

1993-94

ACTIVITY PROGRAM





CITY OF GULFPORT LEISURE SERVICES

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LEISURE SERVICES FACILITIES:

- Casino:, 5500 Shore Blvd. So.
- Community Center:, 5730 Shore Blvd. So.
- Senior Center: 5501 27th Ave So.
- Public Library: 5501 28th Ave. So.
- Municipal Marina: 4630 29th Ave. So.
- Scout Hall: 5315 28th Ave. So.
- Rehearsal Hall: 3050 Beach Blvd. So.
- Historical Museum: 5301 28th Ave. So.
- Gulfport Beach: Shore Blvd & 54-58th St. So.
- Pier: Shore Blvd. & 54th St. So.
- Hoyt Field: 2300 56th St. So.
- Clymer Park: Gulfport Blvd. & Beach Blvd.
- Little League Field: 55th St. & 18th Ave. So.
- Race Field: 54th St. & 19th Ave. So.
- Tomlinson Park: Tangerine Av & 55th St So
- Chase Park: 28th Ave. & 53rd St. So.
- Tonkin Playground: 27th Ave. & 54th St. So.
- Wood Ibis Park: 58th St. & 28th Ave. So.
- Tennis Courts: Chase Park & Tangerine Park
- Basketball Courts: Community Center

CITY OFFICIALS

- Michael Yakes Mayor
- John Ball Vice-Mayor
- Colleen Camp Councilmember
- Jack Olsen Councilmember
- Ted Phillips Councilmember
- Robert E. Lee City Manager



BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

(813) 321-1158

DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

The Leisure Services staff is dedicated to promoting a standard of excellence and service in the community by recognizing the importance of parks and leisure activities to the quality of life. We view these activities as essential public services, a force in shaping the values and attitudes of youth, and a presence for strengthening families and communities.

During the past year a new boat ramp was constructed at the Municipal Marina, a passive park area with native trees was constructed at 64th St. & Gulfport Blvd., renovations were made at Hoyt Field, palm trees were planted in various city locations under the auspices of Keep South Pinellas Beautiful, and the teen program was expanded.

This is an exciting time for our community as we look forward to the expansion and renovation of the Public Library, the opening of the Gulfport Casino, the completion of the Osgood Point improvement project, and the extended Tot Time Program.

Our schedule of programs, classes and activities is designed to assist you in enjoying your recreational time. We hope the programs are diverse enough to meet the needs of each of you in some way. Your comments and suggestions are always welcomed as an integral key to unlocking leisure opportunities in Gulfport.

Michael Bonfield,
Leisure Services Director



*** SPECIAL EVENTS ***

Halloween Party & Haunted House - Saturday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m., at the Community Center. Games, prizes, and costume contests!

Annual Arts & Crafts Festival - Saturday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at Clymer Park. Held in conjunction with the **Antique Auto Show & Swap Meet**, Nov. 5-7. Enjoy a wonderful family weekend event and find those special holiday gifts at the arts & crafts festival!

Youth Art Festival - Saturday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Tonkin Playground, 27th Ave. & 54th St. So. Pre-school to High School activities. Contests, crafts, entertainment!

Arts & Crafts Fiesta - A gala two-day, outdoor arts show co-sponsored by Gulfport Arts Council. Sat. & Sun., Nov. 27 & 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Gulfport's waterfront, Shore Blvd.

Old Fashioned Holiday - Sunday, Dec. 5, Noon - 4 p.m., at Gulfport Historical Museum, 28th Ave. & 53rd St. So. Co-sponsored by Gulfport Historical Society.

Christmas Tree Lighting - Monday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m., at Clymer Park. Enjoy music by Boca Ciega High School's Baker's Dozen, community singing and a visit from Santa Claus!

Christmas Decorations Contest - Monday, Dec. 13. Open to Gulfport homes and businesses. Pick up an application at City Hall or Community Center.



Nostalgia Day - Saturday, Apr. 2, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Historical Museum in Chase Park. Enjoy music, dancing, entertainment, and more! Co-sponsored by Gulfport Historical Society.

