

Good afternoon all...

July 29, 2018

**The Council will meet Tuesday, July 31, 1:30, for a special meeting** to consider: (1) The Biloxi Coding Academy, the Downtown Housing Incentive Pilot Program, and Downtown Facade and Redevelopment Program Administration and the Biloxi Waterfront at Point Cadet – Planning, Engineering and Development Project. The Council wanted to know more about these projects; (2) the Waterfront at Point Cadet – Planning, Engineering and Development Project is likely to be reconsidered since it failed on a 3-3 vote at the July 24th meeting. [Click here to see the agenda](#)

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting is Tuesday, August 7, 6:00 p.m., at city hall, second floor.

**Other meetings...**

The Development Review Committee (DRC)	<a href="#">See the agenda</a>	(Wednesdays, as necessary)
The Architectural & Historical Review Commission (AHRC)	No meeting	(Second and fourth Thursdays)
The Planning Commission	No meeting	(First and third Thursdays)

**Fun Time USA to Development Review Committee (DRC)...**

Those of you following the Fun Time USA development, between Walmart and Beau View Condominiums might note that this development goes before the city’s Development Review Committee (DRC) Wednesday, August 1, 9:00. The DRC meets at the Community Development building, 676 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. [See the agenda](#)

**Tour of Causeway Park (Biloxi Bmail, 07/24/18)...**

To the casual observer, it may look like it’s complete and ready for visitors, but the Popp’s Ferry Causeway Park won’t be opening for another month.

Biloxi Chief Administrative Officer Mike Leonard reports that the city and Mississippi Department of environmental Quality want marsh grass to mature before the public is allowed into the area, “and we’re hoping that it will be before Labor Day.”

The high-profile project, just off the Popp’s ferry Bridge, where 20,000 vehicles pass on an average day, will include a new bait shop and kayak rentals, an open-air interpretive center that will host gatherings, and a host of waterside railed walkways, covered fishing kiosks and marsh overlooks. [Click to read more](#) [See the video](#)

**Hearing on east-west roadway north of the CSX railway in east Biloxi...**

The City of Biloxi will host a community engagement meeting on Aug. 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Biloxi Community Development Department auditorium at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to discuss the proposed federally-funded construction of an east-west roadway north of the CSX railway in east Biloxi. [See the proposed route](#) [Read more](#)

**Building the Budget, FY19...**

I’ll note budget workshops in future eblasts; sit in on one or two and see where your tax dollars are being spent. Budget documents/spreadsheets I’ve put together for my use are found at [tisdaleforbiloxi.com](http://tisdaleforbiloxi.com); scroll all the way down, bottom left. I’ve added one more link that looks at [revenue only](#) from a historical perspective.

**West Biloxi Boardwalk progress...**



Looking east from Sharkhead’s



Looking west from Sharkhead’s



West end of boardwalk at Veterans Blvd.

### **Biloxi youth football and cheerleading registration...**

Registration is August 4 and 11, 9 a.m.- noon, Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Flag football, ages 5-6; tackle football, ages 7-12; cheerleading, ages 6-12. Fees: Biloxi residents, \$30 for one child, \$50 for two children, \$75 for three children, \$90 for four children; Non-Biloxi residents, \$50 per child. Details: 228-388-2483. [Click here to see/print flyer](#)

### **August edition of BNews...**

The new issue of BNews Monthly, with a focus on development in Biloxi and a host of other city news, began arriving at homes and businesses yesterday/Saturday. If yours didn't arrive, look for it Monday in the mail... or [click here](#). Vincent Creel, and trusty assistant Cecilia Dobbs Walton, do an excellent job of producing this publication to keep citizens of Biloxi informed.

### **Bits & Pieces...**

**Biloxi Public Schools** will conduct a Meet & Greet Friday, August 3, for students attending these schools: Biloxi High School, 2:00-3:00; Biloxi Junior High School, 3:00-4:00; Upper Elementary (Gr. 5-6), 3:45-4:45; Elementary Schools, 5:00-6:00. [School Calendar, 2018-19](#) [Biloxi Public Schools website](#) [Fall Sports Schedules](#)

**Registration for swimming lessons, Monday, August 13**, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., for Biloxi residents and non-Biloxi residents, Biloxi Natatorium, 1384 Father Ryan Avenue, 228.435.6205. [Registration flyer](#) [Additional information](#) *Note that there is a charge for the lessons.*

In an earlier eblast, 07/15/18, I noted that the **gazebo at Penzoil McManus Park** was rotting and would be demolished. Actually there's a second "gazebo" shade structure that was being referred to, not the larger, decorative gazebo that's most visible from the road. It's the shade structure roof that will be removed. The big gazebo has been pressure washed and will be getting a coat of paint.

Cost to construct the **new Fire Station #7 (Cedar Lake)** will be **\$4.7M and includes a training facility** that will help the Community Rating System (CRS) which insurance companies use in determining insurance rates for cities.

Issues related to the **box drain at Walda and Old Bay Road** have been repaired/corrected! *Thank you for the prompt work, Public Works!*

Speaking of the **Public Works department, they've been hustling this month...** putting out and picking up barricades/cones for the Blue Angels Air Show, keeping up with grass cutting (their greatest challenge because of the rain), and emergency repairs to infrastructure. Thank 'em when you see 'em.

The **Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum** is now accepting **nominations for its 2018 Heritage Hall of Fame** class. [See/Print the Nomination Form](#)

**This week's podcast** [Listen](#) (Air show recap, development update and more)

The dog days of summer are just around the corner,  
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