



# City of Pascagoula Chamber Report November 2016



## **Housing & Commercial Development:**

During September and October 2016, the City of Pascagoula has granted 6 new business licenses.

- ◆ During these months in 2015, the City granted 8 new business licenses.
- ◆ During these months in 2014, the City granted 10 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 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.
- ◆ Work continues on Ingalls Avenue from Roswell Street to Hester Street with a \$2.18 million drainage improvements project along Ingalls Avenue, Holland Street, Miller Street, and Lambert Court.
- ◆ The City Council voted to maintain four lanes on Market Street from Telephone Road to Beach Boulevard.
- ◆ The new bridge on Desoto Street is now open to traffic.
- ◆ The Round Island Lighthouse ADA Improvements Project continues with the impending installation of a Lighthouse kiosk with videos, cameras at the top of the Lighthouse, a tactile sign with the history of the Lighthouse, and a tactile statute of the Lighthouse.
- ◆ Third Fridays 2016 was a great success. The City looks forward to starting the free monthly event back up in April 2017.
- ◆ Utilizing Tidelands funding, the City will install a kayak launch and amenities in the coming months.

- ◆ Anchor Square is accepting applications to fill vacancies of seven single unit retail cottages and one double unit cottage. Applications and details are available at [www.anchorssquare.com](http://www.anchorssquare.com).
- ◆ A new 2% tax on prepared food was recently approved by the public. The tax will go into effect January 1, 2017. This additional revenue is earmarked for recreational improvements.
- ◆ The City recently held a public workshop seeking input to guide the development of Plan Pascagoula!, the City's comprehensive plan.
- ◆ The City recently opened bids for the Safe Routes to School Jackson Elementary Project. 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 anticipates construction shortly after the new year.

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

- November**
- 11** Veteran's Day
  - 11** Movie Night Under the Stars/ Beach Park / 8:15pm / Jungle Book
  - 12** 2nd Saturday Bike Ride / Beach Park / 8am
  - 22** PGSD Super Saturday / Aaron Jones Interactive Center
  - 24** Thanksgiving Day
  - 26** Small Business Saturday / Anchor Square / 10am-2pm
- December**
- 1** Christmas in the Park / Beach Park / 5:30pm-8pm
  - 2** Downtown for the Holidays & Parade / Downtown Pascagoula
  - 3** Battle on Buffett Beach / Buffett Beach / 8am-5pm
  - 8** Santa's Calling / 6pm-8pm
  - 9** Movie Night Under the Stars/ Beach Park / 8:15pm / Arthur Christmas
  - 10** 2nd Saturday Bike Ride / Beach Park / 8am
  - 16** Tour of Lights Christmas Bicycle Ride / Pascagoula Recreation Center / 5:30pm
  - 22** Play All Day / Pascagoula Recreation Center / 7am-5:30pm
  - 24** Christmas Eve
  - 25** Christmas
  - 27-30** Christmas Camp
  - 28-30** Baseball Camp
  - 31** New Year's Eve