

Red Tide's Effects Reek into Gulfport, St. Pete Beach

By Debbie Wolfe



On the morning of Sunday, September 16, the effects of the recent red tide algae bloom were present in large quantities along the entire tide line in St. Pete Beach, including directly in front of the Don Cesar on Pass-a-Grille. By 8:30 a.m., work crews and a large industrial-sized tractor were arriving to collect and dispose of the dead sea life. By Monday, red tide was present with large fish kills in Gulfport.

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After a Hurricane Hits, 'We Bring People Hope'

By Debbie Wolfe



John Riesebeck, owner of Smokin' J's Real Texas BBQ in Gulfport, holds a sampling of hurricane relief supplies in front of the 26-foot rental truck he and one helper will take to North Carolina on Sunday, September 23 to aid victims in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence.

See *Hurricane Relief*, page 21

Trolley Market Bid Awarded, Budget Approved

By Abby Baker

Gulfport City Council members approved a heavy load of city upkeep at the September 18 meeting, including an awarded bid for the city's newest historical park.

The Trolley Market Square Improvement Project, also known as the Tangerine Greenway Infrastructure Improvements Project has been discussed for over six years, said City Manager Jim O'Reilly.

The city has just recently entered into an agreement to build the park with Tampa Contracting Services for the amount of \$379,557.05.

See *Gulfport Council*, page 22

Gulfport GetGo Needs Drivers

Gulfport GetGo needs drivers for the upcoming busy autumn season. To apply or for more information call Chrisan at 443-254-6020.

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Fanning the Flames at the Historical Society

Join the Gulfport Historical Society on Friday, September 28, on the grounds of the Gulfport History Museum for their "Fanning the Flames of History" porch party.

Although the museum, at 5301 28th Ave. S., is temporarily closed due to fire damage, the society will host an outdoor fall event themed around fire. They'll have a campfire (with marshmallows and hot chocolate and BBQ) behind Scout Hall. They'll also be pre-selling t-shirts featuring art from a local artist. All proceeds will benefit the society's fire fund, set aside to archive, protect and digitize all the museum's records.

They'll have a 50/50 raffle and other surprises. BYOB, dogs welcome. The Society's kitchen survived the fire and, thanks to that, members will be able to enjoy adult beverages at no charge. Please text or call 727-656-5420 for more information. The porch party is free and starts at 7 p.m.

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Explore the Benefits of Acupuncture

Acupuncture may be new in the U.S. but it is a medical system from China that has been practiced for over 2,000 years. Rebecca Gibbons is an RN and Acupuncture Physician and will talk about the history and the science of acupuncture. She will also discuss how it helps treat pain, anxiety, depression and other numerous disorders.

This workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 26 at 2 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. Please join Gibbons, a registered nurse for over 13 years, who went back to get her Master's in

Chinese Medicine when she wanted to treat people with a more holistic approach. She also has a B.A. in Psychology from UWF and is certified in Integrative Health Coaching from Duke University.

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.

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Biodiversity Lecture Series at Stetson

Stetson University College of Law will host the Edward and Bonnie Foreman Biodiversity Lecture Series on environmental topics in the Great Hall of the Gulfport campus at 1401 61st St. S. Lecturers include environmental experts from across the country speaking on topics ranging from ecosystems, to hands-on learning about the environment, to restoration of wetlands. All lectures are free and open to the public.

On Tuesday, September 25, at noon, attorney and photo explorer Richard O. "Dick" Jacobs presents "Dirty Hands, Wet Feet Learning." Jacobs is senior counsel with Johnson Pope Bokor Ruppel & Burns.

On Thursday, November 8, at noon, Dr. M. Siobhan Fennessy presents on "Wetland Restoration." Fennessy is the Jordan Professor of Environmental Studies & Biology at Kenyon College.

To attend, and for more information, email biodiversity@law.stetson.edu.

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Teen Night Program at Recreation Center

Registrations continue for the Gulfport Recreation Center's 2018-2019 Teen Night Program for teens in middle school to age 17.

The program provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, service projects and overnight lock-ins. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Annual registration is \$2 for

residents and \$22 for non-residents. For more information please call John at 727-893-1079.

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Coffee with a Cop and Councilmember

If you didn't make it to the last event, let the aroma of fresh brewed coffee help you find your way to historic Scout Hall to enjoy casual conversation with a cop and councilmember. This event is hosted by Community Resource Officer Zack Mills and his special guest, Councilmember, Paul Ray. The chat and coffee will occur on Saturday, October 6 between 9 am and 11 am at 5315 28th Ave. S. As always during Coffee with a Cop, there is plenty of socializing and meeting old and new friends.

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Studio Duvoe Art Show at City of Imagination

Come join Studio Duvoe, Inc., the Pinellas Autism Project and the City of Imagination, to celebrate the artistic talents of neuro-diverse (ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, etc.) and

physically and developmentally-challenged kids and young adults from all over Pinellas County. The students, ages 5 to 42, paint in an abstract expressionism style based on color, movement, texture and feelings. When a student sells a painting, they receive half of the funds, with the other half going back into the non-profit for future events and art supplies.

The show is on Saturday, October 20, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the City of Imagination, 2726 54th St. S. Admission is free.

The students works are nicely framed and very reasonably priced (from \$10 to \$100). Don't miss this opportunity to view and appreciate these fine works of art. Even if you are not in the market for artwork, come tell them how beautiful it is.

There will be live music provided by Bud Good, J. Kolb and Keith and Frank. Food and drinks will also be provided. Call or text 727-271-5016 or email studioduvoe@yahoo.com with questions. Volunteers are needed for this event and cash donations can be made at studioduvoe.org.

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St. Anthony's Hospital Health Seminars

St. Anthony's Hospital health experts invite the community to attend seminars in October that will focus on breast health during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, weight loss surgery information and smoking cessation. There also will be free memory screenings offered. The monthly seminars are free to the public.

On Tuesday, October 2, there will be a weight loss surgery information session at noon in the LifeHelp Second Floor Classroom, St. Anthony's Resource Center at 500 Martin Luther King St. N. Take the first step to weight loss surgery and attend an information session. Jamii St. Julien, MD, will explain various options.

On Monday, October 8, there will

be a smoking cessation class at 6 p.m. at BayCare Outpatient Center (Carillon), Conference Room B, 900 Carillon Parkway. This two-hour class provides valuable tools to help you quit using tobacco including coping with cravings and physical and emotional symptoms. The class includes free aids to help quit using tobacco while supplies last.

On Tuesday, October 9, and Tuesday, October 23, there will be memory screenings from 10 a.m. till noon in St. Anthony's Hospital's main lobby, 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.

For more information on St. Anthony's, call 727-953-6993 or go to BayCare.org/SAH.

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Documentary on "Tales of the City" Author

The LGBTQ Resource Center at Gulfport Public Library continues its monthly LGBTQ Film Series on Thursday, October 18 with an entertaining documentary on the life of author Armistead Maupin.

This 2017 documentary examines the life and work of one of the world's most beloved storytellers, following his evolution from a conservative son of the Old South into a gay rights pioneer whose novels have inspired millions to claim their own truth. The story of the "Tales of the City" author moves between playful and poignant and laugh-out-loud funny. With help from friends including well-known actors (Ian McKellan, Laura Linney and Olympia Dukakis among them), Maupin offers a disarmingly frank look at the journey that took him from the jungles of Vietnam to the bathhouses of 70s San Francisco to the front line of the American culture war. (Not Rated)

Each film begins at 7 p.m. in the Friends Room at Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Ave. S. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Licensing restrictions prohibit explicitly naming of film titles 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.

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Current competitors include local chefs from Caddy's, Chill, Donnie B's, Gennaro's, Nori Thai, O'Maddy's, Portofino Italian Ristorante, Sea Hags Bar & Grill, Shells, Thai Am 2, The Island Grill & Raw Bar, and The Sea Porch at the Don Cesar. Check chowderchallengepag.com for additional restaurants.

Nick Setteducato, a local guitarist will sing favorites from the 60s to today; beverages will be available for purchase, and there will be a silent auction and raffles. Proceeds benefit the club and its chosen charities.

Tickets are \$15 in advance for adults and kids 12 years and up. Children under 12 are free with one adult ticket. Get tickets at chowderchallengepag.com.

