

Remembering September 11



While it has been 13 years since September 11, 2001, the day is far from forgotten. American Legion Post 305 on St. Pete Beach invited people to wave flags and hold signs in remembrance of the attacks that took so many lives.

Drivers along Gulf Boulevard slowed, honked and waived back in acknowledgement, as the flag waivers stood in the sweltering heat of late afternoon.

"They sacrificed a hell of a lot more than standing in the sun," said Dee Bell.

Pictured are Dee Bell (right), 16 District President American Legion Auxiliary; John Bell, Vice Commander 16 District American Legion; Tami Flanagan, Unit 305 President; and Debbie Sviderskas, Unit 305 Secretary.

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Gulfport Council voted to increase garbage and recycling rates 12% in the coming fiscal year. The year begins October 1. This increase should generate an additional \$214,000 in revenue for the city.

This marked the second and final reading of the ordinance making provisions for the price increase.

Council also voted to increase its potable, or drinking, water and sewage rates by the same 12%. Because St. Petersburg sells Gulfport water and cleans the city's sewage, Gulfport must, by the terms of its contract with St. Petersburg, charge its customers at least as much as St. Petersburg charges its customers. St. Petersburg increased its rates by 25% in the form of a surcharge, and Gulfport had no choice but to follow suit. Council divided the increase over two years.

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Clymer Park Tree Planting

By Elizabeth Brown-Worthington



Nic Weathersbee, Crea Egan-Romanelli, Robert Rutenbeck, Johnny, Bryan Hilbert, Christine Brown, Wesley Sloat and Paul Ray gathered to plant trees in Gulfport last Thursday.

On the anniversary of one of the most tragic events in American history, a small group of people gathered to make peace.

Under the guidance of Crea Egan-Romanelli, volunteers gave time and money to plant several Florida-specific fruit and nut trees along the new sidewalk in Clymer Park in Gulfport. The trees planted on Thursday include sapodilla, macadamia nut, guava, avocado and several more, bringing the number

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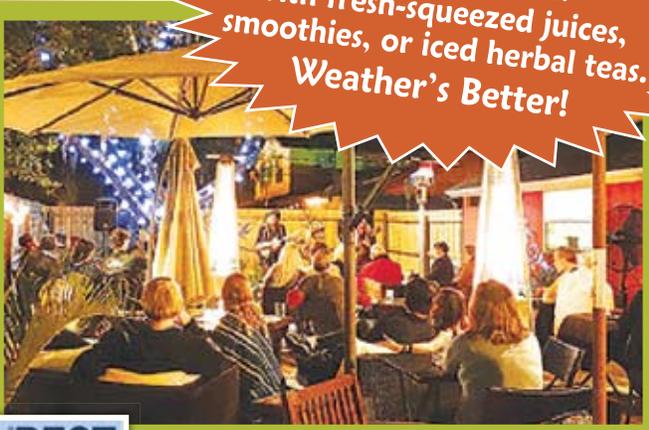
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Glow Party in Hurley Park

My Hope Chest is excited to announce their "Butterfly Glow Party!" on Saturday, September 20 at 6 p.m. Taking place at Hurley Park in Pass-A-Grille Beach, attendees will don wings, glow accessories and bling as they bring hope to breast cancer survivors by supporting breast reconstruction surgery.

The party is taking place in conjunction with the charity's first annual Butterfly Glow Walk, 5K Fun Run & Party. The race will kick off the Glow Party and allow attendees to watch participants get their "wings fitted" in preparation for the run.

Food and alcohol will be available for purchase (proceeds will support My Hope Chest's efforts) and the after party will continue following the run. The Butterfly Glow Walk and Fun Run takes place on the beach next to the park, so attendees can bring blankets and relax under the stars and fun glow display.

The Glow Party is a fundraiser for My Hope Chest with festivities designed to expand the popular

nighttime glow, exercise experience and the craze of running enthusiasts today.

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Greenlight Pinellas Debate at Stetson

Stetson University College of Law is hosting a debate on the Greenlight Pinellas Plan on September 29 at 12 p.m. on the Gulfport campus.

Representatives of No Tax for Tracks and Vote Yes on Greenlight will debate the future of public transportation in Pinellas County. Stetson University College of Law Professors Mark Bauer and Paul

Boudreaux will moderate the debate, co-sponsored by the Stetson Republicans and Environmental Law Society.

The Greenlight Pinellas Plan includes bus improvements and future passenger rail in Pinellas County. If a proposed 1% sales tax referendum passes in November, the PSTA will implement the plan.

The debate will take place in the Great Hall, Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61st St. S., Gulfport. For directions to Stetson's Gulfport campus, visit stetson.edu/law/about/home/directions.php.

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YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program

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

The YMCA of Greater St Petersburg has joined forces with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Medicare to help seniors take control of their health. Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. will begin offering a new session of the YMCA classes to make it easier for local seniors to take advantage of this program. The next series of classes begin Monday, September 29 at noon.

Participants work together to lose a modest amount of weight, increase their physical activity and create healthy habits that can reduce risks of Diabetes, Cancer, Heart Disease, and Erectile Dysfunction. Classes meet for one hour a week for 16 weeks and are followed up by monthly maintenance meetings. All classes are led by a trained Lifestyle Coach. Participants are eligible for a complimentary

membership to the YMCA throughout the program.

Do you qualify? For more information call Kiernan Gabel at 727-895-9622 ext. 219 or kgabel@stpeteymca.org.

Paddle For Paws on St. Pete Beach

Bring your dog for a day at Hurley Park, 1501 Gulf Way in Pass-A-Grille. The event in the park on Saturday, September 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. will include food, beer, music, face painting and a "Paw"casso art area with tie dying and dog art.

Stand Up Paddleboard instructors from Saltwater Kite and Paddle will be out giving you the opportunity to learn how to paddle for a cause. Dogs are not permitted on the beach. All leashed dogs must stay at Hurley Park. "Paw"troductory paddle board lesson is only \$10 and a 30-minute paddleboard session is \$25. The event benefits Pet Pals Animal Shelter. For more information call 727-363-9245 or visit spbrec.com.



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National Rum Punch Day Art Walk

With four full liquor bars and over a dozen fine restaurants, all within walking distance, Gulfport is the place to be on September 20 to celebrate National Rum Punch Day during the Third Saturday Art Walk.

The Gulfport Art Walk event features new artists every first Friday and third Saturday each month and includes several different sculpture and paint mediums, jewelry, photography, fish rubbings, upcycled items, handmade/designed clothing and accessories, body products and more.

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 to 85 during Art Walks and other special events.

Live musicians appear at several venues throughout the waterfront district, including Urban Gypsies, Double M Band, Cheesy On The Outside w/ Dr. Horrible, and Will

Erickson to name a few.

Domain Home Accessories & Gallery will host a reception and one-night-only Anniversary Sale to celebrate the two-year anniversary of its "& Gallery" space. Complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvre will be offered during the sale and celebration, and jazz saxophonist Henry Ashwood will entertain visitors.

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, 6 to 10 p.m.

Vendor information can be found at SIKpromotions.com. For general information, visit facebook.com/GulfportArtWalk, GulfportMA.com or call 727-322-5217.

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Acoustic Jam at Gulfport Library

Bring a guitar or acoustic instrument to the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., Monday, September 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. for an informal jam session. Meet other musicians and exchange musical know-how in a fun and relaxed setting. As always, it's free! Questions? Call Alex Hooks, librarian, at 727-893-1073.

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“Meet the Artists” events at “& Gallery” occur during Gulfport’s popular third Saturday Art Walk. Artists and artisans line the sidewalks

of scenic Beach Boulevard on Art Walk evenings. Independent shops and boutiques, live glassblowing at the Industrial Arts Center, live music venues, street performers, and Gulfport’s many popular restaurants are all part of the lively Art Walk scene. Parking in the waterfront village is free and convenient. Free trolleys are available for visitors parking in remote sites for transportation to and from the hub of Art Walk.

For more information, contact Daniel Hodge, 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org; or visit domainhomeaccessories.com.

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Junk in the Trunk

Gulfport residents, are you looking to swap, trash or give away your old stuff and don’t know where to start? Join the Gulfport Neighbors and the City of Gulfport at the community “Junk in the Trunk or on a Truck” event on Saturday, October 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. behind the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th St. S. in Gulfport.

Gulfport residents, bring proof of residency with your Driver’s License, Picture I.D. or a Gulfport Utility Bill. You may bring furniture, appliances, tires, and other bulk items for free disposal, however, please no firearms, drugs, liquor, plants, paints, chemicals, or batteries. At the same time, next door at the Backdoor Theater, the Gulfport Neighbors will be hosting a plant exchange for the community. If you have many of the same plants and want to exchange for different species, visit the Backdoor Theater next door. This a great way to spruce up your garden for free!

Enjoy a cup of coffee during “Java with Josh and Zack” (Lieutenant Josh Stone and Community Resource Officer Zack Mills). Parents can register children’s bikes with the Gulfport Police Department and receive a free children’s bike helmet. There will also be a drop off for nonperishable items or toiletries to donate to the Gulfport Senior Center pantry where it goes straight back to the needy in the community.

Join the Gulfport Neighbors network of volunteers: inspiring, motivating and uniting neighbors to improve the quality of life in Gulfport. For more information, please visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/gulfportneighbors or call 727-893-1118.

