. The library is located at 5501 28th Ave. S. in Gulfport. Call 727-321-4035.

## Teen Anime is Back

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## Studio@620 to Host Interdependence Day

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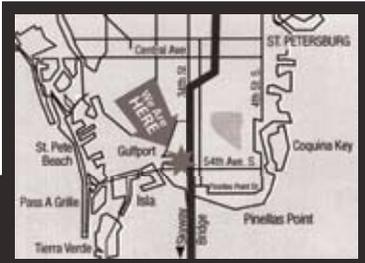
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### German-American Society News

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6 p.m. and the music for your dancing and listening pleasure will be provided by "Cathy's Lorelei" and begins at 7 p.m. The kitchen is open until 8 p.m. and their full service bar is open until 11 p.m. Their dress code is Florida semi-formal (no shorts, other than lederhosen). The entrance fee is their summer time rate of \$5. For further information contact Bob at 727-238-8201.

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The workshop will be held at PAGBCC, 107 16 Ave. in St. Pete Beach, on Sunday, July 13 at 11:30 a.m. There is no charge for this workshop and all are invited. For more information, contact Sally Cash, sallycash13@gmail.com or at 727-492-1235.

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# Letters

## Don't Pave the Lot

**Dear Editor:** Cathy Salustri's Hard Candy column (June 26, 2014 edition) discusses Gulfport's plan to pave the beach parking lot. Why add tons of hot black asphalt when the crushed shells are easier on the feet (especially bare feet headed to the beach) and far more aesthetically and environmentally friendly?

There are crushed shell parking lots all over the state of Florida and I'm sure there are ways to retain and improve the one at Gulfport's beach. Resorting to asphalt seems like a cheap fix that will be regretted over time. Look at all the blocks of formerly brick-lined streets that were paved

over in the past. That over-pavement activity thankfully stopped at some point, but those brick streets that were lost to pavement are gone for good. The remaining brick streets add so much to the charm of Gulfport and so does the shell parking lot.

Last week's column referenced Joni Mitchell. Here are the actual lyrics from her song Big Yellow Taxi: "Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got till it's gone? They paved paradise, put up a parking lot."

To paraphrase the column, "Let's keep the beach beachy."

Ruth Donnalley

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# INDEPENDENCE DAY

## Area Celebrations

### Gulfport

Gulfport's day-long celebration begins at 8 a.m. with Marina's Fishing Derby at the Recreation Center Field, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. The day's festivities include the Gulfport Recreation Sand Sculpture Contest, a Kidzone on the beach, and live music on the outdoor Casino event stage. Attendees also will find plenty of food, arts and crafts vendors in the downtown waterfront district from 4 to 9 p.m.

The parade begins at 6 p.m. with fireworks scheduled for 9:05 p.m.

### Kenneth City

Kenneth City 4th of July Parade and Festival is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The annual event is a relatively new addition to the community, but has quickly gained a reputation as a great hometown parade. The parade begins at 11 a.m. on 62nd St. N. and 54th Ave. N. The festival follows the parade at James Ernst Park, 4600 58th St. N.

### Largo

Largo's 4th of July Celebration begins at 6 p.m., at Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive. The celebration will feature food, entertainment and activities for all ages, followed by a spectacular fireworks show starting at approximately 9 p.m.

On-site parking will be available for \$5. Free park-and-walk will also be available from Largo Middle School and Largo High School. Admission to the event is free. Activity wristbands will be available for purchase on-site. Alcohol, coolers, pets, personal fireworks and sparklers will not be permitted in the park.

### Madeira Beach

Madeira Beach and The Treasure Island & Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce are hosting a July 4th "It's a

FreedomThing" Celebration on the beach. The band "Horses Wild" will be performing "It's a Freedom Thing" and other great country songs from 5 to 9 p.m. The newly renovated Archibald Park and grand opening of the Snack Shack will be busy serving food & drink and live music on their deck. 15100 Gulf Blvd, Madeira Beach.

### Treasure Island

Treasure Island's annual Independence Day beach fireworks display blasts off at 9 p.m. Friday, July 4 at 10400 Gulf Blvd. There is no on-beach parking this year, but parking is available at: Community Center (106th Avenue and Park Place) metered parking, Gulf Front Park (104th Avenue & Gulf Boulevard) metered parking,

Treasure Island Park (104th Avenue and Park Place) \$10 all day parking, Allied Insurance lot (105th and Gulf Boulevard) and the empty lot across from Rally Store (108th and Gulf Boulevard) \$15 all day parking, St. Petersburg Municipal Beach (112th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard) metered parking, City Hall (120 108th Avenue) free parking as available.

### St. Pete Beach

St. Pete Beach festivities start early on July 4th with "the shortest 4th of July Parade in the country," promising one block "filled with enthusiasm and patriotism."

The fun will get underway at 8:30 a.m., at Gulf Beaches Historical Museum, 115 10th Ave., Pass-A-Grille. Kids are encouraged to decorate their bikes with red, white and blue and join in the old-fashioned parade. The parade will follow a circular course between Eighth and 10th avenues. There is no charge to participate. Afterwards, the museum will host a treasure

hunt for the children among its exhibits.

The city will host its annual fireworks display beginning around 9 p.m. The fireworks will be launched from Upham Beach, 6850 Beach Plaza. All normal beach and parking ordinances will be in effect. A portion of the beach will be closed to everyone except essential personnel at 5 p.m.

### St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg celebrates Independence Day with its spectacular light display, presented by HCA West Florida Pinellas County Hospitals, at 9 p.m., weather permitting. Fireworks start as early as 8:30 p.m. or as late as 10:00 p.m., depending on weather conditions.

The fireworks display is visible all along the St. Petersburg waterfront with prime viewing from Vinoy, Albert Whitted, North Straub, Spa Beach and South Straub Parks, which are all on Bayshore Drive.

No alcohol or personal fireworks permitted. Parking

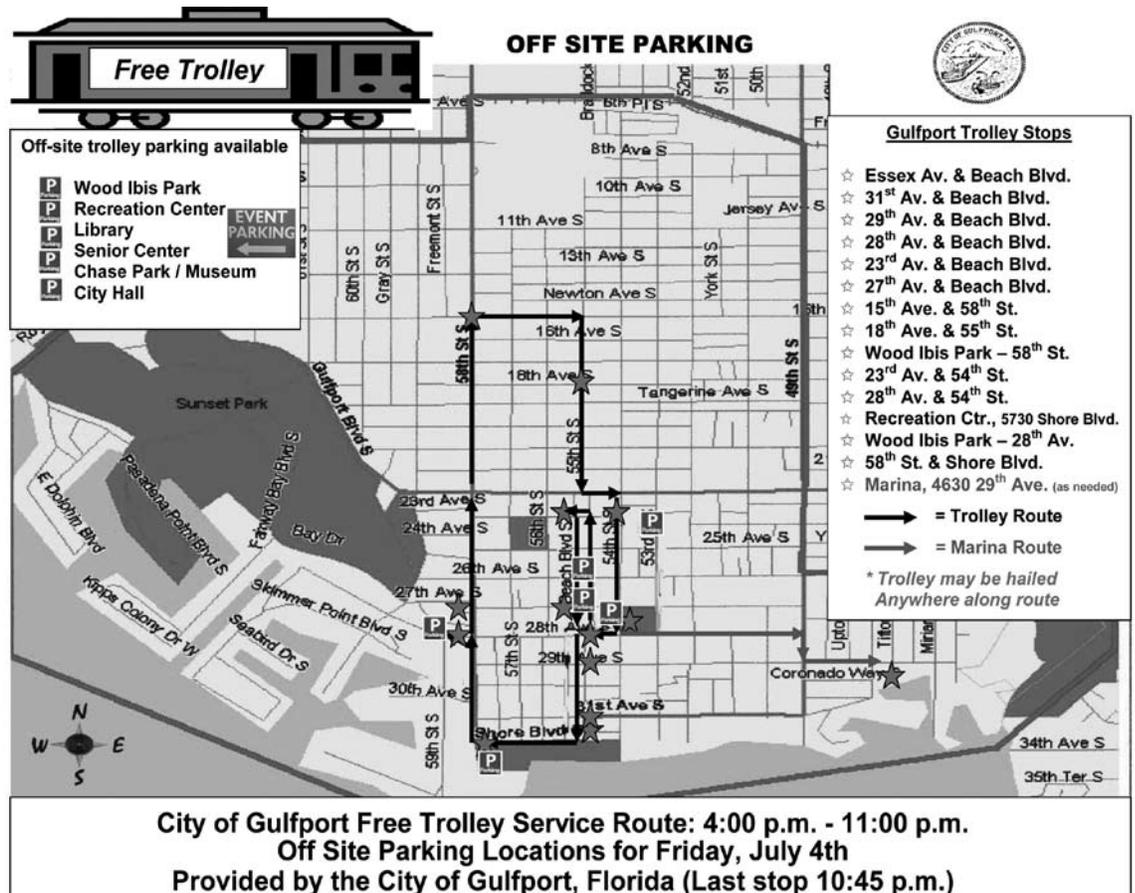
lots include South Core, 101 1st Avenue South and Mid-Core, 117 Street North. Variable message boards will direct spectators to available parking locations. Disabled parking is located in the North Shore ball field lot, 901 North Shore Drive NE and along Beach Drive on the east side and is available on a first come, first serve basis. Bicycle racks are located throughout the downtown area.

### Additional Info:

On Friday, July 4, all parking fees will be waived at Pinellas County's Fort De Soto, Sand Key and Fred Howard parks. Visitors can enjoy the white, sandy beaches, blue-green waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the ample picnic and other amenities as they give three cheers for the red, white and blue.

Parking fees at the county's other beach access parks, including Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores/Tiki Gardens, Madeira Beach, Redington Shores and St. Pete Beach, will still be in effect.

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- ☆ Recreation Ctr., 5730 Shore Blvd.
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**Corey,** from front page

Baker Group representatives Susan Harding and Gerald Dabkowski presented the vision to the commission. Harding said the plan attempted to address the vision for entire area rather than one street “and how might that all work together.”

To create the vision, Baker Group walked the district, asked stakeholders to take polls based on visual aids, and held workshops. Harding told the commission the people with whom they spoke saw visions of a Corey district that could be described as safe, colorful, mixed use, diverse, upscale, relaxed and walkable, among others.

Harding said the Baker Group used these concepts to guide the final version of the vision they presented to the commission. She suggested the commission should regard the vision as a guide, not a playbook.

