

Harvesting Healthy Habits

By Becca McCoy



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The Edible Peace Patch Project garden at Gulfport Montessori Elementary School.

On a cold Tuesday morning, students at Gulfport Montessori Elementary School gathered in their garden. Without a single weather-based complaint, the students eagerly dug in the soil, hunted for bugs, planted seedlings, and tried new foods. Through the guidance

of “Garden Teachers” Miss Niki and Miss Katie, dozens of edible plants spanning fruits, veggies, herbs, and flowers are sprouting, blooming, and flourishing in this living classroom.

Niki Bigda is the Garden Supervisor and Katie Ruhl is a Garden Ed-

ucator for the Edible Peace Patch Project, a nonprofit maintaining educational gardens in eight Title 1 elementary schools around Pinellas County.

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VOICES

Remember: "I'm not a critic, I'm a journalist. I'm doing my job holding the government to account."

Art Coverage

I want to thank Becca and *The Gabber Newspaper* for the wonderful article, *An Abstract Vision*, about my exhibit of paintings at the Brenda McMahon Gallery in Gulfport. It was well-written, and accurate regarding my history, my art and art process. I couldn't have been more pleased. I've heard from many who went to the show after reading the article. My heartfelt thanks.

—Sue Johnson

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And The Nominees Are...

Introducing the 2025 Gulfportian of the Year Nominees

By Cathy Salustri

Gulfport, you have outdone yourself.

When we opened nominations for Gulfportian of the Year, we weren't sure what to expect. How many people would nominate someone? 10? None?

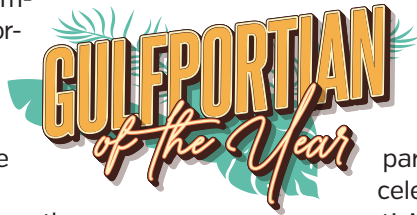
In all, we received more than 50 nominations. Some were names many of us know, and a few were names you may not. But the nominations made one thing clear: Gulfportians notice when people do good. It's encouraging to see how much love Gulfport has to share.

In those nominations, we had some duplicates [we briefly debated starting a pool about how many nominations Dawn Fisher would get; she closed out almost 20 nominations].

Next week, we'll talk with the candi-

dates and their nominators to give you more insight as to the people in the running for 2025 Gulfportian of the Year.

Thanks to all who participated and helped celebrate the best of Gulfport! And thanks to the nominees who help make Gulfport better.



■ The 2025 Gulfportian of the Year nominees are:

- Peggy & Dave Bach
- George Cavanaugh
- Bob Chomko
- Linda Craig
- Wolfgang Deininger
- Dawn Fisher
- Kelli Garcia

- Gail Gravell
- Sam Henderson
- Helena Josephs
- Suzie King
- Aimee Kosta and Erin East
- Anita McLaughlin
- Brenda McMahon
- John Mooney
- David Perkins
- Courtney Prokopas
- CreaSirene Egan Romanelli
- Mark Sieg
- Noreen Smith
- Jax Taylor
- Lynn Taylor
- Dia Vartsakis

■ And the winner is...

Voting starts now and ends Dec. 10 at 5 p.m.

The winner gets a front-page feature about them in our Jan. 1 issue. They also get bragging rights and a lot of community love.

So let's get voting! ♦



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Gulfport City Council's Nov. 18 Meeting

By Trei Johnson

Gulfport City Council had a full plate during the Nov. 18 meeting. Council approved of a budget from last year, major road repairs, and appointed a member to serve on the Board of Adjustments.

Council tabled the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-12, proposed amendments to the City Charter about elected officials. City Manager Jim O'Reilly said several changes were made during the first reading and some residents have not had a chance to review the updates.

"We could put the ordinance on our website, and everybody can look at it," he said. "Because we've made a lot of changes, and we want to make sure everybody understands what we did."

Council will have the second reading during the Dec. 2 City Council meeting.

■ Updating the Operating Budget

Officials advanced a key financial step with Resolution No. 2025-99. The resolution authorizes an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget.

