

## What Does It Take To Win?

By Ethan Perelstein



Here are the campaign strategies of Gulfport's 2025 mayoral and Ward II council member candidates.

From door knocking to meet-and-greets, here are the campaign strategies of Gulfport's 2025 mayoral and Ward II council member candidates.

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## VOICES

REMEMBER: It takes discipline not to let social media steal your time.

### Gulfport Hurricane Recovery Stories

I want to thank all the Gulfport residents and business owners who have contributed to the book I'm putting together for publication about their experiences during Hurricanes Helene and Milton. I've received essays, poems, artwork, photos, and musings. Subjects include actual experiences during the storms, losses throughout our town that are missed, neighbors helping neighbors, survivor's guilt, creating again after loss, and gratitude for what remains. All have been moving and have touched on the community mindset that makes Gulfport such a great place to live.

I originally planned to stop receiving submissions by Feb. 28 but decided to extend my [self-imposed] deadline through the end of March. Not because I haven't

received enough material but because what I've received already is so inspiring and hopefully cathartic. I want to give others a chance to go on record with their story. If you have already sent me something, you have my heartfelt thanks. If you have not yet contributed, please send your submission in the form in which you express yourself best: a photo or artwork with caption, a poem, essay, or musing. Please include a one-sentence bio and email to lynn.taylor0124@gmail.com.

—Lynn Taylor

### City Council Meetings

I write with a heavy heart for our city, yet with hope for our community. Two devastating hurricanes have left many homes and businesses in ruins. Rebuilding has been slowed by FEMA rules, strict building codes, and

the sheer scale of destruction overwhelming our small city. Wanting to help, I began attending city council meetings—what I saw there grieved me deeply.

A group of frustrated residents, reeling from loss, has directed their pain at Mayor Sam Henderson and the city council. Meeting after meeting, I've watched this anguish be leveraged for political gain ahead of the upcoming election. Karen Love, a candidate running against our Mayor, has publicly accused the Council of lacking transparency and hiding things. Yet, I've seen no evidence of this—only a hardworking City Government tirelessly serving us.

These are my neighbors and friends, people I respect. But this division saddens me. I urge Karen Love to stop attacking Mayor Sam and fracturing our community with negativity. Let's have an election as friends, not foes. I see no conflicts of interest or shortcomings—only a council striving

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## It's Time to Vote – March 11 – for KAREN BEHMKE LOVE for Mayor, City of Gulfport



As Mayor, Karen Behmke Love will **work on behalf of all residents**, will listen to concerns and ideas brought to her attention, and will serve the position with respect and dignity. Ms. Love **embodies the true spirit of Gulfport** with a tireless track record and dedication to community programs, volunteerism, civil engagement with elected and city officials, and supporting artists and businesses. Please note that Ms. Love's platform is to **commit to a municipal government that fosters community cooperation, improves communication from city leadership, supports transparency and accountability, and one that ensures residents are respected and valued.** She will also commit to addressing the aftermath of the hurricanes and floods that have critically impacted residents and the city's infrastructure.

As you contemplate who's ready to lead the City as Mayor, **please contrast Ms. Love's active community engagement and love for the City of Gulfport to the current Mayor's very long 16 years on the City Council.** Ask yourself what tangible ideas and initiatives the current Mayor has proposed and implemented; such actions barely exist. What you will find during the Mayor's tenure (council meetings can be found online) is that he is often temperamental, publicly disrespecting residents and councilmembers alike. During this difficult time in Gulfport, the city needs a Mayor capable of listening to difficult issues and concerns, without constantly losing his or her composure.

**In summary, your vote on Tuesday, March 11, for Karen Behmke Love for Gulfport Mayor, is a vote for someone who is qualified and genuinely committed to getting things done in the best interest of the city and all its residents.**

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## New Year, New Gabber Staff

### Welcome Our New Editor and New News Reporter

By Cathy Salustri

A few years ago, we had a wonderful summer intern. He wrote some feature stories for us about athletes, harmonica players, Florida-philes, and other interesting Gulfportians. Then, he went back to school [the American University in Bulgaria].

He showed up again Jan. 31, with a shiny new degree and fresh off a stint working in politics – of all places – in Maricopa County, Arizona.

“Ethan!” Cam said. “What are you doing here?”

“Just hanging out,” he told her.

“Do you want a job?” she asked.

It was that simple. In the wake of Pat Heinzen’s departure for Louisiana [he apparently finds feeding sharks at the Shreveport Aquarium safer than city hall], we had posted the news reporter job. However, none of the applicants were quite the fit we needed. Cam and I wanted someone who understood Government in the Sunshine State, the nuances of politics, and could come up to speed on Gulfport politics quickly.

That’s a tall order for a job that doesn’t pay well enough for someone to live in Tampa Bay without at least one roommate – and, as the job requires attending City Council meetings and having plenty of face time in Gulfport, whomever we hired would have to live here.

Fortunately for us, Ethan’s parents moved here while he was in college.



RACHEL RUBIN

In the first two months of the new year, we made a few changes. Welcome our new Editor-in-Chief Cameron Healy (right) and our new news reporter Ethan Perelstein (left) to *The Gabber Newspaper*.

As for Cam, she needed a city hall reporter who would also serve as almost a news editor, because her job changed recently, too. When Shelly Wilson, our former Editor-in-Chief, left a few years back, we ultimately decided the smartest financial decision was for me to serve as EIC for the foreseeable future. However, a year after Shelly left, Cam started working with us, and, through-

out the past two-plus years, she’s shown that she’s more than capable of keeping a metaphorical hand on the editorial tiller. She may have signed on as a reporter, but her aptitude for editing quickly became apparent.

And so I’m more than happy to let her take the wheel [I know, I know, I said it was a tiller, but you get the idea] and remain optimistic that, as our sales grow, we’ll be able to let Ethan report to her not as a news reporter for one city, but the news and politics editor who covers Gulfport city hall, and oversees reporters in all our coverage areas.