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, Apr. 2, 9 a.m., at the Community Center for children under 9; at Wood Ibis Park for 9-12 year olds. Bring your basket for the hunt and say "hello" to the Easter Bunny!

7th Annual Concert in the Park - in April (exact date TBA), 6-8 p.m., in Clymer Park. Music by Boca Ciega Bands. Bring dinner for a family picnic on the grounds or refreshments are available for purchase. Co-sponsored by Boca Ciega High School & Gulfport Chamber of Commerce.

Gulfport Community Players - perform at the Community Center. General admission \$5. Fridays & Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays matinee at 2 p.m. The 1993-94 season schedule is:

Sept. 17, 18, 24, 25 at 8 p.m.; 19 at 2 p.m.

Dec. 10, 11, 17, 18 at 8 p.m.; 12 & 19 at 2 p.m.

Feb. 18, 19, 25, 26 at 8 p.m.; 20 & 27 at 2 p.m.

April 22, 23, 29, 30 at 8 p.m.; 24 at 2 p.m.

4th of July - Join us at Gulfport Beach on July 4th for family fun, entertainment and fireworks! Activities schedule and details will be announced or call 321-1158.



* COMMUNITY SERVICES *

REGISTRATION POLICY

Gulfport residents have first priority to limited programs. Participants are required to personally sign registration forms. Those under 18 must have form signed by parent or legal guardian. No telephone registrations will be accepted.

The Department may alter, cancel, postpone, or add programs when enrollment warrants.

REFUND POLICY

One-day special event fees are not refundable. Refunds will be issued only for the following reasons:

- Class cancelled by the Department
- Withdrawal prior to start of the program
- A medical form signed by a doctor and presented prior to the first class or program, stating that the participant will be unable to attend for the duration of the session. A \$5 fee will be deducted.

RENTAL OF FACILITIES

Looking for a spacious, convenient site to hold a company picnic, wedding reception or baby shower? Gulfport's facilities are available to you for rent. Rental fees vary depending upon the amount of time, space, equipment and personnel required. For details, call the facility of your choice.



CASINO

5500 Shore Blvd. So.
321-7288

Ballroom Dancing Schedule

Monday & Thursday - 7-10 p.m. \$2.50
Sunday - 6-10:30 p.m. \$5

The Casino's schedule of upcoming events is issued monthly. Please call 321-7288 for current info.

COMMUNITY CENTER

5730 Shore Blvd. So.
327-4393 ext. 610

YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS

Youth recreation programs are held at the Community Center. Policies and rules are provided upon registration. Child care programs are licensed by the Pinellas County Licensing Board. A contract with Coordinated Child Care may provide subsidies to families in need. Staff must complete state-required training and undergo a thorough background check, including fingerprinting.

Programs provide exciting experiences in games, arts & crafts, field trips, music, sports and more!

Fees reflect Gulfport resident rates. Non-resident fees are 50% higher for each program.

After School Recreation - Grades K-5, 2-5:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Transportation provided from



Gulfport Elementary, Maximo Elementary and Bear Creek Elementary. Snack is provided. Cost is \$50 per month, plus \$15 yearly registration fee.

Tot Time - A pre-school enrichment program for 3-5 year olds, is held Mon.-Fri., 9-11:30 a.m., with Tues & Thurs for 4-5 year olds only. Sept.-May. Activities include field trips, arts & crafts and hands-on learning. Snack is provided. Costs \$15 registration and \$45/mo for 3-day program; \$75/mo for 5-day program.

Christmas Youth Program - Grades K-6, 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Dec. 20-Jan. 3. Cost is \$25 per week and \$15 yearly registration. Lunch and snack provided. Pre-registration required as enrollment is limited.

Spring Youth Program - Grades K-6. Held at the Community Center, 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Mar. 25-Apr. 1. Cost is \$32 for the week plus \$15 yearly registration fee. Lunch and snack provided. Pre-registration is required.

Summer Recreation Program - 8-week program for 6-13 year olds, June 20-Aug. 12, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Closed July 5th. Lunch and snack provided. Cost is \$15 yearly registration and \$150 for one child; \$120 for each additional child.

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Community Center yearly registration is available to teens 12-17 years old at a fee of \$2



for Gulfport residents. A 25¢ per visit fee is charged for activities.

