THE STATE OF THE CITY

CITY OF D'IBERVILLE



THE WALL THAT HEALS, April 2025

A salute to our hometown!

We're in an age of milestones, memories and momentum.

A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL – JANUARY 2026

HURRICANE KATRINA, August 29, 2005



"Katrina left no structure, no home, no business, no family, no individual untouched."

– Mayor Rusty Quave



20 years later, it's a story that still defines us

2025 marked the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, and the City of D'Iberville marked the occasion with a 13-minute documentary that matches words, images and music to tell a story that's both heart-wrenching and heart-warming. More than 859 structures sustained significant damage in the storm, but, as the video says, it's not what we lost, it's what we found. See for yourself with the QR code or on the city's website, diberville.ms.us. Grab a tissue!

“An engaging community, D’Iberville is beautiful, thriving, multi-cultural, safe and inviting. We cherish our heritage and local cuisine, the environment, our progressive economy, world-class shopping and family entertainment.”



The Mayor and Council, from left: Gerald Burdine, Ward 4; Craig “Boots” Diaz, Ward 3; Mayor Rusty Quave; Councilman-at-large Joey Bosarge; Carrie Taranto-Chipley, Ward 2; and Randall Pelous, Ward 1.

It’s a matter of having a vision

Those words at the top of this page are the City of D’Iberville mission statement, drafted in 2016, as D’Iberville leaders established a set of values to help guide the city’s growth for future generations.

Look around the city and you can see how that vision has become a reality.

In fact, those words and the vision they set forth are as essential today as they’ve ever been. D’Iberville is a place known for its Southern charm, beautiful natural resources, a safe and vibrant community for our 13,000 residents and the tens of thousands who visit the city to enjoy all that we have to offer.

This report is a snapshot of the condition of your city as we bring down the curtain on 2025 and usher in 2026.



Bobby Weaver,
City Manager

You can find updates on major projects, all moving forward. They are, as we say, setting the table for economic growth.. You’re going to read about the progress. You’re going to see the achievements of our city departments, which provide the services that you expect and deserve day in and day out. And you’re going to appreciate the flavor of our community and the things we love.

We are proud of the progress being made and the future planned for this city. For all of the milestones and momentum we’re seeing, we should not overlook the bedrock of this community. It is the caring value of this city, its leaders, its employees and its residents. It is a sincere compassion and civic-mindedness that defines us time and again.

“You can see improvements being made across our city.”
– Councilwoman Carrie Taranto-Chipley

