A Feast at the Firehouse
By Helen J. Simon

Members of the South Pasadena Fire Department ham it up in the firehouse kitchen Monday, November 23 with donated fixings for a Thanksgiving Day dinner. From left, Lt. Nic Rasmussen, firefighter/EMT Stephen Harp, and firefighters/paramedics Matt Wilson and Jarrad Negron pretend to study recipes from the “Cooking with the Firehouse Chef” cookbook. In reality, Negron, who loves to cook, will be preparing the meal, using a honey glaze for the turkey.

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Despite Weather, Art Shines
By Helen J. Simon

The sun illuminates Peter Schoenly’s stained glass art as he packs up Sunday, November 22 at the end of Florida CraftArt’s annual festival on Central Avenue between 4th and 6th Streets. The weather was not very cooperative for the two-day event, with Saturday mainly cloudy and Sunday seeing some rain. “This is the first time we’ve had sun all weekend,” said Schoenly, who is from of Ridge Manor, FL.

Shopping Local a Gift to the Community
By Lynn Taylor

Looking for a way to take some stress out of the holidays? Need better gift ideas? Look no further than your closest shopping district. Shopping local is becoming more of a trend as a way to avoid the chaos of malls and big box stores while also supporting local economy. There are plenty of thriving regional shopping districts to choose from with their own unique vibe, such as Corey Avenue and Pass-A-Grille in St. Pete Beach, The Edge and Grand Central districts in St. Petersburg and Gulfport’s shopping districts.

There is even a day dedicated to shopping local, Small Business Saturday, November 28, as well as events that promote the idea. Shopapalooza, billed as the Black Friday alternative, will have nearly 150 vendors, artists and businesses on hand November 28, plus food and family entertainment at Straub Park at Beach Drive and 5th Avenue NE.

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Tuesday, December 15: Out-To-Lunch Bunch. Monthly get-together to share a meal, conversation and fun! This month they are going to Cracker Barrel. Space is limited. Must reserve your seat. GEMS members $4/Non-Members $6. Price includes roundtrip transportation.

Call GEMS at 727-893-2242 for information and to reserve your seat.

No-Agenda Artists Party

It’s a free party! The Warehouse Arts District Association will host a no-agenda, no-cost, no-strings-attached party from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, at the ArtsXchange, 515 22nd St. S.

Join the association and the St. Pete Arts Alliance in celebrating creators from all mediums: visual, literary and performing. It’s a networking event for artists and others; dress is casual, as the site is an industrial property.

Highlights will include samples from the Maggie on the Move food truck; beer, wine and nonalcoholic beverages; and a DJ. In-kind sponsors are Mastry’s Brewing, the Amsterdam and Cheers! Events.

To attend, RSVP online at warehouseartsdistrictstpete.com.

Healthy Conversations Workshop at First Unity

Unity Church will present a workshop on navigating difficult conversations through effective communication. Join facilitators Ashley Sweet, MA, and Maurie Lung, LMHC, LMFT for an evening of communication skill building through interactive activities, useful information and humor. This 90-minute workshop is open to both teens and adults.

The workshop will be on Monday, November 23, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., at 6168 1st Ave. N. For more information call 727-344-1515.

Bay Voices to Sing at Gulfport Library

The Bay Voices men’s choir will be performing live at the Gulfport Library, sponsored by the LGBTQ Resource Center and the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Public Library, on December 17 at 7 p.m.

Bay Voices men’s vocal ensemble has been performing in the Tampa Bay area for over ten years. Most members previously performed as the “Bayshore Cruisers,” a popular song and dance ensemble that was part of the Tampa Bay Gay Men’s Chorus. After TBGMC disbanded, the “Cruisers” continued rehearsing as an independent group in the area. Refreshments will be served. For more info contact the library at 727-893-1074.
Christmas Bazaar at First Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church of Gulfport will be holding their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

They will be selling new crafts, baked goods, lots of Christmas decorations and plants. The bazaar will also feature hot coffee and freshly baked muffins to get shoppers started, and homemade chili, soup and sandwiches for lunch.

The church is located at 28th Ave. S. and 53rd St. All proceeds from the sale support mission projects.

“Religion and the LGBTQ Community”

Join the LGBTQ Support & Resource Group at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., at 5:30 p.m. on December 7 for an open discussion, and on December 21 for special guest speaker Susan Gore as she discusses this month’s topic, “Religion and the LGBTQ Community.”

This peer-led group meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of every month and focuses on the unique challenges that the older LGBTQ population faces. Issues discussed include health care, caregiving issues, financial security, social isolation, access to aging programs and services and more.

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 call the event line at 727-893-5657.

Fruit for Thought

On the second Monday of every month at 10 a.m., come out to the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. to grab a healthy snack from a variety of fresh produce as Robert Galban with Family Focus Insurance Services presents a special informative topic every month.

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.
Contract Bridge Instructor Needed

The Contract Bridge Group at the Gulfport Senior Center is looking for an instructor to help new members in the group learn bridge. If you would like to volunteer, please call Joe at 727-893-2237.

Sophie’s Attic Thrift Shop

Sophie’s Attic Thrift Shop is a mission outreach of First United Methodist Church, 53rd St. S., near 28th Ave. S. The shop is open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. till noon.

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 14. 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 14.

There are two theme categories: general and commercial. The general theme is for single homes 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. Or go on the city’s website, mygulfport.us under events then upcoming events to print out an application to enter.

All applications must be dropped off to the Gulfport Recreation Center. Winners will be announced in the Gabber. Winners will be recognized and presented a certificate at the Gulfport’s City Council meeting (televised) on Tuesday, January 5 at 7 p.m. It’s time to show off your fantastic holiday creations! Call 727-893-1068 for further information.

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Book Sale at the Gulfport Library

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library is holding its annual book sale on Saturday, December 5 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. A Circle of Friends members-only preview will be held on Friday, December 4 from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. Not a member yet? You can join at the preview for $10 for an annual individual membership. Other membership levels are also available. An excellent selection of fiction and non-fiction books will be available as well as a large number of CDs. All proceeds of the sale go directly to benefit the Gulfport Library’s collection and programs. Call Marilyn Field at 727-321-4035 if you have any questions.

Gulfport Police 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 through December 1, 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 and proof of Gulfport residence, as well as the names and ages of children living in the home. Operation Santa will collect Christmas gifts for children up to 10 years old. There will be no home deliveries and you must pick up your gifts at the police department from December 15 through 17, by appointment only, so it’s important to contact them right away. For more information on Operation Santa, please call 727-893-1097 and leave a message.

Donations Needed for Operation Santa

Donations are needed again for the Gulfport Police Department’s Secret Santa program, in the forms of cash, unwrapped toys or gift cards. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Call 727-893-1097 and leave a message.
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The Gulfport Teen Council is looking for you! Teen members involvement includes working with the City Council concerning equipment recommendations; commenting on budgetary considerations for the city’s parks and recreation programs; and providing recommendations, suggestions and assistance with youth events for city-sponsored festivals/programs. Teen Council members also gain valuable community experiences by attending local and state conferences, participating in community services projects and by representing the best of the city’s youth. Get Involved Today! Applicants must be either Gulfport residents, be involved in a city of Gulfport program established for teenagers, be a student attending Boca Ciega High School or a student volunteer in a city recognized program. Applications may be picked up at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. or City Hall, 2401 53rd St. S. Positions are open until filled.

Be a Friend of the Gulfport Library

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library is a membership organization that presents a wide range of programs for the community. If you have bought a book in the book store, or attended Lunch and Learn, concerts, book signings, lectures or other events at the library, then you have benefitted from the Circle of Friends’ efforts.

Funds to support these programs come from book store sales, donations and membership dues. An annual membership for an individual is $10, and $20 for a family. A lifetime membership is $100, and a business membership is $75. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

This year, Circle of Friends members will be invited to a members-only book sale preview event on Friday, December 4. from 4:30 until 6:30 pm. Members will have exclusive access to review and purchase items from the wide selection of books and CDs before the sale opens to the general public on Saturday, December 5.

