

April 1, 2018

Good evening all...

The next Council meeting is this Tuesday, April 3, 6:00 pm. [Click here to see the agenda](#)

If you've never been to a Council meeting to see your local government in action, our night meetings are typically shorter than the afternoon meetings. So, if you have nothing planned...

The Development Review Committee (DRC) meets Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. [Click here to see the agenda](#)

### **Spring Break Notes (Friday – Sunday, April 13-15)**

- In conjunction with Biloxi Police Department, I'm having Neighborhood Passes printed for Grande View Apartments, Maison d'Orleans Apartments, Beau View Condominiums, Edgewater Park, Briarfield subdivision, Oakmont Place, and Channel Mark subdivision, including Bay Cove. I plan to drop off the passes this week with selected points of contact in each neighborhood and the apartment complex managers. These passes identify the residents who have a reason to be in the neighborhood/apartment complex/condominium.

- Place the pass on the dashboard, driver side, where BPD can see it. This is particularly important if you reside in Grande View, Maison d'Orleans, or Briarfield subdivision and plan to use the "Coliseum shortcut". BPD will have a law enforcement officer at the Coliseum west parking lot gate (Pine Grove Ave.) and he/she should not permit you to use the shortcut without this pass.

- The City's administration is working with the Harrison County Utility Authority (HCUA) to have the litter/trash/garbage picked up shortly after this event ends on Sunday.

- Regular Friday garbage pickup will continue although it is likely to be earlier than usual due to event traffic on Friday.

- I would encourage you to sign up for B-Alert to receive traffic advisories. (Please see B-Alert below).

- See the information card available/ distributed by local hotels/motels... expectations & traffic plan... [Click here](#)

- Remember that when "venting" occurs, due to traffic gridlock, traffic will not be permitted to exit Highway 90/Beach Boulevard until they access Cowan-Lorraine Road in Gulfport or Washington Avenue in Ocean Springs.

### **B-Alert**

The city's Public Affairs office has launched B-Alert, an easy-to-use service that offers real-time traffic advisories and other information. The new service uses text messaging, email, or voice messages to landlines to relay emergency information or advisories pinpointed by location or focussed on an event. For its initial outing, the city is using B-Alert to provide advisories for Spring Break, April 13-15, when tens of thousands of visitors are expected in town, primarily along Beach Boulevard in west Biloxi. **To sign up for the free service, unless your cell plan has text charges, text SPBK to 888777 to sign up for the service; a return confirmation text will be sent to you automatically.** Look for additional information on how to receive geo-targeted notices in a later eBlast.

### **Economic development**

The mayor and administration conducted an economic development workshop after last Tuesday's Council meeting.

See the list of economic development projects covered during the workshop... [Click here](#)

Mayor gives chamber audience view of the future... [Click here](#)

Maps, drawings, pictures... [Click here](#)

Mayor talks economic development... Breakfast with the Mayor, 03/29/18... [Click here](#)

(Some of this information and accompanying links were published earlier in Bmail by Biloxi Public Affairs office.)

### **Know Your Council Meetings... Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda is typically used to approve a number of routine items that are not expected to generate much discussion or controversy. For example, item 5I on Tuesday's agenda: *Resolution to approve and authorize the One-Source purchase of three WiFi Systems for new Police Vehicles from Metrix Solutions in the total amount of \$8,334.00.* A purchase such as this rarely generates discussion. Generally, as damaged or aging vehicles are replaced they will need a WiFi system for the new vehicle replacement. Still, Council members can, and often do, question some consent agenda items which may lead to discussion. Council members may vote against specific Consent Agenda items and occasionally do. The Council Clerk notes their individual opposition during the vote.

Enjoy the spring weather!

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