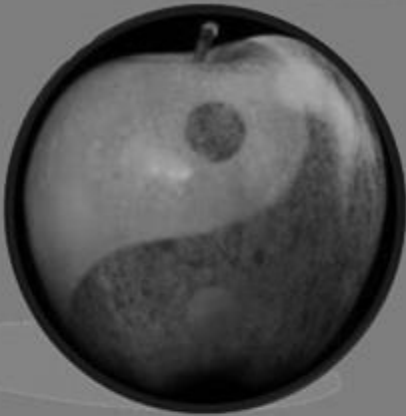




November 2021

Mark Your Calendar!



**Gulfport
Health & Wellness
Expo is Back
March 19, 2022
10-2**

Historic Gulfport Casino
5500 Shore Blvd S, Gulfport

**Attention: Vendors
For information about
being a part of the 2022
Gulfport Health & Wellness
Expo, call the Foundation:
727-893-1244.**

**Giving Tuesday, is November 29 So We're Tooting our Horn!
Please Support the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation This Month**



Since 2008, the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation has been dedicated to raising and distributing funds to support and enhance health, educational, social and recreational programs and services of the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center.

The Foundation's proudest achievement is the installation and continuing maintenance of the **Senior Fitness Center**. In the past two years, two treadmills and a recumbent bicycle have been replaced.

This year, the Foundation received a \$5,000 grant from the Pinellas Community Foundation to implement a new service project to make available free **Hurricane Emergency Kits** for low-income local seniors. With assistance from the Senior Center, 60 kits were distributed including many items recommended by FEMA for hurricane survival, including a hand cranked/solar radio, first aid kit, plastic sheeting & duct tape, flashlights, manual can openers and more.

On September, 18, 2021, the Foundation celebrated installation of a new ceramic mural at the **Celebration Wall** just outside the Senior Center. Gulfport artist Brenda McMahon created and installed the 20-foot-long mural and Foundation supporters Kathleen and Frank Cash contributed to installation of the artwork and new lighting. Tiles may be purchased from the Foundation for display on the Celebration Wall to commemorate special events or remember loved ones. All proceeds will benefit the Foundation.

When the Senior Center's doors were closed due to the COVID pandemic, many classes and activities continued online. The Foundation pitched in by purchasing a video camera that is still used to continue the Center's online presence. When the facility reopened, the Foundation purchased a touch free water fountain and bottle filling station that was installed in the hallway between the Senior Center and the Catherine Hickman Theater.

Also ongoing is the Foundation's Gulfport Veterans Memorial Park paver project. The public is invited to purchase engraved pavers to honor service members and others. The meandering ribbon of pavers will become a permanent part of the park.

In 2020, the Foundation established an ongoing fund to keep Senior Center's Food Pantry well stocked, allowing the Center to distribute food on a regular basis to members of the Senior Center in need.

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Please Join Us!

It feels great to know that you are helping provide top notch services for Seniors in our community.

Individual Membership is only \$35 for one year.
Lifetime Membership \$500

We Have Perks!

- Free subscription to Senior Life magazine.
- Discounts offered by participating Gulfport merchants with membership.



The Senior Center Foundation has received more than \$2,500 from the donation of cars by generous Gulfport residents.

**FMI: Call the Foundation office:
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Foundations of Art: Sip, Chat & Paint is Back by Popular Demand

This fun event is returning by popular demand with a sunny Florida landscape on **Monday, December 6, at 5-7 pm**. This is a great way to create a one-of-a-kind gift for someone special or an original work of art you'll be proud to hang on your wall.

The Gulfport Senior Center Foundation invites you to grab a friend and come out for an evening of fun while you create a work of art. Class is held in the spacious dining hall at the Senior Center. Refreshments are included: Each guest will receive an individually wrapped charcuterie plate and we'll be pouring from a selection of wines.

Only 18 seats are available so we suggest you sign up soon. It's only \$30 to register online plus a small processing fee. You may also pay by cash or check at the Senior Center. Sign up here: <https://sippaintfloridalandscape.eventbrite.com>.

All art supplies, including canvas will be provided. Plus you'll get step-by-step instructions from an experienced art instructor on how to paint a beautiful Florida landscape.

Thank you to Freedom Square of Seminole for providing the individual charcuterie plates and to Senior Life Publications for pouring the wine. Easels were provided by Florida Family Cremation.



Engraved Bricks May be Ordered Now for the Gulfport Veterans Park Ribbon

The Gulfport Senior Center Foundation will be installing a memorial paver ribbon in The Gulfport Veterans Park as a fundraiser to support programs and services of the Senior Center. The meandering ribbon of engraved bricks will connect the sidewalk to the flagpole base at the beautiful waterfront park.

Bricks will be available by donation to honor a friend or family member, veteran or non-veteran, and will be a permanent part of Veterans Memorial Park. For information, visit www.GulfportSeniorFoundation.org.