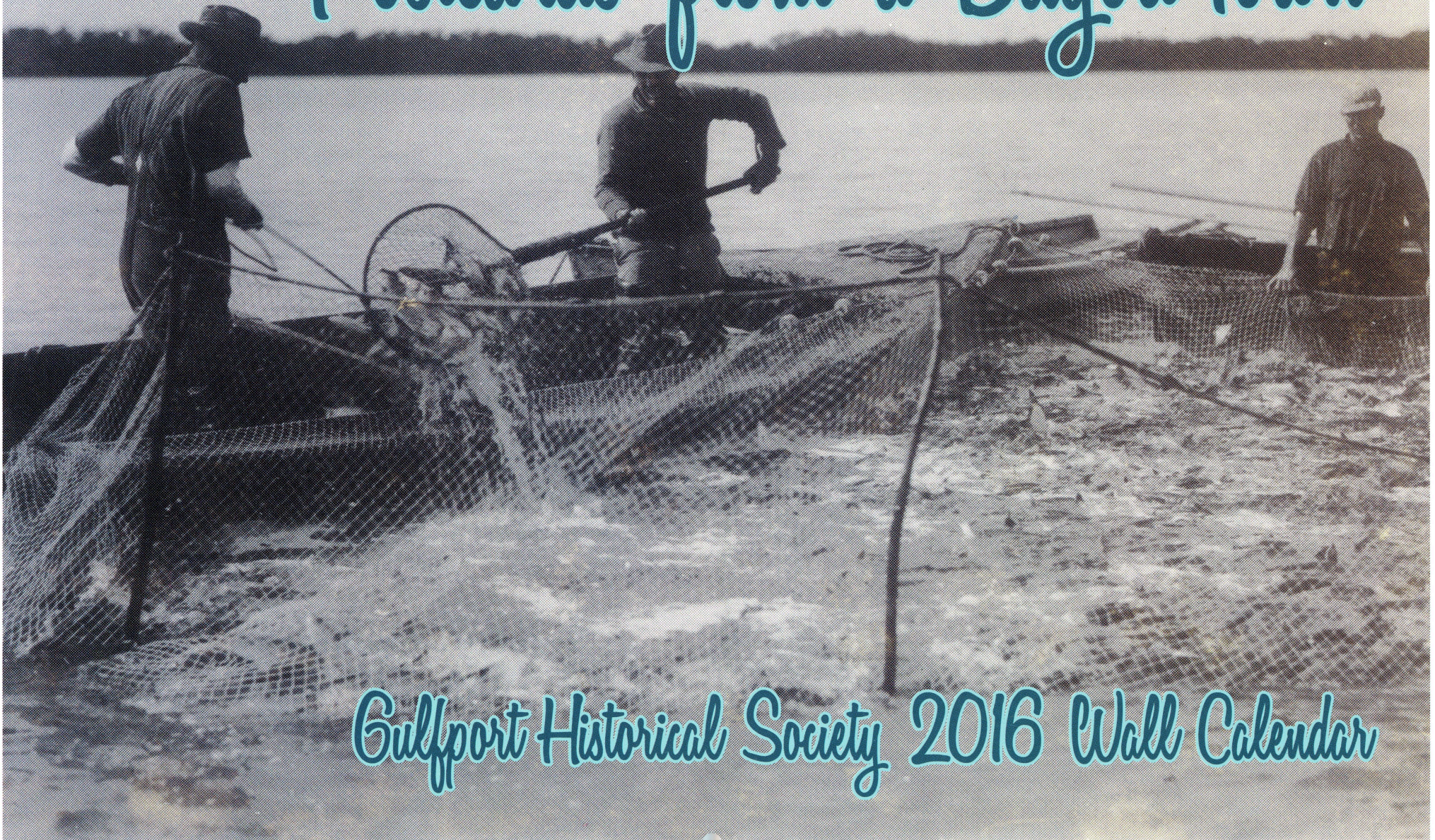


If History could send...

Postcards from a Bayou Town



Gulfport Historical Society 2016 Wall Calendar

Get Gulfported! We have something for everyone - Find your people!

49th Street South Business Association (SO49) 327-3509

Meets at 5021 Tangerine Avenue South.

Andy Anderson American Legion Post #125 347-6085

Meals, bar and entertainment. Various events throughout year. 6440 5th Avenue South.

Boca Ciega Yacht Club 321-7295

4600 Tifton Drive South.

Boomerangs Softball 588-0404

Games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Hoyt Field at 56th Street South and 23rd Avenue South.

C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) 893-1062

Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library 893-1073

Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Avenue South.

City of Imagination 321-1786

Gulfport Arts Center, 2726 54th Street South.

Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce 344-3711

4926 Gulfport Boulevard South.

Gulfport Community Players GulfportPlayers@Yahoo.com

Back Door Theater, 1619 49th Street South.

Gulfport Historical Society Info@GulfportHistoricalSociety.org

Historic events and programming. Gulfport History Museum, 5301 28th Avenue South, offers exhibits, coffee, history books, and history-themed merchandise.

Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation 893-1244

5501 27th Avenue South.

Gulfport Neighbors 343-8428 or GulfportNeighbors.org

A network of volunteers dedicated to making a difference in the community. Find out how you can help at GulfportNeighbors.org.

Gulfport Merchants Association 343-4445

Represents local businesses, non-profits, and other groups in the waterfront district.

Gulfport Pirates Youth Football and Cheerleading 324-9984 or 851-5729

An alternative to keep kids away from the streets. Focusing on education, discipline, teamwork, and respect through the youth football and cheerleading. Ages 4 -14.

Gulfport Yacht Club 215-7982

4638 Del Rio Way South.

Lion's Club 321-5717

4630 Tifton Drive South.

Little League Baseball and Softball PresidentGPLL@gmail.com

Little League: Lum Atkinson Field at Tangerine and 55th Street South.

