



State of the City 2000

AUGUST 2000



My fellow Biloxian:

August marks eight years since the first legal casino opened in Biloxi, ushering in a period of unprecedented growth and physical change that continues to this day in our City.

East Biloxi, characterized in the '70s and '80s by a handful of seafood factories that survived Hurricane Camille, empty lots and hurricane-ravaged structures, has been revitalized with multi-million-dollar casino resorts, employing thousands of local residents and attracting millions of visitors annually to our community.

In west and north Biloxi, continued residential and commercial growth has led to the development of areas that were once either vacant or agricultural.

This phenomenal growth throughout the City has resulted in a strong, diversified local economy, which only hints at the tremendous potential our City has in the 21st Century.

Longtime residents know how far we've come: a City that was essentially bankrupt with no immediate relief on the horizon. New residents can see the promise that our City has today. We have all the ingredients: a successful mix of economic vitality, diversified employment opportunities, a tropical resort climate with superb manmade and natural amenities, a skilled labor force, a strategic location, a rich cultural heritage and an exceptionally high quality of life.

We've taken these ingredients and created an award-winning recipe. Southern Business & Development Magazine named our area as the "Top Mid-Sized Market in the South." Modern Maturity Magazine recently named us among the "Best Ten Small Cities in the Country."

Change is never an easy task, and even Nostradamus could not have foreseen the dramatic change that we have witnessed. Remember the pre-casino studies that said the Mississippi Coast could support three riverboat casinos, with total employment of about 3,000? Consider the fact that each of the major resorts in Biloxi employs that many people, and we have nine of them.

Such tremendous growth amplifies the importance of concentrating on smart growth – growth that will help make our City a better place to live yet not undermine the attributes that make our community the great place that it is – the environment, the historic neighborhoods, the parks and recreation areas, and, our most important asset, our friendly residents.

As Mayor, I want our children and grandchildren to look back on this period in history as a time when Biloxi was transformed into an even greater City. I want future generations to see this as a time when Biloxi developed long-range land-use and zoning ordinances that set aside appropriate space for growth and protected other areas of the City well into the future, a time when we constructed roadways that helped move traffic safely and efficiently for years to come, and a time when Biloxians remembered their past and cherished it to make the future even better.

Sincerely,

A.J. Holloway
Mayor

City Council



Tom Ferrill
Ward 1



Eric Dickey
Ward 2



Jim Compton
Ward 3



Charles T. Harrison, Jr.
Ward 4



Mike Fitzpatrick
Ward 5



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Ward 6



Bill Fluty
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Updated information about your City at your fingertips

The purpose of this brochure is twofold: to summarize progress made by the City in 1999 toward enhancing Biloxi as a great place in which to live, work and play and to provide residents with updated information about municipal issues of general interest. Under the Mayor-Council form of government, state law requires that the Mayor provide an annual report "to the Council and the public on the work of the previous year."

In keeping with the commitment to public accountability, the complete, 50-plus page Biloxi 1999 Annual Report is available for the first time on the City's website at <http://biloxi.ms.us> and a summarized version, in the form of this brochure, is being sent to each address in Biloxi. We invite you to read the full report as well as the other information at the Biloxi website. While there's certainly a great deal of work still to be accomplished throughout our City, we believe that this information will help you to understand what is being done to promote the best interests of all citizens through a diversity of projects, programs and activities.

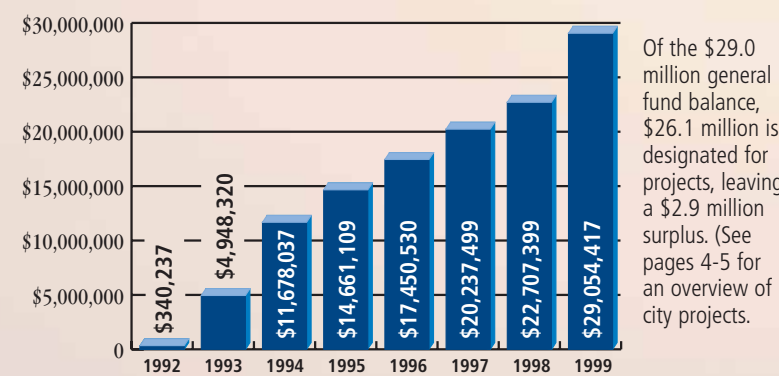
Conservative management means improved services, lower taxes

Employing an average of 482 people in 1999, the City of Biloxi continued to improve and expand municipal services while conservatively managing the City's resources.

