

MILESTONES

PROMOTION CONGRATULATIONS!

Pam Heiter	Court Accountant
Reggie Sims	Program Coordinator
Walter Brightman	Patrol Officer II
George Payne	Patrol Officer I
Jeremy Necaie	Patrol Officer I
Kevin Kuehling	Superintendent Bldg Maintenance
Brandon Bang	Patrol Officer I
Junior Husband	Dispatcher I
Michael Hauler	Patrol Officer I
William Angley	Equipment Specialist
Nicholas Olds	Patrol Officer I
Clay Anderson	Community Srv Tech I
Anna Vu	Beautification Coordinator – Courts
Gregory Peleaz	Patrol Officer I

WELCOME ABOARD NEW HIRES!

Samantha Robertson	Dispatcher
Josef Smith	Patrol Officer
Mitchell Quince	General Service Employee I
Mark Bierschenk	Code Enforcement Officer
Brenda Chapman	Planning Technician
Andrea Chenault	Dispatcher
Jeffrey Duffield	Patrol Officer
Joseph Fore	Patrol Officer
Wayne Miller	Staff Engineer
Matthew Boone	Patrol Officer
Christine Walter	Police Dispatcher
Valeria Seldon-Ray	Deputy Court Clerk I
Kenneth Goins	Patrol Officer

Gulfport at a GLANCE



The City of Gulfport, Mississippi

March/April 2009

Dear City Employees,

This has been such an exciting month to be a Gulfport resident, and even more exciting to be a member of the great team that operates our city each day.

Last month was historic for the City of Gulfport when sometime on March 5 we received a FedEx package. Inside the package were the deeds and legal papers, which officially and legally gave the city possession of all 92 acres of the VA property.

Years ago, the property belonged to the city, but was given to the federal government during the First World War. We are extremely excited to finally have the keys to this precious piece of real estate once again. This is certainly something that we can all be proud of, 92-acres of public space along our beautiful beachfront. We are planning to hold a city celebration on the property soon.

With your help we have moved forward this month on many other initiatives that my administration has pushed for a long time, including a \$5 million plan to build a new, 12,000-square-foot community center on Dedeaux Road; a \$4 million streetscape project downtown and the approval of a \$15 million contract for the final stage of the Small Craft Harbor reconstruction project.

The Department of Leisure Services reopened the 3,000-square-foot splash pad at the West Side Park, scheduled a children's Easter egg hunt for April and initiated the return of our farmer's market to Jones Park.

The Department of Public Works recently launched the third-annual Clean & Green campaign, a two-month effort fueled by volunteers, residents and civic groups aimed at cleaning every neighborhood and community in the city.

*In addition, the City of Gulfport was recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation in March. Gulfport finally joins only three other Coast cities which hold the Tree City USA designation: Biloxi, Long Beach and Ocean Springs. I want to thank Public Works Director **Benny Wolfe** and his staff for their efforts in bringing this prestigious designation to our city.*

In the coming days, we plan to add an RSS feed to the city's website, www.gulfport-ms.gov, which will be a great tool for getting vital information to our residents. This is just another example of how we are making great strides in the area of technology.

*With so much happening in and around our city it is more important than ever before that our people stay informed, and this new RSS feature will make it even easier for the people of Gulfport to communicate with their government. I want to thank **Paul Schroeder** and his staff for their work in making this a reality.*

*Also last month, we welcomed three of our employees home from Iraq – **Rob Enochs** & **Michael Krauss** (both of the Police Department) and **Rick Weaver** (Urban Development). We are very thankful for their safe return.*

Gulfport truly is in a period of rebirth and none of what we have achieved thus far would have been possible without the help of so many dedicated and hard-working city employees. Thank you all for everything you do to make Gulfport one of America's finest cities.

Sincerely,

Mayor Brent Warr



CONGRATULATIONS!



Bran Bishop (Fire Department) and **Kylee Carpenter** welcomed son **Jett Austin Bishop** on January 29.