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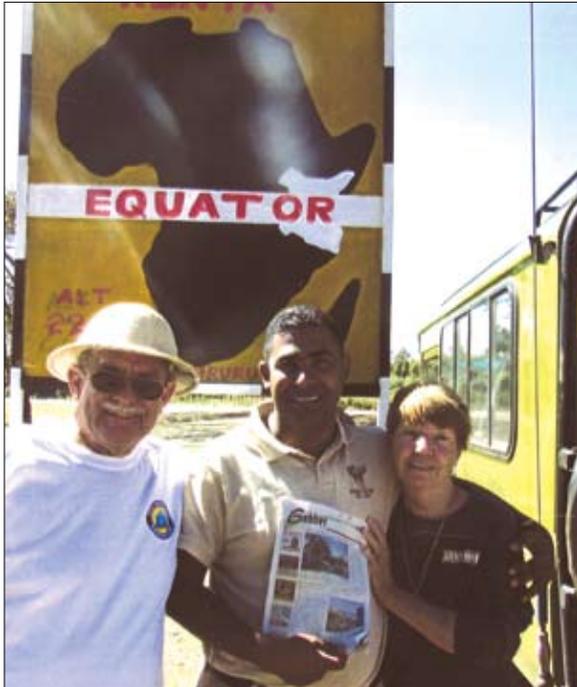


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Celebrate Hispanic Heritage at the Library

September 15 to October 15 is Hispanic American Heritage Month, and the Gulfport Library is celebrating by hosting a family dinner and craft event on October 4 at 6 p.m.

Come celebrate the spirit and culture of Hispanic and Latino countries with delicious food from Habana Café, make a fun craft and learn what makes Hispanic American Heritage so special. Many thanks to the Library's Circle of Friends for making this event free to the public.

You must register for this event so please call 727-893-1074 or email Cailey at cklasson@mygulfport.us to sign your family up.

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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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Third Annual Gulfport Chefs Table

Fabulous food, white tablecloths, china, glassware, exquisite table decor and full table service in the middle of Beach Boulevard in Gulfport's Waterfront District. This is the setting for a magical and memorable outdoor dining event, with family and friends, at the third annual Gulfport Chefs Table, a charitable event, this year benefitting the MY Foundation.

Eleven restaurants from Gulfport's thriving food scene will participate. The chefs have created four-course prix-fixe menus, and diners may choose any of the 11 menus being offered, ranging in price from \$60 to \$110 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Prices include wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages. All profits go to the MY Foundation, which has committed to helping a local family rebuild their home that was lost in a fire.

This year's event, co-hosted by the Gulfport Neighbors, Inc., with sponsorship by the City of Gulfport, will be held on November 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. Rain date is November 12. Reservations will be accepted starting Thursday, September 20.

To make your reservation, please call or visit the restaurant of your choice. Payment is requested at the time reservations are made. Groups wishing to sit together must all dine at the same restaurant.

The menus, from each restaurant, may be previewed at Facebook.com/Gulfport-Chefs-Table-113477049350404.

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Free Homecoming Dresses

The Belle of the Ball Project will provide free homecoming dresses and accessories to in-need high school girls on Saturday September 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at its boutique at 1210 Holt Ave. The charity will repeat the event on Saturday, October 6 and Saturday, October 20. The 5,000 sq. ft. permanent boutique is a beautiful store-like setting, with over 3,000 dresses in inventory.

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 is needed. A \$1 to \$5 donation is requested but not required. Dresses are for high school dances only.

Donations of dresses and accessories can also be made at the site. Large-sized dresses are the biggest need (size 18 to 26) For more information call 1-877-772-3553 or visit belleoftheballproject.com.

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Tech Tips With Stetson at Senior Center

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, 5501 27th Ave. S., on Friday, September 21 at 1:30 p.m. to teach seniors about smartphones and tablets. They will have tips for beginners and advanced users.

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

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Fifth Annual Mayors' 49th Street Cleanup

On Saturday, October 13, please join Mayor Sam Henderson of Gulfport and Mayor Rick Kriseman of St. Petersburg as they co-host the 5th Annual Mayors' 49th Street Cleanup. After the cleanup, join Police Chief Rob Vincent of Gulfport

and Police Chief Tony Holloway of St. Petersburg as they host the 4th Annual Chiefs' Chat Community Forum. Two community events celebrating "one street, two cities, one goal - collaboration."

The cleanup is about more than picking up litter. It is a celebration of community and it is about collaboration of the neighborhoods along 49th Street. Residents from all areas of both cities are encouraged to participate. This event affords all the opportunity to come out and meet neighbors, from both communities and while also making a difference! The communities of Gulfport and St. Petersburg should not be divided by anything more than four lanes of asphalt.

The event will feature community groups such as Chart 411, Keep Pinellas Beautiful, Tampa Bay Watch, LOCAL Shops1, So49, Gulfport Merchant's Chamber, Plastic Free Gulfport, Child's Park Neighborhood Association, the Gulfport Public Library and others.

And last but not least, the Urban Gypsies of Florida will kick off the

event and energize the volunteers, as only they can, with their innovative combination of Tribal, Gypsy, Disco, Bluegrass, 70s Rock, Folk and Funk.

The event takes place on the Tangerine Greenway on 49th Street South at Tangerine Avenue. Cleanup participants will be divided into four teams and will clean 49th Street and its adjacent alleys from the Pinellas Trail to Gulfport Blvd./22nd Avenue. The most unusual item collected, will garner the "Golden Picker" award.

There will be activities for the children. A light breakfast will be served and after the clean up there will be a 5th Anniversary cake, pop corn and ice cream.

Groups of five or more are encouraged to register at mygulfport.us/mayors-49th-street-cleanup-chiefs-chat. Any questions please call 727-893-1118.

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Gulfport Democrats Plan for Election

The Gulfport Democrats will meet on Monday, September 24, at 7 p.m. at Stella's, 3119 Beach Blvd. S.

The primary is over and now plans need to be made to really concentrate on the November election. This month they will have someone from Andrew Gillum's campaign at the meeting to explain how to help get a Democratic governor elected.

They will also have Paul Ford from the Pinellas Democratic Executive Committee speak about the amendments which will be on the ballot. These were meant to confuse voters, so come hear a clear explanation of what they all mean and get the Democratic perspective on the issues.

They will also be signing people up to Adopt Your Block. This is a program to contact the Democrats in your immediate area or building. The idea is to get to know them, encourage them to vote by mail (if they aren't already) and give them information on the candidates. They will give you all the information you need to get started, and you don't have to wait for the meeting. Contact April Thanos now at 206-501-7836 if you'd like to get involved. It is essential to have a good turn out in November!

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iPhone/iPad Instruction Class

There will be an instruction class on the basic functions of the Apple iPhone and iPad at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S.

The class, presented by the Gulfport Library, is on Thursday, September 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Space is limited so you must preregister. 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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It's time for the Annual Mega Challah Bake

The smell, texture, taste and look of Challah bread are so integral to the Jewish religion and the Sabbath experience. For centuries, women have baked this bread. With instruction, it can actually be easy to make the perfect Challah.

At 7 p.m. on October 25, 200 women will unite for the 4th Annual Mega Challah Bake at the Club at Treasure Island to enjoy sangria and delicious desserts, and make their own challah! With pre-measured ingredients, and all necessary ingredients and utensils provided, this is a unique and empowering experience.

Joining them will be a few families of three generations of Jewish women, symbolizing the unbroken chain that reaches back thousands of years, and those that continue their tradition to the next generations.

The past three years have been sold out, so book your tickets early at MegaChallahFL.com.

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LGBQ Book Club Returns For The Fall

Imagine that you are a lesbian in a 15-year relationship with someone who comes home one day and says "Honey, I think I'm a man and I want to transition." What would you do? How would it affect your relationship? Would you stay?

These issues will be addressed in this month's reading selection entitled "Queerly Beloved" for the LGTBQ Book Club at the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S.. The club has been on a summer hiatus but

TV Raffle to Benefit Historical Society

By Debbie Wolfe



Stacey Purcell, right, realtor and owner of Gulfport Realty, along with Alison Warner, sales associate, showcase a 49-inch Hitachi flat panel television set they are raffling for charity. All of the proceeds will be donated to the non-profit Gulfport Historical Society, which runs the local History Museum, as they work toward their goal of raising \$30,000 to digitally archive selected periodicals, photographs and documents, said Purcell. The museum survived a fire on Sunday, September 3 and the society has since emphasized a fundraising campaign that will allow them to safeguard key portions of the collection. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and are available during business hours at 5416 Gulfport Boulevard. The drawing for the winner will be held during Gulfport's 10th-annual Holiday Hoopla event on Saturday, December 8 at 5 p.m. Participants need not be present to win, said Purcell. For more information, call Purcell at 727-744-0636.

returns in October with a slate of riveting reading selections. The next meeting where "Queerly Beloved" will be discussed is scheduled for Monday, October 1 at 6 p.m. The group normally meets the first Monday of every month.

