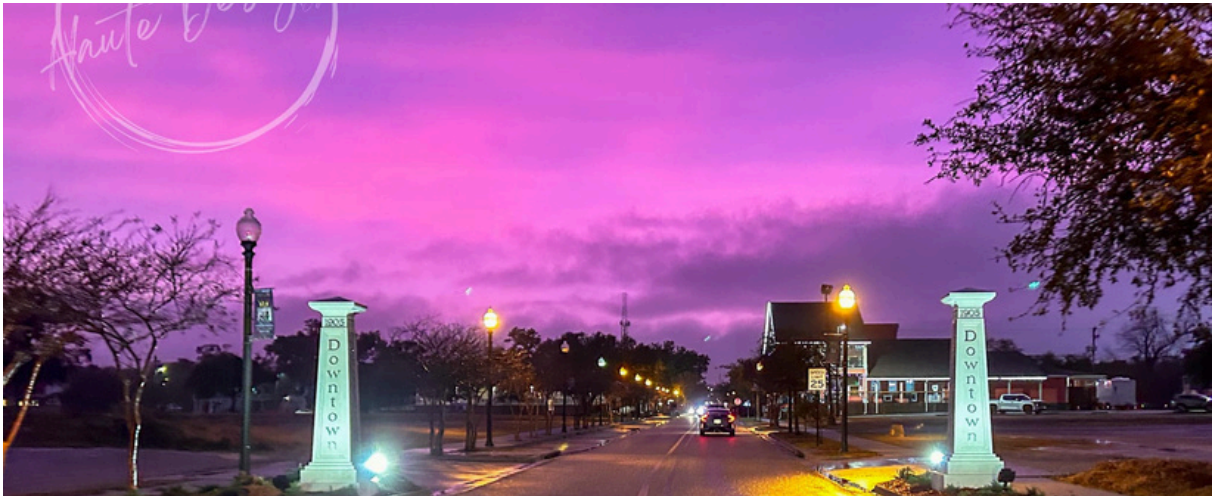


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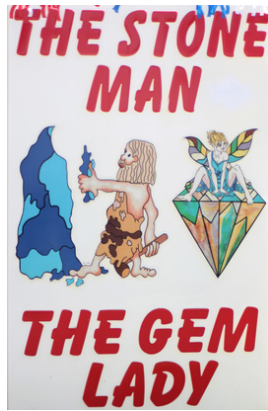
Welcome To The City Of Long Beach Monthly Newsletter!

MARCH 2025

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Business Of The Month - The Stone Man and The Gem Lady

Congratulations to our March Business of the Month, The Stone Man and The Gem Lady!

Be sure to stop in and congratulate them sometime soon!

Located at 98 Jeff Davis Avenue in Long Beach, MS. The Stone Man and The Gem Lady offer a variety of items that are perfect for gifts or collectors. Visit their Facebook Page or website to find more information.



Gateway Groundbreaking

In 2018, the Long Beach Gateway Project was established to revamp the appearance of our city along Highway 90, making it even more inviting for visitors and locals alike. With plans for new signage, improved landscaping, and a stunning lighthouse, this project will help define our identity and boost tourism in the Friendly City! Join us for the Groundbreaking Ceremony on March 11, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the Southern End of Jeff Davis Avenue!



Touch-A-Truck

Long Beach Chamber of Commerce's Touch-A-Truck is a fundraising event that provides kids of all ages with the opportunity to experience life-size vehicles and interact with community support leaders like police officers, firemen, construction workers, and many more! Funds raised from this event go towards the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce's High School Scholarships. Come on out and join the fun!

Downtown Improvements

Upgrading Lighting

Weaver Electric is almost done with the final phase of upgrading downtown Long Beach's light poles to energy-efficient LED lights. This project will enhance visibility, safety, and sustainability in the area, providing brighter and more reliable lighting while reducing energy consumption and maintenance costs.

The city has partnered with Mississippi Power to help illuminate the downtown area, creating a more welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike. Long Beach residents can soon enjoy a brighter and more sustainable downtown!



Restriping Jeff Davis Avenue

Over the past week, crews began restriping Jeff Davis Avenue, including the center lines and parking bays. Work is still ongoing as crews continue to make improvements to the roadway.