The amendment accounts for expenditures and reimbursements connected to Hurricanes Helene and Milton. City staff recommended approval noting the need to formally recognize the storm-related costs and proceeds. It was unanimously approved.

City Council must amend the budget to track these financial changes accurately. Florida Statute 166.241 allows municipalities to revise budgets during the fiscal year or within 60 days after it ends. Therefore, the City can legally update its financial plan to reflect storm expenses and revenues.

The annual budget guides future planning and provides es-



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sential administrative controls. Each year's surplus or deficit carries forward into the next fiscal year. Because of this structure, documenting storm impacts accurately is crucial for maintaining long-term financial stability.

■ Financial Breakdown of Storm Impacts

The financial impacts from both hurricanes were substantial. Total storm-related expenses for Fiscal Year 2025 reached more than \$8.3 million. These costs included debris removal, facility repairs, and mitigation work.

Insurance proceeds for both hurricanes totaled more than \$6.4 million. Additionally, the City received less than \$750,000 in net FEMA reimbursements.

Meanwhile, the storms significantly reduced revenue. Damage to the Gulfport Casino and surrounding recreation facilities prevented normal operations for part of the fiscal year. As a result, the City lost more than a half-million dollars in expected revenue.

When combining expenses, reimbursements, and lost revenue, the projected net financial loss for Fiscal Year 2025 is \$1,844,174.

■ 58th Street Repairs Approved

The City of Gulfport plans to move forward with major repairs to 58th Street as Council approved a \$2.04 million contract with Keystone Excavators, Inc. The project also requires a budget amendment.

City staff said the roadway now needs full rehabilitation. The street lacks proper slope, which causes standing water and creates safety hazards. The base material is also failing, leading to depressions that reduce stability. The project will rebuild the base, repave the corridor, add new curbing to improve drainage, and upgrade sidewalks to expand mobility.

The City secured a \$1.2 million state appropriation through Shumaker Advisors Florida, with support from State Rep. Linda Chaney and State Sen. Nick DiCeglie. Gulfport budgeted a \$500,000 match to complete the work.

Funding allows improvements from Gulfport Boulevard South to 17th Avenue South. A south extension to 15th Avenue was bid as an add-alternate, but is not expected to proceed due to higher-than-anticipated costs.

The next Gulfport City Council meeting is Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. ♦

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Project was formed in 2009 when a group of Eckerd College students installed a prototype schoolyard garden at Lakewood Elementary School.

In the years since, they have developed a curriculum that correlates with the Florida State Standards for Science, marrying garden-based learning with the students' in-school lessons. The experiential learning and emphasis on wellness has broad positive impacts.

"I don't know if you noticed," said Bigda, "but they're all willing to try anything out of the garden, which is huge."

Edible Peace Patch Project

Bigda has been with Edible Peace Patch Project for seven years, having started as a volunteer in college. She and Ruhl, an environmental studies major and urban farmer, are two of only four staff members at the organization. Their small team

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Throughout each eight-week semester, students in grades one through five connect with the outdoors through a hands-on education.

maintains all eight of the schoolyard gardens while teaching 20 to 25 classes a semester, reaching approximately 500 students. It's possible thanks to community partners and a robust team of more than 100 volunteers.

Throughout each eight-week semester, students in grades one through five connect with the outdoors through a hands-on education that deepens their appreciation for where food comes from.

One student started this semester amazed: "I didn't know you could eat plants!" When asked where they thought their food came from, the answer was "Publix."

"I think my favorite thing is just the curiosity," said Ruhl. "Kids having an interest in where their food comes from, beyond seeing it on their plates or adults giving it to

them. It's like, 'I've created this garden, I've grown this, so I can eat it.'"

Semesters of Growth

Each semester ends with a Harvest Festival – all the food is shared amongst the students, who are also gifted with seed packets and recipe books.

At only three weeks into the semester, the students were snacking on starfruit, cotton candy berries, green beans, radishes, mustard greens, lemongrass, and cranberry hibiscus pulled straight from their garden.

