

# GULFPORT

## WELCOME PACKET

*Discover a City as Unique as You*



# Welcome to the City of Gulfport, Florida

We would like to welcome you as a new resident to the City of Gulfport, Florida. We look forward to helping you become better acquainted with your City services and with all that Gulfport has to offer.

Here in Gulfport you will find shaded parks, local shops and restaurants, and a beach recreation area located on beautiful Boca Ciega Bay. We have growing businesses, safe and friendly neighborhoods, creditable schools, great services and immense community pride.

To keep you informed, the City of Gulfport offers a number of ways to stay connected at the touch of a screen or click of a mouse.



Mayor Sam Henderson

- Our City website at, <https://mygulfport.us> provides updated information, City Council information, permit applications, event information, and many more informative facts and news about the City.
- You can sign-up through the website at, <https://mygulfport.us/enews> to get a weekly e-newsletter of public meetings, events, announcements, and more.
- Connect with the City and follow us on Facebook at, "City of Gulfport Florida"
- Get the City Mobile App for iOS and Android devices at, <https://mygulfport.us/cityapp> The City App allows residents to connect more conveniently with City government to report issues and request non-emergency services.

This packet has information that will help you become familiar with the area. Our City staff is willing to help answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to come by and visit with us, email, or give us a call. The City offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We are located at 2401 53rd Street South.

We hope you enjoy living in this unique city. We are proud of our community and know you'll quickly discover why so many people choose to call Gulfport home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Henderson".

Mayor Sam Henderson



# City Council, Boards and Committee Meetings

Gulfport City Hall, 2401 53rd St. S. | <https://mygulfport.us/meetings-and-committees>  
(727) 893-1000

The City of Gulfport has a Council-Manager form of government. A five person City Council is elected citywide by the voters, each for a two-year term, except for the Mayor who is elected to a three-year term. The City is divided into four wards, each of which is represented by one of the council members. The Mayor is the fifth member of the Council and is elected citywide, not representing any ward. The Mayor presides over the City Council Meetings, which are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The City Council sets City policies, including adopting the budget on or before the beginning of each fiscal year, establishing local laws, and approving large expenditures of City funds. The five members of the City Council appoint a City Manager to run the day-to-day operations of the City. The City Manager is responsible for City finances and personnel management, as well as other administrative duties.

## City Council Meeting:

First and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

## Planning and Zoning Board Meeting:

First Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

## Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting:

Each month at 8:00 a.m. at the Senior Center.

## Board of Adjustment Meeting:

Second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

All meetings are open to the public and are held in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 2401 53rd Street South, In Person, unless otherwise noted. Meetings may occasionally be added, cancelled or rescheduled. Please check the city's website <https://mygulfport.us> for updated information.

## Gulfport City Council

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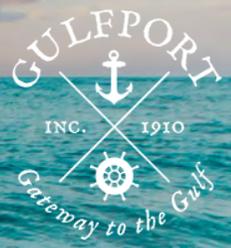
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For more information on the City of Gulfport's Government, please visit <https://mygulfport.us/government>.



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# CONTACT US



*City of Gulfport, Florida*

## City Hall

Address: 2401 53rd Street South  
Contact: 727-893-1000  
Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Community Development

Address: 5330 23rd Avenue South  
Contact: 727-893-1024  
Hours: Mon. - Wed., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,  
Thur., 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Fri., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Cultural Facilities

*(Casino, Theater, Scout Hall, Neighborhood Center)*  
Address: 5500 Shore Boulevard South  
Contact: 727-893-1070  
Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Fire Department

Address: 5314 23rd Avenue South  
Contact: 727-893-1062 | Emergency: Dial 911  
Office Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Operating Hours: 24/7

## Library

Address: 5501 28th Avenue South  
Contact: 727-893-1074  
Hours: Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Closed Sunday

## Marina

Address: 4630 29th Avenue South  
Contact: 727-893-1071  
Hours: Mon. - Thur., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Fri. - Sunday  
& Holidays, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Open until 6:30 p.m. on Weekends and Holidays in Summer

## Police Department

Address: 2401 53rd Street South  
Contact: 727-893-1041  
Non-emergency: 727-582-6177 | Emergency: Dial 911  
Office Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Operating Hours: 24/7

## Public Works

Address: 1617 49th Street South  
Contact: 727-893-1089  
Hours: Mon. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

## Recreation Center

Address: 5730 Shore Boulevard South  
Contact: 727-893-1068  
Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

## Senior Center

Address: 5501 27th Avenue South  
Contact: 727-893-5657  
Hours: Mon. - Thur., 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.



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# Public Works / Utility Customer Service

The following information regarding the Public Works Department (water, sewer, sanitation and streets) is provided for your assistance.