“It’s really just about laying the foundation and the groundwork; not everything you see will come to fruition,” she said, adding it wasn’t uncommon to see half the parts of such vision put into practice.

“We don’t want people or a developer to look at it and think there’s only one way to develop a site,” she said. “Hopefully what they do will be inspired by the vision plan.”

The vision includes pedestrian enhancements, some of which require the traffic couplet, a set of one-way streets designed to decrease speed and increase visibility for the district, although Harding and Dabkowski assured the commission the vision included more than the couplet and could work with or without the couplet.

Other design ideas include more areas for public parking, alley enhancements to make alleys a safe place for pedestrians and cars alike, right-of-way parking, sea glass in the sidewalk, shaded bus stops, street furniture and cycle tracks. The cycle tracks would allow for a bike lane between pedestrians and cars, with landscaping on either side of the track.

Terri Finnerty, the District One Commissioner whose district includes Corey Avenue, stressed her concerns for pedestrian safety.

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## Corey (cont'd.)

"There are some safety enhancements that can be done in the near future," Dabkowski said.

Rick Falkenstein, the District Two Commissioner, told the commission he was "totally against" the couplet, citing harm to seafood restaurant PJ's as well as additional traffic through some of the neighborhoods he represents. Falkenstein offered his support for all other parts of the vision.

Harding, who assured council she wasn't trying to sway them on the couplet, cautioned against sacrificing the vision to garner drive-by business.

"You don't necessarily want your businesses to be successful because they're getting drive-by traffic," she said. "If you're truly creating a downtown, it's because you want people to come to your downtown and discover it."

Harding added the vision "really looked at creating a 'there, there.'"

Mayor Maria Lowe asked if it was feasible to adopt other aspects without adopting the couplet; Dabkowski and Harding alike assured her it was. Dabkowski also offered to meet with Public Works Director Steve Hallock and the Florida Department of Transportation to review safety issues and push the state to perform a safety review of the dogleg intersection at 75th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard.

"There's a lot of things I think you can really do ... from a safety

perspective," he said.

When District Four Commissioner Melinda Pletcher made the comment "nobody likes it," about the couplet, Lowe asked Finnerty what feedback she'd heard.

"I can have 50 people call me one week and say I hate this couplet and fifty people call me the next and say I love it," Finnerty said.

"You can still adamantly oppose the couplet but support the vision," Lowe told Falkenstein, reminding everyone in attendance the city had

not put the couplet in its long-range plans.

"It's only on paper until we put it as a CIP [capital improvement project] project and decide to move ahead ... It's not even in our five-year CIP," Lowe said.

The commission will vote on the vision at a future meeting.

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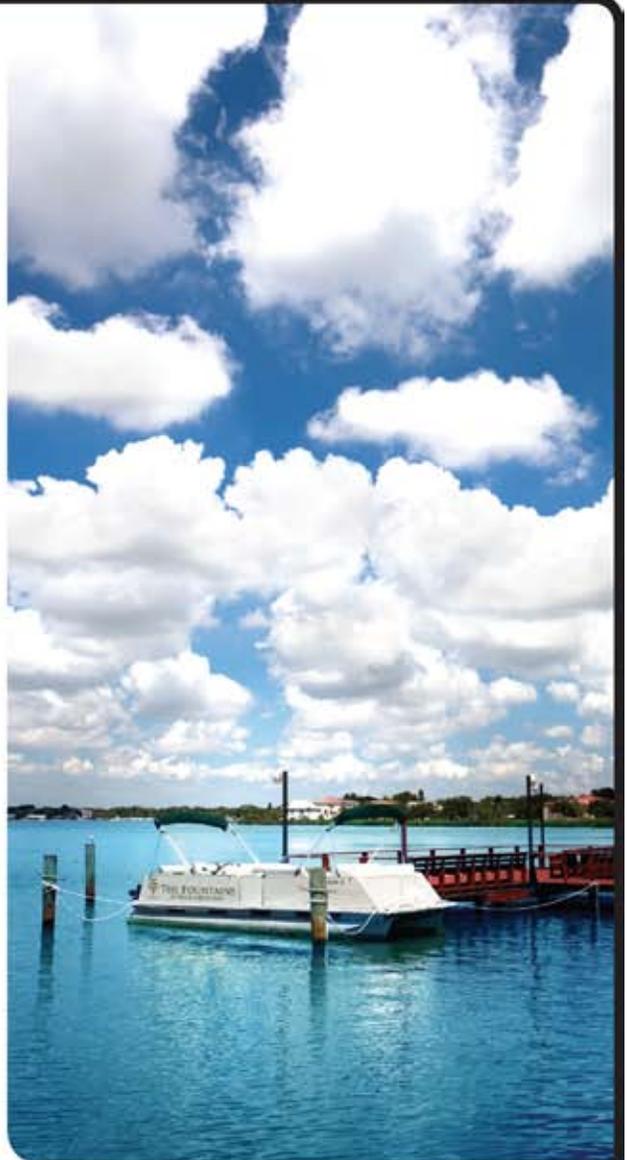
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## Democratic Club to Meet

Meet the 11 candidates for five contested nonpartisan election seats in the 6th Circuit Court of Florida when the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club meets on July 14. The candidates are: Group 1: Laura Snell and Susan St. John; Group 2: Ken Lark, Alicia Polk and Alan Scott Rosenthal; Group 16: Brian Battaglia and Kimberley Sharpe; Group 21: Amanda Colon and Phil Matthey; Group 35: Hon. Bruce Boyer and Jon Newton.

The meeting, which will be held at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park, will start with cocktails (cash bar) and social time at 6 p.m., followed by a delicious buffet dinner (\$15) at 6:30. Other

candidates/legislators may come by with a few words as well. Call Betty Morgenstein at 727-360-3971 for reservations.

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## Check Out These Events at the Library

On Saturday, July 12, at 2 p.m. the Pinellas County Extension Services will present Backyard Chickens at the North Community Library, 861 70th Ave. N. in St. Petersburg. Learn to raise chickens in your own backyard. Covers breeds, care and feeding, local regulations, and more. Call 727-893-7214.

On Saturday, July 19, at 2 p.m. meet Anya Kassoff, author of "The Vibrant Table: Recipes from My Always Vegetarian, Mostly Vegan, and Sometimes Raw Kitchen" at the St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 9th Ave. N. Anya will discuss and sign copies of her book. Call 727-893-7724.

On Saturday, July 26, at 11 a.m. the Pinellas County Extension Services will present Container Gardening at the Mirror Lake Community Library, 280 5th St. N. in St. Petersburg. Learn how to grow gardens in small spaces. Call 727-893-7268.

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## Republican Club to Meet

Representative Ed Hooper (R67), candidate for the Pinellas County Commission, will address the members and friends of the St. Petersburg Republican Club on Wednesday, July 9 at 7 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Ave. N. in St. Petersburg. Following his presentation, Rep. Hooper will answer questions from the audience. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the question and answer session. There is no charge for this event.

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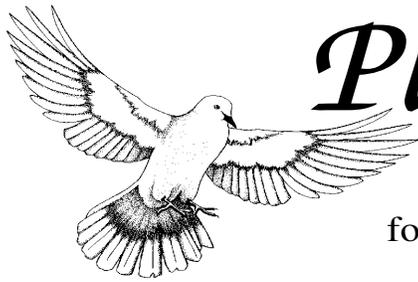
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## Some Holiday Closures, Garbage Day Changes

During the Fourth of July holiday week, residential trash collections in St. Petersburg will be slightly affected by the holiday. Collections normally made on Friday will be picked up on Thursday. Monday and Tuesday collections will remain the same.

City facilities closed on Friday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday include City Hall, Municipal Services Center, public libraries, recreation centers, Enoch Davis Center,

Sunshine Center, Dwight H. Jones Neighborhood Center, Jamestown Apartments & Townhomes office, Coliseum, Mahaffey Theater at the Duke Energy Center for the Arts, The Greenhouse and Sunken Gardens' business offices.

Facilities open to the public on Friday, July 4 include Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, three city golf courses (Mangrove Bay, Cypress Links and Twin Brooks), North Shore Aquatic Complex and eight neighborhood pools, Municipal Beach concession stand on Treasure Island, Municipal Marina Ship's Store, Sanitation Department brush

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For a complete list of closings, visit [stpete.org/holidays](http://stpete.org/holidays).

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October 14 is the Penny Auction. Sounds like a long time off but the auction will be here before you know it. Don't forget to start cleaning out

your closets. Items can be picked up now by calling 727-347-6085. No clothing items please and other items should be in good working order.

They are looking for excited new members to help them this year with activities. Don't hesitate to speak to one of the members to see how you can get involved. Visit 6440 5th Ave. S. in St. Pete.

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## Learn How to Use a Chart

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Course will be held at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 2nd Ave. SE, Demens Landing in St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$35 per family. There is a maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration is required. Register on-line at [boating-stpete.org](http://boating-stpete.org).

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## Heart Healthy Cooking Class

You are invited to a heart healthy cooking class at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. on Thursday, July 10 at 2:30 p.m. The chef from The Health and Rehabilitation Centre at Dolphins View will show you how to put together a delicious and healthy meal.