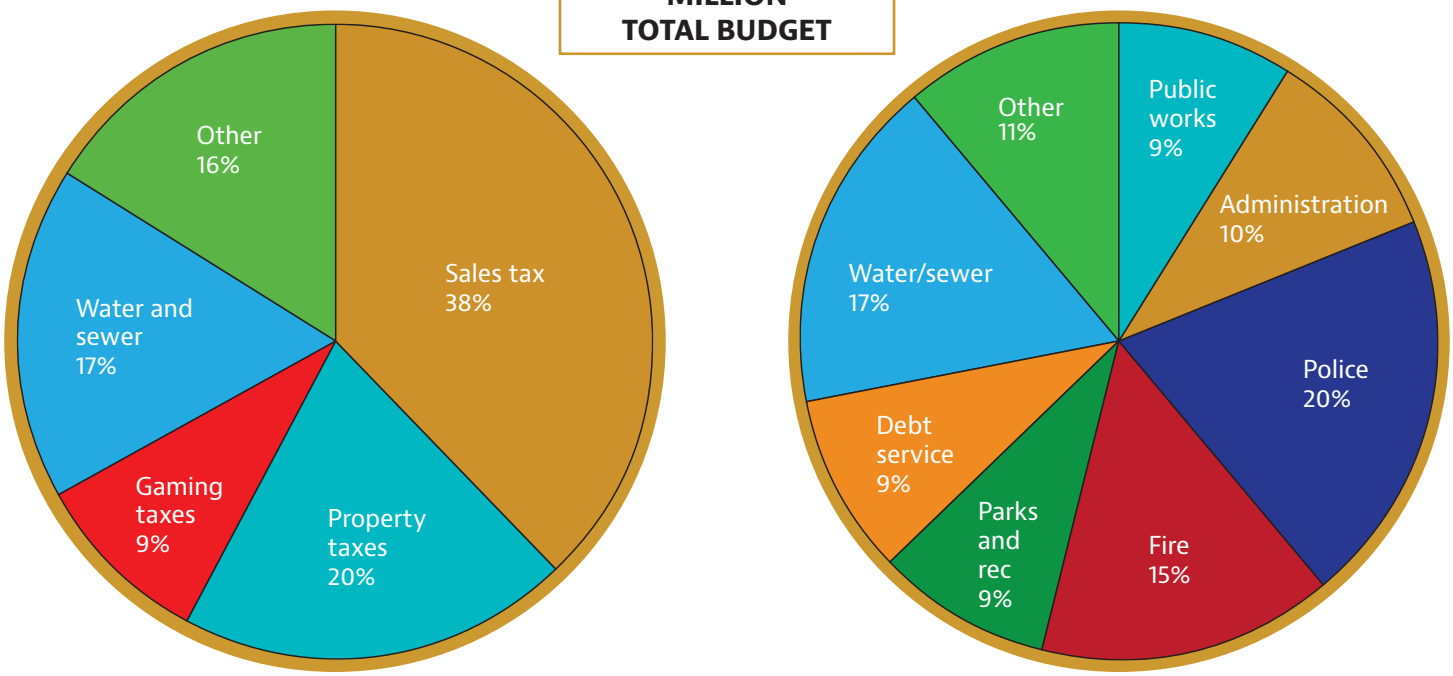
You can watch the story of D'Iberville

State law mandates that city leaders provide a report each year on the city's financial and operational condition. In D'Iberville, we exceed that mandate! In addition to this report, you can watch an informative and beautifully filmed 25-minute video of progress, the State of the City, online at diberville.ms.us. Or use the QR code to go there on your mobile device

See the State of the City video at diberville.ms.us

CITY FINANCES

$32 MILLION TOTAL BUDGET



How we do what we do

Two things to know about D'Iberville city finances: Your property tax rate has remained unchanged for years now, and the city continues to do more with less.

In fact, if you look at the two pie charts, you'll realize that sales and gaming taxes make up a sizeable portion of the revenue used to provide daily city services, and on the expenditures side the city invests nearly a third of its revenue making sure our community is a safe place to live, work and play.

This year's $26.4 million operating budget is $100,000 above the FY 25 spending plan, and it includes a $1 an hour pay raise for full-time municipal employees and absorbs increases in employee health insurance.

The city also manages the D'Iberville Water Department, a $5.6 million a year operation that provides water and sewer service to thousands of residential and commercial customers.

The city also has secured more than $50 million in state and federal grants, including a $7.9 million Safe Streets 4 All grant announced in December 2025.

Get the details:

