

## Delivering a Bounty of Holiday Delights

By Debbie Wolfe



Local first responders on the pre-Thanksgiving shifts received food gifts on Sunday, November 18 at Gulfport's Fire Station. Delivery will be made for those working on Thanksgiving Day. From left are Nancy Caffee, a member of the local Elf Team; Gulfport Vice Mayor Christine Brown; John Riesebeck, owner of Smokin' J's Real Texas BBQ; Gulfport Police Sergeant Eva Wiltse, and Gulfport Firefighter Brian Campbell, who has 22 years of service with the department. "Each shift gets their own carrot cake because they're not real good about sharing dessert," said Brown, jokingly.

## City Approves New Vehicles, Announces Federal Grant

By Abby Baker

At the Thursday, November 15 Gulfport Council meeting, which was moved to Thursday due to the holidays, the purchase of new city vehicles and the re-surfacing of various parking areas was considered for approval, along with a federal grant to assist with

Hurricane Irma cleanup costs. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be granting Gulfport \$541,345 to assist with 2017's Hurricane Irma related expenses.

According to City Manager Jim O'Reilly, the budget

amendment is authorized, and the city is waiting on FEMA to send the funds. The effective date of the grant is currently unclear.

"This is basically just covering the cleanup costs associated

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## Gulfport's Watershed Moment: Art Walk's Beginning

By Debbie Wolfe

Seven of the original artists, store owners and supporters reflect on the 25-year anniversary of the First Friday Art Walk in Gulfport and agree the beginning was socially a watershed moment.

Technically, the anniversary of the original First Friday Art Walk was on November 2, 2018

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Nikki "Galaxy" Sunderland is a spray paint performing artist specializing in celestial themes. She is a regular vendor at the first Friday and third Saturday Art Walk nights in Gulfport.



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## Live Nativity at St. Pete Community Church

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Visitors will follow a path of luminaries as they stroll through an outdoor display of scenes from the first nativity. Along the way, the story of the nativity comes to life as costumed characters portray Caesar Augustus, Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds, and the wise men. There is also an interactive marketplace to enjoy with many

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After the walk, join them for refreshments. For more information visit [spcc.church.org](http://spcc.church.org) or call 727-385-3640.

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## Vegan Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Ian and Brigitte Wallace are hosting a Thanksgiving vegan potluck at their house in the Bear Creek area at 6 p.m. on Thursday November 22. It is a Florida Voice for Animals event and they would like to extend the invitation to the community. Everyone is required to bring a vegan

dish to share. If you are vegan and interested in participating, please call Brigitte at 727-793-7055.

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## Senior Center Foundation Anniversary

The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation invites you to their 15th Anniversary celebration and Annual Meeting on Monday, November 26, starting at 4 p.m. Come hear about what they've accomplished this past year and what's planned for the future, and meet their board members as well as other foundation members.

Please bring an item for the food pantry. Libations and snacks will be served. For more information go to [gulfportseniorfoundation.org](http://gulfportseniorfoundation.org).

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## Beth-El Shalom Hosts Psalms Harp Concert

Professional harpist Steve Rees will be playing the psalms of King David to the tunes that David created at Beth-El Shalom on Friday, November 30, at 7 p.m. You will want to bring your friends to this amazing recreation of the original songs of the Bible. CDs will be for sale so you can save this experience.

Admission is free and all are welcome. 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](mailto:Rabbi@Jewishheritage.net) or visit their websites [Jewishheritage.net](http://Jewishheritage.net) and [ShalomAdventure.com](http://ShalomAdventure.com).

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## City of Gulfport Holiday Tree Lighting

Join your neighbors for song and good cheer during the city of Gulfport's Holiday Tree Lighting in Clymer Park at 7 p.m. Monday, December 3. Enjoy an evening of light refreshments and festive music presented by the Gulfport Recreation division; meet the mayor and city council. Santa will visit and listen to little ones' holiday wishes. For more information, call 727-893-1118.

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## New Horizons Band at Town Shores

Don't miss the great sounds of the New Horizons Band band as they present a concert on Tuesday, November 27, at 7 p.m. at the Town Shores Clubhouse Auditorium. The band has been performing in the local area for several years and just recently took part in the Gulfport Veterans Day service, performing a number of patriotic compositions outside the Casino prior to and during the annual parade.

The feedback for this 40-member

band in the community has been very positive. Their message is very simple: "You are never too old to learn to play a musical instrument." Conductor Robert Schaer will be directing the band for this presentation as they play an assortment of familiar holiday tunes, plus some pop hits. The concert is free, and a great way to launch the holiday season.

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## Fall Fashions Trunk Show at Senior Center

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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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## City of Gulfport Holiday Decorations Contest

Gulfport residents, are you ready to get in the holiday spirit and brighten up the city for the holiday season? Then it's time to enter the city of Gulfport's Holiday Decorations Contest.

"Santa and his Elves" will be judging on Monday, December 17. No one knows what time the big red sleigh will travel through Gulfport, but please be ready by 6 p.m. Deadline to enter the contest is noon on Monday, December 17. There are two theme categories: general and commercial. The general theme is for single home only and the commercial theme is for single business and professional locations, including home occupations.

Stop by the Gulfport Recreation Center or City Hall to pick up an application to enter. All applications must be dropped off to the Gulfport Recreation Center. It's time to show off your fantastic holiday creation! Call 727-893-1068 for further information.

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## Lithuanian Club Thanksgiving Dinner

On Thanksgiving, the Lithuanian American Club, 4880 46th Ave. N., will have a special Thanksgiving dinner. There will be turkey dinner with all the trimmings and a glass of wine. A video of André Rieu music will be on.

Donation \$25. Doors open at 1 p.m. and dinner is served at 2 p.m. For reservations call 727-360-1064.

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## "Seniors Onstage" at Sunshine Center

The Sunshine Center Players will be presenting "Seniors Onstage," a timely collection of short plays and songs to entertain you on Monday, December 3, at 1 p.m. in the Sunshine Center Auditorium, 330 5th St.

This group of seniors is directed by Judy Landis. The musical director is Max Roberts. Additional parking is available in the green space. Free admission. For more information visit [stpeteparksrec.org/sunshine-senior-center](http://stpeteparksrec.org/sunshine-senior-center).

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## Eckerd College Events for November 2018

Eckerd College offers myriad activities and programs as a service to the community. All events are held on the Eckerd College campus and are free and open to the public, unless otherwise stated. Eckerd College is located at 4200 54th Ave. S. Programs and events are subject to change.

On Monday, November 26, they will host Transgender Day of Remembrance: an Evening With Dani Shay at 7 p.m. in the Dan and Mary Miller Auditorium.

Shay is a nonbinary singer-songwriter and actor whose voice and talents have spread messages of discovery and self-love ever since 2008. After getting a start on YouTube, "America's Got Talent" and "The Glee Project," Shay has since released multiple albums and is now starring in a new musical, "The Civility of Albert Cashier," based on the true story of a transgender Union soldier in the Civil War. Sponsored by Women's Resource Center.

On Monday, November 29, Eckerd will host "Faces of AIDS" in Fox Hall at 7:30 p.m.

More than 1.1 million people are living with HIV in the US. Florida has one of the highest rates of infection. Since the beginning, HIV/AIDS has

been a disease stigmatized due to gender, race, class and sexuality taboos. To commemorate World AIDS Day, come think through the growing epidemic of HIV/AIDS, and how people can heal themselves and their communities. They will also host a panel of individuals who have been impacted by the epidemic, display squares from the AIDS Quilt and hold a candlelight vigil for those who have been lost to HIV/AIDS. Sponsored by the Office of Service-Learning.

For more information, email [events@eckerd.edu](mailto:events@eckerd.edu), visit [eckerd.edu/events](http://eckerd.edu/events) or call 727-864-7979. To see all International Cinema Series at Eckerd College offerings, visit [eckerd.edu/international-cinema](http://eckerd.edu/international-cinema).

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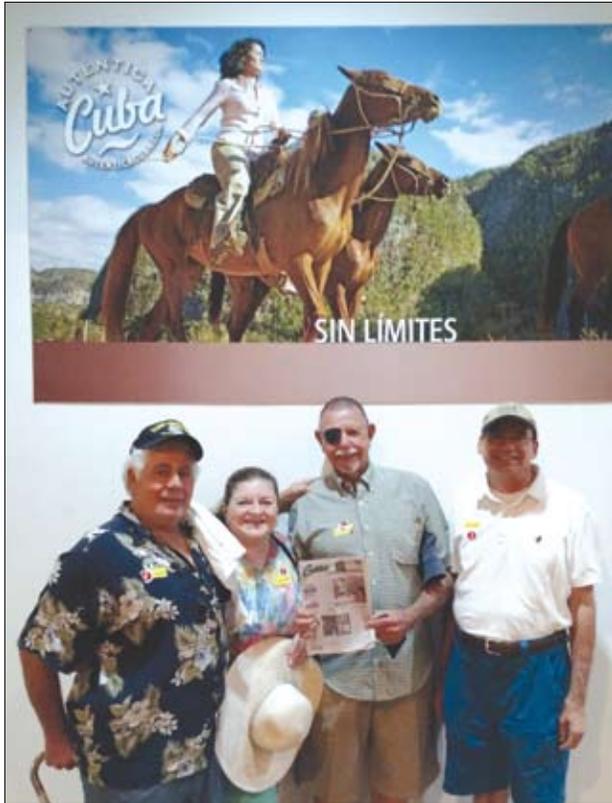
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## Senior Basketball at the Recreation Center

The Gulfport Recreation Center is offering open basketball for Seniors 60+ on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. starting January 3. Bring your basketball shoes and your skills to have some fun and meet new friends. Annual registration is \$2 for Gulfport residents and \$22 for non-residents. Call the Recreation Center at 727-893-1068 for more information.

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## Gulfport Democrats Discuss Elections

The election is finally over! Democrats had some wins and losses. This month the Gulfport Democrats will be discussing who voted, the signatures on mail-in ballots, provisional ballots, the recount, how Pinellas did compared to other counties and who was disenfranchised. Plus they will talk about the difference Amendment 4 will make in the future, and getting those people registered. They will also see how Gulfport did in the Gulfport Votes 100% campaign.