"Queerly Beloved" really happened. Eight years later, the couple not only remains together, but they still identify as queer, still work in LGBT media, and remain part of the LGBT community. How did their relationship survive a gender transition? The authors explore this question and delve into their relationship to reveal the trials and tribulations they have faced along the way. In doing so, they paint a portrait of love, not only to each other, but to the San Francisco Bay Area, LGBT publishing, and the queer community.

Participation in the LGBTQ book club is open to anyone regardless

of sexual orientation or sexual identity who loves reading and enjoys discussions about current LGBTQ-related literature.

Find out more about the Resource Center, the Circle of Friends and the Library on the web at mygulfport.us/gpl or on Facebook at facebook.com/GulfportLibraryFL.com.

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An Evening with Tim Dorsey

On Thursday, September 20, at 6 p.m., come experience an entertaining visit from, Tim Dorsey, acclaimed Florida author of the shockingly funny novels talks about his recently-published book, "The Pope of Palm Beach." This wild night at Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., is sure to be full of humor, anecdotes, and a few surprises!

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Red Tide,

from front page

It was uninvited but came anyway.

It visited Pass-a-Grille and other Gulf beach communities last week, and Gulfport on Monday; by Tuesday, September 18, it was mostly gone. Pinellas County monitoring reported Gulfport at a “medium” level on Monday, and by Tuesday, levels were back to “low.”

However red tide, a harmful and mostly saltwater algae bloom, and all of its dreadful effects made an appearance that could not be ignored.

Natural rust-colored blooms are most commonly comprised of what is called *Karenia brevis* and have been documented since people have been keeping historical records. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric



A City of Gulfport worker uses a tractor to clear away dead sea life caused by the recent red tide algae bloom. The tractor was used at the municipal beach and this waterfront area adjacent to the city's boardwalk located along Shore Boulevard between Williams Pier and the Casino in front of Salty's Bar and O'Maddy's Bar & Grille.



Red tide mega blooms can produce a toxin that affects the central nervous systems of a wide variety of marine wildlife that often results in death, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's website. Just after sunrise on Sunday, September 16 at Pass-a-Grille beach, the tide line reflected this result.

Administration, blooms most often occur during the summer months and particularly along the coasts of Florida and Texas.

Blooms can produce a toxin that affects the central nervous systems of a wide variety of marine wildlife in sometimes gory and even life-threatening ways, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's website. The toxin often results in the deaths of fish of all varieties and sizes, invertebrates such as scallops, sea turtles, mammals like dolphins and manatees, and birds.

And, when a bloom is bad enough, dead sea creatures can wash up onto beaches in large quantities with the tides and accumulate in the currents against seawalls. As a result, even healthy humans and their pets can experience respiratory, eye and skin irritation. For those who routinely have related health issues, it's

exponentially worse.

This is what recently occurred along Pinellas County's shorelines in a visual and pungent way.

In fact, according a variety of Facebook posters, the recent olfactory experience was so strong it was blown on the wind for as much as a mile inland.

It has also created a cleanup nightmare.

On private property, people are using garbage bags and litter pickers to collect dead sea life for disposal. In public areas, government entities often use engine-powered tractors sporting industrial sized implements like front-end loader buckets and landscape rakes to tackle larger accumulations.

Through Saturday, September 15, Pinellas County had removed about 172 tons of red tide debris for this bloom, said Gulfport Director of Public Works Tom Nicholls.

Local Reference Resources

Nicholls recommends that people visit the following Pinellas County website to learn how to handle dead sea life; when to request cleanup help; and, who to contact to report the impact of red tide on fish and wildlife: pinellascounty.org/environment/watershed/red-tide.htm.

And, red tide can come and go. According to the Visit St. Pete-Clearwater website, red tide blooms typically form offshore and sporadically affect coastlines and beaches based on on-shore winds. To monitor the current quality of local beaches, reference visitstpeteclearwater.com/current-beach-conditions.

Because red tide consists of many variables, plenty of government entities at the local, state and national levels along with non-profit groups and individuals participate in a wide variety of scientifically based monitoring activities, collect data and generate reports in an effort to predict then track the presence of blooms and their effects.

For frequent local red tide update reports measuring concentrations ranging from "not present" to "high," visit pinellascounty.org/environment/watershed/red-tide-2018.htm.

Florida Health has created a guide relating to medical issues associated with red tide: floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/aquatic-toxins/red-tide.html.

City of Gulfport staff meet daily to discuss the most recent government-based red tide monitoring reports, along with information obtained from local boat captains, to plan appropriate actions like cleanup operations or the posting of usage warnings for public areas, if needed, said City Manager Jim O'Reilly. The city frequently updates their official red tide information page at mygulfport.us/redtide.

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Along the break wall at the 49th Street South terminus, Gulfport city workers use nets during cleanup operations on Monday, September 17 to capture dead sea life that collected there as the result of the recent red tide algae bloom. In the area was a dead loggerhead turtle, which was reported to the Florida Fish and Wildlife authorities. Photo by Eagle Finegan.



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Grace Connection Church Yard Sale

Grace Connection Church will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, September 29, in their parking lot at 635 64th St. S. They're raising money for their annual Trunk or Treat Family Night. Come do some early Christmas shopping or find yourself a treasure.

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Sacred Lands Hosts Gypsy Wind Band

Sacred Lands, 1620 Park St., will host Gypsy Wind Band on Friday, September 21. They perform acoustic, bluegrass, jazz and folk tunes and you can check out their music at GypsyWindBand.com. There will be a healthy homemade meal for purchase separately for \$8.

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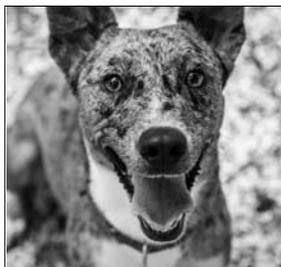
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49th Street Cleanup
4th Annual Chiefs' Chat
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PROGRAMS

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - Registrations for the 2018-2019 School Year Child Care Program continue for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Bear Creek, Gulfport Montessori and Douglas Jamerison Elementary. Program hours are until 5:30

p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Monthly fees are Option A \$150 for residents and \$188 for non-residents this includes in-service days. Option B \$130 for residents \$163 non-resident this does not include in-service days. Additional child discount available for Gulfport residents.

TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM Registrations for the 2018-2019 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./\$22 NON-RES..

TOT-Time Program- We are accepting 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. Proof of residency

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CLASSES

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Essential Oil - Wed. Sept. 26th Call Jennifer at 813-263-3919

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

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

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

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

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Water Color- Thurs. 9:30 a.m. Call Patsi 727-501-3559

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Adult/All Ages Programs

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Ukulele Group: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m. Regardless of expertise, everyone is invited to join in for some strummin' fun.

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

Gulfport Writers: Wednesdays at 10 am. (previously Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers).

Gulfport Toastmasters: Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm. FMI, call 727- 537-9098.

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

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, September 20, 12-1 pm. ****NOTE NEW TIME.** Discussion of The "Buddha in the Attic" by Julie Otsuka. Copies available at the Circulation Desk. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. FMI, call 727-893-1073.

An Evening with Tim Dorsey: Thursday, September 20, 6 pm. Save the Date!! Acknowledged as "Florida's king of mayhem," this entertaining author talks about his recently published novel, The Pope of Palm Beach.

Open Mic: Monday, September 24, 5-6:45 pm. FMI, call 727-893-1073.

Gentle Yoga for Adults: Tuesday, September 25, 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.

Paper Bird Wall Art: Wednesday, September 26, 12:30 pm. Join us for our monthly Adult craft/art program! This month, we will be using craft paper, glue, and paint to make a framed piece of art. We will use precut paper to create our scene and use paint to

distress our picture frame. Supplies are limited, so registration is required for this program. Please call 727-893-1074 to sign up.

LGBTQ Book Club: Monday, October 1, 6 pm. We'll discuss "Queerly Beloved" by Jacob and Diane Anderson-Minshall (was originally planned for Sept. meeting which was cancelled). Copies available at the Circulation Desk.