On February 10, **Garry Green** (Public Works) and wife **Natasha** welcomed daughter **Addison Rachelle**, seen here held by brother **Braxton**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April	May
2 Stephen Akers, Mark Headrick, John Ladner, Jr. & Tamara Mills	1 James Callais, Guillermo Gutierrez & James Halliday
3 Keith Bennett, Francis Yanok & Daniel Ziegler III	2 Alcenette Alexander, Darin Corrie, Geoffrey Hittner, Michael McCoy, Terry O'Neal & Jeffery Saucier
4 Adam Cooper, Donna Fox & Craig Peterson	3 Tara Busby & David Farley, Jr.
5 Kenneth Miller	4 Chadwick Bryant & James Thornton
7 Clint Fore	6 Lark Bennett & Derrick Reed
8 Edward Agent, Bradrick Fisher, Hugh Frazier, Jr. & April Thompson	7 David Ryle
9 Kevin Goveia, Lynn Hill, Ted Molesworth & April Robinson	9 Aaron Epaulé
10 Jay Dearmon, Robert Riemann & Nahoma White-Webb	10 Lisa Bradley & Gary Ponthieux, Jr.
11 Steven Kerns	11 Jonathan Self, Craig Wiggins & Patricia Wilder
12 Robert Culpepper	12 Michael Miller & Michael Necaie
13 Kenneth Thomas	13 Curtis Prestwood, Jr.
14 Ian Clark, Jimmie Lott & Jason Payne	14 Lueville Cuffee & Mary Lafferre
15 Timothy Lawton & Merlissia Lewis	15 Justin Amacker, Linda Ladner & Ashley Watts
16 Josephine Donald, George Payne III & Lee Seymour	16 Brandon Clark & Gregory Landry
17 Ray McDaniel, Cathy Remus & Brock Reynolds	17 Samuel Jewell
18 Helen Fasler	18 Charles Pettway & Kenneth Yandell
19 Andrea Chenault & Wayne Payne II	19 Robert Waldrop
20 Darrel Bell & William McConnell	20 Leonard Papania & Anita Petty
21 Amanda Schmitt	21 Felicia Burkes, Michael Kamien & Blake Smith
22 Jason Brandt, Joseph McCorkle & Brenda Salloum	22 William Bragg
23 Klain Garriga II	23 George Morales, Jr.
24 Jeremy Armstrong & Brian Smith	25 Lonnie Bobinger, Jack Dickens & Belinda Thomas
25 Patrick Sutherlin, Jr.	28 Anita Jones & Ryan McClellan
27 William Calvert, Ryan Merrill & Edmond Salloum	29 Kenneth Chandler
28 Michael Krauss	30 Frances Chamberlain & Chiron Hosley
29 Gregory Anderson & Hendrix Johnson	31 John Cuevas, Jr., Joshua Skaggs, James Vaughan & Bradford Ward
30 Michael Bond	

IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU: Benefits & Wellness

BENEFITS

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS NEEDED!

Employees will be required to furnish proof of birth and marriage at the next open enrollment meetings. Copies of the marriage and dependent birth certificates will be required should you wish to cover your spouse or dependent children with medical, dental and/or vision coverage. These documents are required in order to meet certain state and federal guidelines.

If you do not have your marriage license and/or dependent birth certificates, request them from the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the state where the birth or marriage occurred. Failure to show proof of birth or marriage may prevent dependents from having insurance. Begin requesting these important documents now!

FIRST CITY EMPLOYEE RECEIVES HOUSING GRANT!



The Regional Employer Assisted Collaboration for Housing (REACH) program was designed by the Gulf Coast Renaissance Corporation to help bridge the gap of affordable housing on the Mississippi Gulf Coast resulting from Hurricane Katrina. Not only does the program offer housing assistance to residents, it helps retain a strong workforce in our area.

With REACH, employers provide up to \$10,000 for down payment & closing cost scholarships for their qualifying employees. In return, the employees sign a retention agreement for a specified period of time. In October, City leaders agreed to participate in REACH Mississippi. Since learning of the program, 30 employees have applied for the scholarships.

