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George P. Mitchell award and parade

The award ceremony and parade will help kick off the festivities at 5:30 p.m. today in the Entertainment District.



Golf cart parade

The Daily News' Zaniest Golf Cart & Art Car Parade is 4 p.m. Saturday in the Entertainment District.

Daily News file photos

Lawsuit maneuvers

GOGP lawyers seek to have council members, GHA commissioners dropped from lawsuit

By JOHN WAYNE FERGUSON
The Daily News

» GALVESTON

Lawyers for the group suing over the planned construction of mixed-income housing on the island have asked a federal judge to remove 10 defendants from its complaint.

In motion filed Wednesday, attorney Shari Goldsberry asked that Galveston Housing Authority Commissioners Irwin "Buddy" Herz, Anthony Brown, Ann Masel, J.T. Edwards and Virginia French and City Council members Lewis Rosen, Rusty Legg, Terrilyn Tarlton Cornelia Harris Banks and Elizabeth Beeton be dismissed from the lawsuit that originally named them in December.

In a phone interview Thursday, Goldsberry said the reason for the request was that each person was being sued in their "official capacity" as representatives of their organizations.

"I think we got a sense from the judge that he felt like that suing them in their official capacity was just the same thing as suing the city," she said. "We don't need that, we're not interested in naming unnecessary people."

The requests for dismissal does not

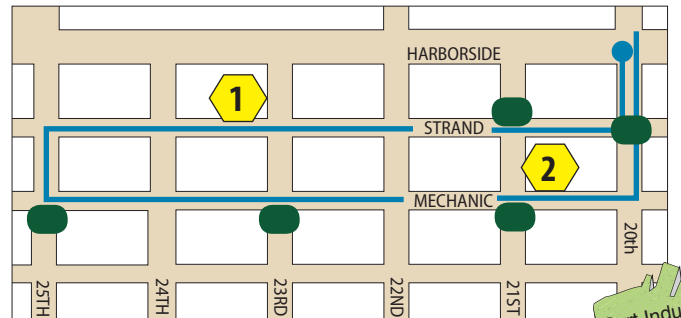
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ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

- 1 Budweiser Stage (main stage)
- 2 Jagermeister Stage

Route of parades Start of parades Gates



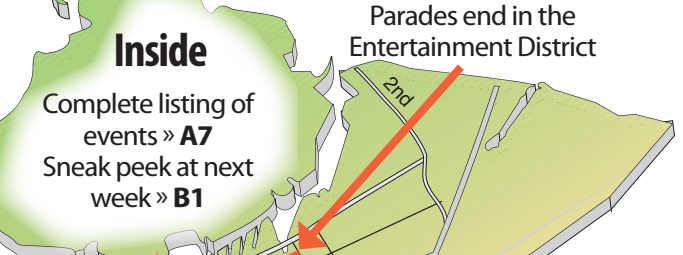
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SEAWALL PARADES

- Krewe of Aquarius Starts at noon Saturday
- Krewe of Gambrinus Starts at 6 p.m. Saturday

Route of parades Start of parades



Parades end in the Entertainment District

Saturday on the seawall

For the first time in the event's 29 years, two of the island's most popular parades — Aquarius and Gambrinus — will travel from Seawall Boulevard and make their way downtown. Previously, the parades were only on the seawall.

Weekend in the Entertainment District

Mardi Gras! Galveston 2014 opens at 5 p.m. today with the Pardi Gras Parade and ends with the Krewe da Yagas Parade at 10 p.m. In addition to the parades, the Entertainment District features two stages with DJs and musical acts throughout the weekend.

BUDWEISER STAGE Today

- 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Boss Street Brass Band
- 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Justin Van Zandt
- 10 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.: The Cadillac Three

Saturday

- 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Mambo Jazz Kings
- 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.: Will Makar
- 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.: Uncle Kracker
- 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Olivia Lane
- 10 p.m. to midnight: The Line-up

Sunday

- 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.: Kevin Anthony
- 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Bilge Pumps

JAGERMEISTER STAGE Today

- 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Southbeat Music
- 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.: A DJ Named Skritch'n
- 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.: DJ Villa
- 10:30 p.m. to 11:15 p.m.: DJ Vanilla Spice
- 11:15 p.m. to midnight: DJ Nesto
- Midnight to 1 a.m.: Jagermeister DJ search contest winner

Saturday

- 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Platinum Players
- 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Southbeat Music
- 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.: DJ Villa
- 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.: DJ Nonstop
- 10:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.: DJ B & Chase
- 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.: DJ Tina T

SOURCE: www.mardigrasgalveston.com

Funky Uptown Umbrella Brigade

The winners of the umbrella decorating contest judged earlier this year will lead the parade through the Entertainment District beginning at 8 p.m. today.



Mayors, county judge tout positive developments

By CHRISTOPHER SMITH GONZALEZ
The Daily News

» TEXAS CITY

The city of Texas City has hired a new emergency management coordinator, and the city of La Marque may be considering employee raises.

La Marque Mayor Bobby Hocking, Texas City Mayor Matt Doyle and Galveston County Judge Mark Henry spoke at the yearly State of the County and Cities luncheon hosted by the Texas City-La Marque Chamber of Commerce.

Doyle said the city had hired Derek Duckett to replace the retiring Bruce Clawson as the city's emergency management coordinator.

Clawson began working for the city in 1991 as a patrolman with the police department and took over the reins of the Emergency Management Office in October 2002. He will retire in April but will still be available to help the city and Duckett in his new role, Doyle said.

Duckett, who started in his new role on Feb. 1, said he and his wife grew up in Texas City. He spent eight and a half years



Bobby Hocking



Mark Henry



Matt Doyle

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