Big League Ball President: Hoyt Field at 56th Street South and 23rd Avenue South.

Michael J. Yakes Foundation (MY Foundation) 656-2701

Meeting the needs of underprivileged children and seniors.

Police Explorers 893-2780, extension 2112

Gulfport Police Department, 2401 53rd Street South.

Sea Scouts 345-9837

Boca Ciega Yacht Club, 4600 Tifton Drive South.

Teen Council 893-1592

2401 53rd Street South.

Town Shores/Gulfport Women's Club 345-9491

Town Shores Clubhouse, 3210 59th Street South, October through May.

VETSports VETSsports.org

Rehabilitating wounded warriors through sports and community involvement.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10174 323-0024

Fourth Monday, 7:30 p.m.; 1780 49th Street South.

Women's Softball 893-1079

June through November, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Hoyt Field at 56th Street South and 23rd Avenue South.



Learn more about your town at MyGulfport.us



EMERGENCY: 911

General Information 893-1000

City Manager 893-1009 • City Clerk 893-1012

Building/Zoning/Code Enforcement 893-1024

Sanitation & Trash pickup 893-1083 * Recycle/Trash 893-1089

Senior Center Special Events 893-5657 • GEMS 893-2242 * Reassurance 893-2237

Casino 893-1070 • Gulfport Events 893-1118 • Cultural Facilities 893-1066

Police (non-emergency) 582-6117 • CERT 893-1062



City Hall, Police and Fire Departments

2401 53rd Street South, 893-1000

Pay your city utility, marina, or cable bill. Have an eye for safety? C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteers supplement our police, fire, and emergency response teams. Gulfport also offers explorer programs for teens 14 to 21. The police offer free security surveys, and the fire department offers free single-family home fire and pool safety inspections. Need building permits, an occupational license, or an inspection? Get them around the corner at the Public Services Building (5330 23rd Street South).

Michael J. Yakes Recreation Complex

5730 Shore Boulevard South, 893-1068

Classes and activities for all ages. Programs for kids 3 to 17, including Tot Time (multi-day programs); after-school childcare for kindergarten through fifth grade (transportation from Gulfport Elementary, Bear Creek, Douglas Jamerson and Pasadena Fundamental); and Teen Night, which provides a fun and safe way for teens to meet, with activities and field trips (Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.)

Senior Center

5501 27th Avenue South, 893-1231

Offering dining and a food pantry, daily social activities, events, social service assistance, Social Security/income tax help, and exercise pro-

grams for those over 50. Reassurance program offers daily contact for residents living alone. GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mini-Bus Service) provides rides from home to doctor or store for 55+ and/or the disabled.

Cultural Facilities 893-1070

Four facilities available for rent:

Catherine A. Hickman Theater, 5501 26th Avenue South

Catch shows, including the Community Players' productions.

Historic Casino Ballroom, 5500 Shore Boulevard South

Wood floors, a bandshell, and a full bar.

49th Street Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street South

Small kitchen and modern facilities.

Scout Hall, 5315 28th Avenue South

Rustic facility with stage, small kitchen, patio, and fire pit.

Library

5501 28th Avenue South 893-1073

Check out books, movies, and music. LGBT collection, seed library, science club, outdoor reading garden, and kids activities. Coffee, free wi-fi, computers, private rooms, and meeting space.

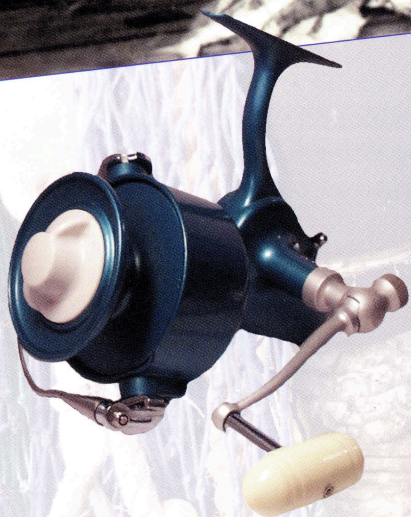
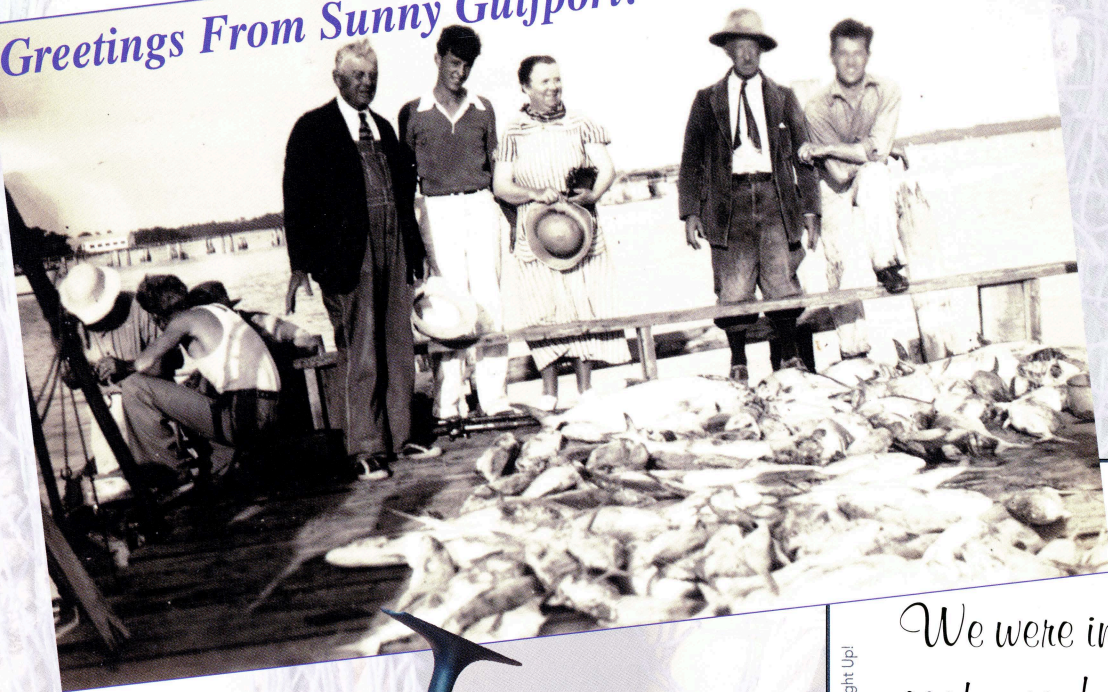
Marina

4630 29th Avenue South, 893-1071

Wet slips, dry storage, kayak storage and launch, ship store, showers, boat ramp, fuel, bait, guest docks, pumpouts, food, and drinks.

