

Private Lateral Sewer Line Rebate Program Approved

By Debbie Wolfe

Gulfport homeowners now have the chance to apply for up to a \$3,500 reimbursement toward the cost of fully replacing their private lateral sewer line thanks to a unanimous vote by council members during the regular Gulfport council meeting on Tuesday, April 3.

The program begins April 4 and is “expected to prevent laterals from contributing to or causing failure of the public sanitary sewer system,” according to city documents.

A total of \$127,500 is coming from the city as the result of an agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, said City Manager Jim O’Reilly. Offering the private sewer lateral program to owner-occupied homeowners is in lieu of paying a civil penalty to the state of Florida as the result of the city making discharges to the sanitary sewer system during two 2016 storm events. According to the National Hurricane Center Tropical Cyclone Report, Hurricane Hermine was from August 28 to September 3, 2016 and Matthew was from September 28 to October 9, 2016.

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Egg Hunt Fun in the Sun

By Angelina Bruno



Marisa Julian, 6, collects eggs during the Fun in the Sun event Saturday in Gulfport

Kids under 8 filled baskets and bags with 10,000 plastic eggs at the Fun in the Sun event on Saturday, March 31 at the Gulfport Recreation Center. In addition to the brief but spirited egg hunt, the festival featured emergency vehicles on display, a small train for children to hitch a ride on, and a visit from the Easter bunny. The annual event is sponsored by the Gulfport Recreation Center and Stetson College of Law with additional support from local business owners.

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Gulfport Man Charged With New Jersey Kidnapping

By Debbie Wolfe

A Gulfport man was arrested and charged with kidnapping a 12-year-old girl on Thursday, March 29 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Liam Heim, 21, of Gulfport has been arrested and is facing multiple charges relating to kidnapping and human trafficking across state lines of a 12-year-old Collingswood, New Jersey girl. The girl was reported missing by her parents on Thursday, March 29. Law enforcement authorities found Heim and the girl on Friday, March 30 at a hotel in nearby Philadelphia.

Springfest Garden Art and Faerie Festival

The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 24th Annual Springfest Garden Art and Faerie Festival along the green and tree-covered expanse of Gulfport's 7.5-acre Clymer Park, on Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m. till 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 8 from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m.

The festival will transform the park into an "enchanted village" inhabited by costumed faeries, sprites, gnomes, ogres and trolls. Renaissance-era characters, gypsies, minstrels, wizards and roving entertainers in costume will also stroll through the event.

Springfest will offer a wide variety of family friendly activities and entertainment, such as May pole dances, a faerie house contest,

costume contests and live music. A children's area will offer activities including face painting, pixie dusting, bubble blowing, and more. Vendors offer plants, garden art, flowers, herbs, Renaissance-period items, clothing, jewelry, art, hand made crafts, food and beverages, and other items of whimsical interest.

Local musicians will share their magic with the community, including The New Horizons Band, The Laura Shepherd and Lucy Flute Show, Keith and Frank, Rukus and Steve Borst. Stage appearances will also include the whimsical Giggie Guardians and the Woodlynd - Faerie Harpist.

Costume contests for children and tweens are at noon on Saturday and all-inclusive (adults and pets) will be at 5 p.m. Saturday. If you can't make it on Saturday, another all-inclusive contest will be held at 12:30 p.m. on

Sunday for all ages and pets. This years categories are best wings, most creative and most colorful.

All interested vendors, Gulfport Community Groups and others are welcome. Please go to SIKpromotions.com and look for Spring under the vendor info tab to apply.

There is no admission fee and complimentary parking is available with free trolley rides to and from off-site parking areas. For more information please visit Facebook.com/GulfportSpringfest or call 727-322-5217.

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"Morning's At Seven" at the Hickman

The Gulfport Community Players will perform "Morning's At Seven" at the Catherine Hickman Theater from April 19 through 29. Four older sisters, three husbands, a nephew and a girlfriend – what could go wrong? Chaos erupts when Homer (the nephew) brings home his girlfriend of 12 years to meet the "family." Father tries to find out where he is, someone wants to move, and a secret held for over 40 years erupts the ordinary lives of these nine people. The plot plays out over just two days in the lives of the four aging Gibb sisters living in a Midwestern town in 1938.

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To apply for the camp please fill out the form on their website at keepstpetelit.com. Those who do not qualify for tuition-free camp will be asked to remit a tuition payment of \$150 per week before start of classes. Space is limited. If you have questions, please contact Maureen McDole at mmcdole@keepstpetelit.org or call 727-798-4530.

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Four older sisters, three husbands, a nephew and a girlfriend - what could go wrong! In *Morning's At Seven* chaos erupts when Homer (the nephew) brings home his girlfriend of 12 years to meet the "family." Father tries to find out where he is, someone wants to move, and a secret held for over 40 years erupts the ordinary lives of these nine people!

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K-5th Grade Science Club at Gulfport Library

Attention young scientists! Do you love exploring the world around you through hands on activities? Science Club is back! Drop by Mondays from 3 to 4 p.m. They meet weekly and try a fun new activity, explore engineering through building with Legos, and meet other young scientists and engineers in the community! Parents get to join in on the fun too! Let Cailey know if you and your young scientist plan to attend by contacting cklasson@mygulfport.us or calling 727-893-1074.

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Junk in the Trunk is Back with a Vengeance

Junk in the Trunk is right around the corner, helping Gulfport residents to clean, green and recycle Gulfport!

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.

It will be held Saturday, April 28 from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. at the 49th Street Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th St. S.

Swap, trash or give away your old furniture, appliances, tires, and other bulk items for free. Please no firearms, drugs, liquor or plants

And there's more...

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Get gardening tips from the folks with Gulfport's Community Garden.

The city of Gulfport Public Works Department will present information regarding their recycling program and other services in conjunction with Earth Day. Get a free plant when you donate a full bag or more of non-perishable foods for one of the Little Free Pantries. Plant quantities are limited.

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Recorder Concert at the Gulfport Library

The St. Petersburg Recorder Group will present a free public concert on Saturday, April 14, at 1 p.m. in the Gulfport Library Activity Room, 5501 28th. Ave. S. The program will highlight the musical history of the recorder from the 16th century through modern day.

For more information on the concert, or membership in the group which welcomes new members year-round, call Debbie at 727-688-8743.

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Easter Sunrise on Gulfport Beach

By Angelina Bruno



Pastor Dr. Jerry Partney Jr of First United Methodist Church of Gulfport leads the congregation on April 1 for Easter Sunday sunrise service at the Gulfport Recreation Center that started at 7 a.m.



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Kids and Kubs Finish Official Season Strong

By Angelina Bruno



Gus Tijerino, Cleo Stinyard, Jon Wilkinson, JD Horn, Ed Asay and Helen Bell pose for a photo in the dugout at North Shore Park.

Local Kids and Kubs teams played their last official game of the season on Saturday, March 31 at North Shore Park. The team will still play Tuesdays and Thursdays through the off season, just without uniforms.

The league (a group of softball players aged 74 and up,) was founded in 1930, with the game of softball being added in 1931 "to be more of a social 'quitting' club," according to the team's website. In 1938, Kids and Kubs registered as a non-profit and have donated over \$190,000 since 1949.

History is no stranger to Kids and Kubs, with each team member having stories to tell.

Meet Player Cleo Stinyard, 83. Stinyard has been coaching and playing ball for as long as he can remember and has played alongside Kids and Kubs president Jon Wilkinson for 23 years.

As a little league coach, Stinyard took a team to the Little League World Series in 1973.

"It was the first all-black team to go to the series," he said.

Stinyard has retired from coaching and now plays softball with Kids and Kubs. He's been with the team since 2009. Locally, the league has members as old as 92 swinging, running and catching.

Volunteers Needed for Boat Kids Event

Every year a special group made up of local business leaders and boating enthusiasts pool their resources to provide special needs individuals and their families with a fun-filled day trip aboard a caravan of boats to Caladesi Island. The 6th Annual Boat Kids Event is set for Saturday, May 19, and now is the time to get involved!

You can help by becoming a boat host or by making a donation. If you own a boat, become a boat host. This special group provides their own boat and transports a family for the day. You will need to navigate from the Dunedin Marina to Caladesi Island, helping your guests enjoy the day on the water.

Limited on time? Make a donation or become a sponsor! Supplies are needed, including t-shirts, food, beverages, paper products and sunscreen. You'll be listed as a contributor on all event information.

