

# The bridge to the future



November 1 will mark a huge milestone in our recovery from Hurricane Katrina, with the dedication of the new Biloxi Bay Bridge, which connects Biloxi with Ocean Springs and other points to the east.

This bridge will not only provide easy access to Biloxi for those who have been forced to make time-consuming and inconvenient detours in the 26 months

since Katrina, but it's a bridge that should meet our traffic needs for generations to come.

It also promises to create a great deal of excitement in east Biloxi. It's a return to commerce, and a symbol of our perseverance and testament to our building back better than before.

This promises to be an emotional day, with plenty of excitement and anticipation.

The day will begin with a spotlight on the youth of the community, followed by the MDOT bridge-dedication and ribbon-tying ceremony, and capped off by a nighttime fireworks show being staged by several east Biloxi casinos and the city.

I hope you join in the festivities, or watch the coverage on local cable television or on WLOX. If you plan on venturing down to Point Cadet, I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the free shuttle service that Coast Transit is offering through its Casino Hopper service.

Either way, it stands to be a milestone occasion.

God bless all of you and God bless Biloxi.

*A.J. Holloway*

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Mayor of Biloxi



*A breakdown of the lanes of the twin span. Lanes on the left side of image will open Nov. 1. Remainder will open 2008.*



*Workers check the section of rebar months ago.*

## Biloxi pre-ceremony entertainment

(On a stage at the base of the bridge in Biloxi, each group performs for 20 minutes, with video vignettes between performances.)

- 10 a.m. – Nativity BVM Elementary Choir
- 11:20 a.m. – Biloxi High School Show Choir
- 12:20 p.m. – St. Patrick Catholic High School Choir
- 1:05 p.m. – Biloxi High School Jazz Band

## MDOT bridge ceremony

- 2 to 3:15 p.m. – Platform speakers (main stage at Biloxi side of bridge)
- 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. – Ribbon-tying ceremony at the center of the bridge (invited participants)
- 5 p.m. – Parade of first responders, motorcycles and antique cars. Bridge to open to motoring public sometime after parade.

## Lighting up the sky

Several east Biloxi casinos – the Isle of Capri, Beau Rivage, IP, Boomtown and Grand – are partnering with the city to sponsor a fireworks display from Point Cadet on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. The show will be set to music that will air on GO FM 105.9.

## Park and ride

Since parking will be limited on Point Cadet and traffic will be heavy, park at any east Biloxi casino or at the Downtown Transit Center and take a ride aboard Coast Transit's Casino Hopper, which will be offering free service to and from Point Cadet on Nov. 1.

## Watch at home

Cable One will provide coverage of the bridge-opening ceremony on Cable 18 for all of its Mississippi Coast subscribers.

## On the big screen

If you want to avoid the traffic at Point Cadet, a huge outdoor TV screen will be erected on the Biloxi Town Green. Seating also will be provided.

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