

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

Bobby Cleveland Park Officially Dedicated



On Thursday, October 20, 2022, Lakeshore Park in Brandon was officially rechristened “Bobby Cleveland Park at Lakeshore,” after longtime outdoorsman, writer, resident, Barnett Reservoir Foundation member, and part-time PRVWSD employee, Bobby Cleveland.

Under a warm autumn sun, family and friends of the late Mr. Cleveland cut a ribbon in front of the sign on Northshore Parkway which leads to the park where he spent much of his time promoting events for the Reservoir community.

“As long as you keep saying someone’s name, they never really go away. Bobby loved this place, and he loved the people in this community,” said Pam Cleveland, Bobby’s wife.

Susan Brashear, the former Deputy Director of PRVWSD and current Barnett Reservoir Foundation member said, “We’re very thankful to the PRVWSD Board for making this happen. Many of the events around the Rez that people enjoy and expect are because of Bobby. He poured his heart into this place.”

Bobby Cleveland passed away on April 28, 2022, while traveling to the park which now bears his name.

2022 Scheduled Events at The Rez

11/6	YMCA Flag Football	LSP
11/13	YMCA Flag Football	LSP
11/20	YMCA Flag Football	LSP
12/4	YMCA Flag Football	LSP
12/11	YMCA Flag Football	LSP
12/18	YMCA Flag Football	LSP

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 / TBD-To Be Determined





2022-2023 Dredging Operations

Dredging, which began in June in Pelahatchie Bay, continues. The contractor has completed work in the Eagles Cove, Waterwood, Sunrise, and Paradise areas. The dredge has been working around Audubon Point since August and should move on to Glen Cove by the end of October. Dredging is a slow, laborious process, but work is progressing. The current project is scheduled to be finished in April of 2023.

The dredge pumps sediment through floating pipelines. These lines are large, black, PVC pipes with orange floats, for daylight visibility, and lights to mark their positions for boaters at night. There will always be at least one submerged crossing where boats can cross without danger of hitting the pipe. The crossings are marked with white floats equipped with white lights as well as red and green buoys. Boaters should be aware of the floating pipelines. Even though they are plastic, they can seriously damage a fast-moving boat, and a collision could be dangerous to passengers. When approaching a floating pipeline, do so at dead slow speed. Also, be aware that the pipelines move as the dredge moves. The pipeline that you saw in one location yesterday could be a hundred yards away today.

See the PRVWSD website (www.therez.ms.gov) for the latest dredging schedules, boat house/slip contractor contacts, and notices. Please check both the “Announcements” section on the Home page and the Notices to Boaters on the “Boating” page. Thank you for your patience during the dredging operations.

Reservoir Police Responsibilities

The Reservoir Police Department is responsible for patrolling the public waterways and parks within the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Reservoir Police also: patrol Bob Anthony Parkway across the dam; respond to vehicle accidents within the PRV boundaries; respond to calls for service in the campgrounds, recreational parks, and boat ramps; and patrol the waters of the Reservoir and upper Pearl River. RPD also assists other agencies in calls for assistance when requested. RPD is a 24/7 operation within the district and has 19 full time officers on patrol and in the campground division. 601-992-9894.



Who to Call at PRVWSD

Keep the following list handy for the numbers to call at the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. These contacts and other information are available on the free “The Rez” app for Apple and Android products.

24-hour Emergency Services Dispatch and Water/Sewer Emergency	601-992-9703
Main Business Office / Water Department	601-856-6574
Lease Department	601-856-6574
Construction Permit, Building Code, and Property Maintenance	769-243-7014
Reservoir Police Station	601-992-9894
Maintenance Shop Building	601-992-9714

Email questions or suggestions: comments@TheRez.ms

www.TheRez.MS.gov

PRVWSD Raises Sewer Rates

Due to the high costs that PRVWSD is paying regional sewer providers and because of increased costs of maintenance, water/sewer customers will see a rate increase, effective for the October billing cycle. These bills will be mailed out around the first of November. The rate increase will be applied through the Regional Sewer Charge (RSC), which will increase from \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.25 per 1,000 gallons. There is no increase in the minimum or volumetric charges for water or sewer.

Example:

Usage: between 4,000 – 4,999 gallons

Minimum Water Bill (3,000 gallons): \$14; Minimum Sewer Bill (3,000 gallons): \$16

Volumetric Charge for Water per 1,000 Gallons after the First 3,000: $\$5.50 \times 1 = \5.50

Volumetric Charge for Sewer per 1,000 Gallons after the First 3,000: $\$7.50 \times 1 = \7.50

Regional Sewer Charge Rate per 1,000 Gallons: $\$4.25 \times 4 = \17.00

Total: \$60.00



PRVWSD Hunting

Did you know PRVWSD has 10,000 acres of forest open to the public for hunting? All you have to do is follow the PRVWSD rules which are available at www.therez.ms.gov and hold a valid MDWFP hunting license.

Looking for more hunting opportunities? Check out the PRVWSD's Special Archery Draw Hunts. A random drawing is held annually in August; however, this year we still have a few slots available and they can be purchased by calling the District Office at 601-605-6894. These limited slots will be awarded on a first-come-first-serve basis.

When Are Building Permits Required?

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED for the following construction activities performed within the boundaries of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District: new construction (residential and commercial), shoreline protection (seawalls), boat houses, piers, structural repairs, additions, renovations made to existing structure, rental property inspections (at each tenant change), utility inspection (at each ownership change), demolition, electrical up-grades, mechanical upgrades, plumbing upgrades, roofing (residential and commercial), fencing, foundation repair, mobile home, PODs, garage sales, accessory buildings, swimming pools, signs and temporary banners. Contractors are required to be licensed by the State Board of Contractors (if applicable) and registered with the building department.

Parking Boats and Trailers in Driveways

PRVWSD responded to citizen concerns for quality neighborhoods by enacting regulations that encourage considerate behavior between neighbors. These regulations were not made to cause hardship or create extra work for the leaseholder. They were designed to ensure that one person's action doesn't have a negative impact on other residents, neighborhoods, and the community. One of the most received complaints is about parking. Parking a vehicle on a public street, sidewalk, public right-of-way, or in any front or side yard (except within a garage or driveway) is prohibited. Trailers (not exceeding 18 feet of cargo space), boats, ATVs, jet skis, and the like may be parked on the driveway if it has a current registration and licensing with the State of Mississippi and must be in good and operable condition. (Regulation 203.1.2)



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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 (left) or Rankin County (right). 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 Barnett Reservoir Foundation and Community with License Plates

Over 1,800 vehicles now bear the Rez Tag, the proceeds of which benefit the Barnett Reservoir Foundation, which serves as a support group for PRVWSD and the Reservoir business and residential communities. The Foundation receives \$26 for each tag.

The benefit of the tag, in addition to its attractive look, is free admission to many of the Foundation events and free entry into the Reservoir parks.

The Foundation funds projects around the lake and holds special events to enhance the Reservoir Community. Chief among those is the annual Independence Day Celebration fireworks show each summer.

Other events include a Food Truck Frenzy, a Sunset Concert Series, a Crawfish Boil, and a Steak Cookoff contest. The Foundation also partners in co-sponsoring events conducted by outside groups.