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Children’s Gymnastics Class

Sunshine Gymnastics at the Gulfport Recreation Center is on Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Skills introduced on balance beam, cartwheel mat, spring board, incline mat, and back handspring mats. Ages 5 to 12, \$30 per month/\$20 registration. For more information call Barbara at 727-804-9400.

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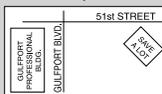
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Flying Mullet 5k and Doggie Dash

Take a run through history on Friday, October 10, and catch a glimpse of coastal Florida the way it used to be – and in Gulfport, the way things still are.

Gulfport, a town built by fishermen, offers runners a chance to run through vintage Florida

neighborhoods. The Flying Mullet 5K will wind through downtown's Historic Waterfront District, running past the reigning Mullet King's home. Many fishermen – including the king – once earned their living netting mullet, a vegetarian fish that's quite the oddity in the fish world.

Doggie Dashers will thrill at the proximity of the dog park as well as the town's dog-friendly bars and restaurants. All runners get a free post-race drink in the Art District after the run.

Kick off your weekend with a run that lets you take in the quirky seaside charm of the town that time forgot! Event details and schedule. Gulfport has ample free street parking; please take notice of any signs. You may also park at the adjacent dog park, the Gulfport Public Library, The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, or at the Catherine Hickman Theatre.

The Flying Mullet 5K will start at 5:30 p.m. with the One Mile Doggie Dash starting shortly thereafter. Both races start at the Gulfport History Museum, located at 5301 28th Ave. S. in Gulfport. The course will travel mostly over paved roads. Packet

pickup as well as the race start will be on the grounds of the museum. Adjacent to the museum dogs can go off-leash at the small and large dog parks. Register at Active.com; call 727-656-5420 for more information.

Race sponsored in part by O'Maddy's, Neptune Grill, Pasadena Pet Motel, Salty's and other local businesses. Please shop local so the community continues to build a unique history.

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West Coast Orchid Society Show And Sale

The Florida West Coast Orchid Society will present their annual Orchid Show and Sale featuring orchid Pirates on October 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the Garden Club of St. Petersburg, 501 Sunset Drive. Parking is free, but there is a \$5 entry fee. Event features orchid re-potting booth, creative orchid displays, educational workshops, thousands of orchids for sale and hourly raffle drawings. Call Bill Nunez at 813-918-4546 or Paula Polen at 727-345-6733.

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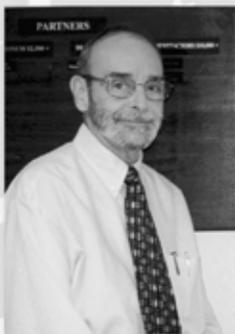
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The Florida manatee's long-term survival is threatened partly by mortality from boat collisions. Marine researcher Athena Rycyk, Ph.D., and her crew mapped the

boat traffic around 18 Florida manatees in southwest Florida to investigate manatee behavior during boat approaches and to better understand the factors that lead to boat-manatee collisions. Dr. Rycyk will discuss factors predicting the occurrence, magnitude, and timing of manatee changes in behavior during boat passes. Questions will be entertained.

Dr. Rycyk will present the details of her research which included the use of digital acoustic recording and GPS tags to track her subjects. She

will explain the factors that lead to boat-manatee collisions and explain the factors that were found to predict the occurrence, magnitude and timing of manatee changes in behavior during boat passes.

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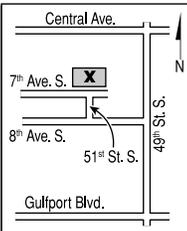
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SNAP Application Assistance

Are you 60 or older and struggling to put food on the table? You may be entitled to monthly SNAP benefits. Come out to the Gulfport Senior Center on September 30, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to find out if you are eligible. SNAP dollars can help you buy healthy food options including dairy, meat, produce, eggs, whole grains, etc.

Please stop and bring the following: your ID, proof of any income (including pay stubs from jobs, child support, SSI, unemployment, veteran's benefits), proof of residency (rental agreement or mortgage statement), proof of medical expenses, and utility bills (electric, gas, and water).

For more information, please call the Event Line at 727.893.5657.

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Tangerine Blues Fest

SO49 and Tyrone Square Mazda present the Tangerine Blues Fest and Country Music Weekend on September 27 and 28. This year's two-day day lineup of bands (Blues on Saturday and Country on Sunday) is dynamic. Along with free music, great food will be served up by Pipo's Cuban Restaurant, Chick Doggie – the original Chicago Hot Dog, Wing House and their famous wings, Melt Company with a great grilled cheese sandwich, Mangia Gourmet, Mr. Bills with hamburgers and funnel

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Have you donated blood this year? The Florida Blood Service bus

will be on site so you can take the time to donate. Admission is free both days and there is something for everyone. Bring your chairs or blankets and stake out an area for the free concerts. No animals or coolers will be allowed in. Bikes and skateboards will need to be walked through the area. Check out the new web site at tangerinebluesfest.com or call 727-327-3509 for more information.

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The Gulfport Public Library will host one of the Pinellas County Extension Services' agent, Brian Niemann, for a fun and educational reservations only workshop on Saturday, September 27 at 2 p.m. in the meeting room.

Each attendee will receive instructions on how to build and install a rain barrel. You also have the option of purchasing a completed rain barrel in advance of the workshop.

Rain barrels are available only at

the class and payment by check is required for the rain barrel on the day of the class. Rain barrel cost is \$35 and supplies are limited. To reserve your barrel in advance, call 727-453-6524.

Many thanks to the University of Florida/IFAS Extension Service and workshop leader Brian Niemann for their ongoing support and in making this event possible.

For more information and to pre-register contact 727-893-1073 or stop by the Reference Desk.

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Medicare Info at Main Branch Library

Medicare 101: An introduction to Medicare. Learn about Original Medicare, Supplemental Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Drug Plans and financial assistance programs. Tuesday, September 30 at 11 a.m.

Medicare Advantage Plans: This session provides more specifics about

Medicare Advantage Plans including HMOs and PPOs. You'll learn what they are, how they work, when you can join and your rights and protections. Tuesday, October 14, 11 a.m.

Medicare Prescription Drug Plans: This is an overview of Medicare Part D. You'll learn about eligibility and enrollment, how to compare and choose a drug plan, and financial assistance programs. Tuesday, October 28, at 11 a.m.

All three programs are presented by SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders), a program of the Florida Dept. of Elder Affairs in conjunction with the Area Agency on Aging. Programs will be presented in the auditorium of the St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 9th Ave. N. Register by calling 727-893-7928.

In addition, one-on-one appointments with a SHINE Medicare Counselor will be available at the St. Petersburg Main Library, Wednesdays, October 8 to December 3, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The SHINE counselor can help answer your questions about Medicare, assist with enrollment in Medicare Savings Programs, and can help you determine which Medical and/or Medicare Prescription Drug Plan best fits your needs. Call 727-893-7928 to register for an appointment.

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Filmmaker Speaks on Political Corruption

John Wellington Ennis, a Los Angeles-based filmmaker whose films explore political corruption with a heavy dose of comedy and satire, is bringing his new film "PAY 2 PLAY" to Stetson University College of Law on September 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Ennis will discuss the impact of campaign finance reform at an event coordinated by Stetson Law professor Ciara Torres-Spelliscy. The event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited.

To RSVP, email events@law.stetson.edu.

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Deadline For Keep Gulfport Weird Triathlon

Last year's Keep Gulfport Weird Mini Triathlon saw a sprinkling of serious athletes, but most of the participants approached the annual event with a healthy dose of silly. The fourth annual Keep Gulfport Weird, which is the brainchild of Mayor Sam Henderson, will start at 7 a.m. on Saturday, September 27. It consists of a one-mile run, three-mile bike ride, and 100-yard swim.

This Friday, September 19 is the deadline for registering for the triathlon.

The race is designed to be short enough for most ages and fitness levels, whether individually or in teams, and is intended to be simply for fun. The competitive component is not the priority, but rather the gathering of community. There will be a drawing from the registrations at the end of the race for a certificate for a free pair of Maui Jim sunglasses. McDonald's will be serving up beverages at the end of the race in front of the Casino for participants.

This year, everyone who registers gets a cool, bright t-shirt with the "Keep Gulfport Weird" logo. Registration is \$10 per person. Please go to mygulfport.us/keep-gulfport-weird-triathlon for a fillable registration form, print and return to the city, 2401 53rd St. S. For more information, please contact Gail Biron, City of Gulfport Technical Events Specialist, at 727-893-1118.

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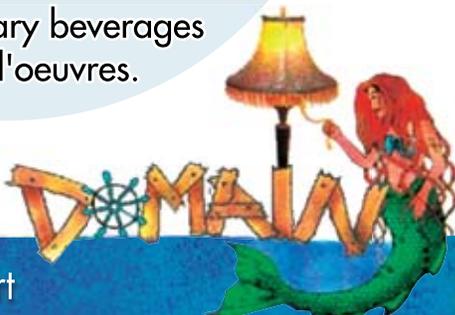
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Lessons will present dancers with not just moves, steps, and techniques, but ideas to open up their creativity and be able to dance to any music.

Beginning lessons are at 6 p.m. with the Foxtrot and the Quickstep starts at 7 p.m. The Ballroom Mix fires it up from 8 to 10 p.m. and with the Fusion mix, anything goes!

