

**CITY OF BILOXI
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

Item No.:

4G

Council Meeting Date:

April 2, 2024

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich
CONTACT PERSON: E. Michael Leonard, CAO

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Resolution affirming the denial of the Special Event Application submitted by Nicholas Brundidge and Rondale Joyner for a Mississippi Black Spring Break Even on April 11-14, 2024.

Resolution Ordinance _____ Public Hearing _____ Routine Agenda _____

Exhibits for Review

Contract _____ Minutes _____ Plans/Maps _____ Deed _____ Lease _____

Other (Specify): Exhibit "A"-Decision Appeal Correspondence Documentation
 Exhibit "B"- Recommendation of Denial

Submittal Authorization: Council President _____ Mayor

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion By: _____ Second By: _____

<u>Vote:</u>	<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>AFR</u>	<u>ABST</u>	<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>AFR</u>	<u>ABST</u>
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ACTION TAKEN: Removed on March 19, 2024 per applicants request

Resolution No.

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE DENIAL OF THE SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION
SUBMITTED BY NICHOLAS BRUNDIDGE AND RONDALE JOYNER FOR A
MISSISSIPPI BLACK SPRING BREAK EVENT ON APRIL 11-14, 2024

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WHEREAS, the Harrison County Beach Event Application also shows the “Location of Event” at 2450 Beach Boulevard;

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WHEREAS, on March 8, 2024, the applicants were notified of the denial of their Special Event Application by certified mail and email;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2024, the applicants emailed the attached correspondence and documentation appealing the decision (Exhibit “A”);

WHEREAS, the Special Events Committee has submitted materials it relied on for its recommendation of denial (Exhibit “B”);

WHEREAS, the Biloxi City Council, after consideration of all facts presented at a public hearing on this application, hereby affirms the decision of the Mayor, and in so doing, determines that **denial** of this Special Event Application, as presented, is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, hereby denies the Special Event Application submitted by Nicholas Brundidge and Rondale Joyner for a Mississippi Black Spring Break Event on April 11-14, 2024 at the property known as the "Shular Lot" located at 2450 Beach Boulevard Biloxi, MS.

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Resolution No.

RESOLUTION OVERTURNING THE DENIAL OF THE SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION
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To whom it may concern,

First, we would like to address...

Our sole purpose is requesting approval to play amplified music on the beach for the participants of Mississippi Black Spring Break, to which we did not see an **Approval** or **Dis-Approval** of our request. To have amplified music in the sand is to elevate foot traffic on the roads and migrate everyone to the beach area which in turn will help the Police Department, to litigate traffic on the beach and to this we have been doing for the last 14 years. We are requesting for more detailed or explanation on while we have not received an **Approval** or **Dis-Approval** for our amplified beach permit which we submit every year?

For the "Shular Lot"...

We never stated anywhere that Mississippi Black Spring Break events was placed on this lot.

The "Shular Lot" and other private lots helps with parking which is a problem that affects every major tourism event on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The "Shular Lot" and other vacant lots along the beach are rented out for several events which includes Cruising the Coast, Scrapping the Coast, Mardi Gras, etc. and again along with Mississippi Black Spring Break. Stated in a meeting, on February 22, 2024, with all law enforcement heads (Biloxi Police Department, Harrison County Sheriffs, Mississippi Highway Patrol, Biloxi EMT's and several others), the main issue was lack of parking which ideas was brought up to contact other vacant lots and the Edgewater Mall to get parking like "Cruising the Coast" incorporates **EVERY YEAR**. To that the miscommunication is to why an issue with the "Shular Lot" when everybody rents the private lots for their events, in some kind of capacity. We are asking for a more detail explanation to why the Shular lot was denied, when it assists with parking for the visitors and helps with the overall parking issue? Again, when this lot and additional lots are being used every year by different events, besides our own for events for the same reason. As for the conglomerate who rents out the "Shular Lot" every year, they have already been working with the Biloxi police department for the vendor spacing, parking logistics, provided a layout plan etc., which we do not understand where the disconnect is regarding the "game plan" when one was provided (additional security, vendor space, etc.)

We want to reiterate.

We have requested and submitted documentation to play amplified music on the beach. We have been doing this for 14 years for the participants of Mississippi Black Spring Break to help with the Biloxi Police Department to elevate walking traffic. Every year there is inconsistency on Harrison County Beach Patrol and Police Department as far as approval. Which again, brings the miscommunication and disconnect when we do everything on our end to get these documents submitted in a reasonable amount of time which was a year (April 25, 2023) before this year's event takes place.

We were always under the impression this is place that welcomes tourism.

All Mississippi Black Spring Break events are held on private entities and the beach is a public beach and all our spring breakers have rented Air BNB's, hotels, motels, book flights, travel plans, etc. and ready to spend money on the Mississippi Gulf Coast as they are excited to enjoy the place we call home which boosts the economy but we feel they are not embraced with same warmth and exuberance as other events on the coast brings. We struggle with the reasoning of why a tourism city which strives off tourism not wanting to welcome tourists?

The History

We at Mississippi Black Spring Break want to give the reasoning why we do our event in April and the cultural significance of it. In April of 2010, We **Created and Organized** Mississippi Black Spring Break to honor our ancestors who went through the horrific event called "Bloody Sunday/Biloxi Wade Ins" when they were not **ALLOWED** to be on the public beach because of the color of their skin we celebrate their bravery and courage through this event.

Special Committee Questions

Again, we still do not understand why we were not able to submit our own event, Mississippi Black Spring Break, to the Special Events Committee, ourselves, in which we can fully explain our event in full detail and/or answer any questions that may arise to that said committee. As the Creators and Organizers of this event we find this very confusing and somewhat troubling.

We also are asking why hasn't the minutes of this said Special Events Committee meeting with Capt Everett made public and why isn't the members names of this special committee made public also?

We also are asking how can you have a special committee with no one on that said committee be the heads of any of these events that the special committee is deciding on?

We are asking these questions as we are under the assumption that the special committee might be biased based on personal beliefs of our event which would in fact could sway the votes.

As everything involving the Special Committee it seems is in secrecy. We are asking for transparency and fairness as this whole special committee and special events ordinance process seems it was targeted just for our event Black Spring Break (as it was stated in the WLOX News from the State of Biloxi Address function) and not for all events as it was stated in the February 22, 2024 meeting we had with all law enforcement which was stated " This special events ordinance was put together in emphasis after the tragic deaths of bystanders from Cruisers during Cruising the Coast and the situation with Black Spring Break". Let's not down one event and forget the aspects of what happened with another event is all we are saying.

Please Provide Transparency

Once again, we are asking these questions as we are very confused on the paperwork sent to us by Jerry Creel so we would like a full detailed explanation of what the paperwork we received means based on the documentation we submitted.

A Timeline of Events

Please see the attached documents and timeline we have filled out and submitted regarding our event.

- 1) Beach permit filled out and physically submitted April 9, 2023, to the Harrison County Beach Patrol the Monday after last year's Black Spring Break 2023
- 2) An email was sent April 25, 2023, Harrison County Beach Patrol asking the update on that said Beach Permit
- 3) An email sent April 25, 2023, to all city council members and the mayor asking for a sit down to talk about preparations for our event black Spring Break for 2024
- 4) Regular communication with Capt Everett since April 25, 2023
- 5) November 21, 2023, a visit to the Harrison County Beach Patrol asking for a status on the Beach Permit
- 6) The Event Route Request form filled, signed, and submitted (the only document available to submit for an Events Ordinance as none was created beforehand) on December 12, 2023
- 7) February 22, 2024, meeting with ALL Law enforcement at City Hall

In conclusion

In conclusion, a unanimous vote from the Special Events Committee seems very unfair and biased based on the information we provided which we have stated includes nothing that they mentioned in the letter we received from Jerry Creel, and it seems the demographic that participates in our event is not welcomed which is very disappointing.