Grownup Movie Series: Saturday, October 6, 1 pm. Toni Collette gives an outstanding lead performance in a horror movie written for mature viewers who appreciate building suspense, the subtleties of the genre as well as the occult. Rated R. Call 727-893-1074 for title.

Talking With: An Evening with Poet Rob McCabe: Monday, October 8, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Rob discusses his life and literary background, and may share a few poems from his recently published collection of poetry. There will also be a Q & A session for the audience to find out more about our local author.

Fall Themed String Art: Wednesday, October 10, 1 pm. Use wood, nails, and colorful string to make a beautiful piece of art inspired by Fall. Weave your string around in a pattern to create a gentle Autumn leaf to display in your home or give as a gift. Supplies are limited, so registration is required. Please call 727-893-1074 to sign up.

LGBTQ Film Series: Thursday, October 18, 7 pm. This story of the "Tales of the City" author moves between playful and poignant and laugh-out-loud funny. With help from friends including well-known actors, Armistead Maupin offers a disarmingly frank look at the journey that took him from the jungles of Vietnam to the bathhouses of 70's San Francisco to the front line of the American culture war. (Not rated). Call 727-893-1074 for title.

Children/Teens/Family Programs

Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays, 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.

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 for kids up to 3 years old.

Bees Learning: Thursdays, 6-7:30 pm. Note change in time. Mobile reading intervention program for grades K-5. Classes held in RV parked in front of Library. Registration required. FMI contact leahveal@beeslearning.org, or call 404-308-0295. Visit beeslearning.org.

Clowning Around Circus Crafts & Games: Saturday, September 22, 1-3 pm. We will make a lion mask, clown hats, and fake cotton candy! We will also have a few carnival games to play. Grades K-5.

Make a Diddley Bow! Thursday, September 27, 5-6:30 pm. This one string guitar is made out of a wooden dowel, old cigar box, and various hardware found around your garage! Make it, play it, or give it to a friend! Grades 6-12. Limited supplies, registration required. Call 727-893-1134 to sign up.

Mommy & Me Yoga: Tuesday, October 2, 10:15 - 11 am. Meets on first Tuesday of the month and taught by registered yoga teacher Ms. Christal 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.

Hispanic American Heritage Month: Thursday, October 4, 6 pm. We are celebrating by hosting a family dinner for children and their caregivers, plus a make and take craft. Traditional foods will be catered by Habana Cafe. Spots are limited, call 727-893-1074 or email cklasson@mygulfport.us .

Raven's Guild: Saturday, October 13, 1 pm. Gather fans of anime, manga, gaming! Learn how to do a new craft. We'll also have snacks and screen a movie. Sponsored by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library. For ages 12-18. For movie title, call 727-893-1074.

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Department

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.

Tech Tips with Stetson: Smart Phones & Tablets - Fri., 9/21 @ 1:30 pm. Technology is constantly changing, making it hard to keep up with the latest changes, devices, & trends. Stetson students will offer Space is limited. MUST call (727) 893-5657 to pre-register.

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.

OPEN HOUSE - Mon., 9/24 @ 4-7 pm. Join us in celebrating National Senior Center Month. Invite your friends & family to come see what makes the Gulfport Senior Center so unique. Take a tour of the center, workout in the state-of-the-art fitness center, view or participate in program demonstrations & meet the instructors. Light hor d'oeuvres & beverages will be provided.

Explore the Benefits of Acupuncture - Weds., 9/26 @ 2 pm. Rebecca Gibbons, RN & Acupuncture Physician will talk about the history & science of Acupuncture. She will discuss how it helps treat pain, anxiety, depression, & other numerous disorders.

iPhone/iPad Instruction Class - Thurs., 9/27 @ 1:30 pm. Learn the basic functions of your Apple iPhone or iPad. MUST call 727.893.5657 to pre-register. Presented by the Gulfport Library.

Happy Birthday to You! - 4th Friday of Each Month @ 3 pm. Help us celebrate this month's birthdays with cake, games, and more. Sponsored by Simply Healthcare.

Empath Health Chats - Mon., 10/1 @ 3 pm Can We Talk? A Conversation About Healthcare Decision-Making and Living Wills. All of

us have our own wishes and preferences about what would be important to us if we were unable to communicate our healthcare choices. This presentation will cover the basics of advance care planning and provide information about Living Wills. We will also look at some effective communication techniques to help you discuss your wishes with your family. Every adult should be empowered to create, communicate and honor medical care wishes, this information can help you.

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.

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 onto mygulfport.us.

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Saturday, September 22

8 pm

Betty Fox Brass Band with Beth McKee

The Betty Fox Brass Band is throwing a party with the full horn section and keys! And Beth McKee's amazing band will start the show. This will be their last performance before they hit the road to record a new album.

Tickets \$25 at Eventbrite.com

GEMS Gulfport Getaways

Senior Center registration required. however there is no need to be a GEMS member to enjoy these exciting gulfport getaways.

Call 727-893-2242 for more information and to reserve your seat. Trips are non-refundable and subject to change without notice.

September 20 - John's Pass Village and Boardwalk. Enjoy the quaint turn-of-the-century fishing village with over 100 specialty shops and restaurants. Shop, grab a bite to eat or sit back and watch the dolphins pass...it's up to you.. \$5 for GEMS Members / \$7 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes: Round-trip transportation and parking.

September 25 - Safety Harbor Resort & Spa. Take a historic tour of Safety Harbor and Spa, one of America's oldest and finest spa resorts. Discover if Safety Harbor, known to be a haven where "healing waters flow," is the Fountain of Youth that Spanish explorer Hernando De Soto was looking for. Learn the rich history that this resort was built upon. After the tour, lunch will take place in the resort's Fountain Grille Restaurant. \$15 for GEMS Members / \$17 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes: Round-trip transportation, parking and guided tour. Meal paid for separately.

October 4 - The Dali Museum (Clyde Butcher: Visions of Dali's Spain) To create this special exhibition, The Dali invited Clyde Butcher, the renowned nature photographer often called "Florida's Ansel Adams," to explore and visually document Salvador Dali's homeland. Clyde Butcher: Visions of Dali's Spain provides a technically brilliant, epically-scaled view of Dali's beloved environs, to create a euphoric experience of immersion. \$23 for GEMS Members / \$25 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes: Round-trip transportation, parking, admission and guided tour.

Obituaries



COTE, ARTHUR PAUL "JOCK", of Gulfport, passed away peacefully under the nurturing care of Suncoast Hospice on Friday, September

7, at the age of 90. Arthur will be lovingly remembered by his "Honey" and wife of 48 years Teresa M. Cote (Amaral), his children Pearl Parent; Kenneth Conrad; Marie Jordan; Edward Conrad and Gino Cote, as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren and extended family. His parents Joseph and Antonia preceded Arthur in death, as did his eight siblings (John, Edward, Blanche, Gabriel, Victoria, Pauline, Germaine and Gloria). Born in Cambridge, MA, Arthur was forced to quit school at the age of 14 to

support his family following his father's death. He worked as a glass cutter for most of his youth and young adult life and held many trade jobs until he moved to Brockton, MA to manage Line Lumber in Stoughton, MA. This is when he met the love of his life, Teresa, coaching her son Kenny's little league team. Arthur and Terry lived with their family for over 30 years in Stoughton and enjoyed lots of good times with family and friends. He worked at Commercial Sheet Metal in Canton, MA until his retirement in 1990. Many times Arthur worked extra jobs in addition to his full time job to provide for his family and his work ethic and loyalty became a pillar of his character to all that knew him. Even during retirement Arthur and Terry worked every weekend at

local flea markets selling "treasures" which became a passionate hobby for both. After moving to Town Shores in 1999, they continued this passion, running and coordinating local estate sales. Arthur was the president of the Nottingham Building Board for several years and made some lasting friendships with his Town Shores neighbors. He was an avid Boston sports fan for his entire life. The Red Sox, Bruins and Patriots were like old friends that he shared with everyone. He was very handy and enjoyed home projects and fixing things. He loved telling jokes, having big family dinners, watching the game or just reminiscing about his life experiences. Arthur will always be remembered as a loving husband, caring father and just a great man. The family will have a celebration of life for Arthur at a later date in Massachusetts. Donations to Suncoast Hospice in his name would be a great way to honor his memory.