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# Crossword Puzzle

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## ACROSS

- 1 TV's Whelchel
- 5 Mrs. Gorbachev
- 10 Moistened
- 14 Khachaturian
- 15 Noted columnist of yesteryear
- 16 Notion
- 17 Shish kebab meat
- 18 Sports steeds
- 20 Hooked
- 22 Chronicle entries
- 23 Musical piece
- 24 He KO'd Camera
- 25 *Disraeli* star
- 27 Got a loan
- 31 Lace edging
- 32 Soft topper
- 33 Hem's tagalong
- 34 Eden's earldom
- 35 Wept
- 36 Alpine wind
- 37 Not Fahr.
- 38 Jalousie
- 39 Highway stop
- 40 Going in
- 42 Most arch
- 43 Arietta
- 44 Splash about
- 45 TV's Ana

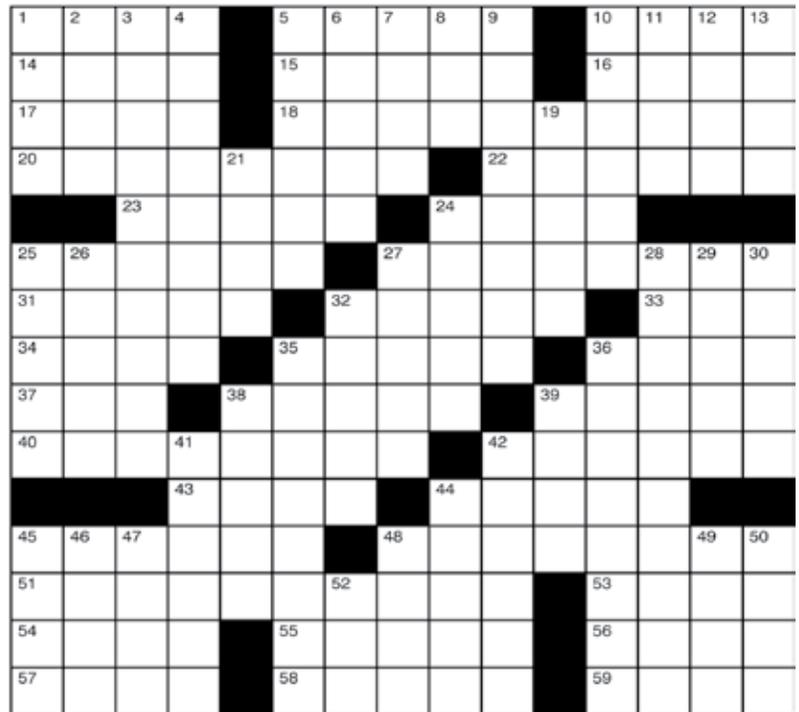
- 48 Barbecue fuel
- 51 Awful dreams
- 53 Thereabouts
- 54 Lip-salve ingredient
- 55 Charles or Medgar
- 56 VOA's home
- 57 Mariners
- 58 Impoverished
- 59 Look after

## DOWN

- 1 Ooh \_\_\_!
- 2 OPEC member
- 3 Revolver inventor
- 4 Urge to succeed
- 5 White water
- 6 By oneself
- 7 Archipelago member
- 8 The \_\_\_ Canals
- 9 Showed up
- 10 Peseta and peso
- 11 Deuce time
- 12 Bump into
- 13 Third-and-long play
- 19 Aboveboard
- 21 Wander finish
- 24 Induced ennui
- 25 Briskly
- 26 Cleft
- 27 Entity
- 28 Yukon metropolis

- 29 Relaxes
- 30 Resided
- 32 Pickle milieu
- 35 Bias or twist
- 36 Troop member
- 38 Noise about
- 39 Wasteland
- 41 Depicts sharply
- 42 Elegant
- 44 Flinder: var.
- 45 Art course: abbr.
- 46 Actress Kedrova
- 47 Inventor Sikorsky
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- 49 It's \_\_\_ to Tell...
- 50 Cargo
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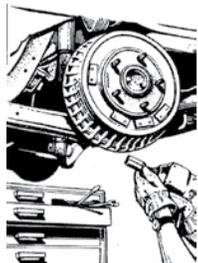
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By Cathy Salustri

## City of Gulfport

We received several questions in the same night about the sprinklers running on city property; here's one from a reader.

**Q:** Last night driving home from work I noticed something that happens a lot. It has rained almost every day this week and yet the sprinklers at the library were going off – three of them just spraying the street. With the water shortage we have in Florida how can there not be a rain gauge on this system? Why is it OK for the city to waste so much water?

**A:** "It is not OK and we address the issue," City Manager Jim O'Reilly said. When he received our question, he directed staff to fix the problem. When there's heavy rain, staff has to readjust the system at each site by hand, so if we have a torrential downpour on the night the system is set to water, the sprinklers will still run as scheduled until staff arrives the next morning to reset the irrigation clock.

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“You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to

good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt.”

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

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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The harmonious arrangement of the Cancer sun and Saturn supports people who work hard to make their own luck. Make sure your project is a moving train that waits for no one, and the world will learn to be on time and on task where you are concerned. July 12 brings the full thunder moon, and revelry ensues, though there's a calculated quality to it. The upwardly mobile will be careful to party strategically.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll be the recipient of generosity beyond what you think is appropriate. Your benefactors feel they need to repay you for a past kindness or for your good works. Think of the long game. Your judgment will be different at the end of the month. If at that point you still feel you need to even the score, the timing will be better.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It is better if you don't define success too completely or certainly, because it's sure to come in disguise. There are creative forces at work weaving an intricate plan that will not adhere to expectations. Consider that defeat can give you power just as victory can deplete you. Feel your way through.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may take different tones with different people, but you are consistent in your values. Your strong moral center will help you in your work this week. Navigating the gray area will be your specialty. You'll be flexible and cooperative with others, and yet they will know exactly who you are.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). These are the good old days. These are the days of wonder. This is the time of your life. Remind yourself in the moment, in the mirror, in your mind again and again, especially Tuesday through Thursday, when it will be easier to get distracted and miss the golden beauty of this period in your life.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Manners are the cornerstone of respectful interactions. The problem is that they have to be learned and the teachings vary, sometimes widely. Have compassion for the one

who didn't learn them just as you did (or even at all). You'll teach through example this week.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Right now you're full and satisfied, but don't relax too much. You'd be wise to give off the energy that keeps you figuratively high on the food chain. Be the boss, be the leader, keep your energy strong. Let the way you carry yourself and the things you say confirm that you're nobody's victim -- hunter, not hunted.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The best things that happen this week come in the form of problems to be solved and difficulties to be managed. There will be a number of clever, well-informed people who will help you get to the solutions, but that's not really the point. The relationships you build in the process -- that's the point.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A contest between "shallow" and "deep" is pointless. Some animals live in the shallows, some in the deep. Neither environment is inherently better or worse. Survival is a matter of who is most suited to the environment. This principle can be applied to your work environment this week.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Though you'll feel uncertain, stay the course, and not because there will be a prize at the end. In fact, the prizes are scattered like Easter eggs all along the way. Your journey through the unknown won't be as scary if you have companionship, especially if your company includes an experienced guide.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). A fellow fire sign (Aries, Leo or Sagittarius) will help you organize your power and win the battles you wage. Maybe you don't even realize that you are in a fight, but if you think of your challenge in this way, you'll tap into your warrior spirit and be moved to try harder and become stronger.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You will be well guided by your feelings, and you'll respond quickly to changes in the atmosphere, which gives you an advantage over the slow. Modesty and moderation are called for in the

early week, while Thursday through Saturday shows you diving headlong into a project with everything you have.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're being led to believe that you're asking for too much, when there is so much more that could be made available to you were you to ask for it. Don't let others impose their worldview on you. Make up your own! Walk away from limiting influences. Give yourself some time and space to reimagine your life.

**This Week's Birthdays:** The excitement builds through the next two weeks, and then August brings big news regarding work and personal accomplishments. The social scene develops in interesting ways through September, and you'll meet many new acquaintances, five of which become friends in the following months. Act on your hunches in October because one of them leads to a financial boom. As you grow more professional, you will grow richer, as well. Wedding bells ring in November.

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## Music at Gulfport Beach Pavilion #6

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

Karaoke by Harmony Hal & His Gal

**Tuesday, 1-3:00 p.m.**

Entertainment by Cillawette

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

Karaoke Mike Furman

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

Dancing & Karaoke with Dave & Cookie

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

Entertainment Dorothy & Jim

**Saturday, 1-3 p.m.**

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**Sunday, 1-3:00 p.m.**

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## July Jazz Concert

The Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society will sponsor Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps on Thursday, July 17 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Admission is \$10, students and military are free. Call 727-522-6877.

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## Paint with a Twist for the Animals

Painting with A Twist St. Petersburg has created custom designs for a fundraising evening for the animals. Join them on Friday, July 18 from 7 to 10 p.m. at 2527 Central Ave. in St. Petersburg. Never picked up a brush before? No worries! PWAT makes it easy and so much fun. Fee of \$45 includes painting supplies, wine and treats to make this Picasso-esque experience even sweeter.

Take home a completed painting on canvas and ready for hanging. Choose either the dog or cat. Proceeds benefit the animals at SPCA Tampa Bay. Reserve your seat today. Register at SPCATampaBay.org.

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## Flick & Float Movie

Bring the family and friends to movie night at Walter Fuller Pool, 7883 26th Ave. N. at 8 p.m. on Monday, July 7. St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation presents a family friendly movie, where a fearless princess who sets off on an epic journey alongside a rugged mountain man, his loyal pet reindeer, and a hapless snowman to find her estranged sister, whose icy powers have inadvertently trapped the kingdom in eternal winter. Cost is \$3.50 ages 3-12, \$4 age 13 and up. Floats are provided. Flume slide and diving boards will be open, lawn chairs welcome. For more information call 893-7636.

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## Garden Club of St. Petersburg Events

Creative Crafts of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg will present the following activities at 10 a.m. at the Garden Center, 500 Sunset Dr. S., St. Petersburg. The cost of materials for member is \$3.50 and non-members \$4 and you take home what you craft. The public is invited. Call 727-381-8920 or visit

[gardenclubstpetersburg.org](http://gardenclubstpetersburg.org).

Monday, July 7: Coffee Filter Wreath

Tuesday, July 8: "Beat the Heat with Plant Suggestions." The speaker will be from Dolins Nursery. A program presented by the Night Bloomers Circle of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 14: Wine Glass Painting

Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26: "Indoor Yard Sale." Browse the collectibles, gadgets, household items and other treasures in air-conditioned comfort and support the Garden Club's programs and projects. Hot dogs available. Free admission. Friday, July 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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## Movie Day

Tuesday, July 8 at 11 a.m. is free movie day at the Senior Center Snack Bar, 5501 27th Ave. S. Come watch a great current movie and grab lunch from the snack bar for only \$3.

Must be a registered Gulfport Senior Center member. Membership is easy and free for all individuals 50 years of age or older. For more information or to register for the class, please call the Event Line at 727-893-5657.

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## Feline Family of Ten Needs Support

A feline family of ten that was heading from an emergency veterinary clinic to Pinellas County Animal Services was rescued last week by Save Our Strays, Inc. The medium-haired mother cat and her

nine kittens are now thriving under SOS' foster home program. Kate and the nine kittens (four orange, two grey, two black and one tortoiseshell) need kitten replacement milk (KRM), canned kitten and adult food, dry cat food and litter.

Save Our Strays is asking for support in its effort to provide the best care for this feline family. Its Donate \$9 for 9 Kittens campaign requests an under-\$10 donation. Your contribution may be submitted using Paypal at [saveourstraysinc.com](http://saveourstraysinc.com) website or mail your check to Save Our Strays, PO Box 1051, Safety Harbor, FL 34695.

Donated items may be brought to SOS' PetSmart adoption sites on weekends. For details call 727-545-1116. The kittens will be ready for their forever homes later this summer. Reserve one or two now!