**Public Works Department**  
**The Gulfport Neighborhood Center**  
**1617 49th Street South**  
**(727) 893-1089**  
**[ddoss@mygulfport.us](mailto:ddoss@mygulfport.us)**  
**Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**  
**Monday - Friday**

**Customer Service Department**  
**City Hall**  
**2401 53rd Street South**  
**(727) 893-1016**  
**[utilitiesinfo@mygulfport.us](mailto:utilitiesinfo@mygulfport.us)**  
**Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
**Monday - Friday**

- **DEPOSIT:** A deposit is required of all residential properties serviced by the City of Gulfport, and must be received at time of making application for service to be turned on or transferred to a new tenant's name. Owners of multiple unit dwellings will be required to pay a deposit on each unit. In the event that a property owner's utility bill becomes two months past due and the service is disconnected, the City will require any past due amount to be paid in full before service is reinstated. The deposit will be refunded after the account is closed and the final bill has been deducted. Commercial property may require a larger deposit according to our City Ordinance.
- **TURN ON/OFF CHARGE:** There is a charge of for turning water service on or off between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday plus an additional charge to read and transfer an account to another name. This charge will appear on your first billing statement. There will be an additional charge for turning the water on or off after normal working hours.
- **PAYMENTS:** You may pay your city utility bill by cash, check or credit card at the Customer Service Department in City Hall or Online at [www.municipalonlinepayments.com/gulfportfl](http://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/gulfportfl). If you elect to sign up for direct debit for automatic bill payment, please complete the attached "Direct Debit" form with a voided check, and return to the Customer Service Department in City Hall.
- **BILLING:** Your meter is read monthly and a bill is mailed the Thursday of the week following the reading of your meter. Bills are due and payable when rendered. If payment is not received in our office within 21 days after the billing date, it will be considered late and assessed a delinquent charge per month on the unpaid balance. After four weeks, your service will be turned off for nonpayment. All monies due on the account plus a reconnect fee must be paid in order to have service restored. Tampering with any meter is strictly prohibited and punishable by law.

For a breakdown of charges visit, <https://mygulfport.us/finance-department/utilitybillpayment>.

- **RETURNED CHECKS:** There will be a charge for service and handling each time a check is returned to us by the bank. If your service has been disconnected for a non-accepted check, the entire amount due plus all fees must be paid before the service is restored. In the event that two non accepted checks are presented within a 12-month period, you will be required to pay by cash for six months. Another returned check and the account will be permanently cash only.
- **STANDBY:** If you are the owner and going away for 3 months or longer, you may find it saves to discontinue service and place your account on a stand-by status. The Customer Service personnel will be happy to explain this option to you.

# Public Works / Utility Customer Service

## - GARBAGE COLLECTION

- ✓ Garbage collection is provided twice a week, either Monday and Thursday or Tuesday and Friday based on your residential address.
- ✓ Residents in the standard, rear-loading collection areas are limited to a maximum of 3 metal or plastic trash containers, plastic bags or combination thereof, not exceeding 32 gallons or 50 lbs each.
- ✓ Residents in the automated collection areas are limited to the city provided trash container. The city provided trash container cannot exceed 50 lbs.
- ✓ Containers must be in good condition, watertight and have 2 handles. Plastic bags must be secured with a twist tie or clip.
- ✓ Containers or bags must be placed at the curb or alley no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the day proceeding and no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day of your designated collection day.
- ✓ Containers must be removed from the curb or alley the day of collection.

## - CURBSIDE / DROP-OFF RECYCLING

- ✓ Call Public Works at 727-893-1089 to request a free set of curbside recycle bins.
- ✓ Curbside recycling is provided once per week based on your residential address.
- ✓ Items must be placed in the city issued recycling containers.
- ✓ The following items are accepted for curbside recycling:
  - Steel Cans
  - Aluminum cans
  - Plastic bottles and/or containers
  - Mixed Paper
  - Cardboard
  - Newspaper
- ✓ The City of Gulfport provides drop-off dumpsters at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, located at 1617 – 49th Street South for:
  - ✓ Glass
    - Brown, Green and Clear food and/or beverage containers
    - Emptied and rinsed
    - Labels are acceptable
  - ✓ Cardboard
    - 3-layer corrugated boxes or packaging
    - Cleaned, emptied, dry and flattened
    - Pizza box TOPS only
  - ✓ Mixed Paper
    - Paper or paper product that tears (White or colored paper, magazines or catalogs, phone books, wrapping paper, cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.)
- ✓ Plastic bags can be deposited in the collection buckets throughout the City of Gulfport parks.
- ✓ Collection boxes for rechargeable batteries and cell phones are located at Gulfport Neighborhood Center (1617 – 49th Street South) and the Senior Center (5501 – 27th Avenue South).

## - YARD WASTE PICKUP

- ✓ Yard waste piles, bagged leaves and Special Pick-ups must be placed at the curb or alley for pick up.
- ✓ A single pile, (per resident), of tree and shrubbery trimmings, will be picked up every Wednesday at no charge. Trimmings must not be bagged or bundled, but gathered neatly in a pile not to exceed 3.5 feet high, 4 feet wide or 4 feet long. Trimmings cannot exceed 4 inches in diameter.
- ✓ Mower clippings and leaves must be bagged. You must call Public Works at 727-893-1089 to schedule a free pick up of these bags.
- ✓ Any amount of debris exceeding the above limitations will be considered a Special Pick-up. Special Pick-ups must be scheduled with Public Works and will be billed as an extra charge on your utility bill.

# Public Works / Utility Customer Service

- ✓ All hired lawn service, tree trimming service or other such contractors are required by City Ordinance to remove and dispose of the yard waste. If your contractor offers you a discount for leaving the yard waste and having the City pick it up, please be aware that this must be called in as a “special pickup” and will be billed as an extra charge on your utility bill. The contractor may also receive a fine.

