

Council Approves Same Millage Rate for Seventh Year

By Debbie Wolfe

Though property valuations in Gulfport have increased over last year, the council unanimously voted on Tuesday, July 17 to maintain the same proposed tax rate for the seventh year in a row.

According to city documents, the proposed millage rate of 4.039 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year means a total of \$3,788,922 in ad valorem tax revenue will be generated. This represents a proposed budget increase of \$460,816 from the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The revenue increase results from the taxable property valuations in Gulfport increasing 8.249 percent since the 2017-2018 fiscal year, according to the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Office.

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Gulfport's Mooring Field is 'Perfect'

By Debbie Wolfe



Vice Mayor Christine Brown, left, and Municipal Marina Director Denis Frain, hold a map of Gulfport's new mooring field in front of one of the 25 specialty anchoring balls on Friday, July 13. The field will be open for sailboat-only reservations in about 10 days, said Frain.

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Extreme MudWars Gets Dirty for Charity

By Angelina Bruno



"We've got about 20 tons of dirt, equal to 23 dump trucks," said Ian Elston, director of Tampa Bay Club Sport. Twenty tons of dirt turned into wet, sticky, squishy mud set the stage at Lake Vista Park in St. Petersburg for Saturday, July 14's Extreme MudWars, a sports competition that's been sweating, running, climbing and donating to charity since 2009.

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Keith Oxford climbs over a mud-covered rope wall as he races for the finish line. "I've been doing this for six years," said Oxford. "I just love the competition."

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Learn About Storms at St. Pete Garden Club

The St. Petersburg Garden Club will host Dr. Bruce Albrecht, Professor Emeritus at the University of Miami, on August 14 at 1 p.m. He will speak on clouds and storms in the Tampa Bay area. The lecture is free. It's at 500 Sunset Dr. S.

Any questions call Beverly at 727-253-2407

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Lee Irby at the Historical Society

Nationally known St. Pete Author Lee Irby will speak at The Gulfport Society's July 20 porch party. How are Edgar Allan Poe and Confederate monuments related? Lee explains it all at this entertaining evening. Also, if you've read "Unreliable," you may already understand the connection. And if you haven't read it, well, it's like "Gone Girl," but so much better. And fun to read. They'll have copies on hand. The doors open at 6:30

p.m., and Lee will wow you with his brilliance (and sense of humor) at 7 p.m. As always, the porch parties take place at the Gulfport History Museum, 5301 28th Ave. S., and they welcome dogs and well-behaved kids. Museum members have unlimited access to the Square Mullet Coffee Shop. They'll have light bites – but feel free to bring a dish to share.

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Free Family Movie Series at Library

On Saturday, July 21 at 1:30 p.m., the Gulfport Library will screen an animated film based on the children's classic novel "The Little Broomstick."

Mary is an ordinary young girl stuck in the country with her great-aunt Charlotte and seemingly no adventures or friends in sight. She follows a mysterious cat into the nearby forest, where she discovers an old broomstick and the strange fly-by-night flower, a rare plant that blossoms only once every seven years

and only in that forest. Together the flower and the broomstick whisk Mary above the clouds, and far away to Endor College, a school of magic run by headmistress Madam Mumblechook and the brilliant Doctor Dee. But there are terrible things happening at the school, and when Mary tells a lie, she must risk her life to try to set things right. It stars the voice talents of Kate Winslet and Jim Broadbent, and is rated PG.

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

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Beta Sigma Phi Activities

Laureate Epsilon Nu will be hosting their 48th annual Beginning Day luncheon on Saturday, August 18 at Banquet Masters, 13355 49th St. N. This year's theme is "Welcome to the Round Up" with a chuck wagon menu. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. and lunch at noon. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information contact Rose Marie Gifford at 727-430-5835. The reservations deadline is August 4.

Gamma Omega Master members will meet on Wednesday, July 25 at 7 p.m. for a ways and means meeting. They will be painting this year's issue of the ceramic Christmas Mouse ornament. The ornament sells for \$3. Personalized ones cost \$3.50. Members are taking orders for these ornaments. Contact Sharon Ingram at 727-321-2849 to place an order.

Sunshine City Council will have an organizational meeting on Monday, July 30 at 7 p.m. at the Lake Rich Mobile Home Park Clubhouse. All chapter presidents, council officers and council committee chairmen will be attending this meeting. The plans for the upcoming year will be presented at this meeting. The regular council meetings will begin in September.

Beta Sigma Phi is a social and cultural women's organization. Sunshine City Council has eight chapters of various degrees and members of all ages. For more information contact Sharon Ingram at 727-321-2849.

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Everyone's favorite golden retriever is back at the Gulfport Library. Did you know reading to a pet can help boost your child's literary confidence? Come to the Gulfport Library on Thursday, July 19, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to read a story to Maya, the reading assistance golden retriever. To make an appointment with Maya please call Cailey at 727-893-1074 or email cklasson@mygulfport.us

Cool Shopping at Sophie's Attic

Greetings from Sophie's Attic, the coolest place in Gulfport to shop. It's 74 degrees in here and they have everything imaginable for your shopping pleasure. Need a bike? They just got in two adult bicycles, a man's and a woman's. They just recently put out a large selection of bedding, and shoes. The 50¢ rack still has a lot of nice garments, and they still have a few \$1 sale shoes. Come on in and see what's new.

Sophie's Attic is a mission outreach of the First United Methodist Church. You will find them on 53rd St., near 28th Ave. S. They are open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. till noon. They'll be waiting for you.

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Registrations will begin on Friday July 13 for the Gulfport 2018-2019 School Year Child Care Program for children who will be entering kindergarten through age 14. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Bear Creek, Gulfport Elementary and Douglas Jamerson Elementary. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Monthly fees are \$150 for residents (additional child discount available) and \$188 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. This institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Hours of registration are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. Please call 727-893-1068 for more information.

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St. Pete's Before-and-After School Care

Summer might be ending soon, but you can keep the fun going into the school year. The St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department's before and after school care program's registration is open for St. Petersburg residents and will begin on Monday, July 23 at 7 a.m. for nonresidents.

The department offers an elementary school before-and-after school care program for grades kindergarten through 5 and a middle school before-and-after school care program for grades 6 through 8. Kids will be able to play, learn and explore. The programs provide a fun, creative and educational atmosphere full of lessons and activities, including special events, arts and crafts and

homework help from staff.

Rates are as low as \$29 per month for the middle school before-school care program for participants who qualify for fee assistance and free for the middle school after-school care program for all participants. The elementary school before-and-after school care programs are as low as \$55 per month for participants who qualify for fee assistance.

You can find the application, as well as a list of schools the department serves, at StPeteParksRec.org/about-childcare. Return the completed application in person to the respective recreation center.

For more information, contact the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department at 727-893-7441 or StPeteParksRec.org.

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Robotics Camp at St. Pete Beach Recreation

The St. Pete Beach Robotics camp teaches students to build and program fully autonomous robots using the EV3 Lego Mindstorms kit. The student-built robots will then compete in competitions such as sumobot wrestling, roboparade and exhibitions. For more information call the Community Center at 727-363-9245 or visit spbrec.com.

Coming-of-Age Drama in LGBTQ Film Series

The LGBTQ Resource Center at Gulfport Public Library continues its monthly LGBTQ Film Series on Thursday, August 9 with an award-winning film set in Italy exploring young love and coming of age.

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

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Happy Birthday to Everybody!

Are you ready to party? Whether you are celebrating your birthday this month or not, this party is for you. Come out to the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. on fourth Friday of every month at 3 p.m. for birthday cake, games, and fun for everyone. Provided by Simply Healthcare.

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 the event line at 727-893-5657.

Kitten Adoptions in South Pasadena

Adopt a lovable kitten this Saturday, July 21 at PetSuperMarket in the South Pasadena Shopping Center, 6892 Gulfport Blvd. Adoption hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Back to School at St. Pete Community

Everyone is invited to a back-to-school event at St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Ave. N., on Saturday, July 21.