Save Ours Strays, Inc. is a nonprofit, all-volunteer, no kill animal welfare organization dedicated to rehoming cats and kittens.

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## Lithuanian American Club Lunch

The Lithuanian American Club at 4880 46th Ave. N. in St. Petersburg is serving lunch every Thursday at 1 p.m. 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 American food, dessert and coffee in celebration of Independence Day. As usual, they have Lithuanian beer and fresh baked bread to buy every Thursday. Call Vida at 727-866-7936.

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## Get Ready for Taste of the Beaches

The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce will host its 6th Annual Taste of the Beaches event Saturday, July 19 at Horan Park, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St. Pete Beach. Festivities include auctions, raffles, tastes from 30 local restaurants and live music by "The Hamiltones" and the "Hunks of Funk." The event is from 4 to 10 p.m. The cost to attend is \$10 with food and drink tickets to be sold separately. Tickets may be purchased online at [tampabaybeaches.com/events/eventdetail.aspx?EventID=2367](http://tampabaybeaches.com/events/eventdetail.aspx?EventID=2367).

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## Crime Awareness Monthly Meeting

All Gulfport residents and business owners are invited to attend the Crime Awareness monthly meeting which will be held the first Monday of the month beginning Monday, July 7 at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center at 1617 49th St. S. Refreshments will be served. Call 727-893-1111 or 727-278-9277.

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## Stars and Stripes Cookout

Eat, drink and celebrate freedom at the Stars and Stripes BBQ celebration at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., on Thursday, July 3 at 1 p.m. Join your friends for a good old-fashioned Bar-B-Q with hotdogs, potato salad, watermelon, dessert, and more. Get your tickets now for only \$5 each. For more information, call the Event Line at 727-893-5657.

## Event to Benefit Flags and Wags

Flags and Wags is a non-profit organization whose goal is to assist in the mental and emotional recovery of military veterans with the assistance of rescued shelter dogs. Check them out at Salty's, 5413 Shore Blvd. S. in Gulfport on Friday, July 4 between noon and 8 p.m. to learn more. Visit flagsandwags.org or call Eric Myers at 727-452-8026.

## Open Studio for Portraits at Suntan

Treasure Island Art Guild has moved its Open Portrait Studio to its summer home. The group meets Friday mornings through August at the Suntan Art Center, 3300 Gulf Blvd. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome to join the group for a morning of artful fellowship. A live model is provided. For more information call 727-367-3818.

## Come Out for Ballroom Fusion Night

On Sunday, July 6, Swing Time hosts Ballroom Fusion Night at the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Blvd. S. They're modernizing the ballroom-dance concept, expanding it from the standard 10 dances to over 25 dances, including all of today's most popular partner dances. The kick off event in June brought in over 200 dancers!

Beginning lessons are at 6 p.m. and will teach the concepts and moves of a single dance. The intermediate lesson begins at 7 p.m. and will be Rumba vs. Blues, inspired by the popularity of Blues Dancing and the prevalence of Rumba beats in

blues music. Prerequisite for the intermediate lesson is to either take the beginning lesson that precedes it, or to already know the material covered in the beginning lesson.

Admission is only \$7 at the door. For more information, contact 813-840-3715.

## Life is in the Blood

On Wednesday, July 9 at 2 p.m., Debi McArthur, operations director of LBC Analysis, reveals revolutionary new approaches to maximizing one's lifestyle and health through diet, supplements and exercise. Debi

states that Blood Optimizer is the world's first mobile nutritional live blood cell analysis clinic. She is introducing a sneak peek of live blood cell analysis, the new high definition visual analysis of an individual's live blood cells through informational seminars. This seminar will be held at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S.

Must be a registered Gulfport Senior Center member. Membership is easy and free for all individuals 50 years of age or older. For more information or to register for the class, please call the Event Line at 727-893-5657.

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Rob Robichaux practices his swing at Gulfport's Hoyt Field. Robichaux, who is blind in one eye, plays with VetSports.

## New Battles on Different Fields

By Cathy Salustri

Every time Dawn Fiech's husband gets together with his ball team, she knows he's getting the sort of help he can't get anywhere else.

She doesn't know what her husband's seen or where, exactly, the Army has sent him, but she knows about the nightmares. She knows he can't tell her what he's seen without betraying an oath he made to the government. She knows he hurts, and she knows as much as she loves him, the ways she can help are limited.

But the ball games help more than she ever could.

Over 40 years after the last of the Vietnam soldiers came home, a new group of veterans struggle to deal with their physical and emotional scars. These men and women, starting with those deployed in 1990 and those still fighting today, don't, Fiech says, feel they can talk freely about what happened.

The military offers counseling services, she says, but many enlisted men fear not

being able to serve if they admit to any sort of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

VetSports offers these men and women help and healing without judgment.

"This helps them more than we ever could," says Jennifer Somers, whose husband Rob plays with the VetSports team.

"The biggest thing [with other programs] is the stigma," Fiech adds. "Here they have a band of brothers."

VetSports puts wounded soldiers back on a different sort of field – a playing field. A vet need not have a physical disability to play. They play volleyball, softball, or other sports, but what matters, Gulfport Ward One Councilman Dan Liedtke says, is not so much the specific sport as the camaraderie.

"While they're so proud of everything they've done and the opportunity to serve, it's a great opportunity for them to get together and talk about some of the things that have caused pain in their lives," Liedtke says. Liedtke and his wife Michelle are both VetSports activists who brought VetSports to Gulfport.

The next VetSports softball game is a December 6 exhibition at Al Lang Stadium, but most weekends you can find a few team members honing their skills at Hoyt Field.

"This helps them a lot," Fiech says as her husband and his teammates sweat and talk on the field.

On July 12, VetSports will hold a golf tournament at Chi Chi Rodriguez Golf Club in Clearwater. VetSports still needs hole sponsors. Sponsorship costs \$50. To sponsor a hole, contact VetSports Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Brian Taylor Urruela at [Brian\\_Taylor@VetSports.org](mailto:Brian_Taylor@VetSports.org).

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## Sock Hop with the Impacs

The legendary Impacs are hosting another fantastic Sock Hop Dance Party at the historic Gulfport Casino at 5500 Shore Blvd. S. on July 18 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. This time, The Impacs will welcome special guests Bo Santos, master of doo-wop and Aaron Angello, national recording artist from the Rockin' Blues. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and available now at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom and Beach Bazaar Box Office at 3115 Beach Blvd. S. or theimpacs.com. For more information, contact 727-512-0046.

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## Williams Park Summer Market Returns

St. Petersburg Saturday Morning Market is pleased to announce the return of the summer market in the shaded coolness of Williams Park, on 1st Ave. N., between 3rd and 4th Sts. in downtown St. Petersburg. The market continues through August 30 with hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The market will feature over 40 vendors providing a wide variety of produce, food and crafts. Come hungry because you'll enjoy Mediterranean food, Brooklyn knishes, Belgian waffles, barbeque and flavorful gourmet popsicles. Aurora Produce will be providing summer vegetables grown in south and central Florida.

In addition to food, visitors can select from a variety of plants, clothing, decorative products, jewelry, personal care products, and Adirondacks furniture.

Convenient parking is available in a nearby city lot (2nd Ave., between 4th and 5th St.). Visit [saturdaymorningmarket.com](http://saturdaymorningmarket.com).

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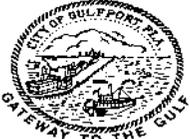
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### ACTIVITIES

Open Gym/Gameroom - Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and Tues. & Thurs., 7:30-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$4 non-res.

### PROGRAMS

**2014 SUMMER PROGRAM-** Resident Registration begins Thursday, May 1st from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. for the 2014 Summer Recreation Program for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Proof of residency is required for registration. Hours of registration for Monday-Friday are from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Non Resident registration starts Monday, May 19th from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. You can pick up your packet at the Rec. Center or log on to [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) and follow the links to City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center. For more information call 893-1068.

**2013-2014 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM** - Ongoing registrations for the 2013-2014 Teen Night Program continue for teens in middle school to age 17. The program is a great place to hang out and meet new friends. It provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours

are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$4 non-res.

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

**CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.**

- Beginner's Spanish - Mon., 3-5 p.m. Call Ivone at 727-482-2125 for more info and prices.
- Teen Spanish- Call Ivone at 727-482-2125 for more info and prices.
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Ian Forester at 823-0922.
- German- Tues. 5:45-7:15 p.m. Call 727-755-3459 or [Pegasus.scholar@gmail.com](mailto:Pegasus.scholar@gmail.com)
- Gymnastics - Returns in the fall. Call Barbara at 804-9400.
- Hatha Flow Yoga AM - Returns in the fall. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Yoga - Wed., 5:30-6:15 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Italian for Travelers- Call Roberto 727-866-6892.
- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call John at 893-1079.
- Live in Color Meditation-Thurs., 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call Rasheedah at 850-339-4668.
- Tai Chi - Moved to the Casino. Tues. & Thurs., 9:00-10:15 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.
- Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. for 10 & under, 6

p.m. for Adults and Fri., 5 p.m. for Juniors. Call Jack at 280-4276.

- Urban Survivor Bootcamp Fitness - Tues., 6:15-7:15 p.m. Call Donnie Ali-McClendon at 727-550-7185.
- Walking Club- Thurs., 9 a.m.- Noon. Call John at 893-1079
- Women's Self-Defense - Thur., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Donnie Ali-McClendon at 727-550-7185.
- Yoga in the AM - Returns in the fall. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Yoga in the PM - Wed., 6:30-7:45 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Zumba - Call Rachel at 419-905-5562 for more info.

### TOMLINSON LAKE SKATE PARK

As of October 1st, ALL skaters/bicyclists MUST purchase a new City of Gulfport Skate Park sticker to use the City of Gulfport's Tomlinson Skate Park. Stickers MUST be visibly placed on the helmet. Annual fee for stickers is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. Also, all skaters/bicyclists 17 years of age or younger MUST have a signed parental consent form filed at the Gulfport Recreation Center which is located at 5730 Shore Blvd. S. Availability to register: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Stickers valid from October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014. Bicycles permitted on SUNDAYS only.



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**Beginning Digital Camera:** Saturday, July 12, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Digital photography is the way to go for fast & easy results! Cathy Salustri shows you how. Registration required; call 893-1073 or sign up at the Reference Desk.

### Adult/All Ages Programs

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

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

**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.

**Meditation Classes:** Fridays, starting July 11, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Ted Leitho

leads the group in a series of six relaxing sessions on Fridays starting July 11 and ending August 15. Bring a notebook & a pillow to sit on the floor if you wish, and explore the wisdom of Katha Upanisad, translated by Swami Lokeshwarananda. Includes 7 Keys to Healing. FMI, call 727-893-1073.