## ▪ SPECIAL PICK-UPS

- ✓ Call Public Works at 727-893-1089 to schedule the removal of any Special Pick-up.
- ✓ Special Pick-up item(s) or pile(s) must be placed at the curb or alley for pick-up.
- ✓ Special Pick-up fees can be found at, <https://mygulport.us/public-works-department/residential-sanitation-service/>.

Description
Single Item (mattress, piece of furniture, other items)
White Goods (any appliance)
Vehicle Tire
Car Battery
Propane Tank (20 lbs or less & EMPTY)
Excessive amounts of Trash, Debris, Yard Waste and/or Brush

- ✓ No trash is allowed to accumulate for a period of longer than 72 hours. Any accumulation of trash that cannot be placed in the allotted trash containers twice a week will be considered a Special Pick-up and shall be picked up by the city, with or without notification by the resident. An additional fee will be charged according to the size of the load and billed as an additional charge on the utility bill.

▪ **HOUSEHOLD / BUSINESS ELECTRONICS & CHEMICALS MOBILE COLLECTION:** Household chemicals such as fertilizers, pesticides, paint, paint thinners and similar materials and electronics are accepted free of charge once per year at the city’s household chemical cleanup event at the 49th Street Neighborhood Center. Household chemicals may also be taken to the Pinellas County Household Chemical Collection Center located at 2855 109th Avenue North. Call 727-464-7500 for more details.

▪ **ITEMS THAT ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW:** It is illegal to place any of the following items in your curbside trash containers:

- ✓ Biohazardous Waste – Please reference “Household Chemicals” above or “The A-Z Guide for Recycling & Disposal” found at <https://mygulport.us/public-works-department/residential-sanitation-service/>.
- ✓ Radiological waste – You can make arrangements for the disposal of radiological waste from obsolete smoke detectors by calling the Gulfport Fire Department at 727-893-1059. If you are aware of any other radiological waste, you may also call the Gulfport Fire Department for advice.
- ✓ Contagious Disease Solid Waste – Speak to your physician or pharmacist for a list of licensed medical waste collectors.
- ✓ Flammable, Explosive or Toxic Materials – Call the Gulfport Fire Department at 727-893-1059 for advice on how to dispose of these materials.



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# City of Gulfport Florida

City of Gulfport, Customer Service  
2401 53rd Street South  
Gulfport, Florida 33707  
Telephone (727) 893-1000  
Fax (727) 893-1005

## DIRECT DEBIT

With DIRECT DEBIT service from the City of Gulfport, your utility bill is automatically paid from your checking or savings account fourteen (14) calendar days after the billing date. You will still receive a regular monthly statement. Instead of writing a check, you simply deduct the amount from your bank account.

To sign up for DIRECT DEBIT service, complete this order form, include a voided check imprinted with your name and address and send it to Utility Customer Service at the above address.

Continue to pay your bill regularly until you receive your first bill that indicates you are on the DIRECT DEBIT program. If you need more information, contact Utility Customer Service at (727) 893-1016.

Gulfport Utility (8 Digit) Account #: 

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Name on Utility Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Bank: \_\_\_\_\_  Checking  Savings

Bank Account in the Name of: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing/Transit Number: 

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Bank Account Number: 

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Home Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

*I have attached a voided check and hereby authorize my financial institution to debit my account in the name of the City of Gulfport Customer Service.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# GULFPORT RECYCLES

## THE CITY OF GULFPORT RECYCLING GUIDELINES

### SEPARATE YOUR CURBSIDE RECYCLING INTO 2 GROUPS



#### PLASTIC, STEEL AND ALUMINUM

- Plastic bottles and/or containers
- Steel (tin) food cans such as soup or vegetable cans
- Aluminum cans

\* **NO** lids, aerosol or paint cans and everything must be empty and rinsed



#### MIXED PAPER

- Mixed paper (junk mail, office paper, magazines, etc.)
- Cardboard (must fit inside bin)
- Newspaper and phone books

\* **NO** string, twine, plastic bags, paper towels, tissues, paper plates/cups or shredded paper

The City provides **drop-off dumpsters** at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, located at 1617, 49th St. S., for Glass (green, brown and clear), cardboard and mixed paper.



#### FREE RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Call to request a set of curbside recycle bins  
**727-893-1089**  
(Gulfport Residents Only)

#### FREE MULCH

Located at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th St. S.  
**Open 24 hours / 7 days a week**

#### PLASTIC BAG DROP OFF

Gulfport City Hall, 2401 53rd St. S.  
or deposited in the collection buckets throughout the City parks.

#### SPECIAL PICK-UP

Call the Public Works Department at 727-893-1089 for more information, or to schedule a special pick-up.

**Yard waste** is picked up on Wednesdays. No cans. Small tree or shrubbery clippings loosely piled no larger than 4 feet long, 4 feet wide and 3.5 feet high. Items cannot exceed 4 inches in diameter. Please call 727-893-1089 to arrange **FREE** pick up of bagged leaves or grass clippings.