Joining them for this discussion will be Steven Cary, Congressman Crist's District Director, who was also the lead attorney for the Florida Democratic Party for Pinellas, Hillsborough and other counties.

Come be part of this discussion on Monday, November 26 at 7 p.m. at Stella's, 3119 Beach Blvd S. Please call April Thanos at 206-501-7836 with any questions.

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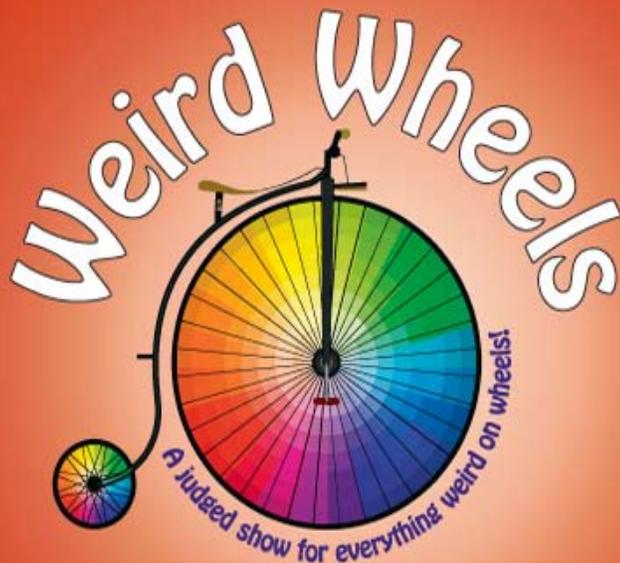
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# Chefs Table Raises Over 30K for Charity

By Debbie Wolfe



"Absolutely mind blowing," said local chef and restaurateur Pia Goff in reaction to the \$30,349.25 raised by the 2018 Chefs Table on November 5. Goff is the main organizer of the annual fine dining charity event held in Gulfport on Beach Boulevard. She is pictured standing to the left, holding the donation check. Centered behind the check in a collared shirt is Mike Yakes, former mayor and namesake of the MY Foundation, the local non-profit that is the donation recipient. To the left of Yakes is Maddy Guenther, president of the foundation. Goff said the entire amount of the donation will be used to help Sharon B. Thomas and her family rebuild their Gulfport home that was lost in a May 1 fire. "It's wonderful. It couldn't have turned out any better," said Goff. A record 11 local restaurants served over 560 people. Also pictured are other restaurant owners and their staff, city officials and directors of local non-profits.



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## Art Walk, from front page

but heavy rain and high winds kept the Beach Boulevard street vendors and their tents away for safety reasons while storefront galleries and businesses remained open. At the third Saturday Art Walk, a second day each month that is a modern addition, artistic street vendors returned on November 17. Promotional materials encouraged people to make November the anniversary month.

What has Art Walk meant to Gulfport's art scene over the past 25 years?

### In the Beginning

"We moved to town in 1990. It took several years to realize that Gulfport would actually be a nascent area for a street of arts and it turned out to be much more than that in the long run," said Michael O'Toole, whose partner was Roger Turner, a stained glass artist. O'Toole describes himself as a support person who is outgoing and likes to talk to people.

Turner and O'Toole decided the time was right to rent a space on Beach Boulevard at 29th Avenue South to open Kaleidoscope Gallery, which was also a studio. It was a corner location that was glassed in on the front and side, which gave Turner a showcase to hang his art where it could be lit into the night.

"Gulfport is a good word-of-mouth town" so people started talking to them and other artists from the surrounding area began to move in, said O'Toole. Like Nan Griffin, a painter, and her husband Bill, a ceramicist who opened Griffin Studio.

The inaugural First Friday Gallery Walk was on November 5, 1993. Six artists opened their doors from 6 to 9 p.m., played music and served refreshments like

wine, cake and cookies to entice local and nearby visitors to linger while they shopped.

Artists with storefronts on Beach Boulevard between 28th Avenue South and 31st Avenue South also began to offer display space to others for these special nights that were culturally different from the more southern end of the street that was "fairly rough," said O'Toole.

The people interviewed for this article all agree the biker bar and drug scene the city was known for in the early 90s and before was in transition to becoming more of an artists' colony. And, a new generation of people was moving into the city and fixing up affordable homes, said O'Toole.

When the Tampa Bay art critic Mary Ann Marger declared that Gulfport had taken its place in the local art scene in a full-page feature article published on Friday, May 6, 1994 in the *St. Petersburg Times*, the second largest newspaper in the state, everything about the Gallery Walk changed.

Plenty of new people from all around Tampa Bay began to visit, said O'Toole. The *Times* article "brought the biggest crowd ever," said Turner in a *Gabber Arts Beat* column published on November 4, 1999 that detailed the sixth anniversary of Gallery Walk.

### The Influence and Perspective of Artists

"When we started, we were trying to attract people to Beach Boulevard to develop an arts community," said Elizabeth Neily, a wildlife painter who displayed her artwork as part of the Sabel Palm Galleries, owned by Dave and Cora Kent. According to Turner in his *Gabber* column, the Kents were "truly the pioneers, the first purveyors of art on the street, the founders."

The Kents hosted art openings and had outside events near their courtyard shop, said Neily, who started the Gulfport Arts Council and served as its president.

Along the way, "Gallery Walk" was changed to "Art Walk."

In recent years, Neily has become more of a fiber

artist with fabrics and yarns and she is now one of three owners of Fab Fiber on Gulfport Boulevard.

For the future, "there needs to be new life, a new vision and more artist input" in the Art Walk events, she said. "Right now, it just seems that anybody can set up. There is no kind of vetting process. There is a lot of artists, but I don't see a lot of high quality art."

There doesn't seem to be any clear goals or mission for Art Walk, she said.

Neily said she would also like to see a listing put together by the Gulfport Merchants Chamber (GMC) in print or online of the art galleries and studios in town.

"There wouldn't have been any art scene if it hadn't been for the Art Walk," said Lynn Brown, a painter and owner of Lynne Brown Fine Arts. Brown also served on the Gulfport City Council and had been a curator at St. Petersburg's Museum of Fine Arts where she taught art history for years. She's been a Gulfport resident since 1978.

When Nan Griffin, a

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2 <b>Lynne Brown Fine Arts</b> Portraits, paintings, commissions, provincial icons and LaLigne Jewelry by the artist. 2820	4 <b>Quits My Gourd</b> Gourds, paintings, baskets, fiber art by Lisa Cooper-Smith, plus Peruvian artist Charles Silerien. 2832/12	6 <b>Griffin Studio</b> Imaginative, contemporary watercolors by Nan Griffin and unique functional pottery by Bill Griffin. 2904

GULFPORT GABBER Page 39 NOVEMBER 4, 1993

On Thursday, November 4, 1993, a half-page advertisement in the *Gabber* announced the first Gulfport Gallery Walk in the Beach Boulevard Arts District. This reproduction was reprinted in the *Gabber* on November 4, 1999.

# Gulfport takes its place in art

■ Friday gallery walks and Saturday sidewalk art shows on Beach Boulevard add flavor to the bay area's art scene.

## Seventh Gulfport Arts Walk

1. Sabal Palm Galleries at 2814 Beach Boulevard.
2. Lynne Brown Fine Arts at 2820 Beach Boulevard.
3. Griffie Studio at 2822 Beach Boulevard.
4. Jenny Lee Sherburne Studio at 2824 Beach Boulevard.
5. The White Heron Gallery at 2826 Beach Boulevard.
6. Musee Gallery at 2832 1/2 Beach Boulevard.
7. Kaleidoscope at 2902 Beach Boulevard.
8. Expressions at 2904 Beach Boulevard.
9. Studio at 2914 Beach Boulevard.



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free. Then organizers insisted that tickets be sold at \$2 each to control attendance numbers so there would not be problems with the fire marshal, said Ralph Bassett.

"The Arts Council sponsored us at the Casino venue," said Catherine. Several local singers and musicians would join with them, including Marge Grudzinski who played the keys.

The visual arts and musical arts came together and made for a nice neighborhood to be in, said Ralph Bassett.

Additionally, the Gulfport Players introduced theater arts to the city, he said. First they performed in a Beach Boulevard venue, then they moved to the Back Door Theater located on 49th Street South and finally to the Hickman Theater.

"Artists tend to be the forefront to a gentrification of a neighborhood," he said. "We see lots of new building and people who are attracted

to the arts coming here. The neighborhood will grow, expand and become more upscale, which is always good."

Gulfport visual artists don't create art so much on Beach Boulevard any more, said Catherine Bassett. "They work in their homes, garages and workshops where they cannot be under pressure to pay rent downtown."

The early Art Walk along Beach Boulevard played a significant role, however, because they drew in customers and art lovers who would become acquainted with the area, said Dawn Fisher, Eye of the Dragon shop owner and former two-term Gulfport City Council member from 2001-2005. The shop specialized in Asian décor pieces. Fisher has been a Gulfport resident since 1996.

"We used to have real crowds along the street for Art Walk," she said. In

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former student of Brown's, opened a shop in Gulfport with her husband, Brown attended the opening and was inspired to open her own place.

"We had so much fun," said Brown. "We were a group of friends all together day in and day out, in and out of each other's studios. Talking. Having parties. Exchanging ideas. It was a terrific community." In the 1990s, the city really helped artists and their galleries in every way such as providing streetscaping and facilitating permits.

Around 1995, Ralph and Catherine Bassett, retired singers from the New York City Opera, started a feature in Gulfport called Music for a Sunday Afternoon and did about four shows a year in the Casino. Later, they also performed in the Catherine A. Hickman Theater.

