

May 20, 2018

Good evening all...

The next Council meeting is Tuesday, May 22, 1:30 p.m., at city hall. [Click here to see the agenda](#)

### Other meetings...

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

The Architectural and Historical Review Commission (AHRC) [Click here to see the agenda](#)

The Planning Commission... The Planning Commission does not meet this week.

### Irish Hill Drive...

Installation of a 16 inch water line will begin next week (if not already begun as you read this) on the north side of Irish Hill Drive from behind Biloxi Upper Elementary School (the old BJHS and prior to that BHS) east to the cemetery. The main gate to Keesler Air Force Base on White Avenue will remain open during this project, although lanes may be restricted to some degree during the installation in front of the gate.



### Submarine Cable repair...

The submarine cable that provides power to the Popp's Ferry bridge draw will be replaced. For several years the city administration and engineers have attempted to align funding sources to move the project forward. The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) has reviewed the \$1,273,716 bid by K. R. Borries that was approved by Council recently. Most of the work will be done below the bridge deck; lane closures will only occur when the power is switched over to the new cable. No start date has been determined yet since the cable, that has multiple power backup features, has to be manufactured.

### Popp's Ferry Causeway Park...

Biloxi's newest park is anticipated to be completed at the end of June and will offer an interpretive center, boardwalks, nature trails, bait stand, concession stand, fishing piers and kayak rentals. Funding of the \$4 million park is from a state BP grant. The ten acre park is just west of the Popp's Ferry bridge and scheduled for completion at the end of June. No word yet on the ribbon cutting.

[December 2017 drone footage of progress](#)    [April 2018 video of progress \(facebook\)](#)



### Tree Committee.....

The purpose of the Tree Committee is to assist the city in promoting preservation, conservation, and replenishment of native trees to make the city a healthier, more beautiful, and safer place to live. In making its recommendation, the committee is charged with using its best efforts to balance those public goals with the public need for economic development while respecting the rights of individuals to develop their property in a meaningful, responsible way within the law. With the assistance of the City arborist, the committee serves in an advisory capacity. Tree committee members are: Robin Rodolfich, Ward 1; Tracy Wyman, Secretary, Ward 2; Matt Dubaz, Ward 3; Geneva Dumer, Ward 4; Carroll Campbell, Chair, Ward 5; Bernie Marinovich, Vice Chair, Ward 6; and Brian Lamar, Ward 7. The committee meets monthly. [Tree Committee ordinance, 23-2\(G\)](#)    [Tree Committee Agendas and Minutes](#)    [Tree Committee contact information and terms](#)

### Altus Trophy...

The Altus trophy is presented annually by the Altus Chamber of Commerce to the Air Education Training Command

community that provides the best support to its local military installation. Nominated by the Biloxi Bay Area Chamber of Commerce (Cree Cantrell, chaired the nominating committee), [Biloxi was selected for a number of reasons.](#)



**City Website feature...**

A really cool GIS feature has been added to the "Traffic" link. Previously you would see a list of road closures that was updated every week. This new GIS feature provides a color map showing where the roads are closed and if you click on the road closure (red) a message box pops up giving you detailed information about that particular closure. The Traffic link is found on the city's website/homepage, right below the Biloxi banner.

Or, [click here to go directly to the Traffic webpage.](#)

**This week's podcast** [Click here to listen](#) Breakfast with the Mayor, Fallen Officer Memorial, Blue Angels, more...

**B-Alert**

I'm continuing to encourage the public to sign up for the city's B-Alert, a real-time, on-the-go message system to advise residents and visitors of traffic information and other advisories directly to your cell phone. It's FREE, it takes only a few seconds to sign up, and you can opt-in or opt-out at anytime. [Click here for information on how to sign up](#)

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