Denise Waizenegger (Human Resources) was the first City employee to complete the application and approval process. On March 4, she became a home owner! Said **Denise**, "It was a great opportunity and a wonderful experience, because without the help of the grant, I would have never been able to purchase such

WELLNESS

APRIL IS NATIONAL CANCER CONTROL MONTH

The five-year relative survival rate for all cancers combined has improved steadily over the last 30 years. Here are some recommended ways to help reduce your risk of cancer: avoid tobacco, exercise regularly, protect your skin from the sun and get recommended cancer screening tests.

Our medical plan covers a 100% up to \$800 per calendar year for adult and children for routine wellness/preventative screenings, OB/GYN and physician exam and immunizations. Children receive immunizations under the age of 19. There is no \$25.00 co-payment for routine wellness physician exams.

a wonderful home for me and my children. I am very thankful to the City's Administration and Council for approving the grant and especially grateful to Human Resources Manager **Cheryl Millender** for bringing this wonderful opportunity to City employees."

The City of Gulfport is pleased to announce Phase Two of REACH.

If your income is within the limits shown below, you may be eligible to take advantage of this grant.

2009 HOUSEHOLD SIZE	100% AMI HARRISON/HANCOCK COUNTIES
Individual	\$36,250
Two people	\$41,450
Family of Three	\$46,600
Family of Four	\$51,800
Family of Five	\$55,950
Family of Six	\$60,100

Applications are available at the Human Resources office, located at 1410 24th Avenue, April 13-May 22, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. One application per family will be given. **The deadline date for Renaissance Corporation receiving your application is Friday, May 22, 2009.**

For more information on REACH, call (228) 869-3386 or visit www.msgcrc.com/reachms.

COURT NEWS Submitted by Jennifer Jones-Snaer

Extra Extra Help!



From left: **Lelia Lang**, **Colby Combs**, **Christal Gant**, **Laura Modick** & **Valeria Seldon-Ray**. Not pictured: **Steve Johnson**

The Gulfport Municipal Court is proud to welcome two new full-time employees, **Colby Combs** and **Valeria Seldon-Ray**, along with temporary employees, **Laura Modick** and **Christal Gant** and Security Officer **Lelia Lang**. **Colby** is a Deputy Court Clerk assigned to the Court's Collection Department. **Valeria**, our newest employee, joined the court as a Deputy Court Clerk serving in our Records

Department. Two temporary employees are currently working in the Municipal Court. **Laura** joined our team and currently works in the Records Department. **Christal** is the most recent temporary employee to join our court team, as the court's customer service representative answering all incoming calls for the court.

Security Officers **Lelia Lang** and her security counterpart **Steve Johnson** joined the Municipal Court team shortly after moving to the temporary facility. They both ensure the safety of the court personnel and the citizens who enter the Municipal Court on a daily basis. Thanks for keeping us safe, Ms. **Lang**! And thank you **Colby**, **Valeria**, **Laura** and **Christal** for all you do every day to accomplish the goals of the Municipal Court!

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS Submitted by Donna Ladner

The Fire Prevention Bureau went to Jackson for their Instructor test. Inspectors **Randy Johnson** and **Richard Ritchie** achieved Instructor I and **John T. Johnson** achieved Instructor II.

During Smoking the Sound on March 29, Boat # 28, known as "Pig Iron," crashed and needed immediate assistance. The MED3 boat assisted in the rescue of the race crew. The members of MED3 boat crew included Gulfport fire department personnel **Captain Nathan Powell** and **Diver/Medic Ian Murray**. Other crew members were Diver **Kevin Brignac** (Stone County SO) and **Medic Roger Bardwell** (American Medical Response).



McKeown & Clark escort a special guest on Saturday, April 4, Engine 9 **Lieutenant Mike McKeown**, **Engineer Ian Clark** and **Inspector John T. Johnson** assisted with the Garden Park Easter Egg Hunt. In addition to displaying the engine, they also took the kids for rides on the parade truck.