Please join me in congratulating Cam on her well-deserved promotion, and in welcoming Ethan [well, welcoming him *back*] to Team Gabber.

Now, if you need be, I’ll be in the corner, not attending City Council meetings or moderating any more forums. Have fun with that, E.

–Cathy ♦

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# News and Paw-litics

## Kirby Wins Gulfport's 2025 Pet Mayor Election

By Rachel Rubin

The results are in! Kirby is officially Gulfport's 2025 Pet Mayor after a month-long Pet Mayor election season.

Gulfport Arts and Heritage (GAH) board member Amanda Hagood stated Kirby won with a total of \$1,900. Out of 11 candidates, the Pet Mayor election raised \$5,253 for GAH and Friends of Strays, according to Hagood.

Ravioli was in the lead until Kirby swooped in last minute, pushing Ravioli to second place.

On Feb. 22, Hagood presented Kirby with her new title at the Paw-fficial Wagging In Ceremony.

### Meet Kirby, Gulfport's Pet Mayor 2025

Kirby is 4-and-a-half-year-old chihuahua, Maltese, and shih tzu mix. Her family rescued her from an intersection in St. Pete. She was less than a year old at the time.

"She is friends with everyone she meets, and loves meeting all the dogs on our walk," said Bryce Morrison, one of Kirby's human companions.

However, Kirby does not enjoy the presence of one of her neighbor's cats.

"He likes to run up and smack her around and one of her proposals is sending him to jail," said Morrison.

Many people recognize Kirby from the Gulfport Brewery, her main hang out spot.

"I take her for walks when I'm pet sitting, and we get constantly stopped because the people know Kirby," said Karen Workman, Morrison's aunt. "They'll stop and talk to her."

Kirby also loves to chat with other dogs on her walks, which Workman called these interactions "coffee klatch."

Morrison said Kirby compiled a list of policy proposals as she takes on her new title as Pet Mayor.

One of Kirby's policy proposals is a

french fry tax.

"Whenever someone gets french fries, she gets one," said Morrison.

Another proposal includes no walks when its raining. Lastly, Kirby proposes that businesses let her in their establishments to give her lots of attention.

"Also, a four day work week," said Morrison, adding to Kirby's list.

### A Team of Paw-fficers

As the 2024 Pet Mayor Banjo passes the torch to Kirby, she will serve a one-year term. Now, all of the other 2025 Pet Mayor candidates also play important roles.

Ravioli now holds the position of Kitty Manager. His owner Kayla Jacobson reported that he is "super excited to represent all the community cats



BRYCE MORRISON

**Gulfport Brewery regular and neighborhood friend Kirby won Gulfport's 2025 Pet Mayor election and raised a total of \$1,900.**


out there."

The other candidates also hold city government positions. Paco is the Ha-bark-dashery Officer, Luna is the Li-bark-ery Services Paw-fficer, and Dexter is the Small Business Paw-fficer.

Other positions held by candidates include Stevie as Paws and Recreation Paw-fficer position, Dumpster Jack as the Barks and Culture Paw-fficer, and

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**Gulfport's Mayoral Candidates**

**Sam Henderson**

Sam Henderson's fifth campaign for Mayor has had seven campaign events, put up 150 signs, and will send out 5,000 mailers this week. He also maintained a healthy Facebook presence and placed ads in both *The Gabber Newspaper* and *Town Talk*.

This is the first time Henderson has run as an NPA, non party affiliate, and therefore does not enjoy some of the extra assistance that comes with party affiliation. He said he hasn't done as much door knocking this election as he has in the past. He has interacted with voters at events and out in the community, however.

"The in-person stuff has been really, really good," he said.

Henderson said he felt a shift in the vibes of the election this time around.

"The tone of the election has been such that a lot of people are just keeping their business to themselves and don't really feel like having it aired out who they support," he said.

"It's a lot more heavy on the social media haters than it's been before," Henderson said. "The tone has changed. It's gotten a little less accountable, a little more vitriolic, a little less informed."



CAMERON HEALY

From left to right, Karen Love, John Liccione, and Sam Henderson are Gulfport's 2025 mayoral candidates.

**John Liccione**

When *The Gabber Newspaper* first approached John Liccione for this article, he said, "My campaign strategy is of course, campaign confidential."

On the phone later, he declined to be on record, and no interview was conducted. He has yet to reply to any further questions.

His campaign finance reports show that he spent money to print signs and host his campaign website. He also held a meet-and-greet with live music at the North End Taphouse on Feb. 13 where he campaigned and talked about Tidal Basin.

He has spoke at City Council meetings. At one meeting, he said, "In my

head, I'm already mayor."

Liccione is the only candidate in the two races that has not advertised in *The Gabber Newspaper*.

**Karen Love**

Karen Love's campaign has the most donors out of any of the mayoral campaigns. According to her campaign finance reports she spent money on postcards, yard signs, a custom vinyl banner, and advertising in both *Town Talk* and *The Gabber Newspaper*.

She has also been very active on Facebook and at City Council meetings.

When asked about her campaign strategies, she said, "I am not comfortable with the editing of *The Gabber Newspaper*."

**Ward II Council Member Candidates**

**Byron Chalfont**

This is Byron Chalfont's second time running for city council. He said his first campaign mostly placed ads in *The Gabber Newspaper*. Chalfont said that this time, he's protesting the paper and foregoing the political ads in favor of signs, flyers, walking, and Facebook. He has since lifted his protest. He bought an ad in *The Gabber Newspaper's* March 6 issue, the last print issue before election day.

"I bought signs, I got the flyers, I

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CAMERON HEALY

From left to right, Christine Brown, Marlene Shaw, and Byron Chalfont are Gulfport's 2025 Ward II Council member candidates.

started walking the ward," he said about his campaign strategies.

Chalfont talked about one Sunday, he walked around knocking, and it started raining. He pulled one of his signs from a supporter's yard and used it as an umbrella to finish the day's campaigning.