January

Greetings From Sunny Gulfport!



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We were in our bathing costumes, but look at all these locals in long sleeves! They don't know what cold is! Fishing is great here!

*Gulfport
Historical
Society*
get caught up!

To:

Miss Snowy Winter
32 Snowflake Road
Somewhere Cold, Up North

10804

This month:

Garbage Collection

New Year's Eve on
December 30
New Year's Day on
December 31
No brush pickup

Tuesdays
Fresh Market
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturdays
SoTangerine!
Market on the
Greenway
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

New Moon
January 9
Full Moon
January 23

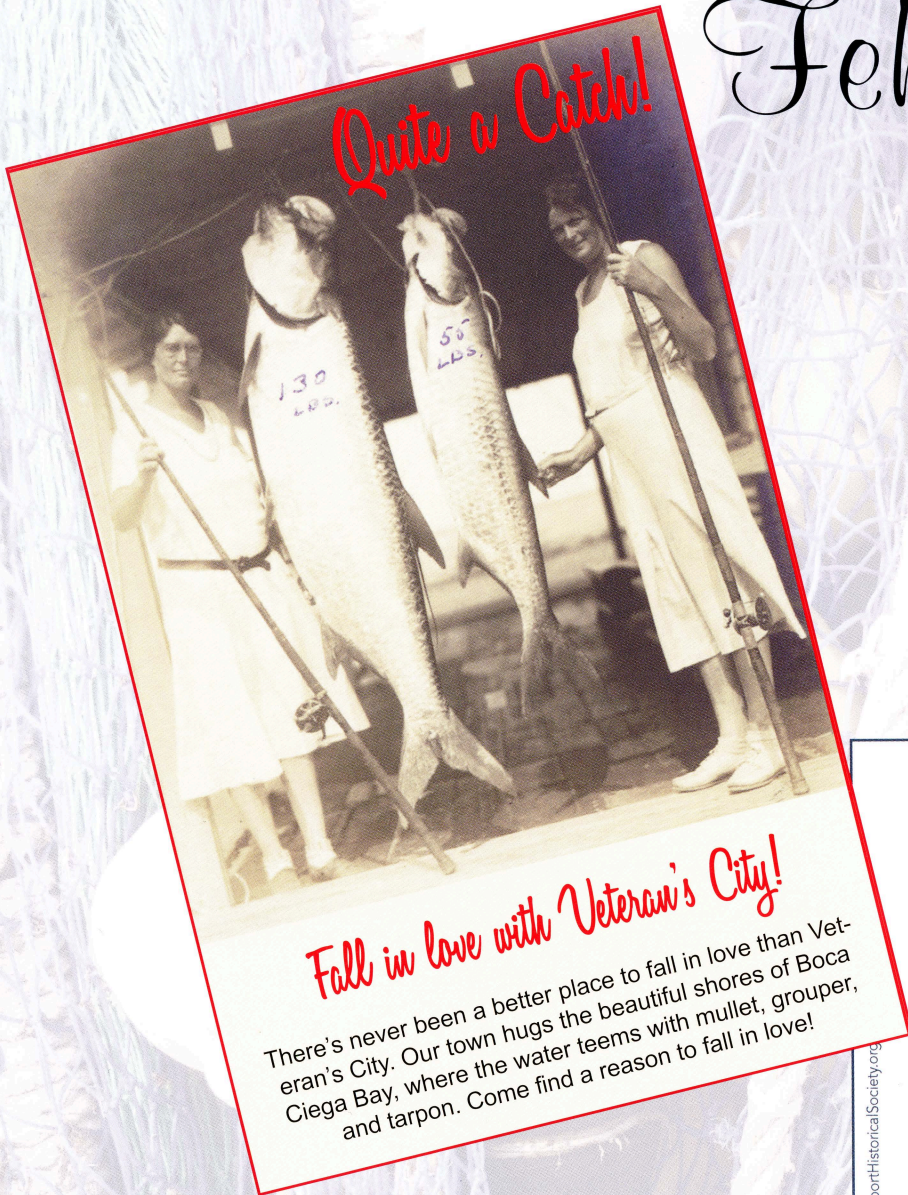
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					ArtWalk 6 p.m.	J. West Prostate 8K 6 a.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						Beach Cleanup 9 a.m. Spaghetti Supper Lion's Club 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Legion Ladies Auxiliary 7 p.m.	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.	Town Shores/Gulfport Women's Club 12 p.m. Board of Adjustment 6:30 p.m.	So49 5:30 p.m.	Arbor Day Celebration 3:30 p.m. Porch Party 7 p.m.	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service 8 a.m. ArtWalk 6 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day American Legion 7 p.m.	City Council 7 p.m.		Chamber Mixer 5:30 p.m.		Junk in the Trunk 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
PAVA 2 Cool Art Show 31	Sons of American Legion 7 p.m.	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.		Senior Center Foundation 8 a.m.		PAVA 2 Cool Art Show

February



There's never been a better place to fall in love than Veteran's City. Our town hugs the beautiful shores of Boca Ciega Bay, where the water teems with mullet, grouper, and tarpon. Come find a reason to fall in love!