**Kathleen Peters, candidate for Fla. District 69:** Monday, July 14, 5:00 - 6:30 pm. Kathleen Peters, who currently represents District 69, is running for re-election to the Florida House of Representatives. She will respond to questions & concerns in a presentation sponsored by the Service Employees International Union.

**Coffee/Talk Book Club:** Thursday, July 17, 11:00 am. Discussion of: Hallucinations, by Oliver Sacks, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Please call 893-1073 FMI.

**SCORE Counseling:** Tues., July 22, Free & helpful advice from experienced business professionals the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 893-1073 FMI & to schedule an appointment.

**Home Gardening Class:** Sat., July 26, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Just launched in May, meeting on the 4th Saturday of the month to provide expert guidance & support. This month's topic: Building a Hanging Garden Planter. Create some space for additional

growth! Pre-registration required. FMI, call 727-893-1073.

### Children/Family Programs

**Summer Reading Program:** Mondays, 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Lots of fun activities for grades K-5. This year's theme, Fizz, Boom, Read! is focused on the fun & cool stuff you can do with science! Earn prizes for reading throughout our seasonal celebration!

**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.

**Free Family Movie Day:** Sat., July 19, two movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 p.m. Join us as for this popular monthly program. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by our Circle of Friends. For movie titles, call 727-893-1074.

### Teen Programs

**Teen Summer Reading Program:** Wednesdays, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Lots of coool activities for teens. July 9th program is 3-D printing. The future is now! Watch it take shape before your eyes Earn prizes for reading throughout our seasonal celebration!

**Teen Anime Club:** Friday, July 11, 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Get together once a month to screen fun flicks and to network with other fans. FMI, call 893-1133 FMI.

# Services

## Senior Center

**The Gulfport Multipurpose Center hours** are Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. This month's calendar is out with valuable information. Stop by the Senior Center or download at [mygulfport.us](http://mygulfport.us) and click the Senior Center link.

**The Gulfport Senior Center Pantry** is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 - 3 p.m. You must be over 50 and a Gulfport resident. Pre-qualification is also needed before use of the pantry. Please bring your Gulfport Picture I.D., a utility bill and proof of income. Call 893-1231.

**Do you know someone who lives alone** and could use a friendly check in call? Volunteers for the Reassurance Telephone Program call Gulfport seniors every Monday through Saturday between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. To sign up for this program, please visit the Gulfport Senior Center and bring valid I.D.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Movie Day at the Snack Bar** - Tuesday 7/8 @ 11:00 am. Watch a Free, current movie and get a \$3 lunch deal.

**Life is in the Blood** - Wednesday, 7/9 @ 2:00 pm. Blood Analyst, Debi McArthur will analyze a drop of blood to show what different cells look like & what they mean.

**Monthly Blood Sugar Screenings** - Thursday, 7/10 @ 10:30-11:30 am. It's important to know your numbers! The Springs at Boca Ciega Bay will provide blood sugar checks.

**Healthy Heart Cooking Class** - Thursday, 7/10 @ 2:30 pm. Dolphin's View will present a Healthy Heart Cooking Class.

**HBO's "The Alzheimer's Project" Documentary Series** - Friday, 7/11 @ 10:00 am. Take a look at the faces behind the disease and the forces leading us to find a cure.

**Monthly Memory Screening Clinic** - Monday, 7/14 (2nd Monday of Every Month) @ 9:00 am - 11:30 am. Get a FREE & Confidential Memory Screening, advice and information MUST call 727-893-5657 to schedule your screening.

**NEW DAY! - Happy Birthday Party** - Friday, 7/25 (4th Friday of Every Month) @ 3:00 pm. A Birthday Party with cake, games, & more for everyone. Whether you are celebrating a Birthday or not, this party is for you! Provided by Dolphin's View.

### SPECIAL SERVICES

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severe hearing loss - Florida residents with certified hearing loss are eligible to receive a free amplified phone from the non-profit Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. (FTRI). Cordless and corded phones are available through FTRI at the Gulfport Senior Center every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am. You MUST call 727-399-9983 to qualify.

**Community Law Program** - Legal assistance is available from the Community Law Program every 3rd Friday of the month. You must be 60 years of age or older and qualify with the program. Call 727-582-7480 to qualify and to 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.

**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 for more information.

**Gulfport Getaways - Thurs., 7/10 Heritage Village.** Call 727-893-2242 to reserve your seat. GEMS Members \$10/Non-GEMS \$12. (YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A GEMS MEMBER TO ENJOY GULFPORT GETAWAYS.)

**FITNESS CENTER** - Annual sign up for the Fitness Center is an affordable \$25 a year or \$40 a couple.

**Snack Bar** - Bring a friend to the Senior Center and enjoy a light breakfast for only \$2.50 or lunch for only \$3.50. In a hurry? Order a boxed lunch-to-go by calling 893-2259. Great food! Great prices!

**Ice Cream Sundaes** Fri., July 11, for \$1 all day.

### Support Groups

**Diabetic Support Group** on Mondays at 9:30am

**Caregivers:** Every Wednesday at 12:30pm

**Hearing Loss Support Group,** 1st & 3rd Mondays at 2:00 pm

**Visual Support Group,** 2nd & 4th Mondays at 2 pm

**More Activities** visit [gulfportseniorfoundation.org](http://gulfportseniorfoundation.org).



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Sundays at 2:00pm

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**Sunday July 6**

6:00 - 11:00pm

**Ballroom Fusion Dance  
Hosted by Swing Time**

6 - 7pm: Beginner Lesson (Cha Cha)  
7 - 8pm: Intermediate Lesson (Cha Cha/  
Swing Fusion)  
8 - 10pm: Dancing (Ballroom Mix)  
10 - 11pm: Fusion Mix...anything goes!  
\$7 Admission, No partner needed  
[www.SwingTime.info](http://www.SwingTime.info)

**Saturday, July 12**

8:00pm - 1:00am

**Milonga La Playa with  
Kathleen & Steve Prucher**

Dinner Buffet,  
Argentine Tango Dance  
& Exhibition

\$15 Admission, 727-742-3368

**Sunday July 13**

6:00 - 10:00pm

**Ballroom Dance with  
Mario Deleon's Band**

\$7 Admission

**Casino Weekly Dances**

**Ballroom Lessons Every Tuesday**  
Noon - 3pm \$7

**Argentine Tango Every Tuesday**  
7 - 11pm \$7

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**Salsa Dance Every Thursday**  
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## Local Obituaries

**JONES, JEANNE W.**, 90, of St. Pete Beach, passed away June 23, 2014. Survived by loving family. Guestbook [davidcgross.com](http://davidcgross.com). David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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**MEITZ, CHARLES JON**, 68, passed away at home on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, in St. Pete Beach. He is survived by his children, Sarah and Christian, of St. Petersburg; sister, Carolyn Megal, of Milwaukee, WI; brother, Curt Meitz, of Waukesha, WI; and devoted former wife, Maura Meitz, of St. Petersburg. A memorial service will be held to honor Charlie at Pasadena Community Church on Saturday, July 12, at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow at his home. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Moffitt Cancer Center, National MS Society, and SPCA Tampa Bay. Online Memorial available at [brettfuneralhome.net](http://brettfuneralhome.net).

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**PERKINS, BILLIE M.**, 89, of Gulfport, FL, passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, June 18, 2014. She was born in Whitney, Texas on June 9, 1925 to the late Leone and William McCown. Billie graduated from Southern Methodist University. She became a flight attendant with Braniff Airlines and then married the late James B. Perkins on August 18, 1950 in Dallas, Texas. Billie and Jim moved from Texas to Connecticut where they raised their four children. Billie loved her home of forty years in Stamford where she especially enjoyed her family, friends and garden. And the birds. She moved to Gulfport in early 2000. Her friends Cynthia and Gil Perlroth, also from Connecticut, were her neighbors and Billie loved living so close to her dear friend Cindy. Billie loved living in Gulfport on the Boca Ciega Bay and enjoyed watching the building of the new bridge. Billie is survived by her four children: James B. Perkins Jr. of Connecticut; John W. Perkins, Suzanne Perkins, and Jeffrey M. Perkins of Florida; and her cat, Jasmine. At a future date Mrs.

Perkins will be buried at the Long Ridge Union Cemetery in Stamford, Connecticut. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

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**RICE, JEAN K.**, 88, of St. Petersburg, formerly of Cincinnati, OH, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 27, 2014 in Naples, FL. She was a devout long time member of Pasadena Community Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Golden Keune. She is survived by her children, Pam R. Luster, J.C. "Craig" Rice (Lisa), and Kathie Resop (Tom); grandchildren, Ashley Luster, Craig Rice, Jr., Cody Livingston, Chris (Kara) Resop, Jacqui Resop; and great-grandchildren Colton and Kenna Resop. There will be no services. Donations to your local Humane Society or local Hospice.

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**WAGAC, MICHAEL S.**, 84, of South Pasadena, FL passed away June 22, 2014. Graveside service was at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 26 at Grace Memorial Gardens in Hudson, FL. Visit [gracefuneralhomehudson.com](http://gracefuneralhomehudson.com).

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**WORTHINGTON, FRAN**, 79, passed away at home surrounded by family on June 27, 2014. She is survived by her husband Bob Worthington,

daughter Donna Slone, sons Harry Lawrence, Scott Lawrence and Steve Lawrence, step-daughter Michelle Dodge; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Fran was a member of the American Legion Post 125 where she had served as a past president of the Ladies Auxiliary. She was also once a member of the Gulfport Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and a current CERT team member. Fran volunteered with the Gulfport Historical Society and the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce.

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## Seniors' Chat Room

Join others as they experience table topics with the Gulfport Senior Center's Chat Room every Friday at 1:30 p.m. The Center is located at 5501 27th Ave. S. in Gulfport.

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## Creative Writing Camp for Kids

Looking for something creative to do this summer? Sign up now for a kids-only creative writing camp at Gulfport's City of Imagination.

Keep St. Pete Lit, in conjunction with Gulfport's City of Imagination, will offer a free creative writing camp for fourth graders through high school freshmen. The camp will take place from 9 until 11 a.m.; it starts July 28 and will run through August 1. Please email [dreamsfloat@icloud.com](mailto:dreamsfloat@icloud.com) to register your child; class size is limited.

You can find City of Imagination at 2726 54th St. S. in Gulfport, between the two dog parks and immediately west of Scout Hall. Although the class is free, both City of Imagination and Keep St. Pete Lit welcome donations.