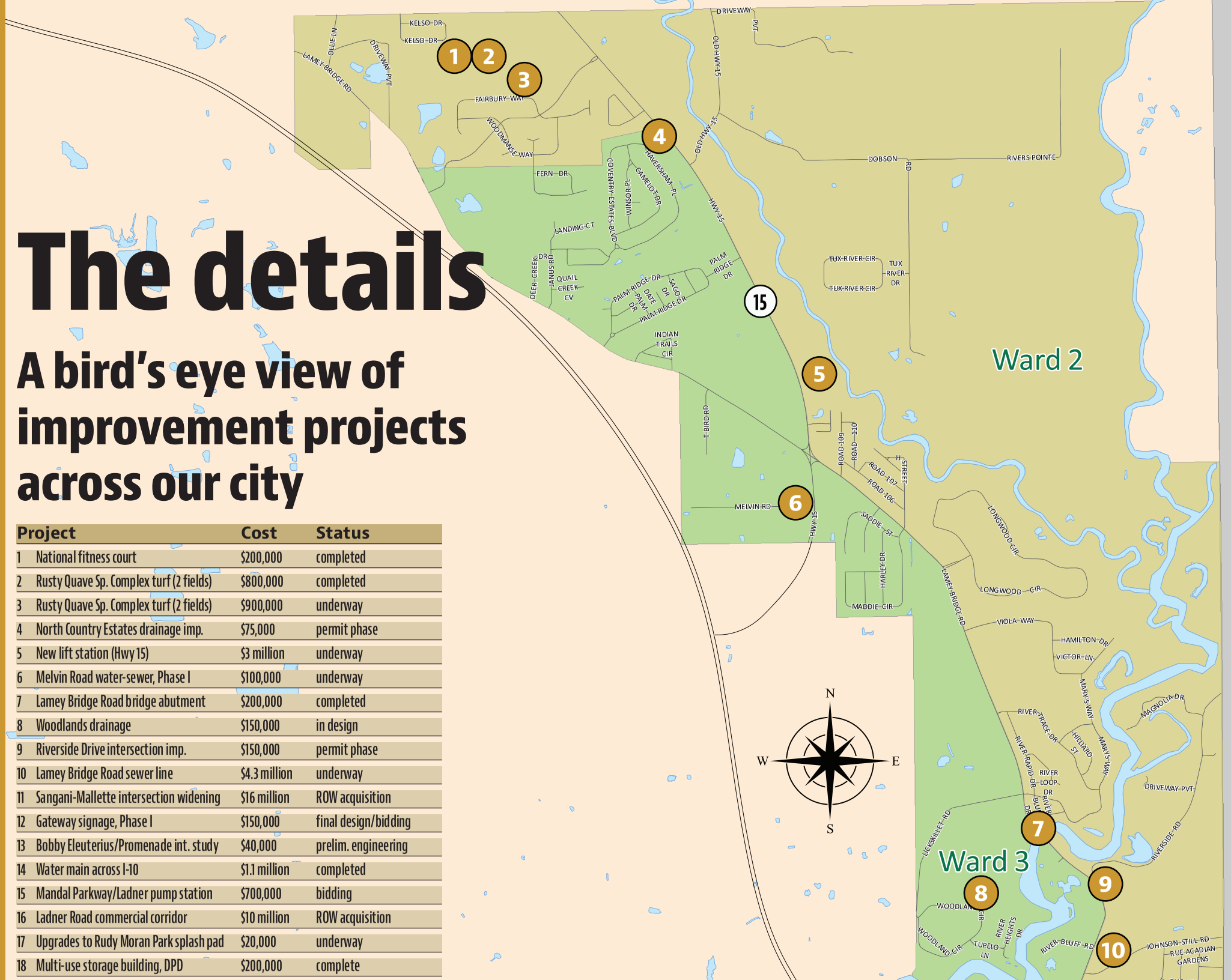
- **See the status** of dozens of improvement projects across the city, Pages 6-7
- **City departments** have had a tremendous year of progress, Pages 8-11
- **Helpful numbers** at your fingertips, Page 11

"Your city operates conservatively." – Councilman Randall Pelous

The details

A bird's eye view of improvement projects across our city

	Project	Cost	Status
1	National fitness court	$200,000	completed
2	Rusty Quave Sp. Complex turf (2 fields)	$800,000	completed
3	Rusty Quave Sp. Complex turf (2 fields)	$900,000	underway
4	North Country Estates drainage imp.	$75,000	permit phase
5	New lift station (Hwy 15)	$3 million	underway
6	Melvin Road water-sewer, Phase I	$100,000	underway
7	Lamey Bridge Road bridge abutment	$200,000	completed
8	Woodlands drainage	$150,000	in design
9	Riverside Drive intersection imp.	$150,000	permit phase
10	Lamey Bridge Road sewer line	$4.3 million	underway
11	Sangani-Mallette intersection widening	$16 million	ROW acquisition
12	Gateway signage, Phase I	$150,000	final design/bidding
13	Bobby Eleuterius/Promenade int. study	$40,000	prelim. engineering
14	Water main across I-10	$1.1 million	completed
15	Mandal Parkway/Ladner pump station	$700,000	bidding
16	Ladner Road commercial corridor	$10 million	ROW acquisition
17	Upgrades to Rudy Moran Park splash pad	$20,000	underway
18	Multi-use storage building, DPD	$200,000	complete