The Gulfport Casino Ballroom is one of the world's top dance destinations, offering social dance excitement in a picturesque beachfront setting. It features a rich history, a grand dance floor, a full bar, a smoke-free atmosphere, and free parking. All ages are welcome and no partners are needed. The

Gulfport Casino Ballroom is located at 5500 Shore Blvd. S. in Gulfport. Admission is only \$7 at the door. For more information, contact 813-840-3715.

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Senior Solos Calendar

Senior Solos are getting into the fall swing of things starting off October with lunch at 1 p.m. at Emily's Restaurant, 7048 Park Blvd, Pinellas Park.

The group had a great time at the September meeting, and are looking forward to another fun-filled afternoon on October 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Pinellas Park Recreation Center, 7625 59th St. N in Pinellas Park. Activity for this meeting is a game sometimes called Dress-up, sometimes called Mystery Closet, but always hilarious. Bring an extra piece of clothing to put in the Mystery Closet before the game begins.

Bring a dish to share and \$2 or come without a dish and pay \$5. These pot-luck lunches always provide an interesting array of yummy foods. All singles age 55 and over are welcome!

For additional information call Jeri at 727-541-6206.

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School Year Child Care Program

Registrations for the 2014-2015 School Year Child Care Program have begun for children who will be entering kindergarten through age 14. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Bear Creek, Gulfport Montessori and Douglas Jamerson Elementary schools. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Monthly fees are \$146 for residents and \$292 for non-residents. Hours of registration are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Packets will be available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. and online at mygulfport.us/recreation/rec/rec-programs/school-year-child-care/. Please call 727-893-1068 for more information.

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Oktoberfest Returns to the Grand Central

St. Pete Oktoberfest returns to the Grand Central District as an all-day, family friendly event on Saturday, September 20 from 1 p.m. until 10 p.m. on the 2800 block of Central Avenue. As in previous years, the event will serve as a fundraiser for the Grand Central District Association (GCDA), a 501c3 non-profit organization.

The all-day event will include lineup of live entertainment featuring local favorites Have Gun Will Travel, (hgwt.bandcamp.com), a variety of food and arts/crafts vendors, a kids' area, an assortment of beers provided by Great Bay Distributors, and a series of Oktoberfest-themed games and contests. There will be no admission fee to attend the event, and free street parking is available throughout the Grand Central District and surrounding area. More details about the event can be found at stpeteoktoberfest.com or facebook.com/StPeteOktoberfest.

The Grand Central District in St. Petersburg has been a Florida Main Street community since 2001. A unique urban village, the District is home to many beloved local restaurants and bars, antique retailers, art galleries, unique shops, professional and personal services, health/wellness providers, and more. The Grand Central District is pedestrian and bicycle friendly, and can be easily reached via the Central Avenue Trolley.

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Half-Off Sale at the Library

In preparation for the upcoming renovations at the Gulfport Public Library, The Circle of Friends book shop will be offering every book for sale at half price during the month of October. That means it's time to stock up on some great reading for as little as 25-cent paperbacks, and even like-new hardback bestsellers for 50 cents or a dollar.

The library book shop won't be accepting donations of books during October or the construction period that follows, as the library will

be closed. Watch for dates for the reopening and great winter/spring programs and events. For more information, call 727-893-1074.

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FREE IQuit Smoking Now Program

Would you like to finally quit smoking and improve your health? You can do it! This free IQuit program takes place on Wednesday, September 24, at Leisure Services, 1400 19th St. N. from 5:30 to

7:30 p.m.

Participants will be provided with a supply of nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) including patches, gum, lozenges and a workbook while supplies last. This program is sponsored by Gulfcoast North AHEC and by the Florida Department of Health. Seating is limited. Registration required. Must be 18 to participate. To register and find out more information, please contact Nicole Kelly 813-929-1000 ext. 204 or email nkelly@gnahec.org.

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"Don't wait until you're saying, 'I have to do it'...then sometimes everything goes too soon, too fast. You may not make decisions that you would've made if you were thinking about it ahead of time."

– Al Siebert, resident of The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay

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Garden Club of St. Petersburg Events

Monday, October 6 is "Mug Mania." Paint a mug for yourself or as a gift. This Creative Crafts program starts at 10 a.m.; the cost of materials is \$4.50. 727-381-8920

Thursday, October 9 is "Gardening in Small Spaces/Vertically" with speaker Alan Mahney from Seminole Nurseries. This Horticulture Seminar starts at 10 a.m.

Friday and Saturday, October 10 and 11 is the Annual Fall Plant and Garden Sale. October 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and October 12, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event features tool sharpening by Affordable Mowers, hot dogs and cold drinks for sale. Proceeds support Garden Club of St. Petersburg's Community Projects.

Tuesday, October 14 is "Orchids 101" with speaker Michael Pollen of Art Stone Orchids, presented by the Night Bloomers Circle of the Garden Club. 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15 is "Reflective Designs and Transparency Design," a program presented by the Flower Arranging Circle at 10 a.m.

Thursday, October 16 is "African Violets," a hands-on workshop with speaker JoAnn Henderson of the Daylily Circle of the Garden Club. 10 a.m.

Tuesday, October 21 is "Gulf Restoration" with speaker Cathy Harrelson of Gulf Restoration Network presented by Dracaena Circle of the Garden Club. 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28 is "Garnishes from Veggies" with speaker Rosalie DiMento of the Garden Club. Bring a small paring knife and cutting board. Program presented by Jungle Circle of the Garden Club. 1 p.m.

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg is located at 500 Sunset Drive S. For more information, call 727-381-8920.

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Overheard at the September 16, 2014

Gulfport City Council Meeting

Public Comment & Council Quotes

"A lot of teen councils have more people and have more to work with." – Gulfport Teen Council President Elizabeth Brown-Worthington

"You mentioned only seven. I would say 'magnificent seven.'" – Ward Three Councilwoman Yolanda Roman, about Teen Council's membership.

"I'm going to pull the flag issue. I chose to pull the flags for one reason: When I started this idea, we had no markings in the city. This was an idea to help market the city." – Ward Four Councilman Michael Fridovich, who asked the city budget \$10,000 for city flags. He said the flags he wanted would be overkill and since he suggested flags, the local business groups had decided to put in new pole flags.

"It's time to stop the charity and run this like a business. You have the Merchants Association who have vendors that don't pay the city a dime... They've been getting away with that for years. Let them pay for the city employees... to clean up." – Jerry Della Noce

"Much of the funding... comes through their tax increment financing program. That is an allowable expense. That is paid for primarily through those dollars." – City Manager Jim O'Reilly, in response to Della Noce's comment about the city's charity to the Gulfport Merchants Association.

"I want to commend Don and his people and how responsive they have been to the situation..."

we had a hole in the street that could swallow a car." – Bill Grom, about Public Works Director Don Sopak's response to storm drain issues in the Pasadena Place neighborhood.

"The kick is you must bring a full bag – I don't mean a half bag – of non-perishable items for the Senior Center." – Margarete Tober, about the free crepe myrtle giveaway at the upcoming Junk in the Trunk event. The city has partnered with Gulfport Neighbors to give away 25 crepe myrtle trees.

"To recognize the efforts of the Gulfport Historical Society and Vice-Mayor Brown, they're putting on a program this Friday on Lincoln Cemetery... Because of the issue that is before council, I have to caution council about publicly discussing this. If you were to attend this program, I would have to ask you to refrain from speaking. In the future you may have to take action on items related to Lincoln Cemetery. Please, if you choose to attend, please refrain from commenting. Please do not speak." – City Manager Jim O'Reilly, to the council.

"Pia's is catering and we have requested extra garlic dip." – Vice Mayor Brown, about the Gulfport Historical Society's photo exhibit and reception at Catherine Hickman Theatre on October 3.

"It's my wife's brainchild." – Mayor Sam Henderson, about the Keep Gulfport Weird Triathlon



Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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ISIL is Islamic

Let's make two things clear. ISIL is not Islamic... No religion condones killing of innocents... And it has no vision other than slaughtering who gets in its way." – President Barack Obama, September 10, 2014, following the beheading of journalist James Foley.

Let's make two things clear: The president is either delusional or ignorant. ISIL is Islamic as have been all these terrorist groups that have been attacking us at home and abroad since the World Trade Center bombing of 1993 – twenty-one-years ago. They are as one with an extremist version of the Muslim religion. Their goals are a religious state, a caliphate as ISIL says it has already established, ruled by Sharia law, and forcing all infidels – other

Muslims as well as all others – into their fold. Non compliance is death or sometimes enslavement. There are no innocents in that operation.

Yes, they are motivated by secular grievances such as our presence in the Middle East, their holy land, and our support of Israel. But, the underlying root is an extremist form of their religion. It is a holy war. Whether taking down the Trade Center or the shooting at Ft. Hood or the bombings of embassies, the taking of Mosul, or the beheading of journalists, these are done in the name of God. This is what gives it its passion.

One wonders why the president is compelled to lead off his speech defending Islam from the obvious – that it has a radical wing at war with the rest of the world – but one wonders more how we can fight a group whose basic premise we don't

acknowledge or accept as real. Of course it is important to understand that ISIL, Al-Qaeda, Taliban, or other affiliated groups of other names do not represent all in the Muslim world.

