



## Blues NEWS

Just like every other local organization, the **Port City Blues Society** has been negatively affected by COVID-19. When public gatherings were restricted, we were displaced from the home of our weekly blues jam as Hot Rods was forced to temporarily close.

We are dipping our toes into the water again and we want our members to know the **Port City Blues Society** is still alive and well! Check out what's been going on with us and some of our plans for the future.

## Hot Rods Open Jam

Now that the Governor has lifted the curfew on bars, **Hot Rod's** will be reopening.

Rest assured that as soon as it's safe, we'll be welcoming local blues musicians to join us back on stage at the PCBS Open Blues Jam again!



## The Blues Are Back!

We are thrilled to be part of the most exciting development in South Arkansas - the **Saracen Casino Resort!**

The **Port City Blues Society Players** are now performing every Tuesday night in the **Legends Sports Bar!**

You'll see some of the finest blues performers in the area during these shows, which will take place between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. each week. **Legends** has great food, too, so spend the evening with us and help us keep the blues alive! Masks and social distancing will be observed.

PCBS is committed to educating the community about and celebrating our love for the blues, and we hope you'll remain on this journey with us. Please share this newsletter with your friends and family, follow us on social media and visit our website at <https://www.portcitybluessociety.com/>.



## Sounds of Blue Symposium

Our first **Sounds of Blue Symposium** was extremely successful in 2020, bringing regional artists to Pine Bluff to play and discuss the history of the blues.



The Sounds of Blue Symposium event was funded by the **Synergy Forum**, and the Port City Blues Society received a second grant for 2020. COVID had other plans, but we hope to hold another event in 2021.



## Like What You Hear?

While members of the Port City Blues Society weren't able to perform during the first months of the pandemic, we were still making music, writing and recording original songs that we put together. You can hear those songs on iTunes, Spotify, our Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/PCBluesSociety>] or our website <https://www.portcitybluessociety.com>.



Also visit <https://portcitybluesplayers.com>, a website dedicated to the "**Socially Distant Blues**" recording project. All proceeds from the project are donated to selected charities.

You'll also find information on our webpage about how to purchase a CD. Keep listening - we have more great tunes on the way!