On February 25, **Deputy Fire Marshal Joe Ing** and **Inspector Richard Ritchie** taught a fire extinguisher class to 10 participants at a continuing education class at Gulfport High School. (Pictured at right)

John T. Johnson and **Randy Johnson** recently taught an extinguisher class for 11 people at the Mercy House in Gulfport. On March 6, **Inspectors Randy Johnson** and **Richard Ritchie** taught a fire extinguisher class to 11 FEMA employees on Three Rivers Road. And on April 3, **Randy Johnson**, **Richard Ritchie** and **Randal Johnson** gave two extinguisher classes to Goldin Metals employees.

Schedule a class by calling **Donna Ladner** at 868-5950.



Our Mission: To provide efficient, effective and openly responsive municipal services to all citizens while promoting responsible economic development, preserving our heritage and enhancing our quality of life, and creating a better community.



OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to **Sergeant Timothy "Chad" Sims** for his nomination as Officer of the Month for December 2008! **Sergeant Sims** is a nine-year veteran of the Gulfport Police Department. He is credited with the arrests of two robbery suspects in two separate robberies occurring within five days of each other. Using initiative, **Sgt. Sims** made thorough checks

of the areas where the robberies had occurred and was able to identify the suspects according to descriptions of their clothing and vehicles. According to his supervisor, "**Sgt. Sims** showed the dedication and commitment that he brings everyday to the job. His initiative was instrumental in the closure of two serious felony cases that surely prevented further violence in the community."



In the State of Mississippi, a police recruit has to attend a State sanctioned Academy within two years of their hire date. The Academy is overseen by the Mississippi Board of Minimum Standards and Training and certifies an Officer with enforcement powers of state and local laws. The course of instruction at the 10-week Academy includes classroom instruction as well as practical application of law enforcement skills in a scenario-type setting. The first

class of 2009 graduated on March 13 and included two officers from the Gulfport Police Department, **Patrolman Joshua Bromen** and **Patrolman Christopher Werner**.

Congratulations to these officers for successfully completing their certifications. And kudos to Officer **Chris Werner** who received the Larkin I. Smith Award, the highest award given to a cadet in each class!

POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATES



Patrolman Joshua Bromen



Patrolman Christopher Werner

URBAN DEVELOPMENT UPDATE Submitted by Isaac Williams

Urban Development has relocated back into the restored Hardy building at 1410, 24th Avenue. The relocation has consolidated the six divisions and administration of Urban Development into one central location providing more efficiency and convenience for employees and customers.

Urban Development's "One Stop Shop" is up and running in the Hardy Building. Individuals can come to one location to receive permitting, general information, submit residential and commercial plans for review or seek privilege licensure.

Congratulations to Floodplain Office Manager **Candace Seymour** and Floodplain Official **Jonathan Smith** on

their diligence and hard work assisting the citizens of West side Gulfport toward their WestSide SmartCode Community regulating plan. Said **Jonathan**, "**Candace** and I really enjoyed the experience of working in conjunction with HDR and members of the West Side Community to make this plan happen." The regulating plan was approved by Council on March 17.

Additional congratulations to Building Inspector **Don Galster** and Code Enforcement Officers **Randy Beaugez** and **Jeff Harbour**, Code Enforcement Officer who passed their International Code Council property maintenance certification and Housing Inspector Examination on February 25.

Changes to the permitting Requirements of Tents and Canopies

- The square footage of a tent can increase from 200 sq. ft. to 600 sq. ft. and canopies can increase from 400 sq. ft. to 800 sq. ft. before a permit is required.
- If a tent or canopy is to be used for cooking purposes, a tent permit will be required regardless of the size.
- All other requirements for tents and canopies are still required.