Open to teens for basketball, volleyball, ping-pong and pool on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m., and Fridays 6-10 p.m.

Teens between the ages of 15-17 may apply for the Summer Job Program for Teens after May 1, at the Personnel Office, 2401 53rd St. So.

Call the Community Center office at 327-4393, for information on other teen activities offered in the community.

CLASSES & CLUBS

Current information on classes at the Community Center will be listed in a special insert to this schedule, or call 327-4393 for further information.

Aerobics - Tues & Thurs, 7:15-8:15 p.m. \$3 per class.

Dance Class - Tap, Jazz, Ballet. Thursdays 4-5 p.m. \$16 per mo. First class free!

Gymnastics - Tuesdays & Fridays 3:45-5:15 p.m. Costs \$30/mo.

Karate - Monday & Thursday, 7-9 p.m. An on-going class for ages 5 to adult. Costs \$20/mo.

Line Dancing - Mondays, Oct-May. Beginners 9-10:30 a.m. and Intermediates 10:30-Noon. Costs \$2.50 per class, per person.



Ping-Pong - Tuesday 6-9 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-Noon. Costs \$2 residents/\$4 non-residents and 25¢ per visit.

Walking Club - Tuesday & Friday, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Oct-May. Costs \$10 yearly registration, and \$25 per year or \$5 per month. Enjoy field trips, walks, socials & end of the year awards.

Watercolor Class - begins Jan. 18 for 5 weeks, 10 a.m.-Noon. Costs \$5 per lesson or \$25 per course.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEACH A CLASS?

Gulfport Leisure Services is always seeking new classes and activities to offer its residents. If you have a special talent which you would like to share, please call us at 321-1158 x 610.

FAMILY AFFAIRS

Join us for food and family fun! Bring a dish to share and take time to relax at "Family Affairs" held at the Community Center, 6-8 p.m. Call 327-4393 ext. 610 to make your family's reservation: The schedule is:

Oct. 14 Pot-Luck Supper & Gordon Bennett's Puppet Theatre presents "Circus of the Stars"

Nov. 18 Chili Cook-off & Bingo

Jan. 13 Pot-Luck Supper & Karaoke

Mar. 17 Pot-Luck Supper & Talent Show. If you have a talent, we want you in our show!



ATHLETICS

Call 327-4393 ext. 610 for more info on athletic programs.

SOFTBALL LEAGUES - Softball Leagues are held at Hoyt Field each fall and include Men's "C" League on Mondays & Wednesdays, plus a Women's League on Tuesdays. Fee is \$250 for the 10-week season. Teams will be taken on a first-paid basis.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELD

Hoyt Field is a lighted regulation adult baseball/softball field located at 2300 56th St. So. Home of Gulfport Boomerangs, Boca Ciega High School, American Legion Post 125 and Gulfport Senior League. Come out and enjoy a game! Call 321-1158 ext. 216 for rental information.

BASKETBALL - The Community Center gym is open for basketball! 25¢ nightly fee plus annual registration of \$2 per year for Gulfport residents, \$4 for non-residents. Schedule for Sept-May is:

Adults Basketball - Tues. & Thurs., 6-9 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m.- Noon

An outside basketball court located behind the Community Center at 58th St. & Shore Blvd. So. is open to all 8 a.m.- 10 p.m.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL - located on Shore Blvd., east side of beach playground. For tournaments and league information, call 327-4393 ext. 610.



BOCCE BALL - court is located on the beach at Shore Blvd., just east of the Community Center. Enjoy the fun and friendly atmosphere while practicing the exciting Italian sport of bocce ball (similar to lawn bowling).

TENNIS COURTS are available 7 a.m.-10 p.m. at Chase Park 53rd St. & 27th Ave. So.; and at 54th St. & Tangerine Ave. Call 321-1158 ext. 610 for info on classes.

MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER

5501 27th Ave. So.
321-1158 ext. 505 or 506

The facility is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Senior citizens are welcome to use the Multi-Purpose Senior Center for personal recreational activities when the schedule permits.

Activities are sponsored by the City of Gulfport, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and H.R.S.

