



Pascagoula City Council

938-6614

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Ward 1

George Wolverton, Sr.
Ward 2

Joe Abston
Ward 3

Frank Corder
Ward 4

Jim Milstead
Ward 5

Harold Tillman, Jr.
At Large

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Planning & Building	938-6620
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Officer Steven Loris recognized by MS Coast Crime Stoppers



Officer Steven Loris and wife Jessica

In April Mississippi Coast Crime Stoppers (MCCS) honored law enforcement throughout the coast at the 3rd Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Breakfast at Oak Crest Mansion in Pass Christian. Our very own Officer Steven Loris of the Pascagoula Police department was awarded Jackson County Officer of the Year and Overall Officer of the Year. Loris was recognized for his bravery in pursuit of a man who stole a car at the Pascagoula

Walgreens in December. A 3-year-old child was in the backseat of the stolen car, and Loris chased the suspect by car and on foot until he was apprehended. The child, found on the side of road in the Orange Grove community in Jackson County, had not been physically harmed. Loris said he had been on duty for only a few minutes when he received a description of the incident. He then saw the stolen vehicle and followed it. "I pursued the vehicle and got the suspect and found the child," Loris said. "That was probably the most rewarding experience in what we do as police officers." Congratulations to Officer Loris for this great accomplishment! Read more about this story at <http://www.sunherald.com/2013/04/09/4581027/pascagoulas-steven-loris-wins.html#storylink=cpy>.

General Election set for June 4

The City of Pascagoula General Election will be held Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Voting precincts will be open from 7AM-7PM. It is important to note that voting precincts in this municipal election may differ from those in federal or county elections. Voting wards, associated precincts, and other information can be found at cityofpascagoula.com. Call 938-6615 for further information.

"Complete Streets" Policy allows for new bike lanes in Pascagoula



Jackson Avenue

The streets of our city are an important part of the livability of our community. They ought to be for everyone, whether young or old, motorist or bicyclist, walker or wheelchair user, bus rider or shopkeeper. Now, in communities across the country, a movement is growing to "complete the streets." The City of Pascagoula adopted a Complete Streets Policy on May 18, 2010. Simply, the policy states that anytime road construction is being done, the work will take into consideration

Planning, Building, and Engineering

The City of Pascagoula Code Enforcement and Planning Departments, located at 4015 14th Street, have recently undergone organizational changes. The departments are now organized into "Planning and Building", "Code Enforcement", and "Engineering" divisions to better represent the three distinct functions of the department. This combined department is led by Jaci Turner, former Program Manager for the



Permit Clerk Michelle Neal

City of Pascagoula, under the title, Planning, Inspections and Engineering Director.

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**City Council
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City Council Action

More information about council action may be found at cityofpascagoula.com.

City Council

1st & 3rd Tues. of each month; 6 PM at City Hall

Planning Commission

2nd Wed. of each month; 6 PM at City Hall

Parks & Recreation Commission

1st Wed. of each month; 6 PM at Rec. Center

Main Street Board of Directors

1st Mon. of each month; 4 PM at the Train Depot

February 19, 2013

Resolution

Resolution approving interlocal agreement with Jackson County, MS for the use of county owned voting machines in municipal elections.

Resolution

Resolution appointing appraisers of certain real property.

Ordinance No. 2-2013

An ordinance to amend section 26-1 of the code of ordinances of Pascagoula to change the name of the voting place of ward 3 precinct from First Church of the Nazarene to Victory Praise & Worship Center.

March 5, 2013

Resolution

Resolution that various parcels of land have been found to be unclean and a menace to public health and safety of the community. If the parcels are not cleaned within seven days of this date, the parcels will be cleaned and associated costs assessed against the parcels.

Ordinance No. 3-2013

An ordinance to amend section 2-141 of the code of ordinances of Pascagoula to add a new subsection (e) to eliminate civil service coverage for all employees who are not certified law enforcement officers or certified firemen.

March 19, 2013

Proclamation

Proclamation that May 2013 is Bike Month.

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health and safety of the community. If the parcels are not cleaned within seven days of this date, the parcels will be cleaned and associated costs assessed against the parcels.