To join the Circle of Friends, stop by the library, fill out a yellow membership form, and pay by cash or check. Or mail your check payable to the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S, Gulfport, FL 33707. Memberships will be accepted at the book sale, too.

New Children’s Databases at Library

The Pinellas Public Library Collective has recently acquired Miss Humblebee’s Academy and World Book for free online access to all the Gulfport Library’s patrons with a library card. Miss Humblebee’s Academy is an award-winning, online curriculum that is specifically geared to prepare children for preschool and kindergarten. World Book is a complete encyclopedia set digitized for easy searching and leveled reference help for students in grades 1 through 12. Check out these amazing new databases at mygulfport.us/gpl. For more information contact Cailey Klasson, Youth Librarian, at cklasson@mygulfport.us or 727-793-1074.
Pasadena Community Christmas Concert

Pasadena Community Church, 227 7th Ave. S., will present a free Christmas concert on Saturday, December 5 at 3 p.m. The concert will feature 120 singers and a 32-piece orchestra.

Three choirs will join members of the Florida Orchestra to present “The Many Moods of Christmas.” All are invited to this one-hour concert of great seasonal music.

Gulfport 4-H Sewing Club at Fabric Smart

The new Gulfport 4-H Sewing Club is now registering children aged 8 through 18 for sewing classes to start in January 2016. 4-H is an international, nonprofit club for youth focused on “learning by doing” and community service. The club is sponsored by and will meet at local fabric store, Fabric Smart, and serving as sewing educators are the talented members of the American Sewing Guild-Tampa Bay Chapter. For further details, please contact, Karen Donnelly, owner of Fabric Smart at 727-914-8850.

St. Anthony’s Hosts Weight Loss Seminars

Health experts from St. Anthony’s Hospital will hold seminars focusing on weight loss surgery at St. Anthony’s Hospital Auditorium, 1200 7th Ave. N., on Tuesday, December 1, at noon, and again on Thursday, December 17 at 5:30 p.m. The seminars are free to the public unless otherwise noted.

Take the first step to weight loss surgery and attend an information session. George Rossidis, MD, will explain various options. To pre-register, please call 727-953-6993 or visit BayCareEvents.org.

Holiday Dinner at Lithuanian Club

This Thursday which is Thanksgiving Day, the Lithuanian-American Club is having a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. The venue will be an American holiday dinner with turkey and all the trimmings as well as wine on the table. Cost is $25 per person. It will be served at 1 p.m.

Next Thursday, they will be serving their regular luncheon of cepelinai. Also, a little reminder, December 17, at noon they will have their Christmas Fair, with homemade baked goods, Lithuanian crafts, and some imported beer and liquor. The address is 4880 46th Ave. N. Please call for more information, 727-525-2924.

Feeling Better About Ourselves

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance support group meets Thursdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Suncoast Center, Inc., 4010 Central Ave. The group is for people dealing with depression, bipolar, addictions, anxiety, PTSD and works on coping mechanisms and solutions for living fulfilled lives, dealing with illness. Call Sandi or Les for more information or directions, 727-822-3480.
Dress to Impress

Carol Baker School of Ballroom Dancing presents “A Black Tie Formal Affair (Dress to Impress)” at the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Blvd. S., on Sunday, December 20. Doors open at 4 p.m. with a meet and greet, followed by a dancers workshop with professional coach and judge Socrates Charos. Buffet style dining is at 5:30 p.m. General dance begins at 7 p.m. followed by a finale professional show. Tickets are $50 and are available at the Gulfport Casino. For more information on this event, please call either 727-798-3660, 727-808-8833 or 727-374-3881.

Santa Comes to the Tangerine Market

Hey kids! Santa Claus is coming to the Tangerine Greenway Market. Come out and meet Santa each Saturday till Christmas from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. The market is located at 4900 Tangerine Ave. S. Please bring a gift for a needy boy or girl in the community. Help them make a child’s Christmas here in your community very special. Contact the market at JSRTraining@aol.com or call 727-327-3509.

American Legion Auxiliary #125 Notes

The American Legion Auxiliary #125 meets the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

Their Thanksgiving dinner will be on Thursday, November 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. Turkey with all the trimmings.

There will be a Christmas Day pot luck from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share with friends.

Christmas light tour tickets are on sale at $10 and $15.

Bake sales scheduled include the Junior Auxiliary Cupcake Sale on December 6 and Auxiliary bake sale December 20. All sales start at 9 a.m.

If you would like to help at the post or become a member please stop by 6440 5 Ave. S., or call 727-347-6085.
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Local Crime Watch
A sampling of recent police calls and criminal activity.

A fire was reported behind a residence on the 2300 block of 53rd Street on Sunday, November 15. Damage only to a fence and cable wires were reported and there were no injuries. The cause of the fire is unknown, but was reported to be arson.

A bicycle thief struck two homes on the 5600 block of 12th Ave. on Friday, November 12 when two residents reported their bikes stolen from their porches. On that same day, there was an attempted break-in at a scooter shop located on the 5100 block of Gulfport Blvd. The suspect damaged the doorframe when trying to kick it in, but a scooter that was leaning on the inside of the door prevented entry. The two cases are not believed related.

Gulfport Police made a DUI arrest on 2200 block of York Street at approximately 3:30 a.m. on Friday, November 13. The subject, a 30-year-old woman, was initially pulled over for the failure to maintain a single lane. The woman performed poorly on the field sobriety tests and was arrested after blowing a .221 and a .214. She was booked at the Pinellas County Sheriff’s office. She was released after spending the night in jail.

**Gulfport**

**Theft** – 11/18, 49th St. and 22nd Ave. S.

**Stolen vehicle (recovered)** – 11/20, 2600 block of Miriam St. S.

**Burglary (residence)** – 11/21, 6000 block of Tangerine Ave. S.

**Vandalism/criminal mischief** – 11/22, 5600 block of 18th Ave. S.

**South Pasadena**

**Battery** – 11/20, 800 block of Oleander Way S.

**Battery** – 11/22, 1500 block of Pasadena Ave. S.

**St. Pete Beach**

**Battery** – 11/18, 5300 block of Gulf Blvd.

**Burglary (vehicle)** – 11/19, 6000 block of Gulf Blvd.

**Theft (grand)** – 11/19, 6200 block of Gulf Blvd.

**Theft** – 11/21, 2900 block of E. Vina Del Mar Blvd.

**Battery** – 11/22, 7500 block of Blind Pass Rd.

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During the fall promotion, the adoption fee for cats and kittens over 6 months old is $5, the fee for those under 6 months is $10. The adoption fees for dogs are $5 for dogs over 45 lbs., $10 for dogs from 35 to 45 lbs., $15 for dogs 25 to 34 lbs., $20 for dogs from 15 to 24 lbs. and $40 for dogs under 15 lbs.

The fee includes a medical checkup, spaying/neutering, vaccinations, internal and external parasite control, heartworm testing, feline leukemia testing and micro chipping. The required Pinellas County license is also provided.

If residents are not able to adopt, they can still provide a safe and loving environment for kittens, puppies, dogs and cats until they are ready to be adopted. Fostering is flexible enough for most lifestyles and all veterinary care, medication and care supplies are provided by Pinellas County Animal Services.

Pinellas County Animal Services is located at 12450 Ulmerton Rd. Normal hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the adoption center closing at 5:30 p.m. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and services include adoptions. Rabies vaccinations are administered on Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

For information on how to adopt, donate or volunteer, join Pinellas County Animal Services on Facebook. To learn more about the shelter, visit pinellascounty.org/animalservices or call 727-582-2600. The lost or found pets hotline is 727-582-2604. To view adoptable cats and dogs, visit pinellascounty.org/animalservices/adopt. Videos can be found at youtube.com/PinellasCountyAS.

Tomlinson Lake Skate Park Stickers

Effective since October 1, all skaters and bicyclists must purchase a new city of Gulfport skate park sticker to use the city of Gulfport’s Tomlinson Lake Skate Park. Stickers must be visibly placed on the helmet. Annual fee for stickers is $5 for residents and $10 for non-residents. Also, all skaters and bicyclists 17 years of age or younger must have a signed parental consent form filed at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S.