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Gulfport Woman Arrested, Charged with Help of Crime Watchers

By Debbie Wolfe

With the help of a suspect's neighbors and video surveillance systems on nearby homes, on Friday, September 14, Gulfport police arrested a woman on three charges including threatening her apartment building's landscaper with a handgun.

"This case is noteworthy because key evidence was provided [by] the crime watch group," said Gulfport Police Chief Rob Vincent in a Facebook post on September 14. "Without this information, we would not have been able to make a case."

Gulfport Police Officers Arion Nieves and Santo Nicita made the arrest.

According to police reports and court records, police officers obtained a probable cause arrest warrant for Chianti Ciara Gipson, 26, of 5508 11th Ave. S., on Wednesday, September 12 for aggravated assault.

On that morning, Gipson and Frank Gilliam, her apartment building's landscaper, argued for about 10 minutes.

Gilliam told police that Gipson asked him to cut some bushes. According to the police report, he said he told her that he is not paid to do that kind of work and at that point, she became irate.

At approximately 11:30 a.m., Gipson went into her apartment to get a gun. Next, she pointed the black revolver at Gilliam and created "a well-founded fear" in him "not having the intent to kill," according to the arrest affidavit filed in Pinellas County Circuit Court.

Afterward, she drove away in a rental car.

For the next two days, police conducted surveillance on the property and on September 14, at shortly after 2 p.m., they arrested Gipson.

Inside the rental vehicle, police found marijuana, two small silver scales and numerous small clear plastic bags. Officers then returned the car to the rental company, as it was 10 days overdue.

Gipson is charged with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia along with two third-degree felonies for aggravated assault and possession of a weapon within 1,000 feet of a school. Her apartment is located across the street from Boca Ciega High School.

At 9:27 p.m. on September 14, Gipson posted a total bond of \$10,150.



Chianti Siente Gipson, 26, is now out on bond, she is charged with one misdemeanor and two felonies relating to possession of drug paraphernalia, aggravated assault and possession of a gun within 1,000 feet of a school.

Sophie's Attic Has the Fresh Stuff

Greetings from Sophie's Attic, the coolest place in Gulfport to shop. This week they've put out a lot of kitchen "stuff." Utensils, cups, glasses, frying pans, a little bit of everything. Two "new to you" racks of freshly-laundered clothing are available for your shopping pleasure, in addition to what they already have. Some very nice clothing has been received in the last couple of weeks.

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. to noon.

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Boca Ciega Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Boca Ciega High School recently announced the 2018 inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Congratulations are in order for Earnest Crumbley Sr., class of 1981; Kenneth "Speedy" Smith, class of 2011; Coach Randy Shuman, current Boys' Basketball Coach and Barbara Paonessa, BCHS Principal from 1987 through 2003.

The Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be on Friday, November 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the BCHS cafeteria area. Cost for the ceremony buffet dinner is \$15 per person. Please make check payable to Pirate Athletic Hall of Fame (PAHOF, Inc.) and mail to BCHS, 924 58th St. S., Gulfport, FL 33707, Attn. Coach Randy Shuman. For more information contact Coach Shuman at shumanr@pcsb.org.

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Circus Crafts for Kids at Gulfport Library

On Saturday, September 22 at 1 p.m., the Gulfport Public Library will be presenting circus crafts and games for grades K-5. They will make a lion mask, clown hats and fake cotton candy! They will also have a few carnival games to play. Call 727-893-1134 for additional information.

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Monster Mash Returns to the Gulfport Casino

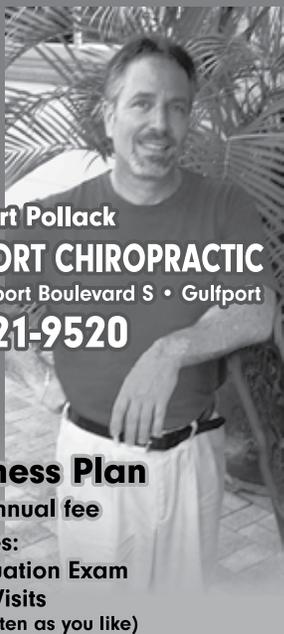
The Gulfport Senior Center Foundation and the Town Shores Masters Association are co-hosting this year's annual Monster Mash on October 27, from 7 till 11 p.m.

So put on your best, most creative or funniest costume and come join the festivities at the Gulfport Casino. Enjoy dancing to the band Four Of A Kynd, raffle prizes and costume contests while feasting on great eats.

Tickets on sale at Beach Bazaar, the Casino, Town Shores Office and the Foundation office in the Gulfport Senior Center.

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Hurricane Relief, from front page

After a hurricane hits, "We try to bring people some hope in the form of supplies and a hot meal," said John Riesebeck, owner of Smokin' J's Real Texas BBQ in Gulfport.

And, each time, he gets help from the public filling a 26-foot rental truck with the items that storm survivors need when the power is out and everything is wet. Currently, he's accepting donations to take to North Carolina on Sunday, September 23 in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence in the form of physical things like non-perishable food for humans and pets, drinking water, cleaning supplies, hygiene products, flashlights, batteries, dry towels and toilet paper.

People can bring items during business hours to 5145 Gulfport Boulevard S., or they can call Riesebeck at 214-542-9587 and he'll unlock the truck as he lives nearby. The restaurant's phone number is 727-329-8624.

If people don't want to shop or lug around supplies, they can also donate a Sam's Club gift card or cash for gas, said Riesebeck.

"What drives us to do this are the smiles on people's faces," he said. "You can see the appreciation for what you're doing. And, it's the right thing to do."

Riesebeck takes care of the hot meal with sides because his restaurant has a portable commercial-sized meat smoker on a trailer that can be taken to other locations.

Sometimes, really remote locations.

Riesebeck started with Hurricane Matthew in 2016 by going to Edgewater on Florida's east coast and was planning to help out in Texas, his home state, during Hurricane Harvey in 2017, but then Irma hit in his backyard. That year, he headed to Immokalee.

"My parents taught me to treat people right," he said. "You help people when you can. Everybody has hard times – myself included."

After a hurricane strikes, groups like the Red Cross, Salvation Army and National Guard all tend to head to the same focal point areas, he said.

Riesebeck is different. He works with people at local fire departments and emergency operations centers to find communities in need but that are not at the epicenters of national-level help.

"It's the little guy that's out in basically Gulfport that gets forgotten," he said. Once on scene, teams of local people, like the fire department's Community Emergency Response Team, volunteer to help him set up and tear down the compact operation. The relief site includes tents and tables where people can select the supplies they need from a store-like set up and a hot food line where they can pick up a meal plate, he said.

"It takes about eight hours to empty the truck and feed everyone," said Riesebeck. "We typically see anywhere from 500 to 700 people."

While he's on the road, he'll be posting photos, videos and doing live streaming, if technology allows, on his business Facebook page: facebook.com/SmokinJsRealTexasBBQ

And, he plans to continue his relief efforts in the future, when needed.

"It's what we do every time there's a hurricane that comes around," said Riesebeck. "We could be in the same boat some time and I just hope there would be somebody that would come over and help us. Sometimes, it just takes a little kindness to get back up on your feet."

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Gulfport Council,

from front page

Originally the bid amount was set at \$531,864.02, but a few revisions to the plan saved the city \$152,306.97.

"We had the opportunity to make better use of the space and make better use of the money, which was secured through community development block grants and the EPA," said Mayor Sam Henderson.

The park will include a large white "Welcome to Gulfport" sign alongside 49th Street South, a mounted historic trolley will decorate the park and will double as a concessions stand during events.

"The idea was to make that a little bit more of a formal entrance into the city from our west side," said Henderson. "It gives us the ability to have somewhat of a formalized park there."

Henderson explained that the area will also serve as a space for performing arts.

"I think it's going to be a great addition to the city," said Councilmember Paul Ray.

The 49th Street South Business Association, or So49, actively supports the new addition to Gulfport

and plans to coordinate public events in the area.

"I've actually had bands that we haven't heard from in years contacting me because they've heard of it," said Jeri Reed, president of So49. "Thank you, we are very excited."

The council unanimously agreed to the bid from Tampa Contracting Services; a date has not yet been set for the completion of the project.

Budget and Millage Rate Officially Approved

Both the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget and millage rate were approved upon their second reading.

Each ordinance goes into operation beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

The General Fund balanced budget is \$12,970,000.

"Thanks to all our department heads and the folks that put time and energy into doing this and jumped through all the hurdles to budget our city just like you have to budget your home," said Henderson.

