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GATEWAY TO THE GULF

*Gulfport, Fla.
Feb. 4, 1976*

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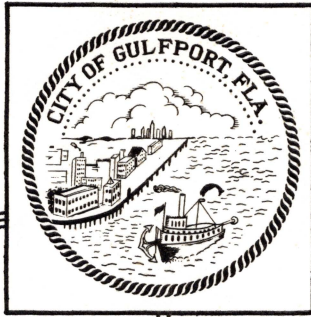
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To the Citizens of Gulfport in 2026:

I realize that the city we know as Gulfport in 1976 may be entirely different 50 years from now but to those persons opening this Time Capsule May I extend our very best wishes - not only mine but those of all the citizens of Gulfport.

1976 has been a full and rewarding year for our city. The Bicentennial events have gone beautifully and been well received and attended. A complete record of the years events will be placed in the City Library, including pictures of the ceremonies during the sealing of this Time Capsule.



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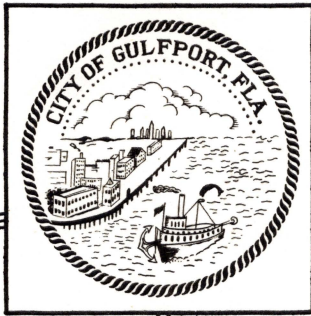
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Colored pictures have also been included in the Time Capsule for your enjoyment.

It is difficult to foresee exactly what you might like to know about 1976 as you look back so we have tried to include some items you might find interesting.

Today Gulfport is a small city with a population of about 12,000. There are only a few vacant lots left in the entire city. For there to be much change here, there will have to be some County land, to the West, annexed by us or we could be annexed by St. Petersburg. Our citizens do not wish to lose their identity, but by the time you read this, I would not be surprised to find the entire County of Pinellas a Metropolitan area with



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Many changes. Today there are 24 Municipalities within Pinellas County. I have had the pleasure to serve as Bicentennial Chairman for the City and thus have been partly responsible for the contents of this Time Capsule. I would like to tell you a little about myself if I may.

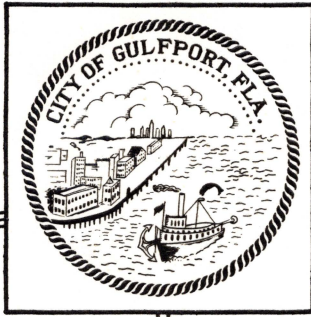
Perhaps some of my family are with you today.

I am the wife of J. F. Johnson who is presently serving as a Lieutenant on the Gulfport Volunteer Fire Dept. We have two children:

Wm. R. (Rick) Johnson (also a member of the Gulfport Volunteer Fire Dept.) is married to Gertrude Ann Vaughn and they have 2 sons; Jeffrey Alex and Fredrick Lee.

Theresa Lynn (Johnson) McLean is married to James McLean.

Both children live in the area.



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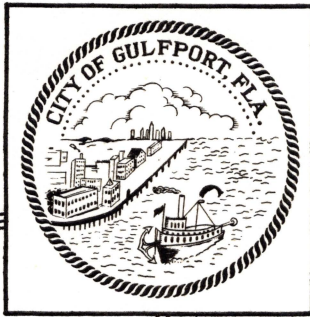
We have lived in Gulfport since we built our home at 5012 17 Ave. So. in 1950.

I have served as a Councilman from Ward 4 since elected in March of 1972. I am proud to tell you that as of today I am an unopposed candidate for this position, so I will be serving another 2 years as a Councilman for Gulfport and look forward to this opportunity.

The coming year will see some much needed improvement in our Marina and the surrounding area.

A large draining project on Gulfport Blvd., west of 58th St. S., is being financed by a Federal Grant and will begin right away. Next year this section of Gulfport Blvd., around the Pasadena Golf Course, is due to be widened.

Our Municipal Court system was abolished by the state as of



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Jan. 1, 1977 and we are expecting
some problems with everything
having to go to County Court.

I sincerely hope that
the economy of our country is
better in 2026 and that you
as a City are in good financial
condition.

May God bless each one
of you present and the City
as a whole. I pray that
my efforts of today will
enrich your lives of tomorrow
in small way.

Sincerely,
Yvonne Johnson