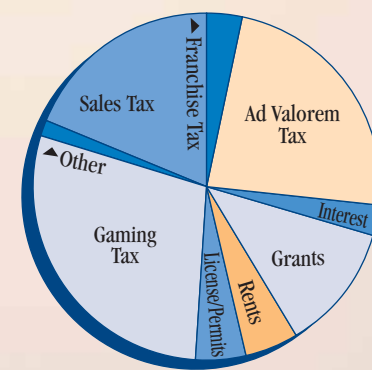
During the last several years, Biloxi's fiscal condition has improved significantly, as demonstrated by the General Fund Balance bar chart, which compares the balances at the end of fiscal years 1992 - 1999. Fund balances are the net resources on hand and available at the end of each year to pay for services and projects that will be provided in subsequent years.

The City's strengthened financial condition has resulted primarily from increases in revenues that exceeded increases in annual expenditures. The Sources of Revenue pie chart illustrates the relative significance of major sources of revenue for the City's General Fund; the total amount of annual gaming tax revenue is greater than any other source of revenue.

General fund balance



Sources of revenue



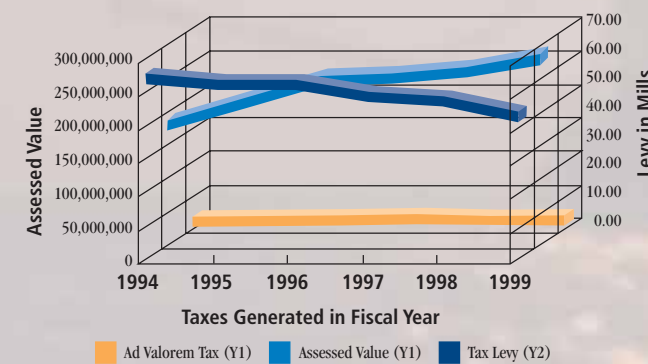
Of the \$29.0 million general fund balance, \$26.1 million is designated for projects, leaving a \$2.9 million surplus. (See pages 4-5 for an overview of city projects.)

Biloxi's tax base expanded rapidly during the late 1990s as a direct result of property development and construction. By conservatively managing the tax rate, the administration has used the increase in the tax base to provide a reasonable mixture of reduced taxes and increased revenue for City operations. This approach has allowed lower taxes for Biloxi taxpayers and consistent tax resources for City government, as reflected in the Tax Revenue, Tax Base, Tax Rate graph.

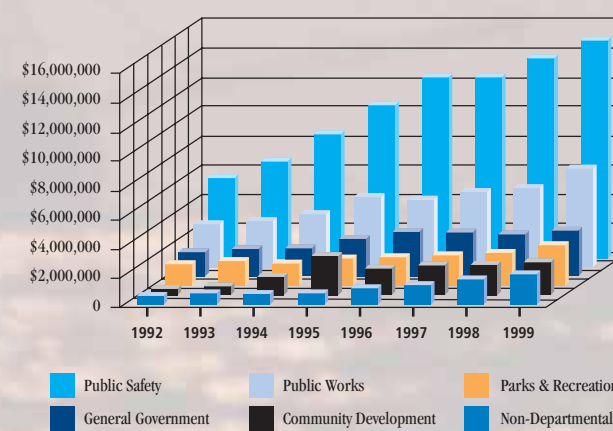
Departmental expenditures have increased as a result of planned increases in the quantity and quality of City services. As the General Fund Expenditures bar chart reveals, the largest increases have been in the areas of public safety and public works. Biloxi's public safety expenditures have almost tripled since 1992, from \$5.5 million to \$15.2 million in 1999. The City has hired additional police officers, firefighters, public works personnel, and purchased equipment to enhance existing services and to provide services in newly annexed areas. The nondepartmental category consists of City support of nonprofit organizations, libraries and public transportation agencies.