At first, the shows were



On Saturday, November 17, the third Saturday Art Walk celebrated 25 years of operation and held a memorial for Terry Foster, who was the event's marketing specialist. Foster was both a fan of Audrey Hepburn and Gulfport's Get Rescued animal charity. In the Hepburn memorabilia displayed on the table is a mug that will be featured on a wall in Stella's restaurant on Beach Boulevard where Foster used to like to drink coffee. Money and pet-related donations will be given to Get Rescued. Pictured from left are Gulfport residents Philip Bailey and Brian Liggins; Gulfport Beach Bazaar co-owners Mike and Gini Fagan; and, Gulfport Merchants Chamber President Barbara Banno, who also owns Stella's. Mike Fagan is holding one of Foster's pets, Jack Sprat Sparrow-Foster Rescue Dog. The Fagans have adopted Jack. Foster, pictured in a photo frame in the center, died in her Gulfport home on November 6.

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addition to galleries, artists would be allowed to set up “their easels along the walkway in front of the shops. That was a draw too to see all these artists and their work out on the sidewalks.”

Parking wasn't a problem in the past as it is now because there were not as many restaurants back then, said Fisher. For the future, there is “a big problem with parking and that needs to be addressed by the city; it's going to be a deterrent to Art Walk or to people who come to eat at restaurants.”

Art Walk made Gulfport a destination and a lot of people moved here because of it, said Fisher's partner Cathy Kaiser, who was a support person for the Arts District artists beginning in 1994. Around the late 1990s, she also served as the treasurer of the Arts Council. “It put Gulfport on the map. It was before the downtown St. Pete first Fridays. Just about everything has revolved around it.”

### Art Walk Now and in the Future

“Typically, there are 35 artists at Art Walk” for each first Friday and third Saturday, said Suzie King, owner of SIK Promotions, the local business that has been promoting the Art Walk evenings for about 14 years. “We are here for the businesses.”

Now, everything at each street booth is handmade, she said. And, several of the vendors are Gulfport-based

artists.

“When people go to a town and there's only so much to see, they need at least an hour's worth of walking around time to keep their interest. When we have the Art Walks, we have that,” said King. “We have art on the corners. We have art in the galleries.”

Members of the GMC help to shape the look and feel of the Art Walk nights.

“In the last couple of years, we've seen a huge increase in what the arts mean to our community,” said GMC President Barbara Banno. “And, not just Art Walk. People who have lived here for a long time or have just moved here really embrace the arts. People are doing murals on their homes, buying from local artists and putting sculptures in their front yards.”

Art Walk attracts people to the streets of the town and that helps small businesses be successful, said Banno.

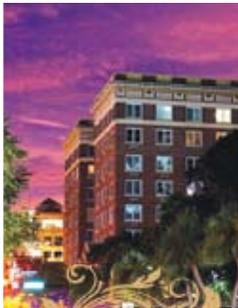
The GMC is working with the Gulfport Historical Society and plans are in the works to showcase the 25 years of Art Walk in some way in February 2019, said Banno.

For future Art Walks, having “people on the streets demonstrating what they do will bring it to a higher level,” said Banno. “You have to evolve with what's happening in today's scene to support small businesses and the artists. I think a lot of people would like to see that.”

King says she agrees with Banno's concept of having more working artists at Art Walk.

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## Musical Theater at St. Petersburg College

St. Petersburg College will present an evening of musical theater performance by highly talented SPC students at the Gibbs Campus Music Center on Monday, November 26, at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Admission is free. For information about upcoming events, please visit [spcollege.edu/artscalendar](http://spcollege.edu/artscalendar).

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## Small Business Saturday at the Legion

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 125, 5644 5th Ave. S., will be celebrating Small Business Saturday with a sale on November 24 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Why not skip the lines and come to this event, where you will find handmade reasonably-priced items from both indoor and outdoor vendors? You're bound to find something for the holidays.

Thanks to Sonya Wheeldon, Auxiliary Chairman, who worked hard on this venture to be sure everyone will have a great time.

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Lots of raffles and bake sale items to choose from. Come have a fun time and take advantage of the sales. There is plenty of available.

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## Gulfport Police's Operation Santa

It's that time of year again! Santa is putting his list together for this year. If you are a Gulfport resident and could use a little help, the Gulfport Police Department is now accepting applications for Christmas assistance through Friday, December 14 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 2401 53rd St. S. Each family's head of household must bring photo identification, proof of Gulfport residence as well as the name(s) and age(s) of children living in the home. Operation Santa will collect Christmas gifts for children ages 0 to 10 years of age. There will be no home deliveries and you must pick up your gifts at the police

department on December 19 or 20 by appointment only, so it's important that they hear from you right away. For more information on Operation Santa, please call 727-893-1097 and leave a message.

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## Support Group for Women Now Forming

A support group for women that is forming will have varying topics each week. Women are welcome to share their thoughts if they choose on the topic for the evening. The last 30 minutes of the meeting is designated to open sharing which allows women the opportunity to share joys and sorrows and challenges in their life. The group will meet at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd., on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m., with November 29 being the first meeting. For more information call Leah at 908-625-1958.

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## Grown-Up Movie Series at the Library

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

On December 1, at 1 p.m., enjoy a thrilling adventure based on history. A safecracker from the Parisian underworld is framed for murder and condemned to life in the notorious penal colony on Devil's Island. Determined to regain his freedom, the title character forms an unlikely alliance with quirky convicted counterfeiter Louis Dega, who in exchange for protection, agrees to finance his conspirator's escape. This film is a thrilling adventure and a powerful portrait of the resilience of the human spirit, even in the face of utter inhumanity. Stars Charlie Hunnam, Rami Malek. Rated R. Call 727-893-1074 for title.

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

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## What's your favorite Thanksgiving dish?



**Cody Craven, Gulfport:** "Corn casserole all day."

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**Kelsey Newsome, Gulfport:** "Mashed potatoes. Wait, actually corn bread."

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**Aviva Fredholm, Severn, MD:** "Cherry cobbler. I only make it for special occasions."

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**Christopher Mark, Severn, MD:** "Turkey. Because I like meat."

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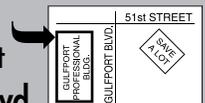
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## Cornerstone Community GriefShare Seminar

Cornerstone Community church will be hosting GriefShare now has a one-day seminar called "Loss of a Spouse." The seminar is on Saturday December 8, from 10 a.m. till noon. The address is 6745 38th Ave. N. For more information call the church at 727-343-7747.

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## Operation Santa Needs Your Help

For 27 years, the Gulfport Police Department employees have sponsored a program called Operation Santa, in which toys are donated to needy children that live in the city of Gulfport. Operation Santa has always been very successful in part due to the contributions they receive, they would again like to ask you for your help in the form of donations, i.e. money, new unwrapped toys and gift cards. Any help that you can provide would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions call 727-893-1097 and leave a message, and someone will return your call.

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The event starts at the Friends of Strays Animal Shelter, 2911 47th Ave. N. When you check in with your teammates to start your quest, you will select your team name from the names of adoptable animals at the shelter. This is not a timed event. You won't want to miss this unique event that will help Friends of Strays continue to find loving homes for abandoned animals in need. Gather your friends, family members or co-workers! Cost is \$100 for a team of up to four. Each team member will receive a t-shirt to wear during the event and a drink ticket for the celebration party at the final destination. Extra points awarded to teams with the most spirit. For more information call 727-522-6566.

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## Cannonball Cabaret for the Historical Society

The lovely ladies of Cannonball Cabaret come to Gulfport to fight fire with fire on Saturday, December 8 at Scout Hall, 5315 28th Ave. S.

This special show featuring their madcap mix of song, dance, juggling, stilt walking and sketch comedy is a throwback to the golden age of vaudeville complete with fishnets and garters. You'll laugh, you'll clap, you'll cheer, you'll gasp – and best of all, you'll be raising money to rebuild Gulfport Historical Society after the fire there last August. Expect a few brand-new holiday numbers to get you in that special spirit.

The "nice" show (family-friendly, 13+) starts at 7 p.m. The "naughty" show (adults only) starts at 9 p.m.

Ticket information at facebook.com/events/286231752021141 or call 727-656-5420.

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## Gulfport Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Gulfport Lions Club, located at 4630 Tifton Dr. S. at the Gulfport Marina, will be hosting and serving their next breakfast on Saturday, December 1 from 7 to 11 a.m.

Lion's members and associate volunteers will be serving all-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, link sausage, coffee, tea and orange juice for \$7 per adult or an unwrapped toy for their annual Christmas Toy Drive. Children under the age of 12 can eat for half price.

Bring your family and friends to spend a cool enjoyable morning overlooking Gulfport's beautiful Boca Ciega Bay with optional dining on our outdoor patio and newly refurbished picnic tables.

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## Lesbian Drama Next in LGBTQ Film Series

The LGBTQ Resource Center at Gulfport Public Library continues its monthly LGBTQ Film Series on Thursday, December 13 with a recently-released drama featuring women rekindling a childhood attraction after years of separation. The Film Series is a free gathering to watch a film in the company of friends and neighbors on the second Thursday of each month.

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

About the December 13 film: Rachel Weisz stars as a successful New York photographer who, hearing of the death of her father, returns to the London Jewish Orthodox community of her upbringing after having been shunned years earlier for her attraction to a childhood female friend. Also starring Rachel McAdams. (Rated R; adults-only suggested.)

The LGBTQ Resource Center is a project of the non-profit Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Public Library. Find out more about the Resource Center, the Circle of Friends and the library at [mygulfport.us/gpl](http://mygulfport.us/gpl) or on [Facebook.com/GulfportLibraryFL](https://www.facebook.com/GulfportLibraryFL).

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### ATTENTION GULFPORT TEENS

Are you 13-19 years of age?

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## Gulfport Lions Christmas Craft Fair

Calling all crafters! You still have time! Gulfport Lions Club will hold a Christmas craft fair on December 8 from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. There are still a few tables left so contact Linda at [Lc33711@gmail.com](mailto:Lc33711@gmail.com) before it's too late for your application. First come first serve for the first 20 tables at \$40 for an 8 foot table.