Any skater or bicyclist found in violation of these terms will be subject to the following at the police officers discretion: trespass, permanent trespass or a minimum $88 fine.

Stickers and consent forms are available at the Recreation Center between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, please call 727-893-1068.

Bicycles are permitted on Wednesdays and Sundays only. Stickers are valid from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

West Coast Orchid Society Holds Sale

Florida West Coast Orchid Society is holding a members’ orchid sale with a large variety of orchids and supplies for good prices. Members will be available to answer questions.

It will be held on Saturday, December 5, from 9 a.m. till noon. The location for the sale is 12350 Ridge Rd. For more information, call Corinne Arnold at 727-475-0750, or visit fwcos.org.
CROFT, CARLA MARIE, 58, passed peacefully with her loved ones surrounding her at Bay Pines VA hospice on November 14, after a valiant battle with a serious illness. She is dearly missed by her loved ones who celebrate the fact that she is at peace with The Lord. A proud long-time resident of Gulfport, Florida, Carla was life-people-fun loving; extremely kind, generous, bright and funny. A talented optician and enthusiastic traveler, she never met a stranger and had an open heart for all. Her greatest joy was her family and friends. A devoted U.S. Army veteran, she was involved with and a radio host of Hadit.com, passionately assisting veterans with service-connected disability claims and benefits. Being so knowledgeable, Carla was able to help countless veterans. Carla is survived by her loving wife, Luz M. Orihuela, her daughter Heather Marie Croft; grandchildren Tru Angel Perez; Riztine Panganiban; Heath (Shannon) Panganiban and great grandson, Ryland, plus expected second great grandson due March 2016; siblings Sandy Spry Westrich, David Croft, Sherry Barrington; stepson Dereck (Angel) Orihuela and step grandchildren Mariah, Michael, Samantha; numerous family and friends, and special friend, Berry Williamson. She is preceded in death by her loving mother, Edna, and father, Carl, a WWII veteran. Carla will be interred at Bay Pines VA National Cemetery December 4 at 2:15 p.m., with a reception to follow at her home. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Carla’s life. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hadit.com Veteran to Veteran LLC, 4152 Loughborough, St. Louis, MO 63116.

Gates of memories will never close... how much we miss you no one knows... days will pass away into years...and we’ll think about those memories with silent tears.

LAMB, NORMA, 88, 50-year Gulfport resident, Norma Lamb died peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on Tuesday, November 10. Norma was born in Hamilton County, TN on May 8, 1927. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Social Work from Berea College in 1949. She practiced social work for several years in Chattanooga, TN. She married Forrest (Sonny, to those closest to him) Lamb in 1955 and together moved to Gulfport in 1959. They raised two daughters in Gulfport, Debbie Snyder, now a resident of Souderton, PA and Sabrina Andrews, now a resident of Akron, OH. Norma faithfully worked at the Gulfport Library for 29 years, beginning her career in 1960 at the old library along Beach Blvd. before helping to open the new library where she served as director for over 25 years until she retired in 1989. Upon retirement, she and Sonny enjoyed camping with the Good Sam Club until his death in 1991. She stayed active traveling with friends to such places as Ireland, Costa Rica and Alaska. Norma remained active in Gulfport, enjoying activities at the Senior Center, playing bridge, gardening and biking with long time friend and neighbor, Mrs. Lillian Holloway until she moved to Pennsylvania to live near her daughter Debbie and son-in-law, Wayne. She also enjoyed spending time with her two granddaughters, Ana (19) and Taya (15) Andrews.

She was loved by all those who knew her and she will be dearly missed. She will be buried at the Chattanooga Memorial Cemetery.

MOBLEY, RALPH MORTON, 92, passed away on October 11, 2015. Ralph was born in Montgomery, Kentucky. He spent many of his earlier years in Kentucky and Ohio and his most recent years in Gulfport, Florida. Ralph was very active in the Gulfport Senior Center activities. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army. Ralph is survived by his wife, Joyce.
**Contract Bridge Instructor needed**

The Contract Bridge Group at the Gulfport Senior Center is looking for an instructor to help new members learn Bridge in the group. If you would like to volunteer, please call Joe at 727-893-2237.

**Coat and Blanket Drive**

Be Santa's helper and donate a coat or blanket! The Gulfport Senior Center will be accepting donations of coats and blankets throughout the month of December 2015. Donations will be collected by Grand Villa of St. Petersburg and distributed to persons in our community who are in need of assistance.

Coats and blankets can be dropped off at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., Gulfport, Monday through Friday in the provided container. For more information, please call the Event Line at 727-893-5657.

**Donations Requested for Gulfport Library Sale**

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library will be holding its annual book sale on December 5 at the library. They are asking for donations of books in prime reading condition to be dropped off at the library during business hours. Please, only books in a good or excellent condition that you would purchase for yourself. CDs and DVDs also accepted, but, please, no magazines or textbooks. Please call Marilyn Field at 727-321-4035 if you have any questions.

**Free Writing Classes**

Keep St. Pete Lit is working in partnership with St. Petersburg’s Morean Arts Center on the new LitSpace Literary Arts Institute, offering professional-quality lessons in fiction, poetry and creative writing to the general public. The cost? Nothing more than each student’s passion to write.

LitSpace is aimed at helping develop new literary voices in the city, and adding what Keep St. Pete Lit describes as a “vibrant new wing to the St. Petersburg arts scene.”

Weekend LitSpace classes are now being offered at the Morean Arts Center library, 709 Central Ave., on topics such as writing fiction, poetry, general creativity, vocabulary and more classes added regularly.

Registration is open to the public and anyone from any skill level is warmly invited.

Registration for LitSpace is available through the Keep St. Pete Lit website, keepstpetelit.org or follow them on Facebook.

**Welcome to Gulfport Workshop**

Are you new to, returning to, or simply curious about Gulfport? If so, this get-together is for you!

Co-hosted by Gulfport Neighbors and Gulfport Public Library, this event will get you started at the library, give you information on the city of Gulfport services and activities, plus help you discover what ward you live in and who is your council representative. They will also provide an overview of Gulfport Neighbors’ mission and activities.

Gulfport Public Library, Friends Room, December 9, 4 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 727-893-1074.

**New Children’s Databases at Library**

The Gulfport Library is thrilled to announce that PPLC has recently acquired Miss Humblebee’s Academy and World Book Online for free access to all patrons with a library card. Miss Humblebee’s Academy is an award winning, online curriculum that is specifically geared to prepare children for preschool and kindergarten. World Book is a complete encyclopedia set digitized for easy keyword searching and leveled reference help for students in 1-12 grade. Check out these amazing new databases at mygulfport.us/gpl. For more information, contact Cailey Klasson, Youth Librarian, at cklasson@mygulfport.us or 727-793-1074.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). The world is full of the walking wounded and now you count yourself among them. There is a hurt in you that doesn't seem to be healing as quickly as you want it to, if it's healing at all. Gentle self-care is needed this week. Give yourself a chance to relax and let the feelings out -- they are a salve for this spiritual pain.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be thinking back on a certain relationship and how so much went wrong with it. If you stay in those thoughts, your mood will diminish. Truly there was a lot right with it, too. Maybe things were even mostly right. Give credit where credit is due. This will help you release the past with love and move on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your feelings are as volatile as a solar wind and could sputter and spout with repercussions affecting distant orbiting bodies. Fortunately, you've learned some nifty techniques for directing your love, anger, fear and joy appropriately and effectively. You'll keep learning, too, as you allow yourself to work things through.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Yes, it's all been done before. But not by you. You fear that what you're turning out is derivative, maybe even unconsciously stolen from your role models, colleagues, admired pantheon -- a legitimate fear, but let it go. No one is you. The world still needs to see the way you do it and will be better for what you'll contribute.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The astral gift of the week springs from funny twists to your ordinary daily life and routines. The result will be the kind of oddly specific-yet-blended moods that are hard to name but profound to experience. Take note. Snap a picture. You'll share these moments with those closest to you for years to come.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Most people don't have a complete social toolkit. They'll use the tools they have until those tools no longer work. When you don't like the way someone is treating you, consider that this person is only using the tools he or she has had to learn to get by in the world. Stop letting it work, and you'll get a different behavior.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's not like it was so easy to become who you are. You made some hard choices. You made some lazy ones, too, when you were tired and didn't have the strength. You're stronger now and will feel ready to return to the challenge you couldn't quite figure out before. You're still becoming who you are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Of course you can change, and you will when you're ready. Getting ready can be a frustrating and tedious process. This week the voice inside that says "now's the time" will start small and get louder and more angst-ridden until it gets your attention, often as unpleasantly as a baby's cry in the night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Rest assured: This isn't all the good you're going to get out of life. Some of the good is hiding. This week you'll have to tease it out, as you would a timid animal seeking shelter in the brush. To get the good to come to you, invite it softly into your presence with a lightness of tone and a treat or two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The psychological notion referred to as the "negativity effect" says that humans tend to focus significantly more on the negative than the positive while letting unfavorable circumstances have a far stronger emotional influence than favorable ones. You'll be the anomaly -- the optimist everyone needs!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've a happiness set point. You'll dip below and soar above that baseline, but most of the week will be spent in the familiar zone. Pay attention to what triggers ups and downs. The simple equation for a better life: More time with up influences and less time with down influences.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's an inner heat that keeps you warm through chilly circumstances. Being around a fire sign this week (i.e., Aries, Leo or Sagittarius) is what keeps that glow going. Others will follow you and could even grow dependent on your heat. So what do you envision you could do with so much help?

