

April 29, 2018

Good evening all...

**The Council meets Tuesday, May 1, 6:00 pm...** [Click here to see the agenda](#)

Of interest to some may be item 5B, appraisal review services contract and real estate services contract, indicating that the Popp's Ferry road extension from Pass Road to Highway 90 is progressing. The completion date I've heard mentioned for this road extension is 2020.

**Other meetings...**

- ❖ The Planning Commission [Click here to see the agenda](#)
- ❖ The Development Review Committee (DRC) [Click here to see the agenda](#)

🌀 [Note to Beau View residents...](#) Funtime USA purchased property north adjacent to Beau View condominiums; see the agenda. [Click here to read today's front page article in the Sun Herald](#) Per the article: *The bank-owned site purchased in Biloxi already is zoned correctly for an amusement park, and the preliminary site plan doesn't require any variances that would send it to the planning commission. It is out of the flood zone and velocity zone, and has a large parking lot and trees to buffer it from the neighboring condo tower.*

- ❖ The Architectural and Historical Review Commission (AHRC) No AHRC agenda posted as I prepared this eBlast.)

**Ward 5 meeting...**

A Ward 5 meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, 6:00 pm, at the Donal Snyder Recreation Center, second floor, to provide residents of Ward 5, and others present, the opportunity to offer feedback on the recent Spring Break event of April 13-15. Feedback to Biloxi Police Department representative concerning the Traffic Plan is of particular interest but comments from other perspectives are appreciated as well.

**Congratulations to Tom and Deonne Linenberger, Ward 5, Biloxi's Sports Volunteers of the Year!**

**Woolmarket water, sewer, and drainage...**

In 2016, the city completed a \$2.4 million sewer line project along Woolmarket Road, between Lorraine Rd. and Short Cut Road, that included several neighborhoods in that area. Sewer line installation will continue throughout the neighborhoods as funding becomes available. That same year, the city completed a \$3.6 million sewer line project in the Woolmarket Plantation area (Woolmarket Road, Larkin Drive, Wren Place, Sparrow Drive, and Husley Road). There is currently a \$1.3 million water line project in this same area; construction is expected to begin in the next few weeks.

The City also has a Master Plan in the works for the Woolmarket Area that will guide funding efforts for future projects. There is also a drainage project currently in design for the Woolmarket Plantation area that will help alleviate some of the drainage issues that impacts residents. The City's consultant is currently working through the environmental permitting process and once the permits are secured the City will begin acquiring any necessary easements.

**Pics of Howard Avenue, downtown restoration project... widening for 2 way traffic (Vieux Marche)**



Howard Ave., looking east from Reynoir St.



Howard Ave., looking east from Geo Ohr St.

**Q & A...**

Question: From Edgewater Estates... How is it determined whether or not a concrete curb is put down in front of a house... in my neighborhood, some houses got them and some did not, years ago when the streets were repaved...

Answer: (I checked with Community Development's Senior Planner, Ed Shambra.)

The Biloxi Land Development Ordinances do not require a paved driveway for single family residences. As such, if no driveway had ever actually been created upon a given lot, a later re-construction road project might not have had adequate information available to designate an apron entrance to said property, thus the apparent discrepancies in driveway curb cuts alluded to throughout this subdivision.

An individual may request a roadway curb cut after any roadwork has been completed; s/he should submit a Building Permit Application to the Community Development Department. The process should begin at the city's Planning office - preferably with a survey or a drawing drawn to scale - depicting all improvements on the property, clearly outlining the connection with the roadway, demonstrating the width and length of the proposed driveway, and providing the types of materials to be utilized. The office then reviews any concerns regarding the proposed driveway location with the Engineering Department.

All work to accomplish this task will be at the homeowner's expense. All specifications developed by the Engineering Department must be followed. It would be prudent for a homeowner to discuss this matter in advance of submitting this application with one of the city's engineers, as existing locations of water, sewer, and drainage lines within older subdivisions oftentimes provide serious obstacles to an otherwise easy alignment of a driveway to a city street.

My rough translation: As your subdivision developed over time, some builders/homeowner put curbs and gutters down in front of new residences, some did not. You may install curbs/gutters, at your expense, after you've complete the necessary paperwork and review at the Community Development office.

**Demolition of the old federal courthouse** on Howard Avenue is underway to make room for a new Community Bank in downtown Biloxi... [See the ceremony and demolition clip](#) (4 min.)



Demolition in progress, ole federal courthous



Image of new Community Bank, Howard & Lameuse

**Movie theater construction** at Edgewater Mall is well under way (former site of Sears)



Eight screen movie theater at Edgewater Mall

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