[HTTPS://MYGULFPORT.US/PUBLIC-WORKS-DEPARTMENT](https://mygulfport.us/public-works-department)

# Gulfport Police Department



Gulfport Police Department, 2401 53rd St. S. | <http://www.gulfportpolice.com>

Non-emergency: (727) 582-6177 (county-wide, not exclusive to Gulfport)

Emergency: dial 911 (call or text)

Internal Office Contacts: <http://www.gulfportpolice.com/contact.html>

## Special services and programs:

- ✓ **Vacation House checks** - Go to <http://www.gulfportpolice.com/house-check-request.html> and fill out the online form at least two weeks before your trip. Officers will conduct perimeter checks while you are away.
- ✓ **Security Survey** - We have experts who can survey your property and provide tips on simple, cost-effective improvements that can reduce your risk of being victimized. To schedule a survey, contact us at 893-1041.
- ✓ **Bike registrations** - Register your bike in the records department to help us retrieve it in case of it being lost or stolen. A small fee of \$0.25.
- ✓ **Operation Santa** - Thirty plus years and running, the volunteers at Operation Santa have been taking care of Gulfport children who need a little extra for their Holiday. This event usually takes place after Thanksgiving through December 15. Whether giving or receiving, the phone number during that time is 727-893-1097 and leave a message.
- ✓ **Neighborhood Watch Program** - Opportunities right in your neighborhood to volunteer and keep your neighbors informed. Call the coordinator at 727-893-1022 for more information.
- ✓ **Citizens Police Academy** - Typically once per year (more or less depending on demand), we host a citizens' academy which gives participants an in-depth look at how we do business. The program runs for eighteen weeks, one night per week, and attendees will experience everything from the crash investigation and communications center to the gun range and the pursuit driving course. For more information, contact the program coordinator at 727-893-1111.
- ✓ **Explorer Post** - For youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who want to learn more about a potential career field. Law Enforcement is but one of many types of Exploring units. Members attend biweekly meetings, quarterly regional meetings, and annual state and/or national competitions. Experienced members can participate in ride-alongs with police officers and may also be selected to compete on the Explorer shooting team.
- ✓ **Free Gun Locks** - Contact the coordinator at 727-893-1022 for more information.

Locking is Key! Remember to lock your vehicles and hide valuables. Our number one crime in Gulfport is burglary to unlocked vehicles. Please don't be a victim.



**70% of all reported auto burglaries are due to unlocked doors.**

**CALL: 727-582-6177  
EMERGENCY: 911**

# Gulfport Fire Department

Gulfport Fire Department, 5314 23rd Ave. S. | <https://mygulfport.us/fire-department>  
(727) 893-1062 | Emergency dial 911



## Fire Chief Rene Fernandez

Rene Fernandez is currently the Fire Chief for the City of Gulfport Fire Rescue along with being the EMS coordinator for the department. Fire Chief Fernandez began his career with Gulfport Fire Rescue in 2006 as a Firefighter/Paramedic, was promoted to Lieutenant Paramedic in October of 2017, and was then promoted to the position of Fire Captain Paramedic on October 21st of 2019. Fire Chief Fernandez officially assumed the role of Fire Chief on January 10th of 2023. Fire Chief Fernandez has also been a resident of the City of Gulfport since 2007.

Fire Chief Fernandez has worked in many different roles with the Department including Driver Operator, Lieutenant Paramedic, Captain Paramedic and has overseen the medical operations of the Department since the time of being promoted to Lieutenant Paramedic. Fire Chief Fernandez has extensive education in the medical field including a current certification as a Paramedic, Registered Nurse, ACLS, PHTLS, EPC, and CPR instructor with the American Heart Association. He has also obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Science and an Associate's Degree in Arts. Fire Chief Fernandez also has extensive training on the fire service side of things including certifications as a Pump Operator, Fire Instructor III, Fire Inspector, Fire Officer I, and Fire Officer II.

## Gulfport Fire Rescue

Currently, Gulfport Fire Rescue has (2) 40 hour fulltime Fire Captains. One specializes in Fire Inspections/Fire Investigations and the other specializes in Advanced Life Support, Emergency Medical Services. Gulfport Fire Rescue has three shifts of five personnel operating an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Engine and Rescue. Gulfport Fire Rescue maintains five firefighters per shift that includes at least one Fire Lieutenant and one Paramedic. Each shift works 24 hours on and 48 hours off. The Fire Chief is responsible for the overall operation of the department. Each of the Fire Lieutenants is responsible for a specific area of supervision and coordination, Training, Safety, and EMS in addition to their shift supervision duties.

Gulfport Fire Rescue operates out of a single fire station and is responsible for the protection of 12,500 residents living within the City of 3 square miles. Additionally, the department participates in a County-wide Automatic Aid agreement with frequent fire responses into St. Petersburg and South Pasadena, and Mutual Aid responses into these areas and the beach communities of St Pete Beach and Treasure Island. Gulfport Fire Rescue responds to nearly 3000 emergency incidents annually.

The fire station houses the living quarters and the administrative area. Originally occupied in 1976, it was renovated and modernized during 2003 with the living quarters expanded and separated from the administrative area.