Resolution

Resolution removing surplus property of no value to the City and sending to auction to be sold.

April 2, 2013

Proclamations

Proclamation that April, 2013 is Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Proclamation that April, 2013 is Fair Housing Month.

Ordinance No. 4-2013

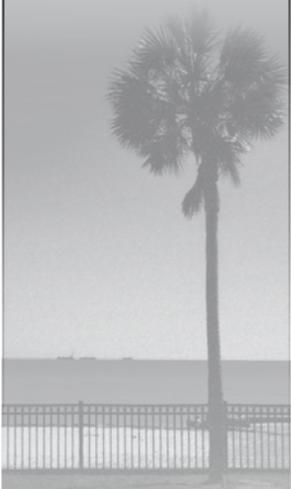
An ordinance to to close and vacate a certain unnamed public street lying East of 14th Street, North of Highway 90, South of Amonett Street and being a portion of Lot 65 of the Sidoine Krebs Tract, situated in Claim Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Jackson County, Mississippi.



Koast Karate Club



From left to right: George Wolverton, Sr., Jim Milstead, Joe Abston, Robbie Maxwell, Frank Corder, Robert Stallworth Sr., Harold Tillman, Jr.



City of Pascagoula selected to receive \$400,00 in Brownfields Grants



The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced on May 8 that the City of Pascagoula has been selected for two brownfields assessment grants of \$200,000 each. The term “brownfield site” means real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

“This is great news for the City of Pascagoula,” says Pascagoula Community and Economic Development Director, Jen Dearman. “With this grant from the EPA, we will be able to take an inventory of properties along the riverfront and throughout the Central Business District. Once the inventory assessment is complete, we can seek additional funding to perform any actual clean-up. Cleaning up brownfield sites can really have a positive impact on a community in many ways.”

Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to perform 15 Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments. Phase I assessments include determining potential and existing environmental contamination liabilities. Phase II assessments consist of collecting samples and testing for contamination, and can also help define cost and extent of possible future clean-up. Grant funds also will be used to conduct a brownfields inventory and cleanup planning, and support community outreach efforts. Efforts will focus on the Central Business District and the Pascagoula River Waterfront.



Every 2nd and 4th Saturday, now through October
www.pascagoulafarmersmarket.com

2nd Annual Flagship Ride rescheduled for June 8



The City of Pascagoula Parks and Recreation is hosting the 2nd Annual Flagship Ride on Saturday, June 8 starting at the Pascagoula Riverfront, 3104 Front Street. This event was rescheduled in May due to weather. Registration will begin at 8 AM, and the cyclists will begin their ride at 9 AM. Donations of any amount will be accepted or sponsor a sharrow (a shared lane marking) for \$40; all proceeds will go toward sharrow.

“This event is for those who want to get outdoors, get active, and socialize with fellow cyclists of all abilities,” says Outdoor Recreation Specialist Kristi Ducote. “It also is an opportunity for participants to take an active role in improving our streets by promoting safety and awareness for all road users, especially pedestrians and cyclists. Participants will be supporting their community in making strides toward promoting a healthier, active lifestyle.”

Two routes will be offered. A 10-mile route will follow Pascagoula’s Historic Bike Trail; an extended route will go over Highway 90 Bridge to Singing River Island for a 20-mile route. Participants are strongly encouraged to wear proper safety gear. End your ride back at Riverfront Parking and enjoy refreshments provided by Parks and Recreation.

Planning, Building, and Engineering

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The Planning and Building division is focused on renovations, new homes, businesses, buildings, and other development in the city. Led by Building Official, Bill (Buff) Dunnam, this team works primarily with homeowners, engineers and architects, builders, contractors, and developers. They review plans to ensure compliance with City Development Ordinances, the International Building Code, and Floodplain Regulations.

The Code Enforcement division is responsible for making sure that City Ordinances and the International Property Maintenance Code are enforced. They address issues related to abandoned buildings, poorly maintained properties, overgrown grass, signage, etc. Questions and reports of code violation are directed to these staff, led by Code Enforcement Supervisor, Adam Burks.