"I've walked the entire district, the entire ward," he said. Due to time restrictions, he hasn't been able to canvass the whole town, and has focused on Ward II.

He described his conversations at the doors. "The dissatisfaction that everybody has in this town with the way things are being run. There's a lot of people, especially in this ward,

who are extremely upset, and they want change," he said. "We'll see how they vote. If they want change, they want someone that can run things, you need a businessman that runs things."

Chalfont has had many businesses over the years in restaurants and real estate. He has delivered orders from his restaurant around the city to talk with voters.

If you don't order a pizza or live in Ward II and want to talk to the aspiring council member, he said to find him at his restaurant.

"Just come down and talk to me," he said about what sets him apart from other candidates. "When the election

is done and they all go back and hide, I'll be the only one everybody can find."

**Marlene Shaw**

As for Marlene Shaw's campaign, "Every day is something different," she said.

One day is a meet-and-greet, the next she's working on an endorsement, and a third she's walking and knocking. Shaw has signs in yards and in front of businesses. She also has flyers, tables at the Tuesday markets downtown, is active on Facebook, and makes phone calls. But what makes her campaign stand out is her canvassing of the city, door knocking.

*The Gabber Newspaper's* campaign finance coverage showed Shaw made an interesting purchase that no other campaigns had. She paid the Democratic Party \$108.44 for access to their VAN voter database. The Democratic Party uses VAN to track voter history, regardless of party affiliation to help build targeted walking lists for canvassing. It's a glorified GIS map. Shaw's campaign is using VAN as well as other data from the Supervisor of Elections to plan the canvassing of the city.

Shaw's canvas has covered the whole city throughout the campaign. She begins the conversation at the door with an introduction, a chance for the voter to get to know the candidate. Then she offers information about voting and helped

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them register.

Her campaign has a whole team of volunteers that knock on doors and make phone calls with her. She said they all work faster than her.

“When it’s me, it goes slower because people want to talk more, I’m so conversational,” she said. “I wanna hear what’s on your mind.”

“It’s not just about this election,” Shaw said. “It’s about trying to bring awareness to people, to engage them.”

Shaw said she hasn’t had to do much campaigning at some doors because voters told her they met her at one of the forums.

Shaw has received more donations both in dollar amount and in number of donations than anyone in either of Gulfport’s two races.

“I have lived here 30 years,” she said. “I’ve seen more energy about this election than I have about any election in the past.”

“This is exciting. Too many people in our system feel disenfranchised, they don’t feel listened to, and peo-

ple are starting to speak up,” Shaw said.

**Christine Brown**

Christine Brown’s reelection campaign is ramping up in the last week before election day.

“In the last week, I’m starting to do phone calls to people in the voter rolls,” Brown said. “I will be doing phone calls to get people to the polls.”

Brown has also sent cards targeting supervoters, which are people who vote in every election.

“I lick it and stamp it and address it myself,” she said. “I like to send them a personal note to say hey, you’re the greatest, I would appreciate it if you vote for me.”

She said she has 200 cards in the mail to supervoters.

Like other candidates, she has signs in yards and street corners, a presence on Facebook, and a website. She also advertised in *The Gabber Newspaper*.

Brown said that this campaign looks much like the ones she’s ran in the past. However, some tactics are new.

She’s produced four videos at different places in Gulfport, telling stories about the place, and published them on her Facebook page.

When asked if she’s optimistic about the race, she said, “I’m not ever going to say I have it in the bag.”

Brown talked about how hard it can be to run in an election.

“It’s easy to not feel good. Like you’ll see somebody write something horrible about you on Facebook, those keyboard warriors they think they’re all that, and the whole inside of me falls to the bottom. Then, I hear somebody else saying ‘Oh, my God. Thank you so much for running,’” Brown said. “It’s like a roller coaster for sure.”

She said that there is one particular non-fan who has emailed the City multiple times. She said reading their emails makes her feel like she’s “back at the bottom of the roller coaster.”

“I want to be positive and I don’t ever want to not be positive,” Brown said. “I work hard at staying above the fray and don’t engage in social media at all.” ♦



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# Unlock Public Knowledge

## How To Request Public Records With the City of Gulfport

By Ethan Perelstein



CATHY SALUSTRI

The Gabber Newspaper spoke with City Clerk Theresa Carrico to explain how to request public records with the City of Gulfport.

Our Government, like all governments, generates enormous amounts of records. Every email, permit, salary, general ledger entry, meeting agenda, ordinance, resolution, City Council vote, attendance record – anything that is written down or transacted in the process of governing – is recorded and available to the public.

And guess what, reader, the public is you! If you want to know

or see anything from the City, from how many emails someone has sent City staff to what route the garbage trucks drive, all you have to do is ask.

### How To Submit a Request

Start at the City website, mygulfport.us. Go to departments, then City clerk/records custodian.

From there, you'll see a big black box that reads "Public records request portal" next to a link to an FAQ page with answers to everything from "What is a public record?" to instructions on how to disable your browser's pop-up blocker to download files.

After clicking the black box, click "Submit a records request." From there, you will pick between the City, police department, or

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fire department depending on the information you wish to request.

Once you've picked a department. You must log in to submit your request. If this is your first records request, you'll have to create an account to do so.

From there, you will have to describe the records you are looking for, then submit your request. These requests go to Gulfport's City Clerk Theresa Carrico, and she or her deputy will find what you are looking for.

If this all seems complicated or you don't like computers, you can also request public records by contacting the City Clerk in person at City Hall, by email, or by phone.

"Public records should be pretty specific," Carrico said.

For example, if you request every document with the word "Gulfport" on it, the search would return an impossibly large amount of documents. More likely than inundating you with every document in the history of Gulfport, the City Clerk will work with you on narrowing your search.

"I'm going to ask you clarifying questions to see if we can get it to be a little more specific," Carrico said.