19	Rudy Moran Park restrooms imp.	$250,000	bidding
20	Lamey Bridge/Popp's Ferry int. imp.	$10 million	prelim. design
21	Popp's Ferry widening	$2.3 million	underway
22	Lamey Bridge Road sidewalks, Phase I	$400,000	completed
23	Suzanne Drive drainage improvements	$730,000	completed
24	Suzanne Drive/AutoMall int. re-alignment	$700,000	design/ROW acquisition
25	New weather siren	$45,000	underway
26	Lamey Bridge/LeMoyne int. imp.	$800,000	prelim. design
27	NRCS erosion	$500,000	underway
28	Pickleball courts (with Harrison County)	$160,000	completed
29	Brodie Road pump station upgrade	$700,000	underway
30	Brodie/Rodriguez intersection imp.	$3 million	prelim. design
31	Rodriguez Street corridor study	$100,000	completed
32	Doris Deno water tank rehab	$650,000	completed
33	Town Green turf (with Harrison County)	$275,000	completed
34	Marina expansion	$12.5 million	in design
35	Fountain Pier kayak launch	$100,000	completed

Also of note

Project	Cost	Status
Citywide roadway paving, striping	$1.5 million	design/bidding

Bachman Road, Brodie Road (Goodman to Lamey), Central Ave/D'Iberville Blvd (Rodriguez St to Automall), Date Palm Drive, Dianne Drive, Dobson Rd (south end from recently paved portion to end of road), Kimberly Court, Morgan Lane, Nadine Drive, Nancy Drive, Palm Ridge Drive, Palmetto Cove, Windmill Avenue.

Status as of January 2026

Funding sources: Sales taxes; property taxes; gaming taxes; Harrison County Board of Supervisors; Gulf of Mexico Economic Security Act (GOMESA); State Tidelands Fund; Resources and Eco Systems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revive Economies (RESTORE, BP funds); Gulf Regional Planning Commission; American Rescue Plan Act (COVID response funding), Municipal and County Water Infrastructure; and Safe Streets 4 All.

Thank you, state legislators and leaders, and to our delegation in Washington.



Youth Leadership Council, 2024-2025

Progress in every department



Traffic and the economy on the move: Lamey Bridge Road, at the intersection of Sangani Boulevard/Mallett Road.



The city oversaw $16 million in residential construction in past year

Administration

- Provides effective leadership, support, and guidance to ensure that all departments have the tools they need to carry out their jobs and that those jobs are being done.
- Coordinates and facilitates community events, festivals and parades for citizens and visitors to enjoy.
- Coordinates Youth Leadership Council, which this year had another year of hands-on activities and programs. From Huntington Ingalls to the State Capitol, Keesler AFB, and visiting with all city departments and community leaders, they received first-hand experience of the civic process.

Building

- Issued $36 million in building permits for the year, including $16 million in residential construction alone.
- 156 new homes built last year in D'Iberville, with permits for 13 apartment complexes.
- Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission reviewed 45 land-use cases in the past year.

"Our success is tied to having orderly growth."

– Councilman Joey Bosarge

Fire

- Three of every four calls are for a medical emergency. Acadian Ambulance Service and firefighters respond in a timely and professional manner.
- Fire department responded to nearly 1,900 calls for service. Only seven calls were for actual house fires.
- Department has 28 EMTs, with several on duty at all times. Keesler Federal Credit Union selected Firefighter Brandon DeCair as Firefighter of the Year.
- New 75-foot ladder truck, just completed the new firefighting training tower.



