

Good morning all...

Sunday, May 5, 2019

The next Council meeting is Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 p.m., at city hall. [See the agenda](#)

Of particular interest...

• There was no Council meeting last week.

- (1) 4A [Ordinance modifying requirements for Short Term Rentals](#)
- (2) [4B](#) [4C](#) [4D](#) [4E](#) Resolutions to DENY Conditional Use approval, for 5 condo units at Cypress Cove Complex
- (3) 5F [Resolution to engage Wise Carter Child & Caraway as Bond Counsel, Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market TIF](#)
- (4) 5I [Resolution approving entry into agreement with Baker Properties for Perpetual Care Cemetery](#)
- (5) 5R [Resolution authorizing expenditure of \\$4,500 to rent indoor facilities at MGCCC-JD for Gulf Coast Pickleball](#)
- (6) 5V [Resolution to submit application for Tidelands Grant for Eagle Point Park Development](#)
- (7) 5W [Resolution to accept a Survey and Civil Engineering Proposal for Tanglewood Infrastructure Repair](#)

Other meetings/agendas...

- Development Review Committee (DRC) [May 8, 9:00 am](#) (Wed., Community Development Bldg)
- Architectural & Historical Review Commission [May 9, 8:30 am](#) (2d & 4th Thur Community Dev Bldg)
- Planning Commission [No meeting this week](#) (1st & 3rd Thur., Community Development Bldg)
- Tree Committee [No meeting this week](#) (2d Mon, 769 Howard Ave, Gulf Coast Community Design Studio)

Contractors boring underground in your neighborhood...

I heard from a few of you on Cove Drive this week about utility contractors in your yard, boring away. After following up, here's what I've learned and can share with you all:

- (1) Contractors are permitted to do work in the city rights-of-way after notifying the city for approval.
- (2) The city's right-of-way is measured from the center of the road. So if the city's right-of-way is 50 feet (it varies), in your neighborhood/subdivision, it's 25 feet on either side from the center of your street.
- (3) Utilities are located (or should be located) in the right-of way; fire hydrants and telephone poles are good examples. Sometimes the utility lines are where they should be but not always, particularly in older neighborhoods.
- (4) Utility companies should notify you that they'll be working in your neighborhood; they usually do so by placing door-hanger notices on your front door about a week prior.
- (5) So... your property may run to the curb but the city's right-of-way permits the city to approve work in that space.

What advice can I give you?

- (A) If you don't receive notice (remember those door-hangers), let the City know... 228.435.6271.
- (B) If you have an irrigation system, chances are part of it may be in the city's right-of- way; be sure to mark your sprinkler heads/valves so the contractor knows they're there.
- (C) Take pictures of your property before the contractor arrives and after the contractor leaves for documentation.
- (D) What to do if you have a complaint? Contact the City's Citizen Representative at cross@biloxi.ms.us or 228.435.6271. Your concern will be documented and the contractor will be notified. The contractor should get in touch with you to follow up and resolve your issue.

Who's boring, where and why in Ward 5 and surrounding areas...

AT&T – Channel Mark, Cove Drive, Briarfield (already finished), Rue Petit Bois & west end of Rue Palafox;
Upgrading fiber optic for customer service

C-Spire – Pass Road, Beach Boulevard, Eisenhower Drive, Switzer Drive, DeBuys Rd (Switzer to Pass Road), Beauvoir Rd (Pass Road to Arbor Dr to Dogwood Dr; upgrading fiber optic, customer service

Also: Popp's Ferry Road (Pass Road, north), Randall Dr, Trafalgar Drive; upgrading fiber optic, customer service
Operating in other parts of the city, but not in Ward 5: AT&T, C-Spire, Centerpoint (gas) and Uniti Fiber (fiber optic)
Again, there's boring going on throughout the city, not just in Ward 5.

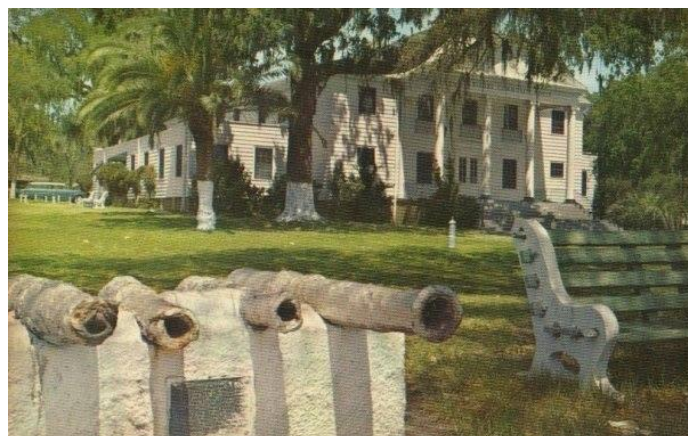
Bits & Pieces...

- Don't forget Mother's Day, next Sunday, May 12!
- New pedestrian bridge (between the Water Mark Hotel and the small craft harbor) will be hoisted into place late night, May 6, pending MDOT approval.
- History buffs rejoice: [Preservation in May](#)
- [Wooden Boat Show](#), May 18-19
- [See the Docket... It's your money!](#)
- [See Traffic/Road closures](#)
- [Listen to this week's podcast](#)

Have a question? *Please send it to me!*

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Biloxi Community House, 1960s, Beach Boulevard
Current site of Water Mark Hotel, across from the harbor