Sometimes, a reasonable and specific request does return a very large result, and processing it takes up more time and resources. In that case, the City Clerk will fulfill your request, but there may be an added charge.

The City of Gulfport's public records are truly public.

"It does not matter to me who you are, or what you're going to do with it, or why you want it," Carrico said.

You may want to submit your request anonymously, and if so, you can create an anonymous account that does not record any personal information. However, because the system won't record a phone number or email address, the only way to receive the results of an anonymous request is in the portal itself, so you will have to log in and check periodically. ♦

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to rebuild our town.

I call for unity and peace. Let's keep Mayor Sam and Ward II Council member [Christine] Brown for another term to continue this vital work. Together, we can restore the safe, peaceful city I'm proud to call home.

—David Ahlgren, Gulfport ♦

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Desserts, Roses, and Thrift Stores

Random Quotes From Gulfportians

By Chris Shablak



Thrift stores should have tip buckets.

-Anna Gentry, about thrift store employees



"Alcohol and rose bushes are a bad combo." -Blake Trotten, after seeing this combo at Smugglers Cove Adventure Golf

"Wait, is the City waiting on permits, too?" -Brett Causin, asking about the Gulfport Casino repairs

"Because I'm a dessert first guy." -Scott Brelinski, after ordering a huge cream cheese brownie for lunch at Mazzaro's

"We win! Best weather in the U.S." -Lynette Stratton, on our 75-80 degree sunny days



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MAYOR of GULFPORT

Gulfport, we have come so far in the past few months. The monumental task of getting our people the help they need - correct substantial damage assessments, permits and guidance on next steps - is 90% complete. I salute our city staff for laboring under extreme duress to bring our residents and business owners closer to recovery. Likewise, I thank those of you who have been patient and supportive of this difficult but crucial process.

Gulfportians have shared their concerns with me regarding candidate qualifications. Many believe that the role of Mayor is not an entry-level position. This is why I have worked my way to this role from our ordinance review committee to two terms as our Ward 4 representative, and multiple posts on regional boards that support local government. I believe in learning from, listening to and acting on the expertise and guidance of our capable city staff - working with them, not against them. I believe that the best leaders hire the best people and support them in their work. No one person protects and provides for a city alone - it is a team effort.

I am asking for your vote on March 11th to continue bringing my knowledge, compassion and experience to bear for our city and our people. Thank you, Gulfport.

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# Kicking Off Florida Bicycle Month

## Bike Your City in Pinellas Park

By Ethan Perelstein



FORWARD PINELLAS

The City of Pinellas Park and Forward Pinellas' Bike Your City event took cyclists on a tour of Pinellas Park.

On March 1, about a hundred Tampa Bay cyclists and I went for a seven-mile bike ride in Pinellas Park.

This Saturday morning adventure was the 9th annual Bike Your City. The City of Pinellas Park hosted the event with Forward Pinellas, Pinellas County's land use and transportation planning agency.

The free, public ride was designed to "try to get people out that may not normally bike," according to

Kyle Simpson, active transportation planner. "It's an event to help people connect with their neighbors and their fellow Pinellas County or Tampa Bay residents."

Simpson kicked off the ride at our start and end point in Helen S. Howarth Community Park by introducing Forward Pinellas and Pinellas Park City Council member Patti Reed.

"We're known for our agriculture, we're known for our green space,

our parks. You're going to see quite a few of them today," Reed said. "So you're going to get a really good tour of Pinellas Park."

She finished her speech by talking about the importance of infrastructure that supports pedestrian and cycling traffic to safely connect different parts of the city.

"It looks like we have over a hundred cyclists," she said. "I hope somebody does a head count because we

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might have beaten St. Pete.”

The City of St. Petersburg hosted Bike Your City last year.

Applause for the speeches included bells and bike horns.

**■ The Safest Ride in Pinellas County**

Forward Pinellas and the City of Pinellas Park covered all bases in terms of safety.

The City of Pinellas Park Police Department escorted us the whole way. Two officers rode on e-bikes with the pack. They also had a lead vehicle and a tail vehicle, and an officer and an SUV blocked every intersection along the way. The fire department was on standby in case of any medical emergency.

The St. Petersburg Bicycle Club, Inc. in their multi-neon jerseys, for lack of a better word, herded the pack of riders along the route. Forward Pinellas gave out free helmets, bells, and bike lights to anyone who needed them.

Much of the ride was on brand new, smooth asphalt, though some of the roads had some potholes. We passed public parks, crossed the train tracks, and waved to residents in their yards.

Notable sights along the tour included the Barbara S. Ponce Public Library, Patti Johnson Farm, City Hall, and the Broderick Recreation Center. The route also passed two sites where Pinellas Park has planned projects to develop pedestrian, cycling, and community infrastructure in the city.

**■ “Beach Cruiser Pace”**

While there were many riders with sleek, aerodynamic road bikes and cleats, this was no tour de France.

“We work to make it a family friendly ride,” Simpson said. He described it as “beach cruiser pace.”

I don’t think our speed ever got into double digits. The pack took up a whole lane of traffic, and could easily fit four bikes abreast between the sidewalk and the double yellow line.

My father, an avid road cyclist, always told me that the key to riding for long stretches of time is to nev-

er work so hard that you can’t have a conversation. Clearly, no one was working too hard Saturday morning because everyone was chatting.

Each clump of cyclists talked amongst themselves. Some talked about cycling and the bikes they were riding or the gear they had bought. Others talked about completely non-velocipedal topics. The pod I ended up riding with were two families of engineers who worked for

Advanced Engineering and Design, a Pinellas Park engineering firm that provided snacks for the event.

While I enjoyed the tour’s wild and domestic Floridian flora, the children on pink bikes liked the “horseys” best. The engineers riding with me pointed out ramps that they had designed and commented on the construction of the canal. The ride had something for every taste. ♦



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**The Fitness Center is open.** To provide physical distancing, the hourly capacity is limited and you must call to pre-register.

