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# -AROUND AND ABOUT- 49th Street South

49TH ST SOUTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## Message from the President

We are just weeks away from the Trolley Market Square Blues and Brews on the newly renovated site! Yes, there was a recent issue at the site where the bus depot was destroyed. Fortunately, the person that hit it was okay. Today the site was cleaned up and repairs will be done to the damage on the wall. As they say, the show must go on!!

49th Street corridor continues to go through changes and continues to consist of predominantly small business owners. Kudos to all of them! Running a business takes a lot of planning, hard work, commitment and giving up of time and energy for other things.

Anyone that owns a business knows the following to be true - "There will be obstacles. There will be doubters. There will be mistakes. But with hard work, there are no limits." –Michael Phelps  
This is true, not only for a business, but for groups and associations.

SO49 is focused on representing the businesses on the corridor. Our goal is to break down barriers and continue to have both municipalities work together. We have evolved with the basis of "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." –Arthur Ashe.

We continue to work towards an increase in membership which can lead to an increase in ideas and suggestions. We also continue to be in need of volunteers for the Blues and Brews.

Please contact us at [so49web@aol.com](mailto:so49web@aol.com) or [jsrtraining@aol.com](mailto:jsrtraining@aol.com) or call 727-439-0164!

Respectfully,

*Jeri Reed*

Jeri Reed, President SO49

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# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## MICHAEL (MIKE) YAKES

This spotlight article holds a special place with me because this month's community spotlight is my very close friend for over 45 years. Now a close friendship is not always a bed of roses but for the two of us we always seemed to find the happy medium on everything on community or on the political front issues. Here are some things that you may not know about Mike.



**Michael (Mike) Yakes**

First and foremost Mike has over 50 years of community and State service. Gulfport was always on his mind from the time he woke up till he laid down at night. Mike served our wonderful community for 28 years and working with him for many years I know his schedule included many years of week after week of 30 hours per week as our elected official.

Many times he would meet his constituents right out front of his home after working long hours for the State of Florida. Mike worked for the Department of Transportation for 51 years. His career started as a laborer in 1961 and as the years pass he rose in the ranks till his final years was as a Safety program administrator. Mike is considered to be an expert in the safety aspect of employee safety here in Florida.

Family is an important item for Mike and he continues with his extended family of grand children who keeps grand pa's phone number on speed dial. Even though his service has ended here in Gulfport you would never know it he is still as busy as ever with the (My foundation) which was in the beginning called the Michael Yakes Foundation.

Then one night he tells me after a sleepless night that he began to rethink the foundations name. He told me that it came to him that this is not Michael Yakes foundation but all the peoples foundation thus a new name is born the (MY FOUNDATION) bringing home what he has always taught me that what we do in the community is not for personal reason but to bring joy to all the people.

Finally let me point out the other community groups he has been or still is involved with.

Gulfport Elementary School Advisory Committee, Gulfport Elementary PTO, Gulfport Little League, Vice President 49th street South Business Association, BCHS ROTC, President of Optimist Club, Gulfport Lions Club, Gulfport Teen Council, President of Florida League of Cities, Pinellas County Mayors Association to name a few. Thank You my Friend for being there for the citizens of Gulfport and for being my Friend

## WINE ME

### Meet one of this year's Trolley Market Square Vendors

**winemecompany@gmail.com**

Wine Me is an American hand painted wine glass company. Combining great style and unsurpassed quality, Wine Me has gained a strong following amongst wine lovers around the country. The Florida based artist, Rebecca Suriano, officially established Wine Me in 2010 to serve a niche market at wine festivals and art shows nationwide. Inspired by nature, fashion, pop-culture, fine arts and above all, being unique, Wine Me is known for its beautiful, stylish, and highly collectible pieces.



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## NEW MEMBER

### Luxury and Beach Realty



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Luxury & Beach Realty is a locally owned and operated company. We have almost 200 agents—meaning we are sure to have an agent that is right for you! When making a decision as important as your home choose the company that is committed to doing what is best for you and getting it right the first time. Please contact us at (727) 800-5906 for more information.

