



City of Pascagoula Chamber Report



July 2016

Housing & Commercial Development:

During May and June 2016, the City of Pascagoula has granted 7 new business licenses.

- ◆ During these months in 2015, the City granted 11 new business licenses.
- ◆ During these months in 2014, the City granted 12 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.

- ◆ Work has begun on Phase II of the Beachfront Promenade. The construction has an 18 month contract with 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.
- ◆ Ingalls Avenue from Roswell Street to Hester Street closed to through traffic on May 9th to begin a \$2.18 million drainage improvements project along Ingalls Avenue, Holland Street, Miller Street, and Lambert Court.
- ◆ The City is currently in the design phase of the Market Street Improvements Project. Staff continues to meet with Market Street business and property owners to solicit feedback on the conceptual designs. City Council will consider conceptual plans at the August 2nd meeting at 6PM at City Hall.
- ◆ Desoto Street at the bridge just North of Ingalls Avenue was closed July 11th to allow the removal and installation of a new bridge. The City anticipates opening the bridge on September 9th.
- ◆ The Mississippi Municipal League awarded the Pascagoula Police Department the 2016 Excellence in Public Safety Award on June 29th. The award was in response to PD's CALEA accreditation, a national accreditation that only 5 police departments in the State of Mississippi have obtained.

- ◆ Anchor Square is accepting applications to fill vacancies of three single unit retail cottages. Applications and details are available at www.anchorsquare.com. The 5th Annual Anchor Square Block party is scheduled for August 27th from 10AM-2PM with activities, music, food and sales. Check the Anchor Square Facebook page for more information about their upcoming events!
- ◆ The City of Pascagoula is excited to announce a new FREE monthly event: Third Fridays. This event will bring crowds to the downtown area from 5PM-8PM every third Friday of the month. The events are themed. The kickoff event will be the Dog Days of Summer on August 19th. Activities will include live music, vendors, kid activities, community partner booths, pet parade, pet adoption and extend store and restaurant hours.

Special Events and Activities:

- July**
- 23** Pascagoula Police Officers River Run
 - 23** Introduction to Kayaking / Scranton Nature Center / 8am—5pm
- August**
- 12** Blues at the Beach / Beach Park / 6pm
 - 12** Movie Night Under the Stars/ Beach Park / 8:15pm / Zootopia
 - 12** Teen Paddle Night
 - 13** 2nd Saturday Bike Ride / Beach Park / 8am
 - 13** Back to School Overnight Waterpark Trip
 - 19** Third Fridays / Downtown Pascagoula / 5pm—8pm
 - 20** Pascagoula Men’s Club Fishing Rodeo
 - 27** Anchor Square Block Party / Anchor Square / 10am—2pm
- September**
- 5** Labor Day
 - 9** Movie Night Under the Stars/ Beach Park / 8:15pm / Star Wars: The Force Awakens
 - 9** Teen Paddle Night
 - 10** 2nd Saturday Bike Ride / Beach Park / 8am
 - 10** PGSD Super Saturday
 - 16** Third Fridays / Downtown Pascagoula / 5pm—8pm
 - 17** Festival Hispano de Pascagoula/ River Park / 11pm—6pm