

Ward 5 eblast

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Good morning all...

I've received word that the Snyder Recreation Center will reopen Monday, August 31, at 6:00 a.m. The center has been closed for quite a few weeks to order, fabricate and install a new chiller and replace both compressors. In effect, there's now a new air conditioning system in place.

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Meetings this week...

- [Develop. Review Committee \(DRC\)](#)
- [Planning Commission](#)
- [City Council](#)

Bits & Pieces...

- [Census 2020](#)
- **Ward 5 Meeting**
Mon, Sept. 14, 5:30, Snyder Center
- [Council minutes, 01/01/20 -present](#)
Earlier minutes can be found by following links at the top of the page.
- [Weekly department reports](#)
- [See the Docket](#) Your tax \$\$\$...
- [See Traffic/Road closures](#)
- [BTV, watch online](#)



BTV this week

[Monday 08/10/20](#)

[Friday 08/14/20](#)

Who to contact for...

- City complaints or concerns
228.435.6271, cross@biloxi.ms.us
- Trash or garbage issues?
Dial 228.701.9086
Press 1, Waste Management (garbage)
Press 2, Pelican Waste (trash)
- *Water, Sewer, Gas, or Drainage emergency after working hours?*
Call BPD Dispatch: 228.392.0641
- Streetlight issues, [Ward 5](#)
MS Power, 1.800.487.3275

Next Council meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 1:30 pm. [Agenda](#)

Of particular interest... [Click here to view the Council meeting live](#)

- (1) [4A Second Reading: Ordinance re short term rentals and timeshares](#)
- (2) [4B Notice of intent to increase garbage collection and disposal fees](#)
- (3) [5A Declaration of election results, Mississippi Power Co. franchise](#)
- (4) [5D Declaration of surplus items and authorize sale at public auction](#)
- (5) [5U Application for Gulf Coast Restoration Grant, Popp's Ferry Road extension, Phase I project \(Pass Road to Highway 90\)](#)



The second Baricev's Restaurant... a little west of its predecessor, south of Highway 90; about where the eastern portion of the Beau Rivage casino now sits. The seafood dishes were always outstanding!

Millage and taxes...

I'm no expert on city taxes by any means but it's that time of the year when the Council will soon adopt a budget and vote on whether or not to raise taxes... and the T word makes many people nervous. What the Council actually votes on is the tax levy, which is measured in mills. [Biloxi's tax levy](#) has remained the same since 2001, 30.10 mills; the last millage increase was in 1997. The millage high point, 59.06, occurred in 1993 and 1994 when gaming was just getting established. So, your millage hasn't increased in 23 years. And, note that *if* the tax levy had not been reduced several times between 1994-2001 (when gaming revenue picked up quite a bit), your property taxes would be about twice as much as they are today. *Still wondering what the casinos have done for you?*

A tax levy increase of 1 mill would generate about \$585,000 for the city's general fund. It would also mean that your property tax would increase \$10/year for every \$100,000 of your residential property's assessed value. If your home's assessed at \$250,000, your property tax would go up \$25/year; assessed at \$125,000, it would go up \$12.50/year.

On a side note, when your home's assessed value goes up, you pay more taxes... because the Harrison County Tax Assessor is required by Mississippi law to revalue each property in the county every 4 years.

Litter a problem? Pay raise for employees? More cops on the streets? More streets paved? More sidewalks repaired and quicker? Replace old water and drainage lines in west Biloxi? Reduce the cost to parents for city youth sports participation? A place to locate an assessment and transition center for the homeless? It all begins with a single mill... 1 mill.

► **Have any thoughts on this topic?** If so, please send them to me!