We ask that all drivers proceed with caution in the area and remain aware of workers and equipment. Please be mindful of any temporary lane closures or changes in traffic patterns during the project. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to improve the infrastructure of our community. Thank you for helping us keep Long Beach a safer and better place to drive!



New Signage

We're thrilled to announce that a new city sign is being installed at the intersection of Railroad Street and Pineville Road! This new sign is part of the Downtown Revitalization Project and will serve as a vibrant addition to the community.

Once completed, the sign will not only enhance the area's appearance but also allow local organizations and event planners to contact City Hall for approval to hang event banners on the sign.

Please bear with us as the installation continues, and thank you for your patience during this exciting addition to our city! We look forward to seeing the finished sign and all the ways it will help bring our community together.



Long Beach Municipal Election

The primary election is quickly approaching, and it's crucial that all eligible voters are ready to cast their ballots. Whether you plan to vote in person or via absentee ballot, here's everything you need to know to ensure your participation in this important civic event.

Absentee Voting

For those unable to vote in person on election day, absentee voting offers a convenient alternative. Absentee voting begins on February 18 and continues through March 29, with in-person absentee voting closing at 12:00 pm on March 29. If you are opting for a mail-in absentee ballot, it must be postmarked on or before April 1 and received by April 8, no later than 5:00 pm. To vote in the upcoming primary election, you must be registered by March 3rd at 5:00 pm. The Voter Registration Office will be open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm daily, with no closures during lunch hours, giving you ample time to get registered.



Extended Hours for Voter Registration

To accommodate busy schedules, the Voter Registration Office will be offering extended hours at the following times:

- February 24 - February 27: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
- March 1: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- March 22: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- March 29: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

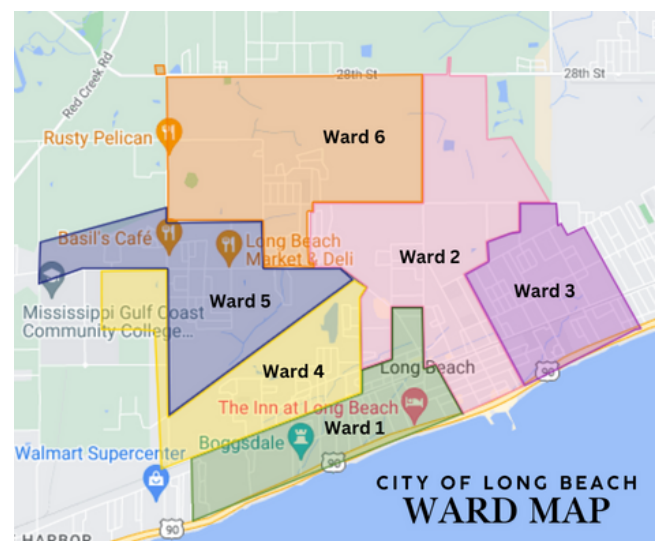
These extended hours provide extra opportunities for you to ensure you are properly registered before the final deadline.

Voting Precincts

As we approach the upcoming election, it's important to know where to go to cast your ballot. Below are the designated voting precincts for each ward in Long Beach:

- WARD 1: First United Methodist Church
- WARD 2: Presbyterian Church Education Building - McGinnis Wharton Hall
- WARD 3: Hardy Hall Ballroom - University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus
- WARD 4: Police Department Shelter
- WARD 5: Grace Lutheran Church
- WARD 6: Long Beach School District - Central Office

Make sure to visit the correct precinct for your ward on election day. Your vote matters, so ensure you're prepared to participate!



Long Beach Harbor Inner Bulkhead

Long Beach Harbor's Inner Bulkhead Wall Project Moves Forward

On February 27, 2025, the City of Long Beach officially opened bids for the highly anticipated Inner Bulkhead Wall Project at 10:00 am. This project is a significant part of the city's ongoing efforts to enhance the infrastructure and safety of the Long Beach Harbor.

The proposed bulkhead will be a 10-inch concrete sheet pile wall established laterally with battered 14' x 14' concrete piles. This design is specifically created to withstand the pressures of surcharge loads, ensuring the wall's stability and durability for the future.