Titled "It's Indescribable," the event will include a K-9 demonstration, a magic show and more. It's a perfect way to get ready for the new school year as children will experience hands-on learning and discovery. The activities, snacks and school supplies are free to the whole family.

Doors open at 12:45 p.m. with the first presentation beginning at 1 p.m. The event will run till 3 p.m. For more information, contact the church at 727-525-0012, 727-385-3640 or spcc.church.

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Cardboard Rock Band at Gulfport Library

Come join the Gulfport Library's rock band! No instruments required! They will be making homemade guitars out of household items on Monday, July 23, at 3 p.m. This is a great activity for young musicians and engineers in grades K to 5. For more information contact Cailey at 727-893-1074 or cklasson@mygulfport.us

Gentle Hatha Yoga Class at Rec Center

This yoga class is ideal for every level, especially beginners. It is a more slow-paced class which focuses on alignment and breathing. You will be guided through a series of postures which will bring awareness into your body and hold the postures for typically five breaths. Classes are on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Recreation Center. Class fees are \$8 per class or \$25 for the calendar month. First class is free. Contact Denise at 813-777-9964 or info@justbreatheyoga108.com

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Space is limited. You must register! No walk-ins. Bring your Apple iPhone or iPad and passwords! Please contact the Senior Center at 727-893-5657 to reserve your spot.

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Tampa Taiko Japanese Drumming at Library

Bring the family to the Gulfport Library for some free fun as they celebrate the end of their Summer Reading Program on Thursday, July 26 at 7 p.m., with a performance by Tampa Taiko! Using a collection of taiko drums they have made themselves from discarded barrels, Tampa Taiko entertains and educates audiences with an exciting traditional presentation of an ancient Japanese art form. Open to families of all ages! For more information contact Cailey at 727-893-1074 or cklasson@mygulfport.us

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Creative Writing Summer Camp

Kids ages 9 to 12 are invited to the Morean Center for Clay, 420 22nd St. S., to learn about creativity in a fun, week-long writing camp with Keep St. Pete Lit teachers. The camp is free for low-income students. All students will explore storytelling through play, art, writing, and zine-making in a welcoming environment. Students will also be invited to participate in a final camp reading. The camp runs from July 23 through 27 from 9 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.

To apply for Keep St. Pete Lit's Creative Writing Summer 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, contact Maureen McDole at mmcdole@keepstpetelit.org or call 727-798-4530.

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A Florida Postcard

Photo by Debbie Wolfe



When the Weather Channel says it's "mostly cloudy," savvy visitors and veteran residents know what to do. In the afternoon, it's boating time! Left, there is a threesome on a jet ski speeding enough to cause a rooster tail. Center and right, two outboard fishing vessels are either at anchor or underway in the intracoastal waterway near Treasure Island. All are dwarfed by puffy clouds, an azure sky and sea-green waters. In the evening, it's time for a sunset light show. The 10-day forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies or scattered thunderstorms so get ready for more postcard opportunities.

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Council,

from front page

A mill is \$1 of tax for every \$1,000 of assessed, nonexempt property value. So, with a millage rate of 4.039, an owner of a home valued at \$150,000 with the traditional \$50,000 homestead exemption will pay \$404 in property taxes.

On November 6, Florida voters will decide on a state constitutional amendment that could increase the homestead exemption to \$75,000.

"If the expanded homestead exemption was to go into effect, you would be looking at a reduction of approximately \$176,000 in new revenues," said City Manager Jim O'Reilly. This would mean the budget growth would change from 8.249 percent to about 2.3 percent.

"That's about a 75 percent loss," said Mayor Sam Henderson.

In August, city staff will present council members with a five-year forecast of options to mitigate possible changes in the budget, said O'Reilly.

Public hearing dates for the city's 2018-2019 budget will be held on September 4 and September 18. Both meetings will begin at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

Storm Water Rates May Increase

On the first reading of the ordinance proposing a monthly storm water rate increase of \$1 per household, councilmembers unanimously approved the measure.

"This is a direct result of the rate study that we received in June," said O'Reilly. "It is the only water or sewer utility rate increase proposed this year."

The monies generated from the fee increase would fund the city's participation

in a federal program called the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), which is part of the US Environmental Protection Agency.

According to the NPDES website, the program was created in 1972 by the Clean Water Act and it performs various permitting, administrative and enforcement tasks.

When the ordinance is read for a second time at a future meeting, if councilmembers approve it, the rate increase will take effect.

Teen Council Establishes New Free Library for Kids

The Gulfport Teen Council has been meeting to discuss projects "and one of our newest members came up with the idea of doing a Lil' Library for children," said Recreation Supervisor Marivel Gutierrez. A few Little Free Libraries already exist in the city but they are primarily aimed at adult readers.

"That's a great idea," said Henderson.

Using their budget, the Teen Council had one made, they decorated it and it is located in front of the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Boulevard, said Gutierrez. It is also registered as part of the Little Free Library system and will soon be listed on their online locator map. The age range the library will serve is from preschool to through high school.

The teens contacted 321 Books in St. Petersburg's Tyrone Square Mall and the business agreed to donate 50 books that members of the group selected, she said. If the teens put a logo for 321 on the library box, the bookstore will donate an additional 20 books per month. During the teens' monthly meeting, they will maintain the library.

"We do ask that if



Mayor Sam Henderson, left, presented a proclamation for the city's Summer Straw Challenge program to Cultural Facilities Supervisor Justin Shea. Shea was instrumental in developing and organizing the activity that runs from July 1 through September 30. According to the proclamation, local businesses have agreed to "abstain from giving out plastic straws unless requested by a customer." For more information and a list of the 17 participating businesses that have joined the city's Casino Ballroom facility, visit mygulfport.us/strawless-summer-challenge.

somebody does take a book, they replace it or bring it back," said Gutierrez.

Trolley Market Square Project Gets Windfall from State

As part of the ongoing Trolley Market Square project, councilmembers previously approved budget monies to prepare a portion of the soil in the Tangerine Greenway Park adjacent to 49th Street South so it would be free of petroleum-based contamination that happened in the past from use by a municipal bus and trolley service, said O'Reilly.

Subsequently, monies became available from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Brownfields and Bureau of Waste Cleanup

program that needed to be spent before their fiscal year ended in June, according to city documentation.

The state monies saved the city a total of \$141,357, which will be re-applied to construction aspects and related amenities of the project, O'Reilly said.

"It's good to have a good relationship with the DEP," said Henderson.

Trolley Market Square is part of the Tangerine Greenway Infrastructure Improvements Project located adjacent to 49th Street South between 18th and 19th avenues south. Tangerine Avenue South immediately borders the park's north and south boundaries.

When finished, a focal point of the park will be the city's popular trolley

permanently mounted to a stylized track area that will most likely be made of pavers, said O'Reilly. The park will also accommodate festivals and concerts.

Lincoln Cemetery Gets City Cleanup Support

For the next Martin Luther King Day of Service on Saturday, January 19, 2019, Henderson proposed that instead of volunteers working on several concurrent smaller projects dispersed all over the city that resources could be concentrated on one larger option to make a greater difference.

"I'd like to see us focus our efforts in Lincoln Cemetery," he said. "It's a huge space and a historic cemetery inside our city limits. Next to Trolley Market Square, it's probably our city's largest green space even though it is privately owned. I know they could use a lot of help because they've had a hard time maintaining that property."

Councilmembers agreed it was a good idea.

The primarily African-American cemetery is located at 600 58th Street South and is owned by the non-profit Lincoln Cemetery Society.

"We can make such a difference for this organization that has been really working hard to do

it alone," said Vice Mayor Christine Brown. "When the whole community comes together, we can get them to a place where they can more easily keep it up instead of it being such a big arduous project."

With everybody focusing on one place, "we'll be able to help get it cleaned up," said Councilmember Paul Ray. "It's looking a lot better. There's two or three women and one man that really do all the work. They have a big job on their hands."

Councilmember Michael Fridovich said, "It's a great idea. Lincoln Cemetery is definitely something that needs to be promoted more."