GulfportHistoricalSociety.org

The mosquitoes give us no peace - that is, until we get out on the water. This is the perfect way to spend my winters; I'm thinking of moving here! We didn't catch these monsters, but we had a great time taking the ferry to the sandbar across the water.



Once upon a time, people caught and kept tarpon. Today, tarpon is a "catch and release" species. Tarpon spawn offshore in the summer months (May through September) and most catches weigh between 40 and 150 pounds.

This month:

Tuesdays
Fresh Market
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturdays
SoTangerine!
Market on the
Greenway
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

New Moon
February 8

Full Moon
February 22

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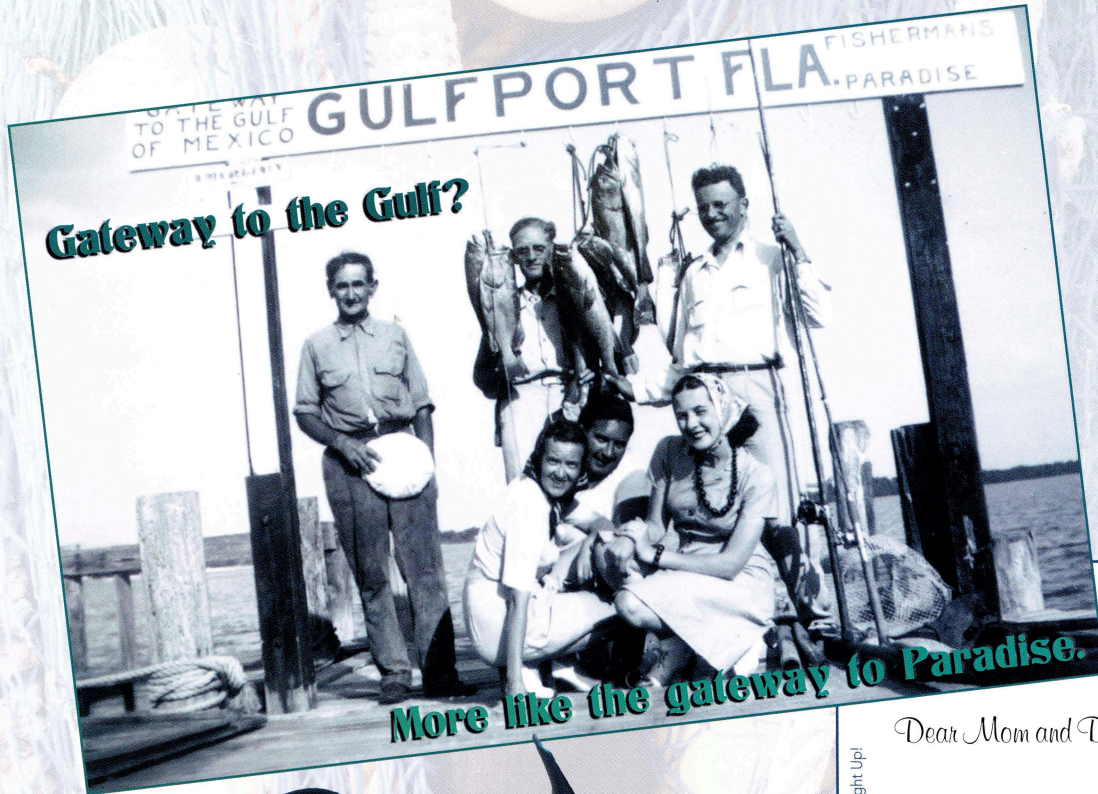
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 SoClassic Car Show 12 p.m. - 10 p.m. Pancake Breakfast Lion's Club 7 a.m.
7	8 Legion Ladies Auxiliary 7 p.m.	9 Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.	10 Town Shores/Gulfport Women's Club 12 p.m. Board of Adjustment 6:30 p.m.	11 SO49 5:30 p.m.	12 Teen Council after school	13 Beach Cleanup 9 a.m. Little League Opening 10 a.m.
14	15 American Legion 7 p.m.	16 City Council 7 p.m.	17	18 Chamber Mixer 5:30 p.m	19 Porch Party 7 p.m.	20 Fine Arts Festival 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. ArtWalk 6 p.m.
21 Fine Arts Festival 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	22 Sons of American Legion 7 p.m.	23 Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.	24	25 Senior Center Foundation 8 a.m.	26	27 Get Rescued 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
28	29					



March



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Dear Mom and Dad,

With God as my witness, I will never eat haddock again! I caught my own grouper and it tasted like a slice of heaven.

Also, the boys are cute and I am moving here. I found a little town called "Gulfport" and you should see the all the fish the men bring in at the end of the day!

Love, Amanda



If you've eaten grouper in restaurants, odds are you've eaten a type of black grouper called a "gag" grouper, pictured here.

All grouper are born female; later in life, some change gender. The largest gag grouper on record is 80 pounds, six ounces, caught in Destin.

Grouper spawn between January and May.

This month:

Tuesdays
Fresh Market
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturdays
SoTangerine!
Market on the
Greenway
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

New Moon
March 8

Full Moon
March 23

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1	2	3	4	5
			City Council 7 p.m.	Planning & Zoning 6:30 p.m.		ArtWalk 6 p.m.	Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes 10 a.m.
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.	Town Shores/Gulfport Women's Club 12 p.m. Board of Adjustment 6:30 p.m.	SO49 5:30 p.m.	Teen Council after school	Beach Cleanup 9 a.m. Clam Bayou Cleanup 9 a.m. - noon Shrimp Boil Lion's Club 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Daylight Savings	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Legion Ladies Auxiliary 7 p.m.	City Council 7 p.m.		O'Maddy's St. Patrick's Day Party Chamber Mixer 5:30 p.m.	Porch Party 7 p.m.	Citywide Yard Sale Nautical Flea Market Marina 7 a.m. ArtWalk 6 p.m..
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		American Legion 7 p.m.	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.			Admiral Club Regatta Gulfport Yacht Club	Fun in the Sun 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Admiral Club Regatta Gulfport Yacht Club
Easter	27	28	29	30	31		
Stella's Easter Event	Admiral Club Regatta Gulfport Yacht Club	Sons of American Legion 7 p.m.			Senior Center Foundation 8 a.m.		

