

We're Reviving the Renaissance

In the decade or so before Katrina, the people of Biloxi were enjoying the most prosperous time in our city's 300-plus-year history. \$6 billion worth of growth. 15,000 new jobs. Hundreds of millions of dollars invested in public education, better streets and drainage, recreation facilities, affordable housing and historic preservation. All this while cutting the city property tax rate in half.

The rest of the country was taking note, too. Our visitors went from a million a year to between 8 and 10 million a year. Our airport and convention center were doubling in size. Nearly 20,000 new hotel rooms were built, along with a host of museums, restaurants, golf courses and other top-flight amenities.

We were making history.

Then came Aug. 29, 2005.

The worst natural disaster to ever strike the U.S. landed on our shores.

Some hope the Gulf Coast rebuilding effort spawns a renaissance in south Mississippi. The people of Biloxi want to

revive the renaissance we were enjoying before the storm.

Today, we're working together to rebuild homes, businesses and lives. We're reviving the renaissance, and we're well on our way to making history. Again.



Hear about the future of Biloxi in the State of the City address on Cable 13 in Biloxi on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 8 and 10 a.m. and 8 and 10 p.m., and online at biloxi.ms.us.

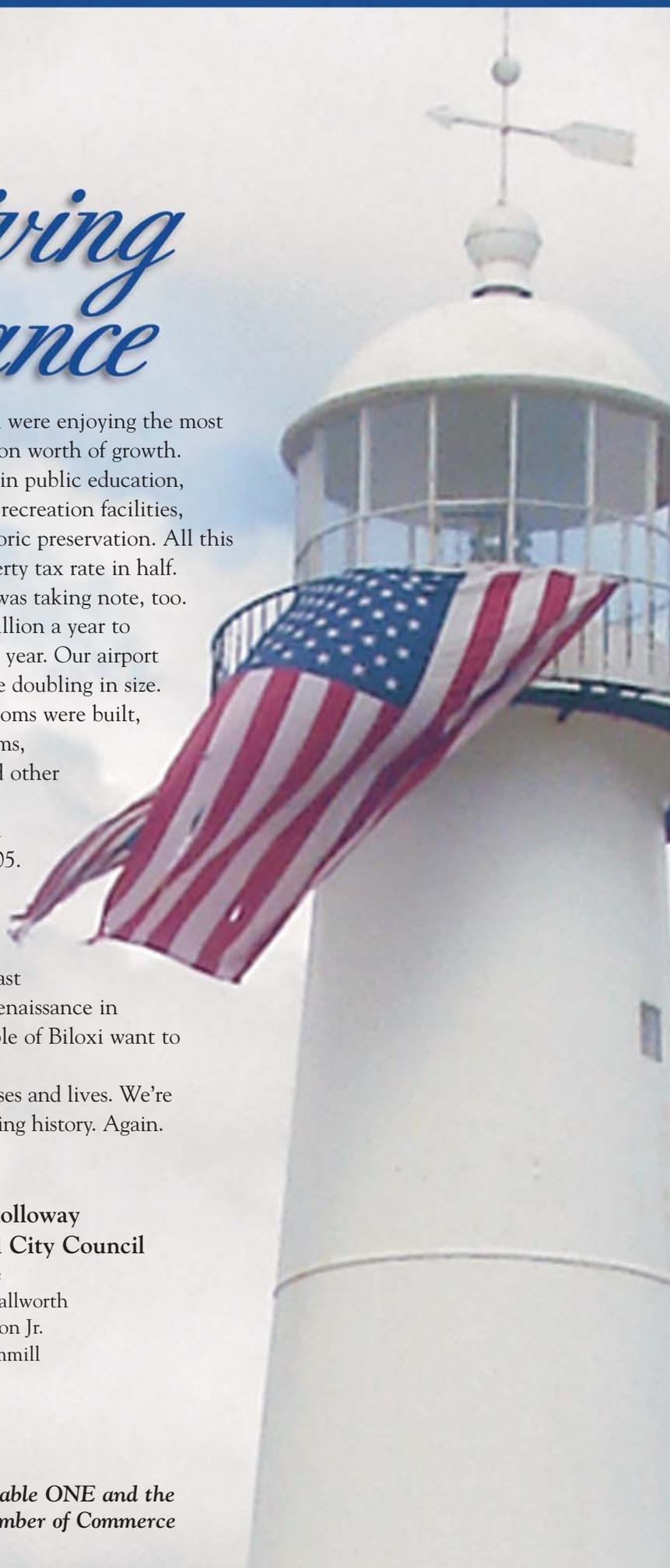


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Biloxi's recovery from Hurricane Katrina is a continuing success story, with dozens of milestones achieved and even more on the way. You can see all of the news and follow the progress 24/7 on the city's web site, or you can get the news delivered directly to you as it happens, through the city's Storm Recovery News e-mails.

In the past 17 months since Katrina, the city has e-mailed more than a half-million storm-recovery updates to Biloxians and an audience that spans the globe. They're getting updated information on a host of local issues and projects, as well as detailed information about special meetings and events of community interest.

The city's e-mails and web site are your No. 1 source of information on all things Biloxi.

Visit biloxi.ms.us and click on "Are you in the loop?" on the left side of the screen. It takes only a few seconds to sign up, and you'll be in the loop – and in the know.

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