During FY98-99, the City issued \$10 million of general obligation bonds to finance the construction of the Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center. In FY99-00, the City issued \$12 million of limited obligation debt to construct a new Caillavet Street. Including these two debt issues, total debt outstanding at the end of FY99-00 will be almost equal to the debt carried by the City at the beginning of the last decade.

Tax revenue, tax base, tax rate



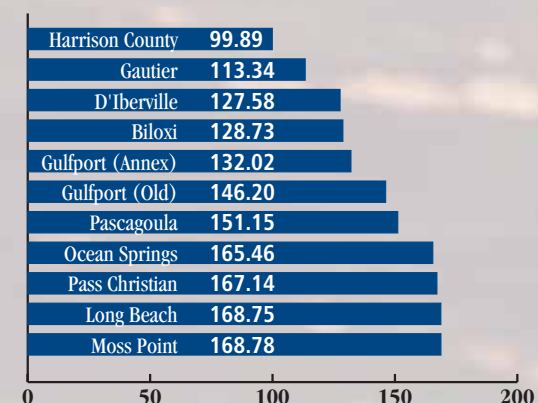
General fund expenditures



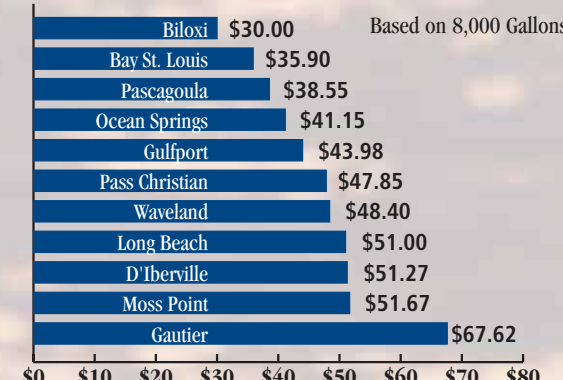
By conservatively managing resources, the City has been able to improve and expand municipal services while maintaining one of the lowest millage rates in the state.

Biloxi has not increased water and sewer rates in the last several years. Existing rates and usage have generated adequate revenue to fund operations and General Fund money has helped support water and sewer system capital improvements.

Millage rate comparisons



Average monthly water, sewer, water treatment and solid waste bill



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City of Biloxi

Information of general interest

Settled:	1699
Incorporated:	1838
Area Square Miles:	53.6
Population Estimate:	53,403
Persons per square mile:	1,032
Biloxi Median Household Income:	\$40,500
Biloxi Median Age of Residents:	29.7
Median School Years Completed:	12.5
% High School Graduates:	75.2
% Bachelor Degrees or Higher:	18.0

Minority Population:

74%	White
19%	African-American
7%	Other

Number of Households:

21,416	Total
9,389 (44%)	Number Owner-Occupied
12,027 (56%)	Number Renter-Occupied
Average of 2.4 persons per household	

Total Civilian Labor Force:

19,260	Total
12,055	Keesler Active Duty

FY99 Unemployment Rate:

4.5%	Biloxi*
5.1%	Mississippi
4.2%	U.S.A.

1999 Biloxi housing information*

\$107,772	Average Selling Price of House
\$96,312	(average in 1998 \$109,598 and in 1997 \$96,312)
111	Average Number of Days on Market
96%	List to Sell Ratio
585	Number Houses Sold

Average Monthly Apartment Rents:

\$453	1 BR
\$562	2 BR
\$669	3 BR

*This figure does not include the August 1999 annexed areas as this data is not yet available from federal or state sources.