The 2019 millage rate of 4.039 mills represents a 7.41% increase from the rolled-back rate of 3.7602 mills.

This corresponds to a generated \$3,599,476 in



Ingrid Bredenberg and Lisa Vanover presented the message behind their organization, Gulfport Votes 100% to the council.

taxes to the city for the 2019 fiscal year.

Smoking J's Owner Receives Spirit of Gulfport Award

John Riesebeck, the owner of Smokin' J's Real Texas BBQ in Gulfport, received the Spirit of Gulfport Award for his commitment to the community.

"If you've ever been to nearly any event that's been hosted in the city, John and Smokin' J's have likely donated food to it," said Henderson.

Currently, the BBQ restaurant is taking donations for those affected by Hurricane Florence in both North and South Carolina.

Riesebeck urged community members to come to his restaurant to donate "anything and everything," aside from perishable foods and clothing, because the sizes of garments limits who can be helped.

Said Councilmember Paul Ray to Riesebeck, "It's nice to have people like you in Gulfport because it really gives us that true community spirit."

Riesebeck has had a hand in donating food and funds

to a number of local events, including Gulfport Chefs Table charity fine dining event, the Tiny Homes for Homeless Veterans project, and a Hurricane Matthew donation fund in 2016.

Gulfport Votes 100% Prompts Locals to Hit the Polls

Ingrid Bredenberg and Lisa Vanover came to the September 18 council meeting to spread their organization's grassroots message "100% is possible, are you all in?"

Gulfport Votes 100% is a political organization that has a single goal: getting all registered voters in Gulfport to cast their ballots, regardless of party.

"Gulfport in our mind is a little unusual, and that's what we take pride in," said Bredenberg. "We really want to make a difference here."

The two presented woven bracelets that represent an individual's vow to vote, and presented plans of getting 100% of registered local voters to vote by the year 2020.

"I think we can do this," said Bredenberg.

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Mayor Sam Henderson presented the Spirit of Gulfport award to John Riesebeck, the owner of Smokin' J's Real Texas BBQ, in honor of his past and ongoing efforts to help community efforts.

Paper Bird Wall Art at Gulfport Library

Come create paper bird wall art at the Gulfport Library. This craft is for the birds or bird lovers! On Wednesday, September 26, at 12:30 p.m., participants will be using craft paper, glue, and paint to make a framed piece of art. They will use precut paper to create a scene and use paint to distress a picture frame. Supplies are limited, so registration is required for this program. Please call 727-893-1074 to sign up!

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New Coalition Seeks To Help LGBT Elders

LGBT elders have lived a lifetime of discrimination from employment, housing, military and even from their own religious institutions and families. With the current political climate, older LGBT people are feeling like "going back in the closet" in order to avoid prejudice in senior centers, retirement communities and health related facilities.

A number of professionals who work in the field of aging and other concerned individuals have been interested in providing supportive services for isolated and homebound LGBT elders, and have joined together to organize the Project Generations Coalition. Rather than starting their own nonprofit, the coalition is seeking an existing social service agency for a partner. The goals will be to provide friendly visiting, telephone reassurance and to provide for cultural competency training for

providers of aging services.

If you are interested in learning more about the issues confronting older LGBT elders, visit sageusa.com. SAGE (Advocacy and Services for LGBT Elders) is a multi-faceted national organization with affiliates in 39 locations. If you would like to learn more about Project Generations Coalition, ccontact Chris Almvig at 913-548-8448 or calmvig@yahoo.com.

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Gulfport Lions Christmas Craft Fair

Calling all crafters! The Gulfport Lions Club will hold a Christmas craft fair Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. Contact Linda at lc33711@gmail.com for an application. It's \$40 for an 8-foot table, first-come first-serve for the first 20 tables. Don't let time run out.

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Beta Sigma Phi Activities

Gamma Omega Master members will meet on Wednesday, September 26 at the home of Ellie VanDerhoff for their regular meeting at 7 p.m. The program will be presented by Ellie.

The City Council regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the ROTC Room at Dixie Hollins High.

Sunshine City Council Ways and Means Committee's project this year is a "Dine to Donate." On September 26 from 4 till 8 p.m. at Chipotle, 3700 Park Blvd., Chipotle will donate 33% of the food purchase to members and guests of members. Respective flyers have been distributed to members. They are working with a variety of other restaurants to add to this project.

Beta Sigma Phi is a social and cultural women's organization. Sunshine City Council has eight chapters and members of all ages. Some chapters meet once a month year round while others meet from September to May twice a month. For more information contact Sharon Ingram at 727-321-2849.

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Come Play Women's Doubles Tennis

The Racquettes are looking for women who want to join in the fun of playing doubles tennis on the Har-Tru courts of the St. Petersburg Tennis Center, 650 18th Ave. S.

Since one purpose of the Racquettes is to encourage women to play tennis, beginners are more than welcome. Join them on Friday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Membership is not required, but the court fee is \$11.50. Call Norah at 727-398-8055 for more information.

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Horoscope Guide

ARIES (March 21-April 19). How do you know you've learned from your mistakes? When you notice that you're making different ones. That's the best evidence there is, even better than the evidence of your success. Success proves you're getting something right, but new mistakes prove you're taking risks and really, fully living.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are so many ways to be kind to yourself. Some will seem like a good idea, but when you actually execute them, you'll learn they didn't quite do the trick. When that happens, try something else. You're getting to know yourself, after all. The better you know yourself, the more likely you'll be able to make yourself happy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll glimpse your future, but it's only one version -- the version that will happen if you continue on this path. But any change you make now, however small, will change everything. Don't

underestimate the power of making small adjustments. It will drastically change where you end up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You notice everything this week, including how people are dressed and what that says, clues they leave about where their affections lie and other evidence of their inner worlds. Because you're so perceptive, it would be difficult to keep secrets from you. You'll use what you learn constructively.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A responsibility will fall to you, not because it's technically yours, but because you're the only one who sees what needs to happen. It's like you're steering lemmings from the cliff ahead. A sign won't be enough to redirect the crowd and neither will an explanation. Head the group and run in the direction they should go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The outsiders don't know much about your goals or what qualifies as success to you. So you can't really take

their advice, praise or criticism too seriously. Only you know what counts. Trust your own judgment. When it's meaningful to you, it's meaningful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though you'll feel like a one-winged creature looking for another one-winged creature to fly with, the truth is that humans are unwinged and none of us fly without putting our trust in the society that created airplanes and the like. This week, you'll make a plan, figure out who is reliable, invest your hopes and take flight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You might feel like you're being bossy, but that's what the boss should be. You're also very respectful of your crew. Continue to carefully phrase your requests and to state your vision in a way that helps others get on board, and you'll be successful in motivating those around you to fulfill the goal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Loyalty is important to you, but it's not something you think about very much. Maybe it's because you're a straight shooter, and you assume that others are, too. The stakes will be raised this week. There will be more to consider. Think carefully about what you say and to whom. Give your trust judiciously.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Friends will include you for reasons beyond the obvious, which include affection and affinity. It's better if you know what those reasons are. There's nothing wrong with them, though maybe someone's pride is keeping them from telling you the whole story. Anyway, you always love to help, especially this week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone will make it known that his or her life is more fun when you're a part of it. How validating! That fun energy doesn't have to be turned on and off just to delight people around you though. Put some of it into your own scene. Your relationship with yourself is the one that will color all other relationships.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What do you do to feel taken care of? What do you do that reinforces your self-worth? Your life is precious. Your experience is precious. Don't wait for others to prove this to you. Give yourself what you need and want. Do what it takes to help yourself understand how important and essential you are to the whole.



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More than 50 PreK All Day providers are located throughout Pinellas County, making it convenient for families. Funding is currently available and families can apply now at elcpinellas.net/pkad-registration.

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Toddler Storytimes at Gulfport Library

Toddler Storytime will be offered at the Gulfport Library on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Due to popularity, please attend one session or the other. Toddler Storytime is intended for babies up to 3-year-olds. They read stories, sing songs, blow bubbles and make new friends!

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High School Student Arrested for Social Media Gun Threat

By Debbie Wolfe

Based on a tip, a local 15-year-old girl was arrested on Thursday, September 13 for posting a gun-related threat on social media.

According to a St. Petersburg Police report, a 9th grader from Gibbs High School posted on Facebook that she was going to take a gun to school. The tip was received by law enforcement in the late afternoon and they worked quickly to identify her and investigate.