The new ambulance service



New 75-foot ladder truck, $1.1 million


New training tower, $478,000

Parks & Recreation

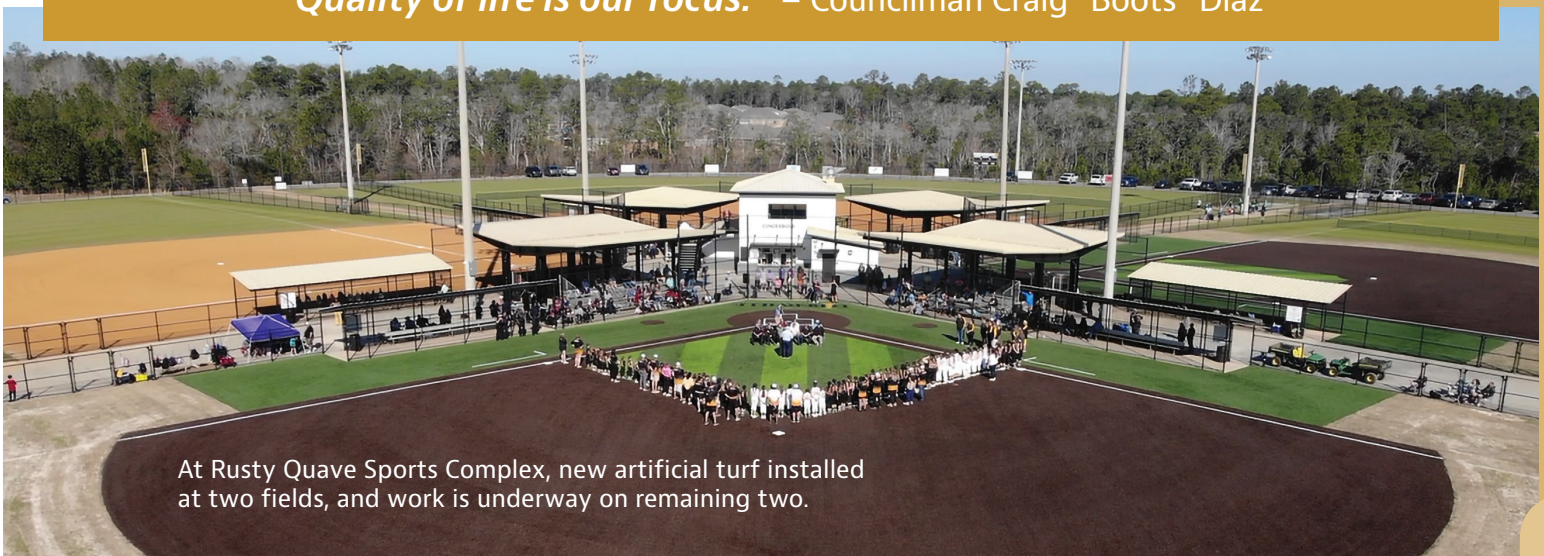
- Installed artificial turf on two of four softball fields at the Rusty Quave Sports Complex, where more than 1,000 players competed in 20 tournaments, attracting 20,000 people to our city.
- Hosted a total of 313 public and private functions this year, with the Town Green accounting for a third of the gatherings:
  - Town Green 121 events
  - Community Center 96 events
  - Rec Center 92 events
  - Fountain Pier 4 events
- Artificial turf installed on the Town Green, thanks to collaborative effort with Harrison County.
- At the Bobby Eleuterius Sports Complex, tennis courts transformed into pickleball courts.
- New kayak launch at Fountain Pier.
- Completed new fitness area at the Rusty Quave Sports Complex as part of the National Fitness Campaign Program, first in South Mississippi.


Pickleball is picking up the pace in D'Iberville



The first in South Mississippi

"Quality of life is our focus." – Councilman Craig "Boots" Diaz


At Rusty Quave Sports Complex, new artificial turf installed at two fields, and work is underway on remaining two.