Biloxi's top two major employers in FY99

Keesler Air Force Base

- Economic impact of \$1.4 billion
- 15,674 military & civilian employees
- KAFB military families totaled more than 14,000 which doesn't include the estimated 10,000 local retirees
- 4,728 jobs were indirectly created because of KAFB's presence
- More than 198,000 hours were volunteered by KAFB personnel for community projects

Biloxi Casino Industry

- (The following data pertains to 8 of Biloxi's 9 casinos; Imperial Palace did not respond to requests for information before deadline.)
- Total investment to date of more than \$1.5 billion in Biloxi properties
 - 13,024 total employees
 - Annual payroll of \$293 million
 - 1999 local charitable contributions by Biloxi casinos totaled \$614,907.68 and more than 88,800 hours were volunteered by casino personnel for community projects
 - Biloxi's casinos have added more than 5,600 hotel rooms as well as a diverse mix of restaurants and retail shops to the local market

Sources: Gulf Coast Gaming Commission; Gulf Coast Hotel-Motel Association; Gulf Regional Planning Commission; Joseph A. Lusteck & Associates, Inc.; Keesler Air Force Base; Mississippi Employment Security Commission; Mississippi Gulf Coast Multiple Listing Service; Mississippi State Tax Commission; W.S. Loper & Associates; U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and individual Biloxi casinos.



PUBLIC SAFETY

New facilities, employees, equipment and training enhance service

Public safety in Biloxi is entering a new era this year with three new facilities coming online: the Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center on Porter Avenue; the Communications Center on Popp's Ferry Road; and a new vehicle maintenance garage, which also will be on Popp's Ferry Road.

These new facilities, combined with the millions of dollars invested in equipment, training and additional manpower, will allow police officers and firefighters to deliver enhanced levels of service to citizens throughout Biloxi, evidence of the City's commitment to safeguard citizens and their property. Since 1992, the City has purchased an average of 15 police and fire vehicles each year to support crime- and fire-prevention efforts. Priority also has been given to upgrading the public safety computer system, which has greatly improved response times.

The state-of-the-art equipment in the \$646,664, 5,000-square-foot Communications Center will enhance the performance of dispatchers who handle Biloxi's 911 emergency calls. A \$600,000 vehicle maintenance garage is under construction and will be completed in September 2000. A new fire station, training facility and a police substation are planned for construction on the same site.

In 1998, work began on the \$9.1 million, 66,000-square-foot Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center. Constructed of pre-cast concrete and steel, the modern facility will be durable as well as space efficient. In addition to housing public safety personnel, the center will include two bays for firefighting vehicles, and will accommodate the municipal courtroom and court staff. Construction is expected to be complete in July 2000, six months ahead of schedule.

Currently, the Police Department has 139 sworn officers. In 1999, the Department responded to 78,310 calls for service, an 8% increase over calls in 1998. Certified by the FBI in 1999, the Bomb Squad responded to seven bomb threats and the City's four Canine Teams made over 200 arrests. Specialized public safety services were provided by the Dive Team, Bike Patrol, School Resource Officer, Tobacco Enforcement, Community Relations and Honor Guard, all contributing to making Biloxi a safer place to live, work and visit.

The Biloxi Fire Department currently provides fire protection services from seven fire stations located throughout Biloxi and from one temporary site located behind the new Communications Center, supplementing fire protection services provided to North Biloxi residents until a new facility is completed in the Fall of 2000.

The number of Biloxi firefighters has increased from 109 in 1998 to a current total of 127 who are supported by 28 vehicles. The Fire Department responded to 1,539 emergency calls in 1999, a 5% increase from 1998, saving property estimated to be valued at almost \$1 billion.

An estimated \$1 million was spent by the City in 1999 to improve fire protection services for the newly annexed areas, including equipment purchases of three 1000-gallon tanker pumpers, one four-wheel drive brush truck, and one 1800-gallon tanker.



City of Biloxi firefighters, clockwise from bottom left, Steve McCravy, Johnny Mount, Chris Husley, William Wiley, Tony McCormack and Rocky Smith.



Police Lt. Harold Windom and the new dive team vehicle.