Society president and Gulfport resident Vanessa Gray was busy using a trimming lawn mower at the nine-acre cemetery on the evening of Tuesday, July 17 when she heard the news after the council meeting.

"Wow!" she said. "I'm very thankful, grateful and appreciative to all the city councilmembers more than they will ever know that they recognize the historical significance of Lincoln Cemetery and how we as volunteers are coming together as a community to restore history."

"If we could have a day like that, we could have teams focus on things like lite



"A lot of headstones and burial vaults in this section are very close together and I don't allow riding lawn mowers to go over them even if they are level with the ground because there is a chance of just a little scrape," said Vanessa Gray, president of the non-profit Lincoln Cemetery Society that owns Lincoln Cemetery in Gulfport.

brush and flower trimming, headstone washings especially for graves of veterans, weed eating around headstones and burial vaults, and detailed documentation of burial sites that need specific maintenance or restoration.

"Great things are happening for the greater good. There's always something to do at the

cemetery – a weed to be pulled or a headstone to be brushed off. There is a range of work that allows anyone of any physical ability to pitch in and help.

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Kids Read Aloud Book Club

Please come to the Gulfport Library on Monday, July 23 at 1 p.m. for the last Kids Read Aloud Book Club program for Grades 2 to 5. They will read a book together and snacks will be provided by the Gulfport Library Circle of Friends. Volunteer to read out loud or follow along with the group. Call the library for additional details, 727-893-1134.

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Living with Colitis Workshop

Meridien Research will give a presentation, "Living With Colitis" on Wednesday, July 25 at 2 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S.

Lynn Drowne, community outreach manager for Meridien Research, will conduct the presentation and will cover: Signs and symptoms of ulcerative colitis, suggestions for management and clinical trial opportunities.

Must be a registered Gulfport

Senior Center member. Registration is easy and free for all individuals 50 years of age or older. For more information, call 727-893-5657.

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Community Players' Summer One Acts

The Gulfport Community Players present their 18th Annual Summer One Acts through July 22 at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 55601 27th Ave. S.

An ensemble cast of over 35 actors and actresses perform ten, original plays which were written by Florida and local playwrights. Thursdays Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and available online at gulfportcommunityplayers.org or at the Gulfport Beach Bazaar.

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Sonia Plotnick Seeks Board Members

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Health Fund, Inc. (SPHF) Board is looking for new members!

SPHF is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to promote the wellness of women in the Tampa Bay area by providing financial and educational assistance with both traditional and non-traditional healthcare for the enhancement and well-being of women in the community. SPHF has provided over \$220,000 in healthcare grants to women in the community since 1997. Check them out at sphf.org.

SPHF is committed to seating a diverse board that represents the community it serves. All women are welcome to apply, but special consideration will be given to women 30 or younger, lesbians, women of color, Spanish-speaking women, and economically disadvantaged women. SPHF seeks women skilled in nonprofit finance, fundraising, community outreach, public health, and healthcare; however, all skills and experience will be considered.

To apply for a board member position, complete the application at soniaplotnickhealthfund.org/support-us/volunteer/ or email chair@soniaplotnickhealthfund.org.

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Gulfport Art and Gallery Walk

Visit Gulfport on Saturday, July 21, for the Gulfport Art and Gallery Walk. Find your shopping and dining maps at VisitGulfportFlorida.com and chart your course to this beachfront town.

Shop for local art along Beach Boulevard, visit a gallery, catch a live local band and dine at one of the locally-owned restaurants along Beach and Shore Boulevards.

The Gulfport Art and Gallery Walk event, produced by the non-profit Gulfport Merchants Association, takes place from 6 to 10 p.m. every first Friday and third Saturday, rain or shine, year round, and is home to dozens of artisans and craftsmen.

Complimentary parking is available nearby with courtesy trolley rides available to and from off-site parking areas.

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Free Lunches for Kids and Teens at Library

The Gulfport Public Library is a Summer Break Spot again this year. They will have free lunches and snacks for anyone 18 years old and younger Mondays through Fridays starting at noon. Summer Break spots are sponsored through the USDA Summer Food Service Program. No need to sign up or register. For more information contact Cailey at 727-893-1074.

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Sales Galore at the Circle Bookshop

Check out the Circle of Friends Bookshop at the Gulfport Library for hot summer savings. Favorite authors such as Nora Roberts, John Grisham, James Patterson and more for 50 cents and a wide assortment of non-fiction topics and titles for the same price. There are CDs, DVDs and current magazines at very attractive prices. The two-for-one sale of 25 cent books is still going on and there are surprise flash sales, too hot to advertise. The Circle of Friends Bookshop is located in the Gulfport Library at 5501 28th Ave. S. Please call Marilyn Field if you have any bookshop questions.

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Community Neighborhood Watch Meetings and Community Emergency Response Team Meetings

City Wide Neighborhood Watch: Meets the first Wednesday of each month at the **Gulfport Neighborhood Center**, (NOTE: Meeting cancelled for Wednesday, July 4) 1617 49th St. S., at 7 p.m. (Includes Tangerine and Tomlinson neighborhoods.)

Marina District Neighborhood Watch: Meets the second Wednesday of each month at the **Gulfport Lions Club**, 4630 Tifton Dr. S., at 7 p.m.

The Strand Area Neighborhood Watch: Meets the third Wednesday of each month at the **Gulfport Recreation Center**, 5730 Shore Blvd., at 7 p.m. (Includes Town Shores.)

Stetson Area Neighborhood Watch: Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at the **Stetson School of Law**, in the Eleazer Hearing Room, 1401 61st St. S., at 7 p.m.

CERT: Meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. The locations will be determined by the type of training.

It's your community, come out and get involved

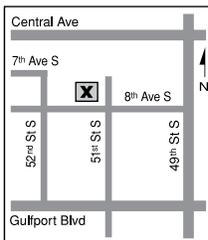
Contact Jim Wright, Volunteer Coordinator

City of Gulfport 727-893-1022 or jwright@mygulfport.us

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Sarah is a mellow girl that loves petting time and enjoys being carried around. The 1-year-old is striking with dark grey tabby accents and a white tipped tail; her nickname is Tippy. She gets along well with other household kitties and is completely vetted and microchipped. Meet Sarah in her St. Petersburg foster home by phoning 727-545-1116.



Meet Dixon, an all-round perfect kitten. The 3-month-old fellow is super friendly and energetic. He loves playing with other felines in his foster home in St. Petersburg. On the other hand, the sweetheart is a lap kitty that purrs with content. Dixon sports a handsome fur coat with white hairs highlighting his black coat and is completely vetted and microchipped. Call 727-545-1116 to meet this lover boy. Other felines may be viewed at saveourstraysinc.com

Pet Pals



This big boy has definitely taken it to the Max! He is a happy-go-lucky pit bull mix who is looking for a family that will give him plenty of exercise and help him reach his fitness goals. Max is a 4-year-old, 50-pound pit mix. He is neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Thanks to the Pit Project and his sponsor, Becky Bunch, Max's adoption fee is \$75. You must own your home to adopt him, and he will do best in a home with no small children or cats. See more animals at petpalanimalshelter.com.

Music at Gulfport Beach Pavilion #6

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Healthy Living and Disease Prevention

The Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., invites you to attend a presentation on Healthy Living and Disease Prevention with the YMCA and learn about the National Institute of Health "All of Us" Research Program.

Join them on Monday July 23 from 3 to 3:30 p.m. as Kieran Gabel, YMCA Director of Healthy Communities discusses Medicare coverage of the Y Diabetes Prevention Program, Enhance Fitness Arthritis Program and "All of Us" Research Program.

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Community Law Program

Legal assistance is available from the Community Law Program at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., every third Friday of the month. You must be 60 years of age or older and qualify with the program. Call 727-582-7480 to qualify and to make the appointment.

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

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Donate Your Plastic to Gulfport History

It's time once again to think about Gulfport Under the Stars, the Gulfport Historical Society's annual party, which will take place on October 13.