The Engineering Division of this department is made up of department head and Civil Engineer, Jaci Turner, and Engineering Technician, Eric Hartman. This division is completing some engineering work in-house that previously was outsourced, which will reduce engineering costs for the City. They are also tasked with monitoring existing construction, stormwater ordinance compliance, and maintaining City maps.

Citizens who have questions related to any of these services may address them at 4015 14th Street or 228-938-6620. Permits may be requested, and code violations or concerns can be reported through the Citizen Self Service website, located at cityofpascagoula.com

Gas Safety Awareness Notice



The City of Pascagoula owns and operates a natural gas distribution system in and around the City of Pascagoula. The purpose of the gas system is to provide a safe economical source of energy for heating purposes to the homes and businesses adjacent to the

underground gas pipelines. Natural Gas is odorless, colorless, tasteless, lighter than air and can explode with tremendous force when mixed with the right amount of air. Odorant is added to the gas to give it that distinctive smell, similar to rotten eggs, to warn us of its presence. Anyone who may smell this odor or notice any unusual conditions on or near gas mains, vents, service lines, meter sets, or especially inside of a building should call the City of Pascagoula immediately. If you smell a strong gas odor inside a building, notify everyone in the building to leave. Do not operate any switches or use the phone. Go a safe distance away upwind of the gas smell and call the City of Pascagoula at 228-938-6623. With any gas leak, protect life first then property, then notify the City of Pascagoula. Pipeline markers are maintained along the pipeline right-of-way to inform the public of underground gas line location. State and federal laws require excavators to notify the state MS One-Call Center 48 hours before digging. To obtain any information concerning the pipeline location, call the City of Pascagoula. If any excavation is planned you must notify the MS One-Call Center by dialing 811 or 1-800-227-6477 which will notify the City of Pascagoula to locate any gas lines, this is a free call. If you are digging and break a gas line, federal law requires you to dial 911 and report your name and location. Emergency personnel will contact the City of Pascagoula Gas Department. This information and the pipeline signs are provided as public awareness and damage prevention awareness notices.

Casting for Conservation Kid's Fishing Rodeo draws over 100 kids



The City of Pascagoula Parks and Recreation in cooperation with Coast Conservation Association (CCA) and the Department of Marine Resources (DMS) held the Casting for Conservation Kid's Fishing Rodeo" in April. The free, annual event took place

at the Pascagoula River Park fishing pier, on the west bank of the river off Highway 90. Over 100 Kids ranging in age from 5-13 years learned how to fish including casting, fish identification, and proper release. They then practiced what they learned by fishing with their own rods on the River Park Pier. Participants also learned knot-tying, marine conservation, and water safety. After a morning of fishing, kids enjoyed plenty of free pizza and drinks. Sponsors of this event included Killer Bee Bait, Domino's Pizza, Allen Beverages, Inc., and the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.



Don't miss out on all the great things happening in Pascagoula!

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- Look for our quarterly newsletter in your mailbox and online at cityofpascagoula.com



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Pascagoula Civil Service Commission

Pascagoula has a Civil Service Commission, which is responsible for administering Civil Service for city employees who are covered. Currently certified members of the police and fire departments are covered as well as employees who are covered under grandfathered provisions. The Civil Service Commission has a three person membership. Members are appointed by the City Council and serve for six year terms.

The Civil Service Commission manages the testing and assessment processes for filling positions that require certification by state fire and law enforcement regulations.

The Civil Service Commission and the City of Pascagoula would like to thank Kathilee Bosarge who has admirably served on the Commission since 2006 and retired in March. Kathilee was a retired Captain of the Pascagoula Police Department where she served for twenty-two years. We all wish Kathilee well and are appreciative of all of her efforts as an employee and as a Commissioner.

Joining the Commission to take the seat vacated by Kathilee Bosarge is John Gaffney. John is a retired Lieutenant of the Moss Point Police Department. He lives in Pascagoula and owns Round Island Divers, a dive shop located in Pascagoula. We welcome John to the Commission and look forward to working with him.

The other members of the Civil Service Commission are, Doug Hague a retired Captain with the Pascagoula Fire Department and Nicky Maxwell, who serves as the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission.