These changes were determined through administrative findings between the Gulfport Fire Department and Urban Development.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWSLETTER CONTACTS

Have some news? Let us know! Send your digital pictures, high-resolution JPGS and other electronic files to:

Fire Department	Donna Ladner	868-5954	dladner@gulfport-MS.gov
General Admin/ Council/Legal	Lauren Germany	868-5831	lgermany@gulfport-MS.gov
Leisure Services	Kerri Jones	868-5881	kjones@gulfport-MS.gov
Municipal Courts	Jennifer Jones-Snaer	868-5866	jjснаer@gulfport-MS.gov
Police Department	Mike Saucier	868-5900	msaucier@gulfport-MS.gov
Public Works	Yolanda McArthur	868-5741	ymcarthur@gulfport-MS.gov
Urban Development	Isaac Williams	868-5710	iwilliams@gulfport-MS.gov

THE STATE WE'RE IN

According to the Mississippi State Department of Health, chronic diseases are among the most prevalent, costly and preventable of all health problems. Their impact is significant:

- **Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)** is the leading cause of death in Mississippi accounting for 36% of all deaths and is the highest rate in the nation – 25% higher than the U.S. as a whole.
- **Diabetes** is a major cause of disability and mortality for Mississippians. In 2007, approximately 238,658 adults were diagnosed with diabetes. From 2005-2007, Mississippi experienced a 16.8% increase in the prevalence of diabetes.
- **Stroke** is the third leading cause of death, accounting for 7% of fatalities.
- Mississippi has over 300,000 cases of chronic lower respiratory disease, which comprises bronchitis, emphysema and asthma.

Last year, the City had over \$4 million in health insurance claims. \$1.4 million of these claims could be attributed to the diagnosis and treatment of chronic disease.

Chronic Disease Risk Factors

- **Smoking** is the single most important modifiable risk factor for CVD.
- **High Blood Pressure (Hypertension)** affects approximately 725,000 Mississippians.
- **High Cholesterol:** 38.5% of adults in the state are reported to have high cholesterol.
- **Diet:** only 18.1% of adult Mississippians consume fruits and vegetables five or more times a day
- **Obesity** significantly affects your body's ability to fight illness. In 2007, 33% of Mississippi adults were obese. 36% were overweight.
- **Lack of regular physical activity:** 60% of adults in the state are not physically active on a regular basis (five days/week for at least 30 minutes of activity per session).

There's one main factor that can be attributed to both the diseases and risks: they are all preventable.

FITNESS CENTER NOW OPEN

To help overcome these staggering statistics, and to promote physical, emotional and social wellbeing for our employees, City leaders

established the Fitness Center which opened March 2. Human Resources Manager **Cheryl Millender**, explains, "Our ultimate goal is for City employees to have a better quality of life by becoming healthier and living longer."

The Fitness Center has everything you'll need! The all-new equipment includes 5-50 lb dumbbells (in 5 lb increments), a circuit of machines (Leg Press, Leg Curl, Lat Pull Down, Chest Press, Shoulder Press, Cable Pulley for Biceps and Triceps), multi-purpose and utility benches, treadmills, a stationary bike and an elliptical machine. Showers & changing rooms are also available.

The Fitness Center Located at 3310 17th St. (in the old Armory building) Open Monday-Thursday from 3-9 p.m. Available exclusively to City employees Join us for our grand opening in April. We'll have facility tours, healthy snacks & drawings for door prizes! Date and time will be announced shortly.

WANNA BE LIKE MIKE?



Mike Bradley has been contracted to manage our Fitness Center and assist employees with their personal fitness and dietary goals. In addition to over 15 years of professional experience in fitness and personal training, **Mike** is also certified in Biomechanics. He brings additional qualifications as a Personal Trainer, Physical Fitness Specialist and Master Fitness Specialist!

Before you begin using the Fitness Center, **Mike** will meet with meet with you for a physical assessment and will create a personal fitness plan specific to your needs and goals. **Mike** can be reached at **(228) 669-9325** or at mikebfitness@yahoo.com.

Ask Mike!