As far as due process we believe this has not concurred based on time and lengthwise regarding the letter we received and we feel everything was rushed to cause confusing, outrage, and the feeling on not being welcomed regarding our event which is April 11-14, 2024 (approximately almost 30 days away) even though we reached out to the powers to be on April 25, 2023, wanting a sit down and discussions.

We are asking for immediate overview of our documents we submitted and reversal of the decision of the "Shular Lot" which is used for parking and the approval decision of our amplified music on the Biloxi Beach.

V/r



Mississippi black Spring Break

HARRISON COUNTY
SAND BEACH DEPARTMENT

842 COMMERCE STREET • GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI 39507
(228) 896-0055 • FAX (228) 896-0059



BEACH EVENT APPLICATION

Application Fee \$25.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)

Name: NICK BRUNOWAGE Date: 9 APR 2023

Business/Organization: BLACK SPRING BREAK, LLC

Address: 674 ROYALE DR BILOXI MS 39532

Day Phone: 228 235 2071 Night Phone: _____

Date of Event: 12-14 APRIL 2024

Time of Event: 1-7pm (FRI) 11-7pm (SAT/SUN)
From To

Number to Attend: TBD

Location of Event: 2450 BEACH BLVD BILOXI MS / BETWEEN SURFSIDE

Alternate Location: _____

Activities to be Held: TUG OF WAR / CO-ED FOOTBALL
BIKINI CONTEST / FOOTBALL / VOLLEYBALL
DJ'S & MORE

Crowd Control Procedures: PROVIDING HELP TO CITY OF BILOXI KEEP CROWDS
IN PLACE OF NO TRAFFIC

Your Signature: [Signature]

Sheriff Signature: _____

County Approval: _____

Chuck Loftis
Director of Sand Beach

EVENT ROUTE REQUEST

City Ordinance 12-4-1

Date of Application: 12 DECEMBER 2023 Proposed Date of Event: APRIL 11-14, 2024

Name and Address of Applicant/Organization: NICHOLAS BRUNDIDGE 674 ROYALE DRIVE BILOXI MISSISSIPPI
BLACK SPRING BREAK LLC

Contact Person: NICHOLAS BRUNDIDGE

Address: 674 ROYALE DRIVE BILOXI MISSISSIPPI 39532

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone Number: 2282352071 Cell Number: 2282352071

Business Email: MISSISSIPPI SPRING BREAK @ GMAIL . COM Email Address: NICHOLAS BRUNDIDGE @ YAHOO . COM

Secondary Point of Contact

Name: RONDALE JOYNER

Phone Number: 2282979811 Cell Number: 2282979811 Email Address: RONDALEJOYNER@YAHOO.COM

Name of Organization to Whom The Permit Will be Issued:

MISSISSIPPI BLACK SPRING BREAK

Total Number of Event Elements (be specific): THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EVENTS WE ARE EXPECTING ARE 10 EVENTS

Walkers/Runners: Cars: Floats: Marching Bands: Other: NUMBERS VARY

SPECIFIC ROUTE INFORMATION

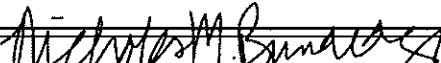
PLEASE USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER TO SHOW THE ENTIRE ROUTE/AREA OF THE EVENT TO INCLUDE THE FORMATION AND DISPERSAL AREAS

Formation Time: 11 AM Start Time: APRIL 11-14, 2024 Expected End Time: 3AM

Amount of Roadway Used By The Event: Entire Roadway Half of Roadway Less Than Half

APPLICANT COMMENTS

MISSISSIPPI BLACK SPRING BREAK
APRIL 11-14, 2024
WILL BE BEACH EVENTS, CLUB EVENTS, CONCERTS, DAY EVENTS,
FOOD VENDORS, AND CAR SHOW

Applicant Signature:  12/12/2023

By my signature above, I acknowledge I have read Biloxi City Ordinances 2-13-1 and 12-4-1/2

PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: Issued By: Date of Issue:

FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

External Coordination Required: Yes No

Operations Plan Required: Yes No

Comments

Community Development Director
Jerry Creel



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Biloxi, Mississippi 39533
Office: 228.435.6280
Fax: 228.435.6188
www.biloxi.ms.us

March 8, 2024

Via Certified Mail and Email PDF: mississippi-spring-break@gmail.com;
nicholasbrundidge@yahoo.com; rondalejoyner@yahoo.com

Nicholas Brundidge
674 Royale Drive
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

Re: Special Event Application – Mississippi Black Spring Break April 11-14, 2024

Mr. Brundidge:

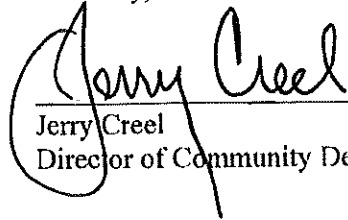
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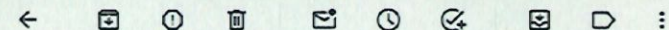
days after receipt of this denial letter. Your appeal will be published as a public hearing on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

Sincerely,



Jerry Creel
Director of Community Development

mississippi black spring break 2024 city council



Mississippi Black Spring Break 2024 Inbox x



Mississippi SpringBreak <mississippispringbreak@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 25, 20

to mayor, glawrence, fgines, dneuman, RLDEMING3, ptisdale, kglavan, nbarrett, lbrashier, kcampbell, mpeterson, policechief, jcreel, mleonard, citycouncil

Good Morning,

We at **Mississippi Black Spring Break** wanted to let the **City** of Biloxi know the dates for our next year's event. The dates are April 11th, 12th, &13th and 14th **2024**. We are definitely open and hoping to sit down with everyone someti
As we will be celebrating our 14 Year. Please let us know.

V/r

Mississippi Black Spring Break

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Nicholas Brundidge

From: nicholasbrundidge@yahoo.com
To: Charles V. Loftis

Tue, Apr 25, 2023 at 9:14 AM

Good Morning,

I am submitting the document for a beach permit for April 12-14, 2024 to alleviate traffic during our event Mississippi Black Spring Break. Please see attached and please let me know if there is anything more we need to do on our end.

W/r

Nick Brundidge
228 235 2071



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Nicholas Brundidge Capt Everett. Per your request here is the Harrison Sand Beach Department Beach Event Application we submitted on April 25, 2023 for this years events for 2024 Thu, Feb 15 at 5:30 PM

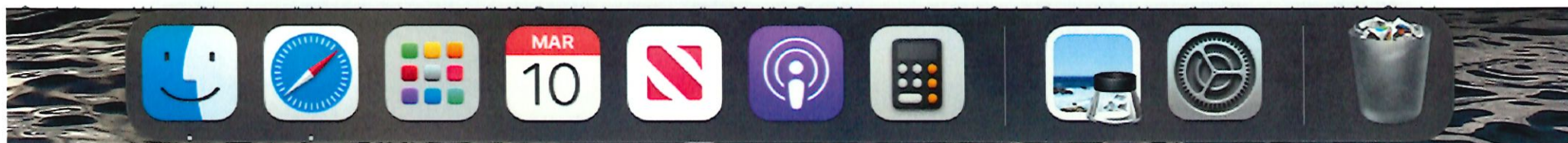


Grandver Everett

From: geverett@biloxi.ms.us
To: cksimmons@co.harrison.ms.us
Cc: rondalejoyner@yahoo.com, Nicholas Brundidge

Fri, Feb 16 at 3:27 PM

Cindy,





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Status of Beach Permit

Yahoo/Sent [Star Icon]

Nicholas Brundidge From: nicholasbrundidge@yahoo.com To: Charles V. Lottis

Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 7:58 AM [Star Icon]

Good morning Mr. Clofis,

Mr. Chuck this is Nick Brundidge I submitted an application for a beach noise permit for the dates of April 14-16, 2023 a few months ago and wanted to know the status of the permit. Please let me know if there is anything else you may need from me.