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The St. Petersburg Library System now offers thousands of movies, television shows, music albums, eBooks, audiobooks and comics, all available for mobile and online access through a new partnership with hoopla digital (hoopladigital.com).

St. Petersburg card holders can now download the free hoopla digital mobile app on their Android or iOS device or visit hoopladigital.com to begin enjoying thousands of artists and titles – from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers – available to borrow 24/7, for instant streaming or temporary downloading to their smartphones, tablets, computers and Apple TV.

“We routinely evaluate digital resources to enhance our offerings to the community,” said Mika Slaughter Nelson, Director of the St. Petersburg Library System. “Hoopla digital provides an easy-to-use platform for patrons of all ages to instantly stream thousands of new, popular and educational titles direct to their devices. The platform eliminates late fees and enables the library system to support the community’s leisure and educational pursuits in a modern way.”

St. Petersburg Library System is the 18 library system in the state of Florida to partner with hoopla digital, a category-creating service that partners with public libraries across North America to provide online and mobile access to thousands of movies, TV shows, music, eBooks, audiobooks and comics. All content is accessible via hoopla digital’s mobile app and online at hoopladigital.com. For more information, contact 800-875-2785.

Dixieland Jazz Dinner and Dance

The Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society will hold its annual Christmas dinner and dance, featuring the Peter Graves Orchestra at Silas Dent’s Steakhouse, 5100 Gulfport Blvd, St. Pete Beach on Sunday December 20, 2 to 5:30 p.m.

Admission is $35/40 Reservations: 727- 586-7142 or jazzreservations@gmail.com.

A Celebration of the Creative Spirit

By Lynn Taylor

Adam, Tanya, Griffin and Darwin Coovadia enjoy a family moment before the readings.

The Craftsman House in the Grand Central District was host to a book launch Sunday, November 22 for local writer Tanya Coovadia’s new collection of short fiction “Pelee Island Stories.” The stories are set on a tiny island in Ontario, nine miles by four, in a corner of Lake Erie where Coovadia grew up.

In addition to Coovadia, there were readings by NPR TV critic Eric Deggans, USF professor Thomas Hallock, Eckerd College professor Lee Irby and Florida’s Poet Laureate Peter Meinke. There was also live music by Adam Coovadia and Jason Frilot of Freelow.

“It’s great to be in the company of so many wonderful writers,” Coovadia said. “It’s important to support each other’s work and be part of a community of writers.”

Coovadia, a recent MFA graduate from Pine Manor College, was diagnosed with terminal cancer earlier this year but the mood Sunday was anything but downbeat and, instead, the standing-room-only event was a celebration of family, friends and the creative spirit.

For more information, search for “Pelee Island Stories” on Amazon.com.
7th Annual Holiday Hoopla

The Gulfport Merchants Association presents the 7th annual Holiday Hoopla on December 12, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit Operation Santa and Gulfport families in need.

The Gulfport Merchant’s Association gives back to the community all year round. During the Holiday Hoopla event donations will be collected for Operation Santa (new toys/gift cards, etc.). If you are able, please help these organizations in need. Collection boxes will be located at the Casino stage at the intersection of Beach and Shore Boulevards during the event. Prior to the event drop off locations include Gulfport Police Department and the new Gulfport Welcome Center on Beach Blvd.

Holiday Hoopla is a celebration of arts, crafts, foods, holiday music and roving characters set in a waterfront atmosphere. Visitors will be enchanted by a variety of festive and fun holiday-themed music, holiday carolers, dance performances, and roving street performers. The festival will provide shoppers with one-of-a-kind gifts that cannot be found anywhere else, and all of your holiday shopping can be done in one place!

Come early to shop and stay late to view the Lighted Boat Parade. Additional activities include a “make and take craft section” and festive holiday costume contests in the following categories; family, adult, child and pet. Boca Ciega Yacht Club’s 30th Annual Lighted Christmas Boat Parade will provide the perfect end to the day’s festivities beginning at 6 p.m. 3129 Beach Blvd. S., Gulfport.

December Lunch and Learn at the Library

Throughout history, from tabbies to tiger striped, domestic cats have provided fascination and companionship for the world. Cats are the Number One pet today; well, behind husbands, that is! Join composer, singer, storyteller, and lifelong cat aficionado, Denny Mitchell, for a fun hour of wonderful entertainment with original music at the Gulfport Public Library on December 10 at noon. Learn about these beautiful, amazing creatures with sight and sound that will have you laughing with surprise. Bring your lunch and the Gulfport Public Library will supply the drinks. Co-sponsored by the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Public Library. For more information, call 727-893-1073.
The Gabs

Are you worried that you or your loved ones could be victims of an attack by foreign terrorists?

Denise Keegan, Gulfport: “Absolutely. It could happen anywhere to anyone at any time.”

George Ross, Gulfport: “Yes. I think everyone should be concerned and alert.”

Ryder Wooten, Gulfport: “Not a bit. Because I believe ISIS is made up by the CIA. They’re funded by CIA dollars.”

Noreen Smith, Gulfport: “Absolutely not. I’m more scared of homegrown terrorists, like the racists.”

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Spaghetti Dinner at Enoch Davis Center

Enoch Davis Center Senior Advisory Council Spaghetti Dinner night will be held at Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave. S., on Friday, December 11, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dinner includes spaghetti with meat or veggie sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert and drink for $7. Bring the family and share a meal while relaxing to singing and dancing entertainment by local youth. Door prizes.

For information call Enoch Davis Center 727-893-7134 or for more information on city of St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation programs, services and facilities, see stpeteparksrec.org.

Coffee Club
Investment Discussion

Don’t miss out on the Coffee Club that meets at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. Discussing current events, the economy and investing in a relaxed, informal setting is a great way to get to know one another as you learn from Edward Jones financial advisor, Scott O’Berry. Coffee and doughnuts are provided.

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.

What You Should Know About Money

Come to the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2 to find out “What Every Woman Should Know About Money!” This seminar is presented by Regions Bank to help you understand why you need to be more confident about your finances, define your short-, medium-, and long-term goals, and if your plan should change over time.

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Bay Voices to Sing at Gulfport Library

Bay Voices men’s vocal ensemble has been performing in the Tampa Bay area for over ten years. Most members of Bay Voices previously performed as the “Bayshore Cruisers,” a popular song and dance ensemble that was part of the Tampa Bay Gay Men’s Chorus. After TBGMC disbanded, the “Cruisers” continued rehearsing as an independent group performing for special functions in the area. Some in the group have sung together for nearly 25 years.

