



Voter Information

March 2009

Fellow Biloxians:

The first municipal elections since Hurricane Katrina will take place this year, with the party primaries on May 5 and the general election on June 2.

The city is distributing this election guide as part of the effort to educate residents about the upcoming elections.

One of the questions voters may have is where they should vote: at their pre-Katrina polling place or where they currently live? The answer to this question depends on your intentions.

Here's the official word from the Mississippi Secretary of State, who recognizes that some residents still intend to return to their pre-Katrina locations but have not yet been able to do so:

If you are registered to vote but your permanent address has changed, you need to contact the county circuit clerk or Biloxi voter registrar to update your registration.

If you have been temporarily displaced and intend to return to your home, there is no need to change your voter registration. You may vote at your normal polling place. If your polling place was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, please contact your municipal clerk to find out where you need to go to vote.

The key word is "permanent." If you have moved and have no intention of returning to your pre-Katrina location – or if you have re-registered and voted at a new location since the storm – you should not vote in your pre-Katrina location.

As far as destroyed polling places, only one Biloxi polling place is changing: A Ward 2 polling place – the East Biloxi Community Center on Division Street – has been moved to the Carl Ohr Fire Station on Back Bay, at the corner of Elder and Parker streets. (The East Biloxi Community Center was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina).

If you have voted in a previous Biloxi municipal election, you should be a registered voter in Biloxi. If you are a resident of Biloxi and your name cannot be found on the voter rolls when you go to vote, you may still vote, by affidavit. No one will be turned away.

Through this newsletter and other notices, the City of Biloxi is taking steps to ensure that you know when and where to vote. Meantime, if you have any questions, you can reach Voter Registrar Lucien Brown by email at lbrown@biloxi.ms.us, by phone at 435-6279 or in person at City Hall, 140 Lameuse St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

I encourage you to exercise your right to vote and become involved in the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda H. Johnston".

Brenda H. Johnston
Municipal Clerk
bjohnston@biloxi.ms.us

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Key dates involving the 2009 city elections

- **Saturday, April 4:** Last day to register for the primary elections
- **Saturday, May 2:** Last day to vote absentee in person for the primary election
- **Tuesday, May 5:** Primary election; polling places open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 2:** Last day to register to vote in general election
- **Saturday, May 30:** Last day to vote absentee in person for general election
- **Tuesday, June 2:** General election; polling places open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

City of Biloxi Voter Ward Map

Polling places

Ward 1

- 1ABiloxi Community Center
591 Howard Ave.
- 1BLopez-Quave Public Safety Center
170 Porter Ave.

Ward 2

- 2ACarl Ohr Fire Station, Back Bay
784 Elder St.
APPROVAL PENDING FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
- 2BSaenger Theater
416 Reynoir St.

Ward 3

- 3Masonic Lodge No. 630
166 Veterans Ave.

Ward 4

- 4AWest Biloxi Branch Library
2047 Pass Road
- 4BSunkist Country Club
2381 Sunkist Country Club Road