## NEW MEMBER

### Pitzen Studios



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## NEW MEMBER

### Delores M Smith Academy



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Delores M. Smith Academy  
A Safe Haven for Children  
Delores M. Smith Academy, believes that each child is a unique individual and should be treated with understanding and respect. We provide bright, colorful rooms so that children are cared for in a positive, happy, and stimulating environment.

The DMS Academy's mission is for children to develop character, respect, and integrity in a safe and stimulating. The curriculum in the classroom prepares children to tackle the complexities of everyday life.

We encourage them to develop interpersonal relationships with their peers and help hone a strong sense of self-confidence. These skills enable each child to transition smoothly into the school system whether private or public.

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# SAFETY CORNER

by Officer Zack Mills



## DEALING WITH ROAD RAGE

The problem of road rage is becoming more prevalent each day. Use the following tips to avoid becoming a victim of road rage:

1. Give the right-of-way to rude or impatient drivers.
2. If someone is tailgating you, move over to another lane to let the driver pass. If the driver still stays on top of your rear bumper, try slowing down in order to encourage the driver to pass. If neither of these tactics work, pull off the road into a safe, well-lit area where there are other people. After waiting a few minutes to allow the tailgater to get further down the road, you can resume your trip. If the other driver pulls off behind you when you pull over keep driving. If they continue to follow you call the police and drive to the nearest police station.

3. If another driver cuts you off, stops suddenly in front of you, commits any type of driving error, or shows aggressiveness or anger to you in any way, don't react. Avoid making eye contact with the other driver or looking in the driver's direction. Never make any gestures to the other driver.

4. If you commit a driving error and the other driver becomes hostile, don't react. If the driver becomes aggressive to the point of trying to cause an accident (for example, by braking suddenly in front of you so that you will crash into the rear of the other driver's car), pull off the road into a safe, well-lit area where there are other people and wait for the driver to get further down the road before resuming. If the other driver is waiting down the road for you, pull off again into a safe area and call the police. If possible try to remember the type of car and license plate number to report to law enforcement.



**"Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to cope with conflict by peaceful means." -Ronald Reagan**

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# BLUES AND BREWS FESTIVAL

**We would like to thank the sponsors that supported the Blues and Brews Festival with Financial backing to make it all to come together.**

MICHAEL FRIDOVICH  
Gulfport City Council Member

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# TROLLEY MARKET SQUARE BLUES AND BREWS FEST



**The Bridget Kelly Band**



**TC Carr**



**Smokin' Torpedoes**



**Marty Stokes Band**



**Strange Brew**



**My Viking Funeral**

# FREE EVENT!

GATES OPEN AT 12 NOON

**Blues &  
Brews Fest**

**2 November  
2019**



**THE CITY OF GULFPORT  
AND THE 49TH STREET SOUTH  
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**THE ANNUAL BLUES & BREWS FESTIVAL: NOVEMBER 2 2019  
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WWW.SO49.ORG**

TROLLEY MARKET SQUARE



# Blues N Brews Fest

NOV 2  
2019

This year's show is a 1 day event with Local acts and Down to earth Blues

Booth spaces will be rented at the following cost's if registered by September 1st<sup>th</sup> 2019. Food vendors call for pricing.  
**10 by 10** \_\_\_ \$100.00, **10 by 20** \_\_\_ \$200.00, 10 by 30 \_\_\_ \$300.00, You are required to provide your own electric, tents (Mandatory) and tables. This cost is for space only. If you require electric add \$35.00 per 10 x 10 space.

Name of company \_\_\_\_\_ address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Type of product to be displayed or sold \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person and number \_\_\_\_\_

All food vendors must complete City of Gulfport Vendor registration form which will be email to you upon getting your reservation for your space. Please contact [JSRtraining@aol.com](mailto:JSRtraining@aol.com) for forms or call Phill at 727-327-3509 must submit with check made out too 49<sup>th</sup> street South Business Association Mail to Post Office Box 531042 St. Petersburg Florida 33747



# BLUES AND BREWS SPONSORS



# CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

The Trolley Market Square Blues and Brews music festival is rapidly approaching and we have a space for you. Look over the schedule and get involved. This project is dedicated to many area charities and without you this would never happen. Look over the schedule and email us at [jsrtraining@aol.com](mailto:jsrtraining@aol.com) giving up just 2 hours of your time will make a difference to so many that depend on us.