In 2010 the ensemble changed their name to “Bay Voices,” enlisted several new members, and expanded their performances. The group has performed at Nordstrom’s at the International Plaza, area churches and for civic events. They are happy to announce they will be preforming live at the Gulfport Library sponsored by the LGBTQ Resource Center and the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Public Library on December 17 at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more info contact the library at 727-893-1074.

Contact Bay Voices at BayVoicesFL@gmail.com and find them on Facebook.

LGBTQ Support & Resource Group

This peer-led group that meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of every month focuses on the unique challenges that the older LGBTQ population faces. Issues including: Health Care, Caregiving Issues, Financial Security, Social Isolation, Access to Aging Programs and Services and much more with occasional special guest speakers.

Join them at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. at 5:30 p.m. on December 7 for Open Discussion and December 21 for Special Guest Speaker, Susan Gore as she discusses this month’s topic, “Religion and the LGBTQ Community.”

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Local Elections Information

Gulfport

The city of Gulfport will hold a municipal election on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 for the election of a mayor and two councilmembers for wards 1 and 3. Qualifying begins at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, December 7, and ends at noon on Monday, December 14. Candidates must have been a resident of the city for one year prior to the date of qualification.

If you need further information, call the city clerk’s office at 727-893-1012.

St. Petersburg Beach

The city of St. Pete Beach will hold a municipal election on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 for the election of two councilmembers for wards 1 and 3. Qualifying begins at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, December 7, and ends at noon on Monday, December 11. Each candidate shall have been a resident of the district for one year for the Commissioner, District 1, or Commissioner, District 3 seat. Each candidate shall also be a duly qualified elector of the City.

If you need further information, call the city clerk’s office at 727-893-1012.
Just the Right Wine
By Helen J. Simon

Alana Owens of St. Petersburg, right, shares a laugh with Jenna Arnal of Treasure Island and wine supplier Paul Kauffman of Republic National Distributing in Tampa at a wine sampling event Friday, November 20 at the St. Pete Beach Community Center. The two friends each told Kauffman what qualities they enjoyed in a wine and he found one they both liked – the Chalk Hill Sonoma Coast Chardonnay.

“He literally found the perfect match between her and me,” Arnal said. The women said the Chalk Hill was their favorite of the dozen wines they had sampled. “It starts off with a very fruity tone but it has a kind of mellow ending to it,” Owens said.

The event was a fundraiser by St. Pete Beach Festivals, a non-profit that contributes to local schools and community organizations.
Taoism Teaches “Go With the Flow”

The rich wisdom of ancient Taoism, one of the world’s great wisdom traditions, is the subject of a college-level seminar that will be offered Saturday, December 5 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Unity Church of St. Petersburg, 6168 1st Ave. N.

The course on nature-based and health-oriented Chinese Taoism highlights ways of achieving without struggle or violence while living a balanced life. It is part of a once-a-month series that will cover all the major world religions. According to the church’s minister, Rev. Fred Clare, “We are excited to host this series at Unity of St. Petersburg because learning about other religions enriches our own spirituality and helps us better understand other people. We think this is especially important in these challenging times.”

The world religions seminar series is taught by Mary Dawn Pyle, author and retired Professor of Religion and Applied and Business Ethics at St. Petersburg College and the American College of Ecuador.

“This is the fourth in our world religions series and every seminar has been wonderful,” says Clare. “Everyone is welcome, and we hope folks will return for the seminars on Judaism, Christianity and Islam, which will be offered in 2016.”

Those interested in attending the seminar on Taoism are asked to call the church at 727-344-1515 to register. A donation of $15 for members and $20 for non-members is payable at the door.

Corey Avenue Christmas Parade

Bring the family down to Corey Avenue on St. Pete Beach on December 13 for a family friendly Christmas event and parade. The parade starts at 4 p.m. from Gulf Blvd. at 70th Ave. heading north to Corey Ave., then east on Corey Ave. to Mangrove Ave. Music by the Black Honkys and activities will take place immediately following the parade. Food and beverages will be available for sale. For additional information, go to spbrec.com or call the St. Pete Beach Community Center at 727-363-9245.

Madrigalians Sing at St. Pete Library

The SPC Madrigalians, a select choral ensemble from St. Petersburg College, will sing songs of the season in the Auditorium of the Main Library, 3745 9 Ave. N., at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 5.

The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Main Library, is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The Madrigalians, under the direction of Dr. Vernon Taranto, have toured internationally over the years and performed numerous times in the Disney candlelight procession at EPCOT Center. Their repertoire ranges from early Renaissance to contemporary. For further information, phone 727-893-7724.
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Twin Brooks Reopens with Space for Kids
By Lynn Taylor

Despite the threat of rain, the Twin Brooks Golf Course Opening Ceremony proceeded as planned on Saturday, November 21, with Mayor Rick Kriseman and other dignitaries in attendance for the ribbon-cutting. The six-month revitalization of the space, located at 3901 30th Ave. N. in St. Petersburg, included converting the 18-hole course to a nine-hole course with three practice holes and a more open practice facility.

The ceremony also celebrated The First Tee of St. Petersburg youth development program at Twin Brooks, which, despite some delays, will include a mentoring center for the program that is expected to be completed next year.

Jwan Brown, a participant in The First Tee program, says, “It helps a lot to be outside. Some people think golf is not that hard but you have to use your mind. It’s very mathematical.”

Malachi McCloud, who is also in the program, says, “Golf isn’t like any other sport. And with golf you always get the ball.”

Save Our Strays Events Saturday

Check out Save Our Strays’ adoption event this Saturday, November 28 at PetSupermarket, 3439 49th St. N. in St. Petersburg. The store is located in Diston Plaza; hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Come and meet friendly kittens raised in foster homes. ‘Hemmingway’ kittens with extra toes will be available as well as other four-month playful, loving kittens. Save Our Strays kittens are very social and make wonderful pets. They have been completely vetted and are microchipped. For details call 727-545-1116. Additional cats may be viewed on SOS’ website saveourstraysinc.com.

Shop for Save Our Strays pet-related items – catnip pillows, cat beds, toys and T-shirts at Shopaplooza in downtown St. Petersburg’s South Straub Park. Look for SOS’ tent at the Saturday event, which is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Learn American Sign Language

Learning to communicate nonverbally opens up a whole new world of communication and understanding. Azalea Recreation Center, 1600 72 St. N., offers a new class on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Do you have family or friends who are deaf? American Sign Language (ALS) is a gestural language using the hands and face and is perceived through the eyes. Even the bond between infant and parent can be created much sooner with a deaf child by learning to relate at an early stage. Learn to communicate with family, friends and the deaf community in a whole new way. In addition, learning a language helps expand the mind and increase awareness.

For information, call 727-893-7150 or visit the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation website at stpeteparkrec.org for more classes and activities.
Holiday Magic in the EDGE

On Saturday, December 5, from 3 to 9 p.m. St. Petersburg’s EDGE District will be center of holiday festivities for Holiday Magic in the EDGE. Hosted by the EDGE Business District Association, this inaugural event will showcase the district’s vibrancy with holiday lights, holiday window displays, a main stage with live musical performances, a lighted bikes brigade, Santa Shuttle, outdoor holiday movies, and a multitude of shopping and dining specials.

EDGE merchants will light up their storefronts with special displays as they participate in the event’s Holiday Window Decorating Contest. Five awards will be presented, including a People’s Choice Award, which invites the public to vote online for their favorite windows from November 28 until December 4. A list of participating businesses, walking tour map, and ballot will be posted on the EDGE website. Winners will be announced on December 5.

At the Central and 11th Street roundabout, the EDGE Main Stage will offer an eclectic mix of seasonal music by performers including Cameron Derrick. A few steps away at the Green Bench courtyard, visitors can enjoy outdoor holiday movies. One of the evening’s highlights will be the Lighted Bikes Brigade, hosted by Shift St. Pete and featuring bicyclists festively outfitted for the occasion. The Brigade will ride down Central Avenue starting just after sunset.