Nick Brundidge 235 2071

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EXHIBIT "B"

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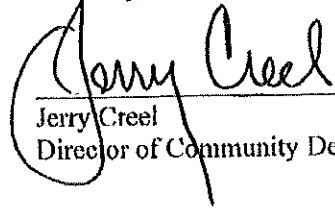
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Director of Community Development

Office of the Mayor
A.M. Gilich, Jr.



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March 7, 2024

Emailed

Director Jerry Creel
Community Development Department
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Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

Re: Special Event Application – Mississippi Black Spring Break April 11-14, 2024

Dear Director Creel:

After thorough review of the Mississippi Black Spring Break Special Event Application and all supporting information and documentation provided by the Special Events Committee, I hereby agree with the recommendation of the Special Events Committee to deny this Special Event Application with regard to the Biloxi location at "Shular Lot" for the following reasons:

- No written authorization by the owners of the Shular properties in connection with this special event has been provided by the applicants;
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As the Director of Community Development and the Permit Issuing Authority for Special Events, I am authorizing you to notify the Special Event Applicants that their event is denied for the reasons set for above. Please also include in your denial letter notice of the applicants right to appeal this decision to the City Council if they so choose.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A.M. Gilich, Jr.", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

A.M. Gilich, Jr.
Mayor

AMG/zc/km



March 6, 2024


To: Mayor Gilich
From: Special Events Committee
Re: Recommendation on Spring Break Event Application

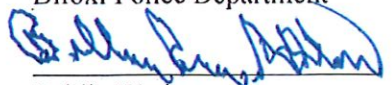
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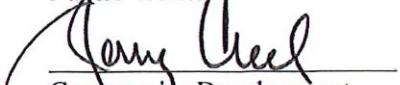
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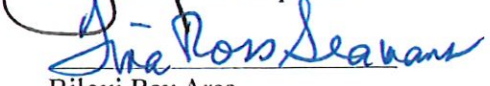
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- The size of the event will require diversion of so great a number of police officers of the city to ensure that all participants stay within the boundaries of the event, or to protect participants in the event, as to prevent normal protection of the remainder of the city.

For the above stated reasons, it is the recommendation of the Special Event Committee that this Special Event Application be denied.

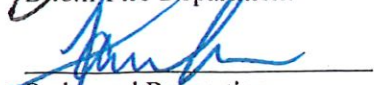

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The following have been appended to the minutes of this meeting:

1. Recommendation to the Mayor
2. Memorandum from Special Events Coordinator
3. Event Overview Slideshow
4. Special Event Application submitted by Rondale Joyner and Nicholas Brundidge



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
The Special Event Committee

A meeting of the Special Event Committee was held at 9:00 o'clock, a.m. on the 5th day of March, A.D., 2024, at 140 Lameuse Street, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530.

The following Committee members were present:

Biloxi Police Department – Director John Miller

Biloxi Fire Department – Chief Nicholas Geiser

Public Works – Billy Ray Allen

Parks and Recreation – Director Cheryl Bell

Community Development – Director Jerry Creel

City of Biloxi Administration – Zach Cruthirds, City Attorney's Office

Biloxi Bay Area Chamber of Commerce – Tina Ross-Seamans, Executive Director.

Zach Cruthirds kept the minutes.


The meeting was then called to order.

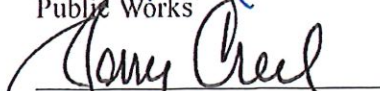
The meeting was called for the purposes of reviewing and providing a recommendation to the Mayor on the approval of the Special Event Application submitted by Rondale Joyner and Nicholas Brundidge for a Spring Break Event on April 11-14, 2024. Captain Everett and Major Hipple of the Biloxi Police Department then presented and reviewed the application with the Committee. After discussion by the Committee, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously adopted to recommend to the Mayor that the application be denied. A copy of this recommendation has been appended to the minutes of this meeting.

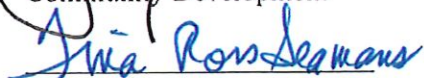
There being no further business before the meeting, on motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned.

DATED: March 5th, 2024,


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Enclosures: Minutes from the March 5th Special Events Committee Meeting
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To: Special Event Review Committee

From: Capt. Grandver Everett

Event Type: Black Spring Break 2024

Dates: April 11 – 14, 2024

Location: West Biloxi

Event Organizers: Rondale Joyner

Nicholas Brundidge

Mr. Joyner first reached out in November 2023 regarding the 2024 event. He reached out at a time that the City of Biloxi was in the process of adopting an events ordinance. During these conversations, I was introduced to his event partner, Mr. Nicholas Brundidge. We had brief discussion about the ordinance, followed by an event application being submitted on December 12, 2023. The event was identified as being planned for April 11 -14, 2024.

On January 16, 2024, Mr. Timothy Bolling called the Biloxi Police Department regarding being a vendor for the event. Bolling identified himself as being the renter of the Shular property, located north of Highway 90, east of Pine Grove Avenue. The significant landmarks are the Waffle House (2450 Beach Boulevard) and Surf Style (2466 Beach Boulevard).



As part of the event review process, I met with Mr. Joyner in person and discussed the new events ordinance. We also discussed the event and our expectations of the event organizers. That in person meeting was followed up with multiple phone conversations, eventually leading to the actual schedule of events being emailed on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, by Mr. Brundidge. The following event itinerary was provided:

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Event	Time	Location
Welcome Fest Concert	9:00 pm - 3:00 am	Gulfport / Club 34

Friday, April 12, 2024

Event	Time	Location
Day Party	12:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Gulfport / Club Empire
Beach Fun Day	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Biloxi Beach / 2400 Block
Bounce Fest & Jump Off Party	9:00 pm – 3:00 am	Gulfport / Club 34
Black Spring Break Mayhem	9:00 pm – 3:00 am	Gulfport / Club 34

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Event	Time	Location
Beach Fun Day	11:00 am – 7:00 pm	Biloxi Beach (2400 Block)
Concert by AG Entertainment	6:30 pm – 11:30 pm	Coast Coliseum
After Party	9:00 pm – 3:00 am	Gulfport / Elaine's

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Event	Time	Location
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Donkmaster Car Show and Drag Race	11:00 – 2:00 pm	Gulfport Dragway
Beach Fun Day	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Biloxi Beach (2400 Block)
R&B Brunch	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Gulfport / Almanett Bistro
R&B vs Trap Day Party	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Gulfport / Club Empire
Black Spring Break Finale	9:00 pm – 3:00 am	Gulfport / Club 34

Background Checks

Background checks were performed on Joyner, Brundidge, and Bolling, as well as another in person meeting on February 22, 2024. Mr. Joyner and Bolling were both found to not have a criminal history.

Mr. Brundidge was found to have one arrest on his criminal history. He showed an arrest in 2003 for Domestic Violence (misdemeanor) by the Tallahassee Police Department, but there was not a conviction listed. The arrest charge was possibly dropped and the records are now sealed.