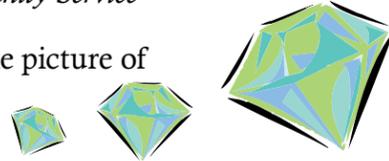
Send an e-mail to **Mike** (mikebfitness@yahoo.com) with your personal fitness concerns as well as questions about the latest training techniques, cardiovascular & strength training, nutrition, diet and weight loss questions. You'll find some of his answers in our next newsletter. Please note that Mike cannot make diagnoses or give specific advice for medical conditions.

4th QUARTER GEM AWARDS ANNOUNCED Submitted by Lauren Germany



From left: **Stephen Murray** – Outstanding Service; **Shane Ogburn** – Human Relations; **Denise Waizenegger** – Community Service; **Mayor Warr**; **Reginald Robinson** – Outstanding Service; and **Josh Skaggs** – Community Service

Technical difficulties prevented our printing the picture of our 4th Quarter GEM Award winners. Congratulations again to all!



GO FISH! Customer Service

On April 8, the City launched its pilot of the first Customer Service Class based on the world-famous Pike Place Fish Market in Seattle. Here employees spent 12 hour days in miserable, smelly conditions, selling and packing fish. Then one day, they made a decision to become World Famous. And now YOU can, too!

The City of Gulfport partnered with the Professional Development & Educational Outreach Division of USM and offered the City's first World Class Customer Care workshop using the **FISH! philosophy**. The workshop helped participants better understand our roles in external and internal customer service. It demonstrated ways to provide what it takes to be World Class Customer Care Professionals.

FISH! Philosophy



- **BE THERE** – for customers & co-workers. It's about being completely focused on the moment & the person right in front of you.
- **PLAY** – and have fun at work.
- **MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY** – it's taking that extra step you didn't have to take, and taking a genuine interest in another person.
- **CHOOSE YOUR ATTITUDE** – we can either be negatively affected by external events (which we may not have any control over) or we can take charge of our own response.

FISH! is used in corporate and educational venues throughout the world – and now it's here at the City of Gulfport. More classes coming soon with dates announced shortly!

Lisa Bradley is Tops!



Executive Director of the Gulfport Main Street Association **Lisa Bradley** has been named one of the Sun Herald's **Top 10 Business Leaders Under 40 for 2009**.

This annual award recognizes individuals throughout South Mississippi for their outstanding contributions and excellence

within the business community. Said **Lisa**, "This recognition is such an honor. Every bit of positive attention Main Street receives is good for downtown Gulfport's revitalization. It's flattering to be recognized for the efforts we're making and milestones we've achieved so far." **Lisa** is responsible for coordinating activities, projects and development in the downtown district. In her three years as Director, she has been instrumental in securing grants to restore more than 80 downtown exteriors. **Lisa** is currently

overseeing a major redevelopment of the streetscape downtown. This project includes new streetlights and landscaped sidewalks and is bringing back the old, historic boulevards downtown that were once lined with landscaping. "We are very proud of **Lisa Bradley** for this recent accomplishment," **Mayor Warr** said. "Being named among South Mississippi's Top 10 Business Leaders Under 40 is quite an honor and we are glad to have her on our team."

First FISH! Front row, from left: **Joanne Fayard**, **April Robinson**, **Candace Seymour**, **Matilda Welch**. Second row: **Denise Waizenegger**, **Diane Miller**, **Cecilia McCaffrey**, **Tiffany Harvey**, **Lizzie Pribyl**, **Alex Farris**. Back row: **Heather Johnson**, **Courtney Page**, **Carolyn Bobinger**, **Nancy Huggins**, **Emily Holloway**, **Jennifer Fay**, **Brenda Chapman**, **Richard Tell**, **Earnest Markham**, **Jamie Hayden**, **Jonathan Banks**

FISHing for Compliments!

To acknowledge examples of the **FISH! Philosophy** in action, we'll be highlighting letters recognizing our employees' good attitudes, work practices and outstanding service.