However, millions are attracted to the radical movement and the essence is religion. Motivations might be revenge, righting of wrongs, real and perceived, but the cover is the righteousness of God, the certainty of a holy purpose, the allure of a perfect God-directed society of true believers, a world of no uncertainties, and a world of rewards in the afterlife.

There are no negotiations, nor disengagements with suicide bombers, people who shoot young girls in the face for pursuing religion, who behead people with joy, who target civilians specifically. These fanatics are at war within their own religion even with their fellow Sunnis and particularly with their inter-religion infidels, the Shia. They both import and export their evil: import to their training grounds in the Middle East and elsewhere, and export back to the rest of the world. We may be war-weary (we think of ten years of war, but it has been twenty), but they are not. We may declare the war over, but it takes two to conclude a war.

There are many fronts to this war – not just Iraq and Afghanistan. It is more than complicated. Muslim countries are fighting their own wars, civil and religious. The war between Shias and Sunnis is perpetual and within the Sunni ranks dangerous and poisonous. There is also a war against Christians as well as Buddhists, Hindus, Jews. Political alliances are twisted and torn and temporary. There are religious, family, economic, political, and societal ties globally. It is impossible to disengage from religion.

We had one president who argued about the definition of "is." Today's president argues about the reality of "what is."

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Gulf Beaches



Historical Museum

Planning your Fall Meetings?

The Gulf Beaches Historical Museum located at 115 10th Ave., St. Pete Beach might be the answer. We are open October through May on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and June through September, we are open on Friday, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and all Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

If you are interested in a private tour for a group, please call 727-552-1610 and we will be pleased to make arrangements when the museum is not opened to the public. A special "you bring dessert and we will have coffee/tea" tour has been added recently.

A program about the museum and island history is also available for presentation at a meeting or dinner. The museum is handicapped accessible and there is no admission fee.

Gulfport Garden and Bird Club

As a final accounting of the Gulfport Garden and Bird Club monies, the following contributions have been made to the Gulfport Community:

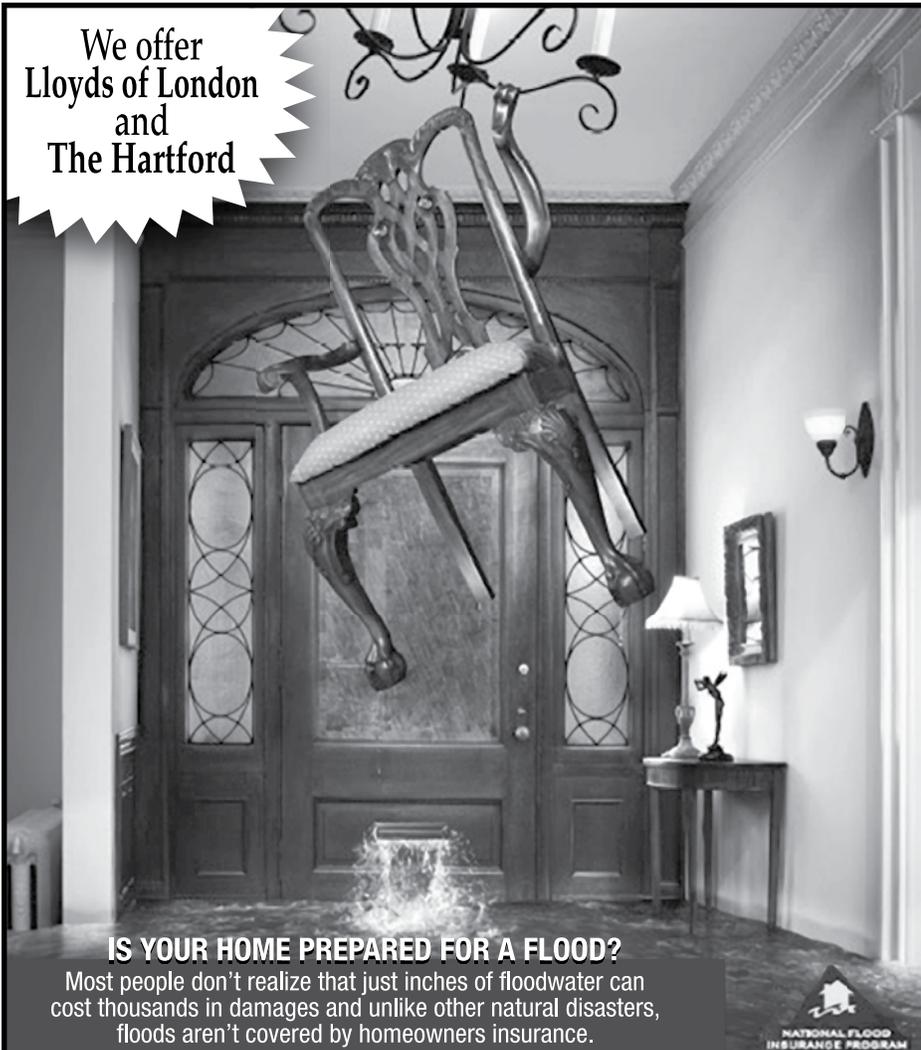
1) A 4' statue of an Egret has been mounted on a large rock next to a new park bench on the east side of Clymer Park at 26th Avenue and Beach Boulevard South.

2) A full-size plaque has been mounted on the Celebrate Our Lives Wall at the Gulfport Senior Center. The plaque shows the date the Club was established (1941) and the date the Club was disbanded (2014).

The club would like to give special thanks to Messrs. Don Sopak, Director and Tim Connor of the Public Works Department for their assistance in the club's final efforts to beautify the community. May nature always be respected in this community.

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Worshippers at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. service are invited to follow the Peace Pole as it is carried in procession at the end of the service to the spot where it will be "planted." The planting will take place at 11 a.m.

A special Litany for Peace will be used in the dedication ceremony as a reminder of the need to be constantly thinking, praying, and working in the spirit of world peace. The colorful four-sided obelisk bears the inscription "May Peace Prevail on Earth" on each of its four sides and each in a different language: English, Spanish, French and Hebrew. Following the ceremony, participants are invited to a light lunch in the Parish Hall and will also receive a take-home Peace Garden Bag containing prayers to plant seeds of goodness within ourselves and seeds and dirt in order to plant

a garden of beans to eat and/or share with others.

The world-wide Peace Pole Project originated in Japan through the Society of Prayer for World Peace. There are tens of thousands of Peace Poles in 180 countries all over the world dedicated as monuments to peace. They serve as constant reminders to visualize and pray for world peace.

St. Alban's is located at 330 85th Avenue, (85th Ave. and Blind Pass Road), St. Pete Beach 727-360-8406.

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Most Holy Name Blessing of the Animals

The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, will be celebrated at the Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 5800 15th Ave. S. Gulfport, with a Blessing of the Animals. Please bring your pets on Saturday, October 4, at 10 a.m. for this blessing. Each pet will be provided a St. Francis medal to commemorate the event, while supplies last. Refreshments will be provided for all in attendance, pets and their families.

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Yappy Days Are Here Again

Pinellas County Animal Services has reached a record high of 70 adoptable dogs. During the Yappy Days special, now through Monday, September 22, all adoptable dogs and cats four months and older will be free. The adoption fee for all puppies and kittens under the age of four months will be \$7.

This special includes medical checkup, spaying/neutering, vaccinations, heartworm tests, feline leukemia testing and microchipping.

Adoption counselors will be on hand to ensure that the right pet goes to the right family. Renters who are considering adoption are encouraged to bring a copy of their lease that states that pets are welcome.

Pinellas County Animal Services is located at 12450 Ulmerton Road in Largo.

For information on how to adopt, donate or volunteer, join Pinellas County Animal Services on Facebook. To learn more about the shelter, visit pinellascounty.org/animalservices, or call 727-582-2600.

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Friday, Sep. 6th @ 9:15am
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Sunday, Sep. 28th @ 10:00am
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Friday, Oct. 3rd @ 7:30pm
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Saturday, Oct. 4th @ 9:15am
Yom Kippur Service
Afternoon Service @ 5:00pm
Ne-Lia Service @ 6:30pm

After services conclude on
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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport

A: Does Gulfport have any plans to recycle soft plastic, e.g. plastic bags or polyethylene film? When I lived in France in the 1990s, it was the law to recycle all plastics, or else be fined. It seems a shame that we only recycle the hard plastics. –Blakey Ross

Q: No, according to Gulfport's Public Works Director Don Sopak. "Gulfport has no plans to start collecting these items," Sopak says. "The Pinellas County Recycling Directory for all municipalities in the county shows that no one in Pinellas County recycles soft plastic items."

However, many grocery stores do have recycling bins for soft plastic items.

Donate to the Senior Center Pantry

The Gulfport Multipurpose Center Pantry needs peanut butter, tuna, dry cereal, pasta sauce, soups and canned meats. The pantry is open 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday for qualified Gulfport residents 50 and older. Applicants should bring a photo ID, a utility bill or bank statement and proof of income (SSI). For more information please call 727-893-1231.

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Gulfport Birthday Bash

All hail the Mullet King! Please join the Gulfport Historical Society on Saturday, October 11 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. as they celebrate the 104th anniversary of Gulfport's incorporation and crown the 2014 Mullet King.