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## Christmas Items Galore at PAG Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop of Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church welcomes you to their "one-stop" Christmas event. For your shopping convenience, a broad selection of Christmas decorations, cards, trim, festive wrap, quality jewelry, toys and stocking stuffers fill the shelves. Also, the shop stocks only new and gently used items, all priced to sell.

In addition to the extensive women's and men's departments, paintings, kitchen ware, small appliances, linens, table settings and glass ware are among the items stocked.

All proceeds support local charities such as Clothes to Kids, Habitat for Humanity, Pinellas Hope, Salvation Army and church missions.

The shop is located on the corner of 17th Ave. and Pass-A-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach and is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

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## Boating Skills and Seamanship Classes

Boating Skills and Seamanship classes are presented by the USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 72 at 1300 Beach Dr. SE at the USCG base each Tuesday night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on a continuous rotation.

Completion satisfies the state of Florida boater I.D. safety education requirements. Cost of books and materials are \$60 for this nine-week program.

Go to [tampabaySAFEBOATING.com](http://tampabaySAFEBOATING.com) for more information, pre-register at [flotilla72registrationinfo](http://flotilla72registrationinfo) or call 727-898-1324.

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# Crossword Puzzle Solution on Page 12

## ACROSS

- 1 Blue-\_\_\_ special
- 6 Term of address
- 10 Cook
- 14 Pertaining to the Franks
- 15 Variation: prefix
- 16 Verdi heroine
- 17 Leave
- 19 Recipe directive
- 20 Reddish-yellow dye
- 21 After Brooklyn or Israel
- 22 Dove shelter
- 23 *The Way We \_\_\_*
- 24 \_\_\_ State
- 27 Sora
- 29 Airport runway
- 32 Morse code dash
- 35 Cubic meter
- 38 Without guile
- 39 Actor Wallach
- 40 Hammet yarn, with *The*
- 42 Err
- 43 Please, to a Prussian
- 45 Ruth's in-law
- 46 Kennedy sight
- 47 Part of the Golden Horde
- 49 *Cantina* offering

## DOWN

- 51 Jagers
- 54 Tabula \_\_\_
- 58 Adolescent
- 60 Cereal grass
- 61 Maiden
- 63 Dismounted
- 64 Single
- 66 Elmer or Donna
- 67 Quantity
- 68 Dunne or Cara
- 69 Look
- 70 Idyllic locale
- 71 TV's Mr. Grant

## ACROSS

- 28 Abaft
- 30 Rara \_\_\_
- 31 Copper
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- 33 *Inter* \_\_\_
- 34 1943 Abbott and Costello movie
- 36 Cell material, for short
- 37 Ham it up
- 41 Actress Blake
- 44 Giber
- 48 Walked
- 50 Abalones
- 52 Council
- 53 Reagan Cabinet member
- 55 Pallid
- 56 Trawl
- 57 Transform
- 58 Painter's cover-up, briefly
- 59 Nobelist Wiesel
- 62 Sikkim's continent
- 65 Artist Shahn

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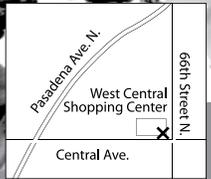
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# Local Crime Watch

A sampling of police reports from Nov. 4 to Nov. 14 in Gulfport, St. Pete Beach and South Pasadena.

Source: Pinellas County Crime Viewer and Gulfport Police Department

## Gulfport

**11/8 – Missing juvenile** in the 1800 block of 59th Street South. Officers responded to a report of a missing 13 year-old male who was last seen leaving for school at 6 a.m. Officers checked with the juvenile's friends places he is known to frequent, but were not able to locate him. He returned home the next day.

**11/10 – Traffic arrest** at the corner of 14th Avenue South and 49th Street South. Officer Clague stopped Nathan Greene for not wearing his seatbelt. Greene was arrested for felony driving while his license was suspended or revoked (due to several priors) and was transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

**11/10 – Burglary to a vehicle** in the 6200 block of Pasadena Point Boulevard. A resident reported that his surveillance video showed a black male in a dark sedan pull up to his house and break into his truck, stealing a bag containing his wallet and keys to his truck. The suspect also tried to break into another vehicle in the same driveway.

**11/10 – Traffic stop/narcotics possession** at the intersection of Horan Way and Gulfport Boulevard South. Officer Pope stopped Ian Steele for speeding and could smell marijuana in the car. Steele admitted that he had just picked up his marijuana from his dealer and a bag was found in the car containing a felony amount of marijuana. Steele was

arrested and transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

**11/10 – Traffic arrest** in the 1300 block of 49th Street South. Officer Petit conducted a traffic stop for a headlight out. He determined that the driver of the vehicle, Jason Olivo, did not have a valid driver's license. Olivo was arrested and transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

**11/11 – Domestic-related battery** in the 2500 block of York Street South. A resident had a disagreement with his stepdaughter. He chased her outside the residence throwing items at her and held her on the ground by the neck. He was arrested on battery charges and transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

**11/12 – Traffic stop/narcotics possession** at the corner of 15th Avenue South and 48th Street South. Officer Clague stopped a vehicle for a tag light violation. The driver had a grinder in the vehicle with a small amount of marijuana in it. She was eligible for the adult pre-arrest diversion program (APAD) and was given a referral.

**11/12 – Theft** in the 5100 block of 16th Avenue South. A resident reported that two days earlier her bike was stolen from her front yard during the night.

**11/13 – Theft** in the 5400 block of Shore Boulevard. Two patrons went into a business and ordered lunch. They had no money or means to pay for the meal. Janet Trumpy

and William Gale were arrested for theft.

**11/13 – Burglary** in the 5400 block of 17th Avenue South. A person forced entry to a shed in a fenced-in backyard and stole a lawnmower from within.

**11/13 – Recovered stolen firearm** in the 1100 block of 55th Street South. A resident called to turn in two firearms in to be destroyed. While speaking to her, she advised that one of the firearms might have been reported stolen. It was determined that a Sig Sauer P226 handgun was reported stolen in a residential burglary in 2005 in Pinellas Park. This firearm was recovered and the owner has been notified.

**11/14 – Loitering and prowling** in the 5500 block of Shore Boulevard. Sergeant Burkhart located someone inside the outside bar area of Neptune's Bar at approximately 3:15am. Ada Lewis was arrested and transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

**11/14 – Vandalism** in the 5400 block of Shore Boulevard. An officer responded and investigated the report of graffiti on city property.

**11/14 – Fire** in the 1500 block of Hull Street South. Officers were dispatched to a fire in a single-family home to assist with traffic control. According to the Gulfport Fire Department, the fire started in the stove inside the residence. No one was injured, and no foul play is suspected.

**11/14 – Burglary to a vehicle** in the 5400 block of 31st Avenue South. A vehicle owner went to a local restaurant to have dinner and left his prescription Xanax in his vehicle while he was inside. When he returned home he realized that his pills were

missing from the vehicle.

**11/8-11/14 --** The marine unit was on the water 28 hours. Marine unit officers conducted four vessel stops, made 24 boater contacts, and posted a 24-hour notice on an illegally moored vessel.

## Burglary – vehicle

**11/4, 3:30 a.m.,** 5600 block of 18th Avenue S

**11/8, 6:40 a.m.,** 1500 block of 55th Street S

**11/9, unknown time,** 6200 block of Pasadena Point Boulevard

## Theft – grand

**11/5, 5:40 p.m.,** 10th Avenue S and 49th Street S

## Theft – petit

**11/8, 3 a.m.,** 5400 block of Shore Boulevard

## Theft – vehicle

**11/6, 2:13 a.m.,** 5100 block of 24th Avenue S

## Vandalism – criminal mischief

**11/7, 8 a.m.,** 1800 block of 55th Street S

**11/7, 10 p.m.,** 1800 block of 49th Street S

## South Pasadena

### Theft – grand

**11/5, 4:40 a.m.,** 1400 block of Pasadena Avenue S

**11/9, 3:30 p.m.,** 6800 block of Gulfport Boulevard S

### Theft – petit

**11/9, 6 p.m.,** 6800 block of Gulfport Boulevard S

## St. Pete Beach

### Theft – petit

**11/5, 7:30 p.m.,** 8600 block of Blind Pass Road

**11/6, noon,** 200 block of 1st Avenue South

### Theft – vehicle

**11/10, 10:25 a.m.,** 5500 block of Gulf Boulevard  
Trespassing

**11/8, 7:49 p.m.,** 300 block of 76th Avenue

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# Two Accidents in St. Petersburg Leave Three Dead

By Debbie Wolfe

## Motorcycle, SUV Crash Leaves One Dead

A motorcyclist who was not wearing a helmet died after being involved in a vehicle crash with an SUV at the intersection of 31st Street and 3rd Avenue North in St. Petersburg on Thursday, November 15 at about 2:15 p.m.

According to police reports, Christopher Sierra, 44, was pronounced dead at Bayfront Health St. Petersburg.

Sierra was riding a 2009 Harley Davidson when the collision occurred with Marisa Williams, 59, who was driving a 2015 blue Ford Flex.

Williams attempted to make a left hand turn onto 3rd Avenue North and turned into Sierra, who swerved to avoid the collision, said police. Sierra was thrown from his motorcycle by the impact.

During the scene investigation, all lanes of 3rd Avenue North were closed between 30th Street North and 32nd Street North while 31st Street North was closed between 2nd Avenue North and 4th Avenue North.

Williams stopped and cooperated with the investigation. She was transported from the scene to St. Anthony's Hospital with minor injuries.

## Speeding, Stolen Car Crashes Killing Two

In the early morning hours of Monday, November 19, a car was stolen and by 3:23 a.m., the high-speed joyride was over leaving the two occupants dead at the scene in St. Petersburg.

According to police, a white 2016

Mazda Miata was westbound on 38th Avenue North and as it approached 49th Street North, the driver lost control, swerved off the road and hit a tree.

Immediately, the car caught fire and when police arrived, "the driver and passenger were burned beyond recognition," said Yolanda Fernandez, St. Petersburg police department's public information officer.