The girl is charged with a 2nd-degree felony under Florida Statute 836.10, which states, "written threat to kill, do bodily injury or conduct a mass shooting or act of terrorism."

"This serves as a reminder to all students that this is a very serious matter," said Yolanda Fernandez, public information officer for the police department in a press release. "The police will investigate any and all perceived threats to the safety and well-being of our schoolchildren."



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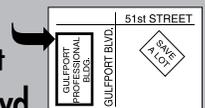
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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

What is Disclaimer of Interest?

Disclaimer of interest, in the law of inheritance, wills and trusts, is a term that describes an attempt by a person to give up their legal right to benefit from an inheritance (either under a will or through intestacy) or through a trust. A disclaimer of interest cannot be changed. There are a number of reasons why a person might wish to avoid an inheritance, particularly if the proceeds would only go to their creditors, or if it would drastically affect their income tax liabilities. Under the common law, a person who disclaimed their interest would be treated as though they had died before the trust or will came into effect. This was a sensible option if the disclaiming party was an heir by descent, whose own children would then take in his place and without the imposition of a gift tax.

Disclaimer of interest is also called a renunciation. A disclaimer of interest must be complete, and not a partial disclaimer. Such a disclaimer can be made by a legal guardian on behalf of a person who lacks the

capacity to make the disclaimer themselves, but this usually requires a finding by the Probate Court that the disclaimer is in the ward's best interest.

The disclaimer must be in writing and submitted to the Probate Court overseeing the administration of the estate within a legally specified time period, which is usually twelve months after the death of the person from whom the disclaiming party stands to inherit, or twelve months after the creation of a trust by a living person. An affidavit may be required in which the disclaiming party must swear that he or she has not received any compensation for the disclaimer. The disclaimer must also take place before the disclaiming party has enjoyed any benefits of the trust or inheritance.

In addition to the more typical disclaimer under wills, an individual may also be able to disclaim his interest as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or employee benefit plans. It may also apply to concurrent interests in real property that automatically transfer after death by operation of law rather than by the rules of inheritance

(such as joint tenancies or tenancies by the entirety).

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.

“Discover the Island” Egmont Key Fundraiser

Come to Egmont Key State Park on Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4 and join the Egmont Key Alliance “Discover the Island” fundraiser while you enjoy one of Tampa Bay’s gems!

The 160-year-old lighthouse is still working to guide ships into Tampa Bay. Come see its majestic spiral staircase and participate in the many activities sure to enlighten all ages. See Civil War re-enactors, stroll the island on their self-guided walk with interpretive sites along the way, including nature, wildlife, military and history. There will be children’s games, a silent auction and a viewing of the lighthouse.

There will be live birds of prey from Boyd Hill Preserve, the Egmont Shanty Singers, presentations on history and wildlife and a Florida flag history presentation. Food, drinks and souvenirs will be available for purchase on the island. Shuttle ferries will be leaving Fort DeSoto Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the last ferry returning to Fort DeSoto at 4 p.m. Day passes including the ferry are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children 12 to 18. and \$10 for kids 6 to 11. Children 5 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Bay Pier boarding site starting at 8:30 a.m. each day. Follow the brown “Egmont Key Ferry” signs to the location.

“Discover The Island” is the 18th annual fund-raiser for the Alliance, a non-profit organization of Egmont Key State Park, dedicated to protecting, restoring and preserving the island. To get more information please go to EgmontKey.info. Look for the “Discover the Island” link on the left side of the webpage.



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Ted Pearce Concert at Beth-El Shalom

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Pearce will perform some of his classic songs including "Hallu Adonai," "Hine Goeleinu Chai" and more. Beth-El Shalom is at the corner of 17th St. and 29th Ave. N.

For more info and pre-registration please call 727-345-7777, email Rabbi@Jewishheritage.net or visit Jewishheritage.net.

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Fantasy and Sci-Fi at the Circle Bookshop

Alien beings and fantastic creatures are featured at the Circle of Friends Bookshop at the Gulfport Library this week. Choose from a wide variety of sci-fi magazines, paperbacks and hard cover fiction. Prefer more down-to-earth subjects? The Circle of Friends Bookshop is located in the Gulfport Library at 5501 28th Ave. S. Please call Marilyn Field at 727-321-4035 if you have any bookshop questions.

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Haunted Hike Historic St. Pete Neighborhood

Euclid/St. Paul's, St. Petersburg's most paranormal neighborhood, invites the public to their 15th Annual Haunted Hike on Saturday, October 20. Tours will leave the intersection of 13th Ave. and 13th St. N. every 15 minutes between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

The family-friendly hike is a one-mile walking tour and takes about one hour to complete. Guides will lead visitors down creepy alleys and brick-paved streets to old homes and landmarks where costumed characters will tell spooky stories.

Tickets may be purchased the night of the hike at 13th Ave. and 13th St. N. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for kids 12 years old and under. Kids under 2 are free. Also at the corner of 13th Ave. and 13th St. N. will be the Ghouly Goodies Bake Sale featuring homemade baked goods.

For more information, call Wendy Wesley at 727-823-0393, email wendystpete@gmail.com or visit espna.org.

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Care Givers Support Groups

Do you find yourself caring for the health concerns of another? If so, you should consider coming to one of the Pasadena Community Church Care Givers Support Groups in the Life Enrichment Center at 227 70th St. S. One group meets on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and the other meets on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Both groups are open to the public, non-denominational, and provide a confidential setting for those attending to share, with others who are in like situations, their experiences, joys, and concerns of "care giving". The person may be a relative or just a good friend. It is not necessary that the individual resides in the same house with you or even the same state.

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Young Gulfport Dog Walker Is Earning Her Own Pet

By Debbie Wolfe

It was puppy love right after she nixed the idea to make chocolate brownies with her mom – for profit.

Izzy Bowlin is an entrepreneur now living in Gulfport. What makes her a little different in the business world is she's 9 years old and in the 5th grade.

And, she's already going places.

Right now, you can find Bowlin at the end of a dog leash with her mom as her business partner for clients who live locally. Izzy started a professional dog walking business by having her mom, Laura Bowlin Dowers, publish a post on a Gulfport-related Facebook page on September 5.

The post reads, in part, "She would really like to have a dog of her own. She is saving up for one and wanting to work to earn the rest (and get some good practice in along the way)."

Izzy has been wanting a dog for about two years.

Since the social media post was published, she's already met with about 20 families.

One of them is Tom and Melanie Roberts who are the parents of Buddy Ray, a 14-year-old dog they rescued four years ago in April.

"He was blind and his previous owners turned him into a shelter," said Melanie. "They didn't want him anymore."

She explained that a shelter held a fundraiser that paid for his surgery and now not only can Buddy Ray see again, but he also likes to act like he's two years old.

Now, one of his favorite sights is Izzy.

The Roberts' found out about Izzy through social media. Now, Izzy is scheduled to walk Buddy Ray once-a-week.

"On her first dog walk, Izzy did very well," said Melanie. "She was even ready with a pooper bag!"

Melanie thinks the business is a wonderful idea.

"Not too many kids would do what she's doing," said Melanie. "She's learning responsibility and that things are better when earned instead of given. I think it's great what her mom is having her do."

What kind of dog is Izzy thinking of buying?

"An English bulldog," she said.

Unless she changes her mind while learning what different breeds and mixes are like.

Izzy got the idea to start a dog



Izzy Bowlin, 9, enjoys meeting up with her first dog-walking client Buddy Ray who is five years her senior. Both live in Gulfport.

walking business because so many of her family's neighbors have dogs. Her only previous business experiences have been running lemonade stands with her friends or cleaning house for her mom.

Izzy's favorite subjects in school are math and language arts. One of her dream professional goals, for now, is to become a baker.

But, not making dog cookies or brownies. She likes baking cakes with her grandmother.

Izzy and her mother recently moved over 3,000 miles from Portland, Oregon to Gulfport to be nearer to Dowers' parents who live in St. Petersburg. Last November, Dowers' grandparents moved from up north to St. Petersburg.

"Now, four generations live within 15 minutes of one another," said Dowers.

Maybe, eventually, Izzy will be interested in baking dog cakes, said Dowers, laughing. For right now, Izzy is all about walking dogs and will be doing so until she reaches her goal, which will most likely be by the end of the year.