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Gulfport Historical Museum Goes 'Behind the Seams'

By Debbie Wolfe

It's all about having fun – and amphibian symbolism – when it comes to creating inspired Gecko Ball costumes, says Gulfport designer Jon Ziegler with his signature laugh. Ziegler's body unfurls like the sail on a tall ship as the sound of his delight breezes throughout the room touching eardrums at every compass point. Then he smiles broadly with twinkling eyes. His exuberance coaxes couture to life. "Beware!" is the one word he uses to describe the costume exhibit Behind the Seams that runs through June 4 at the Gulfport Historical Museum.

Ziegler's costumes and those made by others since 2009 are showcased in photos or in textile form on mannequins and hangars.

"It's always fun once you have the annual theme to try to integrate the gecko into the costume," he said.

Themes have been included since 2010 and include Gecko Night Fever, Gecko Gras and Roaring Geckos.

For the Lizard of Oz year, he knew that Dorothy, lion, scarecrow and tin man costumes were going to be popular choices, so he opted to create a Winkie Guard outfit for himself and a hip-hop version of the cyclone for his ball partner.

For some years, he's included the symbol of the ball on a vest, while for others the gecko can be found on sleeves, a spear, a hat or parasol.

In 2013, the annual Gecko festivities began to include a queen – either a woman or man – who is willing to be Gulfport's ambassador for the year, said Ziegler.

"Jon has a creative mind that we all love," said Brian Liggins, the 2017 and reigning Gecko queen. "I marvel at his talents. He's over-the-top fabulous. He's a fantastic part of the community."

Museum admission is free and the retrospective of costumes can be experienced on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. More information can be found on the Gulfport Historical Society's Facebook page or their website: gulfporthistoricalsociety.org.

Due to space limitations, Behind the Seams is "primarily featuring Jon's costumes and the five Gecko queens," said Karean Dorn, events



Designer Jon Ziegler, wearing his signature Mad Hatter hat, showcases his favorite Gecko Ball costume: the 2015 outfit he wore for Gecko Gras. He drew his costume inspiration from Lestat, a character in "Interview with a Vampire" by Anne Rice.

chairperson and museum board member. "Everybody's costumes are awesome but Jon's are just exquisite."

How did he learn his craft?

"It's almost like an inherited gene," he said. "My grandmother taught me sewing and I also had home economics classes in middle school. My grandfather was a tailor and then he became a dry cleaner. In the shop, my grandmother did all of the alterations."

Before moving to Gulfport, in his home state of Illinois, Ziegler was the costumer for both community and high school theater productions, especially musicals.

"The last show I did was 'Hello, Dolly!' with 50 cast members and six costume changes each," he said laughing. "Crazy!"

When he gets an idea or inspiration for costumes to either customize purchased components or make them from scratch, he said, "Some of the construction is not the greatest but so long as it gets the look, hey, it's fine!"

For instance, his Mad Hatter outfit

is his favorite. He bought the pants and cut them off to make them too short.

"Men's pants are tough to make," he said.

He also bought the shirt and the hat.

Then he made the vest, jacket and bow tie. Take a look on the inside of the jacket and you'll see lining that showcases spools of thread.

"There's nothing wrong with purchasing things so long as it gets the full effect," he said. "It can also save money."

He's also learned not to use heavy fabrics because of Florida's heat and humidity.

His favorite textile is not a Gecko Ball costume. It is a quilt his grandfather made out of men's suit fabrics. "It's a little moth eaten, but I do have it," he said.

The 2018 ball theme is Gecko Con. For details, visit facebook.com/Geckofest.

"We all say, 'What's Jon going to wear this year?'" said Liggins. "He loves what he does."

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Toddler Storytime Continues at Library

Toddler storytime will continue every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Gulfport Library. They read stories, sing songs, blow bubbles and make new friends!

For more info contact Cailey at cklasson@mygulfport.us.

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Gulfport Recreation 2018 Summer Program

Gulfport resident registrations begins on Monday, April, for the 2018 Summer Program for children who have completed kindergarten through age 14. Non-resident registrations and weekly registrations will begin on Tuesday, May 1. Hours of registration are Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pre-Camp (May 29 through June 1) cost is \$64 per child and post camp (August 6 through 10) cost is \$80 per child, which includes field trips. Pre and post camps are limited to 50 Gulfport residents only.

The nine-week program (June 4 through August 3) cost is \$495 for residents and \$619 for non-residents, which does not include field trips. Sessions and weekly registrations are available as well. Summer camp hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge.

There will be 25 available spots for the discount rate for Gulfport residents in need of assistance. Eligibility requirements for the discount is either a letter from the child's school verifying the child's acceptance of free/reduced lunch or a letter verifying the child's acceptance of assistance from financial aid or a related program.

Detailed pricing is currently available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. or online at mygulfport.us. Registration packets will be available April 2. The Gulfport Recreation Center also participates in the Summer BreakSpot Program which provides free nutritious meals (breakfast and lunch) to children who may not otherwise have access to healthy food when school is out. Breakfast is served between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. and lunch is served between 11:15 a.m and 12:15 p.m. For more information or questions please call 727-893-1068.

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"We want to be proactive in guiding clients," she says. "In today's constantly changing environment, pretty much every financial action affects the tax return."

Clients include a wide spectrum, from corporations and big estates to individuals with moderate assets. People trying to do their own taxes often miss major deductions – even when using software – that can cost them thousands of dollars.

"I like to help people and I've always been a problem solver," says Lebowitz. "I treat my clients like I'd want to be treated."

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St. Pete Beach Salutes the Military

The Veterans of South Pinellas County (VSPC) will host their 8th annual Salute to the Military fundraising event on Wednesday, April 14. The celebration will be in Horan Park, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. It will feature military vehicles and exhibits, a kids fishing tournament and live music. There is no admission fee and complimentary parking is available nearby.

The fun begins at 10 a.m. and will include a military enlistment ceremony, a silent auction to benefit veterans support groups, a car show, a 50/50 benefit raffle, food, beer and wine, artists, vendors, and the One Blood mobile.

Donations from sponsors, vendors and advertisers are tax deductible and as an added bonus, you'll be supporting local Pinellas County veterans. For general information or to become a supporter, please call 727-322-5217 or visit VSPC on Facebook.com/events/1431613020300466.

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Garden Club of St. Pete Flower Show

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg is will hold their annual flower show at the Green Thumb Festival on April 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The show will be in the Community Center Building at Walter Fuller Park, 7891 26th Ave. N. For more information visit gardenclubstpetersburg.org.

Senior Solos Host April Events

Senior Solos, a social group of folks 55+, will meet on Wednesday, April 4, at 1 p.m., at JD's Restaurant, 125 Gulf Blvd N., for lunch.

On Monday, April 9, at 1 p.m., they will gather for food and fellowship at the Pinellas Park Senior Center, 7625 59th St N. Entertainment will be by Gary Pogue, a newcomer who does an Elvis impersonation. The group is open to all seniors. There is a pot luck lunch at these meetings. Cost is \$2 plus a food dish to share for the 1:30 p.m. pot luck, or \$5 without

a dish.

For more information call Wally at 727-544-7183.

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St. Petersburg Tiny Home Festival

More than 20 tiny homes, skoolies (converted school busses) and converted vans are coming to St. Petersburg College's Tiny Home Festival on April 7 and 8 at their Allstate campus, 3200 34th St. So.

The festival, organized by LocalShops1 and Ivy Group Consultants, features the latest and greatest in tiny home living trends. In addition to the tiny structures, the festival brings a lineup of more than two dozen leading experts in the tiny house movement. The event will also

showcase local food trucks, mobile boutiques, artists and home-related businesses, plus free activities for children and more.

General admission includes full access to the festival grounds, where guests will get to explore the tiny homes and speak directly with the homeowners and builders. Admission also includes access to SPC's ballroom, which will feature presentations about zoning and building regulations, decluttering your home, living green and much more. Tickets are \$15/day or \$20/weekend, and available at tinymhomestpete.eventbrite.com.

For more information go to tinymhomestpete.com or contact Ester Venouziou at ester@localshops1.com or 727-637-5586.