Pascagoula Summer Solstice Strawberry Moon Festival set for June 21



The Pascagoula Summer Solstice Strawberry Moon Festival is set for June 21. The festival is part of South Coast Summer Fest, a 10 day celebration showcasing coastal Mississippi's waterways and local culture. The schedule of events are as follows:

10AM-2PM **Kayaking Introductions for kids**--10 Ways to Paddle Safely, Importance of Life Jackets: types & fit; Types of Kayaks; Kayak & Paddle terms; Paddler's Safety Checklist: appropriate clothing, sunscreen, footwear, water & snacks, and first-aid. *Family Interactive Center in Pascagoula*

4PM-9PM **Pascagoula's Summer Solstice and Strawberry Moon Festival**--An after hours block party at Lighthouse Park in Pascagoula

7PM-9PM **Twilight Kayak Paddle on Kreb's Lake**

More details about these events are coming soon! See cityofpascagoula.com or southcoastsummerfest.com for updates!

Bike lanes

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consideration all users (motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, etc.) at all levels of mobility (all ages; all levels of handicap). Within budgetary constraints, all accommodations will be made so that the roads and streets of Pascagoula accommodate all users.

The bike lanes on Jackson Avenue are the first in the City and hopefully the first of many to come! Jackson Avenue needed to be repaved and in the design/evaluation process, we found that the road would be better served with two travel lanes and one obligated middle turn lane. This left plenty of room for a bike lane on either side.

Round Island Lighthouse Topping Ceremony



The City of Pascagoula held a "Topping Ceremony" on May 13 to celebrate the placement of the lantern gallery atop the Round Island Lighthouse in Pascagoula. The lantern gallery was restored last year and has been waiting on site for the rebuilding of the structure to be completed. Placement of the lantern

gallery is part of Phase III of the Round Island Lighthouse restoration project. The restoration began with Phase I in 2010, which consisted of relocating the lighthouse from its original location of Round Island to the foot of the Pascagoula River Bridge on Highway 90. Phase III will bring the lighthouse back to its original state enabling it to become a symbol of Pascagoula's maritime heritage. Commemorative t-shirts and ornaments are on sale now and can be purchased at the Community and Economic Development department, 630 Delmas Avenue.

The Jackson County Historical and Genealogical Society presented a historical panel to provide visitors with a brief history of the lighthouse. Once the Lighthouse is complete, this panel will be installed at the site permanently.

Funding is still needed for Phase III. The reconstruction of the lighthouse exterior is anticipated to be complete in the fall of 2013. Depending on funding, the interior portions of the lighthouse could be complete as early as spring of 2014. To date, the project has secured \$1.25 million of funding from various sources including FEMA, MDAH, CDBG, Tidelands, and private donations. Although the project has made great strides, significant funding is still needed. There are several sponsorship opportunities available. For more information please contact Jen Dearman at 228-938-6639.

Calendar of Events



228-938-2356

Colors of Fun Summer Camp

06/06-08/06

Ages 6-12. Only \$80 per week (additional fees apply for non-residents). Cost includes: arts 'n crafts, games, field trip admission, & special events. There is a \$5 nonrefundable registration fee for all campers. Camp hours are 7:00 AM-5:30 PM at the Pascagoula Recreation Center, 2935 Pascagoula Street. Space is limited, so register online at cityofpascagoula.com today! Call 938-2356 for more information. **No camp July 1-5**

Baseball Camp

06/03-06/06

Ages 6-15. Registration fee is \$5. Cost is \$50 for residents/\$75 for non-residents.

Register online between April 15 and May 24 at cityofpascagoula.com. Instructor: PHS State Championship Coach Richie Tillman & Staff.

2nd Annual Flagship Ride/Singing River Cyclists Meetup

06/08; 2nd Saturdays of the month

The 2nd Annual Flagship Ride has been rescheduled for the 2nd Saturday in June, the 8th. Registration is at 8 AM, followed by the ride at 9 AM. The ride will start and end at the Pascagoula Riverfront, 3104 Front Street. Also, Singing River Cyclists meet every 2nd Saturday at 8AM starting at Beach Park, 600 Park Street. For more information please call Kristi Ducote at 228-938-2356.