"If they can see where the food comes from, they're more inclined to eat it," said Bigda. "We're bribing them with kale, and it works."

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Palooza Picks
A Shopalooza Gift Guide

By Ester Venouziou

Looking for the perfect local gift? Here's a sneak peek at just a few of the fabulous finds from Shopalooza vendors who also have brick-and-mortar shops.

The following list is a small glimpse of what's in store. More than 350 local makers, artists, and small businesses will fill Vinoy Park on Nov. 29 and 30, bringing everything from handmade art and jewelry to local foods, fashion, and home goods.

Arnold Jewelers

For the sea lover or angler on your list, Arnold Jewelers' Gold Fishing Collection offers stunning 14k gold fish, hook, and ocean-inspired designs. Each piece is expertly crafted to capture the shimmer and spirit of life on the water. These are timeless treasures that bring Florida's coastal charm to any jewelry box.

Retail price: Starting at \$200
 12293 Seminole Blvd., Largo.

Barbara's Kitchen Jams

Bring a taste of the holidays home with Barbara's Kitchen Christmas Jam – a festive blend of cranberries, strawberries, and oranges infused with warm spices. Sweet, tart, and perfectly balanced, it's delicious on toast, with cheese and crackers, or straight from the spoon. Locally made in small batches, it's the perfect stocking stuffer or hostess gift for anyone who loves the flavor of Christmas morning.

Retail price: \$11
 12508 Starkey Road, Largo.

Beech Kombucha

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Betty Shop

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■ Melissa Rogolino Designs (Blue Butterfly Artelier)

Whimsical and bold, the Pineapple Octopus by Melissa Rogolino is hand-painted on a reclaimed vintage door, complete with its original glass knob. Combining coastal themes with rustic elegance, this one-of-a-kind artwork radiates creativity and warmth. It's a statement piece that will turn heads and spark conversations.

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A Little Bit of Santorini in Gulfport

Gulfport Artist Paints Neptune Grill's New Murals

By Maggie Duffy



MAGGIE DUFFY

Neptune Grill's new murals, painted by Gulfport artist Kiersten Long, pays homage to owner Dia Vartsakis' Greek heritage.

Just shy of a year since it was devastated by Hurricane Helene, Gulfport's beloved Neptune Grill reopened in August. Now, a new mural pays homage to owner Dia Vartsakis' Greek heritage.

It's being painted by Kiersten Long, whose murals have brightened up garages on many Gulfport homes and paid tribute to music legend John Prine.

Long said Vartsakis approached her about painting the mural before the restaurant reopened, about four months ago.

"I was really honored, because I know there's a ton of muralists, but [Vartsakis] really wanted to go local and get a Gulfport artist," Long said. "I think it is amazing to sort of give back, because our community was hit."

Neptune's New Mural

Vartsakis had a specific vision for the mural, Long said, a trait she appreciates from clients. It's inspired by the Greek island Santorini, located on the Aegean Sea.

The scene depicts the island's hallmark stark white architecture accented with cobalt blue roofs, perched along the coast of the same azure sea. Long was still working on the companion panel, which will depict the city landscape.

All around the restaurant's exterior, Long painted Greek vases filled with bougainvillea plants that climb up the facade. She created shadows, giving the perfect sun-soaked effect.

Painted bright blue shutters and

a Greek key motif, not to mention Neptune's location across from Boca Ciega Bay, really transports you to Santorini.

Gulfport Artist Kiersten Long

Being hired to paint the mural was a bit of a turning point for Long. Regular mural gigs had dried up after the hurricanes, and she was teaching full time, she said.

But Vartsakis encouraged her to do it. And since then, with people always passing by to stop her and ask about her work, she's now booked with mural jobs through the spring.

"That's the heart of Gulfport," Long said. People want to support the community, she said, the same way Neptune's regular customers are so happy its back open.

And she sees the mural as a symbol of Gulfport's resiliency.

"It gives people hope that we are recovering," she said. "It's slowly happening, but you can see it's happening."