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Letters

Debbie Wolfe Gets Some Appreciation

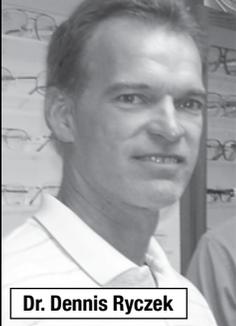
Dear Editor: Debbie Wolfe has been covering events for us in South Pasadena. She did a special job covering our first annual fire department open house in January this year and most recently at our annual Artspring and Block Party on Saturday March 24. Her photos are excellent and her stories really make all the difference. We are a small city, but we very much appreciate her efforts in shining the spotlight on South Pasadena! Thanks Debbie!!

Gail Neidinger
City Commissioner of Public Safety
City of South Pasadena
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Letters to the Editor

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Belle of the Ball Project will provide free prom dresses to in-need high school girls on April 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 1210 Holt Ave., Clearwater.

Dresses are available to all in-need, high school girls for their high school dances (prom, homecoming, military ball). They respect the honor system. No referral letter is necessary. No appointment needed. A \$1 to \$5 donation is requested but not required. Dresses are for high school dances only.

The Belle of the Ball boutique is a store-like setting, with over 3,000 dresses in inventory. The boutique is open to the public only four days in the spring and four days in the fall, for prom and homecoming dress shopping.

Donations of dresses and accessories can also be made at the site, dates/times listed above. For more information about Belle of the Ball Project call 727-386-4502 or visit belleoftheballproject.com.

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Open Mic at Blueberry Patch

The Blueberry Patch will host an open mic session on Sunday, April 8, beginning at 3 p.m. Local poets are invited to share readings from their original works with the audience. Poets wishing to participate can sign up at Facebook: [Inktankatthepatch](https://www.facebook.com/Inktankatthepatch) or at 727-345-6427.

Audience admission is \$5. The Blueberry Patch is at 4923 20th Ave. S. Come out and experience the beautiful, unique Blueberry Patch and a showcase of readings from many wonderful local literary artists!

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Luncheon at the Lithuanian Club

The Lithuanian-American Club at 4880 46th Ave. N., is serving lunch every Thursday at 1 p.m. The schedule of luncheons is one week cepelinai and the next week koldunai. The cost is \$8 for entrée, side, dessert and coffee.

This Thursday's menu is homemade soup, koldunai (meat dumplings), served with bacon and/or sour cream, dessert and coffee. Fresh baked Lithuanian bread is available. Please call 727-337-4240 for reservations or more information. Everyone is welcome.

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Citizen Police Academy Graduation



At the Tuesday, April 3 Gulfport City Council meeting, the 2018 Citizens' Police Academy participants were recognized during a certificate ceremony led by Gulfport Community Police Officer Zack Mills, Police Chief Robert Vincent and Mayor Sam Henderson. "These people become advocates to tell their neighbors, friends and families what it is that we do and why we do it," said Vincent. "The more people that know that, the easier it is for us to do our job." Due to high interest, a second multi-week academy may begin in August, said Mills. For the first time, "we had 40 people apply and we could only take 16," said Mills. Fourteen attended the certificate ceremony. The program has been operating for at least 15 years and "that's a lot of graduates in the community," said Vincent.

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Third Annual JITT Flip Challenge

The next Junk in the Trunk will be on Saturday, April 28 at the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th St. S. This will also be the third annual JITT Flip. Contestants will register at JITT and pay an entrance fee of \$10 to Gulfport Neighbors. This money will be designated for groceries for the little free pantry. After your register, you will have the opportunity to select one of three challenges. You can shop all day or just grab the first piece that you see for free and then set about transforming it into something special based on the challenge that you chose. All repurposed pieces will then be available for sale at the third Saturday Art Walk on May 19. It will be up to the contestants to sell their piece at the Art Walk. 25% of the money will be donated to Gulfport Neighbors and 75% will be retained by the contestants. For more information contact KarenLovegf@gmail.com.

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Documentary Follows Gay Palestinian Lives

The LGBTQ Resource Center at Gulfport Public Library continues its monthly LGBTQ Film Series on Thursday, April 12 with a documentary film following the lives of three gay Palestinian men and their female friend living in Israel.

Popcorn, candy, bottled water and soda are available. Donations will be accepted to benefit the LGBTQ Resource Center. Feel free to bring your own "brown bag" supper and beverages.

Each film begins at 7 p.m. in the Friends Room at Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Ave. S.

Licensing restrictions prohibit explicitly naming the titles of films in general press releases. But feel free to call the library at 727-893-1074 for the film title and other information about the film series. Or find titles and more information at mygulfport.us/lgbtq-resources.

The LGBTQ Resource Center is a project of the non-profit Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Public Library. Find out more about the Resource Center at mygulfport.us/gpl or at facebook.com/GulfportLibraryFL.

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Clymer Park Reimagined

A theoretical revision of Clymer Park by Professor Jan Wampler, assisted by students from University of South Florida will be presented at the Gulfport Library on Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m.

The plan includes more planting of trees and plants, a pond area, an amphitheater area, and a viewing tower. The trees and plants would be native to this area of Florida and the pond area might include native fish. The Amphitheater could be used for outdoor movies, concerts, and plays while the viewing tower would provide a new vista of Gulfport and the surrounding area.

Wampler will present a model, drawings, and perspectives. Please note: This plan has not been presented or approved by Gulfport City Counsel.

Since 2010, Wampler has been a guest professor at USF in Tampa and finished his second book entitled 'Open Notes for Young Architects.'

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First Friday Flea Market at the Senior Center

First Friday Flea Market Shoppers! This month's sale will be on Friday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave S. It will have lots of jewelry, vintage comic books, magazines, sheet music, and signed lithographs, and many household items.

Donations and seasonal décor, and jewelry are always welcome. They do not accept clothing or electronics. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information or to donate call 727-893-5657.

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SPC Jazz Band at the Music Center

The SPC Jazz band, directed by David Manson, will perform at the Music Center at St. Petersburg College on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. Music Center, The Music Center is on the campus at 6605 5th Ave. N.

The concert will feature swing, bebop, Latin jazz and vocal arrangements with singers. Admission is free for everyone.

For more information about upcoming events, please visit spcollege.edu/artscalendar.

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- 64 Polynesian chestnut

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Horoscope Guide

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are making choices that shape who you will become. This won't be accomplished through willpower but instead through placing yourself in an environment with the potential to challenge and support you in the direction you desire to grow. The adjustments you have to make will ultimately lead to the change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Remember when you were internally conflicted, unsure which way to go, and therefore not entirely in one place or the other? It was an ineffective state. Now you're more certain, but you still need to rally that small part of you that wants to stay on the fence. Commit. Once you do, willpower will be unnecessary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you thought you were in control of suddenly seems to be controlling you. It's a good thing to recognize (even though it may not feel like it); it is the

first step to turning this around. Most of the week, you'll observe patterns and figure out what needs to change to put you back in the driver's seat.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Life is uncertain, but your endeavors don't have to be. You'll be most comfortable working on a project with a definite beginning, a particular goal and a defined ending, too. There will be plenty of gray area in the middle to navigate this week so you don't need the start and finish to be easily demarcated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your mind is not a vast wilderness where anything can take root; rather, it's a garden that will grow what you seed it with. The media you consume and the people you surround yourself with are the seeds this week, so seek quality and go into situations that resonate with your highest attractions and curiosities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To a

cell, the inside and outside world are delineated by a membrane, and yet water still passes in and out through osmosis. This week you will feel just as permeable, if not more so. As you change with your environment, you'll realize the internal and external worlds are not as clear-cut as most people believe.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can tell when people are thinking of you... and when they are not. It's good information, and you'll be able to do something with it, as long as you stay somewhat detached. Just don't get invested in other people's opinions, which have more to do with their own wants, needs and fears than anything about you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're known for your ability to be mysterious and discreet and to keep secrets that others would carelessly spill. You'd be an excellent candidate for a high-level security clearance! While you'll use those powers well this week, there will be one move that's best made publicly. Everyone needs to see this.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some piece of daily existence that you once considered acceptable may now seem intolerable. Behaviors and objects that fit your life once upon a time may now seem outworn, if not cheap and small. This week brings needed updates, not by way of magic but by way of incremental work toward improvement.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The early stages of learning required great focus and effort. Every little detail seemed significant. This week you're moving on. You know what's important and what's not. Some behaviors have become automatic. You'll cautiously relax into the new situation and find your groove. Take none of it for granted!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You like to see people smile, so when you see them even leaning remotely in that direction, you'll do what you can to further tip the situation in the direction of fun. This will have you dipping into your wallet. You don't always have to foot the bill, you know. People really just want to spend time with you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The frustrated don't like to be told to "relax," and the fearful don't like to be told to "be brave." Avoid these and other fine suggestions. Let people sort out their own problems. You actually won't have many problems this week, so you'll be free to focus proactively on exciting personal developments.

