

June 17, 2018

Good evening all...

The next Council meeting is Tuesday, June 19, 1:30 p.m., at city hall. [Click here to see the agenda](#)

**Other meetings...**

The Development Review Committee (DRC) [See agenda](#)

(Wednesdays, as necessary)

The Architectural & Historical Review Commission (AHRC) No meeting

(Second & fourth Thursdays)

The Planning Commission [See agenda](#)

(First & third Thursdays)

**Beware...**

Sharing with you a message from the city's Technology Department: Beware of an email circulating with the subject "Wage and Income Transcript..." Do not open or click on the link in the email; delete it! It is important to keep in mind the IRS generally does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels. The IRS has information online that can help protect taxpayers from email scams... <https://www.irs.gov/privacy-disclosure/report-phishing>

**Status of a new Popp's Ferry Bridge...**

A June 10 *Sound Off* in the Sun Herald caught my eye: *Build the bridge... All those in favor of getting the ball rolling on a new Popp's Ferry Bridge now, say "aye." Let's get moving Mayor Fofo.* I wish it was that easy. Federal, state, and local governments all have a hand in the funding since it's a really "big ticket item", tens, if not hundreds of millions of dollars. Studies, design, property acquisition, public hearings, etc. are all part of the mix. I was first updated on plans for a new bridge in 2013, when I assumed office. Since then, the Council has approved subsequent engineering-related steps to keep the project moving forward. Project history: [2004](#) [2007](#) [2013](#) [2013 or 2014](#) [2016](#) [2018](#)

**Spraying for mosquitos...**

I've contacted [Harrison County Supervisor](#) Connie Rockco, for her help to spray for mosquitos in [Ward 5](#). Mrs. Rockco has been most supportive in spraying/fogging over the years. She has also helped the city pay for re-surfacing several roads in Ward 5.

**Street sweeping...**

The city has again contracted with Sweep Masters, Inc., for city-wide street cleaning, as specified and scheduled with the Public Works department. The rate is \$65.00/curb mile, or an hourly rate of \$160; the contract runs through September 30, 2019. Typically, the sweeping is done at night when traffic is less congested. [June's street sweeping schedule](#) Check the schedule monthly by going to the city's website and clicking on "Traffic" at the top right of the webpage then scroll to the bottom of that page. Please know that I'm still working with Public Works department to have Ward 5 streets added to the sweeping schedule.

**Woolmarket Library reopens...**

Woolmarket Library, part of the [Harrison County Library System](#), will re-open at their new location later this month at 13034 Kayleigh Cove. (It was scheduled to open this past week but there were issues with the fire panel.) So, if you live out that way, you'll soon be able to stop by and scope out your new library; they're looking forward to seeing you!

**This week's podcast** [Listen](#) (Saints Day returns, Law Fit challenge winners, and more)

**About that HCUA charge on your water bill...**

I'll be explaining the monthly Harrison County Utility Authority charge in my next eBlast. The topic boils up periodically, particularly in social media, and it's not easily explained... but I'll take a crack at doing just that next week.

**Have a question? Send it to me...**

Stay hydrated this week... it's going to be a hot one!  
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