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Cozy Coastal Cocktails

Warm Drinks for Cool Nights in Florida

By Morgan Wujkowski



Mulled wine is cozy for those cool, nights.

Winter in Florida may not mean snowstorms and ski pants but we do break out our sweaters and space heaters for those chilly December nights. Instead of salted roads, we salt our rims here in the tropics. And a cozy drink can make even the coolest nights feel warm and festive. Whether you're curled up on the lanai, gathering around a backyard fire pit, or pretending your patio heater is a mountain lodge, these warm, tropical-inspired sips bring the comfort – no snow boots required.

Coconut Hot Buttered Rum

My mother makes the best hot buttered rum. It's rich, it's warm, and it's something I look forward to every winter when I visit up north. I put a tropical twist on her recipe by adding silky coconut cream. It helps cut through some of the butter mouthfeel and gives the rum an added smoothness. Try Papa's Pillar dark rum out of Key West for the boozy finish.

- 1 pound butter (softened)
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 cups brown sugar

- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 cup coconut cream
- 3 tablespoons ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- Dark rum

Mix all ingredients (except rum) in a stand mixer. Scoop two spoonfuls of buttered rum mix into a warm mug. Add rum and enough hot water to fill the mug. Stir well and serve hot.

Citrus-Spiced Mulled Wine

Mulled wine takes me back to those cold nights by the fire in Michigan. If you want the seasonal aesthetic, use a medium-bodied, dry red wine like a cabernet sauvignon or merlot. I mix in orange slices, cinnamon sticks, star anise, maple syrup, and whole cloves. Combine all the ingredients in a pot and gently simmer over medium heat for 15 minutes so the flavors infuse. Serve warm and garnish with orange slices.

For a Florida twist, use a light red or rosé wine as the base. If you want to keep your cocktail as local as possible, use Lakeside Winery. They're a

vineyard out of Clermont and they make a number of wines for your mulled libations. Use fresh, Florida honey as the sweetener and even add a small dose of local orange liqueur from St. Petersburg Distillery.

Warm Honey Bourbon Lemonade

It doesn't get any easier than hot honey bourbon lemonade. Combine hot water, fresh lemon juice, honey, and bourbon for a Florida-friendly bevy that will warm you from the inside out. This drink is perfect for citrus season as the acidity of the fresh lemon cuts through the sweetness of the bourbon and honey. I like to use American Freedom Distillery in St. Pete. They make a killer bourbon called Horse Soldier that gives this refreshing recipe five stars. The recipe makes two cocktails.

- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup fresh Florida lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons local honey
- 3 ounces bourbon

In a small saucepan, combine water, lemon juice, and honey. Warm over medium-low heat until honey dissolves. Remove from heat and add bourbon. Garnish with lemon wheels or rosemary sprigs.

Skip the hot cocoa packet and stir up something that's a little more Sunshine State. These warm sips prove you don't need snow to feel cozy – just good company, a cool night, and a reason to toast to Florida's version of winter. ♦

An advertisement for Central Diner South Pasadena. It features a stylized illustration of a woman with dark hair, wearing a red dress with a black collar, holding a tray with a stack of pancakes topped with syrup and a cup of coffee. The text on the advertisement reads: "Central Diner South Pasadena Breakfast & Lunch Open 7 Days, 7a-2p Dine-In, Take-Out, Delivery 2525 Pasadena Ave S".

GULFPORT *on the Go!*

Gulfport Senior Center 5501 27th Ave S • 727-893-5657 • [f](https://www.facebook.com/gulfportseniorcenter) /gulfportseniorcenter

Annual registration required. Free, residents; \$50, non-residents. All programs subject to change without notice.

Mon - Thurs 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. | Fri 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Please stop by the Senior Center, join our weekly newsletter, or like us on Facebook to see a complete schedule of daily events.

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, 65 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

Medicare 101 Explore Medicare in depth and compare plans. Presented by Simply Healthcare. MUST Pre Reg. by Wed., 11/26. Dec. 1, 2:30 p.m.

