

April 15, 2018

Good evening all...

The Council meets Tuesday, April 17. 1:30... [Click here to see the agenda](#)

There are a number of ordinances up for a First Reading (no vote will be taken) that deal with residential/commercial construction (National Codes, International Codes, Fire Codes, etc.). Typically a Second Reading, when proposed new/revised ordinances are voted upon, occurs at the subsequent regularly scheduled Council meeting, Tuesday, April 24.

The Planning Commission meets Thursday, April 19, 2:00 p.m. [Click here to see the agenda](#)

The Development Review Committee (DRC) meets Wednesday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. [Click here to see the agenda](#)

The Architectural and Historical Review Committee (AHRC) does not meet this week.

**R U Ready?** Find out... The City is sponsoring three hurricane preparedness outreach events, 5:00-7:30 pm... Free public events to educate and remind residents about the precautions they should take before, during, and after a storm. Each event will include informational booths, demonstrations, round table discussions, food and giveaways. For more information, call 228.435.6200.

May 1	Frank G. Gruich Community Center	591 Howard Avenue
May 2	Donal Snyder Community Center	2520 Pass Road
May 3	Woolmarket City Center	13034 Kayleigh Cove

### **Spring Break postscript...**

This year's crowd was significantly below estimates (which were as high as 100,000) and smaller than last year's crowd of 60-70,000, likely due to the thunderstorms and wind gusts that were forecast and occurred Saturday. I drove Briarfield subdivision, Channel Mark, Pass Road, and Highway 90/Beach Boulevard several times Friday, several times Saturday, and from 4:00-6:00 today/Sunday.

Visitors were well behaved from what I observed. The traffic plan seemed to work well; the "venting" feature was not initiated because the anticipated traffic gridlock never happened. BPD was able to hire an additional 60 sworn officers from other parts of the state to assist with this event. I've not seen/heard any numbers related to arrests. I sorry to say that a drowning (jet ski) was reported but not confirmed at the time I write this.

The Neighborhood Passes worked well, as they have for the past few years. (You may recall that I mentioned the purpose of the passes and where they would be used in last Sunday's eBlast. I received dozens of calls requesting passes from residents in other parts of the city who believed the passes would get them to work or home quicker, which, of course, they would not.)

Note: A Ward 5 meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks to provide the Biloxi Police Department with residents' feedback on Spring Break. The intent is to make BPD aware of logistic/safety concerns so the safety and traffic plans can be tweaked for the event in 2019. I'll include the date/time/location of this meeting in a future eBlast.

### **Community Calendar**

The city publishes a Community Calendar monthly that you can view/print. It's found on the [city's website](#)... the blue bar near the top... click on "Calendar". [Click here to see the April Calendar](#)

### **Downtown Restoration**

Biloxi's \$1.9M road expansion of Howard Avenue (that section of downtown formerly known as the Vieux Marche) is underway. Mayor Gilich fires up his jackhammer... [Videoclip \(WLOX\)](#) [See the diagram](#)

### **Need to contact your council member?**

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### **The old Federal Courthouse...**

The city's Community Development Department issued a permit this past week, valued at \$65,000, to DCD Construction, to demolish the old federal courthouse building on MLK Boulevard, between Lameuse and Main streets. Demolition is expected to begin April 23 and the site cleared about 45 days later, weather permitting. The site was recently purchased by Community Bank and has engaged the architectural firm Dale Partners to design a new building for the site. [Videoclip \(WXXV\)](#)

**Jobs...**

Summer's almost here and it brings seasonal job opportunities in addition to the typical vacancies that occur due to retirement, transfers, etc... [See available jobs](#) [Application and other links](#)

**Q & A...**

Have a question? Send it to me...

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