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Hosted by Greg Ross, the discussions are open to those of all faiths or no faith. You must be willing to respect others' opinions. Courteous disagreement is fine. Space is limited so call 727-202-6789 and sign up.

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Adventure Awaits at the Circle Bookshop

The Circle of Friends Bookshop has a wide variety of adventures for the reader to explore. Exciting mysteries and suspense novels, biographies of explorers and adventure-seekers and non-fiction accounts of explorations near and far. A large print section has recently been added to the shop. All proceeds of the bookshop are dedicated to the Gulfport Library for programs and new acquisitions. The bookshop is located in the Gulfport Library at 5501 28th Ave. S. Call Marilyn Field at 727-321-4035 if you have any bookshop questions.

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Sophie's Attic Half Price Sale Continues

Here at Sophie's Attic they hope everyone had a blessed Easter. And to their friends from the north who are about to return to their summer homes, safe travels and hope to see you in the fall. In the meantime, Sophie's Attic is still continuing their half price sale on clothing that has been hanging around too long. Still some nice things here. They also still have some very nice "dry clean only" clothing, so if you don't mind taking your nicer clothing to the cleaners, they might have something here that you can't live without. They're still putting out items from the last two estates that they received, so come on in and see what's new (to you).

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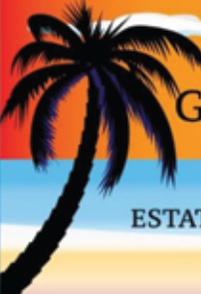
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Gulfport Council,

from front page

Residents would need to fill out an application, obtain an estimate to replace their entire lateral line, pay for a city construction permit, use a licensed plumber of their choice, have the work pass a city inspection and pay the contractor, said O'Reilly. In coordinating with city staff on a first-come, first-served basis, homeowners can qualify for a rebate of 50 percent of a project's replacement cost up to a maximum of \$3,500 until the fund monies are expended, said O'Reilly.

According to city documentation, the total cost to repair a private lateral sewer line is estimated to be from \$2,000 to \$5,000. If the maximum of \$3,500 were awarded to each homeowner, a total of about 36 homeowners would be helped.

There are about 4,000 private lateral sewer lines connected to the municipal system, said O'Reilly.

"Clearly, there's going to be a lot more" homeowners that need help, said Mayor Sam Henderson. These are "households we couldn't help before. That money was going to be leaving our pockets anyway so let's keep it at home. Hopefully, people will take us up" on this program, he said.

To be proactive, and before obtaining an estimate, homeowners can inspect the cleanout cap in their yard to make sure it is in working order and is not crushed, said O'Reilly. Standing water in a yard would also be an obvious sign that a problem exists.

Dandelions that are taller in one area than others would also be an indicator, quipped Henderson.

Houses built in the 1970s or before due to aging pipes, in addition to properties with large tree roots located close to lateral sewer lines of any type, would be prime candidates for this program, said Gulfport Director of Public Works Tom Nicholls.

For more information about the program, call the city at 727-893-1000.

Depending on homeowner interest over the next year, several councilmembersexpressedaninterest in extending the reimbursement program if additional funding could be allocated.

Fourth of July Event Increases in Size

For the past three years, the cities of Gulfport and St. Petersburg have been partnering to achieve economies of scale benefits when obtaining bids for their separate shows, said Gulfport's Cultural Facilities and Events Supervisor Justin Shea, who is coordinating the July 4th fireworks event. For 2018, Creative Pyrotechnics of Orlando was chosen.

As a result, Gulfport's traditional 20-minute show, that includes amplified patriotic and festive music, will consist of a total of 4,193 display shells fired from Williams Pier, an increase of 207 shells or 5.2 percent from 2017. The total 2018 show cost is \$25,000 while in 2017 it was \$23,000, an increase of 8.7 percent.

New this year will be a pre-finale display near the end of the program lasting 30 seconds containing a total of 645 shells. A 60-second, four-part grand finale will follow and will include 1,687 shells. City documentation shows that Gulfport's event will contain more shells in size categories like three inch, four inch, five inch and six inch than what St. Petersburg will be offering. Smaller shells are from one-and-a-half to two-and-a-half inches in size.

"In the past, we've never used more than 4,000 shells in a 20-minute show on the Fourth of July," said Shea.

Citywide Plastic Straw Ban Moves Forward

Jennifer Winn, a Stetson University College of Law student, spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting and urged members of the city council to support a single-use plastic straw ban.

"There are 500 million single-use, non biodegradable plastic straws thrown away every day," she said. That would "fill up about 46,000 big yellow school buses a year."

The waste ends up in waterways and results in fish having straws stuck in their gills, manatee necropsies showing that they have straws in their colons and "there is a worldwide video of 10 centimeters worth of straw being lodged inside a turtle's nose," she said. "That video has helped to start the straw-free movement."

Winn is a member of the Environmental Law Society and the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund at the college. Recently, she

participated in a Keep Pinellas Beautiful cleanup at Gulfport's Clam Bayou where she personally collected a number of discarded plastic straws and other waste within two hours.

"Gulfport can show that a small town like us can make a change," said Winn.

Councilmember Michael Fridovich is working with Winn and provided other councilmembers with an April 28, 2017 online article entitled "Are Drinking Straws Dangerous?" written by Emily DiFrisco, of the Plastic Pollution Coalition, and Jackie Nunez, founder of The Last Plastic Straw. To view the narrative and the related turtle video cited by Winn, see plasticpollutioncoalition.org/pft/2017/4/28/are-drinking-straws-dangerous.

"This is a great idea," said Fridovich. "I'm bringing forth an ordinance to the next council meeting which, if passed after two readings, will take effect in six months. I would like all the restaurants, convenience stores and gas stations to voluntarily get rid of their plastic straws. If that doesn't happen within six months, we'll have an ordinance in place. I want a six-month window because all restaurants and people keep a six-month supply. I'm not asking them to throw out what they've got."

Alternatives include paper and metal straws along with reusable plastic straws, he said.

City staff will present an ordinance that bans single-use plastic straws for council members to discuss during their next regular meeting on Tuesday, April 17, said O'Reilly.

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Chuck Robbins, Gulfport: “It doesn’t always look the same but it does always taste very good and it’s what I wanted. Frequently, it’s a nice Romaine salad with green, red, orange and yellow peppers, cucumbers, slices of onion and a couple of nice pieces of chicken on top with salt and pepper – no dressing. The drink is iced coffee if we didn’t drink it all in the morning or iced water with lemon. For dessert, some nice strawberries over angel food cake with Cool Whip on top.”

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Cathleen Robbins, Gulfport: “My favorite would be a salad with either lobster or shrimp and maybe a little bit of hot pepper cheese. I also like blue and mozzarella cheese. Most frequently, the salad would be with hummus or tomatoes and cucumbers – the regular garden type of variety. The dressing would usually be vinaigrette – keep it healthy. I usually drink Polar sparkling water with a lemon or a lime.”

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Jim Szymczak, Brookfield, WI: “It’s typically a ham sandwich with sliced hamburger, dill pickles and some Cape Cod potato chips because they’re supposedly low in calories. Wisconsin is German country so you have to have dark rye bread – it’s my favorite. I usually have a diet soda unless I’m on vacation and then I might get a Yuengling beer with it.”

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Jeffrey Donahoe: Winnie Stewart, Tampa: “It’s usually a salad with some kind of cheese or vegetables or sometimes protein. I love Feta cheese. The protein is usually white meat chicken. Once in a while, I’ll have a toasted English muffin with butter to go with it or some oranges. To drink, I’ll usually have tea or coffee.”

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Gulfport Resident Running for State Representative

By Debbie Wolfe

Though a major political party backs her, Gulfport's own Jennifer Necole Webb says her strongest base of support comes from individuals who appreciate long-term bipartisan policy solutions.

She is one of two Democratic candidates who have qualified to run for the open Florida House of Representatives District 69 seat in 2018. Javier Centonzio of St. Petersburg is the other Democratic contender. Two Republicans are also vying for the office: Jeremy David Bailie of unincorporated Pinellas County and Raymond M. Blackledge of Madeira Beach.