- The Romanos sent a letter of many thanks for the outstanding performance of **Chief Sullivan**, **Lt. Robert Waldrop** and **Engineer James Ward** when they were called to their home.
- Lemon Tree Florist has a positive experience with our **General Finance & Building Code Service** while obtaining their business license. The customer service they received was so friendly that Lemon Tree sent a bouquet of flowers to the department!

LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE Submitted by Kerri Jones

PARTNERSHIP ENHANCES RECREATION

Partnership Enhances Recreation
The Department of Leisure Services and USM are working together to meet the recreational and other quality of life needs of children and adults with disabilities. USM's Technology Learning Center (TLC) is a community based, university-directed, non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing education, independence and quality of life for those with disabilities. Located on USM's Gulf Coast campus in

Long Beach, TLC serves children and adults with disabilities, their families, teachers and education professionals through assessment, training and lending of assistive technology including adapted toys, augmentative communication, computer access and adapted sports and recreation equipment.

Along with Leisure Services, Recreational Therapist **Ashley Nicole Ross** is instrumental in

programming events and activities that cater to the needs of individuals with disabilities. Working together, they have already brought an adaptive golf cart to Gulfport's Bayou Vista Golf Course and have sponsored adaptive children's activities such as last spring's Easter Egg Hunts. **Ashley** can be reached at TLC at **(228) 214-3400** or by e-mail at ashley.n.ross@usm.edu.

LS EMPLOYEE COMPLETES CERTIFICATION

Congratulations to **Kenneth Edwards** on his successful completion of The Principles of Turfgrass Management – Certified Turfgrass Professional (CTP) course from the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education.

SUMMER SPECTACULAR REGISTRATION

Who: Kids ages 5-12
What: Registration for Summer Day Camp, Hershey Track, Summer Swimming Program and Sticks for Kids Summer Golf Program
When: April 21 & 22 • 6 a.m.-7 p.m.
Where: Handsboro Community Center 1890 Switzer Rd. (off Cowan Lorraine) in Gulfport (near MGCCC)
BE SURE TO VISIT OUR INFORMATIVE WEBSITE!
www.gulfport-ms.gov. Click on the **Leisure Services** section.

You'll find downloadable registration forms • Answers to frequently asked questions • Camp location information • Breakdown of fees • Registration details • Photo gallery

PROGRAM DONATIONS ACCEPTED!

Anyone interested in donating arts & crafts supplies, games, equipment or office supplies, please contact our office at **(228) 868-5882** or email **Kerri Jones** at kjones@gulfport.ms.gov.



Saturday, May 16
Check-in at 8:30 A.M.
Meet begins at 9 a.m.
Gulfport High School Track
on Victory Street

PARTICIPANTS

9-10 Year old Boys & Girls (born 1999-00)
11-12 Year old Boys & Girls (born 1997-98)
13-14 Year old Boys & Girls (born 1995-96)

EVENTS

Participants may enter either two track and one field event or two field and one track event. 50, 100, 200 & 400 meter dash • 800 & 1,600 meter run • 4x10 meter relay • Standing long jump • Softball throw

DETAILS: First place winners in the Gulfport competition will advance to the State Final held at the Gulfport High School Track Facility on Saturday, June 6. State Finals winners do NOT automatically advance to the North American Final held in Hershey, PA July 30- August 2. State winners are entered into a regional pool and become eligible for selection to the regional team which will participate in the North American Finals.

ENTRY FEE: This is a FREE program! There is no cost to participate.

REGISTRATION: April 21 & 22 at Handsboro Community Center from 6 a.m.–7 p.m. *A Copy of birth certificate necessary to register.*

LATE REGISTRATION: Thursday, April 23th – Friday, May 8th from 9 a.m.– 4 p.m. at Herbert Wilson Recreation Center, Gaston Hewes Recreation (G.R.C.) and the Gulfport Sports Complex Softball Fields (Office) located on the west side of the Gulf Island Water Park.

CONTACT: **Larry Davis**, Athletic Coordinator at **(228) 861-1212**
For more details, visit www.GulfportLeisureServices.com.