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Prepare Now For Hurricane Season

With hurricane season starting in just over one week, emergency management officials are urging residents to begin preparing.

“Preparation ahead of disasters is the key to less stress,” said Fire Chief Dwight Gordon, who is also the city’s emergency management coordinator. “You and your family should now

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Summer = Seafood



Fr. David Hamm of St Stephen Catholic Church in DeLisle, discusses crawfish with parishioners during the church’s spring gathering last month (photo by Melanie Walrod — see more photos on page 12).

Summer in the Pass means seafood — the seafood festival, that is. Next weekend, look for rides, games, music and, of course, lots of seafood at the annual St. Paul Seafood Festival, which will be set up downtown from May 28 to May 31. See page 3 for a full schedule.

Board Urged To Adopt North Pass Plan

At this week’s Board of Alderman meeting, a public hearing was held on the proposed North Central portion of the Smart Code ordinance and accompanying maps, with several speakers urging the Board to move quickly to adopt it.

The Board also heard from the public on amendments to the text of the SmartCode ordinance previously adopted for East, West and Downtown Pass Christian.

City Planner Jeff Bounds told the Board that it is important to update the outdated zoning currently in place for the North Central District to protect the area. He said that the city will be better served if the North Central SmartCode is adopted and amended as needed in the future.

Several speakers urged the Board to move quickly on adoption of the North Central

Smart Code, saying that for people trying to build or rebuild in the area, and for those organizations helping people rebuild, and for developers wanting to move forward, having to work with an outdated code and a new code not yet in place poses unfair disadvantages.

No one at the meeting spoke against the proposed North Central ordinance.

City Attorney Malcolm Jones explained that what the Board had before them at this meeting was a draft for the purposes of a public hearing, and any amendments must now go to the Planning Commission to be incorporated into the ordinance sections.

The final North Central portion, as well as the amendments for the other sections, will be brought back to the Board meeting of June 3 for

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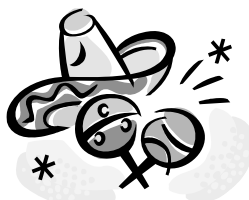


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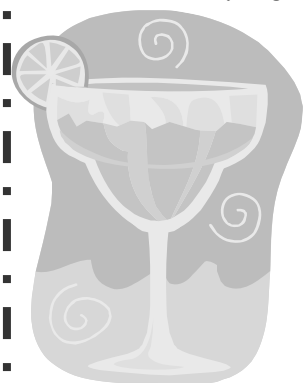
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Sand Intrudes On East End City Well

WPSCO said this week that the city's East End well was shut off Tuesday due to sand intrusion. The city will be operating on two wells. All customers will have service, but could experience low pressure, particularly on the east end of town.

Body Found In Discovery Bay

The Harrison County Sheriff's Department said Wednesday that the dismembered body of Robert Barnes, 79, of Long Beach, was found on May 19 by a local fisherman in Discovery Bay in Pass Christian.

Investigators, including the Harrison County Coroner and members of the Gulfport Fire Department's dive team, were called to the scene at 7:04 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, and recovered the dismembered tissue. The tissue was examined by Dr. Paul McGarry on May 20 and determined to be human remains.

Harrison County Coroner Gary Hargrove then found that the remains were that of Mr. Barnes, who had been reported missing on Monday.

An autopsy revealed that Mr. Barnes, who lived on Red Creek Road, had been stabbed and dismembered. As of Wednesday, police were looking for a man they suspect was involved in the apparent murder.

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consideration of adoption.

At its regular meeting, the Board considered a request from Kathleen Johnson with Katrina Relief. Ms. Johnson's organization has been using property at 601 Josephine Street as a base camp with temporary structures. The City's new flood regulations preclude temporary structures where there are no plans to rebuild a permanent primary structure and the deadline for removal of temporary structures has passed.

The Code Office notified Ms. Johnson on May 8 that she is in violation of City Code and ordered her to discontinue living in the RV on the property and to dismantle and remove all temporary structures. Ms. Johnson was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a letter to the Board requesting an extension to June 30 because her organization is in the process of dismantling the camp but needs a little more time.

Margaret Jean Kalif, who has been working with the City Code Office to resolve all temporary structure issues, advised the Board that Ms. Johnson's group had pulled only one permit in Pass Christian, and that one only in the last month. City Attorney Jones advised the Board that MEMA is now enforcing strict compliance with the new flood regulations and that the requested extension would jeopardize the City's flood insurance. Mr. Jones recommended that Ms. Johnson's request be denied. The Board concurred and voted to deny the request. Code Enforcement Officer Gene Peralta was instructed to no-

tify Ms. Johnson on Wednesday that her request had been denied and the City will notify Mississippi Power and WPCO to disconnect utilities forthwith to the Josephine Street address.

Three bids for surplus vehicles were opened and accepted.