"The politicians who tend to get many of their bills passed are work horses, not show horses, and I'm definitely more of a work horse," said Webb. "I like reading through legislation and state statutes" along with "talking to people to bring them together regardless of partisan ideology. A lot of the best measurable solutions and benefits are in the middle of the range. You're not just passing a policy, you're shaping an entire strategy for change."

Webb also ran for the office during the 2016 election cycle; incumbent Republican Kathleen Peters won the election. This year, Peters is running for Pinellas County Commission, rather than re-election to the state legislature, and Webb is trying a second time.

According to the Florida House of Representatives Redistricting Committee, District 69 covers southwest Pinellas County and includes, in whole or in part, the municipalities of Gulfport, St. Pete Beach, South Pasadena, Treasure Island, Madeira Beach, St. Petersburg, Pinellas Park, Kenneth City, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach and Redington Shores; and the unincorporated places of Tierra Verde, Bear Creek, Lealman and West Lealman. (For District 69 map, visit tinyurl.com/ybrv5ul6.)

In the academic and private sectors, Webb said she has gained experience in looking at the whole picture, defining a problem, identifying a solution and helping people across the finish line. She is currently the founder and



Democrat Jennifer Webb is a Gulfport resident who is running for the Florida House of Representatives, open District 69 seat. Webb also ran for the office during the 2016 election cycle but lost to incumbent Kathleen Peters. This year, Peters is running for Pinellas County Commission rather than re-election to the state legislature.

managing partner of Publicus, Inc., a civic innovation, public relations and business solutions consulting firm.

"The best way to impact change is at the local level," she said. "It gets really messy if you go up to Tallahassee and have the legislature try to handle an issue like short-term vacation rentals."

Webb explains that she has been working to bring stakeholders from different communities together to have difficult conversations about differences.

"Framing the problem leads to common-ground solutions," she said. In the case of short-term rentals, "We don't need regulation from Tallahassee."

Since 2016, Webb says she has "been more engaged by showing up in more places so that people understand I am the candidate that earnestly wants to represent families and businesses."

She comes from a public service approach to politics.

Her dad died a week before her second birthday. As a result, her mom, grandmother and a group of nuns raised her and got her involved

in public service projects in her home state of Louisiana.

"The nuns were instrumental in shaping how I understand public service," she said. In a short-term way, that involved things like putting bikes together with the nuns for homeless kids to receive as Christmas presents.

For the long-term, she said, "I learned that every child deserves parents who can make a living wage and provide for their own family. It's about dignity and having a safety net. I was always very aware that if it weren't for my mom's family, we would have fallen through the cracks because my mom was a secretary. I'm the oldest child of a single mom."

The adults in her life as she was growing up were a mixture of both Republicans and Democrats. Some were Catholics while others were Southern Baptists or Methodists.

"I get along with a lot of different people because I have a lot of different folks that I'm related to," she said.

When Webb was 10, her mother remarried. Her step-dad's uncle was the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry in Louisiana for 28 years.

"I saw what it was like to be an ambassador at the state level promoting farmers and ranchers," she said. "And, how his office was responsible for protecting the wetlands."

When she is not meeting with people, she makes time to go hiking in the woods or to take walks on the beach.

"Most of the time, I leave my phone behind," she said. "Every time I go to different places to explore. The fun is being in nature."

Webb and her spouse, Cynthia Wurner, own a single-family home near the business district of Gulfport.

The state primary election is Tuesday, August 28 and the general election is Tuesday, November 6. Representatives serve two-year terms.

For more information about Webb, visit electjenniferwebb.com/home.

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Kidnapping,

from front page

Kayla Sparano of Collingswood, New Jersey was reported missing by her parents on Thursday, March 29 and was last seen at Collingswood Middle School, according to a press release from the Camden County (New Jersey) Prosecutors office.

A law enforcement report shows she was subsequently seen the same day at approximately 2 p.m. at the Collingswood PATCO Speedline rapid transportation station traveling with Liam D. Heim, 21, of Gulfport.

On Friday, March 30, law enforcement officials from three separate agencies located both Heim and the missing girl, who was safe, in a hotel located on Bartram Avenue in nearby Philadelphia.

The agencies involved were the Camden County Prosecutors Office Special Victim's Unit, the Philadelphia Police Airport Unit and the Collingswood Police Department.

Heim was arrested and charged with one count of first degree kidnapping and one count of third degree endangering the welfare of a child, according to Camden County Prosecutor Mary Eva Colalillo and Collingswood Police Chief Kevin Carey.

The suspect has also been charged with two federal crimes by Homeland Security Investigations Philadelphia: Transportation of Minor to Engage in Criminal Sexual Activity, and Interstate Travel to Engage in Illicit Sexual Conduct.

According to the prosecutor, Heim was arrested without incident and is being held at the Federal Detention Center in Philadelphia on the pending federal charges. Heim has a hearing that is scheduled for Thursday, April 5.

According to Pinellas County public records, the Gulfport house Liam Heim has listed as his residence for voting purposes was sold on December 15, 2017 by owner Lori Heim.

The ongoing investigation is being jointly worked by the Philadelphia Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force, which operates out of the Philadelphia Police Department's Special Victims Unit.

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Dance Your @\$\$ Off at the Casino

Who wants to dance? The Gulfport Historic Society will host "Dance Your @\$\$ Off," on Friday, April 13, at the Gulfport Casino. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the party goes from 8 to 11 p.m.

Tickets are only \$10 per person, in advance or at the door. Advance tickets are available at the Beach Bazaar, 3115 Beach Blvd S., and Facebook.com/FriendsOfTheGulfportGroove.

DJs "ZK and the Mayor" will be playing songs from the 60s through today. Free munchies and cash bar available. All dancers ages 18 and over are welcome. No partner needed! If you like dancing, this event is for you. All types of music, all types of dancing. Come have a blast dancing while supporting the Historic Society.

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Obituaries

ALEXANDER, JANE, 73, formerly of Town Shores, died March 13. Jane was born January 22, 1945 in Ohio. She attended local schools and was graduated from Ohio University. She also attended University of Illinois and University of South Florida. Jane also was an educator. She is survived by her son Sharif Atamna, his wife and two daughters and also by her brother John Alexander and his wife, Janet. There are also several nephews and nieces and many close friends who remember her and miss her. Any donations to your favorite charity would be appreciated.

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CORD, ROBERTA JEWEL TILFORD, 91, formerly of Switzerland County, IN, passed away at 4:45 p.m., Monday, March 26, in St. Petersburg. Roberta

was born on January 24, 1927, in Cecilia, KY in Hardin County to Thomas Hendrix Tilford and Cora Ellen Farmer Tilford. She graduated from Howe Valley High School in 1944 at the age of 16. She then attended Sullivan Business College, and during World War II worked for a loan company. She met the love of her life, William Henry Cord, of Ewing, KY, after he returned home from World War II. They were married on July 3, 1947 in Jeffersonville, IN, and in 1949 welcomed their first child, William Tilford Cord. Shortly thereafter they moved to a hill farm located in Switzerland County where they raised tobacco, cattle and sheep. A daughter, Kathleen, was born to the farm family in 1952. Roberta also worked at the U.S. Shoe Corporation in Vevay, IN before beginning a college career at Hanover College in Hanover, IN, at the age of 30. She graduated from Hanover College with a degree in elementary education in 1961. That same year she began teaching at Jefferson Craig Elementary in Vevay, IN. In 1965, she earned a master's degree in school administration from Indiana University, Bloomington. She then became the principal of Jefferson

Craig Elementary School. She had the distinction of being Switzerland County's first certificated "lady principal." From 1970 to 1975, Cord became the first Switzerland County School Corporation curriculum coordinator, serving as the federal programs and Chapter 1 director and grant writer. Five years later she became the principal and teacher at Florence Elementary School in Florence, IN. In the late 1970s plans began to be developed for a new elementary school in East Enterprise, IN which would consolidate four small county schools. Cord was hired as the first principal of this new facility, Switzerland County Elementary School, in 1980. She retired from this position in 1990. Good, honest, hard work defined her character, and she maintained an unflinching positive attitude after retirement and later after the death of her husband on February 1, 2013. Later she would live in an assisted-living center, Brentwood Senior Living Community, and in a nursing facility, Menorah Manor, in St. Petersburg, where her family used to vacation during the winter. She lived her life with grace, optimism and dignity and dedicated herself to her students. She was known for her generosity and often donated personal items for children who were without and worked tirelessly to ensure her students' well being and educational success. She often communicated with family and school patrons through personal letters and cards and visited community members facing daunting hardships in life. She gained the greatest pleasure from real accomplishments in the area of education for Switzerland County's youth and adults. She loved her rural Indiana farm and working with her husband on it for as long as their health allowed. She particularly loved her farm animals and pets. Roberta was a longtime member of Tri Kappa and the Eggleston Club of Switzerland County as well as of the Indiana State Teachers' and Principals Associations, Switzerland County Classroom Teacher Association, and the Indiana and Switzerland County Retired

Teachers' Association. Roberta and her family were affiliated with the Long Run Baptist in Switzerland County for many years. Roberta is survived by her son, William Tilford Cord and his wife Jill, of Switzerland County; her daughter, Kathleen Cash and husband Frank, of St. Petersburg; and two grandsons, Adam Christopher Cord and wife Danelle of Jefferson City, MO and Jonathan Cord Houghton of Tampa Bay. She is also survived by one sister, Wanda White and husband Arthur, of Alexandria, VA, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Tilford and Cora Ellen Tilford; her husband, William Henry Cord, (to whom she was married 66 years); her sister Frances Klinglesmith and her brother, Thomas Tilford. Memorial contributions may be made to Long Run Baptist Church.