In years past, they've used plastic cups for drinks, foam cups for coffee, and disposable plates and cutlery. On top of being an expense (albeit a small one), they want to find a way to hold their annual party in a sustainable way.

And then they thought about what artist Suzanne Vernon did when she moved to Gulfport and wanted to create a mosaic. She put a box at the library and asked people to donate their chipped or broken dishes.

And remember when Neptune's was Domain Restaurant? They had the community bring in dining chairs they no longer needed or wanted.

Gulfport, it seems, has something of a history of grassroots sustainability, and the Historical Society wants to celebrate and encourage that.

Everyone has odd dishes left over from a set, or dishes they don't use anymore, but haven't gotten rid of, for whatever reason. To that end, if you have unwanted dishes, flatware or reusable plastic drink cups, please donate them to the Gulfport Historical Society for perpetual use.

Two board members have volunteered to handle bringing the dishes and cutlery home and washing them in the dishwasher, but they're also asking that if anyone has an unwanted, working portable dishwasher, they could donate it to Gulfport Historical Society. New, they cost about \$700 to \$800, and if you'd rather donate towards the

purchase of a new one, well, you can do that on their website.

Please drop off your plates (dinner and dessert sizes), flatware and drinkware (reusable plastic drink cups or glass water glasses) on Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. The Society is at 5501 28th Ave. S. At this time, they do not need coffee mugs or wine glasses.

Thank you in advance for your help, and keep watching for more information about this year's Gulfport Under the Stars, where everyone will eat off your dishes and drink out of your glasses (but you won't have to wash them!).

Thank you all for helping to keep Gulfport sustainable. After all, we have a history of it!

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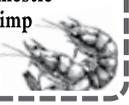
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St. Anthony's Offers Free Memory Tests

St. Anthony's Hospital will offer free memory screenings on Tuesday, July 24, from 10 a.m. till noon in the Main Lobby at 1200 7th Ave. N.

Take the first step toward the discovery of memory problems for adults concerned about their memory health. Call 727-825-1595 for information.

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Memory Cafés: An Oasis Any Time of Year

Are you traveling along the dementia highway? The roadways are crowded. None of the maps show what exit to take to find one of the best rest stops around. Here's a tip. Look for the sign that says, "Memory Cafe Next Exit."

More and more people are discovering that stopping at a Memory Cafe event is like finding an oasis in the desert. You're invited to join them if you or a loved one you care for at home have memory issues due to a disease process or traumatic brain injury, and you want to continue actively enjoying life.

Local Memory Cafe events are run by Cate McCarty, PhD., of Dr. Cate Dementia Coach, and Jane Ogilvie, LPN, the owner of Senior Solutions of Pinellas County. They understand dementia professionally and through personal family experiences.

Find them on Monday July 16, at 12:15 p.m. at the Gulfport Memory Café at Neptune Grill Restaurant, 5501 Shore Blvd., and every third Monday at the same place and time.

For a leisurely walk and scavenger hunt, try Tyrone Walk and Memory Café on July 20, at 10 a.m. and every third Friday at the same place and time. Meet at the entrance to the Food Court on the 22nd Avenue side of Tyrone Mall. Set your own pace. Wear comfortable shoes. At 11:15 a.m. meander down to Red Robin Gourmet Burgers for lunch.

To receive further information about how you or your business can help spread dementia awareness in the St. Petersburg and Beaches area contact Cate McCarty, PhD., at 813-384-7571 or catemccarty@gmail.com or Jane Ogilvie, LPN, at 727-327-0167 or sensol@seniorsmile.com.

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The Gabs

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Ted Hunt, St. Petersburg: "Rocky road in a cup. No toppings. It's what's in the freezer right now. I'm not fond of any brand except whatever is on sale."

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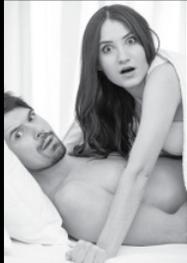
Dina Gamma, Gulfport: "I love ice cream in a sugar cone, of course! There are so many different flavors but I like chocolate and caramel and coffee. I'd like these flavors combined together."

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Lea Craig, St. Petersburg: "Chocolate in a plain cone with no toppings. I like the crunchy. I get it anywhere. I've always liked chocolate better than vanilla."

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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, game room and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 RES./\$4 NON-RES..

VPK Program- We are currently accepting VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) Vouchers for the 2018-2019 School Year. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1st. Parents must apply on the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas, Inc. website (<http://elcpinellas.net>) and receive a Certificate of Eligibility which needs to be turned in during pre-registration. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Hours for pre-registration are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

TOT-Time Program- We are accepting pre-registrations for the 2018-2019 Tot Time Program. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Program

hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. A deposit of \$25 is required to hold a spot and will be applied to first month's tuition. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents.

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 Hatha Yoga Tues., 6:30 p.m. Call Denise at 813-777-9964

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.

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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.

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.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, July 19, 11 am - 12 pm. This summer, we're reading National Book Award Winners, with discussion of "The Good Lord Bird" by James McBride. Copies available at the Circulation Desk. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. FMI, call 727-893-1073.

Pinellas County Schools Bus Driver Recruitment Drive: Monday, July 23, 10 am - 2 pm. Representatives will be available outside the Library entrance to speak with anyone interested in applying for a job driving a school bus. Contact: Sonya D. Roundtree, Field Operations Supervisor, Transportation Dept. 727-893-1165 ext. 1003.

Healthcare Navigators: Tuesday, July 24, 10 am-1 pm. Certified Marketplace Navigators from Pinellas County Human Services will be onsite to assist anyone needing information about enrolling in a health insurance plan. FMI, contact Jarryd Thompson, email jthompson@pinellascounty.org.

Gentle Yoga for Adults: Tuesday, July 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. The class is taught by Christa Fairbrother, RYT and Certified Yoga for Arthritis Instructor. For more information and to sign up, please contact Cailey Klasson (727) 893-1074.

Open Mic: Monday, July 30, 5-6:45 pm. FMI, call 727-893-1073.

Grownup Movie Series: Saturday, August 4, 1 pm. Chilling suspense and amazing acting char-

acterize this month's selection. If you research this one, you might spoil the surprise... Stars real-life married couple John Krasinski, and Emily Blunt. Directed by Krasinski and rated a very creepy PG-13. Call 727-893-1074 for title.

LGBTQ Book Club: Monday, August 6, 6 pm. We'll discuss "Oscar Wilde: The Unrepentant Years" by Nicholas Frankel (rescheduled from July discussion). Copies available at the Circulation Desk.

LGBTQ Film Series: Thursday, August 9, 7 pm. 17-year-old Elio enjoys a close relationship with his father, a professor, and his mother, a translator. Elio's sophistication and intellectual gifts suggest he is already a fully-fledged adult, but there is much that remains innocent about him, particularly about matters of the heart. One day, Oliver, a charming American scholar working on his doctorate, arrives as the annual summer intern that assists Elio's father. Amid the sun-drenched splendor of the North Italian setting, Elio and Oliver discover the beauty of awakening desire during a summer that will alter their lives forever. (Rated R) Call 727-893-1074 for title.

Children/Teens/Family Programs

Summer BreakSpot: Mondays-Fridays, noon-1 pm. Free lunch available for anyone age 18 and younger. No library card required. Last day for program is Thursday, July 26.

Storytime: Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 am; AND 11-11:30 am. Due to popularity and support from our community, another session has been added, please choose one or the other since both are the same. Stories & activities selected for kids up to 3 years old.

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.

Kids Read Aloud Book Club: Mondays, 1 - 2 pm. If you're in Grades 2-5, then join us on Mondays this summer. We will read a different book every week and snacks will be provided by our Circle of Friends. Volunteer to read out loud or follow along with the group. FMI call 727-893-1134. Last day for program is Monday, July 23.