Ward 5

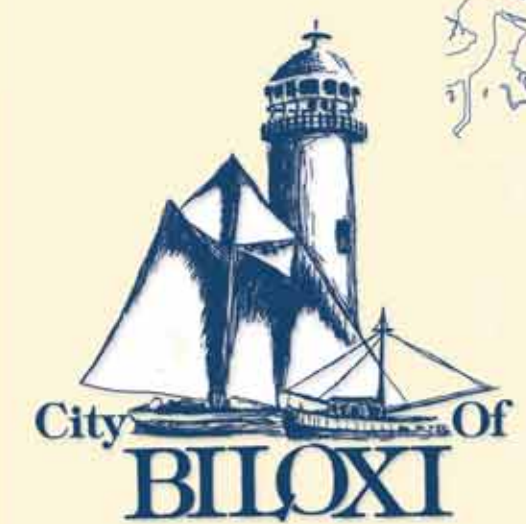
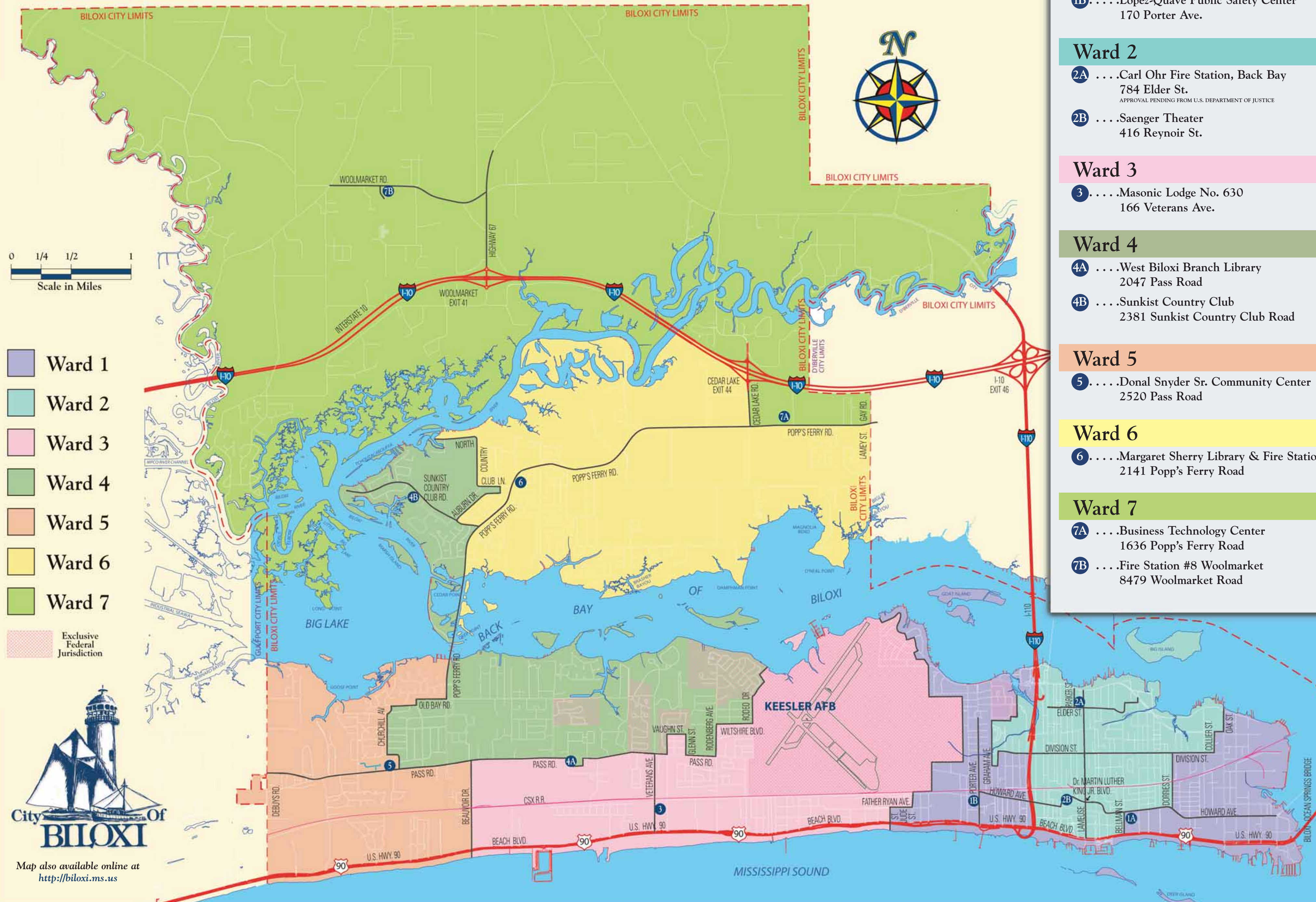
- 5Donal Snyder Sr. Community Center
2520 Pass Road

Ward 6

- 6Margaret Sherry Library & Fire Station
2141 Popp's Ferry Road

Ward 7

- 7ABusiness Technology Center
1636 Popp's Ferry Road
- 7BFire Station #8 Woolmarket
8479 Woolmarket Road



Map also available online at <http://biloxi.ms.us>

Frequently Called Numbers

(Area code is 228 for all numbers, unless noted otherwise)

- **Animal control** 392-0641
To report stray or dead animals, leash-law violations
- **Auto Tag/Property Tax Information** 435-8242
County Courthouse at Lameuse Street and MLK Boulevard
- **Birth Certificates** 601-576-7960
State Department of Vital Statistics in Jackson
- **Building Permits** 435-6270
To obtain permits for construction and improvements
- **Business Licenses** 435-6247
To obtain a license to do business in the city
- **City Council** 435-6257
To reach councilmembers or clerks of council
- **City Court** 435-6125
Information on traffic tickets and court docket
- **Code Enforcement** 435-6270
To report weeded lots, unsafe buildings, abandoned vehicles
- **Drivers Licenses** 392-1183
Automall Parkway, D'Iberville, near public library
- **Emergency Police and Fire** 911
Non-emergency: 435-6100 (police) or 435-6200 (fire)
- **Garbage Collection** 392-1820
Advanced Disposal manages the city's residential garbage collection
- **Housing Authority** 374-7771
To get information on public housing
- **Human Resources** 435-6259
For info on city employment; on third floor, City Hall
- **Mayor's Office** 435-6254
Citizen services, proclamations, public records requests
- **Museums information** 435-6244
Info on city museums or to rent historic properties
- **Parks & Recreation** 435-6281
Info on programs, or to rent most city facilities
- **Planning Commission** 435-6266
To apply for a change in your zoning or land use
- **Public Schools** 374-1810
Administrative office for all Biloxi public schools
- **Streets and Drainage** 435-6271
To report pot holes, damaged street signs or traffic signals
- **Visitor Info** 374-3105 or 1-800-BILOXI-3
Visitors Center is on the Biloxi Town Green
- **Voter Registration** 435-6279
To register to vote or change in address
- **Water Service** 374-7953
Meter Reading Specialists manages city water department



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