Better Living for Seniors Helpline (information and referral): Pinellas (813) 531-4664.

SOCIAL SERVICES

General social services information, referrals and assistance is available Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Room 102, or call the Social Services Office at 321-1158 ext. 506



Outreach program provides necessary casework as indicated. Referral may originate from community resource, agency, family, friend, etc.

Reassurance service is intended to connect seniors living alone in the community with a volunteer on a daily basis. Participants report in by phone each morning (except Sundays & holidays) to confirm well being.

Blood Pressure Screening is offered by American Red Cross the second Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m., Sept-June.

Income Tax Assistance is offered Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-Noon, Feb.- Apr. 15.

Social Security/Medicare assistance, Tuesdays, 9 a.m.- Noon. Claims info, filing assistance, etc., available by Social Security volunteer.

Group Dining for those 60+ or disabled, Neighborly Senior Services provides a hot noon meal, Mon-Fri, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Nutrition, social interaction and speakers presenting brief talks on topics of interest to seniors. Interview is required. For more info, call 344-2111.

U.S.D.A. Food Distribution and registration 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., the 3rd Friday each month. Proof of financial need required to register.

Videos are shown at 1 p.m. the first, third and fourth Wednesday of the month if no other program is scheduled.



Pool Room is open:

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 6-9 p.m.

Saturday - To be announced (Closed Sunday)

Gulfport's Good Life Celebration - Monday, Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m., will feature the Sun-Sations Dance Company followed by picnic lunch at Gulfport Community Center. Costs \$1

1993 Good Life Games - An exciting countywide athletic and recreational event for adults 55 and older! Tuesday, Nov. 16 the Bocce Ball tournament is held at Gulfport Beach at 9 a.m. Pinochle/Bridge games are held at the Community Center, Wednesday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Applications may be picked up at any Barnett Bank in Pinellas County.

Senior Fair - Friday, Mar. 4, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. A fun-filled day offering music, arts & crafts, dancing, special activities and refreshments.

CLASSES, CLUBS & CIVIC MEETINGS

A variety of stimulating classes, social clubs, service organizations and activities is offered each week at the Senior Center. New members are welcomed at any time. Current activity information will be listed in a special insert or call 321-1158 ext. 506.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Wednesday, 7 p.m.

American War Mothers - 3rd Friday each month at 1 p.m. to serve veterans' needs. Card party 11 a.m., fourth Saturday each month.



Arts Class - Wednesday, 9 a.m.-Noon, Nov. 3-Jan. 26

Bridge Class - Tuesday 7 p.m. \$1.25

Bridge Club - Tuesday 7 p.m. & Thursday 1:45 p.m.

Community Club - First & third Saturday monthly. Pot-luck lunch 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Craft Club - Mondays 9 a.m. Projects to work on or bring your own, more for friendship. Pay for kits plus \$2 per year to join.

Crime Watch - First Monday every other month, 7 p.m.

Garden & Bird Club - Second Thursday each month, Oct-May, 2 p.m.

Florida Assoc. for Family & Community Education - First & third Thursday each month, Sept-May, 1:30 p.m. Handiwork and service projects.

Line Dancing - Thursday, 9-10:30 a.m. Cost \$2.50

Lip Reading Class - Mondays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Pinochle Club - Wednesday and Friday, 7 p.m.

Scrabble - First, second & fourth Friday, 2 p.m.

Senior Citizen Club - Monday, 1:45 p.m. Oct-May. \$2 per year.



Sewing - Tuesday, 9 a.m.-Noon. Cost is \$24.75 for 11-week course.

Stretchercise - Tuesday, 9 a.m. Free.

Woodcarving Class & Club - Wednesday, 8:45-10:45 a.m. Oct-May.

Writers Workshop - Friday 9 a.m., third Friday at 1 p.m. Free.

G. E. M. S.

327-5738

Gulfport Extended Mini-bus Service (G.E.M.S.) serves those 60+ years of age and the handicapped with door-to-door transportation in Gulfport and other selected areas. Transportation is scheduled 24-hours in advance (for medical appointments, call 5 working days in advance). Individual ride or reduced yearly rate available. Reservations taken 9 a.m.-Noon, Mon.-Fri. Call 327-5738 for fee schedule and more information.