Free Family Movie Series: Saturday, July 21, 1:30 pm. Mary is an ordinary young girl stuck in the country with her great-aunt Charlotte and seemingly no adventures or friends in sight. She follows a mysterious cat into the nearby forest, where she

discovers an old broomstick and the strange fly-by-night flower, a rare plant that blossoms only once every seven years and only in that forest. Together the flower and the broomstick whisk Mary above the clouds, and far away to Endor College - a school of magic run by headmistress Madam Mumblehook and the brilliant Doctor Dee. But there are terrible things happening at the school, and when Mary tells a lie, she must risk her life to try to set things right. It stars the voice talents of Kate Winslet and Jim Broadbent, and is rated PG. Call for movie title.

Kids Summer Reading Program: Cardboard Rock Band: Monday, July 23, 3 pm. Get ready to rock! We'll craft our own instruments out of cereal boxes and other household items and rock out in the library! Open to ages 5-10.

Teen Summer Reading Program: Epic Water Balloon Fight: Wednesday, July 25, 3 pm. Get ready for our 6th Annual Epic Water Balloon Fight! Bring your friends and prepare for battle in our Reading Garden! Water balloons and super soakers will be provided. Open to grades 6-12.

Kids Summer Reading Party: Tampa Taiko Drumming: Thursday, July 26, 7 pm. Come celebrate the end of the summer reading program with the rhythmic beats of Tampa Taiko's traditional Japanese drumming! They will share the history of the music and put on a fun and interactive performance you won't want to miss!

Teen Summer Reading Party: Friday, July 27, 7 pm. Come celebrate the end of the summer reading program with video games, pizza, prizes and fun!

Mommy & Me Yoga: Tuesday, August 7, 10:15 - 11 am. Meets on first Tuesday of the month and taught by registered yoga teacher Ms. Christa! Intended for parents and babies ages 6 weeks to 18 months. Meet other new parents and babies in the community, stretch, laugh, get some strength back and rejuvenate! Please call 727-893-1074 to reserve your spot or email Cailey at cklasson@mygulfport.us.

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Senior Center

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This is your Center! - Sign up today to enjoy all the classes and events offered at the Gulfport Senior Center. Hours are Monday -Thursday 8 am - 7 pm and Friday from 8 am- 4 pm. Stop by and ask for a tour and pick up a copy of this month's schedule or download your copy at mygulfport.us and click the Senior Center link. The Senior Center currently offers multiple monthly classes, activities, and services for residents over 50 years old. Registration is required and is easy and free.

Special Events

Like us on Facebook at

FB.com/GulfportSeniorCenter.

iPhone/iPad Instruction Class - Thurs., 7/19 @ 1:30. Learn the basic functions of your Apple iPhone or iPad. MUST call 727.893.5657 to pre-register. Presented by the Gulfport Library.

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.

Healthy Living and Disease Prevention - Join us Monday July 23rd from 3-3:30 pm as Kieran Gabel, YMCA Director of Healthy Communities discusses Medicare coverage of the Y Diabetes Prevention Program, Enhance Fitness Arthritis Program and "All of Us" Research Program

Living with Colitis - Meridien Research will give a presentation, 'Living With Colitis' on Wednesday, July 25th at 2 pm. Lynn Drowne, community outreach manager for Meridien Research, will conduct the presentation and will cover: Signs and symptoms of ulcerative colitis, suggestions for management and clinical trial opportunities

GEMS Getaway - Thursday July 26th come with us to discover more of this historic piece of culture. First, we will stop for lunch at Beef 'O' Brady's then off to the Dr. Carter G. Woodson - African American Museum which presents a historic voice of one segment of the St. Pete community in a perspective of local, regional, & national history.

Happy Birthday to You! - Friday July 27th we are ready to party! Whether you are celebrating your birthday this month or not, this party is for you. Come out on the fourth Friday of every month at 3 pm for birthday cake, games, and fun for everyone. Provided by Simply Healthcare.

Tech Tips With Stetson: -Technology is constantly changing, making it hard to keep up with the latest changes, devices, and trends. Students from Stetson's Elder Law Society will be at the Gulfport Senior Center on Monday, July 30th at 3 pm to teach seniors about Smartphones. They will have

tips for beginners and advanced users.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch: Romano's Macaroni Grill - Join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch on July 31st. Savor your mid-day break with the new flavors & lunch-friendly servings of Italian classics at Romano's Macaroni Grill. After lunch, discover all the new & exciting stores at Tyrone Square.

Hearing Health Seminar - Join in with us on August 1st at 2 pm for "Beyond Hearing Aids": Advances in Hearing Technology and Hearing Solutions, presented by Dr. Mary Burton. Topics include: how the hearing system works, causes of hearing loss, and the various treatment options available, including hearing aids and other hearing devices.

GEMS Getaway - Join this Getaway Thursday August 2nd and experience the fascinating world of monumental sculpture! Check out over 100 sculptures, relax with Mark Twain on the patio, & see 42 Studio Master Sculptures you'll never see anywhere else! For lunch, we will stop at a local favorite, Po' Folks for some hearty, home-style cooking. St. Petersburg Sculpture Experience & Po' Folks

Special Services

GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mobility Service) - Affordable door to door transportation service. Rides to medical appointments, hopping, and downtown St. Pete for Gulfport residents. 55 years of age or older or disabled. For more info call 727-893-2242.

Reassurance Program - Daily calls made to members to provide reassurance and emergency assistance if needed. Gulfport residents 50 years of age or older.

Food Pantry - Supplemental food assistance for qualifying Gulfport Seniors in need. Pantry is open on Mons and Thurs from 1-3 pm. Proper verification required prior to use of the pantry.

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

To view the Senior Center calendar in its entirety, please log on to mygulfport.us.

Casino Ballroom

5500 Shore Blvd. S.

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Sunday, July 22

3:30 - 7 pm

CONTRA DANCE

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3:30 - 4 pm: Lesson

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Monday, July 23

7 pm - 10:30 pm

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Sunday, August 5

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7 pm - 10 pm: Ballroom Dancing

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Casino Weekly Dances

Ballroom Lessons every Tuesday

Noon - 3 pm \$8

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6:30 - 11 pm \$8

Swing Dance every Wednesday

6 - 11pm \$8

Latin Night 1st & 3rd Thursdays

6:30 - 10 pm \$8

Ballroom Dance select Sundays

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Thursday, July 19 -

Sunday, July 22

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Thursday, August 2

6 - 8 pm

GULFPORT NIGHT OUT

An annual community-building campaign that

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Friday, August 3

6 - 8 pm

GECKO ART SHOW

OPENING RECEPTION

See nine larger-than-life geckos, created by local artists, that will be the centerpiece of a live auction (to benefit local charities) at Gecko Ball. The show will also feature selections from the participating artists' regular body of work in a variety of media. Free & open to the public. Cash bar. Free hors d'oeuvres.

GEMS Gulfport Getaways

Senior Center registration is required. However, there is no need to be GEMS member to enjoy the exciting Gulfport Getaways. Call 727-893-2242 for more info and to reserve a seat. Trips are non-refundable and subject to change without notice.

August 2 - St. Petersburg Sculpture Experience & Po' Folks. Enjoy the fascinating world of monumental sculpture! Check out over 100 sculptures, relax with Mark Twain on the patio, & see 42 Studio Master Sculptures you'll never see anywhere else! For lunch, we will stop at a local favorite, Po' Folks for some hearty, home-style cooking, with your friends on this getaway, \$16 for GEMS Members / \$20 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes road-trip transportation, admission, guided tour & parking. Meal paid for separately.

August 6 - The Ringling Art Museum & Bayfront Gardens. Wander through galleries filled with antiquities, old masters and modern visionaries, from the Ringling Museum's permanent collection and traveling exhibitions. While visiting the Ringling, leisurely explore the 66-acre Bayfront Gardens. \$15 for GEMS Members / \$20 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes transportation, parking and admission.

August 16 - Derby Lanes. Come with us to the exciting Derby Lanes where you can wager on all your favorite picks, practice your best poker face with a hand of Texas Hold'em, or just sit back & watch the high-energy fun! Enjoy lunch at the Derby Club Four which offers a causal menu & full bar. \$6 for GEMS Members / \$8 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes road-trip transportation & parking.