**Supplemental food assistance** for qualifying Gulfport Seniors in need is available at the Senior Center. Pantry is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Proper verification required prior to use of the pantry.

**GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mobility Service)** provides affordable Door-to-Door transportation service, rides to medical appointments, shopping, and much more for Gulfport residents, 55 years of age or older or disabled. 727-893-2242.

**Medical Equipment Lending Program** provides gently used wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches and other medical equipment to seniors who need it. Supplies limited.

**Daily Reassurance Calls** are available for senior Gulfport residents to provide a friendly check in service connecting homebound or isolated seniors to the community beyond their front door.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Consumer Trivia** National Consumer Protection Week is a coordinated campaign to help people understand their consumer rights and avoid frauds and scams. In recognition of this week, Pinellas County Consumer Protection is hosting this free, public event to test your knowledge with Consumer Trivia. MUST Pre-Reg. *Mar. 6, 10 a.m.*

**Bingo with a Twist** Typical bingo with fun games and challenges thrown in. Sponsored by Dedicated Senior Medical. *Mar. 6, 3:30 p.m.*

**Community Onsite Shredding Event** Stop Identity Theft! FREE document shredding and medication drop off in the Theater Parking Lot. Limit 5 boxes/bags per vehicle. Provided by Pinellas County Consumer Protection. *Mar. 8, 9 - 11 a.m.*

**Veteran's Coffee Connection** Veterans of all service eras gather for coffee, support, friendship & to learn about available community resources. Hosted by Empath Health. *Mar. 7, 10 a.m.*

**Gulfport ROCKS!** Join the party and create some fun rock art. All supplies provided by Moore Insurance Options. MUST Pre-Reg. *Mar. 7, 1:30 p.m.*

**Onsite Shredding Event** Stop Identity Theft! FREE document shredding and medication drop off in the Theater Parking Lot. Limit 5 boxes/bags per vehicle. Provided by Pinellas County Consumer Protection. *Mar. 8, 11 a.m. (or until truck is full)*

**Workout with Noa** Noa will guide you to look deeper at applying isotonic exercises to your workout. MUST Pre-Reg. *Mar. 10, 4 p.m.*

**Happy Hour at the Center** Join us for this fun social hour. Sponsored by The Goldton. Cheers! MUST Pre-Reg. *Mar. 10, 5:30 p.m.*

**Healthy Eating: Boost Your Mood with Food and Fitness** Learn ways to earn rewards through your insurance plan, while prioritizing your health. Enjoy light refreshments. Must Pre-Reg. *Mar. 11, 2 p.m.*

**Watercolor Instruction: Beginning Watercolor** This class is a "hands on" introduction to terms & technique. Students will paint two pictures demonstrating those techniques. MUST Pre-Reg. Ask for supply list. *Mar. 12 & Mar. 19, 9:30 a.m.*

**Ultimate Food Pantry** Choose from a wide variety of items and leave with the ingredients to help stock your home pantry. Sponsored by Ultimate Health Plans. *Mar. 12, 10 a.m.*

**NEW! Resilient Heart** Practice heart focused breathing techniques that you can apply in daily life. Learn how to stabilize your nervous system and handle stress with more ease. MUST Pre-Reg. *Mar. 13, 10 a.m.*

**Care Planning for the Future** Learn how to plan ahead to make sure you get the medical care you want. Sponsored by Avail Home Care. MUST PreReg. *Mar. 13, 12:30*

*p.m.*

**Rhythm & Groove Jam Session** Bring your instrument & join others for a casual jamming group. All levels, instruments, & listeners welcome. *Mar. 13, 3 p.m.*

**Planning for the Future** Discussion on how to make your finances last longer & work in a way that is simple for you & your family to manage. MUST Pre-Reg. *Mar. 13, 3:30 p.m.*

**Caregivers' Coffee & Conversation** Are you the primary caregiver and could use some "ME" time? Join us for coffee & conversation. *Mar. 14, 10 a.m.*

**OTC with Cliff** Are you using all your Medicare benefits? OTC benefits allow you to order supplies at no cost & Cliff will show you how. *Mar. 18, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.*

**iPhone / iPad Instruction** Learn basic functions of your Apple iPhone or iPad. Presented by the Gulfport Library. MUST Pre-Reg. *Mar. 18, 1 p.m.*

**Age Friendly Pinellas: Hurricane Experiences Listening Session** This session provides a space for residents to share their experiences pre, during and post storms. Information will be gathered as to what may be needed to increase preparedness and identifying additional resources that may be needed post-recovery. MUST Pre-Reg. *Mar. 18, 2 p.m.*

**Senior Resources** Get assistance applying for SNAP, Medicaid, & other services to help you get back on your feet. Call to reserve your spot. Walk-ins are welcome, too. *Mar. 20, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.*

**Gulfport Gadgets** Bring your device and unlock its full potential! Learn essential skills & explore helpful apps to enhance productivity and connectivity. Question and Answer Session. Provided by Keiser University. MUST Pre-Reg. *Mar. 20, 10 a.m.*

**Writing Your Memoir** Join this interactive class that will teach you methods and give you motivation to capture your life story. MUST Pre-Reg. *Mar. 20, 1 p.m.*

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**Art Reception** featuring paintings by Cid Bolduc & Hilda Neily. Fri., Mar. 7, 6 - 8 p.m. Free & open to the public.

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**The Gulfport Recreation Center is temporarily closed.** We can still be reached at 727-893-1068 for any questions.

Tennis lessons are still available at Chase Park, 28th Ave & 53rd St. S. Contact Mo at 727-515-1454 for details.

