



City of Pascagoula Chamber Report



January 2015

Housing & Commercial Development:

In the past 30 days, the City of Pascagoula has granted 2 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 City is currently evaluating bids for the Andrew Johnson Recreation Center Roof Improvements Project. This effort is being financed through the City's annual Community Development Block Grant entitlement funding.
- ◆ The City is moving forward with the design phase with Tidelands funding to renovate the boat ramp and piers.
- ◆ The shade structures for the Promenade have been installed. Electrical work to light Beach Pier will begin in the coming weeks.
- ◆ Work on Phase IV of the Round Island Lighthouse is progressing with an anticipated completion date of June 2015. Permanent exterior lights have been installed.
- ◆ The Brownfields Assessment Project is ongoing with several Phase I and Phase II Environmental Study Assessments (ESA). Stakeholders are encouraged to learn more about this effort at 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 Hospital Road Improvements Project is moving forward in right-of-way acquisition negotiations with property owners. Right-of-way negotiations are expected to last up to nine months and construction is anticipated to begin in the first quarter of 2016.

- ◆ At the December meeting, Emerge Pascagoula heard from Pascagoula Mayor Jim Blevins on the state of the City. At the January meeting, Emerge Pascagoula discussed plans for the neighborhood association meeting and the upcoming year. In partnership with the City, Emerge is spearheading an effort to increase community pride through the development of neighborhood associations. The City recently established a neighborhood association page at www.cityofpascagoula.com/neighborhoodassociations to provide several helpful items including a first steps tool kit. Emerge will host a community informational meeting on the topic at the Pascagoula Senior Center on January 22nd at 6pm.
- ◆ The City is currently evaluating bids for the Canty Kayak and Canoe Launch. This effort is being financed through the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks' Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Special Events

January

22 Emerge Neighborhood Association Public Meeting / 6PM / Pascagoula Senior Center

February

7 Children's Mardi Gras Parade / 10am / Downtown

7 Super Saturday / Aaron Jones Family Interactive Center / 10am-1pm

13 Arbor Day / 10am until supply is exhausted / Scranton Nature Center

14 2nd Saturday Singing River Cyclist Ride / 8am / Beach Park

14 JCCA Mardi Gras Parade / 1pm