We invite volunteers to help us with ticket sales, at the entrance, beer service, VIP area service, auctions, and 50/50 ticket sales.

Trolley Market Square Blues and Brews Volunteer Schedule 2019								
	Saturday - November 2nd, 2019							
	12:00 - 2:00	2:00 - 4:00	4:00 - 6:00	6:00 - 8:00	8:00 - 10:00	Extra Staff	Extra Staff	Extra Staff
Volunteer Coordinator	Mario	Mario	Mario	Mario	Mario			
Volunteer Table								
Ticket Sales 1	Jeri Reed	Mike Yakes	Bro John	Michelle	Keui			
Ticket Sales 2	Libby Jennings	Karens Florist						
Ticket Sales 3								
Ticket Sales 4								
Entrance 1								
Entrance 2								
Entrance 3								
Beer Truck Mgr								
Beer truck server 1								
Beer truck server 2								
Beer truck server 3								
VIP Area-1	Kevin and wife	Kevin and wife	Kevin and wife	Kevin and wife	Kevin and wife			
VIP Area-2		Libby Jennings						
MC	Sam	Sam	Sam	Sam	Sam			
Floater for project	Jimmy	Jimmy	Jimmy	Jimmy	Jimmy			
Extra								
Extro								
Project Director	Phil	Phil	Phil	Phil	Phil			
auction site								
50/50 Ticket Sales 4 per shift						128	129	130
Change Maker	Michelle	Michelle	Michelle	Michelle	Michelle			
Total Saturday		Percent Filled						
Filled Saturday								
Needed Saturday								

# EVENTS

Event	Start Time	End Time	
<b>Tuesday, October 1, 2019</b>			
Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market	9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Gulfport's Waterfront District
Mommy & Me Yoga	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Ballroom Dance lessons with Carol Baker	12:00 PM	3:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
French Club	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Gulfport Public Library
Ukulele Group	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Gulfport Public Library
Argentine Tango Lessons & Dance	6:30 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
Regular Council Meeting	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Gulfport City Hall
<b>Wednesday, October 2, 2019</b>			
Swing Dance with Swing Time	6:00 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
Gulfport Toastmasters	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Gulfport Public Library
Planning and Zoning	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Gulfport City Hall
Trolley Market District	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Gulfport Neighborhood Center
Neighborhood Watch			
<b>Thursday, October 3, 2019</b>			
Toddler Storytime	10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Toddler Storytime	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Gulfport Public Safety Night	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Gulfport Recreation Center
Latin Night with Carol Rivera	6:30 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
<b>Friday, October 4, 2019</b>			
Babytime	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Opening Art Reception & Exhibit	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Catherine Hickman Theater
Gulfport Art-Walk	6:00 PM	10:00 PM	Beach Blvd South (Waterfront District)

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## Saturday, October 5, 2019

Grown-up Movie	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Gulfport Public Library
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## Sunday, October 6, 2019

Ballroom Dance with Carol Baker & DJ Rich	6:00 PM	10:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
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## Monday, October 7, 2019

Pre-school Storytime	10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Science Club (Grades K-5)	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Gulfport Public Library

## Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Free Clothing Swap	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Peninsula Inn (patio area)
Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market	9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Gulfport's Waterfront District
Ballroom Dance lessons with Carol Baker	12:00 PM	3:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
French Club	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Gulfport Public Library
Teen Council Meeting	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Gulfport Recreation Center
Argentine Tango Lessons & Dance	6:30 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom

## Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Swing Dance with Swing Time	6:00 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
Gulfport Toastmasters	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Gulfport Public Library
Board of Adjustment	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Gulfport City Hall
Marina District Neighborhood Watch Event	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Lions Club