**Cardio Tennis** Tues. & Thurs, 6 p.m.; \$15/class for adult lessons.

**F.I.T Tennis** Fri., Jan. 10 - Feb. 14, 6 p.m.; Free for true beginners age 21 and up.

**Summer Program** - Registrations for the 2025 Summer Program begin on March 3rd for Gulfport resident children who will **complete** Kindergarten thru age 14. The 10-week program which runs from June 2nd - August 8th is a quality program that provides a nurturing atmosphere where each child has the opportunity to experience many recreational, social, creative and enriching activities at a cost

affordable to families. Daily activities include arts and crafts, field trips, sports, music, special classes and much more. Summer Program hours are from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. with structured hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Extended hours are available until 6:00 p.m. for an additional fee. There will be 25 available spots for the discount rate for Gulfport residents in need of assistance. Eligibility requirements for the discount is either a letter from the child's school verifying the child's acceptance of free/reduced lunch or a letter verifying the child's acceptance of assistance from financial aid or a related program. Detailed pricing and hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9a.m.-5p.m. at Scout Hall, 5315 - 28th Avenue South. Call 893-1068 for more information or questions.

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**Keep Calm & Carry Yarn** Join us for a weekly knitting and crochet group! Bring your current project, start something new, learn a new skill, and meet other crafters! *Mondays, 10:15 a.m.*

**Baby Time** *Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.*

**Teen Space** Spend time with friends and

meet new ones. Play games, make art, watch movies, or just hang out. Activities vary - and what we do is up to you! Ages 12-18 only. *Tuesdays, 4 p.m.*

**Storytime** Join us for stories, rhymes, music. *Thursdays, 10:15 & 11 a.m.*

**Guardian Ad Litem Outreach & Orientation** Join their child advocacy team! Contact Anita Myers, email [Anita.Myers@gal.fl.gov](mailto:Anita.Myers@gal.fl.gov) or visit [www.guardianadlitem.org](http://www.guardianadlitem.org). *Mar. 11, 1 p.m.*

**Lego Club** It's time to build! Join us for some Lego creativity and see what construction challenges we have for you this week. Recommended for Grades K-5. Children must be accompanied by an adult. *Mar. 15, 2 p.m.*

**Take and Make Craft: Happy Spring Break!** Stop by and pick up a craft to make at home over your Spring Break! While supplies last. FMI, call 727-893-1074. *Mar. 16, all day.*

**SHINE Presentation: Medicare Basics** Presentation on Medicare Parts A, B, C, & D and

what they mean to you. FMI, visit [www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org). Call the Reference Desk, 727-893-1073 to leave contact information for individual appointments. *Mar. 19, 1 p.m.*

**Circle of Friends Board Meeting** Join the Circle of Friends for their board meeting. They will discuss upcoming projects, programs, and other topics. *Mar. 20, 10:15 a.m.*

**Book Club** This month's selection is *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. Available in print and audio from the Circulation Desk. Check Libby for eBook and eAudiobook availability. *Mar. 20, 2 p.m.*

**Open Mic Poetry** Christa Fairbrother, Gulfport Poet Laureate, presents a recently launched monthly program. Everyone is invited to attend. Donations received during event benefit the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library for support of Library programs. *Mar. 20, 6 p.m.*



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By Maggie Duffy

Early on in *MJ The Musical*, a documentary filmmaker asks Michael Jackson, “Is it really possible to separate your life from your music?”

According to the Broadway musical that ran at Tampa’s David A. Straz Center for the Performing Arts, the answer is no – sort of.

Written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage, the jukebox musical delves into Jackson’s artistic genius. But it also recounts myriad details of his personal life that have become part of his legend.

However, the play doesn’t address the allegations of sexual abuse against Jackson.

It avoids them by being set before the first accusation was ever made. The musical opens as Jackson is getting ready to embark on his Dangerous World Tour in 1992.

Directed and choreographed by Christopher Wheeldon (who won the 2022 Tony awards for each category for the musical), it’s a two-and-a-half hour celebration of one of the most influential artists of all time.

Action starts before the house lights go down, bringing the audience into the rehearsal space as dancers file in. Enter MJ [Jordan Markus], who after a run-through of “Beat It,” begins negotiating last minute changes to the show with tour manager Rob [Devin Bowles].

The show’s main conflict involves MJ’s artistic instinct regarding the Dangerous Tour being called into question by his managers. They’re afraid he’s spending too much money on it and afraid it won’t be successful.

Rob has to convince MJ to work with a documentary film crew from MTV. Ambitious journalist Rachel [Cecilia Petrush] is determined to dig into personal details from MJ, who only wants to keep it about the music.

#### ■ All About the Music

And really, *MJ* is all about the music. With a live band led by Nathanael



MATTHEW MURPHY

Jamaal Fields Green plays MJ in the national touring production of *MJ The Musical*.

Wilkerson, the musical guides Jackson’s storyline with nearly 40 songs from his catalogue ranging from The Jackson Five era to *Dangerous*. The audience cheered for favorite songs, expertly performed by the cast of talented singers and dancers.

We meet Little Michael [Quentin Blanton Jr.] as he first finds his voice and his influences in James Brown and Jackie Wilson. His father Joseph Jackson [also played by Bowles] capitalizes on his talent, making him the lead of the family band.

His mother, Katherine [Anastasia Talley] is a sympathetic counter to Joseph’s overbearing (and abusive) expectations for perfection. Talley and Blanton Jr. perform a sweet duet of “I’ll Be There.”

As Michael [Erik Hamilton] matures, we see him move from the influence of Motown’s founder Berry Gordy (J. Daughtery) to a solo artist under the wing of Quincy Jones (Josh A. Dawson).

Michael’s star rises, culminating in dizzying success with the album *Thriller*. As his fame grows, so does his aversion to the hounding paparazzi. The show portrays the paparazzi as the zombies during the song “Thriller.”

Also covered are Jackson’s eccentricities. A few include the whereabouts of his chimpanzee Bubbles,

his use of a hyperbaric chamber, and affinity for plastic surgery. The show also revealed that he relies on painkillers to ease his aching body.

Additionally, the musical highlights Jackson’s philanthropic side. As he previously did before, he intended to donate his proceeds from the Dangerous Tour to several charities.

The core depiction of Jackson is of a perfectionist with a rigorous work ethic.