Santa Gift Wrapping Service Bring your gifts and let Santa's Elves do the wrapping. All donations go to support the Se-

nior Center. Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16, Dec. 23, 1 - 4 p.m.

Orlando Health Lunch & Learn: Vein Health Cardiologist, Dr. Michael Malone will be here to discuss vein vitality. Learn tips on how to keep your legs light and your heart happy. MUST Pre-Reg by Mon., 12/1. Dec. 2, 2 p.m.

Gulfport Senior Artist Open Studio Drop-in for this peer guided art open studio. *Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.*

What's New with Medicare 2026 Learn from Cliff the expected changes to Medicare in 2026. Open forum. Questions are welcome! MUST Pre-Reg. Dec. 4, 10 a.m.

Bingo with a Twist FREE to Play! GREAT PRIZES! December is Christmas Candy Bingo with FUN games and challenges thrown in. Sponsored by Dedicated Senior Medical. Dec. 4, 3:30 p.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. Dec. 5, 10 a.m.

Gulfport ROCKS! Join the party and create some fun rock art. All supplies provided by Moore Insurance Options. MUST Pre-Reg. Dec. 5, 1:30 p.m.

Holiday Art & Craft Fair Finish your holiday shopping with beautiful hand-made arts & crafts and unique seasonal décor, books & gifts from Gulfport Senior Center Vendors. Santa, hot cocoa, cookies, and gift wrapping service will be available. FREE entry. Dec. 6, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

3D Printing Club Join the Club today! Share ideas, tips & tricks, expand your knowledge, and inspire & encourage each other. Dec. 8, 1 p.m.

Workout with Noa Noa will guide you to look deeper at applying isotonic exercises to your workout. MUST Pre-Reg. Dec. 8, 4 p.m.

Happy Hour at the Center Join us for this fun social hour. Sponsored by The Gold-ton. Cheers! MUST Pre-Reg # by Fri 12/5. Dec. 8, 5:30 p.m.

Gingerbread House Workshop Get into the holiday spirit with our Gingerbread House Decorating Workshop! Gather your friends for a delightful day of icing, candies, and creative confections. All supplies provided by Moore Insurance Options. MUST Pre-Reg. Dec. 9, 2 p.m.

5th Annual Gingerbread House Contest Dazzle your friends with your baking and design skills in our Gingerbread House Contest. Entries are due Dec. 10th by 12 pm. See Staff for Entry Forms and Contest Rules. Not a baker? You can still be a part by making your vote count. Contest entries will be displayed at the Center Dec. 10th thru 16th. Vote for your favorite in 3 categories. *Winners will be announced 12/16 at the Holiday Party.*

Good Neighbors Food Giveaway Visit with friends and shop for FREE food provided by Good Neighbors. Bring a bag for shopping, one per household. Dec. 10, 12 p.m.

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Apply to be a class instructor by completing the application at <https://mygulfport.us/art-center-application/>

Collage Group Share and Swap Join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturday at 3 p.m. for our collage group meetup! Open to collage artists and enthusiasts of any skill/experience level. Dec. 6 & Dec. 20, 3 p.m.

All is Bright: A Celebration of Light: Opening Reception Art work will be on display at the Gulfport Arts Center from 12/5/25 - 1/7/26. Reception with light refreshments. Dec. 5, 5 p.m.

Decoupage Boxes with Napkins for Adults Create a beautiful decoupage wood jewelry box using seasonal napkins and more. Perfect for gifting to your loved ones! Dec. 12, 3 p.m.

Fun with Snowflakes for Kids Make paper snowflakes using coffee filters and watercolor. Then, create magic snowflake paintings using just salt and water. Dec. 16, 12:45 p.m.

Holiday Crafting Party for Kids Celebrate the holiday season with a bash featuring ornament making, card-making, and snacks! Dec. 19, 5 p.m.

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Art Reception with December featured artist Paula Roy. Free and open to the public. Fri., Dec. 5, 6 - 8 p.m.
New Horizons Flute Choir and Sax Ensemble Concert Free and open to the public. Sun., Dec. 7, 3 p.m.