During the investigation of the

accident scene, the traffic flow on 38th Avenue North was closed in both directions until shortly before 10 a.m. between 49th Street North and 50th Street North.

The medical examiner's office identified the driver as Damari Milton, 18, and the passenger as Dequante Lightsey, 16.

The vehicle crash remains under investigation.

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## Treasure Island Art Guild Painting Exchange

Treasure Island Art Guild will be accepting paintings to be hung for its December Art Show on Thursday, November 29 from 9:30 a.m. till noon at Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium, 120 108th Ave.

Members may enter up to three art works for the show. Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of the show at the Guild's December Luncheon on Saturday, December 8.

Artists who want to enter work but are not members can join the guild at that time. For more information visit the website at [TreasureIslandArtGuild.org](http://TreasureIslandArtGuild.org).

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## Essential Oil Classes at the Rec Center

Essential oil classes are offered at the 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 Gilman will guide the class

in making their own item using the essential oils that they'll be able to take home with them. Class will be held Wednesday, December 12. 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](mailto:Jennifer@TheHerbalCabinet.com).

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## Pink Flamingo Tickets at Holiday Hoopla

Holiday Hoopla is coming on Saturday, December 8. It's the perfect time to get your tickets to Gulfport's 14th annual Pink Flamingo Home Tour. During Holiday Hoopla tickets will be a bargain, one for \$20 or two for \$35! Get 'em while they're hot at the Gulfport Merchants Chamber Display or the Welcome Center, 3101 Beach Blvd.

Pink Flamingo tickets make great holiday gifts and stocking stuffers. Save the date now: March 2, 2019. Be ready to trolley along, take a stroll, or ride your bike to tour special places west of Beach Blvd and south

of Gulfport Blvd. Check it out at [PinkFlamingoHomeTour.com](http://PinkFlamingoHomeTour.com).

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## Sophie's Attic Still the Coolest

Happy Thanksgiving from everyone at Sophie's Attic. They hope you have an awesome day with family and friends. Now it's time to get down to business and do some serious Christmas shopping. They have lots of new (to you) stuff here in the shop, plus a whole new rack of freshly laundered clothing for your shopping pleasure. They have some very nice Christmas decorations. There is a rack of 1/2 price clothing waiting for those of you who can't resist a bargain. Come on in and check them out. They are a mission outreach of the First United Methodist Church in Gulfport. You will find them on 53rd St S., near 28th Ave. They are open Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. till noon.

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## Chanukah Celebration at Beth-El Shalom

Come join Beth-El Shalom Messianic Congregation for the lighting of their giant 10-foot menorah. Enjoy this wonderful time of the year by attending their Chanukah celebration. They will be lighting their menorah as well as serving potato latkes, singing Chanukah songs, learning, dancing, playing games and having fun.

Bring your own menorah and candles and join them for a united lighting ceremony. They will be celebrating together on Friday evening December 7 at 7 p.m. Beth-El Shalom Messianic Congregation is located at the corner of 17th St. and 29th Ave. N. All are welcome, free admission. For more info call 727-345-7777 or visit [Jewishheritage.net](http://Jewishheritage.net).

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Satisfy your ArtJones on Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m., and Sunday, December 2, from 11 a.m. till 4 p.m. in Gulfport.

ArtJones, Gulfport's premier artist open studio tour and sale, features a collection of 17 artists who are opening their private studio doors to the public at 15 locations throughout Gulfport. Brochures can be found all over town, or you can download one at [ArtJonesStudioTour.com](http://ArtJonesStudioTour.com). Once a year the studio floors are swept, tools are put back where they belong and you're welcome to visit these dens of creativity. ArtJones is a collection of professional painters, potters, mixed media artists, glass blowers, sculptors and fiber artists.

There is a lot to see. Grab a map, follow the numbers or guide yourself through this free 15-studio two-day event. New this year, guests who visit all 15 studios and get their artist passport stamped will be entered to win one of 17 works by each of the studio artists.

ArtJones is free and family friendly. Many of the studios are in the artists' homes in Gulfport. New this year, get your Art Passport stamped by each studio and you may win an original work from an ArtJones artist. Visit [ArtJonesStudioTour.com](http://ArtJonesStudioTour.com) for a map and brochure.

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## Gulfport's 10th Annual Holiday Hoopla

The 10th Annual Holiday Hoopla is a celebration of arts, crafts, foods, holiday music and roving holiday characters set in a waterfront atmosphere. It runs from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 8. The festival will provide shoppers with one-of-a-kind gifts from small businesses, and all of your holiday shopping can be done in one place!

New this year, organizers have added a "Weird Wheels" component. "Weird Wheels" is open to any decorated wheeled vehicle, regardless of the number of wheels, powered or unpowered, but must be capable of transporting at least one person. Judges who will decide the top three winners in two categories: Best In Show and Most Original. First,

second and third place trophies will be awarded and paper ballots will be available to the public to vote on their favorite. A Peoples' Choice trophy will be awarded to whoever garners the most votes.

Come early and shop the decorated streets filled with talented exhibitors and unique shops, restaurants and galleries, place your vote in the Weird Wheels competition, catch the Beach Bums Volley Ball Tournament and then stay late to view Boca Ciega Yacht Club's 32nd Annual Lighted Boat Parade.

Parade participants need only a simple fee to enter – two (or more!) unwrapped toys for Operation Santa. Operation Santa, coordinated by the Gulfport Police Department, collects toys for the children of Gulfport whose holidays would be sadder without the generosity of the community. Both sail and power boats are welcome to join in the fun. Non-members are invited to participate as well. Registration is available online at [sailbcyc.org/ChristmasBoatParade](http://sailbcyc.org/ChristmasBoatParade) and at the club, 4600 Tifton Drive South, Gulfport.

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## Sock Hop with the Impacs at the Casino

Step back in time as you dance to the sounds of the 50s and 60s with the legendary Impacs. The Impacs will host their first performance of the 2019 season at the Historic Gulfport Casino Ballroom on Friday, November 30. Tickets, in advance, are two for \$25, or \$15 each and available at the Gulfport Casino Box office, 5500 Shore Blvd S. or the Beach Bazaar, 3115 Beach Blvd. S.

Originating in the 1960s, the Impacs are celebrating their 57th anniversary by taking you back to the days of Sock Hops, Star Spectaculars, and American Bandstands. The fun begins the night of the show with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and live music starting at 7 p.m. Admission at the door, the night of the show, is \$20 per person. Tickets are on sale now at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom box office or Gulfport Beach Bazaar. For more information, call the Gulfport Casino Ballroom at 727-893-1070.

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# St. Pete's West Central Avenue District to Receive Upgrades

By Debbie Wolfe

If you want a say in the options that are being considered for upgrades to the West Central Avenue District in St. Petersburg, then the 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 4 public input meeting is for you at the freeFall Theater, 6099 Central Ave.

The many components of the project that will extend from 58th Street west to Park Street have three categorical themes: streetscape design, water main replacement and branding, according to planning documentation.

In the design category, choices can affect street lighting, medians and their plantings, the number of lanes along with their widths for multimodal access like bicycles, and motor vehicle operating speeds.

"Traffic signal timing is an art form," said consultant Margaret Kubilins, of VHB of Tampa, who made a presentation at a Monday, October 29 public meeting about the project. "Median landscaping really makes a difference" in traffic speeds. The goal is "instead of a speedway, make traffic flow more of a line dance."

Specifically, curbs and curb ramps along with sidewalks and driveways will be reconstructed to be safer and compliant with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), she said. Span wires and new mast arm traffic signal poles will be installed at three major intersections. Crosswalks will be enhanced at four intersections.

Concurrent with the district upgrades, the city of St. Petersburg will also be replacing the local water main lines, which are past their 50-year lifespan, with a new eight-inch waterline along the northern edge of the roadway, said Kubilins.

This means "80 to 90 percent of the



The city of St. Petersburg and its consulting subcontracting firm are holding a series of public meetings regarding the West Central Avenue Streetscape upgrade project. On Monday, October 29, consultant Margaret Kubilins, left, of VHB of Tampa, was the main presenter who outlined the scope of the planned project that is expected to take one year to complete. Evan Birk, right, a civil engineer in the city's Engineering and Capital Improvements Department assists with the presentation. Birk serves as the project manager of the streetscape upgrades.

blue water mains will be relocated underground. They're an eye sore," said Evan Birk, a civil engineer in the city's Engineering and Capital Improvements Department who is also serving as the project manager of the streetscape upgrades.

Branding choices are mostly for future projects and can include esthetics like paint colors, pole banner graphics or a mural on the Pinellas Trail's pedestrian bridge over South Pasadena Avenue just below Central Avenue, said Kubilins.

According to the city's website, the construction will begin in late 2019 and will take about one year to complete.

To participate in the project's second online public survey, which

opens Tuesday, December 4 and closes Friday, December 14, visit a link that will be provided on the website: [stpete.org/public\\_works/west\\_central\\_ave\\_streetscape.php](http://stpete.org/public_works/west_central_ave_streetscape.php).

The changes are all part of a municipal master revitalization plan approved in 2012 with the goal of creating a "unified vision for Central Avenue that allows the individual districts to develop and maintain their unique identities." The Central Arts, Edge and Grand Central Districts have already been completed.

If you are interested in the scope of the entire 2012 redevelopment plan for Central Avenue, which is also known as Pinellas County Road 150, visit [tinyurl.com/ybp9bsv8](http://tinyurl.com/ybp9bsv8).

The Penny for Pinellas sales tax initiative and the city's Water Resources Department provide funding for the upgrades.

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**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 Mon-

tessori 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 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, gameroom 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 preschool, 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 registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 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.

**Essential Oil** - Wed., Dec. 12th. Call Jennifer at 813-263-3919

**Gentle Hatha Yoga** - Tues., 6:30 p.m. Call Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. for 10 & under, 6 p.m. for Adults and Fri., 5 p.m. for juniors. Call Jack at 280-4276.

