

Gator Tales



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A newsletter for the citizens of the PRVWSD community

The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District

Happenings Around the Rez

New PRV Main Office Location

The new PRV Main Office is open and operating at 6018 Lakeshore Park. For more information, please scan the QR code:



2026 Krewe of Rez Mardi Gras Parade



Mark your calendars for the 6th annual Krewe of Rez Mardi Gras parade, which will be held Saturday, February 14, at 11 a.m.! The parade route will begin in Waterwood and travel west along Scenic Drive through Sunrise Point, Paradise Point, and Audubon Point. Leading the parade will be Krewe Captain Suzanne Guillory of Brandon. If you are interested in joining the Krewe of Rez, please contact Ms. Suzanne at 601-613-9701. #kreweofrezparade



Remember: The lake level will rise 1.5 feet by March 1 to 297.5 feet.

New PRV Water/Sewer Rates

New water/sewer rates:

Minimum water bill: \$17

Minimum sewer bill: \$19

Volumetric water charge per 1,000 gallons (over 3,000 gallons): \$5.75

Volumetric sewer charge per 1,000 gallons (over 3,000 gallons): \$7.75

Regional Sewer Charge rate per 1,000 gallons: \$5

For more information, visit "Water Department" at therez.ms.gov.

Park Gates Pass

Entrance into Bobby Cleveland Park at Lakeshore and Old Trace Park is \$5 by car, unless you have a REZ tag or an Annual Park Pass. To get a REZ tag pass, go to therez.ms.gov and click on REZ Tag Application under "Parks and Rentals." To get an Annual Park Pass, click on "Annual Park Pass Application."



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New Campground Rates



New Monthly Campground Rates (effective March 1)

Timberlake Waterfront: \$710

Timberlake Interior: \$660

Goshen Springs Waterfront: \$710

Goshen Springs Interior: \$660

Coal Bluff Interior: \$450

Leake County Interior: \$450

Low Head Interior: \$450

For more information, visit "Camping" at therez.ms.gov.

2026 Scheduled Events at The Rez

1/31/26	Ground Hog Disc Golf Tournament	PSP
3/26/26	Sunset Concert Series	BCP
4/18/26	Dragon Boat Regatta	OTP
4/30/26	Sunset Concert Series	BCP
5/2/26	Natchez Trace Century Ride	OTP
5/8/26	Pepsi Pops	OTP
5/28/26	Sunset Concert Series	BCP
6/27/26	Independence Day Celebration	BCP & OTP



OTP - Old Trace Park / BCP - Bobby Cleveland Park at Lakeshore / PSP – Pelahatchie Shore Park / SP - Spillway Road / FL - Fannin Landing

ML - Madison Landing / RR - Rankin County Boat Ramp / TBD-To Be Determined

Pelahatchie Shore Park Restoration Project: Turning Loss into Renewal



The Pelahatchie Shore Park Restoration Project represents a meaningful step forward following a significant loss to the landscape. In recent years, several hundred trees died due to a pine beetle infestation compounded by prolonged drought conditions. These combined stresses dramatically altered the park, leaving large areas of once-thriving forest damaged or completely lost.

While the loss was unfortunate, it created an opportunity to restore the area with a more diverse, resilient, and intentional landscape—one designed to withstand future environmental challenges while enhancing recreation and natural beauty. The restoration effort in Pelahatchie Shore Park focuses on reestablishing vegetation through a carefully planned mix of hardwood trees, ornamental species, native shrubs, and grasses.

By diversifying plant life, the project reduces reliance on any single species, helping protect the area from future pest outbreaks and climate-related stress. Hardwood trees will form the backbone of the new canopy, providing long-term stability, shade, and wildlife habitat. Ornamental trees and flowering shrubs will add seasonal color and visual interest, while native grasses will play a critical role in erosion control and soil stabilization.

This layered approach not only restores the park's beauty but also strengthens the overall ecological health of the area. Planting is in progress, and the disc golf course is open!



2026 Pelahatchie Bay Alligator Season

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks will organize the fourth annual Pelahatchie Bay Special Alligator Hunting Season over the first two weekends of May.

The hunts have been successful in reducing the number of nuisance alligators and breeding females. During the May 2025 season, 20 alligators were harvested, the longest female being 9 feet and 6 inches. The longest male harvested was 10 feet and 6 inches.

Because the Reservoir and the Pearl River are part of the American Alligator's natural habitat, PRVWSD and MDWFP are not intending to completely remove alligators from the area. But based on the number of active nests in the area, the special season will continue until their numbers are reduced to a more manageable level.

For more information, please visit "Alligator Program" at mdwfp.com.



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GET CONNECTED!

To receive texts about road closures, dredging updates, boil water alerts, and other important news around the Rez, text Madison or Rankin to 833-205-7575, or scan the QR codes with your phone!

A shortcut to enrollment



Rankin County QR

1. Use your smart phone's camera to take a picture of the QR code for Madison County (right) or Rankin County (left). Your phone will be directed to enter the county name in a text to the correct number.
2. Hit "Send" and the enrollment process will begin.



Madison County QR

Support the Barnett Reservoir Foundation with License Plates

Over 2,000 vehicles now bear the Reservoir Tag, the proceeds of which benefit the Barnett Reservoir Foundation. The Foundation serves as a non-profit support group for PRVWSD and the Reservoir community.

The Foundation funds projects and events around the Reservoir, most notably the Independence Day Celebration fireworks displays at Old Trace Park and Bobby Cleveland Park at Lakeshore.

Other events include the Sunset Concert Series, Food Truck Frenzies, crawfish boils, and others.



The license plate provides free admission to PRVWSD parks and many Foundation events.