Gulfport Casino Ballroom 727-893-1070 • 5500 Shore Blvd S

The Gulfport Casino Ballroom is temporarily closed.

Recreation Center 5730 Shore Blvd S • 727-893-1068 • mygulfport.us/recreation/rec

Annual Registration has begun: \$3 residents; \$25 nonresidents

Pickleball Mon. & Tues., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for All Levels of Play

Tues., 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., All Levels of Play

Adult Basketball Wed. & Fri., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thurs., 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Game Room Mon., Wed., & Fri., 9 a.m. - 1p.m.

PROGRAMS

Teen Night Program Registrations continue for the 2025-2026 Teen Night Program for teens in middle school to age 17. The program provides recreation and social activities. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$3 RES./\$25 NON-RES.

Tot Time Program Registrations continue for the 2025-2026 Tot Time Program.

The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5 that are potty trained. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Program hours are from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Limited spots available. Hours for registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

CLASSES

Call instructor for more information. Interested in teaching a class? Call Jami at 727-893-1079 for more information.

Cardio Tennis Tues. & Thurs., 6 p.m.; \$18/class for adults. Lessons are at Chase Park, 28th Ave. & 53rd St. S. Contact Mo at 727-515-1454 for details.

F.I.T Tennis Fri., Nov. 21 - Dec. 26, 6 p.m.; Free for true beginners age 21 and up.

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

Fundamentals of Jiu-Jitsu Tues. & Thurs., 6 - 7 p.m. for children 6 yrs. & up; \$20/drop-in or \$120/month and 7 - 8 p.m. for adults, \$25/drop-in or \$150/month. Thurs., 10-11 a.m. for Homeschool children, \$100/month. Contact Joseph Resendez 813-841-4058.

Youth Ballet / Tap Tues., 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. for ages 3 -6; 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for Intermediate Ballet ages 7-13. \$45/month. 7:30 - 8 p.m. for Intermediate Tap ages 7-13, \$22.50/month. Call Lisa at 727-742-2594.

Youth Hip Hop Fri., 6 - 7 p.m. for ages 8-12 and 7 - 8 p.m. for ages 13-18, \$45/month. Call Lisa at 727-742-2594.

Zumba Thurs., 6 - 7 p.m., \$6/class or \$20/month. Call Magda at 727-214-7868.

Gulfport Public Library 5501 28th Ave S • 727-893-1074 • [f](https://www.facebook.com/gulfportlibraryfl) /gulfportlibraryfl Mygulfport.us/gpl • Mon - Fri 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. | Sat 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

All programs free and subject to change.

Keep Calm & Carry Yarn Join us for a weekly knitting and crochet group! *Monday, 10:15 a.m.*

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

Teen Space Play games, work on art projects, watch movies, or just hang out. Activities vary each week, and what we do is up to you! Ages 12 to 18 only. For additional information call 727-893-1074. *Tuesdays, 4 p.m.*

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

Winter Joy String Art For this month's adult craft, we will make a beautiful winter sign using string art! Registration required, opens on Nov. 26. Call 727-893-1074 or email library.programs@mygulfport.us. *Dec. 3, 1 p.m.*

Horror Book Club Read, listen, download, then discuss your thoughts among your peers. This month we'll discuss Christmas Presents by Lisa Unger. Copies available at the checkout desk. It's also available for

download from Libby as an eBook or eAudiobook. Call 727-893-1074 for additional information. *Dec. 4, 5:00 p.m.*

Come & Go Craft For all ages, but some pieces might be on the small side. Supplies are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis. Crafting will be located on the tables in the children's area. For additional information call 727-893-1074. *Dec. 6, all day.*

Grownup Movie Series Frank Drebin, Jr. is the only person able to lead Police Squad and save the city in this hilarious comedy. Stars Liam Neeson, Pamela Anderson, Danny Huston, and CCH Pounder. Rated PG-13. Call 727-893-1074 for title. *Dec. 6, 1 p.m.*