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

**Water Color** - Call Patsy 727-501-3559 will start back up in January.

**Zumba** - Thurs., 6 p.m. call Magda 727-214-7868.

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**CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 22nd & Friday, Nov. 23rd for Thanksgiving Holidays**

### Adult/All Ages Programs

**French Conversation Club: Tuesdays, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.** 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 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.

**Gentle Yoga for Adults: Tuesday, November 27, 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.

**Grownup Movie Series: Saturday, December 1, 1 pm.** A safecracker from the Parisian underworld is framed for murder and condemned to life in the notorious penal colony on Devil's Island. Determined to regain his freedom, the title character forms an unlikely alliance with quirky convicted counterfeiter Louis Dega, who in exchange for protection, agrees to finance his conspirator's escape. This film is a thrilling adventure and a powerful portrait of the resilience of the human spirit, even in the face of utter inhumanity. Stars Charlie Hunnam, Rami Malek. Rated R. Call 727-893-1074 for title. Call 727-893-1074 for title.

**LGBTQ Book Club: Monday, December 3, 6 pm.** We'll discuss "Her" by Cherry Muhanji. Copies available at the Circulation Desk.

**Bay Voices Holiday Concert: Tuesday, December 4, 7 pm.** Bay Voices was formed in 2007 after sev-

eral members of the former Tampa Bay Gay Men's Chorus got together and realized how much they had missed singing together. Since that time, the group has grown in popularity and has performed concerts at venues including the Salvador Dali Museum, University of Tampa, International Plaza, and several local churches. Under the direction of Stephen L. Allen, they will perform Christmas and Chanukah favorites to ring in the season. Sponsored by the LGBTQ Resource Center, a project of the non-profit Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Public Library. Join us for this fabulous holiday event and refreshments.

**Negative Space Collage: Wednesday, December 12, 1 pm.** Glue tissue paper, magazines, patterned paper and cardstock on canvas to create a colorful image using negative space. Choose your subject matter; animals, nature, love, etc. Limited supplies, please register by calling 727-893-1074.

**LGBTQ Film Series: Thursday, December 13, 7 pm.** Rachel Weisz stars as a successful New York photographer who, hearing of the death of her father, returns to the London Jewish Orthodox community of her upbringing after having been shunned years earlier for her attraction to a childhood female friend. Navigating a range of emotions in her old homeplace, as well as a range of attitudes from hostile to welcoming among family and former friends, the attraction to her old friend, now married, is rekindled. Rated R. Also starring Rachel McAdams. Call 727-893-1074 for title.

**Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, December 20, noon- 1 pm.** \*\*NOTE NEW TIME. Discussion of Lucky Us by Amy Bloom. Copies available at the Circulation Desk. Sponsored by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library. FMI, call 727-893-1073.

### 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.

**Mommy & Me Yoga: Tuesday, December 4, 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! Call 727-893-1074 to reserve your spot or email Cailey at cklasson@mygulfport.us.

**Modern Masterpieces: Thursday, December 6, 5 pm.** If you're in Grades 6-12, then join us for a painting party! We will use paint and tape to create beautiful modern masterpieces. No experience necessary, all supplies included. Space is limited, please call 727-893-1134 to register for the program.

**Winter Crafts: Friday, December 14, 3:30 pm.** If you're in Grades K-5, join us to make seasonal decorations at the library! We will be making adorable no-sew snowmen made out of socks and polymer clay ornaments. Call the library for additional details 727-893-1134.

**Free Family Movie Series: Saturday, December 15, 1:30 pm.** Join your favorite monster family as they embark on a vacation adventure on a luxury monster cruise ship so Drac can finally take a break from handling everyone else's vacation at the hotel. It's smooth sailing for Drac's Pack as the monsters indulge in all of the shipboard fun the cruise has to offer, from monster volleyball to exotic excursions, and catching up on their moon tans. But they hit rocky waters when Mavis realizes that Drac has fallen for the mysterious captain of the ship, Ericka, who hides a dangerous secret that could sink their plans for a dream vacation. Rated PG. Call 727-893-1074 for title.

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# Department

## Senior Center

5501 27th Ave. S. 727-893-5657

**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 [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.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. Senior Center registration is easy and free.

### Special Events

**Like us on Facebook at**

**FB.com/GulfportSeniorCenter.**

**Fall Fashions Trunk Show** - *Weds., 11/28 @ 2 pm.* Bon Worth will be bringing the store to you for a fun shopping adventure. Bon Worth has been recognized in the senior community for their mature women's designs in comfortable styles & easy care fabrics at moderate prices that are suitable for Florida weather. Start your holiday shopping with special discounts, door prizes, & refreshments. See you there!

**Empath Health Chats: (Seasons of Grief)** - *Mon., 12/3 @ 3 pm* Holidays are a time to celebrate. But for those who have lost someone it can be a time of deep sorrow. Even years after a loss, many people find the holidays are still hard. This talk will focus on ways to honor and remember our loved ones that are gone. We will discuss coping strategies and provide a checklist that will help you discuss your feelings with your family and loved ones. Did someone mention BINGO? Yes! Let's end this year with a little Holiday BINGO.

**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.

**Successful Aging** - *Weds., 12/5 @ 2 pm.* Andy Malivuk with Seniors Helping Seniors will discuss important tips for successful aging. This discussion will cover excerpts from the New York Times Bestseller "The Blue Zone" which offers individuals and caregivers with the nine lessons for longer living.

**1st Friday Flea Market** - *Fri., 12/7 @ 9 am - noon.* Come find a great selection of holiday décor & gift items including: jewelry, Tampa Bay Rays collectibles, DVD's, assorted dolls, home décor & assorted gift sets. Just in time for the holidays.

**Celebrate the Season** - *Tues., 12/11 @ 7 pm.* The holidays are upon us and you can celebrate the season by joining the New Horizons Band of Gulfport, Inc. for a FREE concert in the comfort of the Catherine Hickman Theater. The band will play familiar holiday tunes, plus pop hits.

**Money Smart for Older Adults** - *Weds., 12/12 @ 2 pm.* Join us to learn important points to consider in

planning for a more secure financial future, including how to guard against identity theft & other financial exploitation, as well as how to prepare financially for unexpected life events & disasters. Presented by Third Federal Savings & Loan.

**Know Your Numbers** - *Thurs., 12/8 @ 10:30 am.* It is important to know your numbers. Come out to get your blood sugar and blood pressure checked.

**Memory Mobile** - *Tues., 12/18 10 am - 2 pm.* The Alzheimer's Association & Pinellas County Human Services is bringing the Memory Mobile to Gulfport. Sign up today to guarantee your spot on this interactive brain bus. Learn what research tells us, develop a road map to form healthy habits, gain resources, & discover ways to help with advance research. MUST call 727.893.5657 to pre-register.

**Popcorn & Movie** - *Tues., 12/18 @ 1 pm.* Join Dedicated Senior Medical Center & Wellcare for a matinee movie & popcorn in the Catherine Hickman Theater. This month's movie, "The Christmas Shoes" is a story of a young boy who tries to get a pair of special shoes for his dying mother while a lawyer tries to deal with the break-up of his marriage. Drama 2002 NR 1h40m.

**Ugly Holiday Sweater Party** - *Weds., 12/19 @ 2 pm.* It's ugly sweater weather so join us as we eat, drink, & be tacky. Ugly sweater contest, caroling karaoke, games, food, & fun! Tickets will be available on Dec. 3rd for \$2 per ticket. Don't miss out, make sure to stop by & get your ticket!!!

### Special Services

**GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mobility Service)** - Affordable Door to Door transportation service. Rides to medical appointments, shopping, and downtown St. Pete for Gulfport residents, 55 years of age or older or disabled. For more information, 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 Mondays and Thursdays 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:** *Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm, Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 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. Please support the Foundation with what you can, when you can! **727-893-1244**

### More Activities

To view the Senior Center calendar in its entirety, please log onto [mygulfport.us](http://mygulfport.us).

## Casino Ballroom

5500 Shore Blvd. S. 727-893-1070

### Sunday, November 25

3:30 - 7 p.m.

### CONTRA DANCE

with Tampa Friends of Old Time Dance

3:30 - 4:00pm: Lesson

4:00 - 7:00pm: Contra Dancing with

"Jenny and the Stray Dogs"

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### Monday, November 26

7 - 10:30 p.m.

### USA DANCE

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~ Non-members: \$8 ~

727-576-1206

### Friday, November 30

7:00-10:00pm (Doors open at 6:30pm)

### SOCK HOP WITH THE IMPACS

Advance tickets are \$15 for one, \$25 for two,

Tables of 10 are \$120.

Tickets at the door are \$20 each

Buy advance tickets at the Casino & Beach Bazaar.

### Casino Weekly Dances

Ballroom Lessons every Tuesday

Noon - 3 pm \$8

Argentine Tango every Tuesday

6:30 - 11 pm \$8

Swing Dance every Wednesday

6 - 11pm \$8

Latin Night every Thursday

6 - 10 pm \$8

Ballroom Dance select Sundays

6 - 10pm \$8

## GEMS Gulfport Getaways

November/December 2018

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.

**Nov 27th - Out-to-Lunch Bunch: Smokey Bones & Robert's Christmas Wonderland.** Grab a bite to eat at Smokey Bones where good food and good service is a priority. Then start your holiday shopping at one of the largest & most beautiful Christmas & Collectibles Stores in America, Robert's Christmas Wonderland. Explore the magical holiday forest, home to 200 Christmas trees. \$6 for GEMS Members / \$8 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes: Round-trip transportation & parking. Meal paid for separately.

**Holiday Light Tour: The Florida Botanical Gardens or The Lights of Lake Park Estates.** Get into the holiday spirit with a special evening trip to the see the holiday light spectacular at the Florida Botanical Gardens or The lights of Lake Park Estates. "Delight in the shimmering lights, holiday entertainment, beautiful flora, and warmth of the season." \$8 for GEMS Members / \$10 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes: Round-trip transportation, parking, & suggested admission donation.