The musical soars with its celebration of dancing, starting with MJ’s [Markus] iconic Moonwalk during “Billie Jean.” A tribute to Jackson’s favorite dancers like Fred Astaire and Bob Fosse gives way to “Smooth Criminal.” Markus flexes his dancing skills here, especially with the gravity-defying leaning made famous in the latter song’s video.

Throughout, MJ dodges the filmmaker’s prying questions, all while fighting for his changes to the tour. His frustration is conveyed through the powerful number, “They Don’t Care About Us.”

Like the man himself, *MJ* is a spectacle, full of dynamic digital sets. It ends with an electrifying bang, with MJ rising above the stage on the Dangerous Tour on a clear platform, victorious. His artistic vision had come to fruition. ♦

## Eat Your Stress

### Simple Election Night Eats for Gulfportians

By Morgan Banno

Gulfport's municipal elections are upon us. Ideally, it is a time when democracy unfolds and the future is bright with optimism. This election season has been extra spicy, particularly at the local level. Between two council members resigning, public emails, and a hotly contested community forum, the political buzz is endless this season.

When my wife ran for mayor years ago, election night was truly exasperating. We were glued to our electronics awaiting the poll results. We were too nervous to eat or let alone prepare dinner. This year is different. We will celebrate the future of Gulfport with munchies and libations as poll numbers trickle in.

Whether you're watching the results at home or you're attending a victory party, keep your election night menu short and simple. Quick dips, easy snacks, and straightforward comfort food will ease the stress of election night.

#### ■ Popcorn

Popcorn is a must. After all, election night is wildly entertaining and what's a good show without popcorn?

My favorite popcorn is the famous Garrett's Popcorn in Chicago. They ship across the country and it is the perfect imported delight for the election. Or keep it local with Lulu's Kettle Corn at Gulfport's Tuesday Morning Fresh Market. They sell freshly popped kettle corn and varieties of sweet and savory popcorn that are sure to please any political crowd.

#### ■ French Onion Dip

Cut through the night's tension with French onion dip. This recipe combines rich condiments like cream cheese, mayo, and sour cream with butter-caramelized onions for an easy party snack packed



MORGAN BANNO

**Watermelon bruschetta is a refreshing party snack.**

with flavor.

Once you try the homemade kind, you'll never go back. Chef tip: The longer you caramelize the onions, the sweeter the flavor they'll impart. If you're a vegan, try a less complicated recipe that still resembles the dairy version.

#### ■ Watermelon Bruschetta

Create soothing distractions to tense moments with watermelon bruschetta. This is a tropical take on the classic Italian meze. It combines the sweetness of fresh watermelon with salty feta cheese and vibrant fresh herbs.

I like to drizzle mine with local honey for an added depth of flavor. Watermelon is both hydrating and rich in antioxidants, so it'll help

curb that election hangover before it even kicks in.

#### ■ Charcuterie Board

Election night is an emotional rollercoaster. Prepare for the drama with a colorful, inviting charcuterie board.

Charcuterie boards are the ultimate spread because they offer a balance of flavor, texture, and visual appeal. I also enjoy how they encourage grazing and socializing at parties.

It is a crowd pleasing centerpiece that requires minimal effort but delivers maximum impact.

These simple election night eats will ensure your gathering is a resounding success, regardless of the political outcomes. ♦

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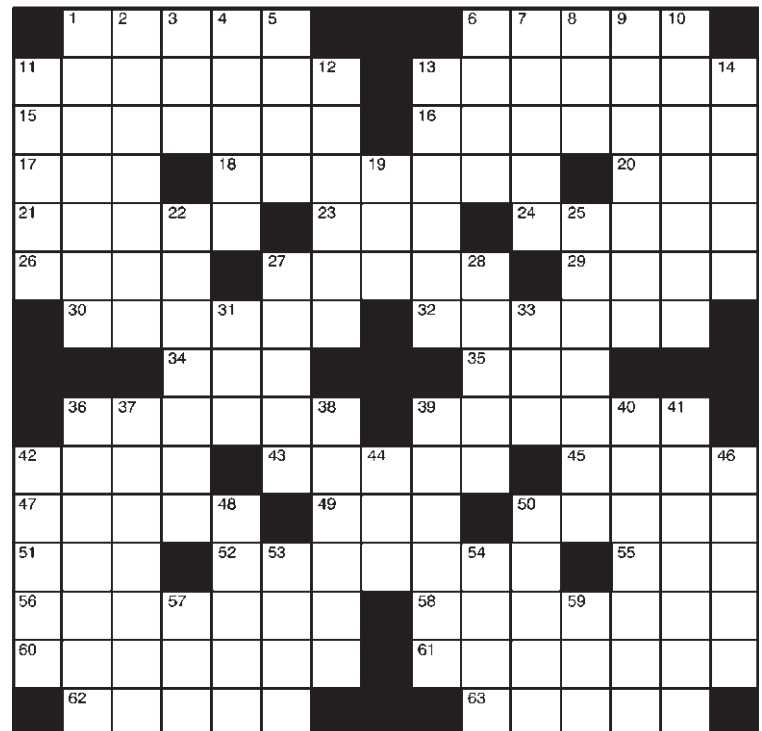
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**New Horizons** It's opening night of DRV Gallery's latest exhibition, *New Horizons*. This solo exhibit is from abstract-expressionist artist Amy Howell. Listen to live music from Jim Gilmour and John Kelly. If you can't attend the opening reception, the exhibit runs through March 22. *DRV Gallery, 5401 Gulfport Blvd. S., Gulfport. 5:30-8:30 p.m. drvgallery.com, 727-382-7004.* **F**

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■ **Sunday, March 9**

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Families and businesses are still waiting on permits, insurance approvals, and rebuilding efforts. I will cut red tape, fast-track permits, and create incentives to help local businesses reopen and attract new investment. Our recovery depends on getting people back in their homes and back to work—quickly.