As an added bonus for visitors, an EDGE “Jingle Card” is available for purchase now through December 5, and is good for drinks at EDGE bars and restaurants throughout December. All proceeds support the EDGE District Main Street Program, a nonprofit whose mission is to revitalize the historic EDGE District.

For schedule and other details about this event, see edgedistrict.org.

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First Florida Frontier Meets

At First Florida Frontiers they discuss Florida’s long and fascinating natural history, dating back to when it was part of the great continent of Pangaia through the Age of the Mammoth Hunters to the development of large coastal cities by prehistoric Native Americans and on to the Spanish conquistadors and later settlers.

The group supports their mission to celebrate Florida through art, storytelling, music and special events through igniting and advancing creative thinking. Their meetings feature speakers, musicians, artists and storytellers. Some members are living history performers who travel to schools, museums and libraries throughout Florida offering hands-on programs. They share food ways, crafts and stories with each other and bring a sense joy to discovering what makes Florida special. Please note, their regular meetings are geared toward teen-adult participants.

First Florida Frontiers meets on the second Tuesday of the month at FAB Fiber, 5401 Gulfport Blvd., Gulfport, FL at 6:30 p.m. For more information about becoming a member or programs call Elizabeth Neily at 727-744-7051 or email office@floridafrontier.com.

Morning Market Returns

The city of Treasure Island is pleased to announce the return of the Friday Morning Market. The Market is kicking off its 8th season on December 4 and will run until April 29, 2016.

Join over 50 vendors showcasing arts, crafts, food, jewelry, produce, live music and so much more. The fun takes place between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Treasure Island Community Center located at Park Place at 106th Avenue.

For more information contact the Treasure Island & Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce at 727-360-4121 or visit the website at islandneighborschamber.org.
Shop Local, from front page

The Gulfport Merchants Association (GMA), representing area businesses, non-profits and other groups encourages people to shop local on Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and year-round.

“By inhabiting the same community, locally-owned businesses have a unique connection to their customers because they are actually neighbors,” says Daniel Hodge, vice-president of the GMA. “The selections are often much more unique in small businesses than in malls and chains because of those connections.”

Local shops all over are gearing up for the holidays.

Mermaid Bay Mercantile Company, owned by Andrea Furnam, is the latest shop on Beach Blvd. Many feature singular hand-crafted items by local artisans and entrepreneurs that are unavailable anywhere else. The newest shop in Gulfport, Mermaid Bay Mercantile Company at 3107 Beach Blvd. S., is preparing for its first holiday season.

“Our concept is a modern version of a general store with the goal of the entire store eventually featuring only local handmade products,” says owner Andrea Furnam.

Says Joe Guenther, who co-owns O'Maddy’s and Bo-Tiki with his wife, Maddy, shopping local offers more than just unique gift options. It’s about community.

“People like supporting Mom-and-Pop stores and restaurants,” he says, “and feel comfortable when they can talk with the owner of operations.”

For some long-time residents, however, “shopping local” is hardly new.

“I don’t think shopping local is a new trend in Gulfport. Shoppers have always been attracted to Gulfport because of what our shops have to offer,” says Vivian Hawker, who has worked at Domain Home Accessories and Gallery for the past five years and has been a resident of Gulfport for 23 years. Whether it’s a new trend or not, community leaders agree that shopping local is a win-win.

“Spending at independent small businesses lifts us all up at the same time,” says Hodge. “Choosing to spend your money in a locally-owned small business is a concrete way of keeping much more of that money in the local economy since these businesses, business owners and employees are also our own neighbors. They in turn can spend locally, in a continuous cycle of positive returns.”

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Boat Parade Roundup

By Lynn Taylor

It’s almost December, which means it’s time for the local lighted boat parades to usher in the holiday season. Can’t attend one weekend? No worries; there is a boat parade – or two – scheduled almost every weekend in December.

December 4
St. Pete Beach Boat Parade and Tree Lighting
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Horan Park next to St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr.
Website: spbrec.com/special-events

December 5
Pass-A-Grille and Vina Del Mar Boat Parade
Time: Dusk/6 p.m.
Location: Begins at Merry Pier
Website: merrypier.com

December 12
Gulfport’s Boca Ciega Yacht Club’s 30th Annual Lighted Boat Parade
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Begins at Gulfport Marina, the proceeds to Gulfport City Dock, Town Shores and Pasadena Yacht Club
Website: sailbcyc.org/ChristmasBoatParade

Madeira Beach Festival of the Lights Boat Parade
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Begins at John’s Pass
Website: islandneighborschamber.org/event/madeira-beach-boat-parade

St. Petersburg 29th Annual Illuminated Boat Parade
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: The parade sails around the Pier and into the Vinoy Basin.
Website: stpeteboatparade.org/event

December 19
Indian Rocks Beach Boat Parade
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Begins at the Holiday Inn Harbourside to Walsingham Bridge and ends at the Indian Rocks Beach city limit.
Website: indian-rocks-beach.com/events

Treasure Island Holiday Boat Parade
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Check website for best viewing locations
Website: mytreasureisland.org

December 20
Redington Beach/Indian Shores Boat Parade
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Starts at Tom Stewart Causeway docking at the Pub.
Website: indian-rocks-beach.com
Free Acupuncture at the Longhouse

The Longhouse Yoga and Healing Center, 2309 49th St. S., will be offering free acupuncture on Wednesday, December 2, from noon until 3 p.m. Call 727-469-3466 to schedule an appointment.

International Museum Holiday Open House

The annual Holiday Open House at The International Museum of Radiant Peace is Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13 from 1 to 5 p.m. The Open House will feature special tours, activities for kids, free gift-wrapping for all Museum Store purchases, holiday refreshments and gifts for every visitor. The International Museum of Radiant Peace is located at 5601 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. All activities are free. For more information, contact 727-343-8212.

The International Museum of Radiant Peace is the only museum in the world dedicated to Radiant Peace. Visitors to the museum learn about Radiant Peace through a wide variety of educational and interactive exhibits. This inspirational museum also showcases award-winning art, projects and writing about Radiant Peace from around the world. The museum is sponsored by The Radiant Peace Foundation International, Inc., a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit that inspires, encourages and promotes Radiant Peace and serves as a centerpiece for Radiant Peace education worldwide. The Radiant Peace Foundation International is not political, religious or activist. For more information, visit radiantpeace.org or call 727-343-8212.

Help Sponsor the New Year’s Gala!

The last five years have seen record numbers of year-round tourists to Pinellas County, and the Gulfport Area Chamber and the Gulfport Merchants Association have worked to make Gulfport a prime destination for those visitors.

Gulfport is no longer a sleepy village, but home to original restaurants, boutiques, galleries, festivals and holiday celebrations found nowhere else.

The Chamber knows that Gulfport’s businesses have made all the difference. That’s why they’re inviting you and your business to support the coming New Years Gala at the Historic Gulfport Casino, which promises to be the city’s most anticipated year-end event.

Donations start at as little as $50. In-kind food sponsorship is also welcome. Generous sponsors will be featured in Gala advertising – in print, online and highlighted through various social media – an invaluable promotion for your business in the community.

Please help the Chamber put on another transformative event for Gulfport, and ring in a prosperous 2016!

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205 Dr. MLK Jr. Street North, St. Petersburg, FL

**Wednesday, December 9, 2015**
10:00am - 12:00pm
Community Health Centers of Pinellas at Pinellas Park
7650 43rd Street North, Pinellas Park, FL

**Tuesday, December 15, 2015**
10:00am - 12:00pm
Johnnie Ruth Clarke Clinic
1344 22nd Street South, St. Petersburg, FL

**Tuesday, December 15, 2015**
5:00pm - 7:00pm
Morton Plant Hospital BayCare - Axelrod Pavilion
400 Pinellas St., 2nd Floor Ste. 2B0 CalPSS, Clearwater, FL

**Thursday, December 17, 2015**
1:00pm - 3:00pm
Florida Dept of Health Pinellas - Clearwater Center
310 N. Myrtle Avenue, Clearwater, FL

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“I don’t make any stuffing,” he said. “I put an onion, an apple and a couple of other things inside the turkey to give it some flavor.”