1999
Biloxi
Accolades

- Biloxi residents enjoyed the lowest average household monthly water, sewer, sewer treatment and solid waste bills of any city on the Mississippi Gulf Coast
- Biloxi's combined millage rate was the third lowest (after Gautier and D'Iberville) of the Mississippi Gulf Coast municipalities
- The Canine Unit of the Biloxi Police Department was named most professional in the Southeast
- Among the Biloxi events listed in the Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 events: Mardi Gras Balls and Parades; and 52nd Annual Spring Pilgrimage
- The Biloxi Housing Authority was named the most-improved in the state and Biloxi was one of 15 cities recognized nationally for innovative programs
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recognized the Head Start program in Biloxi as one of the best administered programs in the country. The program, which is overseen by the City and the Gulf Coast Community Action Agency, operates out of a new building on Nichols Drive



July 2000 status of major projects

Major streets and drainage projects, expenditures

(includes projects completed, under construction or under design)

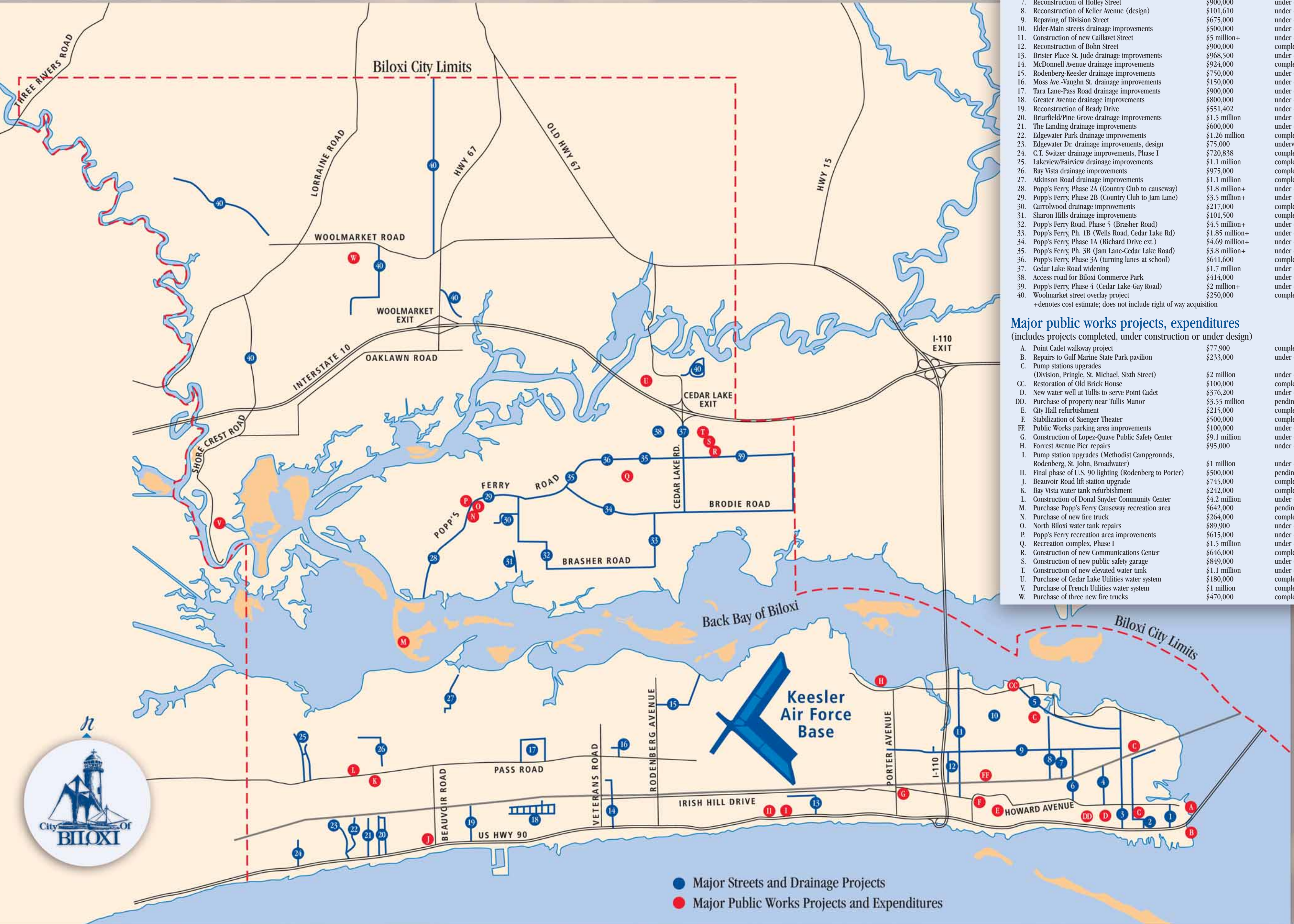
1.	Reconstruction of Myrtle Street	\$850,000	completed
2.	First Street drainage improvements	\$2.5 million	under design
3.	Reconstruction of Oak Street	\$1.9 million	completed
4.	Reconstruction of Crawford Street	\$750,000	under design
5.	Construction of new Bayview Avenue	\$5 million+	under design
6.	Reconstruction of Dorries Street	\$594,832	completed
7.	Reconstruction of Holley Street	\$900,000	under design
8.	Reconstruction of Keller Avenue (design)	\$101,610	under design
9.	Repaving of Division Street	\$675,000	under design
10.	Elder-Main streets drainage improvements	\$500,000	under design
11.	Construction of new Caillavet Street	\$5 million+	under design
12.	Reconstruction of Bohn Street	\$900,000	completed
13.	Briarfield-St. Jude drainage improvements	\$968,500	under design