Treasure Island needs forward-thinking solutions. We must secure funding to rebuild police, fire, and public works facilities, address parking challenges with smart revenue-generating solutions, and improve emergency preparedness to ensure we're ready before the next storm.

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**Deanna Jane Ten Brink**

Deanna Jane Ten Brink, 82, of Elk Rapids, MI, and Gulfport, passed away on Monday, Feb. 17, at her home in Elk Rapids. She was born on July 9, 1942, in Detroit, MI.

Dee was part of the first graduating class at Osborn High School in Detroit, and went on to attend Michigan State University. She didn't finish at the time, but ended up going back and earning a bachelor's degree in education in 1984. She enjoyed a fruitful ca-

reer in retail sales, and spent several years working for a travel agency as well. In retirement, she spent much of her time volunteering on the Chamber of Commerce in Gulfport and Elk Rapids, as well as the Red Hat Society in Florida.

On Aug. 6, 1983, in Ypsilanti, she married the love of her life, Henry Ten Brink. They lived in Whitmore Lake for 25 years, then moved to Menominee for a short time, and eventually moved to Gulfport in 2004. They purchased a second home in Elk Rapids in 2009 and split time between the two until 2024.

Dee loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren more than anything. She had the gift of gab, and would strike up a conversation with a complete stranger without skipping a beat. She was an avid reader and belonged to book clubs in Gulfport and Elk Rapids. She also enjoyed shopping of any kind, painting, listening to a wide variety of music, and

watching the Hallmark Channel.

Dee is survived by her husband, Henry Ten Brink; two children, Noel Bond of Gulfport, and Carrie (Patrick) Cole of Pinellas Park; two step-children, William (Jean) Ten Brink of Houston, TX, and Jennifer (Kwane) McKinnon of Detroit; 10 grandchildren, Cassandra Morrison, Cameron Bond, Destiny McWilliams, Shane McWilliams, Alyssa (Brendan) Williams, Bobbi Jo Haygood, Brianna Ten Brink, Myah Ten Brink, Leah Ten Brink, and Nia McKinnon; 11 great-grandchildren; and her beloved puppy, Sweet Pea.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dean Schoenbeck, her mother, Catherine (Wolfe) Hall, and her step-father, Henry Hall.

There are no services planned at this time. Dee will be laid to rest in Washtenong Memorial Park.

Arrangements are in the care of the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at [mortensenfuneral-home.com](http://mortensenfuneral-home.com).

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PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. JM WV

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Form P-5 Probate Citation  
2023-4490

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Road, Mineola, New York, on April  
16, 2025 at 9:30 o'clock in the  
forenoon of that day, why a decree  
should not be made in the estate of  
LUCIE BRENT lately domiciled at 199  
Community Drive, Great Neck, New  
York 11021, United States admitting  
to probate a Will dated March 24,  
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of LUCIE BRENT deceased, relating  
to real and personal property, and  
directing that: Letters Testamentary  
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RONALD BRENT Further relief sought  
[if any]: Dated, Attested and Sealed,  
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Here's what homes sold in Gulfport Feb. 25-28.



### 5127 27th Ave. S. (Waterfront District)

This four-bed, two-bath home, built in 1973, has 1,590 square feet. It listed for \$729,900 and sold for \$715,000.

### 5614 27th Ave. S. (Waterfront District)

This three-bed, two-bath home, built in 1955, has 1,520 square feet. It listed for \$599,000 and sold for \$545,000.

### 1922 55th St. S. (Tangerine)

This two-bed, one-bath home, built in 1947, has 864 square feet. It listed and sold for \$449,900.

### 1908 55th St. S. (Tangerine)

This three-bed, two-bath home, built in 1949, has 1,408 square feet. It listed for \$349,900 and sold for \$348,500.

### 6020 Shore Blvd. S., #204 (Town Shores)

This two-bed, two-bath condo, built in 1974, has 1,450 square feet. It listed for \$345,000 and sold for \$335,000.

### 1713 59th St. S. (Tangerine)

This two-bed, one-bath home, built in 1955, has 951 square feet. It listed and sold for \$325,000.

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5617 Gulfport Blvd S  
Commercial/ Residential

## Homes

5614 17th Ave S  
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2800 47th St S  
Investor Dream

5610 18th Ave S.  
Duplex - Investment

3022 56th St S  
Amazing Outdoor  
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3010 82nd Way N  
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5732 31st Ave S  
Duplex Investment Lot

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2/2 + 1/1

**NEW**  
5029 29th Ave S.  
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**5925 Shore Blvd S. #604**

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**Marlene is endorsed by the Sierra Club, Ruth's List and  
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"Marlene is such an asset to Gulfport! She has been bringing the community together for decades. From the early days of the Art Walks, to highlighting small businesses, she has been an ally. Marlene has made the community a priority...Gulfport will only continue to grow with her on the City Council!!"

— Mrs Daryl Lyn Bugli

"Marlene is a friend and neighbor. She cares about what makes Gulfport a community..." — Jane Arnold

"Marlene will be a positive, dynamic force for change on the Gulfport City Council. She is engaging, and very friendly. Marlene has a long history of involvement with Gulfport..."

— Lenny Guckenheimer

"Marlene has been a leader in our community for many years. She has worked in city government and understands the issues. She is honest, hard working, wise and compassionate. She has my support and she will be an asset to Gulfport as a City Council member." — Frederick Lein

"I'm so excited to see Marlene running for city council! Her connection with the community through Gulfport Matters has been a benefit to us all. She humbly serves the community without seeking recognition. Her Gulfportian spirit, and the way she is running her campaign, speaks for itself. I look forward to seeing her on the Council for Ward 2!"

— Tori Gee

"Marlene is tireless working for Gulfport and the people who live here. She will make an excellent City Counselor."

— Scott Hamilton



"I am eager for Marlene to become the Ward II City Council representative! She knows Gulfport from the inside as the City's facilities manager

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