Negron said he’ll be preparing another meal with his own family the day after Thanksgiving since his mother, a registered nurse, also has to work Thanksgiving Day.

“They’re doing ham,” he said. “My Mom’s making her homemade mac ’n cheese, I’m making mashed potatoes and green bean casserole, and my sister’s making pumpkin pie.”

The Thanksgiving Day items were donated by former Tampa Bay Buccaneer Mike Alstott, who has made it a tradition to deliver holiday meals to firehouses throughout the area.

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Gulfport Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Gulfport Lions will be presenting their third pancake breakfast of the season, Saturday, December 5, from 7 to 11 a.m. Please note these serving hours.

Breakfast will be served at the Gulfport Lions Center, 4630 Tifton Dr. S., in the Gulfport Marina area. Pancakes with syrup, scrambled eggs and sausage with coffee or tea to drink, at the donation price of $5 per person. Bring your entire family and friends and spend an enjoyable morning overlooking beautiful Boca Ceiga Bay. You might even see some manatees. Children really love these breakfasts.

This year as in the past, the Lions ask you to bring a unwrapped toy to put into their Christmas toy box. They will be making their annual Christmas toys and food distribution soon. In lieu of bringing a toy, they will accept cash donations designated especially for this purpose.

When you come and support their fund raising activities, you are doing much to help. Gulfport Lions is a Service Organization, meeting the needs of those less fortunate, especially at this time of the year.

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Do You Have A Wound That Won’t Heal?

Steven LeVine, MD, General and Vascular Surgeon

Wednesday, December 2 • 11:30 AM – A light lunch will be served
Brentwood Senior Living Community – The Community Room, 6280 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg
Presented by Palms of Pasadena Hospital

Dr. LeVine will lead an informative discussion on chronic wounds and discuss the latest treatment options for non-healing wounds.

Be BettER Prepared: First Aid Seminar Series – Part III

What to do before you go to the Emergency Room – Trauma
Stephen Holcomb RN, RCIS, CNOR, RNFA - Cardiac Service Line Coordinator
James Barr, Ret. Firefighter EMT, Director of EMS Relations

Wednesday, December 9 • 11:30 AM – A light lunch will be served.
St. Alban’s Episcopal Church – Parish Hall, 330 85th Avenue, St Pete Beach
(Corner of 85th Avenue and Boca Ciega Drive)
Presented by Palms of Pasadena Hospital

This is the third part in a series of four classes that will teach you to be prepared for a variety of medical emergencies. Learn about first aid basics, what to do when calling 911 and helpful information to have ready for EMS. Part III-Trauma will cover fractures, burns, eye injuries, cuts/lacerations, sprains and strains.

Know Your Medications & “Brown Bag” Check-Up

Jenny Sippel-Tompkins, RPh, CPh, BS, Director of Pharmacy at Palms of Pasadena Hospital

Friday, December 18 • 2:00 PM – Refreshments will be served.
The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay – 1255 Pasadena Avenue S., St. Petersburg
Presented by Palms of Pasadena Hospital

Join us for a discussion on medication safety, followed by a medication “brown-bag” check-up. Bring your prescriptions and talk to a registered pharmacist about any questions you may have regarding your medications, medication schedule, and contraindications.

Call 1-855-245-8328 for an appointment or reservations.
Space is limited so please reserve early. For a physician referral please call 1-855-245-8328.
What is Probate?
Probate is a court-supervised process which is normally required to wind up the personal and business affairs of someone who passes on. Probate involves the identification of and gathering of a deceased person’s assets, the payment of taxes, creditor claims and expenses and, finally, the distribution of the deceased’s assets to beneficiaries.

Probate documents are generally filed in the county where the deceased person lived. A filing fee is required to be paid to the Clerk of the Circuit Court to start the probate administration process. After a probate proceeding is initiated, a Circuit Court Judge is assigned to oversee the process. A judge will, upon her/his approval, issue letters of administration which appoints a personal representative of the deceased’s estate. The judge also resolves questions raised during the probate administration by reviewing all filed documents and holding court hearings as necessary.

Who has preference to serve as personal representative?
If a deceased person had a valid last will and testament, the person who is designated in the will to serve as personal representative will have preference to be appointed by the Court to serve. In the event the deceased did not have a valid last will and testament, a surviving spouse will generally serve. In the alternative, a majority of the heirs may select someone to serve as personal representative for approval by the Court. In our next article, we will together explore what the responsibilities of a personal representative are in the probate proceeding.

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Happy Holidays Concert
The South Pasadena Community Band will present a free concert on Wednesday, December 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Treasure Island Community Center. The program will include Christmas and Holiday music for everyone’s enjoyment. The band is made up of 40+ volunteer musicians which includes some of the best in the area. The Community Center is located at 1 Park Place and 106th Ave., Treasure Island. You can find the program music list at southpasadenaband.com/upcoming-program/. Come celebrate the spirit of the season!

Ostomy Support Group Meets Monthly
The United Ostomy Associations of America (UOAA) affiliated support group of St. Petersburg invites all Ostomates, new or experienced, to the next meeting on Sunday, November 29 at 2 p.m. in the St. Anthony’s Hospital Auditorium. All ostomates are welcome, new, experienced or those that may be scheduled to have ostomy surgery. Meetings are free, no reservations needed, and we invite all ostomates, families, doctors, WOCN and ET Nurses. If you have concerns or questions bring them to the meeting. As always these are open discussions. A whole new world will open up to you by discussing your problems with others who have experienced the same doubts and questions. For more information or directions call Millie at 727-687-7584 or Bill at 727-657-0998 or Letty at 727-522-3637.

Holiday Weekend at Grace Connection
You’re invited to visit Grace Connections at 635 64th St. S. for their family Christmas Fest. On Friday, December 11, they will host a free showing of the classic movie “It’s a Wonderful Life” from 6 to 9 p.m. Hot and cold drinks, sweet treats and popcorn will be available.

On Saturday, December 12, from 4 to 8 p.m., they will host their WinterFest, with different vendors, face painting, kids crafts table and a sleigh ride with Santa thru a wintry field. Admission is free. Hot drinks and sweet treats will be available.

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Helios Jazz Orchestra at the Palladium

St. Petersburg College presents the Helios Jazz Orchestra, with special guest vocalist Chuck Wansley, in a special concert of swinging big band music at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, at the Palladium Side Door Theater, 253 5th Ave. N.

The Helios Jazz Orchestra is the house big band for the St. Petersburg Jazz Festival and is comprised of the best jazz musicians in the Tampa Bay area.

Tickets are $15. For information about St. Pete College’s upcoming events, visit spcollege.edu/events/default.aspx.

St. Pete Beach Winter Festival

The city of St. Pete Beach will hold their tree lighting and holiday boat parade on December 4, starting at 6 p.m. This free event will be held at Horan Park, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Enjoy music, hot chocolate, face painting, and a special visit from Santa. The boat parade starts at 6 p.m. at the Blind Pass Bridge and heads south to the Bayway Bridge. Start off your holiday season with some holiday cheer! Go to spbrec.com for more information including the parade route and boater application, or call 727-363-9264.

An Afternoon at the North Pole

Spend an afternoon at the North Pole on Saturday, December 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Treasure Island Community Center, 106th Ave. and Gulf Blvd. The event will include a visit from Santa Claus, cookie decorating, arts and crafts, interactive entertainers and lots of goodies for the kids. The event is free to the public. For additional information please contact the Treasure Island Recreation Department at 727-547-4575, ext. 237.

St. Pete Community Church Live Nativity

St. Petersburg Community Church invites you to experience a live, outdoor nativity on Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. 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, the shepherds and the wise men. Visitors will hear the scripture from the Bible as they view each scene. There is also an interactive marketplace to enjoy. Approximate time to complete the walk will be about 30 minutes. You’re encouraged to bring your whole family to start your Christmas season.

The event is free to the community with continuous tours running from 6 to 8:30 p.m. each night. The event will take place at the church located at 4501 30th Ave. N.