The Board also considered a request to direct the Planning Commission to hold a variance hearing for a Mississippi Cottage for a property owner at 509 E. Scenic Drive. The property owner plans to rebuild his primary residence and has Historic

Preservation Commission approval for the architectural design of the proposed structure. However, he also wants to place the Mississippi Cottage at the back of his property and thus needs Planning Commission approval. The Board approved the request for the variance hearing.

A Proclamation was adopted, designating May 30, 2009, as the beginning of a Coastwide Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is Be Creative @ Your Library. The Lynn Meadows Discovery Center and the Coast public libraries will kick off

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CODE OFFICE CLERK

The City of Pass Christian seeks an individual for the position of Code Office Clerk. Applicants must have general office skills and be able to multi-task. Duties include, but are not limited to, data entry, filing and answering phones. The salary for this position is \$9.50 per hour. This position is not covered under Civil Service. Applications are available at the Code Office. All interested individuals may submit applications by mail or fax to City of Pass Christian, Employment Opportunities, P.O. Box 368, Pass Christian, MS, 39571; Fax: (228) 452-3044. Applications may be submitted to the Code Office at 203 Fleitas Avenue, Pass Christian, MS. Deadline for receipt of applications is June 12, 2009. The City reserves the right to refuse any and all applications received. The City of Pass Christian is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

HARBOR DEPARTMENT

The City of Pass Christian Harbor Department is advertising for the position of Harbor Patrol. The salary for this position is \$9.00 per hour. Basic ability to follow directions and work at any and all tasks assigned is required. Applicants must have a valid driver's license. All interested individuals may submit an application to City of Pass Christian, Employment Opportunities, P.O. Box 368, Pass Christian, MS, 39571 or fax to (228) 452-5928. Applications are available at Harbor Department or City Hall. Deadline for submittal of applications is June 12, 2009. The City reserves the right to refuse any and all applications received. The City of Pass Christian is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The City of Pass Christian seeks an individual for the temporary position of Parks and Recreation Clerk. Applicants must have general office skills and be able to multi-task. Duties include Data Entry, Filing and answering phones, assisting with Parks and Recreation Activities. Football, Baseball, Cheerleading ECT. The salary for this Position is \$9.50 per hour. All Interested Applicants may submit applications by mail or fax to City of Pass Christian, Employment Opportunities, P.O. Box 368, Pass Christian, MS, 39571; Fax: (228) 452-3044. Applications may be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department as well. The City reserves the right to refuse any and all applications received. The City of Pass Christian is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

St. Paul's Seafood Festival



May 28th - May 31st, 2009

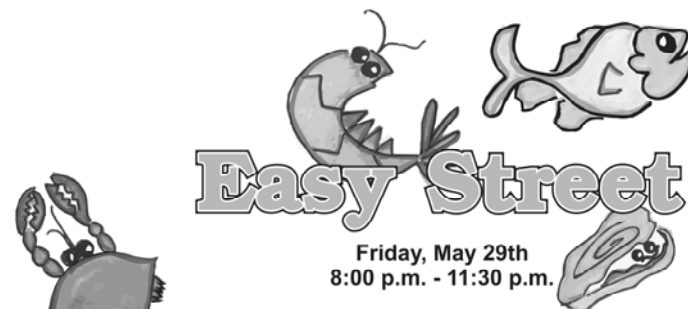
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this summer's reading programs with a special open house at the Center on May 30, 2009.

The Board approved a number of pay requests, change orders and invoices, as well as the Election Certification for the Primary Election for Ward 4, held May 5, 2009 (Ald. Bang recused himself). Insurance quotes from Treutel Insurance Agency were approved: A new flood quote in the amount of \$1,504 and a new builder's risk quote in the amount of \$15,085.37 for the City Hall building; A new flood quote in the amount of \$1,504 and a new builder's risk quote in the amount of \$11,883.25 for the Municipal Court Building.

A letter of resignation from

Police Officer Chris Allen, effective May 15, was accepted.

At the recommendation of Mr. Bruce Anthony of WPSCO, the Board approved payment of \$779.57 to a property owner at 1523 E. Second Street for sewer services billed but not received. It was determined that the house was never connected to the City sewer main; a new sewer tap and sewer line was installed.

The Board also approved payment of \$3,000 to Lyman Well Company for repairs to the East End Water Well. Sand was found in the line and the well was turned off on May 19. Lyman Well Company will pull the pump and top piping and send a camera down to determine

the point of intrusion. Mr. Anthony said that there shouldn't be any interruption in service, and the only inconvenience may be low pressure. He encouraged anyone experiencing any problems to call WPSCO.

In Code Office business, Mr. Peralta reported that property at 68 Poindexter Drive was cleaned up on May 18 so no action is necessary, and that the owner of property at 504 E. North Street is moving out of the FEMA trailer, the trailer will be removed by FEMA, and the property will be cleaned.

Finally, the Board approved advertising for three City positions: Harbor Patrol, Code Office Clerk, and Parks and Recreation Clerk.

— Sue Whitcomb McCoy

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