August 23 - Ybor City Museum State Park & Columbia Restaurant. Discover the rich cultural heritage of Ybor City & learn about the role Ybor City played in Tampa's development & its reputation as the "Cigar Capital of the World." We will travel down the road to the Columbia Restaurant, a Florida tradition since 1905. \$20 for GEMS Members / \$24 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes road-trip transportation, parking, admission & guided tour. Meal paid for separately.

August 27 - Out-to-Lunch Bunch: Brass Tap. Enjoy a delicious lunch & a craft beer at the BRass Tap. Afterwards, shop to your heart's content at Tyrone Square Mall's new stores. \$4 for GEMS Members / \$6 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes road-trip transportation. Meal paid for separately.

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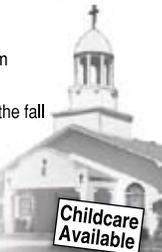
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Ralph is a retired math teacher originally from New York. Before moving to The Fountains in June 2017 he experienced the benefits of retirement community living firsthand in North Carolina. A thousand miles away from his first family was too far for Ralph, so he moved to St. Petersburg to live closer to his son. One year later, Ralph is a big part of our welcome committee and is always ready to lend a hand. He helped organize the bridge club and plays four or five days a week. You'll often find Ralph putting together puzzles and teaching Watermark University classes based on his world travels. Ralph is a great friend to have here at The Fountains.

"Most people do not realize that within two weeks they're going to have a whole new set of friends and their loneliness is going to disappear."

– Ralph Jordon, resident of The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay

DISCOVERY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, July 25th • 11:30am – 1:00pm

Do you think you might be ready to take the next step? Join us for a delicious chef-prepared lunch, explore your retirement living options and plan your best future.

We'll provide an overview of CCRCs, in-home care, rentals, entry fee communities and other options, along with an explanation of Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care, Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing.

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Lions Club Installs New Officers



The Gulfport Lions Club recently installed new officers. Pictured here, from left, are Rob Vincent, Secretary; Ron Coyne, First Vice-President; Jean Beum, President; their mascot, Mr. Bear; John McEwen, Second Vice-President; Jill Coyne, Treasurer; and AJ, guide dog in training from Southeastern Guide Dogs.

Nine Local Artists Create Geckos

Nine larger-than-life geckos will be the centerpiece of a live auction to benefit local charities. All nine geckos can be seen at the opening reception of the Fourth Annual Art Gecko Show on Friday, August 3 at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Ave. S., from 6 until 8 p.m. The show will also feature selections from the participating artists' regular body of work in a variety of media. The reception is free and open to the public and will also include complimentary hors d'oeuvre and a cash bar. The geckos will then go up for auction at the 10th Annual Gecko Ball on Saturday, August 25 at the historic Gulfport Casino Ballroom.

Each gecko will be a prized collector's art work and join the ranks of nearly 80 other geckos that have been created since the inception of the Gecko Ball.

Following the opening reception, the nine geckos will be moved and displayed at various public locations in Gulfport to be announced during the reception.

All Gecko events are sponsored by the non-profit Gulfport Merchants Association and a portion of proceeds benefits one or more local charities each year. For more information on the Gecko Ball go to visitgulfportflorida.com, geckofest.com or facebook.com/geckoball, or contact John Haugen at jhaugen@hudsonmkt.com.

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Free Clinic on Parkinson's Disease

On July 28, two leading Parkinson's specialists will present the latest information and findings on the physical and psychological challenges of Parkinson's, the progressive, degenerative brain disorder that affects millions of people around the world. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at the Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Rd.

Dr. Heather Herrema, DO, a board-certified Movement Disorder Specialist at Central Neurology in St. Petersburg, will speak on "Living Well with Parkinson's." Dr. London Butterfield, a psychologist with St. Anthony's Hospital BayCare Medical Group, will speak on "With PD or Not: How to Keep Your Mind as Sharp as Possible."

Hosted by Neuro Challenge Foundation for Parkinson's, the event is free and open to the public.

Advance registration is required. For more information about the event contact Cindy Underwood at 941-266-5833. Register online at eventbrite.com/e/pinellas-county-distinguished-speakers-event-tickets-47354495571.

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Hitting the Big 105



Gulfport resident and *Gabber* reader Rose Severi celebrated her recent 105th birthday at the Gulfport Senior Center. A very happy birthday to you, Rose!

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New Recycling Bins Come to Gulfport's Beach Pavilions

By Angelina Bruno



New recycling bins have been added to the pavilions at Gulfport Beach on Shore Blvd this week. Tom Nichols, public works director for the city of Gulfport, talked to the Gabber Monday, July 9, about the new waste management strategy.

"We're just trying to capture as much recycling as possible," said Nichols. According to Nichols, the addition of recycling bins to Gulfport Beach in the past has increased recycling numbers in the city.

To keep the conservation efforts going, Nichols urges people using the bins to limit items to plastic bottles and cans, and to avoid putting in food-contaminated garbage, like pizza boxes or styrofoam containers. The introduction of contaminants into the recycling limits the city's ability to recycle materials.

"We can handpick it out if it's not too many pieces though," said Nichols.

Each of the new bins costs \$45 and one will be placed at each of the 10 pavilions.

Shane Voshell uses the new recycling bins at a Gulfport Beach Pavilion on Saturday, July 14, to dispose of a plastic bottle. "I'm glad the city has a focus on recycling," he said. "It feels good to help the environment."

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Depression Bipolar Support Group

A depression bipolar support group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Pasadena Community Church, 227 70th St. S. The meetings are free and no registration is required. For more information call 727-410-1569 or visit dbsatampabay.org.

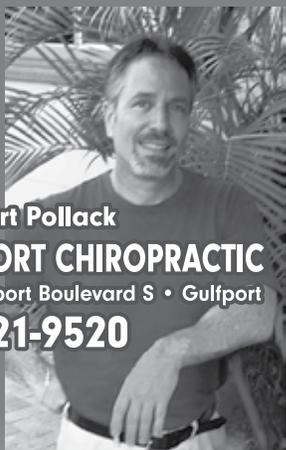
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Art Classes at the Gulfport Senior Center

Have you always wanted to draw or paint but have been afraid that it's too difficult? The Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., has new classes starting every few months. Third quarter classes begin in August and run through October. Classes fill quickly, you must pre-register by calling 727-893-5657. Registration is now open.

Classes include Open Studio (Mixed Art) classes on Mondays at 1:30 p.m., Open Workshop (Watercolor) classes on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and Learning the Basics (A drawing and Acrylic Painting Class for Beginners) on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

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Get Involved with Gulfport's Night Out

Get to know your neighbors and Gulfport's first responders! The date is set for Gulfport's Night Out. This interactive community event is on Thursday, August 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Ave. S., in the surrounding parking lot and the north block lot located on 26th Avenue South.

All attendees will get to meet and learn about the Gulfport Police Department, Gulfport Fire Department and other city staff. Check out Gulfport's Police and

Fire vehicles as well as the Marine unit. More information to come on upcoming demonstrations.

Children's activities, food from local restaurants and drawings for prizes from local organizations are in store for this upcoming event. The New Horizons Band will be on hand.

Parking is available at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., on Beach Boulevard. Additional parking is available at the Gulfport Library, 5501 27th Ave. S. after 7 p.m.

The Gulfport Night Out event is organized by the Gulfport Police Department and the city of Gulfport. For more information or how your organization can get involved, please contact Professional Standards Commander Josh Stone at 727-893-1111 or Administrative Assistant, Gail Biron at 727-893-1049.

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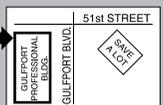


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Local Crime Watch

A sampling of police reports from July 5 to July 14 in Gulfport, St. Pete Beach and South Pasadena.

Source: Pinellas County Crime Viewer and Gulfport Police Department

Gulfport

7/5- Battery in the 2700 block of Tifton Street South. A resident reported that her neighbor pushed her down because she came onto his property to check her water meter. The neighbor denied ever touching her and she indicated she did not want to prosecute. They were able to work out their differences and come to an agreement regarding the water meter.