Planned Events not sponsored by Joyner and Brundidge

Friday, April 12, 2024

Event	Time	Location
F███ Up the City	9:00 pm – 4:00 am	Biloxi / Club Osok
Twerk Fest	8:00 pm – 4:00 am	Press Box Daiquiri Lounge
Pop-Up Party	Unknown	Peekays / Gulfport

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Event	Time	Location
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Wet Dreamz Pool Party	12:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Unknown
Wet Dreamz Pool Party	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Unknown
Roc Da Mic Showcase	12:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Lucy's Bar & Restaurant
Spring Break VIP Cruise	4:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Gulfport
Spring Break Invasion	8:00 pm – 4:00 am	Gulfport / Press Box Daiquiri Lounge

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Event	Time	Location
Black Beach Boat Party	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Gulfport
Black Beach Finale	4:00 pm – 4:00 am	Gulfport / Press Box Daiquiri Lounge

Security & Sanitation Plan for the Shular Lot

After speaking with Joyner and Brundidge, I followed up with Mr. Bolling regarding the plan in place for the lot being rented. He informed me that he would be utilizing the property for paid parking and vendors. Bolling plans to allow a maximum of 20 vendors on the property, using the remainder of the area for parking. I explained the process for vendors having to be 20 feet from the sidewalk, as well as vendors facing their serving windows away from any road.

In the past, vendors have used the south side of the property for setup. In doing this, vendor serving windows faced south. This setup is not ideal, as it always presents traffic concerns on Highway 90. As we saw during the event in 2023, event participants trying to make vendor purchases often blocked the sidewalk. This forced pedestrians to move to the roadway, causing motorists to stop. Once traffic stopped, this encouraged vehicle occupants to exit their vehicles to gather on Highway 90. Having vendors pushed away from the roadway, along with serving windows having to face north, this will force customers to stay out of the roadways.

As another safeguard in place for the lot, vendors will not be allowed to form a wall across the front of the property. They will be forced have 20 yards between them and the next vendor. Vendors in the past have formed a wall, obstructing view of the property. In doing so, this allowed for the area to remain unmonitored for the most part.

Mr. Bolling is also providing 20 Security Guards and 20 Parking Attendants for the lot. Security personnel and parking attendants will be wearing different colored shirts, to be

easily identified based on their role. There will also be 7 portable toilets on site. At the end of the event, they will have a team in place to clean the lot.

2023 Event Photos

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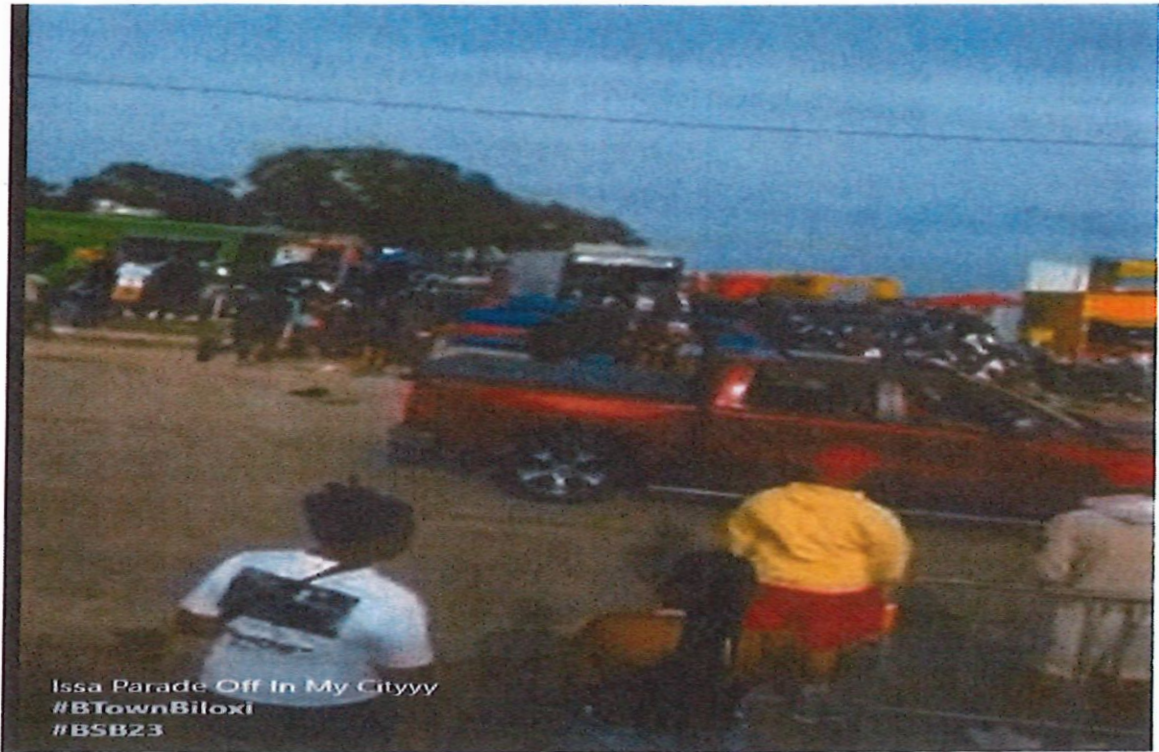
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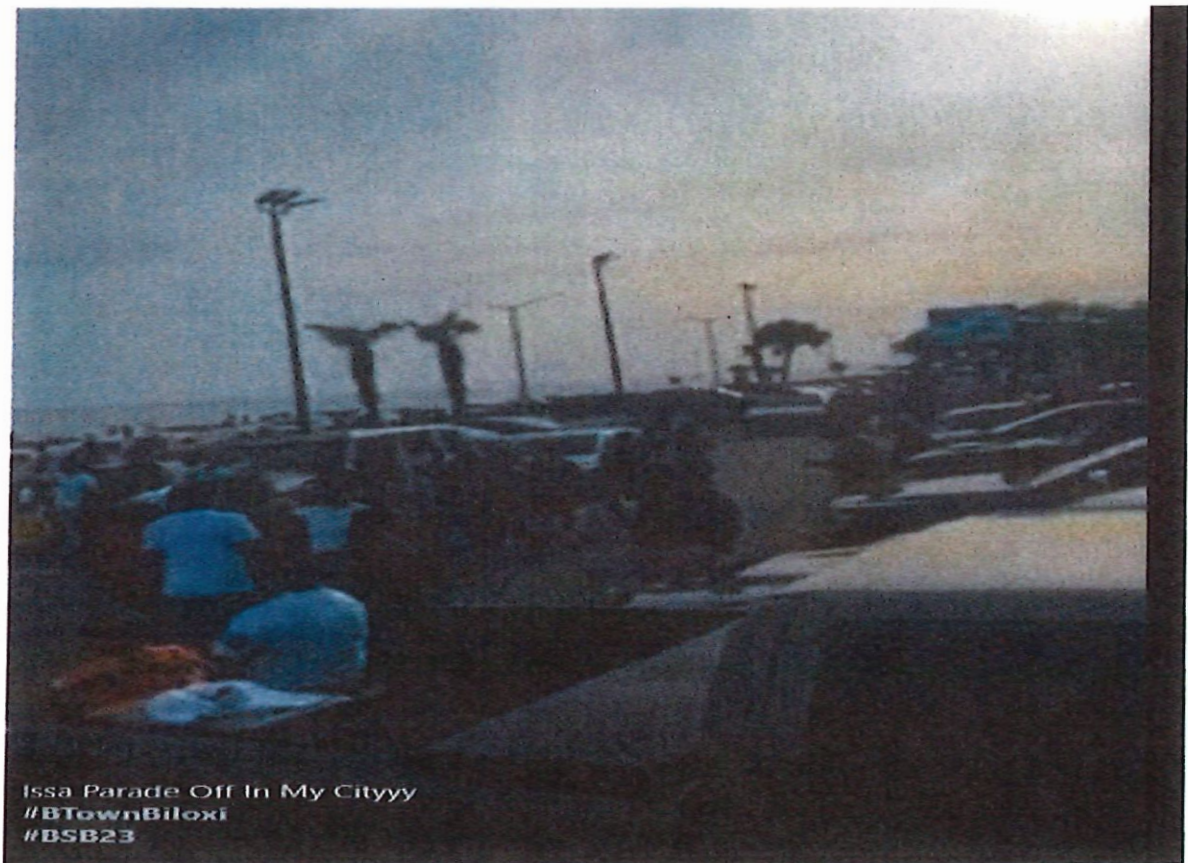
Service Drive Across from the Shular Lot



Service Drive Across from the Shular Lot



Surf Style Parking Lot



Shular Lot



Meeting at Biloxi City Hall

On February 22, 2024, Mr. Joyner and Mr. Brundidge met with me, along with other members of the Biloxi Police Department, as well as members of the Biloxi Fire Department, Harrison County Sheriff's Office, Mississippi Highway Patrol, Harrison County Sand Beach Authority, and the Gulfport Police Department. The goal of the meeting was to give the event organizers to meet with all planning officials to discuss the event planning process. It also allowed for city, county, and state officials to address any concerns regarding past and future events.