Gulfport Fire rescue provides Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services; Fire Suppression; Fire Inspections based on the NFPA Life Safety Code; Public Education for Fire Safety, Hurricane Preparedness, Pool Safety, CPR training; free Home Fire Safety Surveys; free Smoke Detectors and installation.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT members are trained in CPR/AED and basic first aid. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. Gulfport CERT meetings are held every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. CERT meeting locations will vary due to the type of scheduled training for the month. For more information, please contact (727) 893-1022 or (727) 893-1062.

# Gulfport Municipal Marina

Gulfport Municipal Marina, 4630 29th Ave. S. | (727) 893-1071

Website: <https://mygulfport.us/marina> | Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Gulfport-Marina-121638277850269>

Gulfport Municipal Marina lies on approximately eleven (11) acres of land and approximately seven and one half (7.5) acres of water. Marina property is surrounded by mostly residential single family homes. The marina basin is enclosed with a concrete seawall and provides one hundred ninety two (192) wet slips open to the public. The marina includes twenty five (25) dry boat storage spaces, ship store with restrooms and showers, public boat ramp with seventy (70) boat trailer parking spaces, two fueling stations, lighted range markers and guest docking facility.



Clam Bayou is adjacent to the East side of the marina channel. The park offers several fishing docks as well as passive walking trails, dock walk, kayak launch and Osprey nests.

The Gulfport Marina Ship Store is open seven (7) days a week, three hundred sixty three (363) days a year. The ship store contains the office of the Harbormaster and marina staff. The ship store provides drinks, sandwiches, snacks, marine supplies, live and frozen bait and full compliments of tackle. There are two restroom facilities with showers. The ship store transmits free internet access to all marina patrons and guest docking facilities. The ship store has two fueling stations with gas and diesel at each fuel dispenser. The marina boasts one hundred forty (140) feet of floating fuel dock.

## Amenities & Services:

- ✓ BRIDGE FREE access to the Gulf of Mexico
- ✓ Easy access to the Intercoastal Water Way
- ✓ 250 Wet slips
- ✓ 30-50AMP Individual Pump Outs
- ✓ Monthly & Transient Rentals
- ✓ Launching Ramp
- ✓ Kayak Launch and Storage
- ✓ Extremely Well Protected Basin
- ✓ Marine Supplies
- ✓ Public Pump Outs
- ✓ Live and Frozen Bait
- ✓ Fishing Tackle
- ✓ Gas & Diesel



# Gulfport Mooring Field

## Winter Hours:

Mon. - Thur., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fri. - Sun., 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Holidays - 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

## Summer Hours:

Mon. - Thur., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fri. - Sun., 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Holidays - 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The City of Gulfport Mooring Field is the ideal destination for the traveling sailor. With options to stay for a day, week, or month, we're conveniently located in the heart of downtown. Our engineered moorings offer a variety of amenities for transient boaters wishing to anchor out in the bay. There are twenty-five (25) mooring locations available year round and online reservations are required.

For more information and/or questions, please contact Marina Director and Harbormaster, Denis Frain at (727) 893-1104 or [dfrain@mygulfport.us](mailto:dfrain@mygulfport.us). For reservations and rates, visit <https://mygulfport.us/marina>.



# Multipurpose Senior Center

Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. | Website: <https://mygulfport.us/recreation/senior-center>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GulfportSeniorCenter>

Events: (727) 893-5657 or <https://myactivecenter.com/#centers/USA.FL.Gulfport.Gulfport-Senior-Center>

The **Gulfport Senior Center** is Gulfport's trusted leader in providing senior services that empower older adults to live life to the fullest. The Senior Center is a hub and gathering place for seniors to be socially engaged, physically challenged, and cognitively stimulated. It also serves as a clearinghouse for older adults to receive community resources and social services that help them maintain their independence and quality of life.

We focus on providing relevant information, services, and development of new programs that meet the diverse needs and interest of today's seniors. Our program offerings emphasize an active, independent lifestyle filled with numerous opportunities for socialization, education, and physical, emotional, and spiritual enhancement in a warm and welcoming environment.

Required Annual Registration is easy and available for all individuals 50 years of age or older. Free for Gulfport Residents and only \$50 per year for non-Residents.

Don't wait, be a part of the club today!

**GEMS – Gulfport Extended Mobility Service.** Door to door transportation service for Gulfport residents who are 55 years of age and over, and qualifying disabled residents. Rides to medical appointments, shopping, downtown St. Petersburg, and much more. For more information, call 727-893-2242.

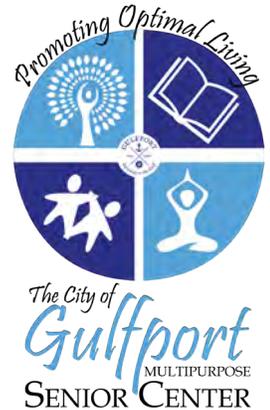
**Reassurance Calls.** Daily calls are made to participants to check on their well-being, for reassurance, and emergency assistance if needed.

**Food Pantry.** Supplemental food assistance for qualifying Gulfport residents in need. Proof of age, income, and residency is required. Donations of non-perishable foods are accepted during business hours.

**Medical Equipment Lending Program.** The Gulfport Senior Center provides gently used medical equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches) to seniors who need them. Supplies are limited, call today if you or someone you know needs assistance.