Fishing has always figured prominently in Gulfport's heritage. Today, most of the fishing – but not all – centers on recreation, but in the past, many Gulfportians earned their living from the surrounding waters. The Gulfport Historical Society honors these families and pays by crowning a mullet king. The first mullet king, Charlie Williams, was crowned in 2013, and on October 10 he will bestow his crown on a new mullet king.

This party is part of the month-long celebration, Gulfport History Month. It starts at 10 a.m. with opening ceremonies and ends at 2 p.m., shortly after the Gulfport Historical Society cuts and serves the traditional birthday cake.

This year the opening ceremonies will include vocalist Laura Henderson singing a recently-rediscovered song written about Gulfport. Her husband, Mayor Sam Henderson, will be on hand to congratulate the new king and throw a ceremonial mullet.

Other activities taking place on the grounds of the Gulfport History Museum, located at 5301 28th Ave. S., include Mullet Toss with prizes for the winner, trolley tours through Gulfport, cake, crowning of the Mullet King, kids relays, adult games of skill, 50/50 raffle.

Please join the Gulfport Historical Society in celebrating Gulfport's unique place in history. For more information, call Miki Vaughan at 727-321-5705 or email dreamsfloat@me.com.

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The Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee meets on the third Monday of the month from October through May at 8 a.m. at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue S.

Please bring any questions, concerns, or suggestions that you would like the committee to consider and recommend to the city council. You may call 727-893-1231 or email rcataldo@mygulfport.us.

If you have any interest in becoming a member of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee, please stop by the Senior Center to obtain an application.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

Are Trusts Only For the Super-Rich?

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Simply stated, a trust is a legal document that makes it possible for you to put aside some of your money and direct how it will be used upon your death or in some form of trust, while you're alive. A trust may also ease your tax bite.

A trust generally offers several advantages. Among them, the assets don't have to go through probate, which saves time and money.

Additionally, you may be able to maintain control over the trust assets while you're alive and capable; sick and incapable; or as part of an estate plan at your death.

Many individuals and families have found that trusts offer a number of interesting financial planning opportunities. Even where your estate plan calls for all the assets of the first-to-die spouse to pass to the surviving spouse under the unlimited marital estate tax deduction, significant estate tax may be due on the death of the surviving spouse. Proper use of carefully drafted non-marital trusts for the benefit of the surviving spouse and/or children may keep these assets out of the surviving spouse's estate and reduce the overall tax bite on the estate plan.

So-called "living trusts" have become very popular with those interested in avoiding the expense, delay and publicity of probate; while allowing the grantor to maintain control over the trust assets during his or her lifetime, if capable and competent.

The type of trust you use depends on your personal situation and

the advice you receive from a legal expert. Since there are many types of trusts, only a complete evaluation of your family's needs will determine which trust should be used.

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

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Tot Time Program

Ongoing registrations for the 2014-2015 Tot Time Program continue for children ages 3 to 5 years. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program that aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Program hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hours for registration are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. Call 727-893-1068 for more information.

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A Riot of Kindness

By Anna Vodopyanova

The outer wall of the Amsterdam in St. Petersburg's EDGE District turned into an all-people's canvas on September 11, conveying messages of kindness to commemorate the day in the global Kindness Riot.

"It's so amazing that I got to be part of this," said Brian Messick. "It's one of the best things I've ever done... It's absolutely awesome and fantastic and moving."

Messick brought the idea to the Amsterdam owner John Cullen and his girlfriend Zoie Torres as a way to mark the 13th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Together, they called on the local art community, invited the public and supplied paints, music and craft beer for the "Paint Your Kindness" mural on the bar's outer wall, which had previously displayed a rainbow for the Pride Parade.

"You bring people who aren't artists, and you make them feel welcome and accepted, and allow them to express themselves," Messick said. "You give them the opportunity, and look, they do it. It's a success and a fabulous thing. We need more of this kind of stuff in St. Petersburg, absolutely."



Local artists including Mason Schwacke, Nicholas Kekllas, Sebastian Coolidge and Juli Brown, painted the larger elements of the mural. Aron Paden painted the Mettē, symbolizing unconditional, unattached loving kindness. The public painted their words and images of kindness in the remaining space.

Schwacke said having all artists work side by side, together with the public, creates "a friendly competition."

"Everybody feeds off of one another," Schwacke said. "That piece that homeboy did is so amazing, now I got to step it up... It's about progression, learning and having fun."

The day was not without challenges, but the "rioters" took it in stride. "It poured down rain, and people stayed," said Messick. "They stayed, and they came inside and everybody had fun and when it stopped, everybody came outside and painted. They didn't bail on this; they thought it was something exciting to be a part of."

A quote from Aesop is the centerpiece of the mural: "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Said Amsterdam owner John Cullen – who implements his own acts of kindness in the business district and in the community by hosting auctions, fundraisers and providing exposure to local artists and brewers, among other things – says, "Businesses have the opportunity to be the vehicle to promote [significant causes], other than doing things like 'ladies' night.' There's a bigger picture out there."



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Jeff Klinkenburg at Main Branch

The Friends of the Main Library are kicking off their program season with an author talk featuring local Florida wildlife author, Jeff Klinkenburg. Klinkenburg, who also writes about life in Florida, will discuss his books and be available for a book signing at the St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 9th Ave. N., on Saturday, September 20 at 2 p.m.

Jeff Klinkenburg's books reflect his passion about Florida wildlife. The latest of his works, "Alligators in B-Flat," published by University Press of Florida, is a collection of favorite Times columns. Other anthologies, "Pilgrim in the Land of Alligators," "Seasons of Real Florida" and "Dispatches from the Land of Flowers," have been bestsellers.

For more information, visit splibraries.org or call 727-893-7724.

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American Legion Auxiliary News

Florida Girls State is a hands-on week-long educational workshop, focusing on Americanism and the political process, sponsored by the Florida American Legion Auxiliary. The goal of the program is to help students to better understand democratic ideals and the part we as individuals play in carrying out these ideals. This program teaches high school junior girls about government, politics, and Americanism.

Qualified high school juniors are selected to become citizens of and participate in creating a mythical state of Seminole. This mythical state is divided into 12 cities and 6 counties and the citizens, assigned to either the Nationalist or Federalist Party, experience the two party system, much like our government. Their rigorous schedule includes participating in political campaigns, debates, and crafting bills. As the government begins to take shape, these young women come to understand their

roles in a democratic society. Legion Auxiliary Unit #125 was proud to send Madison Andrews and Aly Zuelsdorf to this event as post representatives. At the last meeting of the auxiliary, they came and told of their worthwhile experiences.

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Register for Child Care Program

O-going registrations for the 2014-2015 School Year Child Care Program continue for children who are in Kindergarten thru age 14. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Bear Creek, Gulfport Montessori and Douglas Jamerson Elementary's. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Annual registration fee is \$17 for residents

and \$22 for non-residents. Monthly fees are \$146 for residents and \$292 for non-residents.

The Recreation Center announces the sponsorship of the "Afterschool Nutrition Program," a subcomponent of the Child Care Food Program. The program is designed primarily to provide nutritious snacks to children in afterschool programs. Snacks are available at no separate charge to the children. In accordance with the Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Hours of registration are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Packets are available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. and on-line. Please call 893-1068 for more information.

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Fall Show Opens in Treasure Island

By Luba Robinson

The Treasure Island Art Guild has opened its 2014 Fall season show at the Community Center featuring the works of members Gerry Burlon, George Greenfield, Arlene Kitchin,

Doug Land, and Winnie McIntyre through October 29.

With watercolor's inherent luminosity, Burlon displays a "Fierce Flamingo" with a scrawled background and an explosion of monochromatic pigment. "Galloping Ostriches" gives us an exciting animated composition with bold contrast. The pace winds down with a mosaic effect in "Sea Life Kaleidoscope" and a tranquil "Sea life Trio" just "going with the flow."

While the Beatles stormed America, the now classic Ford Galaxie 500XL was born and a portion of it lives in digital artist Greenfield's "Galaxie" where balanced form and the past spark visual interest. Brilliant light and shadow play across "Cloud 9" and

"Tulip in the Sun." "Nourishment" connects us to the responsibility of sustaining our Florida coastline.

A poetic response to Kitchin's love of boating gives us acrylics "Days End" and "Home on the Creek." The nature of an award winning "Mr. Gray" is captured posing while he waits to snare his aquatic prey. Watercolor creates the freshness of transparent washes in a heartfelt "Left Out" of the vase rosebud, hoping to join the arrangement.

Sketch artist Land, an instructor in various workshops and local museums renders excellent perspective and composition in "San Marco-Early Evening." "Two Men" and "Beach Lighthouse" show versatility in subject matter. A pensive moment in mixed media "Tampa Courtroom Sketch" is an example of Land's courtroom sketches, which are in numerous collections across the US.

McIntyre exhibits carefully crafted form and stunning color in acrylic "Sahara." Her artistry shifts to a pastel on velvet still life "Keg and Pears" where beauty in simplicity rings true. Oils give us silhouettes of palms yielding to a raging sea in "Stormy Weather" contrasted by a sunny field of workers in "Cotton Picking: 50¢ a Day."

The Treasure Island Community Center is located on 106th Avenue, just east of Gulf Blvd. Call 727-547-4575 for hours of operation.

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Granny's Attic Community Sale

Are you a treasure hunter? It's time to enjoy the outdoors while shopping at Granny's Attic Community Yard Sale event at the Pinellas Pioneer Settlement, 2900 31st Street S. on Saturday, September 20 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will be full of surprises that may include gently used clothes, vintage items, small furniture, knickknacks, household items, garden tools and more finds at reasonable prices.