Bid Award Process

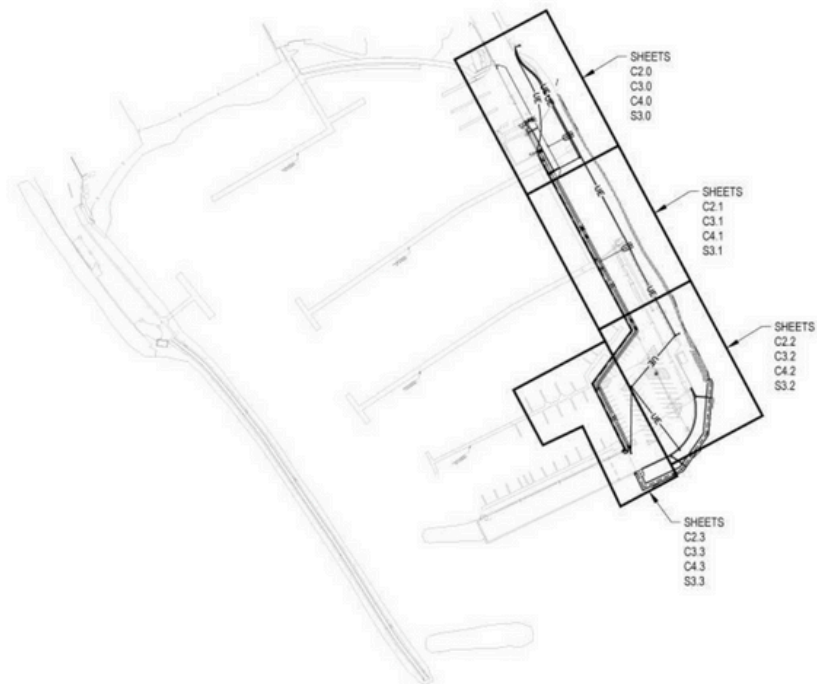
Following the bid opening, the Long Beach Board of Aldermen will review the proposals and vote on the bid award during their **regular meeting on March 5, 2025. This decision will determine which contractor will move forward with constructing the new bulkhead system.

Project Significance

The new bulkhead is critical for reinforcing the harbor's infrastructure. The wall's design and materials are intended to address the growing demands of the area and ensure the harbor remains safe and functional for years to come. By utilizing concrete sheet piles and durable concrete piles, the system will provide the necessary strength to resist the environmental and operational pressures it may face, including surcharge loads from nearby structures.

This project represents a crucial investment in the Long Beach Harbor, helping maintain its role as a vital hub for local commerce and industry.

Stay tuned for updates after the March 5th Board of Aldermen meeting to learn which contractor will be awarded the project and the next steps for this essential infrastructure improvement.



Long Beach Railroad Crossing Project

The City of Long Beach is set to begin the Long Beach Railroad Crossing Grade Improvement Project on March 3rd, 2025. This project will improve access for trucks and trailers by addressing high railroad crossings throughout the city, enhancing transportation efficiency and safety.

Construction Timeline

The project will impact 9 railroad crossings across the city, with each crossing having specific start dates and durations:

- Nicholson Crossing: March 3rd
 - 29 days
- Richards Crossing: March 27th
 - 16 days
- Beach Park Crossing: April 7th
 - 12 days
- Cleveland Crossing: April 21st
 - 57 days
- Girard Crossing: June 10th
 - 7 days
- Trautman Crossing: June 12th
 - 7 days
- Island View Crossing: June 17th
 - 11 days
- South Lang Crossing: July 7th
 - 10 days
- White Harbor Crossing: July 14th
 - 14 days

Traffic Disruptions & Updates

Expect potential traffic disruptions and detours as crews work on these crossings. The timeline may be adjusted due to weather conditions, and the city will provide regular updates on the project's progress.

Why This Matters

These improvements will eliminate steep grades at key crossings, allowing smoother passage for larger vehicles, such as trailers and eighteen-wheelers, which currently can only use Jeff Davis Avenue. This project will enhance traffic flow and support local businesses relying on heavy equipment.

Notice to Proceed

On January 24, 2025, the Long Beach Board of Aldermen issued the official notice to proceed, marking a major step in the city's ongoing efforts to enhance mobility and accessibility. This project has been in the works for several years, originating during Mayor Bass' first term when initial discussions with the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) took place. Following a comprehensive review, Neel Schaffer, an engineering firm, was selected to lead the project and address the varying grades of railroad crossings throughout Long Beach.

Stay informed on updates via the city's social media and local news channels. Thank you for your patience as we improve Long Beach's infrastructure!

Thank you for reading!

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