

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Patty Huffman, Grants & Projects Manager
Through: Chandra Nicholson, Economic Development and Planning Director
Date: July 21, 2015
Subject: Monetary Donation from Gautier Pride for the Mississippi Department of Archives and History Certified Local Government Grant Match

REQUEST:

The Economic Development and Planning Department requests City Council authorization to accept a \$500.00 monetary donation from Gautier Pride to be used toward the required local match for the Certified Local Government Grant from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH).

BACKGROUND:

The City of Gautier received a Certified Local Government Grant for marketing and publications from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History effective July 11, 2014. The grant will reimburse the City for up to \$2,000 with a required local match of at least 50% of the total project cost. The project included the design and printing of 5,000 full-color Historic Sites brochures and two signs for the Gautier Beachfront Historic District. The total cost for these projects was \$965.72.

DISCUSSION:

Gautier Pride agreed to assist with fundraising for the grant match since this marketing project relates to Gautier Pride's mission to support the beautification and community development of the city. A \$500.00 donation was made by Chevron to Gautier Pride for this marketing project's match. The Economic Development and Planning Department has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Gautier to accept the monetary donation of \$500.00 from Gautier Pride as this funding will serve as an economic tool to bring into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities, and resources of the City of Gautier. The City will then request reimbursement from MDAH in the amount of \$465.72 to close out the grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Economic Development and Planning Department recommends that City Council authorize the acceptance of the donation as described above.

City Council may:

1. Authorize acceptance of the monetary donation as presented; or
2. Disapprove acceptance of the monetary donation.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Chevron donation letter and check copy (payable to Gautier Pride)
Historic Sites brochure and sign photo



Alan K. Sudduth
Manager, Mississippi

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November 24, 2014

Mr. Bill Bray
Gautier Historic Preservation Commission
c/o Gautier Pride, Inc.
P. O. Box 670
Gautier, MS 39553

Dear Mr. Bray:

We are pleased to support the Gautier Historic Preservation Commission marketing project. Enclosed is Chevron's check in the amount of \$500.00, representing a donation of funds in matching the MDAH marketing grant.

Best wishes in your fund raising efforts.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan K. Sudduth", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alan K. Sudduth

Enclosures



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10/28/2014

PAY TO
ORDER OF

GAUTIER PRIDE INC
PO BOX 670
GAUTIER MS 39553

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$500.00

NOT VALID AFTER 1 YEAR

Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars

Chevron

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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The Legend of The Singing River

A Biloxi Indian Princess, known as Anola, fell in love with Altama, the Chief of the Pascagoula tribe. She was betrothed to a chieftain in her own tribe, but fled with Altama to live with his people.



This led to a war between the two tribes, and the Pascagoula Indians swore to either save the young couple or perish with them. The Pascagoula Indians were out-numbered and faced with enslavement by the Biloxi tribe or death.

The women and children led the way, as the Pascagoula tribe joined hands and began to chant a song of death as they walked into the Pascagoula River. Many believe that the sounds heard by the river to this day are that song. While various explanations have been offered for this phenomenon, none have been proven.

This project has been financed in part with Federal funds from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior through the Historic Preservation Division of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. However, the contents and opinions do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the Department of the Interior or the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, nor does the mention of trade names, commercial products or consultants constitute endorsement or recommendation by these agencies. This program received Federal financial assistance for identification and protection of historic properties. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, the U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability or age in its federally assisted programs. If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information, please write to:

Office of Equal Opportunity
National Park Service
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Gautier has History!

Scattered throughout the City of Gautier are many historical markers and sites attesting to the fact that Gautier has history! From the oldest Graveline Bayou Indian Mound dating from 400 - 700 AD (See The Legend of the Singing River) to the stately old mansions built by the Fernando Gautier family and Alfred E. Lewis family, Gautier's past culture is well preserved.

Explored by Spain in 1541, the area was later claimed by Jean Baptiste Baudreau dit Graveline, a French Canadian. In the first three hundred years of its history, the region was claimed by France, Spain, England, the Republic of West Florida, the Confederacy, and the United States, and entered into the statehood of Mississippi in 1817. The first known roadway to go through the locale was the Spanish Trail.



Soon after the Civil War, a distinct neighborhood, known then as West Pascagoula, began calling itself Gautier after the local sawmill owner's family. The final resting place of Fernando Upton Gautier (1822-1891) is the Historic Gautier Cemetery.

Within the cemeteries of Gautier are families, soldiers, and slaves from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World Wars I & II, as well as more recent wars. A Veterans Tribute Tower erected in front of City Hall honors veterans of all wars.

The city is located on the Mississippi Sound and is bordered by the Pascagoula River on the East, Bayou Graveline on the West, Martin Bluff on the North and the Mississippi Sound on the South. The city's love of nature is epitomized by the one-of-a-kind "Nature's Playground" water-themed sculpture located in the City's Town Center.

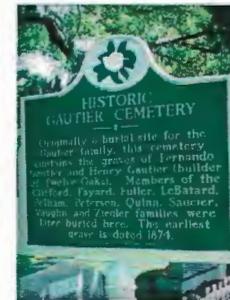


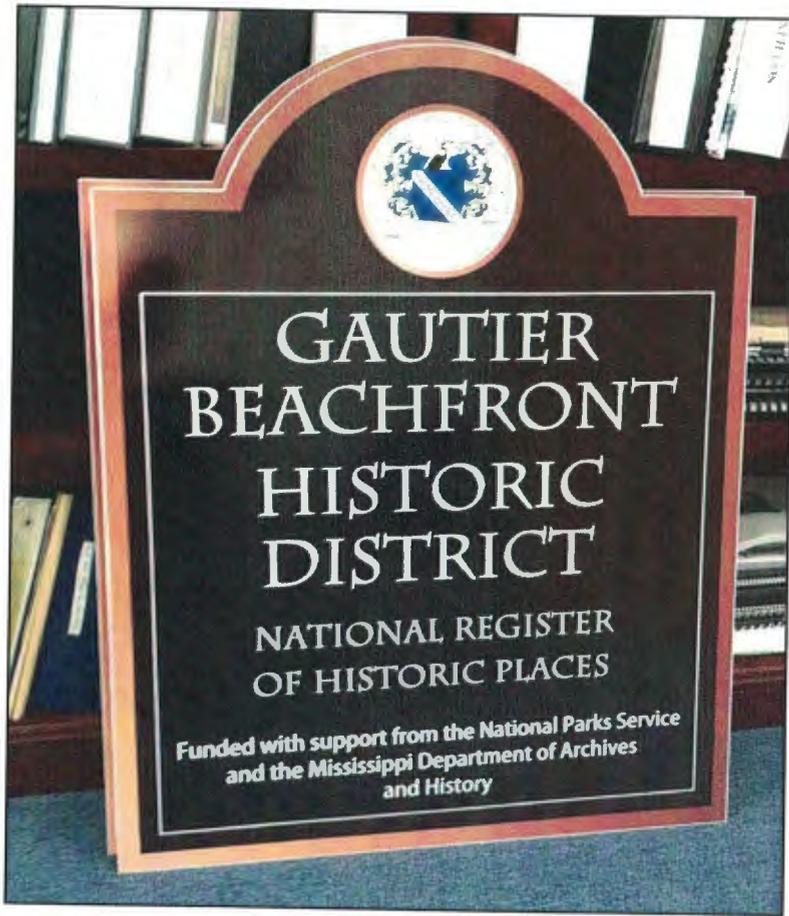
By Leonard Fuller
Gautier Historic Preservation Commission
PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

Gautier Historical Sites

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