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## Thursday, October 10, 2019

Toddler Storytime	10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Toddler Storytime	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Gulfport Public Library
49th St. S. Business Association (SO49)	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Gulfport Meeting Place
Latin Night with Carol Rivera	6:30 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
LGBTQ Film Series	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Gulfport Public Library

## Friday, October 11, 2019

Babytime	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	Gulfport Public Library
SOUL NIGHT With Swing Time	7:00 PM	12:00 AM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom

## Monday, October 14, 2019

Pre-school Storytime	10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Science Club (Grades K-5)	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Gulfport Public Library

## Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market	9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Gulfport's Waterfront District
Ballroom Dance lessons with Carol Baker	12:00 PM	3:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
French Club	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Gulfport Public Library
Ukulele Group	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Gulfport Public Library
Argentine Tango Lessons & Dance	6:30 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
Regular Council Meeting	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Gulfport City Hall

## Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Swing Dance with Swing Time	6:00 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
Gulfport Toastmasters	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Gulfport Public Library
The Strand Neighborhood Watch	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Gulfport Recreation Center

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## Thursday, October 17, 2019

Toddler Storytime	10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Toddler Storytime	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Coffee Talk Book Club	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Gulfport Public Library
Latin Night with Carol Rivera	6:30 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom

## Friday, October 18, 2019

Babytime	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Sock Hop with THE IMPACS	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom

## Saturday, October 19, 2019

City of Gulfport Junk Drop	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	49th Street Neighborhood Center
Free Family Movie Day	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Gulfport Public Library
Gulfport Art-Walk	6:00 PM	10:00 PM	Beach Blvd South (Waterfront District)

## Sunday, October 20, 2019

Book Launch - The Tales of the Animal Heroes of Livingston Cove	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	Tomlinson Park Green Space
Ballroom Dancing w/ Carol Baker & Daniel Fugazzotto	6:00 PM	10:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom

## Monday, October 21, 2019

Pre-school Storytime	10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Science Club (Grades K-5)	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Gulfport Public Library

## Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market	9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Gulfport's Waterfront District
Ballroom Dance lessons with Carol Baker	12:00 PM	3:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
French Club	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Gulfport Public Library
Argentine Tango Lessons & Dance	6:30 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom

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## Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Swing Dance with Swing Time	6:00 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
Gulfport Toastmasters	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Gulfport Public Library
Stetson Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Stetson School of Law

## Thursday, October 24, 2019

Toddler Storytime	10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Toddler Storytime	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Latin Night with Carol Rivera	6:30 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom

## Saturday, October 26, 2019

6th Annual Monster Mash	7:00 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
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## Monday, October 28, 2019

Pre-school Storytime	10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Science Club (Grades K-5)	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Gulfport Public Library
Open Mic	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Gulfport Public Library
USA DANCE Presents Ballroom dancing	7:00 PM	10:15 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom

## Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market	9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Gulfport's Waterfront District
Ballroom Dance lessons with Carol Baker	12:00 PM	3:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
French Club	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Gulfport Public Library
Argentine Tango Lessons & Dance	6:30 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom

## Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Swing Dance with Swing Time	6:00 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
Gulfport Toastmasters	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Gulfport Public Library

# EVENTS

## Thursday, October 31, 2019

Toddler Storytime	10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Toddler Storytime	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Gulfport Public Library
Latin Night with Carol Rivera	6:30 PM	11:00 PM	Gulfport Casino Ballroom
Recreation Center Halloween Bash	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Gulfport Recreation Center

## Friday, November 1, 2019

Gulfport Art-Walk	6:00 PM	10:00 PM	Beach Blvd South (Waterfront District)
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## November Events

### Saturday, November 2, 2019

Trolley Market Square Blues & Brews Fest	12:00 PM	10:00 PM	Trolley Market Square Tangerine Ave. & 49th St. S.
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**TROLLEY MARKET SQUARE  
BLUES AND BREWS FEST**

The Bridget Kelly Band | TC Carr | Smokin' Torpedoes  
Marty Stokes Band | Strange Brew | My Viking Funeral

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