Parking was one of the significant issues discussed. This event traditionally brings between 20,000 to 30,000 participants to the City of Biloxi, depending on one lot and public parking as being the parking plan. In total, that is less than 1,000 parking spaces, which creates the parking where I can mentality. This mentality is part of the reason property owners and residents are against major events.

After being present with this issue, Joyner and Brundidge did not have a plan in place. However, they were receptive and stated they would reach out to Edgewater Mall in an attempt to find additional parking. They also commented about looking into the possibility of renting a shuttle service. At the time of this report, I have not heard anything back regarding this matter.

Public Safety was another concern addressed. While event organizers focused on their planned events, it was pointed out that the event as a whole is the responsibility of the event organizers. Joyner and Brundidge spoke more about having security, but also pointed out the shortage of officers working the event.

Prior to ending the meeting, we discussed event operating times. Joyner and Brundidge are aware of the service drives closing at 10:00 pm, but efforts will be made starting at 9:00 pm to start the process of clearing them. In addition to the service drives, vendors are not allowed to operate past 9:00 pm. The event permit itself, will not extend past 10:00 pm.

On Sunday, April 14, 2024, if issued, the event permit will end at 2:00 pm. Both organizers acknowledged the ending times and said they would share that information on social media.

Lastly, we will provide Mr. Joyner and Brundidge with a list of rules and regulations being enforced during the event. This list will include all state laws and city ordinances, but it will highlight the most common offenses noted during events.

Public Safety Plan

We are planning this year to implement the Emergency Lane at the start of the event. This will allow for first responders to access problem areas quicker and safer. It will also allow for other first responders to respond as needed, in a timely manner.

In addition to the Emergency Lane being in place, we will not allow parking along the street on Pine Grove or Briarfield Avenue. There will be no parking signs in place. Violators will be ticketed and towed. Having cars parked along the street is part of the problem with attendees gathering in the streets, causing them to be blocked.

Surf Style is also stepping up to take preventative safety measures. They have signed a trespass letter and will limit their establishment to customers only. Parking and gatherings will not be allowed on their property. Management will also have security on-site April 12 - 14.

Another area of concern is the parking lot of Edgewater Mall. They have in the past, worked really well with trying to control their parking lot. I have a meeting planned for next week and will be asking for additional safety measures to be added. Should they use this area for parking, we will ask for them to provide additional security outside of the mall. As it stands currently, they have security inside and outside, but not nearly enough. We will also ask for mall personnel to have a clear plan for what will and will not be allowed on the grounds.

In an attempt to have more officers present for the event, we have reached out to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (Highway Patrol & Commercial Trucking Enforcement Division), all agencies on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, to include Stone County and the Wiggins Police Department. We have also reached out to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Biloxi Reserve Officers, and Biloxi Event Officers / Part-Time Officers. As normal, the Harrison County Sheriff's Department is working this event with us.

With help from our Public Safety Partners, we look to dedicate more officers to problematic areas. This will give us an opportunity to have more of an Immediate presence, as well identify and address problems early. We will also have officers dedicated to enforcing traffic, officers designated as Quick Reaction Teams, and have a team looking for and addressing impaired motorist.

Collectively, this will give us an opportunity to better control this event, with the hopes of restoring a safe environment for residents, officers, business owners / employee, and event attendees.

At the time of this report, I have not spoken with any other Black Spring Break Promoters. Given this being a Tier 1 event, the application submission window has closed.

Event Overview (Spring Break)

Purpose: To provide a short overview of the Spring Break event compared to other similar large city wide events, such as Scrapin the Coast, and Cruisin the Coast. This overview also provides a break down of the common issues related to the event. This information is designed to give city leaders and city partners an understanding of the event and allow them to make an informed decision on its approval or denial.

General Event Information

-Length of Events: The following is a brief overview on the length of the three compared events.

-Spring Break = Approximately 3 days, usually no early visitors prior to event weekend.

-Scrapin the Coast = Approximately 5-6 days accounting for early events / visitors.

-Cruisin the Coast = Approximately 10 days accounting for early events / visitors.

-Traffic: All three events bring similar traffic related issues and present challenges, however no event other than Spring Break involves crowds taking over roadways. This is a form of a flash mob, also commonly referred to as a "take over" event where roadways are deliberately flooded with pedestrian traffic, often times organized through social media and live streamed.

-Business disruption: During each of these large events there are the occasional calls from businesses to help clear their parking lots, or deal with crowds inside their businesses. However, these incidents occur far more often during the Spring Break event and typically involve much larger crowds. The Edgewater Mall has been forced to close early during several Spring Break events, with the most recent being during the 2023 event due to large unruly crowds and reports of gunfire inside the mall.

-Coordination: Event coordination and cooperation between city leaders and event organizers varies. Promoters with Cruisin the Coast and Scrapin the Coast routinely coordinate well with the city and the Special Events Coordinator. Spring Break promoters rarely coordinate with the city, although some do each year, most do not and the event will see numerous unaffiliated promoters hosting their own pop up mini events. This lack of coordination makes planning for and dealing with this event highly difficult. **See slides #6 and #7.*

-Safety: Any large-scale city event that draws 20+ thousand additional visitors over the course of its duration presents potential problems that need to be planned for and mitigated. As presented in the following charts, the Spring Break event involves significantly more felony crimes, assaults, gun crimes, and narcotics than any other event. The Spring Break event is the only event that has ever involved a mass shooting, a gang related homicide, or multiple local police officers being shot. **See slides #4 and #5, and #11.*

-Citizen Complaints: All three of these events generate complaints and public criticism from the citizens of Biloxi, primarily due to the traffic congestion. However, the Spring Break event generates significantly more citizen complaints than any other event. Many of these complaints involve the fear for their safety, violence, crowds taking over private residences / properties, etc... A quick Google search, or a review of past city counsel meetings uploaded to Youtube will provide numerous examples of unhappy citizens voicing their concerns and complaints about the Spring Break event.