"There's potential for her do to this for a long time," said Dowers. "We'll see how it works out juggling so

many dogs in the long term. I'm her main transportation and everything else. When she reaches her goal, we'll reevaluate the business at that point."

When Dowers was looking for a local place to live, she said she wanted a location that was walkable, near the water and in her price range.

"Gulfport just romanced me. I fell in love with it before I got here," she said. "It's been better than I could have pictured."

Helping her daughter start her business has "been the best kind of overwhelming to see how so many people have responded," said Dowers. "We have some really nice people in the community that make Gulfport so unique and very different."

Dowers expected their clientele to be people who worked but said she has discovered that most "are at home and just need a little extra help. They believe their dog needs more exercise or socialization. Or, they just want to help Izzy get used to dogs and help her reach her goal." To find out more about Izzy's business or to schedule a dog walk, email her mother at Laura.Bowlin@gmail.com.

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“Gulfport Votes 100%” Kicks into High Gear

“Gulfport Votes 100%” is a non-partisan effort that provides voter registration and voting process education as well as support for mail-in ballots or election day needs. Partners include civic, business, educational, faith-based, and political organizations, and Gulfport city officials have also expressed strong support for the campaign. The steering committee will use historic and current voter turnout metrics to gauge success.

The League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area is the lead organization working to advance this effort. “There are multiple benefits to Gulfport Votes 100%,” said LWVSPA Voter Services Chair, Raechel Garafalo. “If all goes as planned, the community of Gulfport will set an example for others. We’ll then have a successful model, scaleable for other groups and communities.”

Gulfport Votes 100% has ramped up in recent weeks with a strong presence at Gulfport’s GeckoCon Ball, with campaign mascots Captain Vote and Tanya Turnout making an appearance. Visitors will also see them at upcoming Tuesday Fresh Markets and First Friday and Third Saturday Art Walks.

Gulfport Votes 100% will celebrate

with a “Party@the Polls” on November 6. Details for getting involved are at Facebook.com/GulfportVotes100.

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Join South Pasadena Community Band

The South Pasadena Community Band is looking for any qualified musicians interested in joining them.

Rehearsals are in South Pasadena City Hall on Thursday evenings, and concerts are on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. There are approximately two concerts a month. For more information call Director John Hoover at 727-398-9639.

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Essential Oil Classes at Recreation Center

Essential Oil Classes are offered at Gulfport Recreation Center once a month from local Master Herbalist and Certified Aromatherapist Jennifer Gilman. In these classes, you will learn about a specific topic and then Jennifer will guide the class in making their own DIY item using the essential oils that they’ll be able

to take home with them. Class will be held Wednesday, September 26, from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Registration is required at least 15 minutes prior to the start of class and must be done in-person at Gulfport Recreation Center. Questions can be directed to Jennifer at 813-263-3919 or Jennifer@TheHerbalCabinet.com

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Help Build a Bench in Trolley Market Square

The South 49th Street Business Association is looking for sponsors for a dedication bench in Trolley Market Square. The bench will be inscribed with the dedication date of Trolley Market Square and the name of each sponsor. All sponsor will also receive vendor spaces at the grand opening and at the So Classic Car Show that will be on the first weekend of February 2019.

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Local Crime Watch

A sampling of police reports from Sept. 2 to Sept. 12
=in Gulfport, St. Pete Beach and South Pasadena.

Source: Pinellas County Crime Viewer and
Gulfport Police Department

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9/6 – Failure to redeliver hired vehicle back to Safety Tire. Employees reported that Robert Machichi was supposed to return a U-Haul he rented on August 2, 2018 and has not returned it yet.

9/6 – **Exploitation of the elderly** in the 2200 block of 53rd Street South. Two people are being investigated for coercing an elderly male into withdrawing large sums of money from his bank account. The female, Carrie Baker, already had a no contact order preventing her from contacting the victim and was arrested for violating the order.

9/6 – **Assault** in the 1600 block of 58th Street South. A resident called to report that while she was in her vehicle, a person exited a vehicle behind her and threatened to kill her. She said she threw her wallet at the person and drove off. She was unable to locate her wallet when she returned to the area with officers.

9/7 – **Burglary** to a vehicle in the 6300 block of Vista Verde Drive South. A resident reported that someone removed her purse from her vehicle. She stated money and some medications were missing from the purse when she got it back.

9/8 – **Trespass** in the 5100 block of Gulfport Boulevard South. Officers were dispatched to a business regarding two people taking pictures of employees. A representative of the business asked that the two people be issued trespass warnings.

9/9 – **Assist citizen** in the 5000 block of Gulfport

Boulevard South. A truck driver parked his car in a parking lot overnight with permission from the manager of the store. Sometime overnight, a tow company towed the truck from the parking lot. The store manager agreed to pay the tow fees due to the misunderstanding.

9/11 – **Stolen tag** in the 5900 block of Tangerine Avenue South. A resident reported that the tag from her trailer was stolen sometime overnight.

9/11 – **Criminal mischief** in the 5700 block of 21st Avenue South. A resident reported that he noticed his check tire pressure light was on while he was driving his vehicle. He checked the tires and discovered that one of them had two puncture marks in it.

9/12 – **Assist outside agency** with recovered stolen property in the 1800 block of 55th Street South. Officer Marshall was checking a property in the area and located a bike and a stolen lawn mower in the bushes. The lawn mower was reported stolen from a Home Depot in Georgia.

9/12 – **Theft** in the 5400 block of Gulfport Boulevard South. A landlord reported that her tenants stole several household appliances and other items from the residence when they moved out.

9/12 – **Theft** in the 4900 block of 14th Avenue South. A resident reported that he was in the hospital for several days and when he returned his TV's and guitar were missing. He also had a punctured tire on his

motorcycle. After speaking with his daughter, officers discovered that she and her boyfriend pawned the items for money. The victim did not want to prosecute as long as he got his stuff back.

9/12 – **Aggravated assault** in the 5500 block of 11th Avenue South. A man reported that he was cutting the lawn at an apartment building when a black female asked him to cut some bushes. He explained that he is not paid to do that kind of work and she became irate. She went inside and came back out with a revolver and pointed it at him. The suspect fled the area but has been identified and probable cause affidavits have been entered for her arrest.

9/12 – **Fraud** in the 5000 block of 8th Avenue South. A resident reported that he used Western Union to send \$528 to someone on Craigslist to buy an iPhone. The check was cashed in Miami and the phone was never delivered.

9/6 to 9/12 – **Marine Unit**: The marine unit was on the water for approximately 25 hours this week. Marine operators made 25 boater contacts, issued three marine citations and assisted with a Pinellas County contractor in locating sunken vessels to be removed from the area. The contractor is moving all of the vessels to an area just east of Williams Pier and will be removing four of the vessels soon. Three additional vessels are in the derelict vessel process as well and will be removed from the bay.

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Assault

9/5, 9:16 p.m., 57th Street S and 16th Avenue S

Battery

9/6, 10:40 p.m., 2500 block of 50th Street S

Burglary – vehicle

9/5, 11 a.m., 5500 block of 16th Avenue S

9/6, 6:45 p.m., 5700 block of Shore Boulevard S

9/11, 6 p.m., 5400 block of Gulfport Boulevard S

Theft – grand

9/4, noon, 1900 block of 49th Street S

Theft – petit

9/2, 11:15 a.m., 5100 block of Tangerine Avenue S

9/10, 5900 block of Tangerine Avenue S

9/11, unknown time, 1800 block of 55th Street S

Theft – vehicle

9/5, 10 a.m., 1800 block of 49th Street S

Vandalism – criminal mischief

9/10, unknown time, 5700 block of 21st Avenue S

South Pasadena

Burglary – vehicle

9/3, 4:45 p.m., 6800 block of Gulfport Boulevard S

Theft – grand

9/9, noon, 6800 block of Gulfport Boulevard S

9/10, 8 a.m., 6800 block of Park Street S

Theft – petit

9/3, 9:35 p.m., 6800 block of Park Street S

9/8, 2 p.m., 6800 block of Gulfport Boulevard S

Trespass

9/7, 11:23 p.m., 1200 block of Pasadena Avenue S

St. Pete Beach

Burglary – residence

9/8, 7:43 a.m., 7200 block of Coquina Way

9/10, 2 p.m., 200 block of 73rd Avenue

Shoplifting

9/3, 11:01 a.m., 300 block of 75th Avenue

Theft – grand

9/5, 3:30 a.m., 600 block of Corey Avenue

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