



# City of Pascagoula Chamber Report

January 2017



## **Housing & Commercial Development:**

During November and December 2016, the City of Pascagoula has granted 9 new business licenses.

- ◆ During these months in 2015, the City granted 6 new business licenses.
- ◆ During these months in 2014, the City granted 3 new business licenses.

## **Special Projects:**

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

- ◆ Work has begun on Phase II of the Beachfront Promenade. The construction is completion anticipated by the end of 2017.
- ◆ The B.B. Jennings Park Improvements Project is underway. This Project includes boardwalk replacement, ADA parking upgrades, and a new nature overlook.
- ◆ The City Council is considering design options for the Market Street Revitalization Project.
- ◆ The Round Island Lighthouse ADA Improvements Project continues with the impending installation of the cameras at the top of the Lighthouse and a tactile statute of the Lighthouse.
- ◆ Utilizing Tidelands funding, the City has awarded a contract to install a kayak launch and amenities at River Park.
- ◆ The City recently awarded the construction contract for the Safe Routes to School Jackson Elementary Project at the December 20th City Council Meeting. This Project is being funded in partnership between MDOT, Gulf Regional Planning Commission, the City of Pascagoula, Jackson County, and the Pascagoula-Gautier School District for the installation of traffic calming infrastructure.
- ◆ The City Council, staff, and community are working to prioritize projects from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to be funded by the new 2% tax on prepared food. The tax went into effect January 1, 2017.

- ◆ Anchor Square recently welcomed Itty Bitty Boutique. Itty Bitty specializes in clothing, shoes, and accessories from newborn to tween children. Anchor Square is accepting applications to fill vacancies of single unit retail cottages. Applications and details are available at [www.anchorssquare.com](http://www.anchorssquare.com).

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### **Special Events and Activities:**

- January**
- 14** 2nd Saturday Bike Ride / Beach Park / 8am
  - 16** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
  - 23-24** Bicentennial Flag Exhibit / Pascagoula Library / 10am-5pm
- February**
- 9** Taste of Jackson County / Pelican Landing / 6:30pm-8:30pm
  - 10** Sweetheart Ball / Recreation Center / 6pm-9pm
  - 11** 2nd Saturday Bike Ride / Beach Park / 8am
  - 15** Valentines Day
  - 20** President's Day