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## SPCA Pet Wellness Clinic Opens

SPCA Tampa Bay has opened a pet wellness clinic at its Largo facility. The clinic's services for the pet-owning public include microchips, vaccines, heartworm tests, deworming and heartworm/flea preventatives. Clinic hours are Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

"Introducing more accessible pet wellness care at our Largo facility is a valuable step that meets an immediate need in our community and supports our future vision," said Martha Boden, SPCA CEO.

SPCA Tampa Bay board and staff are continuing to move forward with plans for a full-service veterinary and high-volume spay/neuter clinic in St. Petersburg. For a list of services go online to [SPCATampaBay.org](http://SPCATampaBay.org). To schedule an appointment, email: [Wellness@SPCATampaBay.org](mailto:Wellness@SPCATampaBay.org) or call 727-437-0260. SPCA Tampa Bay is located at 9099 130th Ave. N. in Largo just south of the Ulmerton/Starkey Roads intersection.

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## Tai Chi at the Casino

Gulfport Tai Chi classes for beginners start on July 1. The classes meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. at the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Blvd. S. This gentle form of exercise is beneficial in maintaining body elasticity, heart health, bone strength, balance and more while avoiding stress on hip and knee joints. To obtain maximum benefits it is recommended you attend both classes. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per class, which are open to everyone. Call Marge Grudzinski at 727-345-6708 for more information.

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## Players To Open Summer Festival

The Gulfport Community Players will once again swing into summer with their "14th Annual Summer One Act Festival" in July. There are a variety of comedies, dramas and even one musical in their 13-play line-up this year. These are all very short plays, from 5 to 15 minutes each, and are sure to entertain their audiences. These are all original plays, never before seen by any audience anywhere.

The festival will run from July 10 through 20 at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport. This theater is located on Beach Blvd. at 26th Ave. S. in Gulfport. Curtain times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., and 2 p.m. on Sunday. There is a map showing just how to get to the theater on the Players' web site at [gulfportcommunityplayers.org](http://gulfportcommunityplayers.org).

Tickets are on sale now at many locations in and around Gulfport for just \$15 each. You'll find them available at the Gulfport Beach Bazaar, the Gulfport Casino, the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, and also at Funkytown Resale Boutique. You can also get them at

the Hickman before the curtain, or use their will-call number 727-322-0316, and have them waiting for you at the ticket booth before the curtain. Be sure to pay for and pick the latter at least a half hour before curtain time. If not, the tickets may be sold to others waiting in line.

There is plenty of free parking at the theater and in surrounding areas of Gulfport. There is also a concession stand in the lobby of the theater for your convenience.

For your dining enjoyment there are many fine restaurants located in the Arts District of Gulfport, just south of the Hickman Theater. Be advised though that, especially on Friday and Saturday nights, they can and do get crowded. It's advisable to show up at least two hours before curtain time if you plan on eating in the Gulfport Arts District on those nights and then attending their performance later.

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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## Here to Stay

Everyone in favor of a more open border policy for immigration, raise your hands. Good. Now leave them up so we can get your names and addresses as potential adoptees or sponsors for the thousands of children. While we're at it, all Democrats in the room raise your hands. That's good, too. Glad to see you're volunteering to help out.

This "adopt an immigrant" program is not real...yet. However, it's going to have to come. The fact is whether we have 36,000 unaccompanied children from Central America or 90,000, as some predict there will be, they are probably here to stay. First, there's the humanitarian perspective. Second, but more importantly, there's already a 350,000 case backlog on deportations. What that means is that the \$2 billion President Obama has asked for to help secure the border and to speed up deportations, will be too little, too late. Tough, but meaningless and insincere, talk now.

However, his earlier edict suspending deportations and implying that if you get here, you can stay here, did the job and it's irreversible. Start working on programs to assimilate instead of

dump illegals, particularly children, all over the country (coming soon to a town near you). By the way, I saw a story over the weekend about a young illegal immigrant who is going to sue the U.S. government for the way she was treated. We can expect more of that.

In the meantime, President Obama has declared he'll settle the immigration issue by executive order if Congress (meaning the Republican- controlled House) doesn't agree to an amnesty program for the millions already here. Democrats have doubled down on the issue and are sticking with the plan. Nancy Pelosi, visiting the border, declared "we're all Americans" and said how she'd like to "take" one of the precious children. As a pet, no doubt. She could give them to one of her servants if it doesn't work out. Also, some Republicans (McCain, Rubio, Graham and others), chasing mythical Latino votes, say the comprehensive immigration plan has to go through now. I hope they'll adopt some kids, too.

Again, in the meantime, immigration "activists," whatever that means, are occupying Washington, D.C. congressional buildings to protest the lack of a comprehensive plan. Many of them want open borders

anyway. The government union, SEIU, also is harassing a California congressman for similar reasons. The problem is that laws don't mean much when the chief executive chooses, on a political basis, which aspects of each law he wants to enforce, even if it is a law that he signed (ObamaCare, for instance). So, no matter how tough you make the law, it's a matter of enforcement, and there's no indication by any measure, past or present, that any new law will be enforced except for political purposes. That's the crux of the matter.

The new proposal passed a year ago by the Senate with bipartisan support is not a bad law. It's a needed law just as it was needed several years ago when President George W. Bush pushed for it. It's comprehensive and covers the 11 million illegals here now, future employment needs, border enforcement and many other issues. No one trusts that the border issue will be enforced. The presidential edict to stop deportations was designed as a political move to force the issue. It backfired.

Now, we have a border out of control, border agents doing everything but protecting the border from the real bad guys (drug cartel members and terrorists) and little action except to send in some lawyers for the illegals. Legal immigration, by the way, hasn't stopped. We still admit 1 million who can seek citizenship and another 1.4 million for so-called temporary employment. Studies have shown there are no labor shortages (wages have remained flat), not even a technical employment problem. Not only that a more recent study showed that the majority of the new jobs created in the past six years went to immigrants, not to U.S. citizens.

As noted, we need immigration reform. However, the federal government has to show that it can manage the problems it has now. It has not done that. Not being able to play the game well, they think that reshuffling the deck will improve their performance. Of course, we can always annex Mexico and Central America and the problems would go away. Yanqui come home.

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Lunch Served 11am-3pm  Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Kitchen Open 11-2pm Dinner 4:30-6:30pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Southern Knights Band 7-11pm  Dinner 4:30-6:30pm	Breakfast Buffet 8:30-11am S.A.L. hamburgers and hot dogs 12-3pm  Steakums 1-3pm	No Lunch Served	Lunch 11-3  Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Lunch Served 11am-3pm Euchre 1pm Bingo 6pm Kitchen Open for Bingo

Legion Riders meet first Monday 7 pm  
 Junior Auxiliary meets 1st Saturday 10:30  
 Auxiliary July 8 6:30 E-bd 7:00pm reg mtg.  
 Legionnaires meet 3rd Monday 7 pm  
 S.A.L. meets last Monday 7 pm  
 Service Officer Bob Cannon's available Thursdays from

9am – 12 noon to offer assistance.  
 Come play Steak-ums every Sunday afternoon starting at  
 1:00 pm. Win steaks, chicken and more.

## Post 305

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

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bar Bingo 7pm  Food Served	Independence Day Celebration	Steak Dinner 6-8pm  Lee Jay Nelson 6:30-9:30pm	Installation of Officers 1pm	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm  Karaoke 6:30-9:30pm	Pizza & Hot Dogs Available all Day	Dinner Special 6-8pm  Trivia 7pm

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	Bar Bingo 7pm	Karaoke 9pm-12am				

Sunday-Friday 12pm, Saturday 11am til. Electronic bar games every day. Fish fry last Friday of the month, 5-7pm. We're always looking for new members to join our family, \$30 yearly or \$250 Lifetime. Gil Davis 1st VC

## AmVets Post 8

**4681 W. County Rd. 16, St. Petersburg 727-544-6810**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Happy Hour 9-11am & 4-7pm Jam Session 6-10pm Food available 6-8pm	Tiki open 4pm Dinner 5-7:30pm Karaoke 7-11pm	Tiki open 12noon Grill open 1-5pm Live Music 1-5pm Steak-O 4-6pm	Breakfast 8-10:30am Tiki open 12noon Grill open 1-5pm Live Music 1-5pm	Euchre 1pm Happy Hour 9-11am & 4-7pm Drink specials 8pm-Close	Happy Hour 9-11am & 4-7pm Karaoke 7-11pm Drink specials 8pm-Close	Tiki open 5pm Karaoke 7-11pm Bingo 7pm Food Available

Ladies Auxiliary meet 1st Sunday each month at 11:30am  
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## Count the Tortoise Burrows at Boyd Hill

The Boyd Hill Nature Preserve gopher tortoise burrow survey is progressing nicely. By mid-May, they surveyed approximately 48 acres and recorded 169 burrows (active and inactive). This survey will provide data resulting in the production of a new distribution map, an estimate of population size, and determination of tortoise density per management unit. A large number of volunteers will be needed to complete this project. This is an opportunity for individuals to learn about the ecology of this threatened species, while participating in actual wildlife research. For additional information on how to become involved with this project please contact: george@heinrichecologicalservices.com or 727-865-6255.

Boyd Hill Nature Preserve spans a unique microcosm of Florida landforms in its award-winning, 240-acre wilderness located at 1101

Country Club Way S., St. Petersburg. Check out [stpeteparksrec.org/boyd-hill-nature-preserve.html](http://stpeteparksrec.org/boyd-hill-nature-preserve.html) to learn more!

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## Free Computer Classes at the Senior Center

New computer classes will begin in July at the Gulfport Senior Center. The Gulfport Library is offering two computer classes exclusively for seniors.

Computer for Beginners will be held on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. This class is a great opportunity to learn the basic

functions of computers.

Advanced Computer Class will be held on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Ready to learn a little more? Join the Wednesday class for a more in depth look at how to use your computer.

Both classes will be held at the Gulfport Senior Center. Must sign-up in advance! Space is limited.

Must be a registered Gulfport Senior Center member. Membership is easy and free for all individuals 50 years of age or older. For more information or to register for the class, please call the Event Line at 727-893-5657.