**Gulfport Senior Center Foundation.** In collaboration with the Senior Center, their goal is to create an environment that facilitates positive aging by raising monies to support programs and services that attract and engage the senior community in an active and socially rewarding lifestyle. For more information or to join, visit <https://gulfportseniorfoundation.org>.

**E-Newsletter.** To stay in touch with the latest news from the City of Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, please visit <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/ZENJS8o> and sign-up today!



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# Cultural Facilities & Events

Cultural Facilities Front Office | 5500 Shore Blvd. S. | 727-893-1070

Website: <https://mygulfpport.us/recreation/cultural-facilities> | Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mygulfpport>

Promoting the transformative power of arts and cultural activities for people of all ages, the Cultural Facilities inside the City of Gulfport, Florida offers a variety of styles of family friendly events open to the public. A division of the Recreation Department, the Cultural Facilities encompasses the Historic Casino Ballroom, Catherine A. Hickman Theater, the 49th Street Neighborhood Center and the Historic Scout Hall facility. These facilities offer cultural events, seminars, weddings, party spaces to the community and more. For more information on hosting your next event, please call (727) 893-1070 or contact us at <https://mygulfpport.us/recreation/cultural-facilities>.

## Casino Ballroom | 5500 Shore Blvd. S.

The Historic Gulfport Casino Ballroom was built in 1934 and offers dances in a picturesque beachfront setting. Located only a few steps away from the white sand beaches of Gulfport, Florida, this historic landmark is host to a variety of activities ranging from dances, concerts, fundraisers, senior programs, corporate events, seminars, trade shows, private parties, auctions, bar mitzvahs, weekly dance events, wedding receptions and more. The Historic Gulfport Casino Ballroom features a rich history, in-house beverage service, a grand dance floor, a smoke-free atmosphere, free parking, and a friendly, professional, and experienced staff.

## Catherine Hickman Theater | 5501 27th Ave. S.

The Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport is a state-of-the-art performing arts theater with superb acoustics, 173 comfortable fixed seating capacity and an intimate setting that all can enjoy. Whether it be a cultural arts or a business event, the theater provides a prestigious setting for stage productions, recitals, concerts, award ceremonies, films festivals, seminars, and training sessions. Concession services are available including beer and wine.

## 49th Street Neighborhood Center | 1617 49th St. S.

This facility opened in 2004 joining the Police substation facility and Public Works department. It can accommodate 75 people and offers a small kitchen. This facility is used for community meeting space, exercise classes and programs as well as for private parties, showers, receptions and Church services.

## Scout Hall | 5315 28th Ave. S.

Renovated in 2008, this quaint and rustic facility can accommodate 63 people. It offers a stage and small kitchen, brick patio, fire pit and benches in a shaded area. This facility is used by multiple scout troops as well as meeting space, Church services, private parties, showers, funerals, town hall meetings and community events.



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# Recreation Center

Gulfport Recreation Center | 5730 Shore Blvd. S. | 727-893-1068  
<https://mygulfport.us/recreation/rec>

The **Gulfport Recreation Center** is a community facility that offers quality activities, classes, and programs for all ages. Our courteous, caring and well-trained staff provides the community and welcomed visitors with assistance about the facility itself and the great City of Gulfport.

We provide programs for children ages 3-5, children in Kindergarten through age 14 and teens middle school to age 17. Classes and Activities are offered year-round for various ages.

Our facility has many rooms available to rent for that special occasion such as birthday parties, baby showers, wedding receptions, graduation parties or business meetings. We also have outdoor venues to rent for sporting events and family gatherings.

The Recreation Division hosts several special events that are fun for all ages. The events are free and co-sponsored with the help of businesses and the community.



## Programs:

- ✓ Tot Time / VPK Program
- ✓ School Year Child Care Program
- ✓ Summer Program
- ✓ Teen Night Program
- ✓ Teen Council

## Classes:

- ✓ Dance
- ✓ Exercise
- ✓ Art

## Activities:

- ✓ Adult Basketball
- ✓ Open Gameroom
- ✓ Pickleball
- ✓ Table Tennis

## Rentals:

- ✓ Art Room
- ✓ Gameroom
- ✓ Gymnasium
- ✓ Multipurpose Room
- ✓ Open Field
- ✓ Pavilions
- ✓ Hoyt Field

## Special Events:

- ✓ Arbor Day
- ✓ Fun in the Sun
- ✓ 4th of July Celebration
- ✓ Halloween
- ✓ Holiday Tree Lighting

## Amenities:

- ✓ Basketball Court
- ✓ Bench Swing
- ✓ Beach Volleyball Courts
- ✓ Fishing Shelter
- ✓ Open Field
- ✓ Pavilions
- ✓ Playgrounds
- ✓ Skate Park
- ✓ Stationary Fitness Equipment
- ✓ Walking Trail



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The primary purpose of the Gulfport Public Library is to provide materials, information and services to meet the educational, recreational, cultural, and social needs of our diverse community, to support lifelong learning and to enhance services through the sharing of resources with the larger library community.