-Event Staffing: The Police Department faces significant challenges with staffing for this event as many officers from outside agencies are no longer volunteering to help with it. Additionally, after last years Spring Break event several agencies have forbidden their officers to assist with the event in the future. **See slides #9 and #10.*

Common Event Activities

Cruisin the Coast	Scrapin the Coast	Spring Break
Various Coliseum events	Various Coliseum events	Coliseum Concert (when booked)
Registration kick off concert event	Vehicle displays	Misc. vendors
Classic vehicle displays	Vehicle related contests	Music contests
Vehicle related contests	Vehicle auctions	Twerving / Dance / Bikini contests
Block Party	Supply / Misc. vendors	Sexually explicit contests
Vehicle auctions	Swap meets	Drinking contests
Supply / Misc. vendors	Event route cruising	Various Pop up events
Swap meets	General tourist activities	"Secret" House / Hotel parties
Event route cruising	Awards ceremony	Event route cruising
General tourist activities		General tourist activities
Awards ceremony		

Major Felony Incident Comparisons

All Felonies:

-SB vs. Scrapin = 148.19% ↑

-SB vs. Cruisin = 175.99% ↑

LEO Assaults:

-SB vs. Scrapin = 163.93% ↑

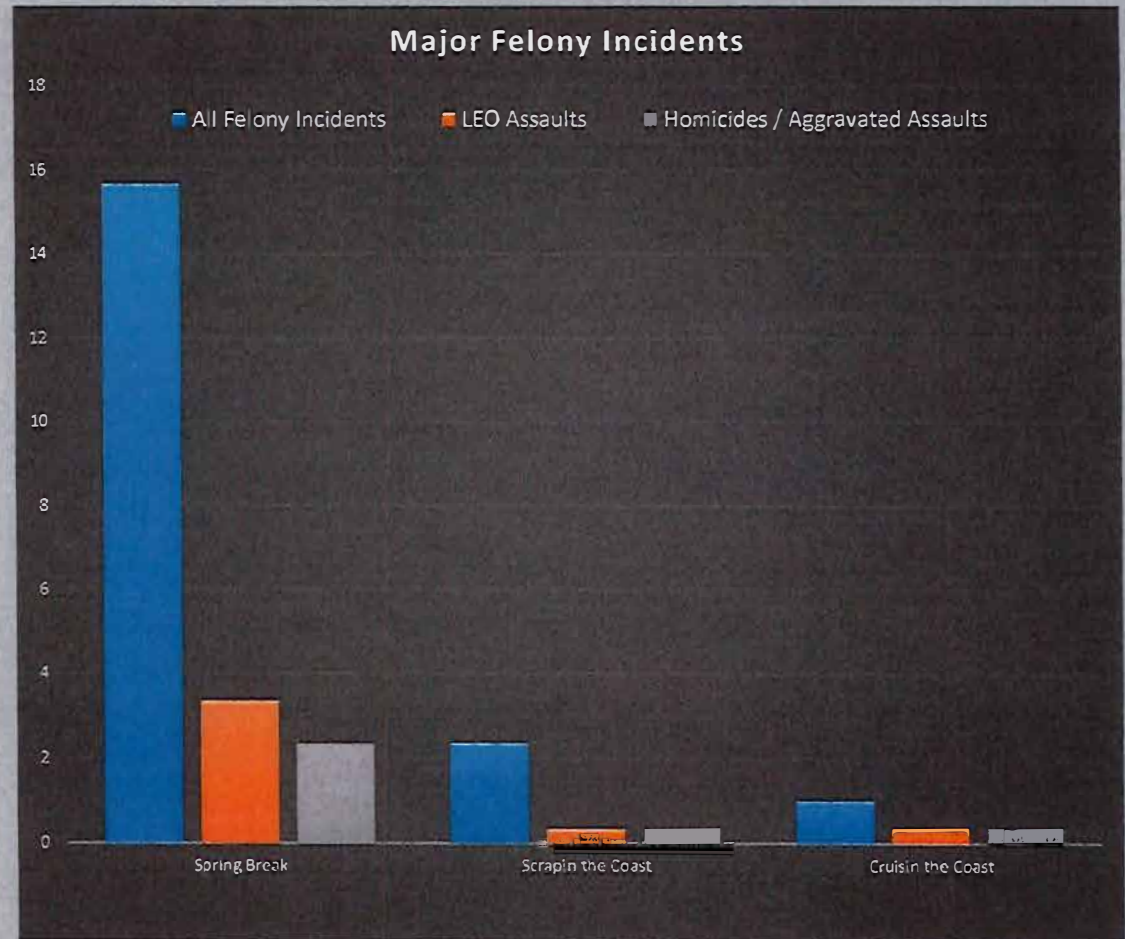
-SB vs. Cruisin = 163.93% ↑

Homicides / Aggravated Assaults:

- SB vs. Scrapin = 150.37% ↑

- SB vs. Cruisin = 150.37% ↑

**Presented data reflects a three year average, from 2021 – 2023.*



Misc. Criminal Data Comparisons

Arrests:

-SB vs. Scrapin = 105.43% ↑

-SB vs. Cruisin = 95.13% ↑

Firearms:

-SB vs. Scrapin = 102.49% ↑

-SB vs. Cruisin = 196.75% ↑

Narcotics:

-SB vs. Scrapin = 46.18% ↑

-SB vs. Cruisin = 155.62% ↑

**Presented data reflects a three year average, from 2021 – 2023.*



Example of a “Secret” House / Hotel party (*unpermitted*)

(U//LES) Attempt to Identify Location

The Biloxi Police Department Criminal Intelligence Unit is disseminating the following information and requesting your assistance in helping to identify the location of this party.

(U//LES) Information:

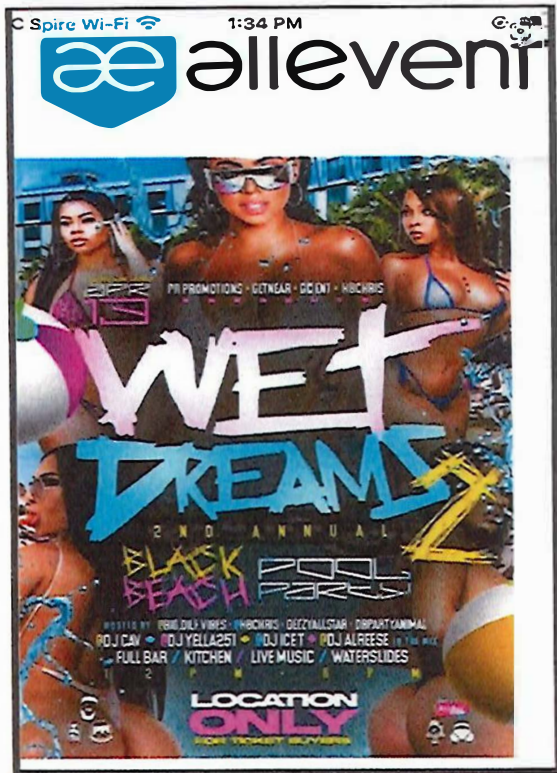
The Biloxi Police Department Criminal Intelligence Unit has become aware of a Spring Break pool party being posted on social media. The promoters are not releasing the location to anyone but ticket holders at this time. The location has a large backyard with an “L” shaped pool, a hot tub, and a basketball court. If you can identify this location, contact the CIU.

An unpermitted house party currently being advertised for the 2024 Spring Break event.