14.	McDonnell Avenue drainage improvements	\$924,000	completed
15.	Rodenberg-Keesler drainage improvements	\$750,000	under construction
16.	Moss Ave.-Vaughn St. drainage improvements	\$150,000	under design
17.	Tara Lane-Pass Road drainage improvements	\$900,000	under design
18.	Greater Avenue drainage improvements	\$800,000	under design
19.	Reconstruction of Brady Drive	\$551,402	under construction
20.	Briarfield/Pine Grove drainage improvements	\$1.5 million	under design
21.	The Landing drainage improvements	\$600,000	under construction
22.	Edgewater Park drainage improvements	\$1.26 million	completed
23.	Edgewater Dr. drainage improvements, design	\$75,000	underway
24.	C.T. Switzer drainage improvements, Phase I	\$720,838	completed
25.	Lakeview/Fairview drainage improvements	\$1.1 million	completed
26.	Bay Vista drainage improvements	\$975,000	completed
27.	Atkinson Road drainage improvements	\$1.1 million	completed
28.	Popp's Ferry, Phase 2A (Country Club to causeway)	\$1.8 million+	under design
29.	Popp's Ferry, Phase 2B (Country Club to Jam Lane)	\$3.5 million+	under design
30.	Carrollwood drainage improvements	\$217,000	completed
31.	Sharon Hills drainage improvements	\$101,500	completed
32.	Popp's Ferry Road, Phase 5 (Brasher Road)	\$4.5 million+	under design
33.	Popp's Ferry, Ph. 1B (Wells Road, Cedar Lake Rd)	\$1.85 million+	under design
34.	Popp's Ferry, Phase 1A (Richard Drive ext.)	\$4.69 million+	under design
35.	Popp's Ferry, Ph. 3B (Jam Lane-Cedar Lake Road)	\$3.8 million+	under construction
36.	Popp's Ferry, Phase 3A (turning lanes at school)	\$641,600	completed
37.	Cedar Lake Road widening	\$1.7 million	under construction
38.	Access road for Biloxi Commerce Park	\$414,000	under construction
39.	Popp's Ferry, Phase 4 (Cedar Lake-Gay Road)	\$2 million+	under design
40.	Woolmarket street overlay project	\$250,000	completed

+denotes cost estimate; does not include right of way acquisition

Major public works projects, expenditures

(includes projects completed, under construction or under design)