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GRUDZINSKI, MARJORIE, 81, a long term resident of Gulfport, passed away on March 26. She was a Queens college graduate, and a retired New

York City high school music teacher. She was active in her community, the Chamber of Commerce, the Tai-Chi Society, and was a member of the local CERT, and volunteered in many different ways. She was a talented musician and teacher, taught Tai-Chi, and performed with musical groups throughout Gulfport and the St. Petersburg area. She had a great love for people, music and arts, her family, and the Gulfport community. She had strong sense of civic pride and loved helping others. She is survived by her two brothers, two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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There will be a celebration of life for **KAREN ROBBINS** on Saturday, April 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Vendome Village Club House, 6775 Riviera Rd., On 82nd Ave. N. just west of 66th St. N.

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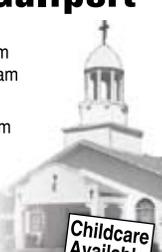
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Local Crime Watch

A sampling of police reports from March 22 to March 27 in Gulfport, St. Pete Beach and South Pasadena.

Source: Pinellas County Crime Viewer and Gulfport Police Department

Gulfport

3/22 – 911 robbery call from the 200 block of 51st Street S. -- A person called 911, said “robbery” and then hung up. This occurred during dismissal at Gulfport Elementary School. Officers checked the area while Commander Farrand called the cell phone number provided by dispatch. After several calls, a juvenile answered the phone. He hung up several times, would not identify himself or tell her where he was located. The juvenile did say that they thought their bikes had been stolen from the elementary school. Officers made contact with Gulfport Elementary School personnel, who knew nothing of any incidents involving their bicycle compound. It was determined that no bicycles were stolen. Officers remained in area until the students left the school.

3/23 – Speeding in the 1500 block of 49th Street S. -- Leonard Sermon was stopped for speeding. It was found that Sermon had an extensive driving history despite never having a driver’s license. He was arrested.

3/24 – 911 call in the 5900 block of Bayview Circle S. -- Officers responded to a call from a female

who said she needed help getting someone out of her trunk. The female provided her address, but when the car alarm started going off she was unable to communicate with the 911 operator so she hung up. The 911 operator called the number back and was able to determine that a man and woman were having an argument, and the boyfriend had locked himself in the trunk of his car. Approximately 40 minutes later, an officer located a spare set of keys and opened the trunk only to find that it was empty. The man was located inside the residence. The officers determined there was no violence.

3/25 – Traffic stop in the 900 block of 49th Street S. -- Sergeant Parks pulled over a car because the driver, later identified as Alton Rowe, was not wearing his seat belt. Research of Rowe’s driving history revealed his license had been suspended for narcotics violations and he had two prior convictions for driving on a suspended license. He was placed under arrest for a third offense of driving on a suspended license, a felony due to the priors.

3/26 – Traffic stop in the 700 block of 49th Street S. -- Officer Marshall pulled over a vehicle

because the license plate was registered to a different car than the one it was attached to. The driver, William Gates, had a suspended license so he was arrested for that and for attaching a tag not assigned. The passenger, Brenden Duffy, was found to be in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia and was also arrested.

3/27 – Theft report in the 1600 block of 53rd Street S. – A resident reported that when she left for work, a screen to her sunroom was on the ground. She believes that someone removed the screen. There was nothing missing from the residence and there was no indication that entry was made to the residence. The resident stated that she had just removed, cleaned and replaced all the screens over the prior weekend.

3/27 – Stolen vehicle in the 1800 block of 49th Street S. – A business owner called to report that he had done thousands of dollars of work on a vehicle and he believes that the owner may have used a spare key to come and get the car. The investigating officer spoke with the owner of the vehicle by phone. The owner stated the vehicle must have been stolen because it should still be at the business. The vehicle was officially reported as stolen.

Theft – vehicle

3/22, 6 p.m., 2500 block of 57th Street S

Theft – petit

3/25, 9:40 a.m., 5000 block of Gulfport Boulevard S

South Pasadena

Robbery – armed

3/21, 5:15 p.m., 1400 block of Pasadena Avenue S

Theft – petit

3/25, 11:50 a.m., 1100 block of Pasadena Avenue S

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Theft – grand

3/22, midnight, 6300 block of Gulf Boulevard

3/22, 12:30 p.m., 46th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard

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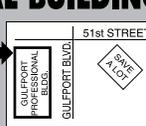
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Happiness and The Healthy Brain

Explore the latest in research on strategies for building a healthy brain through humor and an interactive discussion on Wednesday, April 11, at 2 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S.

"Happy" is a contemporary tune that has captured airwaves for several years. Join Dr. Cate as she discusses what it takes to be happy. Your brain will thank you for this stimulating, fun hour of information and engagement.

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, call 727-893-5657.

House Concert with Yates Family Band

Join your friends and neighbors on Saturday, April 14, for a backyard concert with one of Southwest Virginia's most entertaining musical groups. The Yates Family Band plays a unique variety of old-time, bluegrass, original, and Americana styles of music. They play stringed instruments including mandolin, banjo, fiddle, guitar, and bass. They'll be joined by recent Gulfport resident Bruce Waters.

Snacks and chat are at 7 p.m., music is at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be at a private residence in Gulfport with limited seating and parking. Please call or email to reserve a place and for more information. Call 727-290-6445 (does not receive texts) or email enroy@yahoo.com.

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ACTIVITIES

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Tues., 10:30 am-2 pm. for Beginners

Tues., 7:30-9 p.m. for All Levels of Play

Thurs. 10:30 am – 2 pm for all levels of play

Basketball- Wed., 9:30 am-2 pm

Thurs., 7:30 pm-9 pm

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

PROGRAMS

TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM –Registrations for the 2017-2018 Teen Night Program –Registrations for the 2017-2018 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, 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.

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SUMMER PROGRAM – Registrations begin for Residents for our 2018 Summer Program for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Hours of registration are Monday–Friday from 9a.m.–5p.m. Summer camp hours are from 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. There will be 25 available spots for the discount rate for Gulfport residents in need of assistance. Eligibility requirements for the discount is either a letter from the child's school verifying the child's acceptance of free/reduced lunch or a letter verifying the child's acceptance of assistance from financial aid or a related program. The Gulfport Recreation Center participates in the Summer Break Spot Program which provides free nutritious meals (breakfast and lunch) to children who may not otherwise have access to healthy food when school is out. Detailed pricing is currently available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. or on-line at www.mygulfport.us and follow the links: City Departments, Recreation, Recreation Center. Call 893-1068 for any questions.

CLASSES

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

Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 pm Call Andel 727-459-1319

Gentle Yoga: Wed., 9:15-10:15 a.m. Call Denise at 813-777-9964

Slow Flow Yoga: Wed., 7p.m.\$8/class or \$25/month. Call Denise at 813-777-9964

Stretch-n-Tone – Tues. & Thurs., 9:15 a.m. Call Jean 727-302-1016.

Tennis – Tues., 5 p.m. for 10 & under, 6 p.m. for Adults and Fri., 5 p.m. for juniors. Call Jack at 727-280-4276.

Urban Survivor Bootcamp Fitness – Tues. & Thurs., 6:15-7:15 p.m. Call Donnie Ali-McClendon at 727-550-7185.