**The location for this party is currently unknown.*



Example of a “Secret” House / Hotel party (*unpermitted*)



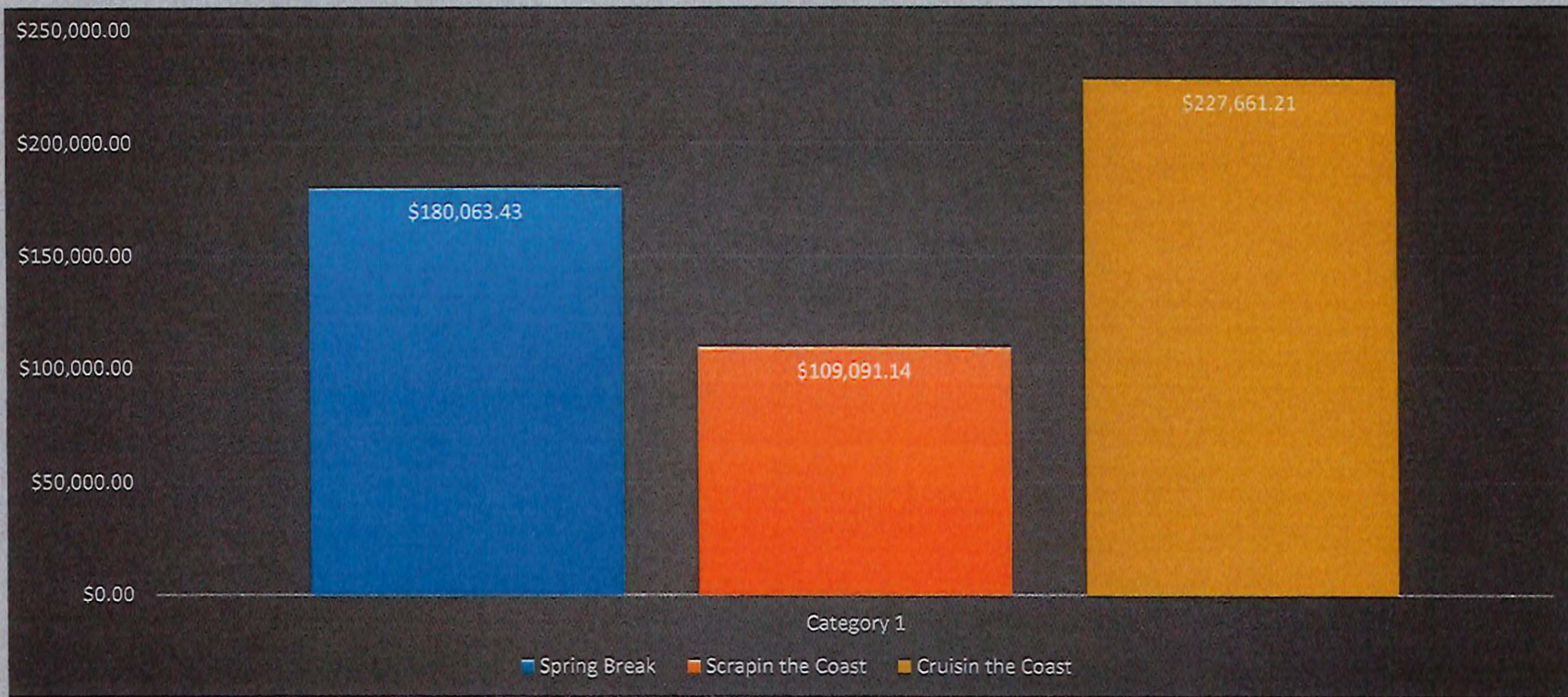
*Another example of an unpermitted house party currently being advertised for the **2024** Spring Break event.*

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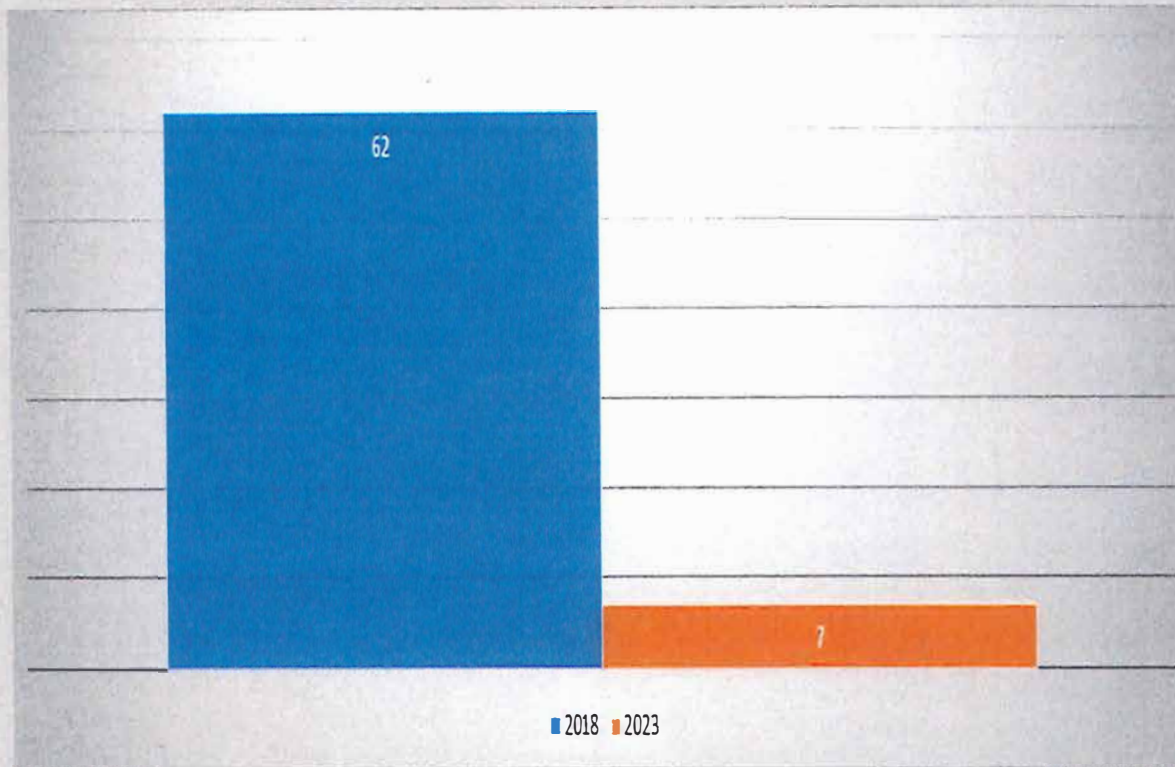
During the **2023** Spring Break event, a pop up house party like the examples listed on these slides took place on Damon Ct. in north Biloxi. This unpermitted house party resulted in several hundred vehicles flooding the residential neighborhood, and numerous citizens complaints. In order to shut this party down the department was forced to divert a significant portion of manpower to the area to clear it out.

Event Cost Comparison

**Presented data was pulled from the 2023 event after-action cost analysis. Data listed for Spring Break was from 2022 as we were unable to pull complete 2023 data at the time of this presentation.*

