



## The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District

# Proposed Parking Regulations Available Online for Comment

Pursuant to comments made at the Shoreline Development Committee meeting on April 16, a revision was made to the proposed regulation change for parking boats, RVs, ATVs, trailers and commercial vehicles within residential neighborhoods. The revised proposal is available for review at [www.therez.ms.gov](http://www.therez.ms.gov). Leaseholders are urged to review the proposed regulation change and submit comments.

“We appreciate the input we received from the public, and we want to make sure our leaseholders have ample opportunity to review and understand the proposed regulations, and to make comments,” board president Jennifer Hall said.

All board and committee meetings are open to the public. Leaseholders are invited to the next Shoreline Development Committee meeting at 6 p.m. May 14 at the Rankin County Community Center next door to the Fire Station at 2230 Spillway Road, Brandon MS 39047. The proposed changes will be on the agenda. The meeting is scheduled at a later time to allow attendance by leaseholders after normal work hours.

### WHERE TO FIND PROPOSAL:

Online: <http://www.therez.ms.gov>

### HOW TO COMMENT:

Email: [comments@therez.ms](mailto:comments@therez.ms)

Mail to: PRVWSD Comments  
Attn: Cindy Ford, P.O. Box 2180  
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### REGULATORY PROCESS:

Under Mississippi's Administrative Procedures Act, after the Board votes to approve the rule change, a proposed action on rule changes is filed with the Mississippi Secretary of State. After a 30-day period for comments, a final action on rule changes may be filed after Board approval. After an additional 30-day comment period, the rule change becomes final and may be incorporated into the rules/regulations.

# News Around the REZ

## Spillway Fishing Group: A Reservoir Success Story

A small group that formed in April 2017 to combat trash problems that threatened closure of the Spillway Recreation Area below the dam is a story of success, and by May 1 2018 had 7,909 followers to the Barnett Reservoir Spillway Fishing Group's Facebook page.

"We were concerned about losing access to the spillway, and started working as volunteers to clean it up," said organizer Todd Macko, a resident of PRVWSD. "We worked both sides but it just kept getting messed up and we couldn't keep up. We decided we needed to organize and educate, and the way I knew to do that was social media platform. I am overwhelmed at the response.

"We are educating by providing a Facebook page where fishermen can post fishing pictures, keep up with the fishing, pose questions, and at the same time, learn about the issues such as trash. It is a success story. We still have to clean up a good bit, but you can see the difference."

The group played a large role in the successful Operation Clean Sweep on the Pearl River last September, and on May 13, the group will serve a Mother's Day Fish Fry at the Community Stewpot in Jackson.

For more information, visit the Ross Barnett Reservoir Spillway Fishing Group page on Facebook.



## Spillway Road Overlay Project Begins

Work began April 23 on the overlay of the upper westbound lanes of the Bob Anthony Parkway - a.k.a. Spillway Road - across the Barnett Reservoir Dam and is expected to last approximately six weeks, weather permitting.

PRVWSD said that while lane closures will be necessary each weekday and some nights, no closures will take place during the morning commute hours of 7 to 9 a.m. Nor, at no time will both westbound lanes be closed. Drivers should plan ahead, expect delays, and remain vigilant. Please slow down, and respect the workers in the area.

The project was made possible by federal transportation grants administered through the Mississippi Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

## PRVWSD Projects Update

The PRVWSD has several projects underway or scheduled to start soon at and on The Rez.

- \* Three new ADA-compliant comfort stations, one each at Lakeshore Park, Old Trace Park and the boat landing at Cole Bluff Water Park, will be completed soon.
- \* Work on the new floating breakwater at Madison Landing is expected to start in June and be completed by mid August. The nearly 400-foot concrete structure set on steel pilings, will offer protection to boats using the launch facility and the new floating courtesy piers that are included in the project. Boating access funds through the Federal Sport Fish Restoration act - arranged through the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks - are helping pay for the project.
- \* The design phase of a new boat landing on the south side of Mississippi Highway 43, directly across the road from the Goshen Springs Landing, is nearing completion. The new ramp and parking lot will provide a much-needed main lake access in the upper lake area and take pressure off the always crowded Goshen Springs facility.
- \* Since the last issue of Gator Tails, the new Lakeshore Park Dog Park has opened and has become very popular with area residents.

## VOLUNTEERS are needed for Barnett Foundation events!

The Barnett Reservoir Foundation is host to several events at The REZ, including the upcoming Independence Celebration. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Get involved and help the Foundation celebrate life in the reservoir community. Visit [www.BarnettReservoirFoundation.org](http://www.BarnettReservoirFoundation.org) for more information on volunteering.

## 7th Independence Celebration June 30 at The Rez

The Barnett Reservoir Foundation in conjunction with PRVWSD will hold the 7th annual Independence Celebration on Saturday June 30 at both Lakeshore and Old Trace Parks.

The free event, one of the most popular in the metro area, concludes with a dual fireworks show shot from each side of the lake at 9 p.m. As always, the fireworks will be coordinated between the two parks and there will be a soundtrack of patriotic music to accompany the show via IHeartRadio's MISS103 FM.