Police Chief Marty Griffin



DPD responded to 20,000 calls for service in the past year



New sidewalks installed on Lamey Bridge Road



The Public Works Department completed more than 25,000 work orders in the year.

Police

- Welcomed new Chief Marty Griffin, a 14-year veteran of the department who has worked his way up through the ranks and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy at Quantico.
- Department of just over three dozen answered more than 20,000 calls for service in past year.
- Adding six new police cruisers to the fleet, outfitted our officers with new body cameras, body armor, and all the tools they'll need. Adding 2,700 square foot building to house equipment and supplies.
- Four officers graduated from high-level leadership courses, and the community named two officers of the year, Captain Gus Galloway by the Biloxi Elks Lodge 606, and K9 Officer Brian Beckstein by Keesler Federal Credit Union.
- Added two additional night shift officers and a court liaison officer

Public Works

- Handled 25,000 work orders in the past year, including a wide array of services, from cleaning culverts to patching potholes.
- Investing $1.7 million on street paving throughout the city, and completed a much-needed drainage improvement project at Suzanne Drive.
- Maintained cutting of rights-of-way, with a city litter crew making sure D'Iberville is a clean and green city with great curb appeal.

IN MEMORIAM

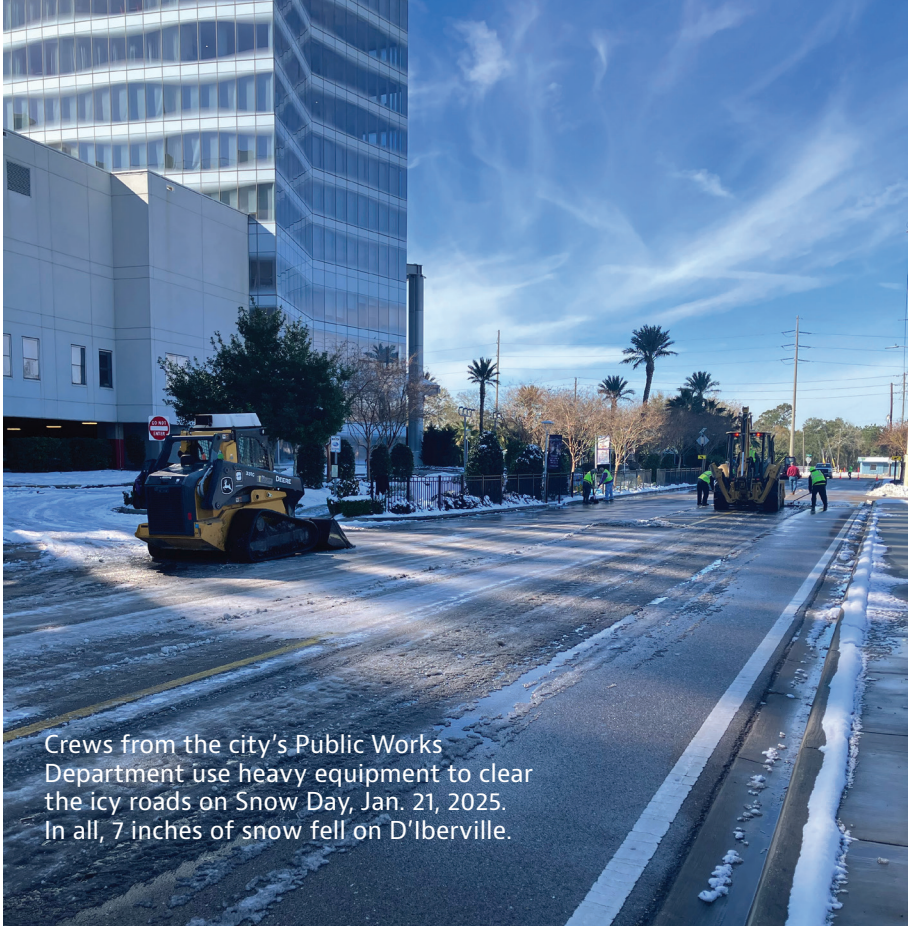
Two dedicated City of D'Iberville public servants tragically passed away in 2025: Firefighter Doyle Moran, who was posthumously named Firefighter of the Year by the Biloxi Elks Lodge, and longtime city electrician Davey Quave, who was instrumental in keeping all key infrastructure facilities operational. Said Bobby Weaver at a Thanksgiving employee gathering: "Their presence, their service and their friendship left a lasting mark on all of us."