While you are there, visit the Pioneer Settlement general store, living history museum buildings and Bullet Hole food concession stand. Admission is free. If you would like to sell your own yard sale items, 10' x 10' spaces are \$5 each. Call 727-893-7326.

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Crossword Puzzle *Solution on Page 18*

Truly Stars

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- 1 Sparks, and others
- 5 Opposite of lee
- 10 Frank
- 14 ___ Sevareid
- 15 Billiard shot
- 16 French composer
- 17 Notion
- 18 Uplift
- 19 Three, in Munich
- 20 British actor
- 23 Wreath
- 24 Chou En-___
- 25 School subject
- 29 Gripping tool
- 33 Irritable
- 34 Measures
- 36 On ___: Fr.
- 37 Thanks ___
- 38 Cheated: sl.
- 39 Kind of garlic
- 40 Unwell
- 41 Expiate
- 42 Fuel carrier
- 43 Motorist's guide
- 45 Light
- 47 Attention
- 48 Algonquian
- 49 British actor
- 58 Musical instrument

DOWN

- 59 Less cordial
- 60 Feminine name
- 61 Dash
- 62 Rootless one
- 63 Chicago area
- 64 Dispatch
- 65 Growls
- 66 Graf ___
- 1 Simon
- 2 *Das Rheingold* role
- 3 *Mon ___*: Fr.
- 4 Vivien Leigh role
- 5 Theatrical
- 6 Powder
- 7 Old English money
- 8 And ___ bed
- 9 Using one's nostrils
- 10 British theatrical company
- 11 Equal: prefix
- 12 Robert ___
- 13 Casino color
- 21 ___ meeny, miny, mo
- 22 Fleming and others
- 25 Step
- 26 Casal's instrument
- 27 Island: It.
- 28 Bar, legally
- 29 Board

ACROSS

- 30 Roman official
- 31 Ohio or Missouri
- 32 Violinist Isaac
- 35 Play on words
- 38 Word often used before 20 and 49
- 39 Strongholds
- 41 Oriental nurse
- 42 Ace
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- 46 Academy ___
- 49 Deer
- 50 Fit
- 51 Bank service
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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The United Nations declares Sunday an International Day of Peace, though Mars and Neptune aren't exactly cooperating in the mission. They square off to challenge our ideas of what peace really means. Just as siblings sometimes fight for fun and practice, there is some degree of conflict that seems to satisfy a deep need of the human family. Monday's fall equinox will remind us to pick our battles in the new season.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's like you're breaking off a discussion with the universe this week, because, for whatever reason, the topic no longer interests you. Do it as decisively as possible. Act without apology. If you delay, you will impede the flow of good luck coming to you in the next conversation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Every day this week brings different rules and new players in the game. You like to learn, so you'll appreciate how much you grow in a very short period of time. Another bonus? Your ego will be kept in check because you are in a constant state of confusion. The overall feeling will be one of exhilaration.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The boundaries on maps often seem, when traveling the terrain inch by inch, rather arbitrary. This will apply to your personal life. What's good on paper may not work in real life at all. Lines will be crossed before the infraction can be registered. But soon enough, you'll realize you've entered into new territory.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Compliments will come your way, and they are well deserved, so take them. Deflect nothing. You've earned your stripes, and taking them graciously will help to build your confidence. That's necessary now. Certain events have chipped away at your self-image. Let life build it back up for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't operate under the assumption that you can be kind later. You're kind now. You treat your loved ones with

special attention and tenderness on the regular. It's a habit – a way of being that will hold you in good stead this week and beyond. The world needs your gentle spirit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's like you're standing in line for an unknown ride. You have no idea whether it will be fun. You don't know the risks. You don't know whether it's going to spin you in circles or turn you upside down. But you bought your ticket anyway, and this week you'll get to the front of the line and find out exactly what you're in for.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've been hurt before, and you're afraid of getting hurt again. But you can't protect your heart against everything – and trying to do so would mean living a very small life. Don't let your defenses keep you away from those you need to touch. Trust that your bad experiences have made you much stronger.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Let go of the notion that you can do it all. Maybe you (SET ITAL) can (END ITAL) do it all, but the return won't be worth the effort. You shouldn't have to prove yourself in this way. Relax and do what's comfortable, or slightly more. But don't push yourself just to hit home a point. Grow your inner resources with reasonable and measured efforts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may get the sneaking suspicion that another person is trying to live vicariously through you, giving too much advice, trying to be too involved and encroaching on your personal space. The thing to do is establish boundaries. You're likely to do this with great kindness and sensitivity after Thursday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Saturn sponsors this week's theme: The door to higher levels of being can be anything. The act of sweeping a floor can open your mind to a new world of creativity. Cooking a meal can be the religious ritual that joins you to angels. Conversing with a friend might be the sacred exchange that unlocks heavenly joy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The

overall feeling of the week is one of belonging to something bigger. Sure, there will be ups and downs, times when you're trying to figure out how to fit in, and times when you need a break and it feels like you have to scramble just to get some solitude. But overall, your mood is "accepted and content."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You love being silly – it means you are relaxed enough to go to a childlike place in your heart and express the innocent joy that flows there. It's been a while since you were comfortable enough to be silly, but the people who come into your life and the developments that occur as a result will pave the way for fun.

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Ward One Councilmember Dan Liedtke pointed out that Gulfport couldn't control these rates but could control its property taxes and that the city had not raised the tax rate this year. He also noted that Gulfport has a lower property tax rate than St. Petersburg.

"We don't have a choice in this, because that's our only source of water," Mayor Henderson said. "I understand, I really do. We're not thrilled with it, either."

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Teen Afternoons at the Library

Hey Teens! Come hang out with Sherri and Cailey, Wednesday afternoons at the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Play Xbox, watch movies, get help with homework, listen to music, and just hang out and have fun.

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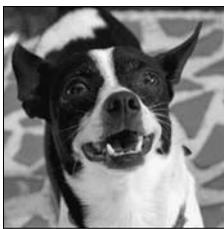
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SPCA Pet of the Week



Bring Cody home! Cody is an adorable nine-month-old Syrian hamster looking for a place to call home. Cody's last family was not able to care for him, so Cody and his siblings were brought to SPCA Tampa Bay in early August. Runs on his hamster wheel and mid-day naps are favorite activities for this handsome guy. Are you looking for the perfect pocket-sized companion to complete your family? Why not give Cody a try. Adopt Cody for just \$10. Meet Cody at SPCA Tampa Bay

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Open Gym/Gameroom - Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Tues. & Thurs., 7:30-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

Pickleball - Mon., 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

Table Tennis - Tue., 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

PROGRAMS

2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM - On-going registrations for the 2014-2015 School Year Child Care Program are currently being accepted for children in Kindergarten thru age 14. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

2014-2015 TOT TIME PROGRAM - On-going registrations for the 2014-2015 Tot Time Program are currently being accepted. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. A non-refundable annual registration fee of \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents is required to secure a spot. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12-

:30p.m. Call 893-1068 for more information.

2014-2015 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM - On-going registrations for the 2014-2015 Teen Night Program are currently being accepted. The Teen Night Program is a great hang out for teens in middle school to age 17. It provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

NEW CLASSES - Interested in teaching a class? Call John at 893-1079 for more info. Italian for Beginners - Starts Thur., Sept. 18, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Call Roberto 727-866-6892.

CLASSES

Call instructor for more information.

Beginner's Spanish - Mon., 6-7 p.m. Call Ivone at 727-482-2125 for more info.

Chair Yoga - Returns Fri., Oct. 3, 10-11 a.m. Call Joyce at 727-345-0679.

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Gymnastics - Thurs., 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.

Hatha Flow Yoga AM -Returns in the Fall. Call Valerie at 557-4258.

Hatha Flow Yoga PM - Wed., 5:30-6:15 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.

Italian for Beginners - Starts Thur., Sept. 18, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Call Roberto 727-866-6892.

Kids Karate - Thur. 6-6:45 p.m. ages 5-8 years

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Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Anel 727-459-1319

Live in Color Mediation - Returns in October. Call Rasheedah at 850-339-4668.

Tai Chi - 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.

Women's Self-Defense - Thur., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Donnie Ali-McClendon at 727-550-7185.

Yoga in the A M - Returns in the Fall. Call Valerie at 557-4258.

Zumba - Returns in the Fall. 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, 2014 - September 30, 2015. Bicycles permitted on WEDNESDAYS and SUNDAYS only.



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Technology Programs

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

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Adult/All Ages Programs

Free Thinkers Open AA (Twelve Step) Meeting: Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm. except Aug. 26, when Library will serve as a polling location for Primary Election. FMI: Call 727-360-9069.

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

Gulfport Toastmasters: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm. FMI, call 727-827-7875.

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

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thurs., Sept. 18, 11:00 am. Discussion of: Mark, from The New Testament, (translation of your choice) 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.

Acoustic Jam Session with Alex: Mon., Sept. 22, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Join in and get in touch with your musical self. FMI, call 893-1073 & ask for Alex.

SCORE Counseling: Tues., Sept. 23, FREE & helpful advice from experienced business pro-

essionals the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 893-1073 FMI & to schedule an appointment.