Holiday Drum Circle Celebrate community and festive spirit with a holiday drum circle and a reading of The Giving Tree. Drums provided. Bring your own if you have one. All ages welcome. *Dec. 6, 2:30 p.m.*

STEAM Club: Crystal Snowflakes STEAM

is short for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math! Recommended for Grades K-5. Children must be accompanied by an adult. STEAM Club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Celebrate winter with science & sparkle! For additional information call 727-893-1074. *Dec. 10, 4 p.m.*

Gulfport Neighborhood Watch City of Gulfport staff provide information and resources for residents to assist with making our community safe. Meetings are monthly and chaired by Jim Wright, Volunteer Coordinator. Contact him at 727-893-1022; email jwright@mygulfport.us. *Dec. 10, 6 p.m.*

Book Club Read, listen, download, then discuss your thoughts among your peers. This month's selection is Things Don't Break on Their Own by Sarah Easter Collins. Copies available at the checkout desk and also available for download from Libby as an eBook or eAudiobook. Call 727-893-1074 for additional information. *Dec. 11, 2 p.m.*

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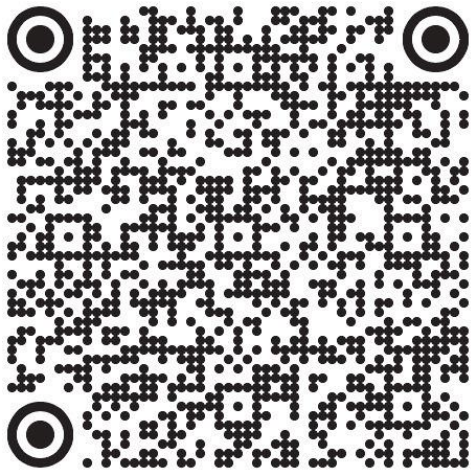
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Holiday Lights, Markets, and Trees

Thursday, Nov. 27

Beachfront Turkey Trot Start your Thanksgiving with sand and a little seaside sweat. This family-friendly 5K winds along St. Pete Beach's shoreline. *TradeWinds, 5500 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach. 9 a.m. tradewindsresort.com, 800-249-1667.* **F**

Thanksgiving Luncheon Feast, mingle, and give thanks at the Sunshine Senior Center's annual holiday luncheon. Enjoy a classic Thanksgiving meal on Turkey Day. *Sunshine Senior Center, 330 5th St. N., St. Petersburg. 11 a.m. \$7. sunshinecenterfriends.org, 727-893-7101.*

Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest Think you've got what it takes to demolish a slice (or three)? Tradewinds' Island Grand is hosting a beachfront pumpkin pie showdown. *TradeWinds Island Grand Beachfront Pool, 5500 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach. 2 p.m. tradewindsresort.com, 800-249-1667.* **F**

Friday, Nov. 28

Elf Fundraiser The best way to spread Christmas cheer is watching *Elf* out loud for all to hear – and

The Beach Theatre is making it easy. Thanks to Flagship Bank, this screening does not require any tickets. Just bring a new toy or a \$10 donation for Toys for Tots, and you're in. *The Beach Theatre, 315 Corey Ave., St. Pete Beach. 7 p.m. thebeachtheatre.org, 727-340-2866.* **F**

Holiday Shop & Shuffle Kick off the season with a little shopping and a little shuffling at the St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club. Browse local makers, grab gifts that aren't from a big-box nightmare, and stick around for Friday Night Shuffle if you're feeling sporty. *St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club, 559 Mirror Lake Dr. N., St. Petersburg. 7-10 p.m. stpeteshuffle.com, info@stpeteshuffle.com.* **F**

Saturday, Nov. 29- Sunday, Nov. 30

Shopapalooza Festival The biggest, boldest, most chaotic-in-the-best-way holiday market in St. Pete is back. More than 350 makers, artists, and small businesses take over Vinoy Park for a two-day shopping marathon where you can find cute, local gifts for the holidays. Come for the gifts, stay for the food trucks,

music, and people-watching. *Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Dr. NE, St. Petersburg. Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. shopapaloozafestival.com.* **F**