Music stages are included at both parks, with Hairicane highlighting the sound at Old Trace Park and Acoustic Crossroads at Lakeshore Park. Both bands are scheduled to take the stages at 6 p.m.

Food and beverages will be available at both parks, and no outside coolers, drinks or food is allowed. Donations to the Foundation will be accepted at the gate, and those funds, along with revenue from concessions sales will help fund the fireworks, music and other expenses.

Visit the Foundation's website at [barnettreservoirfoundation.org](http://barnettreservoirfoundation.org) to learn about other events related to the Independence Celebration as it nears.



Joseph LaSalla

## Sunset Concert Series



Lisa Mills

## Music at Lakeshore on the Last Thursday of Each Month

Year 2 of the Barnett Reservoir Foundation's Sunset Concert Series began in March with Jay Herrington and Friends, and in April by members of the band Chasin' Dixie. If you missed those, don't fret - the Series will continue every month through October, always on the final Thursday of the month. The exception is June, when the Foundation will be busy preparing for the Independence Celebration just two nights later.

Upcoming shows: May 31: Joseph LaSalla  
Aug. 30: Keys vs. Strings

July 26: Lisa Mills  
Sept. 29 & Oct. 27: TBA

The Foundation has food and beverages available, and admission is \$5 per carload, \$1 for bikers and hikers, and cars with Rez tags get in free.

## Scheduled Events at The Rez

May 5	Century Ride	OTP	Bicycle Ride
May 11	Pepsi Pops	OTP	Music Festival
May 19	Gator Bait Hatchling Race	LSP	Kayak Race
May 19	Back The Blue	OTP	5K, Music Festival
May 31	Sunset Concert Series	LSP	Live Music in Park
June 2	Heatwave Classic	OTP	Ironman Competition
June 9	Dragon Boat Regatta	OTP	OTP
June 30	Independence Celebration	ALL	Community Festival/Fireworks

OTP- Old Trace Park / LSP - Lakeshore Park / PSP - Pelahatchie Shore Park  
SP - Spillway Road / FL - Fannin Landing / ML - Madison Landing / RR - Rankin County Boat Ramp



Jacob Bryant

## Back the Blue Fest to Benefit LEOs

PRVWSD and the Barnett Reservoir Foundation are proud to be a part of a fundraiser sponsored by Southern Connections Police Supplies of Ridgeland and Gray-Daniels Ford/Lincoln to support the families of fallen law enforcement officers.

The inaugural Back the Blue Fest will be held May 16 at Old Trace Park in Ridgeland. The daylong event, which starts with a morning 5K race and ends with a concert that night, is dedicated to the 256 law officers who have given their lives in the line of duty in Mississippi (according to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund).

In addition to the race and music, other scheduled events include entertainment by Mississippi's own snake-grabbing crew, Grabuone Outfitters, an escorted motorcycle ride and bike show, and a Memorial for fallen officers.

The concert will feature Nashville recording artist Jacob Bryant on stage from 7-8:30 p.m., following sets local acts Burnham Road at 4 p.m. and the Jason Miller Band at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [barnettreservoirfoundation.org](http://barnettreservoirfoundation.org) or the Back the Blue Fest page on Facebook.

## 6th Smokin' on The Rez Moving to Lakeshore

The Barnett Reservoir Foundation's 6th annual Smokin' on The Rez BBQ and Music Festival is moving to Lakeshore Park in Rankin County, August 25-26. The move will provide more space than ever to attract



more teams to the two-day Kansas City BBQ Society-sanctioned event. According to event coordinator Bobby Cleveland, the BBQ had no room to grow at Old Trace Park on the Madison County side, but recent upgrades at Lakeshore allows plenty of power and water to teams. Teams have an early bird entry deadline of July 1 to get a \$100 reduction in the price of two days of competition. For more information, and upcoming announcement of the music lineup, visit [barnettreservoirfoundation.org](http://barnettreservoirfoundation.org).



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## Meet PRVWSD

### Anthony Guy & Brian Measells

#### Childhood Friends Reunited on Permits, Inspection Staff

Anthony Guy and Brian Measells grew up together in Rankin County, and have, as Measells said, “known each other since before we both started school.”

The two pals now find themselves working closely together after joining the staff of PRVWSD over the last calendar year. Guy started in May 2017 as a property inspector and Measells came aboard in February this year to oversee the agency’s building permit division.

“What I like about my job is meeting and getting to know our leaseholders and helping them with any problems they may have,” said Guy, who is PRVWSD’s front man when handling complaints, so he knows up front that he is usually walking into an uncomfortable situation. “Instead of approaching them with a ‘you got to do this,’ or ‘you can’t do that,’ or ‘I’m going to fine you,’ I enjoy helping them find the easiest solution to their problem. A smile and a little respect usually goes a long way.”

Measells is in a similar boat, in that he makes sure residents abide by building codes and regulations. “I’m enjoying it, and it’s like Anthony said, it’s easier when you take a ‘I can help you with that’ approach with people,” he said.

Both men work out of the Spillway Road office.



Anthony Guy



Brian Measells