7/6- Suspicious person in the 2600 block of 45th Street South. A resident reported that an unknown man was standing in the street taking photos of his residence. The man never walked on to the property and was gone before officers arrived.

7/6- Assist citizen in the 2500 block of 50th Street South. Officers responded to a residence at the request of a concerned neighbor who had not seen her neighbor for a couple of days. We received another call at the same location from a concerned friend. The caller stated that she speaks to her friend every day and has not been able to reach her for the past couple days. Officers made entry to the residents and found the owner on the floor. She had fallen and could not get up. She was transported to the hospital.

7/6- Structure fire/traffic control in the 5700 block of Gulfport Boulevard. Officers assisted several fire companies with traffic control at a structure fire. Gulfport Boulevard was closed from 56th Street to 58th Street South for approximately 2 hours.

7/7- Retail theft at Save a Lot. Employees reported that a

Hispanic male came into the store and placed four T-Bone steaks in a black backpack and ran out of the store. He was last seen running towards Family Dollar.

7/7- Theft at Town Shores. A resident reported that a family member took \$2,000 from her husband's bank account. Her husband is 90 years old and suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's.

7/8- Disturbance in the 5600 block of Tangerine Avenue South. A resident called regarding a disagreement with her son. The situation escalated and he threatened to come back with a gun. Her son left before officers arrived and they have not been able to locate him.

7/11- Burglary to a residence in the 4900 block of 26th Avenue South. Someone entered a carport, cut a bicycle lock and stole a Susan G. Komen black and pink bicycle.

7/11- Vehicle crash in the 5500 block of Shore Blvd South. Officers received a call regarding a three vehicle crash. The driver of one of the vehicles was backing up and continued accelerating which caused him to strike to parked cars. The driver was cited for improper backing.

7/11- Recovered stolen vehicle in the 5300 block of Tangerine Avenue South. A resident reported that juveniles were stealing his moped. Officers responded to the area, but while they were enroute, they were notified that the owner of the moped was involved in an altercation in St Petersburg with a juvenile riding the moped. The juvenile fled the scene after the altercation. Gulfport officers quickly

established a perimeter and with the assistance of a K9 were able to get the suspect into custody (the K9 was closing in on his location so he turned himself in to an officer on a perimeter point). The suspect admitted to police while in custody that another juvenile was with him and aided in the theft. The juvenile was transported to Pinellas Juvenile Assessment Center and the investigation is ongoing in an attempt to locate the second suspect.

7/11- Burglary to a vehicle in the 1400 block of 61st Street South. The driver side rear window of a vehicle was smashed while it was parked in a parking lot. Nothing appeared to be missing from the vehicle.

Weapon

7/13, 6 a.m., 1000 block of 58th St S

Burglary-Vehicle

7/11, 10:30 a.m., 1400 block of 61st St S

7/12, 4:12 p.m., 1400 block of 49th St S

7/12, 6:30 p.m., 5300 Block of 28th Ave S

7/14, 6 p.m., 1500 Block of Sea Gull Dr S

Theft-Grand

7/11 5 p.m., 6000 block of Shore Blvd S

Burglary-Structure

7/11, 10:30 p.m., 4900 block of 26th Ave S

Vandal/Criminal Mischief

7/13, 11:11 p.m., 4900 Block of 14th Ave S

Missing Person

7/14, 10 a.m., 5000 Block of 10th Ave S

Theft-Petit

7/13, 8:30 a.m., 5100 block of Gulfport Blvd S

Battery

7/14, 7:30 a.m., 2800 block of 49th St S

Burglary-Residence

7/10, 5:30 p.m., 3100

block of Dupont St S

Stolen Vehicle

7/11, 7:30 p.m., 5300 block of Tangerine Ave S

South Pasadena

Theft-Petit

7/13, 9 p.m., 6800 block of Gulfport Blvd S

7/13, 12 p.m., 1200 block of Pasadena Ave S

Theft-Shoptlifting

7/13, 12:45 p.m., 6800 block of Gulfport Blvd S

Theft-Grand

7/12, 12 a.m., 1200 block of Pasadena Ave S

St. Pete Beach

Burglary-Vehicle

7/11, 9 p.m., 100 Block of 51st Ave

7/12, 4:43 p.m., 500 block of 70th Ave

Theft-Petit

7/10, 2 p.m., 3800 block of Gulf Blvd

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Theft-Grand

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7/11, 5 p.m., 5300 block of Gulf Blvd

7/12, 2 p.m., 5200 block of Gulf Blvd

Vandal/Criminal Mischief

7/14, 9:06 p.m., 4900 block of Gulf Blvd

Burglarly-Residence

7/12, 12:40:00, 300 Block of Bay Plz

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Burglary-Business

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Weapon

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Crossword Puzzle Solution on Page 12

ACROSS

- 1 Drudgery
- 5 In love, old style
- 9 Low
- 13 Courtyards
- 15 Ms. Daly
- 16 Server's edge, in tennis
- 17 The Isere feeds it
- 18 Nora Charles' pooch
- 19 Grease
- 20 Marian Anderson and Kathleen Ferrier
- 22 Stead
- 23 Lenard's *Winnie* ____
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- 24 Forever, to poets
- 26 Fireplace feature
- 30 Freeway deflator
- 32 *Un bel di*, for one
- 33 Chalcedony variety
- 35 Harshness
- 39 Gainsay
- 41 Thrift
- 43 Skip over
- 44 Change the decor
- 46 Mystique
- 47 Composer Berg
- 49 Tom's co-star in *Rain Man*

- 51 Gershwin hit of 1919
- 54 Active one
- 56 Secular
- 57 Seeger or Baez
- 63 French wave
- 64 Sharif
- 65 Saw
- 66 Czech river
- 67 Rockfish
- 68 Heavenly headwear
- 69 Bridge call
- 70 Remnants
- 71 Reeve role

DOWN

- 1 Chagall
- 2 Gamba's successor
- 3 Remove the crease
- 4 Fluff
- 5 Play for time
- 6 Queen's field
- 7 Division word
- 8 Ribbed
- 9 Markova and Farrell
- 10 Robin ____
- 11 Street sound
- 12 Provide
- 14 Eagle's perch
- 21 Distribute
- 25 Poi source
- 26 Constructed

- 27 Seed coat
- 28 Unless, legally
- 29 Bojangles and Hine
- 31 Pink-slipped
- 34 Tiber tributary
- 36 Big-toe woe
- 37 Ahab's father
- 38 Tatum's dad
- 40 River of Africa
- 42 Morse and penal
- 45 Anglia
- 48 In preference to
- 50 Dickens' Heep
- 51 Sailing vessel
- 52 Harpsichordist
Landowska
- 53 Staff personnel
- 55 Gumbo vegetables
- 58 Sign
- 59 Bismarck is its cap.
- 60 Storm
- 61 Pianist Petri
- 62 Take ten

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Those who haven't found peace inside themselves will relentlessly pursue external validation, often in the form of monetary gain. As the ancient poet Horace said, "All for a seat down front at some bad play?" Contrastingly, your serenity of purpose will have you working hard, with your love as the fuel and also the reward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People may think of themselves as brands, but it's perceptions of people that are brands, not the actual person. This week you could go in a lot of different directions, and the decisions will be tough. Don't be overly swayed by the definition of you. That's a construct. Your heart defies the limits of perception.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everyone experiences the moment differently. You're so hard on yourself that you might be surprised about how generous people can be when it comes to you. What you think of as mistakes, others embrace as part of your offbeat style. You're more effective than you think.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If they don't understand what you're doing, maybe they never will. When they ask for an explanation, it's a chance to get it straight in your own head. Seize the opportunity, but do it for you. Don't be surprised if they never really get it. That doesn't matter.