Doyle Moran



Davey Quave



Crews from the city's Public Works Department use heavy equipment to clear the icy roads on Snow Day, Jan. 21, 2025. In all, 7 inches of snow fell on D'Iberville.

Also of note

- **The city workforce:** D'Iberville has 160 employees, with an average length of service of nine years. Longest-serving employee: Mayor Rusty Quave, with 32 years of service.
- **Water-sewer:** Annual budget – $5.6 million – remains the same in this city enterprise that serves thousands of residential and commercial customers.
- **City Court:** Hundreds of cases resolved with professionalism, justice and dignity. Welcomed a new City Judge, the Honorable Scott Lusk, to the bench.
- **Snow Day:** 2025 will go down as the year when 7 inches of snow fell on our city. Much of our city had a fun-filled white out, but our city workers were on the job making sure roads were passable for emergency vehicles and necessary travel.



New Municipal Court Judge Scott H. Lusk

"2025, what a year it was!"
– Councilman Gerald Burdine

Frequently Called Numbers

- **Animal Control**. **228-865-7060**
  To report stray or dead animals, leash-law violations
- **Auto Tag Property Information** **228-435-8242**
  County Courthouse, MLK Boulevard, Biloxi
- **Birth Certificates**. **601-206-8200**
  State Department of Vital Statistics in Jackson
- **Building Permits**. . . . . .**228-392-7966, ext 6001**
  To obtain permits for construction and improvements
- **Business Licenses** **228-273-3328**
  To obtain a license to do business in the city
- **City Manager, Administration** **228-392-7966**
  To reach city manager or elected leaders
- **City Court** **228-392-7966**
  Information on traffic tickets and court docket
- **Code Enforcement** **228-273-3328**
  To report weeded lots, unsafe buildings, abandoned vehicles
- **Drivers Licenses**. **228-396-7400**
  16741 Miss. 67, Biloxi
- **Emergency Police and Fire** **911**
  Non-emergency **Police** **228-396-4252**
  or Fire **228-392-3525**
- **Garbage, Trash and Recycling Collection**. . . .**228-701-9086**
  Harrison County Utility Authority oversees residential service
- **Human Resources**. **228-273-3344**
  For info on city employment
- **Parks & Recreation**. **228-860-4574**
  Info on programs, or to rent most city facilities
- **Planning Commission**. . .**228-273-3328**
  To apply for a change in your zoning or land use
- **Streets and Drainage** . . **228-392-9734**
  After-hours emergency **228-392-2310**
  To report pot holes, damaged street signs, traffic signals or street lights
- **Voter Registration** **228-865-4049**
  To register to vote or change in address
- **Water Department**. **228-392-7966**
  After-hours emergency. **228-392-2310**

A REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF D'IBERVILLE

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Mayor Rusty Quave

City Council
At-large: Joey Bosarge
Ward 1: Randall Pelous
Ward 2: Carrie Taranto-Chipley
Ward 3: Craig "Boots" Diaz
Ward 4: Gerald Burdine

City Manager: Bobby Weaver

Local D'Iberville Postal Customer

'The Wall That Heals'

Of all the special events in D'Iberville over the past year, none was as emotional as this one. In April, after a yearlong planning effort, the City, along with members of the VFW Post 6731 and the American Legion Post 2002, hosted "The Wall That Heals" at the Bobby Eleuterius Recreational Complex. This three-quarter-size replica of the Vietnam Wall monument carries the names of the 58,281 men and women who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. Over three days, more than 4,500 people visited site. It was a somber and respectful display of heartfelt emotion.

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