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Come celebrate and shop at the 11th Annual *Downtown for the Holidays*. This event is Friday, December 2, from 5 – 9 p.m. Enjoy an evening of carriage rides, specialty vendors, fire truck rides, live entertainment, shopping and much more. While shopping, participate in the Passport to Pascagoula for a chance to win a gift basket filled with various merchandise from local participating businesses. All you have to do is visit participating businesses, get your card stamped, and return the card by 5pm on December 5 to the Chamber or the Main Street office at the train depot for

your chance to win! The Passport Cards will be given to participating businesses and handed out by elves during *Downtown for the Holidays*.

Also, don't forget about the Christmas Parade! The parade kicks off on Saturday, December 3 at 6 pm. The route is North onto Pascagoula Street, West onto Delmas Avenue, down to Anchor Square and left on Anchor Street where it ends. For more information on these events contact Rebecca Davis at 938-6604.

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City of Pascagoula Receives Recycling Grant



The City of Pascagoula has always been a proponent of recycling. In an effort to increase awareness of the need to recycle, the City has placed 12 recycling containers at the following locations: Beach Park, IG Levy Memorial Park (North and South), Anchor Square, on Delmas Ave., the Pascagoula Recreation Center, Andrew Johnson Recreation Center, Youth Baseball, 12th St. Softball, the Pascagoula Soccer

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Complex, and MCC Park, with the twelfth being placed at Pine Street Park. Each bin holds four 32 gallon containers that are designated for aluminum, cardboard, paper, and plastic. These 12 containers, along with promotional educational materials, a bailer and collapsible recycling bins for events (to be purchased in the future) were purchased at **no cost** to the City. A Grant in the amount of \$40,000 was received from DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality). In addition, Delta Sanitation has agreed to pick up the recyclable materials at no cost (in an effort to partner with the City and MDEQ).



Homeless Youth Awareness

By Jamie Redding

November is **National Homeless Youth Awareness Month** and was created to build awareness of the critical issue of youth homelessness. Youth homelessness leads children, as young as 11 years old, into horrible situations. These youth often resort to illegal activities as a part of their survival strategy. These activities include prostitution, drug dealing, gang activity, and theft. While homeless youth often engage in criminal activity, research shows that they are more likely to be the victims of crimes. They are usually the victims of physical and sexual assault, as well as theft.

The shocking number of homeless youth in Mississippi has steadily increased in recent years, which is why Mississippi has developed a campaign to try to raise awareness. This campaign aims to increase the awareness and improve state and local policies to prevent child homelessness. For more information regarding the seriousness of this growing dilemma and what you can do to help out, please visit the following links: [Mississippi Campaign to End Child Homelessness](#) and [Family Homelessness.org](#).

Special Ops March through Pascagoula

Eighteen Special Ops forces marching from San Antonio, Texas, to Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, passed through Pascagoula last week. The airmen marched to commemorate the three who were lost in a CH-47 crash in Afghanistan on August 6. The lost airmen were Staff Sgt. Andy Harvell, Tech Sgt. John Brown, and Tech Sgt. Dan Zerbe. Seventeen Navy Seals were also lost in that crash.

The 812-mile march, called the Tim Davis Memorial March, began on Sunday October 16, and continued through Wednesday, October 26. There are six teams of airmen who march relay style 24 hours a day.

The March is also in honor of 17 special operations pararescuemen and combat controllers who have been killed in action since 2001.



Pascagoula City Council

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Talking Trash

By David Groves

The Pascagoula Transfer Station is located on Elder Ferry Road in Moss Point, MS. The facility is owned and operated by the City of Pascagoula.

The facility was originally opened for commercial business in February 1985, and at the time was known as the Pascagoula Energy Recovery Facility. This facility was a waste energy facility that used solid waste as fuel to heat boilers and generate steam. The steam was then piped and sold to Morton Thiokol. Thiokol used the steam in their processing plant to reduce the amount of natural gas that they used to produce steam.

In January 2000, the facility was shut down due to the closure of the Morton Thiokol facility. At that time the City decided to convert the Energy Recovery Facility into a Transfer Station. The facility has been operating as a Transfer Station since that time.

The Transfer station receives municipal solid waste, both commercial and residential, from multiple waste collection companies. The waste is then reloaded onto semi-tractor trailers using an overhead crane. Then the trailer is weighed to insure that the weight of the trailer does not exceed the road limits, and that the trailer is under the maximum capacity allowed. It is then shipped to Pecan Grove landfill in Harrison County.

By combining loads of multiple collection vehicle onto one trailer the waste collector saves money on the labor and operating costs of transporting the waste to a disposal site. Whereas one collection vehicle will normally carry between



eight and twelve tons of solid waste, a transfer trailer is able to transport up to twenty-four tons in one trip.

The facility currently handles between 250 and 350 tons per day, 5 days a week, 16 hours per day. The facility receives residential household waste from Pascagoula, Moss Point, Gautier, Ocean Springs, and the unincorporated areas of Jackson and George Counties as well as some commercial waste collected in these areas. This amounts to between 70,000 and 80,000 tons per year.

Operations of this facility help reduce the cost of waste disposal to the Citizens and are reflected by having one of the lowest garbage fees in Jackson County. The facility has processed over 1,200,000 tons of waste since opening in 1985. Facility employees include 6 individuals who operate the overhead crane and support equipment, as well as maintain the equipment both through preventive maintenance, repairs, and modifications.

History of Veteran's Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a



President Eisenhower signing HR7786, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in

the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.



City of Pascagoula

Upcoming Events

- * **ZUMBA** classes Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays; 6-7 pm; Only \$5 per class or \$40 for 10 classes; 938-2356
- * **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** First and third Tuesdays at 6pm at City Hall; 762-1020
- * **PLANNING BOARD MEETING** November 9, 6 pm; City Hall; 762-1020
- * **TENNIS LESSONS** at I.G. Levy Park; 2 lessons a week during the month; Register online at cityofpascagoula.com
- * **YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION** During the Month of November; Kids age 6-13; Cost is \$65; Register at the Recreation Department (2935 Pascagoula St.) or online at cityofpascagoula.com
- * **2ND SATURDAY AT THE SQUARE** Shopping, dining, and live music featuring TRIAGE from 12pm-2pm
- * **POTTERY** At Arts on the Avenue; once a week on Tuesday from 9am-12pm; Wednesday from 6pm-9pm; Thursday from 9am-12pm; and Thursday from 5:30pm-8:30pm; Cost is \$200 including supplies; 938-6789
- * **PHOTOGRAPHY** at Arts On The Avenue; November 7, 14, and 21 from 7pm-9pm; Cost is \$60; 938-6789
- * **CANVAS AND COCKTAILS** on November 10, Paint *Hooty the Owl*; Cost is \$35; 938-6789
- * **JACKSON COUNTY VETERAN'S DAY PARADE** November 11th at 10am; parade route begins at Southgate Shopping Center in Moss Point and runs to the Veteran's Memorial Monument in Downtown Moss Point
- * **SUPER SATURDAY: SAFETY AND COMMUNITY HELPERS** November 12; 10 am-1 pm at the Pascagoula School District Family Interactive Center
- * **THANKSGIVING CAMP** at the Pascagoula Recreation department for kids ages 6-13; November 24-25; cost is \$35; 938-2356

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