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Offatts Bayou Patrol Effective

Mayor Says Cooperation Is Key

Galveston Police Chief Dale Rogers and Sheriff Joe Max Taylor cooperated to provide increased enforcement of personal watercraft regulations and water safety laws on Offatts Bayou over the Fourth of July Weekend.

Despite a few minor incidents, the weekend went very well, according to Mayor Henry Freudenberg. "The weather cooperated wonderfully, the Gulf of Mexico was as green as the Caribbean and our safety record was beyond reproach."

Freudenberg gave credit for the successful weekend to the Galveston Police Department, Galveston County Sheriffs Office and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department which provided printed information for distribution to boaters.

Galveston Beach Patrol

Galveston Sheriff's Beach Patrol Major Vic Maceo says the successful weekend was marred by the drowning death of a Houston man in his mid 30s early Saturday morning. Maceo said the incident occurred about 7 a.m. Saturday after an all

night drinking party. Next of kin had not been notified at fax time. Otherwise, Maceo said his lifeguards were kept busy over the long weekend reuniting children with their parents and treating Jellyfish Stings.

Merchants Happy

Businesses along the beachfront as well as the Strand and Postoffice reported good business during the long weekend.

Israel Sifuentes of Bikes and Blades on Seawall Boulevard said it was great, "It looks like someone finally told the people of Houston that it's summertime." Sifuentes said he also had customers from Brazil, Canada and Pennsylvania.

Downtown, Leo Ramos of the Old Strand Emporium said business couldn't have been better "we had family crowds, the kind we like."

Al Naugle of Cornerstone Gallery on Postoffice said he believes "critical mass" has been achieved, "It was like the street came alive this weekend."

Naugle said Artwalk Saturday night was especially successful, "It was nice to see the spread of the

people on the street. It was really busy until 11."

Commissioners Court

Galveston County Commissioners Court meets in formal session at 10 a.m. today and in workshop at 11 a.m. The meeting will be in Holbrook Annex on Tremont.

A short formal agenda includes the transfer of funds for nuisance abatement. The workshop includes an executive session to discuss real estate and will be followed by a public agenda to discuss emergency shelf-stable foods for Senior Citizens and new program requests by the Senior Citizens Department.

County Clerk services in north Galveston County will also be discussed in the workshop meeting.

Commissioners Court will also meet on Thursday, July 11, 1996 in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Galveston County Courthouse.

Members of the commissioners court will also consider a resolution supporting a Clean Air Action Program for the Houston-Galveston Area, submitted by the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

Sunset Committee

The City of Galveston Sunset Committee, appointed to review existing boards and commissions will consider recommendations to the city council today at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room.

The agenda includes consideration of recommendations regarding boards, commissions and committees and recommendations concerning the city code.

A final item calls for organization and assignment of tasks as well as establishment of a timetable for the committee's program.

Galveston City Council

City Council meets in Workshop on Wednesday, July 10, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. and in formal session on Thursday, July 11 at 2:00 p.m. Both agendas include ordinances granting specific use permits for the drilling of an oil and/or gas well and placement of oil tanks in Campeche Cove.

In workshop, council members will discuss appointments to standing city boards, commissions and committees, as well as ad-hoc advisory committees.

City Attorney Barbara Roberts will discuss in-service training on the Texas Open Meetings Act for council members.

In executive session, council will discuss the appointment of an assistant city secretary, and a secretary III in that office. Council will also discuss the internal auditor position created by the recent charter election.

Galveston School Board

The GISD Board of Education Finance Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. in the School Administration Building Library on Wednesday, July

10, 1996 to review the 1996-97 General Operating Budget.

On Friday, July 12, 1996 at 8:00 a.m., the full school board will meet in an annual workshop retreat. Board training on Texas Senate Bill 1 and development of board and administrative goals are scheduled.

In addition, there will be an executive session to conduct a mid-year evaluation of Superintendent Henry Boeing.

No action is scheduled at either Friday meeting.

Other Meetings This Week

On Tuesday, July 9, 1996, the City of Galveston Seawall Committee will meet in the City Council Conference Room at 12:15 p.m. The agenda includes discussion of the mayor's proposed Seawall Parking Pass Program.

Tuesday evening, at 5:30 p.m., the Galveston Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee will meet in the City Council Conference Room. The meeting will include a brief summary of the city budget by City Manager Bern Ewert, a brief description of Code Enforcement Officer responsibilities and duties and a letter from City Attorney Barbara Roberts with suggestions on guidelines for the committee.

On Friday in the City Council Conference Room, the Mayor's Election Committee will meet to discuss a short agenda including an overview of the last meeting, a continued plan of action and discussion of the next meeting.

Water Conservation

City of Galveston Public Works Director Steve LeBlanc urges Island residents to continue to conserve water despite a relaxation of manda-

tory conservation measures on the 4th of July.

Outside watering and residential car washing are now permitted on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays during the late evening or early morning hours. Residents should continue to conserve water inside their homes.

On other days, no outside water use is permitted.

LeBlanc stressed that the relaxed measures still prohibit hosing down of sidewalks for sanitary or esthetic purposes.

Public Works Projects

The construction of the new \$4 million sewage trunk line along Old Port Industrial Boulevard which began last week is part of a \$10 million bond issue supported by a 1/2 cent sales tax approved by the voters.

Bids have been opened on a wastewater collection system for the Sea Isle subdivision. City officials are happy with the \$1.5 million bid and work should begin soon.

A new wastewater collection system for Spanish Grant is still to be bid. Because part of the line will cross a wetland area, the Texas General Land Office must approve the plans and specifications.

Galveston College

Registration for the second summer semester at Galveston College will begin on Tuesday, July 9, 1996. It will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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