* LIBRARY *

5501 28th Ave. So.
327-4594 ext. 525 or 526

Hours:

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Gulfport Municipal Library is a member of Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC), and Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC).

- Free notary service is available during all library hours.
- Voters Registration is available, including Saturdays and evening hours.

Children's Storytime is held Tuesday at 7 p.m. (Sept.-May). Volunteer storytellers are welcome!

Friends of the Gulfport Public Library sponsor programs the first Tuesday each month (Sept-Apr), in the Multi-Purpose Senior Center main room, at 2 p.m. Please call us at 327-4594 for information on current programs.

The Friends of the Gulfport Library are sponsoring a \$100,000 fundraising campaign for furnishings and equipment needed for the library expansion and renovation. Detailed brochures are available at the library.

A **Flea Market** to benefit the building fund will be held Saturday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Senior Center

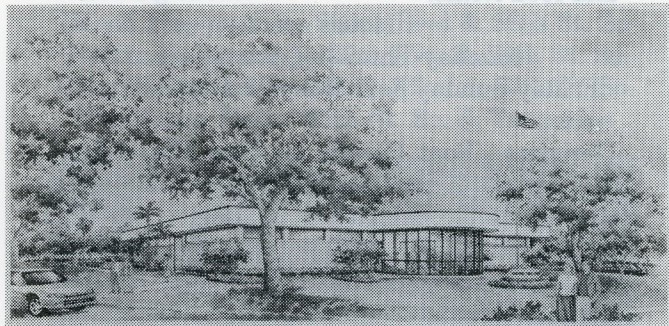


Fall Book Sale - Saturday Oct. 9, 9a.m.- 2p.m. & Sunday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., at the Senior Center.

The **Spring Book Sale** will be held in April. Details will be provided in a special insert to this program or call 327-4594 ext. 525.

"Gulfport Gourmet", a cookbook with recipes from library staff and patrons, is available and ideal for holiday gift-giving at \$10.

Book Bags with our library's logo are available for \$8. "Dinoreader" tee shirts are also on sale for \$10 adults and \$8 children.





* MUNICIPAL MARINA *

4630 29th Avenue South
321-6319 ext. 625

Gulfport's Municipal Marina located on Boca Ciega Bay presently consists of 258 wet slips ranging in size up to 34'. Monthly rates are \$3.75 per ft/per month. Transients are accepted when space is available at the rate of 50¢ per ft/per day. Call the Harbormaster Office for availability at 321-6319, or VHF Channel 16 FM.

A public boat ramp is available at \$3 for trailered boats.

The Ship Store features live and frozen bait, fishing tackle, marine supplies, gas, diesel, ice and food items.

Hours are:

Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday-Sunday & Holidays 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Christmas Boat Parade on Boca Ciega Bay - Held on Saturday (exact date to be announced) in early December, at 6 p.m. Register at Boca Ciega Yacht Club. No entrance fee required. Enjoy refreshments after the parade at the Yacht Club.

Nautical Flea Market - Spring, 1994 (date to be announced) at the Marina. Register at the Harbormaster office, or call 321-6319 x 625 for more information. Fee is \$10 for 12'x12' space.



* PARKS *

321-1158 ext. 216

Welcome to our backyard! Enjoy the cool, tree-shaded grounds for picnics, social gatherings or just relaxing! To reserve the Clymer Park pavilion, call 327-4393 ext 610.

Alcoholic beverages, open fires, gas grills, etc., are not permitted in the parks or the beach. Please remember to help us preserve our parks for your next visit.

Parks located in Gulfport:

Chase Park - 28th Ave. & 53rd St. So.

Clymer Park - Gulfport Blvd. & Beach Blvd.

Osgood Point - 29th Ave. S. & Miriam St.

Tomlinson Park - Tangerine & 55th St. So.

Wood Ibis Park - 58th St. & 28th Ave. So.

Playground equipment is located in the following areas:

Beach Playground - Shore Blvd & 56th St. So

Tonkin Playground - 27th Ave. & 54th St. So.

Community Center - Shore Blvd & 57th St. So.

Tomlinson Park - 55th St. So. & Tangerine



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