Our goal is to help people enrich their experiences, expand their cultural horizons, improve their literacy, and improve themselves with family, friends, community and career. We accomplish this by:

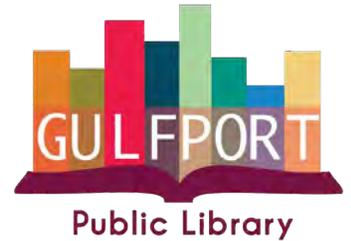
- Making available to all residents, by convenient and free access, a wide variety of expertly selected library materials and resources for the public's educational and informational needs.
- Promoting the enjoyment of reading and books, literacy, lifelong learning, citizenship and the appreciation of the world's cultural achievements.
- Giving every person the opportunity for involvement, enrichment, inspiration and entertainment.

All citizens are encouraged to use and enjoy the services and resources of the public library. As a traditional and proven component of the best of a community's learning and educational systems, the public library enriches the lives of the people it serves and it contributes significantly to their quality of life.

If you have questions please contact library staff at (727) 893-1073 or (727) 893-1074 during normal business hours, Monday – Friday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

For classes/events taking place at the Gulfport Public Library, please visit <https://mygulfport.evanced.info/signup/calendar> or <https://mygulfport.us/calendar>.

- ✓ Online Resources: <https://mygulfport.us/gpl/resources>
- ✓ Passports: <https://mygulfport.us/gpl/passports>
- ✓ Crisis Resources: <https://mygulfport.us/crisis-resources>
- ✓ LGBTQ Resource Center: <https://mygulfport.us/lgbtq-resources>
- ✓ Kids Resources: <https://mygulfport.us/gpl/kids>
- ✓ Young Adults: <https://mygulfport.us/gpl/kids/young-adults/>



The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to enhance the development of library facilities and services, community building, and support for literacy and learning. For more information about the Circle of Friends, please visit <https://mygulfport.us/gpl/circle-of-friends-of-the-gulfport-library>.



# Community Development

Community Development Department | 5330 23rd Ave. S. | 727-893-1024  
<https://mygulfpport.us/community-development>

The Community Development Department is comprised of 3 Divisions:

- Building Division – primary duties include building permitting and inspections, and Business Tax Receipts.
- Planning Division – primary duties include comprehensive planning, zoning, and grant writing.
- Code Enforcement – primary duties include enforcement of city code of ordinances.

## **BUILDING DIVISION**

**PERMITTING** – Permitting questions may be directed to staff either via the telephone or e-mail. Inquires can be directed to (727) 892-1024 or to [permits@mygulfpport.us](mailto:permits@mygulfpport.us). Our counter staff make sure that inquiries are sent to the correct person or persons to answer any questions. This includes questions about what materials may be needed for permit applications, questions about the process, or to schedule meetings to discuss your project. You may wish to come into the Community Development Department located in the Public Services building at 5330 23rd Avenue S. to discuss issues in person. While a resident homeowner can generally pull permits, it is suggested that a licensed contractor be used as they will be familiar with the necessary paperwork and production of construction plans. Permit applications are available on the city website at <https://mygulfpport.us/permit-application>.

**GARAGE SALE PERMITS** – Code permits Gulfport residents to (6) six garage sale permits per year, one every 60 days. You can obtain a free permit at the Building Department, 5330 23rd Ave. S. or online at <https://mygulfpport.us/garage-sale-permits>. Should you have any questions, please call 727-893-1061.

**INSPECTIONS** – There are inspections required for most permits. The number and type of inspections are dependent on the project. Inspections are necessary to ensure compliance with the Florida Building Code. Inspections must be scheduled on the inspection line at (727) 893-1057 before 3:00 p.m. for a next day inspection. If a contractor is used, they are generally responsible for the scheduling of inspections.

**BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS** – All businesses located in the city need a business tax receipt. An application can be found on-line under the Community Development tab. You can also request one at [permits@mygulfpport.us](mailto:permits@mygulfpport.us) or by phone at (727) 893-1063. The application is also used to determine zoning compliance to make sure the proposed business is allowed in the desired location. You will also be asked about any proposed construction that may be necessary for the business that may require a permit.

## **PLANNING DIVISION**

The Planning Division is responsible for compliance with both the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Code. The zoning map and the Comprehensive plan, which includes the Future Land Use Map, can be found on the city website at <https://mygulfpport.us/community-development>. The Zoning Code (Chapter 22 of the Gulfport Code of Ordinances) can be found at [https://library.municode.com/fl/gulfport/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/fl/gulfport/codes/code_of_ordinances). Inquires can be directed to (727) 892-1024 or to [permits@mygulfpport.us](mailto:permits@mygulfpport.us). It is important that what you want to do meets all applicable Zoning Code requirements including the use, location, setbacks and all other applicable regulations.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

COMPLIANTS - Questions may be directed to staff either via the telephone or e-mail. Inquires can be directed to (727) 892-1061 or to [permits@mygulfpport.us](mailto:permits@mygulfpport.us).