Home Gardening Class: Sat., Sept. 27, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. This month: Rain Barrels presented by University of Florida/IFAS Extension Service. Each attendee will receive instructions on how to build and install a rain barrel. You also have the OPTION of purchasing a completed rain barrel in advance of the workshop. Rain Barrels are available only at the class and payment by check is required for the rain barrel on the day of the class. Rain barrel cost is \$35 and supplies are limited. To reserve your barrel in advance, call 727-453-6524. Learn how to construct and install this user-friendly technique that has become wildly popular in the home gardening world. Instructional session only. FMI, & to pre-register, call 727-893-1073 or come by the Reference Desk.

Intro to Edible Landscape Design by Growing Greener: Sept. 29, 5:30 pm. Presentation on the long term vision of Crea Egan Romanelli fleshed and cultivated by community support. FMI, contact: eat.be.grow@gmail.com or call 727.560.0608.

Children/Family Programs

Science Club for K-5th Grade: Mondays, 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Back by popular demand! More fun for inquiring minds.

Storytime: Join Cailey every Thursday morning for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers. Sing songs, play instruments and meet other caregivers in the community. Thurs-

days, 10:30-11:00 am.

Free Family Movie Day: Sat., Sept. 20, 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.

Juniper Concert: Thurs., Sept. 18, 7:00 pm. Florida's beautiful blend of Celtic and alternative music. Open to all ages. Our free concerts are always a hit so be sure to reserve your spot by calling 727-893-1073.

Yoga Storytimes: Thurs., Sept. 25, 3:00 pm for 2-4 year olds; 3:30 pm for 5-10 year olds. Don't worry-we won't split up siblings. All children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Mats a plus but not required. Call Cailey at 893-1133 for more info. Space is limited so sign up early!

Teen Programs

Teen Anime Club: Friday, Oct. 10, 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Get together once a month to screen fun flicks while enjoying crunchy munchies. Network with other fans. FMI, call 893-1133 FMI.

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

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Department

Senior Center 5501 27th Ave. S.

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 your copy at www.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. For more information, please see Rachel at the Center or 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

Improv & Storytelling - Mondays @ 5:30 pm. Participants will learn the basics of improvisation, create & perform new stories together every. Experts & beginners are all welcome.

Mah-Jongg Instruction - Mondays @ 12:00 pm. Learn how to play this fun and stimulating game with others.

These Joints are Jumping - Wednesdays @ 3:30 pm. Scout Hall. This class is full of fun & laughter as you dance in your chair to music you love putting your body, mind, spirit, & emotions all in balance.

Professional Speakers Bureau of Tampa Bay - Mon., 9/22 @ 3:00 pm. An open discussion forum with a panel of speakers that are equipped to provide education, resources, & information pertinent to aging well. MUST call 727.893.5657 to register.

Day of Pampering - Tues., 9/23 @ 11:00 am. Heatherlee with Mary Kay will take the first 10 people to sign up and give them a complete makeover.

For Love and Money - Tues., 9/23 @ 6:00 pm. Len Leeb will help you discover your beliefs about money, prosperity, & how your monetary philosophies affect your relationships.

Medicare Made Easy - Weds., 9/24 @ 2:00 pm. Learn how to apply for Medicare & Medicaid, what Medicare covers, and health & drug coverage choices.

Monthly Mini Health Clinic - Thurs., 9/25 (Last Thursday of Every Month) @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. FREE health screenings: Blood Pressure, Vein, Vision, Hearing, Medicine Review, HIV, Balance, & Memory. Screenings may differ month to month depending on availability.

HCA Health Talks: Chest Pains? Don't Ignore the Signs! - Mon., 9/29 @ 2:30 pm. Learn the signs & serious risks of ignoring chest pains with Nancy Arbasak, Director of PCU. Presented by St. Petersburg General Hospital.

Health Insurance Expo 2014 - Weds., 10/1 @ 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Health Insurance can be puzzling. Medicare Supplement Companies, Flu Shots, SHINE Rep all at your fingertips to help

put together the pieces to the insurance puzzle. FREE.

1st Friday Flea Market - Fri., 10/3 @ 9:00 am - Noon. Don't miss out! Stop by and check out all the great deals!

Eckerd College OLLI - "The Titanic in Popular Culture" - Mon., 10/6 @ 5:30 pm. Join us as we examine the unique circumstances that have kept the Titanic tragedy fresh in the minds of the public while other even more disastrous events have long faded from public consciousness. MUST register prior to event by calling Eckerd College @ 727.864.7600. \$5 to OLLI

Life is in the Blood - Wednesday, 10/8 @ 2:00 pm. Blood Analyst, Debi McArthur will analyze a drop of blood to show what different cells look like & what they mean.

Puzzle Party - Friday, 10/10 @ 11:00 am. Join in the fun with Puzzle Pages. Learn how to play Sudoku, Binairo and so much more! Prizes provided. From the Puzzle Pages!

How to Use Public Transportation - Mon., 10/13 @ 2:30 pm. You're invited to learn about the future of public transportation & how to use it.

Medication Safety Tips - Weds., 10/15 @ 2:00 pm. Medication safety tips from the FL Poison Information Center including tips for grandparents, how herbal products interact with prescription medicines, & examples of calls made to the Poison Control Center.

SPECIAL SERVICES

This is your Center! - Sign up today to enjoy all the classes and events offered at the Gulfport Senior Center. Ask Rachel to give you a tour! Pick up a copy of this month's schedule at the Senior Center or online at www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org. The Senior Center currently offers 55 monthly classes for residents over 50 to choose from. Membership required. Senior Center registration is easy and free.

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. NEW SCHEDULE AVAILABLE.

FITNESS CENTER SCHEDULE: Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm, Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Annual sign up for the Fitness Center is an affordable \$25 a year or \$40 a couple. Stop by the Senior Center and take a tour of our state of the art fitness facility.

Snack Bar

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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

To view the Senior Center calendar in its entirety, please log onto www.mygulfport.us



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Thursday, September 18

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Sunday, September 21

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Ballroom Dance

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Sunday September 28

6:00 - 10:00pm

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Monday, September 29

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7:00 - 8:00pm: Intermediate Lesson

8:00 - 10:00pm: Dancing (Ballroom Mix)

10:00 - 11:00pm: Fusion Mix

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Swing Dance Every Wednesday

6 - 11pm \$7

Salsa Dance most Thursdays

No Salsa Dance on September 18

6:30 - 10pm \$7

Band & Ballroom Dance most Sundays

6 - 10pm \$7

Info 727-893-1070



Gladden Park Teen Council was one of the local competitors in the TASCOTeen BBQ Cook-off last Saturday.

said she was glad to participate in the event to raise money for children's education. "I love this event," she said.

Teens from local TASCOCouncils competed for "Best Rib" and "Best Chicken" titles. Tables and tents were set up for BBQ connoisseurs. Inflatables and live music completed the idyll by the lake.

The Teen Arts, Sports and Cultural Opportunities (TASCOC) is operated by the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation and provides stimulating programs for teens in grades 6 through 12.

TASCO Teens Grill it Up

By Anna Vodopyanova

Teens from St. Petersburg's TASCOC program took over Crescent Lake Park on Saturday, September 13, for their 12th annual benefit Teen BBQ Cook-off and Yard Sale.

Everything from 1979 Elvis Mania magazines to political pins could be purchased at the huge community yard sale set up along the park.

Edie Schrier sold beads and jewelry, belt buckles, pins and Moringa, a.k.a. "miracle tree." She said business was "not as good as last year, but still OK." Schrier



Vendor Edie Schrier said she was glad to participate to raise money for children's education. "I love this event," she said.

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Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Petersburg Woman's Club, 40 Snell Isle Blvd N.E., will host an MOE (Moving Outdoors Expo), a free home show promoting outdoor activities & exercise fun. Waterfront demonstrations in Coffee Pot Bayou throughout event. Vendors promoting outdoor activities and exercise, please call Alayna Itric for information at 727-612-7593 or email allitrics@tampabay.rr.com.

The St. Petersburg Woman's Club is a not-for-profit volunteer organization committed to serving the community through hands-on projects and fundraising as well as leadership development. The Club was organized in 1913 and is affiliated with the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, the largest and oldest non-denominational, non-partisan volunteer service organization of women in the world. For further information on a membership menu for all ages, club activities or booking information on our historic clubhouse, please call 727-822-4982 or check out our website at StPetersburgWomansClub.org.

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Pet Pal Pup Crawl

Pet Pal Animal Shelter presents our first Pup Crawl on October 4. The dog-friendly pup crawl will begin at World of Beer, downtown St. Petersburg, and continue to Cafe Del Mar, The Kitchen at Jannus, One Night Stand, and ending at The Ale and the Witch. Participants will receive a swag bag at the first stop filled with one drink ticket per every stop, dog treats, a refillable water bottle, and other fun surprises. What about the dogs? Doggie Biscuit Bars will be provided at every stop to keep your best friends happy and nourished provided by One Lucky Dog, Woof Gang Bakery, StPetersbark, Pawsitively Posh Pooch, and Pet Food Warehouse. Dog water will be available at every stop along with refillable water holes for humans. The Pup Crawl will start at 5 p.m. with the last stop at 8 p.m. Pre-registration fee of \$50 is required in advance. Pre-register or get more information by visiting petpalanimalshelter.com. or call 727-328-7738.

