

# Ward 5 eblast

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Good morning all...

A timely reminder that "free" building permits (actually, the permit fee was waived, you'll still need a building permit) for commercial and residential repairs due to Hurricane Zeta ends Friday, April 30.

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## Meetings this week...

- [Develop. Rev. Committee \(DRC\)](#)
- [City Council](#)

## Bits & Pieces...

- [Hedgewood Community Market](#)
- [Shuckers' baseball schedule](#)
- [Veterans Avenue pier? We'll see...](#)
- A utility boring permit has been issued for the back side of Harbor Freight, 290 Eisenhower Drive... to begin on 04/20/21 and expected to end by 06/20/21
- [Woolmarket City Center opens](#)
- [Weekly department reports](#)
- [See the Docket](#) Your tax \$\$\$...
- [See Traffic/Road closures](#)
- [BTV, watch online](#)

**Biloxi A to Z**

[Friday 04/16/21](#)

## Who to contact for...

- City complaints or concerns  
228.435.6271, [cross@biloxi.ms.us](mailto: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, April 20, 1:30 pm [Agenda](#) [Watch live](#)
- (1) ► [4A First Reading: Amend ordinance, where short-term rentals allowed](#)
  - (2) [4B Deny zoning map amendment, Bellewood subdivision, Lorraine Road](#)
  - (3) [5A Extend deadline, Housing Incentive Grant, 576 Comfort Place](#)
  - (4) [5B Professional Services Agreement, Frank Genzer, architect](#)
  - (5) [5D Lease agreement for Creole Cottage, 132 Rue Magnolia](#)
  - (6) [5E Enter Lease Agreement for additional storage space, 339 Division St.](#)

## Highlights of this past week's Council Meeting... [Video \(2:02:28\)](#)

- 1) Approved the operation of low-speed vehicles on city streets [More...](#)
- 2) Approved conditional uses for two short-term rentals, Biloxi Shores Apts
- 3) Authorized police department to apply for federal grant, \$2.3M
- 4) Approved change order #7, Saenger Theatre exterior/interior repairs
- 5) Accepted donation to fire department for extrication equipment



Buena Vista Hotel and pavilion, bottom of pic, date unknown.

Note Highway 90/Beach Boulevard was only two lanes.

## Little Library now at McManus-Pennzoil Park... Pics: [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#)

A special *Thank You* to the Biloxi-Ocean Springs Junior auxiliary for recently providing a Little Library at McManus-Pennzoil Park. Little Libraries provide free children's books to promote and encourage a young child's love for reading. If you take a book from the Little Library, replace it with another children's book... and there will always be new books to read!

## Redistricting city ward lines after 2020 Census...

Ward lines will be redrawn prior to the 2025 city elections; my best guess would be sometime in 2022 or 2023 but that's only a guess. Redistricting last occurred in the spring of 2013 about 6 weeks before city elections. I've heard a number of comments over the past 7 years about how wacky the current ward lines are but they reflect the population shift following Hurricane Katrina and resident resettlement in west and north Biloxi after the storm. Compare [today's ward lines](#) with the [ward lines before 2013](#).