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April

April showers bring May flowers – and fish!



Put some spring in your step in Gulfport!



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Caught something called a “Jewfish” while out fishing today. I thought I had a snapper on the line, but ended up hauling this 100 pound beauty!



Today we call these fish “goliath grouper” but we once called them Jewfish. They’re now endangered, meaning fishermen can catch them but they must release them.

Pinellas County’s artificial reefs all have at least one resident goliath grouper. According to fishing guides, these fish eat everything.

This month:

Tuesdays
Fresh Market
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturdays
SoTangerine!
Market on the
Greenway
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

New Moon
April 7

Full Moon
April 22

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					1	2
					ArtWalk 6 p.m.	Pancake Breakfast Lion's Club 7 a.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Historical Society Annual Meeting & Elections 6 p.m.	City Council 7 p.m.	Planning & Zoning 6:30 p.m.		Teen Council after school	Beach Cleanup 9 a.m. Spring Fest at Clymer 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Spring Fest at Clymer 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Legion Ladies Auxiliary 7 p.m.	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.	Town Shores/Gulfport Women's Club 12 p.m. Board of Adjustment 6:30 p.m.	SO49 5:30 p.m.	Porch Party 7 p.m.	Relay For Life 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. ArtWalk 6 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	American Legion 7 p.m.	City Council 7 p.m.		Chamber Mixer 5:30 p.m.		Junk in the Trunk 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Sons of American Legion 7 p.m.	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.		Senior Center Foundation 8 a.m.	Multi-Hull Regatta Gulfport Yacht Club	Multi-Hull Regatta Gulfport Yacht Club



Your Gateway to the Gulf



May



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Captain Walt Williams (with the jaunty hat and pipe) also served as Gulfport's mayor in 1947, which is when he took this group for an outing on the *Don*.

In 2001, Gulfport renamed its municipal pier (which you'll find at the base of 54th Street South) the Williams Pier, in honor of two former mayors: Captain Walt Williams and his son, Bert Williams.

Walt served as mayor from 1946 to 1948 and died in 1957 at the age

of 70.

His son, Bert, served as mayor from 1987 until 1991. Their descendant, Charlie Williams, still fishes local waters.

The pier, a favorite locals fishing spot, extends 521 feet into Boca Ciega Bay, has fish cleaning tables, lighting, and charges no admission.



This month:

Tuesdays
Fresh Market
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturdays
SoTangerine!
Market on the
Greenway
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

New Moon
May 6

Full Moon
May 21

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1 Multi-Hull Regatta Gulfport Yacht Club	2	3 City Council 7 p.m.	4 Planning & Zoning 6:30 p.m.	5	6 ArtWalk 6 p.m.	7
8 Mother's Day Stella's Mother's Day Event	9 Legion Ladies Auxiliary 7 p.m.	10 Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.	11 Town Shores/Gulfport Women's Club 12 p.m. Board of Adjustment 6:30 p.m.	12 SO49 5:30 p.m.	13 Teen Council after school	14 Beach Cleanup 9 a.m.
15	16 American Legion 7 p.m.	17 City Council 7 p.m.	18	19 Chamber Mixer 5:30 p.m.	20 Porch Party 7 p.m.	21 ArtWalk 6 p.m.
22	23 Sons of American Legion 7 p.m.	24 Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.	25	26 Senior Center Foundation 8 a.m. Hurricane Seminar Theatre 6 p.m.	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				

Your Local Sea Tow
Raul & Cile Moreno



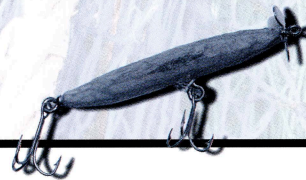
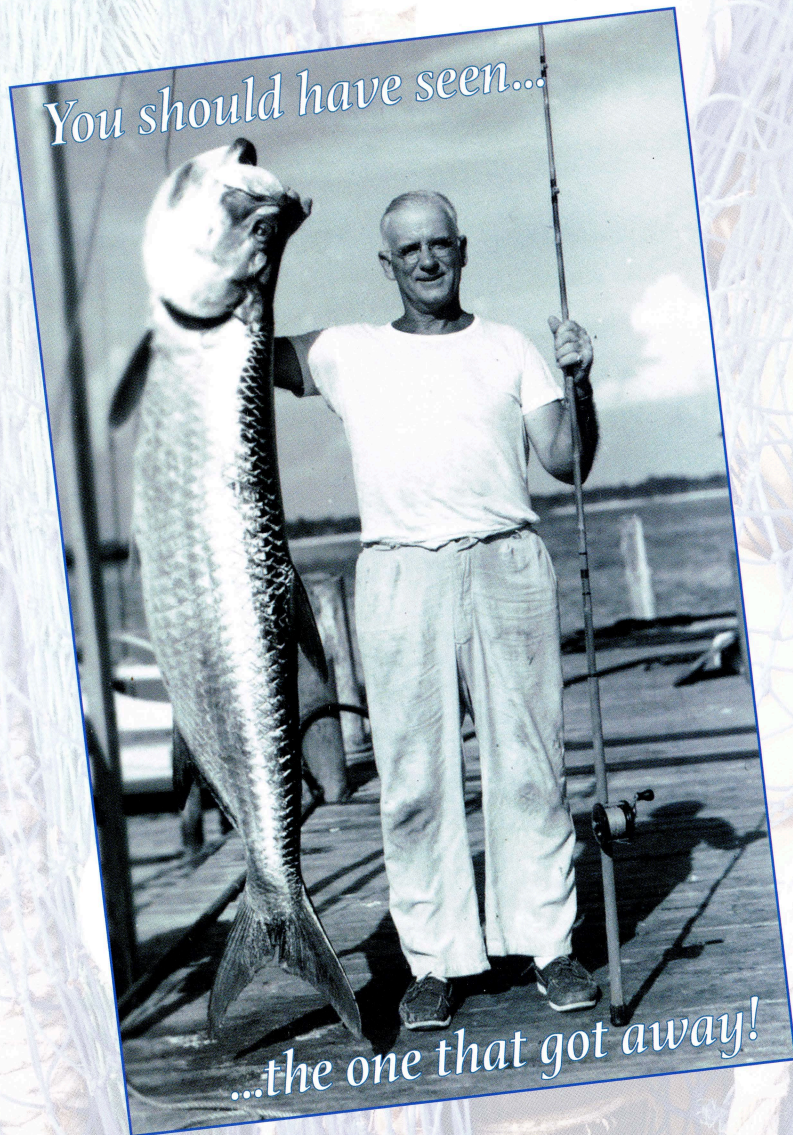
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June