Tennis Camp at IG Levy S. Tennis Center

06/10-06/13

Ages 6-15. Registration fee is \$5. Cost is \$30 for residents/ \$45 for non-residents. Register online at cityofpascagoula.com between May 20-June 7.

Scranton Boat Museum Grand Opening

06/14

Details TBA. Check cityofpascagoula.com for updates!

Swimming Lessons

June and July

Swimming lessons are available this summer for ages 3 and up. There are several sessions and times. Please see cityofpascagoula.com/parks-recreation for more information.

Gulf Coast Crew Soccer Camp

07/01-07/03

Ages 5-13. Cost is \$70 for residents. Additional fees apply for non-residents. Registration fee includes 3 days of camp, camp t-shirt, and camp soccer ball. Camp is hosted by Neil Scott, neil@gulfcoastcrew.com at the Pascagoula Soccer Complex. For more info visit www.gulfcoastcrew.com. Register online at cityofpascagoula.com.

4th of July Celebration

07/04

Live music and "Dog-n-Burger" concessions. Twenty minute fireworks display shot from Beach Park pier over the beautiful Mississippi Sound. Orchestrated to music on Magic 93.7.

Outdoor Adventure Camp

07/29-08/02

Youth ages 13-16. Camp is from 8 AM- 5 PM. at the Scranton Nature Center. Activities include

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kayaking, hiking, bicycling, MGCCC Ropes Course and Climbing Wall, McCoy's Marsh Tour, fishing, disc golf, skate park, geocaching, and museum tours. Cost is only \$105 for residents/ \$130 for non-residents. Call 938-2356 or email kducote@cityofpascagoula.com for more information.

Zumba

Mondays & Wednesdays

Looking for a fun way to get fit? Give our Zumba Fitness Class a try. Zumba is an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party™ that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. Zumba classes meet on Monday and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm at 2935 Pascagoula St. The cost is only \$5 per person, per class or \$40 for 10 lessons. The first class is free. 938-2356

Line Dancing Class

Tuesdays

Learn dances such as Biker's Slide, Electric Slide, Cupid Shuffle, Jamaica Funk, and more. Have fun while you exercise. Class will be held from 6:30-7:30 P.M. on Tuesdays. The cost is only \$5 per person, per class.



Lots-O-Clay Summer Camp

06/17-06/21; 9AM-Noon

Kids ages 6-12 learn to make their own pottery! Cost is only \$150 and includes snack and supplies. Call 938-6789 for more information and to register.

Art Summer Camp

06/24-06/28; 07/08-07/12; 9 AM-Noon

Kids in grades k-6 work on various arts projects including local art history. Cost is \$200 and includes snacks and supplies. Call 938-6789 for more information and to register.

Imagination Makers Summer Camp

07/15-07/19; 9 AM-Noon

Kids ages 7-12 create their own artwork using a variety of colors and media. Cost is \$125 and includes snacks and supplies. Call 938-6789 for more information and to register.

Kanvas & Koolaid

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month
Kanvas and Koolaid classes for kids in grades K-2 will meet from 9-11 A.M. during the summer on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Grades 3-6 will meet from 9-11 A.M. on the

3rd Wednesday of the month. The cost is only \$25 and includes supplies. Please preregister by calling 228-938-6789.

Canvas & Cocktails

Painting party for adults! Call for times and dates. 938-6789

Pascagoula Summer Solstice Strawberry Moon Festival

06/21

Kayaking instruction and demo for kids and adults, a block party at Lighthouse Park, and a twilight paddle at Krebs Lake! See cityofpascagoula.com or southcoastsummerfest.com for more info!

Blues at the Beach Summer Music Series

2nd Friday of the month

6 P.M. at Pascagoula Beach Park

June--Fort Bayou Slim

July--Rhythm and Rain

August--Mississippi Rail Company



Pascagoula Farmers Market

2nd and 4th Saturday of the month through October from 7 A.M. - 1 P.M.
www.pascagoulafarmersmarket.com