Zumba -- Thurs., 6-7 p.m. Call Magda at 727-214-7868.

Watercolor w/ Patsi - Thurs., 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Call Patsi at 727-501-3559.

Essential Oil – Wed. March 28, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Call Jennifer 813-263-3919.

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Adult/All Ages Programs

French Conversation Club: Tues, 12:30 - 1:30 pm. Enjoy conversing in a relaxed atmosphere. All levels are welcome; this is not a class, simply an opportunity to practice and improve. This is our most popular language group so far!

Ukulele Group: 1st & 3rd Tues, 2 – 4 pm. Regardless of expertise, everyone is invited to join in for some strummin' fun.

German Conversation Club: Tuesdays, 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Enjoy conversing in a relaxed atmosphere with others in this newly formed group. All levels are welcome; this is not a class, simply an opportunity to engage with others interested in practicing who'd like to increase fluency.

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

Gulfport Writers: Weds, 10am (previously Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers).

Gulfport Toastmasters: Weds, 6–7:30 pm 727-537-9098.

Women's AA Club: Fridays, 5:45–6:45 pm 727-893-1073.

AARP Income Tax Assistance: Mondays, 9:30 am – 2 pm, & Fridays, 10 am – 3 pm. Taxpayers must bring Social Security cards for all persons listed on their tax returns, a picture ID, and all pertinent records such as W2s, 1099s, other income & credits, & a copy of last year's return if available. Free Electronic filing is available. FMI, call 727-893-1073. ****Last day is Monday, April 16.**

Lunch & Learn: Poetry Reading by Peter Hargitai: Thursday, April 5, 12:00-1:00 pm. Presentation by the Poet Laureate of Gulfport.

Virginia Woolf: Contemplation: Thursday, April 5, 7 pm. Nan Colton, who is internationally renowned for her work, is also the Performing-Artist-in-Residence at the Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg. She will perform as the author, who lived from 1882-1941, in period costume. Sponsored by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library.

Home Buyer's Seminar: Saturday, April 7, 10:30 am. Renting, but ready to buy? Get started with homeownership by understanding where you are now as a renter, and what it takes to qualify for down payment and closing cost assistance. To register, call Jo Ann Nesbitt 727-418-1554.

Grownup Movie Day: Saturday, April 7, 1 pm.

Guillermo del Toro's beast this time is a South American river creature considered a god by the local population. View a newly anointed Oscar winner! Rated R. This monthly series is intended to allow adults to enjoy more challenging and complex films in a quiet atmosphere (so we request that no children attend). Call 727-893-1074 for title.

Tampa Bay Ukulele Society Workshop: Monday, April 9, 5:30-6:45 pm. First in a series of free monthly instructional sessions taught by Landis Braddock. Workshops will be presented as a three class cycle: Beginner, Advanced Beginner and Strum & Sing Jam.

Clymer Park Reimagined Presentation: Monday, April 9, 7 pm. Join Jan Wampler, assisted by students from University of South Florida as he unveils an alternative interpretation of Clymer Park. They will present a model, drawings, and perspectives. Please note, this plan has not been presented or approved by Gulfport City Council.

LGBTQ Film Series: Thursday, April 12, 7 pm. This fascinating documentary follows 15 months in the lives of three gay Palestinian men and their female friend residing in Tel-Aviv, pursuing equal civil rights. Refreshments available for donations accepted for the LGBTQ Resource Center. For movie title, call 727-893-1074. Refreshments available for donations accepted for the LGBTQ Resource Center. For movie title, call 727-893-1074.

Recorder Concert: Saturday, April 14, 1-2 pm. Adult performers' group based in St. Petersburg.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, April 19, 11 am – 12 pm. We're reading a series, Booker Prize Winners, with discussion of Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel. Copies available at the Circulation Desk. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. FMI, call 727-893-1073.

Jeff Klinkenberg: Thursday, April 19, 7 pm. Author of many books about Florida history and culture, as well as a former features writer for the Tampa Bay Times, he'll discuss his newly published Son of Real Florida: Stories from My Life.

Gentle Yoga for Adults: Tuesday, April 24, 10:15-11:15 am. Nourish your body and spirit with mindful movement, breath work, and meditation. This slow-paced class welcomes all levels and each month will feature a different set of postures. Please bring props if you want them. Taught by Christa Fairbrother, RYT

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Children/Teens/Family Programs

K-5th Grade Science Club: Mondays, 3 – 4 pm. We try a fun new activity every week, explore engineering through building with LEGOs, and meet other young scientists and engineers in the community! Parents get to join in on the fun too! Let Cailey know if you and your young scientist will attend by contacting ckl-lasson@mygulfport.us or calling 727-893-1074.

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

Preschool Storytime: Thursdays, 4 pm. Join us in the afternoon for stories, songs, movement and a craft! All are welcome but this is geared to the 2-5 year old crowd.

Bees Learning: Thursdays, 6-8 pm. K-2nd grade from 6-7 pm; 3-5th grades from 7-8 pm. Mobile reading intervention program. Classes held in RV parked in front of Library. **No classes on April 12. Registration required.** FMI contact leahveal@beeslearning.org, or call 404-308-0295.

Lego Club: Tuesday, April 17, 3 – 4:30 pm. Kids, indulge your passion for the tiny building blocks of creativity! Meets in the Youth Services area.

Reading Paws: Thursday, April 19, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Young readers boost their confidence by sharing a story with Maya, a specially trained Golden Retriever. She visits our children's area on the third Thursday of every month.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, April 21, 1:30 pm. Screening a joyous musical loosely based on the life of P. T. Barnum, from his humble beginnings to circus impresario. It stars Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams, Zac Efron, and Zendaya. It is rated PG-13. For movie title, call 727-893-1074.

Community Playdate: Thursday, April 26, 11-11:45 am. Get acquainted with other caregivers of toddlers & preschoolers in a relaxed setting.

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Special Events

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Chair Volleyball – *Thursdays @ 2:30 pm.* You Got to Try This! Chair Volleyball is taking American Senior Centers by storm. This game has many health benefits, including ... hand-eye coordination, building upper body strength, improving cardiovascular fitness, improving muscle tone and endurance, and relieves stress! Come see for yourself how much FUN Chair Volleyball is.

NEW Day & Time for Caregiver's Support Group – *2nd & 4th Thursday @ 6 pm at Gulfport's Scout Hall (5315 28th Ave. S.).* Are you overwhelmed with the responsibilities & challenges of being a caregiver? You are not alone! An on-going, peer-led support group meets to share tips, offer encouragement, & discuss the trials, demands, & overwhelming experience of being a caregiver for their loved one.

1st Friday Flea Market – *Fri., 4/6 @ 9:00 am.* Come discover the great selection of jewelry, home décor, cook books, and many other goodies.

Memory Screenings – *Mon., 4/9 @ 9 am – 12 pm.* Are you worried about your memory? St. Anthony's Memory Disorder Clinic is offering FREE & CONFIDENTIAL memory screenings. Must call 727-893-5657 to schedule your appointment.

Who Will Pay Your Income during Retirement After the Paychecks Stop? – *Mon., 4/9 @ 5:30 pm.* If you are nearing or entering retirement and are interested in a strategy designed to help build an income stream and make your retirement last, join us for this seminar. We'll explore how to budget for retirement expenses, examine potential sources of retirement income and identify ways to address potential risks. Refreshments will be served.

Happiness and the Healthy Brain – *Weds., 4/11 @ 2 pm.* Happy is a contemporary tune that has captured airwaves for several years. It is an upbeat dance tune that can be heard in the car or the grocery. The lyricist defines happiness as 'a room without a roof'.¹ But what does it take to be happy? Join Dr. Cate in exploring the research on happiness. Dr. Cate brings the latest in research with humor and interactive discussion.

Know Your Numbers – *Thurs., 4/12 @ 10:30 am.* It is important to know your numbers. Come out to get your blood sugar and pressure checked.

VA Improved Pension with Aid & Attendance Benefit – *Mon., 4/16 @ 3 pm.* Brave. Honorable. Patriot. These are words we use to describe the many men & women who answered the call of duty during wartime. Families of Wartime Veterans & Surviving Spouses are invited to learn about this valuable ben-

efit. Refreshments will be served. Hosted by AAWW & Freedom Square.

Phones for Hearing Impaired – *3rd Tuesday of Every Month @ 9:30 – 11:30 am.* FL residents with a certified hearing loss are eligible to receive a FREE amplified phone from the non-profit Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. MUST call 727-399-9983 to qualify.

