

November 18, 2018

Good afternoon all...

No Council meeting this week; the next Council meeting is Tuesday, November 27, 2018, 1:30 p.m., at city hall.

Other meetings/agendas... [Get involved in your city government](#)

Development Review Committee (DRC) **Wednesday, November 21** (Wed., Community Development Bldg)
Architectural & Historical Review Commission **No meeting this week** (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)

Highlights of this past week's Council meeting... Video not available

(1) Approved [4A Resolution approving Memorandum of Understanding between Biloxi Lodging and City of Biloxi, Mississippi for certain development of Point Cadet](#)... Non-binding MOU; \$200M project... 6.3 acres south of Highway 90:360 room hotel, amusement park on raised deck with parking underneath, and possibly a parking garage... 3 acres north of Highway 90 to include 160 room hotel, water park, and restaurant

(2) Approved [4B Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, supporting the Point Cadet Project, and acknowledging that sales tax collected from the Point Cadet Project will be diverted to the Tourism Project Sales Tax Incentive Fund for a period of up to fifteen years pursuant to the Mississippi Tourism Project Sales Tax Incentive Program](#)... Not to exceed 30% of total approved project costs.

Short Term Rentals...

Short term rentals (renting for less than 30 days) are permitted by right in some zones, permitted by Conditional Use in some zones, and prohibited in the remaining zones. This issue is becoming more challenging: (1) Apartments are being "repackaged" and sold as condominiums and these condominiums are being purchased for use as short term rentals, (2) Condominium owners who use their condos as a second home are renting them out as short term rentals; this may run afoul of the condominium's owners association's covenants, (3) Rental property owners in single family residential zones ignore city ordinances prohibiting such, and (4) Rental property owners where short term rentals are permitted as a conditional use do not apply to the city's Planning Commission for approval to do so. At this time, there are approximately 15 short term rentals that have been approved by the Planning Commission/Council to operate lawfully. A slew of short term applicants will be heard by the Planning Commission in December. [Read the city's general guidelines for short term rentals](#)

Perform a random act of kindness for Thanksgiving...

The Gulf Coast Rescue Mission, 2750 Mission Lane (off DeBuys Road, in Ward 5) does great work and offers a Thanksgiving Day meal annually to those less fortunate. They'll be most grateful for donations of: 12-15 lb. turkeys, hams, mashed potato flakes, chicken broth, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, and desserts. Tom Mims is the Executive Director... 228.388.3884, office@gcrm.us... [See WXXV Video, 2017](#)

City property now available for lease or purchase...

City property available for lease or purchase... [See the map](#) (Bmail, Nov. 8) This month the city published Request for Proposals (RFP) for either sale or lease of the properties, and any agreements would be influenced by price, benefit to the city and community in general, and proposed use. For instance, the RFPs noted a neighborhood grocery store could be a factor in price. Proposals, which must be accompanied by a refundable \$5,000 certified check, are due to the city by 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, and any agreements would require City Council approval. Among the sites: 18 narrow parcels south of Division Street on Caillavet, a corner parcel at Caillavet and Division, and further east on Division, a large parcel near Oak Street that stretches from Division Street to the CSX railway and was once the site of the "city barn." Two recreational sites, O'Reilly and Danella parks, also are included in the RFPs.

Mississippi Power begins Neighborhood Efficiency Program...

Mississippi Power has begun a Neighborhood Efficiency Program in selected parts of the city. The program assists low income communities by: (1) educating the customer on energy usage through an in-home energy audit; (2) installing energy efficient measures at no cost to the customer and; (3) reducing the customer's energy bill by making homes more efficient. The customer will receive a box of 6 LED bulbs. Mississippi Power will also pay for a HVAC tune-up, attic insulation, or duct sealing depending on which will benefit the customer the most. To see the selected neighborhood/streets, click on these links: [Hollywood Blvd.](#) and [Vaughn St.](#)

Thunderbirds at Biloxi May 4-5, 2019... [Read the Bmail for more info](#)

Keesler Air Force Base and the City of Biloxi, working with the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, have confirmed that the official date for "Thunder Over the Sound: The Keesler and Biloxi Air and Space Show" will be May 4-5, 2019. The event takes place over both KAFB and the Biloxi sound. While exact times and acts are still being coordinated, in the morning eventgoers will be able to enter base, see aircraft static displays up close, and watch a number of smaller air acts. In the afternoon, attendees can go off base, into Biloxi, along the beach just off White Avenue, and watch the Thunderbirds and other acts perform over the Gulf of Mexico.

Parks & Recreation Senior Programs...



The Parks and Recreation Department welcomed Seniors for their annual Thanksgiving breakfast, November 8, at the Snyder Recreation Center. (Police Chief John Miller, far left, and Asst. Fire Chief Vincent Payne, left) The department, under the direction of Mrs. Sherry Bell, offers a number of activities each month for the city's Seniors. [Click here to see the November calendar for Seniors](#) [Click here to visit the Parks and Recreation web page](#)

Bits & Pieces...

- City offices are closed Thursday, November 22, and Friday, November 23, for Thanksgiving
- Biloxi Public School students will be out of school this week, November 19-23, for their Fall Holiday
- To receive text notifications with the latest traffic and other advisories... [B-Alert](#) ... Text: BILOXI to 888777.
- Burned out streetlight on your street? [Let Mississippi Power know \(south of Biloxi Bay only\)](#)
- What, Where, and When about crime in Biloxi... [See Crime Mapping](#) [Learn more about using this tool](#)
- To report a water, sewer, gas, or drainage emergency **after** working hours, call Police Dispatch, 228.392.0641
- *Have a question?* Send it to me...

Traffic/Road closures for the week ahead [See the list](#)

(Scroll to bottom of the webpage to see the streets sweeping schedule.)

This week's podcast [Listen](#) (Mayor Gilich talks about new opportunities in east Biloxi)

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours,
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