



# City of Pascagoula Chamber Report

May 2015



## **Housing & Commercial Development:**

In the past 30 days, the City of Pascagoula has granted 5 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 scheduling a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Andrew Johnson Recreation Center Roof Improvements Project.
- ◆ The Round Island Lighthouse Restoration Project is almost complete. The interior finishes are being installed, and installation of the sponsorship items will be completed in the coming months.
- ◆ 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 can aid in the redevelopment of underutilized, abandoned, and vacant properties.
- ◆ Three boxes have been transformed under the Paint Pascagoula Project Phase II. The three finished boxes are located at the corner of Hwy 90 and Pascagoula St, the corner of Market St and Skip Ave, and the corner of Shortcut Rd and Chicot St. The other six boxes in the Project have been assigned and will be completed in the coming weeks. To view all the renovated utility boxes, please visit [www.cityofpascagoula.com/paint](http://www.cityofpascagoula.com/paint).
- ◆ The City is installing a dog park at River Park on Lowry Island. The area will be fenced and include special dog-friendly amenities.
- ◆ The grant agreement providing funds for the remainder of the Promenade will be on the City Council agenda at the May 19th meeting.

- ◆ Anchor Square is accepting applications to fill current vacancies on an ongoing basis. Anchor Square is undergoing several renovations. A new Anchor Square sign was installed on the north end of the property along Frederic St to increase awareness to those traveling south on Frederic St. The main entrance sign and the marquee sign at the south end of the property will be resurfaced in the next few weeks. All of the cottages have been pressure washed, and are in the process of receiving a fresh, bright repainting. Soon the deck will be renewed with the replacement of numerous boards that are pulling up and receive a coating of sealant. The First Annual Shakespeare at the Square event held on April 25th was resounding success with over 100 attendants. Beyond the general attendants, over twenty community members gave spectacular performances of Shakespeare's most famous scenes. Anchor Square will soon have two new shops: Another Blessing's Café will open by June 1st in cottage E, and Trina's Sweet Treats and More will open by July 1st in cottage M.
- ◆ At the May meeting, Emerge Pascagoula heard from Kevin Holland and Richard Lucas with the Singing River Hospital System. The next Emerge meeting will be June 11th. The May Blues at the Beach was a great success. Blues at the Beach will continue on June 12th at River Park with the Truitt Williams Band.

## Special Events

### May

**20** Wear Yellow Day 2015 (Bike Walk Mississippi)

**24** Sounds by the Sea / 6:30-9pm / Beach Park

**25** Memorial Day

**28** 3rd Annual Fair Housing Workshop / 5:30-7pm / Pascagoula Senior Center

**30** Paddlepalooza / 3-11pm / Lighthouse Park

### June

**12** Blues at the Beach / 6pm / River Park

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

**13** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Singing River Cyclist Ride / 8am / Beach Park

**13** Pascagoula GO Day / 9am-2pm / I.G. Levy Park North