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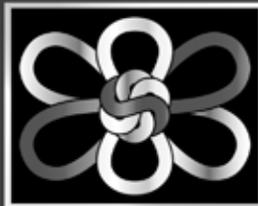
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## Town Shores Red Hatters

Carole Sharp Lynch has arranged an art tour of the halls of the Raymond James Financial Center located at Ulmerton Road and Carillon Parkway. The tour is set for Tuesday, July 15 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for Red Hatters and others. They will meet at the Town Shores clubhouse at 9:45 a.m. to form car pools. Lunch at the Courtyard Grill will follow the tour. Sign up now by calling Carole at 727-343-4483 and leave a message

before July 9 to reserve your space.

August bunko will be on August 8 (second Friday) in the clubhouse. Call Carol Ringland at 727-345-2303 or Phyllis Miller at 727-347-3467 to sign up. August getaway will be to the movies and then to BJs.

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## Second Saturday Full Moon ArtWalk

It will be a moonlit opening night as galleries, artist studios, and some museums open for the St. Petersburg Second Saturday ArtWalk on July

14 from 5 to 9 p.m. The Waterfront Arts District, Central Arts District, the Edge District, Grand Central District, and the Warehouse Arts District become one arts destination for ArtWalk.

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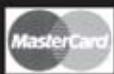
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# Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

## The Fight at Home

This may shock some of you, but I can be difficult. Now, now, no protests please, just know that underneath what I think we can all agree is my sunny, sweet demeanor lies the kind of crazy temper only a forty-something Italian woman can bring to the party. Hard to believe, I know, but just ask El Cap – I offer a special kind of irrationality. Let's just say the next time you see El Cap around town, thank him for taking the brunt of things so I don't rant and rave like a lunatic at city council meetings or in this column. Maybe buy him a drink in silent thanks or something.

This Saturday night was a great example, although "great" probably isn't the best adjective. I'd washed clothes, and then neglected to put the warm sheets on the bed. I was tired. He was tired. Of course, his "tired" comes from working on a boat all day and mine stems from whatever it is I do inside an air conditioned home, but that's the same, right? Trooper that he is, he offered to help me make the bed. And that, of course, is where things went wrong. The man tries, he does, but really, it's probably best if he sticks to putting on the fitted sheet with me and then moving on to pillowcases.

Which is exactly what he was doing when I must have given him a look. I say this because he looked at me and said, "Fine, you do it." This made total sense, so of course, it upset me. What he said next was not, "You're right, I'm a jerk for not just letting you sigh and roll your eyes at me while I tried to help you, please forgive me" – which I can admit now was probably an unrealistic thing to expect – so the night did not end well.

This happens to all of us, and we know, at least in hindsight, it's ridiculous. It's a bump in the road you move past.

Sunday morning I watched the VetSports softball team practice at Hoyt Field. I talked to some of the military wives and partners in the stands. I wanted to get an Independence Day-themed Gabs, so I asked them to tell me the hardest part of having a partner in the military.

We give little thought to the partners of those who serve. The women who talked to me? Putting the sheets on wrong, or rolling their eyes, isn't on their radar. You know what is? Their partner getting deployed, sometimes not knowing where the government is sending them, and getting killed overseas. The person they will love until the end of time physically coming home but emotionally staying at war.

I don't think anyone disputes post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, is a real thing. But we tend to think a lot about the veterans suffering without considering the other victims: their families. War, it seems, is hell not just for those who fight.

Sunday morning at Hoyt Field, I started to understand the hell their families endure as well. These soldiers can't tell their loved ones about where or how they received the emotional scars that threaten to swallow them. They can't tell their partners what's hurting them, not just because they may not be that sort of person, but

because they aren't allowed to tell anyone – often, not even a therapist – what torments them. They can seek therapy, but many fear it will keep them from being deployed again. If they do seek therapy, they can't talk freely because anything they say could put their brothers and sisters overseas in jeopardy. Their partners can't help them, but they suffer alongside them.

"I hear women complain about their husbands not matching their socks with their shirt, and I'm like, really? That's not a problem," one woman explained to me. That stopped me cold.

I started a fight over sheets when her husband wakes up screaming some nights. Telling her why he's screaming would mean betraying our country. This will be their life until we can find a way to help these men and women.

This doesn't mean I won't get upset over stupid stuff again. I'd be lying if I said any different. But I'm lucky and I know it, and perhaps the next time I have hormones surging through me at the speed of light, I'll take a deep breath and think of these families.

You know that saying, "Freedom isn't free"? This is one of the costs. As we celebrate our independence this weekend, I'll try harder to remember that. And the next time I see a veteran, I'll be sure to thank him or her – and the person standing next to them.

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## Key West: Before Duval

By Cathy Salustri

*"Key West was to be made the American winter resort of the tropics."  
- From the 1941 Works Progress Administration's Key West*

**WHAT:** To the uninitiated, Key West is just around the corner from anywhere in Florida. In reality, driving from Pensacola to Key West will take only seven fewer minutes than driving from Pensacola to Chicago. Of course, Key West is the warmer of the two places, and perhaps decidedly more quirky. The island, a seven-and-a-half square mile collection of roughly 25,000 residents, has a reputation for odd. More than one new Gulfport resident likens the town to Key West.

Key West, if you believe the stories, is filled with people who

moved south to drop out. It's a collection of extremes. In 1982 the federal government mounted a roadblock on US 1 to stop illegal aliens from entering the country. Since the roadblock was north of Key West, this meant Conchs (Key West residents) had to prove their citizenship to leave the island. In protest, they seceded from the United States, then immediately surrendered and demanded reparations.

Key West, this story seems to prove, is nothing like the rest of the United States. It's even the cheeky cousin of mainland Florida, no slouch itself when it comes to wacky headlines. Arts of all sorts abound; Hemingway had a home here; Winslow Homer painted here. Countless artists across an abundance of mediums live and work in Key West. However, Key Weird (as some call it) attracts the arts community not by chance or the appeal of a remote bohemian community; Key West attracts artists because during the Great Depression, the federal government plugged money into the arts in Key West. Arts, and the tourists their work attracted, would save the key from economic death.

**WHY:** In the 1830s, Key West was the wealthiest city in the United States, with professional wreckers (also called pirates) earning a good living. By 1934, situations changed and Key West was bankrupt. This wasn't a "paper" bankruptcy: the city had no money to pay its employees. When the city asked the federal government for help during the Great Depression, 80% of its residents already received federal aid. Its pleas were specific: Please send money so we can tell the world how great we are. The plan was to make the city a tourist destination on par with Bermuda and Nassau.

The Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA) imported artists to create works of art that would promote Key West as a tourist destination. Murals, advertising, guidebook illustrations and postcards resulted from this

glut of artists. Citizens volunteered over two million man-hours to clean streets, develop beaches, create sanitation systems, and renovate and redecorate houses. Across the nation, city planners lauded this bold community planning experiment. Talent the government could not import, it taught. Residents on the government dole took classes in how to make art, which consisted of everything from drawings to ashtrays.

**WHO:** Key West is the Monroe County seat. Monroe includes parts of Everglades National Park, Big Cypress Preserve, the Dry Tortugas and the entire chain of limestone islands curving around the tip of mainland Florida.

**WHERE:** MM0, at the end of US 1.

**BEST part:** The cemetery with the sense of humor. Stroll through the headstones (bring plenty of water) and find epitaphs like "Just resting my eyes," and "I told you I was sick."

**WORST part:** In the case of what FERA and 1930s Key West officials hoped to accomplish, Duval Street remains the prime example of getting what you wish for: tourists.

**FUN fact:** During prohibition, some homes used the negative space in the gingerbread trim to advertise guns or booze for sale. Look for homes with guns or liquor bottles hidden in second-story trim.

**MAGIC question:** Key West isn't cheap. Even the cheapest hotels cost a couple of hundred dollars a night. Parking costs about \$14 a day. Just off-island, try the Sugarloaf KOA or the Sugarloaf Lodge.

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## Raffle to Benefit CASA

Friends of Doug Strutz with Project Free Gallery is raffling a colorful and emotional sculpture to benefit CASA. Tickets are on sale at the Strutz Show Opening, Project Free Gallery, 2825 Beach Blvd. S. in Gulfport, through Friday, August 1 when the winner will be announced. For more information please stop by the gallery during regular business hours Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. till 6 p.m.

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## Enter the Great St. Pete Cupcake Contest

The Morean Arts Center invites you to compete in a city-wide search for St. Petersburg's best cupcake. The contest will be hosted at the Morean Arts Center Galleries on Central Avenue, Saturday August 16 from 12 to 3 p.m. A \$15 entry fee allows each participant to enter one submission. A minimum of 12 delicious cupcakes are required for entry so that the judges can taste each submission.

Registration is officially open, and

contestants may complete entry forms and liability waivers via the Morean Arts Center's website: [MoreanArtsCenter.org](http://MoreanArtsCenter.org). Deadline for entering the contest is Thursday, August 14, although the cap for entries has been reached early every year, so early registration is encouraged.

Last year's contest was divided into Novice and Professional categories, with first and second place awards given in both. The People's Choice award, chosen by the public, was created by Erin Moyses of St. Petersburg. Her American

Cupcake in Paradise wowed the crowd and allowed her to take home the coveted glass cupcake trophy.

Registration will be capped this year as a result of the massive response over the past three years, so be sure and send in your forms as soon as possible. Multiple submissions are allowed, but each flavor entered needs to be accompanied by a separate registration form and entry fee. For information or questions on how to enter the contest, please call the Morean Arts Center at 727-822-7872.

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By Mary Hunt

## Groceries and the Dating Game

**Dear Mary:** Can you clarify expiration dates on food products? When it says "Sell By 8/01/14," does that mean it has to be used or just sold by that date? Others show a date of say 2/01/16 on canned or packaged goods. Does that mean you need to use it by this date or what? Some canned or packaged products don't seem to have any date that I can find. Why is that? I'm so confused! -- Bob D.

**Dear Bob:** The answer, which I can promise you will be much longer than your question, may surprise you. We're all confused! There is no standardization in the industry. Confusing food date labels lead to staggering food waste in America.

The Food and Drug Administration mandates product dating only on infant formula and baby food. Everything else is voluntary. While

there is no standardization, the food industry generally follows certain guidelines suggested by the FDA, the operative word being "generally."

Phrases such as "Best Before," "Better if Used Before," or "Best if Used By" tell you how long the product will retain its best flavor and highest quality. They are found on products such as baked goods, cereals, snacks and some canned foods. The food is still safe to eat after this date, but may have changed somewhat in taste or texture.

The "Sell By" date is usually found on highly perishable foods such as meat, milk and bread. This date is supposed to guide the way products are rotated on store shelves and allows time for the product to be stored and used at home. The product is still safe and wholesome past this date. For example, milk will usually be good for at least a week beyond its sell-by date if properly refrigerated.

