



# WARD 6 Newsletter

January 2006

## A New Year of New Hope and Promise for Biloxi



### MY FELLOW NORTH BAY RESIDENTS:

Welcome to the New Year, and one that, I am confident, will see Ward 6 and this city continue to rebound from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Last year, you and I met to discuss several key issues, including MDOT's plan for a new north-south corridor that proposed to cut through our ward. I'm writing to update you on

that and a couple of other important issues, and to provide some contact information that I hope you find useful.

I am very proud of the dignified manner in which the people of Ward 6 and the residents of Biloxi have dealt with the catastrophic blow of Hurricane Katrina. Our homes, our businesses and our way of life were certainly devastated. We wandered out onto the streets the afternoon of Aug. 29 to survey the widespread destruction. We shed a tear or two, comforted our neighbors. We went about the job of rebuilding our homes and our businesses, without a lot of complaining.

You make me very proud to serve as your Councilman, and your resilience encourages me to work even harder to help return this city to the place we all had come to love. Make no mistake, we're getting there. Ward 6 and Biloxi are on the way back.

God bless you, God bless Biloxi, and God bless America.

Councilman Edward "Ed" Gemmill  
Ward 6

### MDOT's SOLUTION To CONTROVERSIAL NORTH-SOUTH CONNECTOR

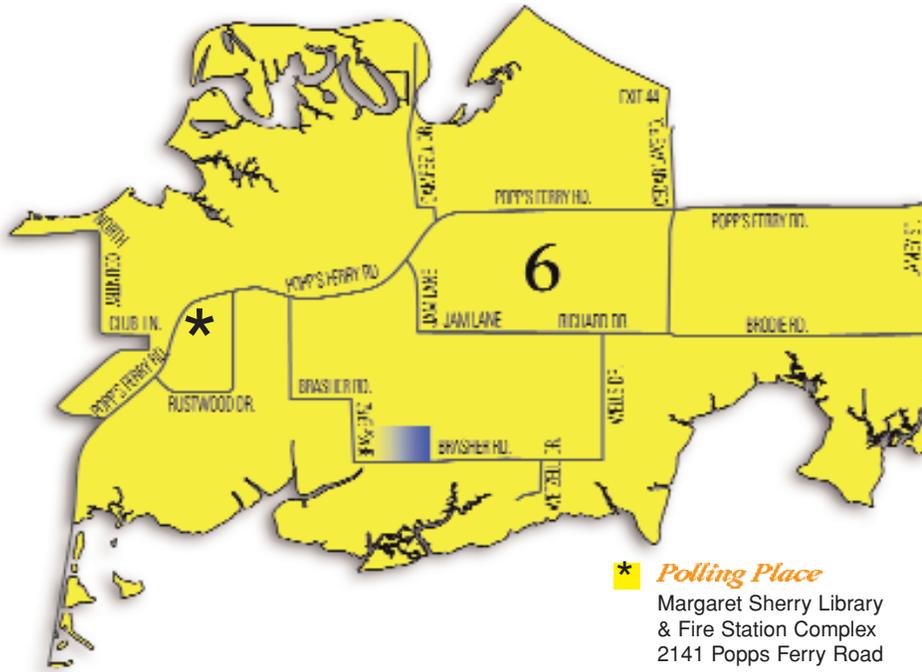
On Dec. 13, 2005, the Biloxi City Council voted to support my resolution that MDOT Commissioner consider an alternative route for the planned connector road.

An alternative route would significantly diminish the impact to homeowners and reduces the cost of the project. I will continue to watch this issue closely and will keep you updated as necessary.

### POPP'S FERRY BRIDGE

The \$7.2 million project was nearly completed two months ahead of schedule, and the pre-Christmas opening represented a milestone occasion in our city's recovery effort. I am following up to make sure that the pedestrian handrails are installed within a month or so, if not sooner. I know that many of you, like me, were excited and relieved to have the time-consuming detours become a thing of the past.

# City of Biloxi North Bay Ward 6 Map



Call the Clerk  
of Council's Office:  
(228) 435-6257

\* **Polling Place**  
Margaret Sherry Library  
& Fire Station Complex  
2141 Popp's Ferry Road

■ **Discussed as FEMA  
Temporary Trailer Park**  
Represented by shaded blue

## WARD 6

Edward "Ed" Gemmill  
Councilman

### KEY PHONE NUMBERS

**Building Permits:**  
City's Building Division  
435-6266

**Debris Removal Questions:**  
Jeff Coleman or Jonathan Kiser  
374-1211

**Pot Holes, Downed Street Signs:**  
Public Works  
435-6271

**Water Department:**  
435-6240

**City Council Office:**  
435-6257

**Mayors Office:**  
435-6254

## FEMA 'TEMPORARY' TRAILER PARK RAISES CONCERNS IN WARD 6

As some of you may know, I have publicly stated my opposition to any plans for a possible FEMA-trailer park on a 22-acre site off Brasher Road, and I pleased to report my understanding that the developer is not planning to pursue the idea.

The site, which could house as many as 120 trailers, was approved by the City Council as a residential subdivision, not a trailer park. The establishment of a trailer park would certainly be detrimental to property values in this particular neighborhood and to the ward overall.

I will continue to work with my colleagues on the City Council and the Administration to do everything possible to avoid seeing the establishment of such a trailer park. I share the view of a good number of our residents that some areas still have "temporary" trailers from as far back as Hurricane Camille, so this is an issue that we'll monitor. This is an issue that I'm sure all residents will also watch closely.



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The North Bay Area*

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