What matters is your journey to clarity, beauty and truth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The special kind of tired you get at the grocery store is called "decision fatigue," and it's exactly why situations with fewer options are favored this week. To make a decision requires more brain power (and willpower) than you might think, but solid organizing principles will help. If there are no rules, make a few up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Selfishness is the enemy this week -- not because it's inherently bad to focus on you but because it turns your world into a cage. No small world for you, thank you. A big, colorful world will offer you far more opportunities for wonder and beauty than you'll ever have trying to control a small circle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your senses are your conduit to the world, but they get blocked by various aspects of life, familiarity being a big one these days. Too much of the same thing makes you dull to it. This is why change, new meetings, reading and travel are so essential to your well-being. Make these things happen this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It may feel as though you're stuck, and it's true that you don't seem to be moving along very quickly, but that's only because it's happening too slowly for the eye to detect. You're

growing slowly, and you'll get there. Take it on faith. Keep your eye on the prize, and, if you can't exactly move there, at least lean into it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The one who plants the tree won't get the shade. These things take time. Unfortunately, some kinds of destruction work in the same way. Think about how it pertains to your current lifestyle. Something you're socially conditioned toward might be a problem for future generations, but you can change it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While some would say that the world is filled with incurious dullards who are concerned only with the very surface aspects of their own role in it, you believe differently. You think that people can become deeper, and, with better examples to follow, they'll want to. You'll provide such a model example this week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You forgave, and now you're back at square one, with more on the table that needs forgiving. At what point does this become futile? Should you forgive one more time? No. Forgive a thousand more times. But take the lesson. Protect yourself better. Make yourself impervious to the mistakes of others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In the culinary arts, bitterness is made palatable by the addition of something sweet, salty or sour. As for the emotional arts, bitterness won't be balanced by saltiness or sourness at all. So when it gets a little bitter this week, as it sometimes will, go for the sweetness. Life will be delicious.

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Mooring Field,

from front page

Opening soon, Gulfport's new mooring field is "perfect," says Vice Mayor Christine Brown who, on Friday, July 13 was the first councilmember to receive an official tour of the facility located just off the municipal beach in Boca Ciega Bay.

Denis Frain, the city's municipal marina director, gave Brown and this Gabber reporter a 30-minute guided tour.

"It's well thought out and engineered," said Brown.

The field, opening in about 10 days, will accommodate up to 25 sailboat-only moorings and each vessel can be up to 60 feet in length, said Frain. In the beginning, 22 mooring balls will be available for daily or weekly rentals while three will be reserved for monthly timespans for non-liveaboard sailors for up to six months.

"We can adjust it as we need to," he said.

Rates will be \$22 per day, \$139 per week and \$332 per month.

Like slips at the marina, mooring ball rentals will be handled through a popular online reservation service called Dockwa. Gulfport was the first municipality in Florida to start using the system, said Frain.

The reservation process will include a series of emails to boaters that confirm payment, provide how-to instructions for attaching the front or bow of a boat to a mooring ball and amenities details about marina facilities along with a weekly list of municipal events, said Frain.

"This is a baby mooring field," he said. "I think it fits this area and this footprint very well."

The 17.5-acre mooring area faces Williams Pier, the Casino and beach area.

At their January 16, 2018 meeting, city council approved a contractual bid agreement with American Underwater Contractors of Tequesta, Florida, to begin the process of creating a mooring field. At their February 20 meeting, council gave final approval to create the facility.

According to a city memorandum, the mooring field will "ideally address the issues of unregulated anchoring in a city managed and



Buoy number 20 will be available for sailboat-only reservations in about 10 days, said Denis Frain, Gulfport's municipal marina director. The buoy is one of a total of 25 anchoring balls that comprise Gulfport's new "state-of-the-art" mooring field, he said.

controlled [area] of Boca Ciega Bay, which is associated with damage to sea grass colonies from dragging anchor, degradation of water quality due to improper trash and sewage disposal, and [incidents] of derelict vessels."

The city has also purchased a pump-out boat that will regularly service vessels using the mooring field, said Frain. Additionally, it will be available to boats anchored in city-governed waters that extend about half way out into the bay.

Frain is completing a mapping process that will soon identify the bay area monitored by the city based on GPS coordinates.

The installer working with Gulfport to create a "state-of-the-art" mooring field has experience in creating other facilities at Boot Key Harbor in the city of Marathon in the Florida Keys, St. Augustine and Miami Dade, "which is one of the largest in the state," said Frain.

Gulfport's mooring ball screw-type anchors extend 14 feet into the ground because an area of soft mud is involved, he said. They are also rated to withstand a Category 1 hurricane, "though we will advise boaters to leave the field during a storm."

"I like that it is symmetrical," said Brown who also teaches math at the high school level. From the water, the field "and the city look beautiful," she said. "We're lucky to be here."

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

What Steps are Involved in the Probate Process? Part II

This article is part two in our review of the Florida probate process and follows our last feature on probate.

Appointing the Personal Representative

The court authorizes a Personal Representative to administer the deceased's estate. A Personal Representative, also called an executor/executrix, assumes the responsibility for closing an estate as soon as possible in an effort to distribute the estate's assets to those who rightfully inherit them without delay. This person is critical to the probate process.

Personal representatives have a legal obligation to perform their duties honestly and efficiently. The heirs to an estate can hold a Personal Representative personally accountable for harming the estate's financial standing by neglect or deliberate action.

A will typically names the deceased's choice for Personal

Representative, and Probate Courts will normally honor this choice. When no will exists, or if the Personal Representative named in the will declines to serve or cannot serve, the court has the authority to appoint a Personal Representative. Once the Personal Representative is appointed, the Probate Court recognizes the Personal Representative's authority to act on behalf of the deceased's estate. The Court issues a document, called "letters of administration," identifying the Personal Representative as the estate's official representative. A Personal Representative can show this document to a bank officer, for example, to gain access to a checking account.

Needless to say, the Personal Representative should be a trusted family member or close friend who will act to carry out the wishes of the deceased.

A person who decides that he/she does not want to be a Personal Representative can decline the appointment. A back-up, or successor, Personal Representative is then appointed. Similarly, if the Personal Representative feels that the job

involves more effort than one person can handle, the Court may appoint a co-Personal Representative.

Informing the Affected Parties

The Personal Representative is responsible for formal notification and the publishing of public notices in newspapers to inform potential heirs and creditors about the probate proceeding. After giving notice, waiting periods follow. Creditors, heirs, and others can file their claims against the estate during these periods of time.

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MudWars, from front page

The competitive sports event pits teams of 6 to 10 adults head to head in multiple muddy events. Saturday's games included an obstacle course with water slide, volleyball, tug of war, football and jousting while sitting on a platform over an above-ground swimming pool. All teams compete in each of the eight events at least once, and prizes for first, second and third place were awarded at the end of the day.

Tampa Bay Club Sport put on the competition in conjunction with America II Electronics. The two companies paired up with a list of sponsors this year, including BayCare, the Sirata Beach Resort and the Tampa Bay Rowdies in order to make a donation to four entities: Hands4Hope, the Marine Exploration Center, TASC0, and the city of St. Petersburg.

Proceeds from alcohol sales at Extreme MudWars is divided amongst the four groups. TASC0 and the city of St. Petersburg use the donation to put on a similar mud event for teens each year.

TASC0 stands for Teen Arts, Sports, and Cultural Opportunities and is responsible for teen programming through St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation. Money raised at Extreme MudWars helps the city offset costs for the teen version of the event, TASC0 Teen Mud Wars, which celebrates it's 18th anniversary this

year. On Thursday, July 19, at Lake Vista Park, teens will compete on teams of 12 in mud-ridden obstacles for a chance to win \$500 and trophies.

"It means a lot to us to have these

donations," said Yoser Pacheco, supervisor at TASC0. "The money donated to us really helps us put the event together and cover the expenses," he said.

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The Contents are believed to be the following:

Tenant	Unit	Contents
Elwan Chavers	#64	Household Items

July 19 & 26, 2018

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There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3) times. Holy Mother, I place this prayer in your hands. (3) times.

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POWERFUL PRAYER TO HOLY SPIRIT - Holy Spirit, you who solves all problems, who lights all roads so that I can attain my goal, you who give me the divine gifts to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life you are with me, I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you, in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. FV.

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