Seasoned Sowers Garden Club – *1st & 3rd Tuesday of Every Month @ 9:30 am.* Get down & dirty with one of America's favorite past-time hobbies. No experience needed! Natural-born green thumbs & first-time gardeners welcome.

Spring Fling – *Wed., 4/18 @ 2 pm.* Put on those blue suede shoes & poodle skirts and get ready to Shake, Rattle, & Roll! Food, drinks, & entertainment. Sponsored by Simply Healthcare & Dedicated Senior Medical Center. Limited tickets available. Tickets available on 4/2. MUST obtain ticket prior to the event. Limit of 2 tickets per person.

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Community Law Program – *3rd Friday of Each Month @ 9:30 am.* Legal assistance is available from the Community Law Program. You must call 727.582.7480 to qualify and to make your appointment. If you qualify, legal assistance is free.

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Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee – This committee is a liaison for Gulfport Seniors to City Council pertaining to senior issues & ways to enhance the quality of life for seniors in the community. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, call 727-893-1231.

FITNESS CENTER SCHEDULE: *Mon–Thurs, 8 am – 7 pm, Fri: 8 am – 4 pm.* Stop by the Senior Center and take a tour of our state of the art fitness facility.

The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation, Inc. - Membership in the Foundation helps provide enhancements that make our center second to none. All donations to this 501(c)3 non-profit organization will help ensure our continued growth. 727-893-1244.

More Activities

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April 19 - Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival and Lunch at Shorty's. Check out the 11 world-class sculptures in Clearwater's famous sugar sand. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at Shorty's on the Deck, commonly referred to as a wonderfully hidden gem. \$12 for GEMS members/\$14 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes: Round-trip transportation and admission. Lunch paid for individually.

April 26 - Larry's Car Show at Quaker Steak & Lube. Come see the huge selection of cars at this weekly Car Cruise-In while you fuel up at Quaker Steak & Lube, a car-themed restaurant. \$6 GEMS members/\$8 Non-GEMS members. Price includes round-trip transportation. Meals paid for individually.



YOU — AND THE LAW —

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.

By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

What is the Role of a Personal Representative in Probate?

In this article, the role of the personal representative in probate will be examined. A personal representative is a person or entity that is appointed by the Probate Court to be the overseer of the administration of a deceased person's estate. A personal representative is required by the Probate Court to make sure that the deceased's estate is administered in accordance with Florida law.

A personal representative is obligated to identify, accumulate and protect those assets which are part of the probate estate. This process is also known as the marshalling of probate assets. Because the personal representative has a duty to the beneficiaries of the probate estate to protect assets in the estate, this responsibility is court-supervised by the filing of an inventory with the Probate Court.

A personal representative is required to publish a "Notice of Administration" in a newspaper of local circulation. This notice specified who the personal representative and attorney of the estate are as well as

initiates the creditor claims period of ninety (90) days. The Notice of Administration also states the requirements of filing claims and other papers relating to the estate. A personal representative may object to the claims of creditors as well as defend lawsuits which arise against a deceased person's estate.

Normally, a lawyer will be retained to guide a personal representative through the probate process. It is the obligation of a personal representative to hire an attorney if the personal representative needs assistance in the probate of an estate. A personal representative is further obligated to pay valid creditor claims of the probate estate, pay taxes of the estate, file estate tax returns and distribute assets to beneficiaries of a probate estate.

The following are a few common misconceptions that Akerson Law Offices has clarified for clients of the firm:

Does a valid last will and testament avoid probate? No, a will does not help you avoid probate. In fact, the last will and testament is the primary tool of the probate system. A will serves as the instructions from you to the Probate Court as to how you want your property distributed. The Probate Court then ensures that

all probatable assets are collected and valued. Then, after all bills and taxes are paid, the property can be distributed to your heirs in accordance with your wishes.

If I have a will, can my property be distributed to my heirs in a few weeks? Unfortunately, this does not happen in the vast majority of probate proceedings. Occasionally, family administration or summary administration procedures may be available which will significantly reduce the time period for a probate proceeding which requires formal administration. A typical formal probate administration in the State of Florida will take six months to one year to properly close the estate.

If I have a last will and testament, will my will prevent a quarrel over my assets by the beneficiaries? No, even a properly drafted and authenticated will does not prevent any interested party from contesting a probate matter (including the amount of assets a beneficiary may receive).

Can my living trust be changed? Yes, a living trust may be changed or even eliminated so long as the trust is declared to be revocable. Some trusts are declared to be irrevocable and accordingly cannot be changed.

Are living trusts only beneficial to people with large estates? No, living trusts are beneficial for all people who desire to avoid the probate process which currently can be more time-consuming and costly than the administration of a living trust when someone passes on. Of course, those people with larger estates will realize larger benefits and potentially greater estate tax savings.

If I have a living trust, do I need to file a separate tax return for the Internal Revenue Service? Generally, the grantor and the trustee of a revocable living trust will not need to file a separate federal tax return for the trust. Generally, a personal 1040 tax return will be sufficient.

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Mr. Myers is the owner of Akerson Law Offices at 535 49th St. N., St. Petersburg, FL. The phone number is 727-347-5131. Mr. Myers welcomes calls regarding this article and other related legal topics. This column outlines general legal principles. If you have specific questionS about the law, please consult an attorney.

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BayCare Outpatient Center
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Tuesday, April 17, 2018 | 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Morton Plant Hospital - Axelrod Pavilion
400 Pinellas Street, Clearwater, FL

Thursday, April 19, 2018 | 10:00am - 12:00pm
Northside Hospital - Medical Office Bldg
6006 49th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL

Thursday, April 19, 2018 | 10:00am - 12:00pm
Florida Hospital - North Pinellas
247 East Curlew Place, Suite D, Tarpon Springs, FL

Saturday, April 21, 2018 | 10:00am - 12:00pm
St. Anthony's Hospital
1200 7th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL

Monday, April 23, 2018 | 10:00am - 12:00pm
City of St. Petersburg - Enoch Davis Rec Center
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Grown-Up Movie Series at Library

On the first Saturday of each month, Gulfport Public Library is proud to present their Grown-Up Film Series. This series is intended to allow adults to enjoy more challenging and complex films in a quiet atmosphere (so they request that no children attend).

On Saturday, April 7 at 1 p.m., they'll be screening Guillermo del Toro's (director of "Pan's Labyrinth") love story between a mute custodian and the unique, amphibious man she finds imprisoned in the research facility where she works. This haunting love story about the nature of love, humanity, and the evil that can flourish in men's hearts won this year's Academy Award for Best Picture. It stars Sally Hawkins, Octavia Spencer, Michael Shannon, and Doug Jones, and is rated R.

If anyone has any questions about this title, or titles for upcoming months, please contact the library at 727-893-1074.

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Who Will Pay Your Retirement Income?

If you are nearing or entering retirement and are interested in a strategy to help make your retirement income last, come to the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., for "What Happens After the Paychecks Stop? A Retirement Income Primer" on Monday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m.

They'll explore how to budget for retirement expenses, examine potential sources of retirement income and identify ways to address potential risks.

Refreshments will be served. Please call Andrea at 727-363-6362 or email andrea.thiele@edwardjones.com by April 6.

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Luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. with games from noon to 3 p.m. Lunch is \$10, or \$35 for a table of four. For tickets or more information call 727-864-6796.

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Poet Laureate Lunch and Learn

Peter Hargitai, Poet Laureate of Gulfport, will share his poetry in honor of National Poetry Month. The Gulfport Library will present this free event on Thursday, April 5 at noon.

Hargotai has an extensive literary background, both in teaching college-level courses and has published many books.

Sponsored by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library. For more information, call 727-893-1074.

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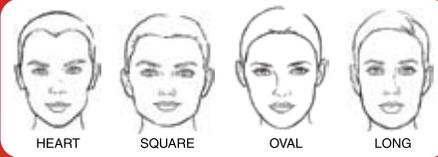
Senior Center Watercolor Reception

The Gulfport Senior Center Water Color Group will show this season's work in a show at the Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Ave. S., on Friday, April 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. Finger food hors d'oeuvre will be served along with a cash bar. Works are based on several themes selected to show subject variety and painting technique. Art will be displayed until April 27.

For more information on this event or in holding an exhibit, please email kossola@mygulfport.us or call Kristin Ossola, cty of Gulfport Technical Events Specialist at 727-893-1118.

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