



# City of Pascagoula Chamber Report



April 2015

## Housing & Commercial Development:

In the past 30 days, the City of Pascagoula has granted 8 new business licenses.

## Special Projects:

The City of Pascagoula has several projects underway to enhance the City in support of our economic development and the quality of life initiatives.

- ◆ The Andrew Johnson Recreation Center Roof Improvements Project is complete. The City is scheduling a ribbon cutting ceremony. This effort is being financed through the City's annual Community Development Block Grant entitlement funding. The City is currently soliciting bids for a floor improvement project.
- ◆ The City is moving forward with the design phase with Tidelands funding to renovate the boat ramp and piers. Construction will not occur until late fall.
- ◆ Work on Phase IV of the Round Island Lighthouse is progressing with an anticipated completion by June 2015. The interior stairs are nearing completion. The Fresnel lens is on order.
- ◆ The City is seeking new properties for the Brownfields Assessment Project. Stakeholders are encouraged to learn more about this effort at [www.cityofpascagoula.com/brownfields](http://www.cityofpascagoula.com/brownfields) to help the City engage more property owners in this free, low-risk opportunity that could aid in the redevelopment of underutilized, abandoned, and vacant properties.
- ◆ The City is gearing up for the second phase of the Paint Pascagoula Project. Applications are available online at [www.cityofpascagoula.com/paint-Pascagoula](http://www.cityofpascagoula.com/paint-Pascagoula). Applications are being accepted until May 1st.

- ◆ At the April meeting, Emerge Pascagoula heard from Richard Chenoweth on the 2% Tourism Tax Initiative. The next Emerge meeting will be May 14th. Blues at the Beach will continue on May 8th at Beach Park with Blackwater Brass.
- ◆ Funded by MDA, the Lowry Island Redevelopment Project is now complete. With this funding, the City elevated the site, installed parking, landscaping, utilities and amenities. Utilizing Tidelands funding, the City will complete improvements including educational signage and additional amenities. The City recently approved a change in ordinance to allow for a dog park.

## Special Events

### April

**25** Shakespeare at the Square / 11am / Anchor Square

### May

**2** 4th Annual Flagship Ride / 7am / Beach Park

**8** Blues at the Beach / 6pm / Beach Park

**8** Movie Night Under the Stars / 8:15pm / Point Park

**9** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Singing River Cyclist Ride / 8am / Beach Park

**9** Live Oak Arts Festival / 9am / Downtown Pascagoula