Saturday, Nov. 29

St. Bartholomew's Christmas Celebration A family-friendly holiday fest packed with live saxophone music, Santa photo ops, and a full nativity petting zoo (yes, complete with camel). Grab street food, sip coffee, let the kids loose on crafts and face painting. *St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 3747 34th St. S., St. Petersburg. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. stbartsinstpete.org, 508-816-8968.* **F**

Mad Beach Band The Mad Beach Band is back and ready to shake the walls of the Catherine Hickman Theater with a night of feel-good rock. *Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Ave. S., Gulfport. 7-10 p.m. \$30. gulfportseniorfoundation.org, 727-893-1244.*

Haunted Gulfport Walking Tour Gulfport's ghosts are clocked in and ready. Follow a spirited guide through the city's creepiest corners, from classic legends to the stories locals only whisper. Created by Deborah Frethem – this



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■ **Sunday, Nov. 30**

St. Pete Beach Market Every Sunday morning St. Pete Beach's Corey Avenue comes alive with an outdoor market for everyone. Walk the street and explore art, homemade treats, clothing, jewelry, plants, food trucks, and live music. Beware anyone with a tchotchke addiction. Find parking at the St. Pete Beach Library, City Hall, and if you're brave, on the street. *Corey Avenue, St. Pete Beach. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. coreyave.com.* **F**

Sunday Catch Flying solo but still want to rock climb? Sunday Catch has you covered. Every last Sunday of the month, Vertical Ventures posts up three belayers on the main wall so anyone can get "on belay"

without needing a partner. *Vertical Ventures, 116 18th St. S., St. Petersburg. 1-4 p.m. \$17-30. verticalventures.com, 727-304-6290.*

■ **Monday, Dec. 1**

Community Farm Mondays The city's Urban Farm opens its gates for a weekly hour of movement, healing, and hands-on wellness. Expect everything from sound baths to cooking workshops to art therapy. Registration is required for select sessions to make sure there are enough materials. *St. Pete Youth Farm, 1664 12th St. S., St Petersburg. 6 p.m. stpeteyouthfarm.org, meriem.ziad@stpete.org.* **F**

Gulfport's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony Join the City of Gulfport for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony. Meet Santa, hear from the Mayor and Council members, and sing all of your favorite holiday songs. Holiday sweaters and santa hats are encouraged. *Clymer Park, Gulfport Boulevard & Beach*

Boulevard South, Gulfport. 6-8 p.m. mygulfport.us, 727-893-1118. **F**

Lights of Lake Park More than three miles of holiday lights wind through Lake Park Estates and neighboring streets. It's the 31st year of this community display, and every donation along the route supports Suncoast Hospice/Empath Health. *Lake Park Estates, Lake Park Dr., Largo. 6-10 p.m. suncoast-hospicefoundation.org.* **F**

■ **Tuesday, Dec. 2**

Merry MAACM Christmas The Museum of the American Arts and Crafts Movement is switching on the season with its annual Christmas tree lighting, and it's a whole holiday situation. Expect live carols from the St. Pete High Pitchforks, local vendor booths, DIY vintage-style ornaments, Christmas Bingo, and a cameo from Old St. Nick himself. *Museum of the American Arts and Crafts Movement, 355 4th St. N., St. Petersburg. 5-8 p.m. my.museum-maacm.org, 727-440-4859.*



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City Clerk's Office • December 2025

December 2, 2025 Council Meeting – 6:00pm

December 3, 2025 Planning & Zoning Meeting – NO MEETING

December 9, 2025 Senior Citizens Advisory Committee – 8:00 am
Senior Center – 5501 27th Ave S.

December 10, 2025 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 6:00pm

December 16, 2025 Council Meeting – 6:00pm

December 25-26, 2025 City Hall Closed – Christmas Day Holiday

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 after this list is published. Please check the city's website mygulfport.us for updated information.

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