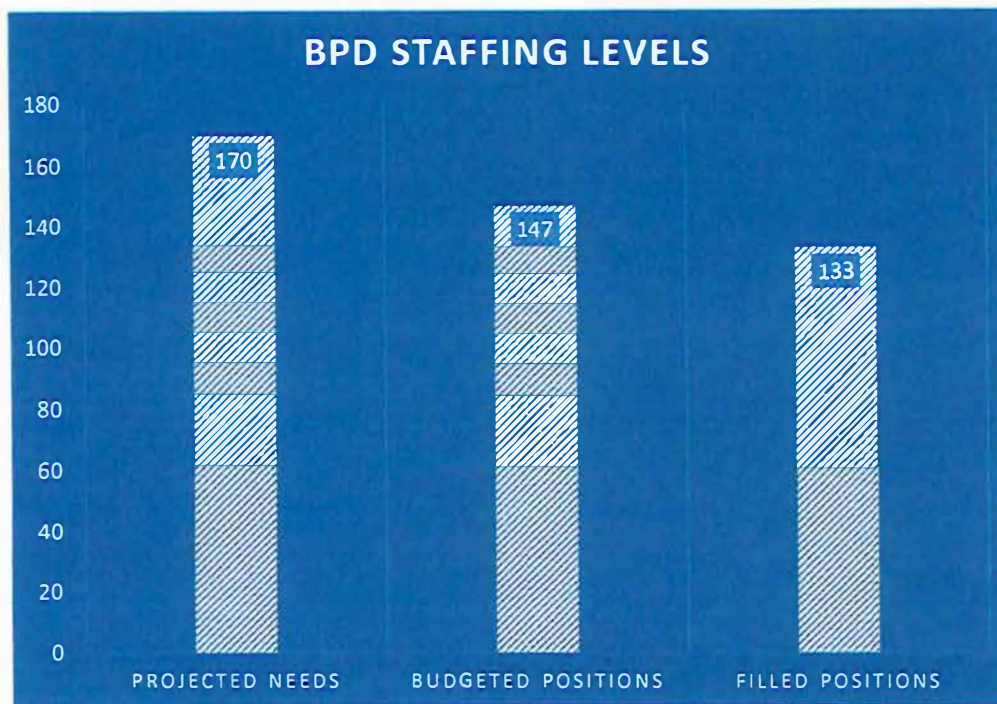


Outside Agency Staffing Issues



- In **2018** we were able to hire **62** officers from across the state to assist us with the Spring Break event.
- In **2023** we were only able to hire **7** officers from across the state to assist us with the Spring Break event.
- This decline in staffing / assistance is partially related to national issues with hiring law enforcement officers, something every agency has issues with.
- We routinely see a decline in the number officers that work one of our Spring Break events and come back the following year to assist again. Some officers have left after only working one of the event days and would not return for the subsequent days.
- We routinely have officers from across the state volunteer to come and assist with our other events such as Scrapin the Coast and Cruisin the Coast.
- **The above numbers do not represent HCSO who routinely assists our city regardless of the event.*

Biloxi Police Dept. Staffing Levels



- Like every other agency, the Biloxi Police Department struggles with recruitment and hiring. This is a national issue for every law enforcement agency.
- The Biloxi Police Department is currently budgeted for **147** full time officers, but only has **133** of those positions filled. There are currently **14** unfilled positions.
- Ideally the Biloxi Police Department should have **170** full time officers to deal with our regular service requirements, general tourism, and the ever increasing number of events the city hosts.
 - **Even with 170 full time officers we would still have to rely heavily on outside agencies to help staff our major events.*
- Being short staffed greatly affects our agencies overall ability to staff and safely manage **ALL** large scale events.

Timeline on Spring Break Issues

• National Issues

- (Late 90') Is Freaknik too hot for Atlanta to handle? | tamgabav.com
 - Aside from free-for-all fondling, Freaknik has earned a reputation for producing monumental traffic jams and sporadic looting. Many businesses close during the rite of spring, which took place April 17-19 this year.
- (2016) Freaknik in Atlanta canceled: 'Community needs to focus on more serious issues' Freaknik in Atlanta canceled: 'Community needs to focus on more serious issues' (rollingout.com)
- 'We don't want spring break here': Miami Beach declares state of emergency after shootings. NBC News Doha Madani Updated March 21, 2022 'We don't want spring break here': Miami Beach declares state of emergency after shootings (vanoo.com)
 - "I know this might be happening all over the country, as I've seen on some national reports, but frankly that doesn't make anybody feel better right here," Gelber said. "Because this is our city, and we cannot allow it to descend into this kind of chaos and disorder."
- Spring break: NSB issues youth curfew, requests mutual aid following emergency meeting. Brenno Carillo The Daytona Beach News-Journal Florida spring break: NSB issues youth curfew due to large crowds (news-journalonline.com)
 - These disruptions include "kids crawling on top of buildings, throwing business furniture into the road, and accosting business employees," police said. "100 officers wouldn't be able to handle these kids"
- 2024: "Florida's Miami Beach calls it quits with spring break, imposes curfews, crackdowns on chaos" Florida's Miami Beach calls it quits with spring break, imposes curfews, crackdowns on chaos - gulfive.com
 - After three successive years of declaring a state of emergency during spring break, for 2024, the city of Miami Beach says spring breakers should "expect curfews, security searches and bag checks at beach access points, early beach entrance closures, DUI checkpoints, bumper-to-bumper traffic, road closures and arrests for drug possession and violence."

• Local Issues

- (2000) The first Spring Break event advertised at "Freaknik" comes to the Gulf coast, but was unofficially headquartered in Biloxi. The city was grossly unprepared, businesses and roadways were completely overrun. Subsequent public outcry over this event was significant.
- (2000) Gulfport Police are involved in a Spring Break related shooting after a suspect pulls a gun on officers.
- (2002) During the Spring Break event a spring breaker shot at several officers to avoid being arrested. A HCSO Deputy was shot and seriously wounded during the incident.
- (2017) Large Spring Break crowds cause several portions of Hwy.90 to completely shut down due to large crowds participating in "take over" events. Additionally, large crowds take over portions of the Edgewater Mall, loot several stores, seriously assault security guards, and two Biloxi Police Officers when they tried to clear the crowds out.
- (2018) One of the main Spring Break event organizers is arrested and subsequently indicted on federal narcotics trafficking charges related to an arrest during the 2018 Spring Break. He was convicted of bringing 108 pounds of cocaine to the coast over the course of several years, with an apparent emphasis on the spring break events.
- (2023) Large unruly crowds take over several sections of Hwy.90 bringing traffic to a stop, officers had significant difficulty in clearing them out. During this event there was a mass shooting which resulted in five citizens being shot, one Biloxi Officer shot, and there was a separate event related homicide.
 - Numerous officers were assaulted with glass bottles while trying to clear-out crowds.
 - The Edgewater Mall was forced to close early due to large unruly crowds and reports of gunfire.
 - "We had five shooting victims including a Biloxi police officer, one homicide and several assaults that took place over the weekend, all while trying to keep traffic moving," said Chief Miller.
 - "You have 200 people per officer and you can't control that," said Harrison County Sheriff Troy Peterson. "Not just this event — any event. When it's uncontrolled and un-orchestrated chaos with nobody in charge, this is what can happen." Sheriff Peterson had deputies backing up Biloxi PD all weekend, but even then, he says it's virtually impossible for law enforcement to protect everyone.

Event Summary

- **Traffic:** Similar traffic congestion issues as the other large events, with the exception of the roadway “take over” events.
- **Event Activities:** Spring Break has similar common event related activities as the other compared events, however there is traditionally far less organization, and almost no accountability by the promoters. Additionally, many of the advertised and spontaneous events tend to be of a sexual nature.
- **Financial Costs:** Spring Break costs the city approx. \$180,000, which is more expensive than Scrapin the Coast, and less expensive than Cruisin the Coast.
- **Participant Mentality:** Officers encounter rowdy and drunken participants at all of the major city events. However, the Spring Break event brings far more participants who openly defy police, participate in “flash mobs” of businesses, and deliberately organize and participate in “take over” events of our roadways.
- **Major Felony Incidents:** The Spring Break event brings approx. **148 -175%** more overall Felony crimes, approx. **163%** more LEO Assaults (**3.3 per event average**), and **150%** more Homicide / Aggravated Assaults than the other compared events.
- **Misc. Criminal Data:** The Spring Break event brings approx. **95-105%** more overall Arrests, approx. **102-196%** more Firearm related incidents, and approx. **46-155%** more Narcotic related incidents than the other compared events.
- **Staffing:** As shown on the previous slides, the Biloxi Police department continues to face staffing issues. The department has to rely on outside agency support to safely and effectively manage all of our large city events. Spring Break presents the largest challenge for us as it is harder to get outside agency officers to work this event compared to the others.
- **Event History:** Although there have been critical and high profile incidents in the past at nearly every major event, no other event has the negative history that Spring Break does. From its first appearance in 2000, there have been numerous large scale critical incidents such as murders, multiple shootings, numerous officer injuries, two police officers shot, and a regular flood of citizen complaints concerning the event.