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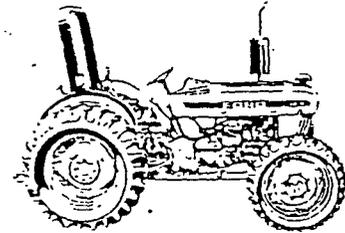
The Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport Restoration Advisory Board will hold a special public meeting on January 11 at the 28th Street Elementary School at 2810 34th Avenue in Gulfport. The purpose of the special meeting is to provide information to the public concerning past hazardous waste disposal on the base and the Navy's active clean-up efforts.

The special meeting will actually be more like an "Information Fair" with numerous displays set up and experts on hand to answer questions about them. There will be no formal board meeting. The public is invited to tour the displays and ask questions at their leisure between the hours of 5 an 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 11.

The Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport Restoration Advisory Board is one of dozens of such boards across the nation, set up to act as a liaison between military bases and the communities that surround them. The Gulfport Board is co-chaired by City of Gulfport Public Affairs Manager Steve Dickerson and Seabee Executive Officer Commander Jack Zink. The board has 18 members, two of which are Navy representatives. The rest are Coast residents, most of which live in Gulfport near the base.

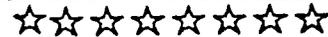
Navy officials are making a concerted effort to provide any and all information available to the public. However, the public must attend functions such as this in order to be well informed.

The RAB's February meeting will be a board training session on the base. The next public meeting of the RAB will be on March 7 at the Gaston Hewes Recreation Center in Gulfport.



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