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**PASCAGOULA NAMED BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY**

*Pascagoula, Miss*— Pascagoula applied for a League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Communities (BFC) designation in July. Based on our efforts including the Historic Pascagoula Bike Trail, Bike Month 2012 celebrations, and Biking Webpage (<http://cityofpascagoula.com/biking>), the City of Pascagoula was awarded a BFC designation of Honorable Mention. The League will promote the City's Honorable Mention status on their website for one year at <http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bicyclefriendlyamerica/communities/>.

As the state advocate for biking and walking, Bike Walk Mississippi was awarded a grant from the Foundation for the MidSouth, the League of American Bicyclists and the Alliance for Biking and Walking, to launch a "Bicycle Friendly Mississippi" initiative in order to increase the Bicycle Friendliness of four communities around the state. The cities included in the grant are: Starkville, Pascagoula, Greenwood and Jackson. Through this partnership with Bike Walk Mississippi, the City plans to hold a public meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at 6:00PM in Council Chambers at City Hall (603 Watts Avenue) to gather community input and define an action plan with the hopes of improving the City's ranking in the future. For more information, please contact the Community and Economic Development Director, Jen Dearman, at (228) 938-6651.

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