If you have a complaint, you may report it to (727) 892-1061 or to [permits@mygulfpport.us](mailto:permits@mygulfpport.us). We will inspect as soon as possible to verify any violation. If the inspector is unavailable, leave as detailed a message as possible to help us find the violation. As of July 1, 2021, Chapter 162 of the Florida Statutes (CS/HB 60) was amended to preclude staff from initiating code enforcement proceedings by way of anonymous complaints. A person who reports a potential violation of a code or an ordinance must provide, at a minimum, their name and address to the respective local government. Any personal information provided in any manner becomes part of the public record, which anyone has the right to review. If you do not provide the required information, then staff cannot start a case. There are exceptions such as an imminent threat to public safety, or welfare or imminent destruction of habitat or sensitive resources.

**TREE REMOVAL** – A Tree Removal Permit is available on the City Website under the Community Development tab. You can also request one at [permits@mygulfpport.us](mailto:permits@mygulfpport.us) or by phone at (727) 893-1024. There is no charge for the permit. The permit allows staff to schedule an inspection to verify the tree meets the requirements for removal. The tree ordinance can be found in the Zoning Code (Chapter 22 of the Gulfpport Code of Ordinances) at [https://library.municode.com/fl/gulfpport/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/fl/gulfpport/codes/code_of_ordinances).

Section 163.045 of the Florida Statutes was recently amended to state “that a local government may not require a notice, application, approval, permit, fee, or mitigation for the pruning, trimming, or removal of a tree on residential property if the property owner obtains documentation from an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or a Florida licensed landscape architect that the tree presents a danger to persons or property”. If you or your contractor are using this section to remove a tree, be aware that a report prepared by a certified arborist must be obtained or code enforcement actions may occur. Ask the proposed tree service contractor if they will obtain a permit or prepare the required documentation before you sign any contracts. It may be easier to obtain the no-fee tree permit. Many local contractors, familiar with the laws, have worked with the city to make sure any removal is done properly and legally. Pruning and trimming do not require a permit as long as the tree is not damaged by the trimming.

Community Development Department  
Located in The Public Service Building  
5330 23rd Avenue S.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
No Building Permits Issued After 3:00 P.M.

Thursday  
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
No Building Permits Issued After 3:00 P.M.



# Things You Should Know...

- **VOTER REGISTRATION:** Please register to vote or update your registration with new address at, <https://www.votepinellas.com>.
- **TRANSPORTATION:** PSTA (bus routes in and out of Gulfport) <https://www.psta.net>.
- **LOCAL MEDIA:**  
The Gabber Newspaper - <https://thegabber.com>  
Tampa Bay Times - <https://www.tampabay.com>
- **PET LICENSE:** In Pinellas County, it is required by law that pet owners obtain a license for their cats & dogs. <https://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices/licenses.htm>
- **PUBLIC PARKING:** The City of Gulfport provides FREE and open to the public parking. Please follow all signage when deciding where to park in the City of Gulfport.
- **EDUCATION:**  
Sunflower Private School - (727) 321-7657 | 5313 27th Ave. S. | <https://www.sunflowerprivateschool.com>  
Gulfport Elementary - (727) 893-2643 | 2014 52nd St. S. | <https://www.pcsb.org/gulfport-es>  
Bear Creek Elementary - (727) 893-2332 | 350 61st St. S. | <https://www.pcsb.org/bearcreek-es>  
Douglas L. Jamerson Elementary - (727) 552-1703 | 1200 37th St. S. | <https://www.pcsb.org/jamerson-es>  
Pasadena Fundamental Elementary - (727) 893-2646 | 95 72nd St. SN. | <https://www.pcsb.org/pasadena-es>  
Azalea Middle - (727) 893-2606 | 7855 22nd Ave. N. | <https://www.pcsb.org/azalea-ms>  
Thurgood Marshall Middle - (727) 552-1737 | 3901 22nd Ave. S. | <https://www.pcsb.org/marshall-ms>  
Boca Ciega High - (727) 893-2780 | 924 58th St. S. | <https://www.pcsb.org/bocaciega-hs>
- **HEALTH CARE:**  
HCA Florida Pasadena Hospital - (727) 381-1000 | 1501 Pasadena Ave. S. | <https://www.hcafloridahealthcare.com/locations/pasadena-hospital/>  
Tyrone St. Petersburg Urgent Care - (727) 273-1700 | 2241 66th St. N. | <https://www.afcurgentcare.com/tyrone-stpetersburg/>  
Walgreens Pharmacy - (727) 344-3701 | 5701 Gulfport Blvd. S. | <https://www.walgreens.com/locator/walgreens-5701+gulfport+blvd+s-gulfport-fl-33707/id=3794>
- **CABLE/INTERNET COMPANIES:**  
Frontier Communications - 1 (800) 921-8104 | <https://frontier.com/>  
WOW! - 1 (866) 496-9669 | <https://www.wowway.com/>  
Spectrum - 1 (877) 463-0677 | <https://www.spectrum.com/>
- **ELECTRIC COMPANIES:**  
Duke Energy - Home (800) 700-8744 | Business (877) 372-8477 | <https://www.duke-energy.com/home>
- **DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES:** DMV St. Petersburg | 2500 34th St. N. | (727) 464-7777  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Renew or replace online at, <https://services.flhsmv.gov/VirtualOffice/>
- **UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OFFICE:** 4222 22nd Ave. S. | (800) 275-8777 | Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**USPS ONLINE CHANGE-OF-ADDRESS:** <https://moversguide.usps.com/mgo/disclaimer>



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