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and invent air conditioning!
The breeze on the water makes me never want to leave the boat. Look what I caught! Darn thing took me an hour to land on the boat.



Anglers know there's no fight like a tarpon. Tarpon use lung-like tissue near their swim bladder to "gulp" air. When they do this, they "roll" in the water and the sun catches the glint of their scales. This is how fishermen often spot the fish, which spawn offshore between May and September..

The record for a Florida catch stands at 243 pounds, caught off the coast of Key West.

Never felt heat like this before.
I wish someone would hurry up

This month:

Tuesdays
Fresh Market
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturdays
SoTangerine!
Market on the
Greenway
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

New Moon
June 4

Full Moon
June 20

Pride events
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			1	2	3	4
			Planning & Zoning 6:30 p.m.		ArtWalk 6 p.m.	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Town Shores/Gulfport Women's Club 12 p.m.			
		City Council 7 p.m.	Board of Adjustment 6:30 p.m.	SO49 5:30 p.m.	Teen Council after school	Beach Cleanup 9 a.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Flag Day Ceremony Veteran's Park 10 a.m.				
	Legion Ladies Auxiliary 7 p.m.	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.		Chamber Mixer 5:30 p.m.		ArtWalk 6 p.m.
Father's Day 19	Summer Solstice 20	21	22	23	24	25
	American Legion 7 p.m.	City Council 7 p.m.				
26	27	28	29	30		
	Sons of American Legion 7 p.m.	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.		Senior Center Foundation 8 a.m.		



American Legion Activities

**Post 125 6440 - 5th Ave. S., St. Petersburg
347-6085**

Legion kitchen open Monday - Saturday 11 p.m. - 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

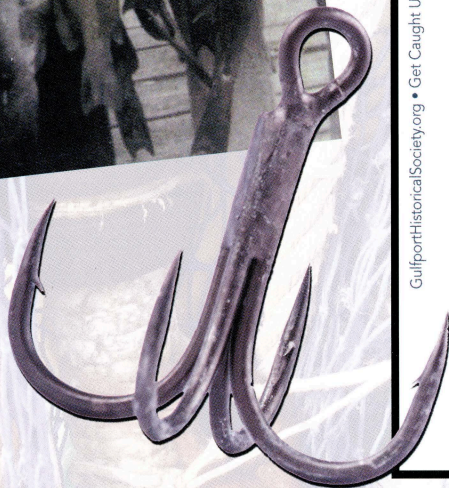
Tuesday and Thursday Karaoke 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Friday and Saturday Stagewest Band 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

A different kind of holiday.



July



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Ron Wissel, owner of the Holiday Inn (no relation to the chain using the same name) at the southeast corner of 30th and Beach Boulevard (now apartments), stands with his son, David, and his uncle, Ed Lincoln, on the Gulfport Pier.

Although the photo dates to 1954, the Gulfport Holiday Inn predated the 1952 chain by the same name.

Gulfport
Historical
Society
get caught up!

To:

Mr. J. Scog
55 Blizzard Boulevard
Below Freezing, Montana

54987

This month:

Garbage Collection

July 4 pickup on Tuesday, July 5
 Tuesday's pickup on Wednesday
 No yard waste

Tuesdays
 Fresh Market
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturdays
 SoTangerine!
 Market on the Greenway
 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