**Thursday, Nov 29th - The Florida Botanical Gardens**

**Tuesday, Dec 4th - The Florida Botanical Gardens**

**Thursday, Dec 13th - The Lights of Lake Park Estates**

**Tuesday, Dec 18th - The Lights of Lake Park Estates**



# Horoscope Guide

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The environment can't be argued with. The reality of circumstances can't be denied. On the bright side, this plane is rife with loopholes. Believe in them, and look for them. Also, living from the outside in is only one way. You'll have more control when you get centered and decide to live from the inside out.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Curiosity is the compass of your natural navigation system. It's worth following even if it's headed where there's no path. Some of these "roads" are so new that they don't show up on the GPS yet. Your curiosity isn't ruled by roads; it's honed in on something in the distance, sending a signal to your heart.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Maybe you're not out to dismantle the power of the status quo, but you'd like to keep it in check. There are those who will only stay in line when they know they are being observed. This is not just about the main event. Stay awake because things go right (or wrong) in moments small and in-between.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). If you walk backward, you'll see where you've been but lose the excitement that comes with getting closer to a new destination. But you're too clever to let the past snag you. You'll dip your toe into it and revel in nostalgia for a few kicks, all the while remembering your true direction, onward and upward.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Look for

quality above quantity this week, especially in emotional matters. Wherever you can get a little joy, do it. This starts your engine running on the good stuff, and your spirit will naturally guide you to the place where more of it exists. This week, you'll run on the self-renewing fuels of love, creativity and joy.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The happiness packed into small things will impress you. This week's moments of micro-bliss have to do with witnessing grace and experiencing the acknowledgement that someone has been paying close attention to you and/or your work. The other hallmark will be an increased sense of purpose.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your week will be filled with contradictions and repetitions, which doesn't have to bother you in the least. Observe the quirky pattern that events create, with stops and starts, steps back and forward... There's an elegance to it, a beautiful rhythm that wouldn't be there if the action were nonstop, full-steam ahead.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you can't find the silver lining you're looking for, you may be thinking too small. Perhaps this item has no lining and it is, in fact, entirely made of silver. High-value opportunities come in the form of unpleasant or unsatisfactory circumstances. Fine character is chiseled out of the precious metal of problems.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The success of a loved one will be fun

to watch happen in spite of the fact that it's not happening to you... no, actually because of it. You get to take part in the win without the pressure of being directly responsible for it. These are the perks of being in a support position, which you'll enjoy fully this week.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What is the difference between believing the bird sings for you and knowing it doesn't? Innocence? Narcissism? To some extent we all must be the center of our own universe, otherwise we'd forget to feed ourselves. But the boundaries of self-awareness change as you enjoy the benefits of a broader perspective.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To implement successful marketing strategies, smart business owners find out where their customers are coming from. You'll apply the principle in a nonbusiness environment this week. Good people are coming to you, the kind you'd like to fill your life with. Figure out how this happened for repeat luck!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Most of what you can do, you never think about doing. It's what you're not sure you can do that occupies your thoughts. And that's the same for everyone. Listen to what people go on about. Pertinent information rides in the crevices of conversation. The best decisions won't come from big brains, but big ears.

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## Ballet Classes now Forming at Rec Center

Ballet/tap dance classes for ages 3 and up are now forming at Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings with a start date to be announced. Ages 3 to 8 will be 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and ages 9 and up will be 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. All instructors are level 2 background screened. Please contact Lisa Walker at 727-742-2594 for more information.

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## Get a Life (Story) at the Library Bookshop

The Circle of Friends Bookshop at the Gulfport Library is featuring biographies in November. Presidents, movie stars, literary giants or just ordinary people who led an extraordinary life, all are available in the excellent selection on display.

Looking to master a new craft or recipe? Check out the titles on the craft and cookbook shelves. The Bookshop also has a wide selection of new and gently-read fiction and non-fiction books. The Bookshop is located in the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S. Please call Marilyn Field at 727-321-4035 with any Bookshop questions.

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## Pinellas County Retired Educators to Meet

The December meeting of the South Pinellas County Retired Educator's Association will be held at a new place. They will meet at the American Legion Post #4 at 1520 4th St N. from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 13. Lunch is available and you will need cash or check. The program will be holiday music and a silent auction. Please bring an item for the silent auction, wear holiday attire and your brightest smile.

They welcome all people who have worked in education from any place in the world. Whether you are a teacher, para-professional or administrator from any level, you have a place with them. They also go on field trips together and support scholarships. If you have any questions please call Joyce at 727-526-5065.

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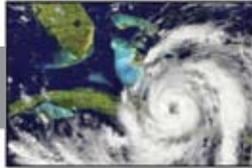
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## Fall Fitness and Yoga Classes

The Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. is offering three new classes this fall. Body Movement & Being, Yoga and Laughing Yoga will all be offered.

Body Movement & Being is on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Yoga is on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at Scout Hall, 5315 28th Ave. S. Laughing Yoga classes is on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. at Scout Hall.

Must be a registered Gulfport Senior Center member. Membership is easy and free for all individuals 50 years of age or older. For more information, please contact the event line at 727-893-5657.

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## St. Pete Beach Safe Boating Program

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 7-8 has a 12-week repeating cycle of Safe Boating Program meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach (at the Warren Webster

Building, one mile south of the Don CeSar). Start at any point in the cycle. Arrive the first time at 6:30 p.m. to register. Included in this program are detailed materials that cover a variety of program topics.

The program package is based on the new USCG Auxiliary Boating Skills & Seamanship 14th Edition 400-page manual. All materials will be included in the cost of the program which is \$45 per participant for 12 weeks (\$60 for couples sharing the materials).

For more information, and a list of topics covered each week, call Jim at 727-360-4846, Warren at 727-321-7801 or Phil at 727-865-2226.

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## Alumni Singers Christmas Concert

The Alumni Singers of St. Petersburg will hold their annual Christmas Concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, at Lakewood United Methodist Church, 5995 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. S.

The concert will be directed by Janice Hogans. The choir will be accompanied by Dorothy Jenkins

and LaTerry Butler.

The Alumni Singers are dedicated to the preservation of African-American musical traditions through spirituals and gospel music. They are comprised of singers from high schools and colleges from all over the US. For more information call 727-323-7004.

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## Join the Second Saturday Singers

Join a fun singing group (raining in age from middle school through 90s) that meets once a month to sing songs everyone loves: Broadway, vintage pop, movie themes, spirituals and more.

The Second Saturday Singers meet on the second Saturday of each month from November through April from 9 a.m. till noon at Pasadena Community Church, 227 70th St. S. They will then present a free concert in the church's sanctuary on Saturday, April 13. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Bob Drick at bobd@pccumc or 727-381-2499 ext. 209.

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## Council, from front page

Purchasing of city vehicles proposed

New equipment included for consideration included a Self-contained Breathing Apparatus or SCBA, for the fire department, a new fleet of police vehicles, a double-drum compaction roller and a sanitation truck, among other construction tools.

The combination of sanitation and police vehicles will cost \$2,672,192 and will be leased over a five-year period. Upon approval, the replacement process will become effective immediately.

“Just a sanitation truck takes about seven to nine months to purchase,” O’Reilly said.

According to O’Reilly, the current vehicles will be sold once they are replaced, and will be leased through Regions Equipment Finance Corporation.

“What this does is give us a line of credit to purchase our vehicles that are under warranty,” said O’Reilly.

### Parking areas to be resurfaced

Before the end of the fiscal year, the city will begin the milling,



At the Thursday, November 15 council meeting, Gulfport residents Mark and Sonya Walling were honored as the Gulfport Halloween Decoration winners. The theme of their decorations was the Gulfport Beach Bazaar. Their plaque was presented by Vice Mayor Christine Brown. “Thank you so much for participating,” said Brown.

resurfacing and re-stripping of the Municipal Marina’s south parking area, as well as the Lions Club parking lot, located at 4600 Tifton Dr. S.

“They’re going to re-plant the fence and it’s going to be leveled,” said Vice Mayor Christine Brown.

The process will cost \$61,745, nearly half of the \$150,000 that is in the Marina capital budget.

According to O’Reilly, this means that the Marina budget will be raised to \$211,745.

“I’m looking forward to seeing the final product,” said Councilmember Daniel Liedtke.

Cheryl Hannafin was awarded a Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting by Councilmember Michael Fridovich, Vice Mayor Christine Brown, Councilmember Paul Ray and Councilmember Daniel Liedtke. “It could not be done without the hardworking team we have that is dedicated to excellence,” Hannafin said.

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# YOU AND THE LAW

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## Common Misconceptions about Wills and Trusts

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

Does a valid last will and testament avoid probate? No, a will does not help you avoid probate. In fact, the last will and testament is the primary tool of the probate system. A will serves as the instructions from you to the probate court as to how you want your property distributed. The probate court then ensures that all probatable assets are collected and valued. Then, after all bills and taxes are paid, the property can be distributed to your heirs in accordance with your wishes.

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

probate administration in the State of Florida will take six (6) months to one (1) year to properly close the estate.

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

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

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

6. If I have a living trust, do I need to file a separate tax return for the Internal Revenue Service? Generally, the grantor and the trustee of a

revocable living trust will not need to file a separate federal tax return for the trust. Generally, a personal 1040 tax return will be sufficient.

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# The Boulevard Shoppe is Home to New Gulfport Mural

By Abby Baker

The Boulevard Shoppe & Sweet Tea Celebration's courtyard walls are now covered with the naturalistic designs of Gulfport artist Robert Phelps.

"I told him what I envisioned, and gave him a great deal of latitude," said Boulevard Shoppe owner Drue Raylean. "He did some designs on paper and I saw them and just let him go."

The mural, complete with dogs, deer, guitars and musical cherubs, was finished in late October, according to Raylean. It wasn't until Saturday, November 17, that the mural, along with a small outdoor garden, was officially opened to the public and announced with a ribbon cutting.

"I always knew we would have a mural," Raylean said. "I told him, 'Just as long as we have lots of critters.'"

The art covers both walls of the courtyard and will fill the outside of the building when Phelps returns from North Carolina in the spring.

"I think it's inviting to people and just really gives a nice look," said Boulevard Shoppe manager Mike Hogan. "It's relaxing to look at while their having tea."