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Parent Aide volunteers receive training, guidance and support from program staff and personal satisfaction by assisting another parent. Use your background to help a parent understand age-appropriate behaviors, effective and consistent discipline techniques, stress reduction tips, information on topics like nutrition and family budgeting, assistance in accessing community resources and much more. Suncoast Center has been meeting the needs of children, adults and families for over 60 years. Consider volunteering as a Parent Aide, making a true difference in the life of a family.

For further information, please contact Colleen Walker, Program Coordinator at 727-543-0677.

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St. Pete Beach Crawl

Saturday, October 18 the annual Beach Crawl will start at the Undertow beach bar on St. Pete Beach at 5 p.m. This is a fundraising event for the "Walk to End Alzheimer's." The first 200 people to donate will receive a Beach Crawl can koozie. Checks should be made out to Alzheimer's Association Florida Gulf Coast Chapter.

This is a 21-and-older event. The group will leave the Undertow beach bar at approximately 6 p.m. and visit nine more beach bars as they walk north on St. Pete Beach. No free food or drinks or discounts will be offered.

No fee is required to join the crawlers, however you must pay for your own drinks and food. Visit [facebook.com/beach.crawl](https://www.facebook.com/beach.crawl), email beachcrawl@yahoo.com, or call Brad Reuscher at 813-760-5824 for more information.

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Blood Sugar Checks

It's important to know your numbers. Get your numbers checked at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., on the second Thursday of every month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Blood sugar screenings are provided by The Springs at Boca Ciega Bay.

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, please call the Event Line at 727-893-5657.

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Tai Chi at the Rec

Taoist Tai Chi classes for beginners start on Tuesday September 30 and Thursday October 2. Registration is at 8:45 a.m. and classes begin at 9 a.m. at the Gulfport Recreation Center located on 58th St. S. and Shore Blvd. S. in Gulfport. Emphasis is on the health benefits of tai chi. 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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Many People fail to go to the Emergency Room when they feel chest pain in fear of being embarrassed if it ends up being nothing. Learn the signs and serious risks of ignoring chest pains with Nancy Arbasak, Director of PCU on Monday, September 29 at 2:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. Presented by St. Petersburg General Hospital.

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, please contact Rachel at 727-893-1231.

Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members gathered at the home of President Joyce Keller on Wednesday, September 3 for a delicious beginning day dinner and social. Members shared their summer activities and received their yearbooks for the year. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24 at the home of Pam Puskas at 7 p.m. and Pam will present the program. The theme for this year's programs is "Nature." Each member has selected a topic referencing nature.

Congratulations to Laureate Epsilon Theta's 2014 Ideal Sisters – Val Rankin and Kay Brown. Both sisters are deserving of this special honor.

Sunshine City Council's first regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Dixie Hollins High ROTC Room. The council budget will be voted on at this meeting.

Beta Sigma Phi is a social and cultural organization for women. Chapters meet from September to May twice a month. Each chapter has a variety of socials. There are career chapters which meet once a month and have an abbreviated format. Many chapters have service projects but this one focuses is on social and cultural programs. For more information contact Sharon Ingram at 727-321-2849.

Obituaries

SHERMAN, PAULA JUNE, 56, of Weatherford, Texas, passed away September 6. Formerly of Gulfport, Sherman worked at the Gulfport Diner. She is survived by her husband, seven children, five sisters, one brother, 27 grandchildren, and her mother and father.

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Teen Night Program

Ongoing registrations for the 2014-2015 Teen Night Program continue for teens in middle school to age 17. The program provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, service projects and overnight lock-ins. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Annual registration is \$2 residents/\$22 non-residents. For more information please call John at 727-893-1079.

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Try your hand at Sudoku

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Letters

Dear Editor: A generous thank you to all members and friends from American Legion Post 125 for helping us celebrate our dear friend Linda Pearson's life. Your Post can never do enough. Thank you!

Kathy Kenny

Dear Editor: RE: Cathy's opinion column, "I Clearly Don't Understand Art" in the September 4 *Gabber*. Since then I've only read negative comments about the column, the latest being the letters in the September 11 issue. That being said, I think I see a woman who could use a kind word. Don't shoot the messenger. I knew City Council voted to buy art for the park, I was against it, but they also had a plan for a sculpture garden with a place for each art piece. The artists agreed to this as well as a delivery time. I for one did not know this. Thanks to Cathy's column we now know all did not go well. Missed deadlines, art work not in its assigned spot, finger pointing all around. It doesn't take research to know the ball was dropped. Who breached what? Who knows? Cathy stepped up, things didn't go as agreed and she called people on it, the city and the artists. She pointed out two artists who played by the rules, so it could be done. Cathy learned of broken promises and it didn't take a lot of

research to know that. There is enough blame to go around and she jumped on it. I'm glad she did. I learned a few things, I always do when I read her columns. Don't shoot the messenger. Anybody think apologies are in order? Cathy's column asked some questions, I hope she gets answers and shares them. Hope you accept my support. Hope these are kind words.

PS In the September 4 issue of the *Gabber*, in the letters to the editor, Margarete Tober wrote taking the artists to task for not following what the city requested. They are, after all, the owners of said artwork. Kind of funny that each lady expressed similar views on the same subject on the same day.

Stan Kreuter



Additional commentary from the Gabber's Gulfport Ideas and Opinions Facebook group. Please join us online to read the full discussion and tell us what you think.

"Last night at the crime watch meeting, we discussed the new and old camera installation. There are no signs 'you are under surveillance.' Do you think we should post signs?" – Denise Wimmer Lowe

"If the idea is to prevent crime, yes... if the idea is to catch criminals... no." – Metria Jones

"The cameras, as Metria said, have two functions: deter and catch criminals. However, if a criminal doesn't know there is a camera, he or she is not as likely to look up and actually be caught by the recording. In the case of most car lots, they want you to know the camera is there and the flashing light draws your attention to it. Given the fact that the equipment is so sophisticated, a good image is then obtained... So yes, letting it be known that there are cameras is a good idea. It is prudent to avoid crime rather than to try and identify someone after the crime has been committed." – Michael Knettle, Sr.

"Signs are best if the right hardware is there to back them up, and I like Denise Wimmer Lowe's idea making the cameras connect to a live, public Internet link... maybe on the city's web site." – Pat Harbachuk

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"With permission from the city I will be temporarily removing my 'dancer' from Clymer Park for warranty work. I am not happy with its durability and feel that I need to reinforce the piece. I plan to remove the piece with in the next couple of days and return it in approximately one week. I apologize for the inconvenience but I don't feel comfortable leaving it the way it is, I am in this for the long haul. Thank you." – Tom Pitzen who has two pieces of art in Clymer Park; he found the dancer vandalized twice before posting this.

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"If Swoop works on tips only, what is the suggested amount? Just curious to see what everyone thinks." – Jan Lowe

"I gave them \$5 each way to go from our house to GeckoFest." – Nicole Spence

"I gave \$5 from the Ivanhoe bldg [Town Shores] to the Casino, maybe 5 blocks, because it was Gecko ball night. But I do not know that I would do \$5 each way for that distance on a normal basis." – Sally Wilkinson

Letters to the Editor

The Gabber encourages and welcomes all letters. Please keep letters as brief and to the point as possible. Letters must be signed by the author and may be emailed to publisher@thegabber.com, mailed or dropped at the *Gabber* office. Commentary posted to thegabber.com or on *Gabber* Facebook pages may also appear in the paper. All letters are subject to editing for length and content at the discretion of the editors. The views and opinions expressed in this publication do not necessarily represent the views of the publishers, staff or advertisers.



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Planting, from front page

of Florida-specific trees in the city up to 50.

The project, says Egan-Romanelli, represented a larger movement—a movement about going green, but ultimately, about world peace.

“When we stop and become conscious of our food choices, we become conscious of the power we have to create peace,” said Egan-Romanelli. “If the earth is depleted and barren, so are we.” Egan-Romanelli, explains that this program is being broadened with the help of Seva Art Source, a global art initiative that is a funding center for “sane living and non-violent social activism,” according to their website.

Volunteers brought various talents and resources to the planting. Nic Weathersbee, of St. Petersburg, helped with digging and planting. Weathersbee owns a company called Urban Microfarms which, he explained, gives free consultations on where to put raised garden beds, as well as teaching people to eat organically and avoid genetically modified organisms.

Paul Ray and his partner Wesley Sloat (aka this year’s Gecko Queen) also volunteered. Ray suggested installing a barbed-wire fence around the Macadamia Nut trees —

not for squirrels, but for people. Kelly Russel brought her two-year-old son, Otis, along. Otis acted as the group’s cheerleader, shaking his maracas and encouraging volunteers.

At last, Egan-Romanelli hung a sign read: “Eat; Be; Grow; Sustain.” She described the different steps, saying, “We might be eating, we will be being, we will definitely be growing, and will eventually be sustaining.”

Egan-Romanelli thanked all who provided financial support and sponsored a tree, adding that she believes it will be everyone’s job to maintain the new trees. If you drive by and notice the trees are looking unhealthy, she said, stop by and give them some water.

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The Gulfport Women’s Center invites all women of the Bay Area to join them in a celebration of their official non-profit status. It will be an informational gathering to brainstorm about ways to create a space where all women are welcome.

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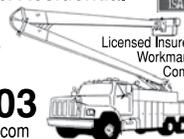
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