New Moon
 July 4

Full Moon
 July 19

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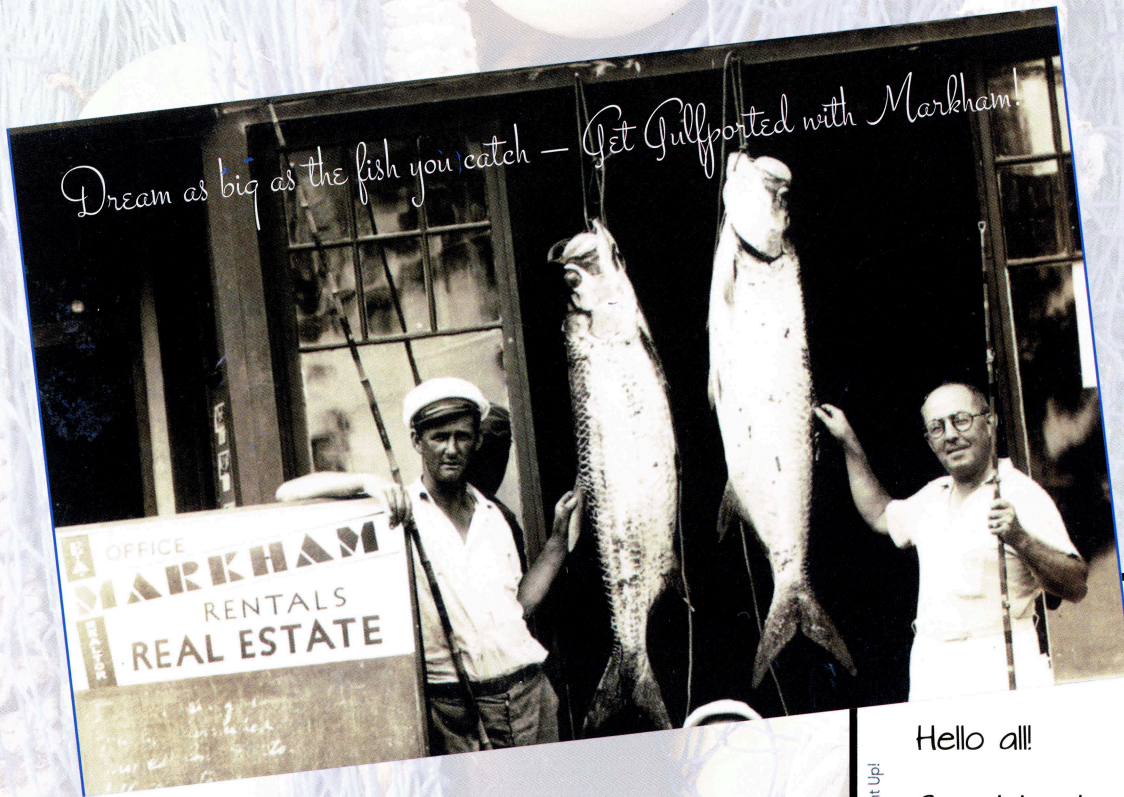
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					1 ArtWalk 6 p.m.	2
3	4 Fourth of July Daylong Celebration	5 City Council 7 p.m.	6 Planning & Zoning 6:30 p.m.	7 One Act Play Festival Theatre 8 p.m.	8 One Act Play Festival Theatre 8 p.m. Teen Council after school	9 Beach Cleanup 9 a.m. One Act Play Festival Theatre 8 p.m.
10 One Act Play Festival Theatre 2 p.m.	11 One Act Play Festival Theatre 8 p.m. Legion Ladies Auxiliary 7 p.m.	12 One Act Play Festival Theatre 8 p.m. Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.	13 Town Shores/Gulfport Women's Club 12 p.m. One Act Play Festival Theatre 8 p.m. Board of Adjustment 6:30 p.m.	14 One Act Play Festival 8 Theatre 8 p.m. SO49 5:30 p.m.	15 One Act Play Festival Theatre 8 p.m.	16 One Act Play Festival Theatre 8 p.m. ArtWalk 6 p.m.
17 One Act Play Festival Theatre 2 p.m.	18 American Legion 7 p.m.	19 City Council 7 p.m.	20	21 Chamber Mixer 5:30 p.m.	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Sons of American Legion 7 p.m.	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.		Senior Center Foundation 8 a.m.		

August



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Hello all!

Caught a bunch of fish.

Bought a beach cottage.

Quit my job.

I'll figure something out here. Maybe I can fish for a living!

Stay warm,
Rick



To:

All My Friends
45 Stuck-in-Traffic Lane
New York, New York

10013



This month:

Tuesdays
Fresh Market
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturdays
SoTangerine!
Market on the
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8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

New Moon
August 2

Full Moon
August 18

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
		City Council 7 p.m.	Planning & Zoning 6:30 p.m.	Gulfport Night Out 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Gecko Art Show Theatre, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. ArtWalk 6 p.m.	Gecko Crawl 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Legion Ladies Auxiliary 7 p.m.	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.	Town Shores/Gulfport Women's Club 12 p.m. Board of Adjustment 6:30 p.m.	SO49 5:30 p.m.	Teen Council after school	Beach Cleanup 9 a.m.
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Sons of American Legion 7 p.m.	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.		Senior Center Foundation 8 a.m.		Gecko Ball 6 p.m.
28	29	30	31			



Rent the historic Gulfport Casino Ballroom for your special event.



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September

Go fishing, they said.



Big fish impress the ladies, they said.



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Hi Bob,

Apparently, there are larger fish to catch here, but these tasted just fine to me!

Having a great time on my vacation. Mary's having fun, too. She's thinking of us buying a retirement cottage here, but I'm in favor of year-round living. The locals are a bit unusual, but at least it doesn't snow!

All best, Mark

To:

Bob Uruncle
97 Chilly Way
Landlocked, Nebraska

65390

Gulfport
Historical
Society
get caught up!

This month:

Tuesdays
Fresh Market
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturdays
SoTangerine!
Market on the
Greenway
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

New Moon
September 1
September 30

Full Moon
September 16

Key

Addresses in front

Green: City Hall
Red:
Tangerine Greenway

Purple:
49th Street Neigh-
borhood Center

Blue: Casino
Pink: Museum
Navy: Downtown

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					ArtWalk 6 p.m.	GeckoFest 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Grandparent's Day 4	Labor Day 5	6	7	8	9	10
		City Council 7 p.m.	Planning & Zoning 6:30 p.m.	SO49 5:30 p.m.	Teen Council after school	Beach Cleanup 9 a.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Legion Ladies Auxiliary 7 p.m.	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.	Town Shores/Gulfport Women's Club 12 p.m. Board of Adjustment 6:30 p.m.	Chamber Mixer 5:30 p.m.	Historical Society Annual Meeting & Porch Party 7 p.m.	ArtWalk 6 p.m.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	American Legion 7 p.m.	City Council 7 p.m.				
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Sons of American Legion 7 p.m.	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.		Senior Center Foundation 8 a.m.		



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October



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Shown here: a kingfish catch. In the background, Captain John Carroll's *Mary C.*, a boat made of cedar ribs.