For more information, call the church at 727-525-0012 or 727-385-3640 or visit gracetograce.org.

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Awaken the Healer Within Course

This course will teach you how to access the self-healing tools that are easy to use and powerful medicine. Learn why the National Institute of Health, Harvard Medical, The Mayo Clinic and the nation’s leading health care providers and educators are recommending these practices to tap into your own resources to release stress.

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Classes are held at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr., on Mondays at 11 a.m. and the cost is only $5. Visit spbrec.com or call 727-363-9245 for more information.

Ice Cream Social at Gulfport Senior Center

Don’t miss out on the Monthly Ice Cream Social at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. on the second Thursday of every month at 2:30 p.m.

You are invited to come out, meet new friends, reconnect with old friends, and have a good time. Ice Cream Social is provided by PrimeCare Home Health and BayLife Pharmacy.

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.

It’s Important to Know Your Numbers

It’s important to know your numbers. Get your blood sugar and blood pressure checked at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., on the second Thursday of every month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Provided by The Springs at Boca Ciega Bay and Right at Home.

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 call the Event Line at 727-893-5657.

Senior Solos Food and Fellowship

Senior Solos, a social group of single folks 55+, will gather for food and fellowship at 1 p.m. on December 2 at the Olive Garden, 6700 U.S. 19.

Their Christmas party will be December 14 at the Pinellas Park Senior Center, 7625 59th St. N. Come at 1 p.m. to socialize, pot luck lunch at 1:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and $2, or no dish and $5. Optional gift exchange. If you choose to participate, bring a wrapped gift, suggested value $5 to $10. All single seniors are welcome to join this congenial group. Questions? Call Wally at 727-544-7183.
Science Club Returns

Attention young scientists! Do you love exploring the world around you through hands-on activities? Come to Science Club at the Gulfport Library Mondays from 3 to 4 p.m. They try a fun new activity every week, explore engineering through building with Legos, and meet other young scientists and engineers in the community. Parents get to join the fun too! Let Cailey know if you and your young scientist plan on attending by contacting cklasson@mygulfport.us or calling 727-893-1074.

Gulfport Casino 80th Birthday Celebration

Join the Gulfport Historical Society and the city of Gulfport for the Gulfport Casino’s 80th Birthday Celebration and Historical Designation on Friday, December 4 at 6 p.m.

The Gulfport Casino has been, for 80 years, the site of weddings, special events, dancing, boxing, wrestling, balls, card parties, bingo, celebrations of life, political speeches, concerts, church services and school functions.

This free event will host live music from the Impacs, and guests in attendance can enjoy free birthday cake while supplies last. The Casino doors open at 6 p.m. and a formal designation with a historical presentation will start at 7 p.m. There also will be a cash bar available.

Walk through the years of the Gulfport Casino and see how the city grew around this historic hall. The Casino is located at the intersection of Shore and Beach Boulevards, 5500 Shore Blvd. S. For more information, call 727-893-1118.

Gulfport Holiday Tree Lighting

The Gulfport Holiday Tree Lighting is on Monday, December 7, beginning at 7 p.m. in Clymer Park, located at Gulfport Blvd. S. and Beach Blvd. S.

Bundle up for an evening of festive music by the Gulfport Recreation division, join the mayor, city council and former mayor Yvonne Johnson in caroling, a true Gulfport tradition. There will be refreshments and festive cheer as the mayor lights the tree for another holiday season. There just may be a visit from the big man in red himself to listen to your little ones holiday wishes. This is a free admission event and all are welcome! For more information, contact Gail at 727-893-1118.

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For more info contact Cailey at cklasson@mygulfport.us.

Gulfport 4-H Sewing Club at Fabric Smart

The new Gulfport 4-H Sewing Club is now registering children aged 8 through 18 for sewing classes to start in January 2016. 4-H is an international, nonprofit club for youth focused on “learning by doing” and community service. The club is sponsored by and will meet at local fabric store, Fabric Smart, and serving as sewing educators are the talented members of the American Sewing Guild-Tampa Bay Chapter. For further details, please contact, Karen Donnelly, owner of Fabric Smart at 727-914-8850.

Care Givers Support Groups

Do you find yourself caring for the health concerns of another adult? Do you sometimes feel a need for the support of persons who have empathy for your situation? If so, you’re invited to visit one of the care givers support groups at Pasadena Community Church. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Life Enrichment Center, 227 70th St. S.

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

If you have any questions regarding this please call Pam Lanning at 727-347-2809 or Barbara Posey at 727-381-2499, Ext. 214.
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Card of Thanks
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Yard/Garage Sale
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5613 23RD. Ave. S.- Sat. 8am-1pm. Furniture housewares, Misc.
5721 13TH Ave. S.- Sat. Nov. 28th. 8am-12noon. Gobble on Over!

Legal Notices
Notice of Sale
Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, December 10th at 9:30am, the Storage House, located at 1219 49th St. S., Gulfport Fl. 33707, will conduct a cash sale to the highest bidder pursuant to statute 83.906 of Florida Self Storage Act.
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City of Gulfport Public Notice
City Clerk’s Office
December 2015

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All meetings are open to the public and are held in City Hall Council Chambers, located at 2401 53rd St. S., unless otherwise noted. Meetings may occasionally be added, cancelled or rescheduled after this list is published.
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**Breakfast**
- EGG & CHEESE served with:
  - your choice of BREAD: English Muffin, Croissant, Buttermilk Biscuit, or Bagel
  - your choice of MEAT: Bacon, Ham, or Sausage

**Lunch**
- Hoagies, Crossants, & Wraps with choice of Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, Chicken Salad, & more!
- Pressed Cubans
- Chicken Parmesan Sub
- Meatball Sub
- Chicken Wings & Strips

**Boar’s Head Cuban**
- Boar’s Head Meat
  - Spaghetti w/meatball
  - Spaghetti w/Chicken

**Beverages**
- Amp, Rockstar Energy Drinks
  - One 16 oz. can: $0.99
- Gatorade
  - 32 oz. 2 for $3.00
- Powerade
  - 32 oz. 2 for $2.50
- Nesquik Water
  - 1 Liter 2 for $2.00
- Zephyrhills Water
  - 700ml SportBottle 3 for $2.00
- Starbucks Frappuccino
  - 13.7 oz. bottles

**SANDWICHES:**
- Egg Salad, Chicken Salad, Tuna Salad, Turkey & Swiss, & more
**CROSSANTS & WRAPS:**
- Ham, Spicy Chicken Salad, Roast Beef, Turkey & Swiss
**SUBS:**
- Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, Pastrami, Meatball, Italian & more
**DESSERTS:**
- Donuts, Muffins, Cookies, Brownies, & more

### Wine Specials

**Import Wine**
- Frontera, Marcus James
  - 750 ml: $5.99
- Jacob Creek, Yellow Tail
  - 750 ml: $7.99
- Diseno, Alamos
  - 750 ml: $9.99

**Domestic Wine**
- Copa da Vino
  - 187 ml: $2.99
- Taproot
  - 750 ml: $4.99
- Rex Goliath
  - 750 ml: $5.99
- Sutter Home, Woodbridge
  - 750 ml: $7.99
- Blackstone
  - 750 ml: $9.99

**Champagne**
- Andre
  - 750 ml bottle: $8.99
- Freixenet
  - Yellow Tail Bubbly
  - 750 ml bottle: $9.99
  - Gordon Negro
  - 750 ml bottle: $13.99

**Cigarettes**
- Remington Cigars
  - pack: $0.99 / carton: $8.99
- Westport Cigars
  - pack: $0.89 / carton: $7.99

**Tobacco Bag**
- 5 oz / 6 oz (Regular, Gold, Menthol) + Tubecut Filters
  - (King Size or 100 Size)
  - $11.99

**Import 12-Packs**
- Imperial, Labatt Blue, LaBatt Blue Lt.
  - $8.99
- Dos Equis, Moosehead, Sol
  - $9.99
- Presidente, Red Stripe, Grolsch, Becks, Bass, St. Pauli Girl
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- Stella Artois, Corona, Victoria, Pacifico, Modelo
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**October 2021**

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