The area that the mural surrounds includes a small, blooming garden as well as outdoor tables that are open for visitors to enjoy tea and finger foods from Sweet Tea Celebrations.



Gulfport Merchants Chamber President Scott Linde waves the ribbon after Drue Raylean, owner of The Boulevard Shoppe, cuts it to re-open the outdoor garden and wrap-around mural on Saturday, November 17. "It didn't have a snag at all; it was a joy," Raylean said.

"The whole courtyard is special," Raylean said. "I think our shop is unusual, and this really pulls it together."

The shop, located at 3521-5325 Gulfport Blvd S. opened in 2012 and will now accept the work of local artists.

"We would like to see if people would, with a small commission, like to show off their art here," Hogan said. "Whether it be sculptures, paintings, whatever."

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## Beta Sigma Phi Activities

Sunshine City Council's regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the ROTC Room at Dixie Hollins High School.

The annual Christmas Brunch will be held on Saturday, December 1 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Harbourside in Indian Rocks. Member look forward to this annual event to begin the holiday season. Santa will be there for all the children who will be attending.

Gamma Omega Master Chapter members will meet on Wednesday, November 28 at 7 p.m. for their regular meeting at the home of Janet Taylor. Janet will present the program on "Ancestry."

Beta Xi Master Chapter members will meet on Thursday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Kay Ansel. They will have their holiday gift exchange at this meeting.

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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Detail from the mural at The Boulevard Shoppe shows a happy dog serenaded by a rock-n-roll cupid. The mural, painted by Gulfport artist Robert Phelps, features many critters in a colorful, bucolic setting.

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# Open House



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**Sunday, November 25 • 1~3pm**

Patriot Square, 55+ Community, Near Maximo Moorings

**3815 35th Way S #101 • St. Pete**

3BR/2BA (or 2BR+Den) 1st floor, beautifully renovated interior w/ open floor plan. Tasteful furnishings can be incl, move-in ready. Newer appliances incl W/D & AC. Spacious private screened porch, gated community, great rec facilities. 1375 sq ft. \$159,900

**Tony Branch • Earnest Realty, Inc.  
727-460-7887**

## OPEN HOUSES SUNDAY 12~3pm TOWN SHORES 55+

**Diplomat #512** - RARE end-unit condo features open waterfront views, many updates. Well-priced for easy sale!

**Nottingham #615** - RARE east end-unit! 2BR/2BA w/ water views, newly updated bldg, new custom kitchen & newer baths. Well priced for easy sale!



5810 28th Ave S • Gulfport

**727-347-0187**

BUYING • SELLING • LEASING

## OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY • 1~4pm



Sally Wilkinson  
Realtor

**5020 15th Ave N**

Lovely 4BR/2BA,  
2300+ sq ft home on  
oversized lot.

Disston Ridge - highest  
location, no flood!



**727-204-6767**

Real Estate for Sale

## 55+ MOBILE PARK

1BR (possibly 2) / 2BA in South Pasadena  
Mobile Home Park - 801 64th ST S, LOT #130.

Club house & craft/billiard room.

Resident owned, W/D, no pets.

PRICE REDUCED **\$42,000** / \$100 HOA fee

Call Dan - **315-657-2667**

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## Gulfport, St.Pete, & Beaches Realtor!

» Looking for buyers & sellers

» Flexible listing commission

**JUST SOLD! 5814 17th Ave S**

*Happy Thanksgiving!*



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## Town Shores 55+ • Gulfport KENMORE #202

Nicely maintained 1BR/1BA Deluxe floor plan. Newer windows throughout, furnished, covered parking. Just steps away from the pool.

**MUST SEE @ \$139,900**

*"What if, today, we were grateful for everything?" ~ Charlie Brown*

**Happy Thanksgiving to my  
Customers & Friends!**



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**Gulfport Born & Raised...  
How Weird Is That??**



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**BOUTIQUE HOTEL COTTAGE** - Coming to the MARKET SOON just in time for the HOLIDAYS. All you need to BRING IS THE CHAMPAGNE. Only the BEST OF EVERYTHING was used to coax out the CHARM and ROMANCE hidden in this home, both inside and out ... it all can all BE YOURS! **Call for a private tour today.**

### VILLA ROEBUCK - 5221 Delette Ave S

One of the Arts District's most iconic properties. The main house, one bedroom apt, guest cottage, art studio, garage, basement, sun decks, statues, fountains, meditation grottos, bridges... all create a world unto itself.

**Where Your Holiday Dreams Can Come True • Now Available After 20 Years!  
Call today for a private tour.**

**5819 26th Ave S** - Fabulous spacious home w/ vaulted ceilings, 3BR/2BA, open split-plan home. Double doors off all three rooms to the gracious backyard featuring a Koi pond w/ fountain, above ground pool, redwood multi-level deck, multi-colored shed - all fenced for your precious pets. **MUST SEE this livable, bright home in The Gulfport Arts District!**

### Town Shore's Diplomat Corner Building 3rd Floor - LOCATION, LOCATION!

on this 3rd floor 2210 sf updated fabulous condo. Sweeping views of Boca Ciega Bay.

Large kitchen w/ new appliances, cabinets, and countertops.

**Come home today to easy breezy living in Gulfport!**

### Who wants to make some money? 4-Plex in Madeira Beach?

2 lots, 4 units, 4 electric meters, 2 garages not rented out, 1 water meter.

Lots of options! New roof, fully rented, locally owned.

**Time to add to the savings account? Here it is.**



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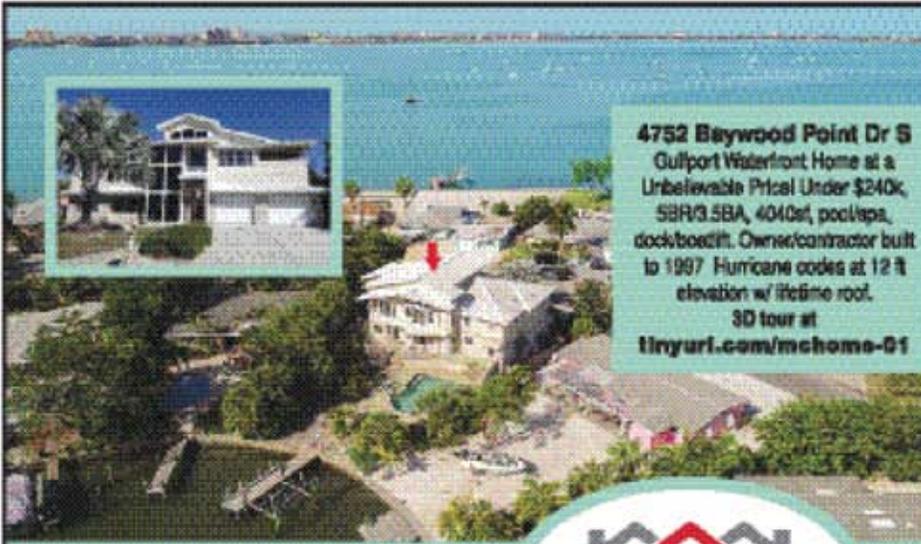


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**4752 Baywood Point Dr S**  
Gulfport Waterfront Home at a  
Unbelievable Price! Under \$240k,  
5BR/3.5BA, 4040sq, pool/spa,  
dock/boatlift. Owner/contractor built  
to 1997 Hurricane codes at 12 ft  
elevation w/ lifetime roof.  
3D tour at  
[tinyurl.com/mchome-01](http://tinyurl.com/mchome-01)

**Jim Newman**  
727-742-5140 (text OK)




**Rita M. Stutzman**  
Realtor



**Town Shores 55+**  
Full Time Resident & Realtor  
**727-723-4164**  
[RitaStutzman@yahoo.com](mailto:RitaStutzman@yahoo.com)

**Hampton #105** - 1BR/1BA Deluxe offers so  
much to make your life enjoyable. Kitchen is  
totally open w/ newer cabinets & countertops,  
stainless steel appliances, tile floors. Many  
upgrades, beautifully decorated.  
Don't miss this one. Waterfront property.  
**\$177,000**

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

What's  
Happening?

Check Out  
Local Events  
Online!

[theGabber.com/events](http://theGabber.com/events)



**Gobble Gobble Gobble up these great deals!**

TOWN SHORES

**5925 Shore Blvd S**  
**Lancaster #509**  
1BR/1BA Deluxe, water  
view, updated kitchen.

**5425 30th Ave S**  
3BR/2BA, 1700+ sq ft  
in the heart of Gulfport!

**2701 56th St S**  
3BR/2BA in the heart of Gulfport!

**4421 5th Ave S**  
3BR/2BA, St. Pete,  
wood floors & fireplace!

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!**

**2632 56th St S**  
4BR/3BA, split floor plan,  
in the heart of Gulfport!

**2930 58th St S**  
Sensational 2-story house, built to  
hurricane specs, income potential!

**5117 Preston Ave S**  
Family home, new flooring,  
new paint, must see!

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Always thankful for my Gulfport clients!

Happy  
**THANKSGIVING**  
To All



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**Ready to SELL?  
GET IT SOLD!**



**YOUR GULFPORT LOCAL EXPERT!**

# 10TH ANNUAL GULFPORT HOLIDAY HOOPLA

**Saturday**

**December 8, 2018**

**10:00 am – 5:00 pm**

Beach Boulevard South  
Gulfport, FL 33707

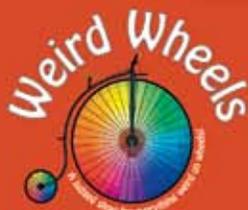
**FREE Admission**

Artisans, Craftsmen, Boutiques & Galleries

Roving Holiday Characters

Beach Bums Winter Wonderland 5 - Satellite Qualifier

BCYC Lighted Boat Parade 6:00 pm



Enter your weird wheels in our judged competition! Everything from skateboards and unicycles to cars and trucks are welcome to enter. Prizes for Most Original, Best in Show, Business Wheels, and People's Choice.



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