Meat that has arrived at its sell-by date should be either consumed or

frozen within 24 hours. You can also extend the useful life of milk and baked goods by freezing within a day or so of sell-by date.

"Expiration," "Use By" or "Use Before" are phrases that appear on yogurt, eggs and other foods that require refrigeration. Other dating terms are guidelines, but this one means what it says. If you haven't used the product by this date, toss it out.

"Guaranteed fresh." This date is often used for perishable baked goods. Beyond this date, freshness is no longer guaranteed although the product may still be edible.

Some products bear a "pack date," indicating when it was packaged, although this date is often encrypted so that only manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers can read it. The pack date on some products, such as eggs, is shown by a Julian date (1 through 365), January 1 is number 1, and December 31 is number 365. In other coding, letters A through M (omitting the letter I) are often assigned to the months, with A being January and M being December, plus a numeric day, either preceded or followed by the numeric year.

The point in all of this is that the fresher your food, the better it is. And processors want to assure customers that their products will remain at peak quality for certain periods of time. Tip: In a properly stocked store, the freshest items will be at the back of the shelf or underneath older items.

For more information on food storage and safety issues, go to [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov) and search "food storage."

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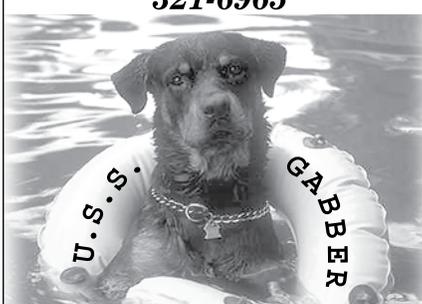
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The Gecko Ball will be held at the historic waterfront Gulfport Casino Ballroom (5500 Shore Blvd. S.) from 6 until 11 p.m. on Saturday, August 23. The event gets larger and more popular each year, including over the top décor, cocktail specials, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, a dinner buffet, commemorative photo booth, dozens of silent auction items, and the popular live auction of geckos created by local artists. Once again, a new Gecko Queen will be crowned at the ball as the queen and court are presented to assembled ball-goers.

Dress a la 1920s or dress as a gecko, or combine the two! A costume contest will determine some of the best outfits in the house. Costumes are encouraged but are not mandatory. Appearing live at this year's ball, the "Z Street Speakeasy Band" will offer dance floor-ready tunes from the 20s through today. There will be many other surprises in store, creating what has become known as Gulfport's party of the year!

Tickets for Gecko Ball are \$35 per person and will go on sale at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 4 at the Gulfport Beach Bazaar's Box Office, 3115 Beach Blvd. S. The line for tickets will begin forming as early as 7 a.m., so bring a lawn chair. Tickets will continue to be available at the Beach Bazaar during regular store hours, as well as online with a credit or debit card at GulfportMA.com until the event sells out. The Gecko Ball sells out every year, so would-be ball-goers are encouraged to purchase tickets as far in advance as possible. While they last, tables of 10 are available

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The Gecko Ball occurs one week prior to the annual GeckoFest street festival (August 30), and each year the ball's theme also lends itself to costumes that GeckoFest participants are encouraged to wear and flaunt during the Fest's walking parade.

The annual Gecko Pub Crawl will be held August 9 this year, and a portion of proceeds from all three Gecko events will once again benefit a local non-profit group, as well as the commission of a public art installation.

For more information and updates on the Gecko Ball, go to Facebook.com/Geckoball. GeckoFest, Gecko Ball and Gecko Pub Crawl are all

sponsored by the non-profit Gulfport Merchants Association. Contact Richard Radovic (rradovicjr@gmail.com or 727-204-8101) for details.

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## Get Your Space for Enoch Davis Yard Sale

Is your home getting too cluttered? It may be time to do a little organizing around the house and see what you can sell. Join us for the community yard sale on Saturday, July 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave. S. To register for your 8-foot lot space, visit the front desk by Wednesday, July 7. Tables are \$10 each. Co-sponsored by Enoch Davis Senior Advisory Council and Golden Generations, Inc. For more information call 727-893-7159.

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Join them on Saturday, July 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pass-A-Grille Beach, 1501 Gulf Way in St. Pete Beach. To register or for more information, visit surfersforautism.org.

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## Come Celebrate a Second Bar Mitzvah

Dr. Paul Cohen, the lay leader of Congregation Beth Sholom in Gulfport, is celebrating a second Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m. on July 5 at Congregation Beth Sholom,

1844 54th St. S. in Gulfport. This is special because young people of the Jewish faith initially become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at age 13. Traditionally, it was thought that people enjoyed a life span of 70 years. Therefore, if someone is lucky enough to reach the age of 83, like Dr. Cohen, he/she has a second Bar Mitzvah. There will be a Kiddush in Paul's honor immediately following Shabbat Services. The community is welcome and invited!

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## CareFest Seeks Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for various home repair projects, painting, mowing, weeding, yard work and cleanups throughout St. Petersburg neighborhoods on Saturday, September 27, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Somebody Cares Tampa Bay under the umbrella of CareFest USA, the annual week of compassion-related activities culminates with a day of service that gives back to the community, benefiting individual homeowners, schools and non-profit organizations.

Neighborhood and community-based groups, houses of worship, corporate teams, school clubs, businesses and individuals are invited to participate in a variety of one-day projects. On September 27, CareFest St. Pete 2014 starts and ends at Lake Vista Park, 1401 62nd Ave. S. in St. Petersburg with check-in and light morning refreshments at 7:30 a.m., followed by projects conducted from 8 a.m. to noon. Once finished at their project site, participants are invited back to Lake Vista Park for volunteer recognition, lunch and entertainment between noon and 1:30 p.m. The event wraps up with CareFest organizers and the mayor presenting certificates to all volunteer groups.

To learn more, visit carefestusa.com and click on "Get Involved," "Search for a Project," then "St. Petersburg." For volunteer information, contact Aubri Shauger-Haley, Community Services, 727-892-5141, or Chris Cahall, CareFest St. Pete Co-Chair, 727-743-5695. Volunteers and groups can also receive information via e-mail to ICAN@stpete.org.

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The summer walking tours are leisurely strolls lasting between 60 and 90 minutes and ending at a local business where tour-goers are welcome to get something to eat or drink and to continue in some fun conversation.

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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 in 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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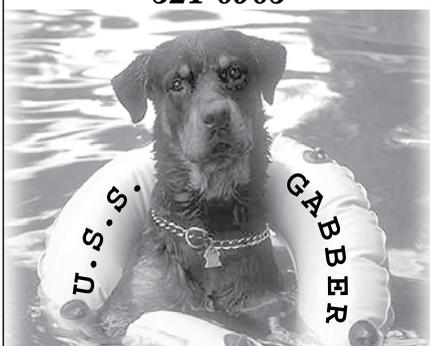


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# Shop Dogs: A Book About Dogs at Work

By Cathy Salustri



A Southeastern Guide Dog puppy tells Laurie a secret at Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc., in Palmetto. "If you ever don't feel good," she says, "go there and hug puppies. It will fix everything."

**E**very coffee table needs a little puppy love, and nothing captures hearts more than dogs helping people.

That's why Laurie Ross' book, *Shop Dogs: A Photo Essay of Dogs That Go to Work*, belongs on the coffee table or bookshelf of every dog lover, especially those who shop locally. *Shop Dogs* offers a photographic journey through the bay area, giving readers a peek into the dogs you see at local businesses.

If you shop locally, you'll recognize some of the dogs in this gorgeous hardcover collection of working dogs. Laurie used canine companions from 4th Street, Central Avenue and Corey Avenue.

She first had the idea for a book about dogs who spend their days at work when she walked into Bayside Granite and Tile and came face to face with Lucy, a white Great Dane.

"I said, 'That's some shop dog you have there!' and asked if I could come back and take pictures of her," Laurie remembers. A few days later, she went to her spin class and met Tank, an English Bulldog, who helps out at her gym, Spinergy. As she pedaled through the class, the idea of a book called "Shop Dogs" crystallized in her brain.

Along the way, she met Eli and Leo, two rescued pit bulls who work at Intric's Master Mechanic. Leo was left for dead in a backyard, but his owner Boris gave him another ten years of living in his shop. Eli was en route to a kill shelter for euthanization, but Boris stepped in and saved him, too. Although Eli will never be a lap dog, he has a new leash on life with Boris.

Not a big dog fan? That's OK; meet Brutus, a Chihuahua who saved her owner's life. Her owner had a serious drug addiction, and when she overdosed one morning, she woke up with Brutus pawing at her face and barking. She figured if Brutus believed in her, she could start believing in herself. Today, she's clean and sober and working at a shop on Fourth Street – along with Brutus.

Say hello to Luke, who works at Suzuki Strings of St. Petersburg: When his human starts playing the violin in the studio, he puts his paws on the piano keys and howls.

On a more somber note, you'll meet Sammie, a Jack Russell mix who diagnoses patients at a local doctor's office. On more than one occasion, Sammie started sniffing a certain area of the patient's body. When the patient went in to the doctor's office, the diagnosis came back as cancer. Don't worry, though: The doctor's office still uses more traditional medicine.

You'll read about Bobby, the Chihuahua who saved his owner from lifelong depression. She adopted him and, at his gentle canine insistence, had no choice but to meet the people Bobby approached as the twosome walked around the neighborhood. Today, he's a licensed therapy dog with Therapy Dogs International, but his owner, Barbara, is quick to tell everyone Bobby has been her therapy.

Laurie captures these dogs and their acts of everyday heroism in *Shop Dogs*.

"I'm truly honored to share these new friends with you I hope you enjoy this book – the nuances, the colors, the emotions portrayed with each pup," she says.

Want to meet more of these amazing, beautiful dogs? You can buy Laurie's book for a discounted rate (and free delivery) on her website, [LaurieRossPhotography.com](http://LaurieRossPhotography.com), or if you absolutely, positively need to have it this minute, you can head to Red Cloud, Books at Park Place, Wilson's Book World, Haslam's and find your copy now. You can also get a book at PetPal Rescue. Sales of those books as well as some of the other proceeds directly benefit PetPal rescue.



Guise II visits a friend at Brentwood Senior Living. Guise earns his keep as a therapy dog and visits Brentwood most days of the week. Patients will ask, "Is Guise there today?" before agreeing to have physical therapy.

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July 3, 2014

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## Card of Thanks

**PRAY 9 HAIL MARY'S** for 9 days, request 3 wishes, 1 business & 2 impossible. On the 9th day, publish this article, your wishes will be answered even if you don't believe.D.J.W.

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