Today, regulations limit each harvester to two kingfish (also known as king mackerel). Kingfish steaks hold up to almost any kind of cooking –grilling, frying, and baking will all yield a tasty dinner.

The largest kingfish on record was 90 pounds, caught in Key

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West.

To learn more about fishing, go fishing. To learn more about fishing regulations, or to get your fishing license, visit MyFWC.com.



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Rosh Hashanah 2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Beach Cleanup 9 a.m. A Celebration of Gulfport 10 a.m.
9	10 Legion Ladies Auxiliary 7 p.m.	Yom Kippur 11 Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.	12 Town Shores/Gulfport Women's Club 12 p.m. Board of Adjustment 6:30 p.m.	13 SO49 5:30 p.m.	14 Flying Mullet 5K One Mile Doggie Dash 6 p.m. Teen Council after school	15 Junk in the Trunk 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. ArtWalk 6 p.m.
16	17 American Legion 7 p.m.	18 City Council 7 p.m.	19	20 Chamber Mixer 5:30 p.m.	21	22 Gulfport Under the Stars 6 p.m.
23	24 Legion Sons 7 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.		Senior Center Foundation 8 a.m.		



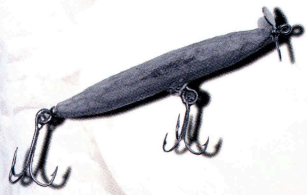
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November



Fishing at sunset

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Pictured here are two mullet boats working in tandem. Mullet fishermen once stretched a net between their boats and used scoop nets to collect the mullet as they swam into the big net. According to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in



2012 commercial Florida mullet fishermen sold 9,599,144 pounds of mullet for 72¢ per pound, for a total dockside value of \$6,882,605. That makes it one of Florida's top 20 seafood products.

This month:

Garbage Collection

Thanksgiving
(November 24) on
Wednesday
No yard waste

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			Planning & Zoning 6:30 p.m.		ArtWalk 6 p.m.	
Daylight Savings Ends 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Town Shores/Gulfport Women's Club 12 p.m.			
VETSports Beach Volleyball Gulfport Open 11 a.m.		Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.	Board of Adjustment 6:30 p.m.	SO49 5:30 p.m.	Teen Council after school	Beach Cleanup 9 a.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Legion Ladies Auxiliary 7 p.m.	City Council 7 p.m.		Chamber Mixer 5:30 p.m.	Porch Party 7 p.m.	ArtWalk 6 p.m.
20	21	22	23	Thanksgiving 24	25	26
	American Legion 7 p.m.	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.				
27	28	29	30			
	Sons of American Legion 7 p.m.					



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December



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All hail the Mullet King, Charlie Williams! The first time the Gulfport Historical Society crowned a mullet king (2013) it chose Charlie, the quintessential mullet fisherman. In 1995, Florida banned gill netting, making it impossible for most mullet fishermen to earn a living. King Williams still feeds his family as a mullet fisherman, a testament to the enduring work ethic of the Gulfport fisherman. Florida Fish and Wildlife



considers striped (black) and silver (white, fantail, or redeye) mullet as "restricted species" of fish. To keep a striped mullet, it must measure 11 inches from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.

Because they're herbivores, fishermen must use nets to catch mullet. Mullet also have gizzards, much like birds.

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					ArtWalk 6 p.m.	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Tree Lighting in Clymer Park 7 p.m.	City Council 7 p.m.	Planning & Zoning 6:30 p.m.	SO49 5:30 p.m.	Teen Council after school	Beach Cleanup 9 a.m. Holiday Hoopla
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Legion Ladies Auxiliary 7 p.m.	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.	Town Shores/Gulfport Women's Club 12 p.m. Board of Adjustment 6:30 p.m.	Chamber Mixer 5:30 p.m.	Porch Party 7 p.m.	ArtWalk 6 p.m.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	American Legion 7 p.m.	City Council 7 p.m.	Winter Solstice			Chanukah Christmas Eve
Christmas Day 25	Kwanzaa 26	27	28	29	30	31
	Sons of American Legion 7 p.m.	Lion's Club 6:30 p.m.		Senior Center Foundation 8 a.m.		New Year's Eve

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If History Could Send Postcards...

The first Gulfportians relied on Clam Bayou and Boca Ciega Bay not for only sustenance, but often for their livelihood. From fishing excursions to ferry trips, these waters shaped Gulfport's past. This year's calendar plays with the idea, "What would postcards from our history say?" The photos, while real, all include (often lighthearted) messages and history about Gulfport.

Over the years, Clam Bayou lost real estate to our marina, condominiums, and houses. Boca Ciega Bay's, a tidal mudflat rather than a proper beach where the water met the shore, once ran to the base of 29th Avenue, but developers dredged land from those mud flats. St. Pete Beach dredged itself from sandbar to city, and dredges also created Tierra Verde. All this dredging took its toll, and by the mid-twentieth century, historian Bruce Stephenson tells us, scientists considered Boca Ciega Bay "dead."

In recent years, environmental laws helped change the way local governments and people manage Boca Ciega Bay, and today you can see sea grass and manatee once more. The bay has a new life, although without constant vigilance, it still faces challenges.

The Gulfport Historical Society preserves and celebrates Gulfport culture and history through exhibits and programs that educate and inspire the community and visiting public. We hope this calendar's lighthearted look at our beloved bay will inspire you to learn more about our environmental history and get involved in its protection and preservation.

To learn more, please visit us at the Gulfport History Museum (5301 28th Avenue South). Admission costs nothing; come by to see our rotating exhibits, sip coffee in our Square Mullet Coffee Shop, or research the history of your home, your family, or Gulfport. Learn more about all we do at GulfportHistoricalSociety.org.

Please join us throughout the year for speakers, porch parties, and events. Members receive special benefits. Don't miss any of them - Join today!



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