A.	Point Cadet walkway project	\$77,900	completed
B.	Repairs to Gulf Marine State Park pavilion	\$233,000	under construction
C.	Pump stations upgrades (Division, Pringle, St. Michael, Sixth Street)	\$2 million	under construction
CC.	Restoration of Old Brick House	\$100,000	completed
D.	New water well at Tullis to serve Point Cadet	\$376,200	under construction
DD.	Purchase of property near Tullis Manor	\$3.55 million	pending
E.	City Hall refurbishment	\$215,000	completed
F.	Stabilization of Saenger Theater	\$500,000	completed
FF.	Public Works parking area improvements	\$100,000	under construction
G.	Construction of Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center	\$9.1 million	under construction
H.	Forrest Avenue Pier repairs	\$95,000	under construction
I.	Pump station upgrades (Methodist Campgrounds, Rodenberg, St. John, Broadwater)	\$1 million	under design
II.	Final phase of U.S. 90 lighting (Rodenberg to Porter)	\$500,000	pending
J.	Beauvoir Road lift station upgrade	\$745,000	completed
K.	Bay Vista water tank refurbishment	\$242,000	completed
L.	Construction of Donal Snyder Community Center	\$4.2 million	under construction
M.	Purchase Popp's Ferry Causeway recreation area	\$642,000	pending
N.	Purchase of new fire truck	\$264,000	completed
O.	North Biloxi water tank repairs	\$89,900	under design
P.	Popp's Ferry recreation area improvements	\$615,000	under design
Q.	Recreation complex, Phase I	\$1.5 million	under design
R.	Construction of new Communications Center	\$646,000	completed
S.	Construction of new public safety garage	\$849,000	under construction
T.	Construction of new elevated water tank	\$1.1 million	under design
U.	Purchase of Cedar Lake Utilities water system	\$180,000	completed
V.	Purchase of French Utilities water system	\$1 million	completed
W.	Purchase of three new fire trucks	\$470,000	completed



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Robust growth continues; improved regulation in works

The Community Development Department is in the midst of a project that will shape the appearance of Biloxi for years to come. Working with the nationally-renowned consulting firm of Duncan Associates, the City is updating its zoning and subdivision ordinances and development codes to more effectively address growth issues and to revamp the text and procedures into more "user friendly" formats for citizens, developers and staff.

Public input has played an important role in the development of draft recommendations and the City will continue to encourage public participation throughout this important process through public hearings, anticipated to be scheduled during late summer/early fall 2000, and through the citizen comment portion of each City Council meeting. Information about the public hearing schedule and availability of review documents will be well publicized in the media.

In addition to working with Duncan Associates to update the zoning and subdivision ordinances and development codes, the Planning Division reviewed an unprecedented number of site plans in 1999 and worked with residents and the consulting firm of Joseph A. Lusteck & Associates, Inc. to develop and implement initial zoning maps for the newly annexed areas. A large portion of the zoning issues were resolved in favor of residents and business owners in the new areas of the City.

Commercial and residential development – particularly single-family development – continued at a robust pace in 1999, and Community Development staff worked diligently to enhance growth opportunities with improved and expanded quality of life programs and activities.

The City continued to provide assistance to disadvantaged and disabled homeowners through existing federally-funded programs, and projects completed through the Biloxi Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program included the East End Library Phase II Rehabilitation project and the Caillavet Street sewage station project. CDBG projects initiated in 1999 include the McDonnell Avenue drainage project, Myrtle Street reconstruction, Bohn Street and Dorries Street reconstruction projects. CDBG funds also were used to support numerous social service agencies.

The Building Division experienced a record-breaking year in 1999, with a total of 3,679 permits issued, including 345 commercial permits valued at more than \$49 million and 1,157 residential permits with a valuation of about \$18.5 million.

The City's Outreach Services Division continued its work with the Mayor's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities, promoting public and private compliance with ADA requirements and organizing volunteers for a host of City-sponsored events.

In addition to managing the City's historic properties, museums and the Saenger Theater, the Museums Division worked with the Architectural and Historical Review Commission to revise design guidelines for Biloxi's historic districts. A \$500,000 Saenger Theater stabilization project was initiated in early 1999 and the Old Brick House reopened in March 1999 after a \$100,000 restoration project.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Biloxi students, teachers build on record of achievement

Biloxi public schools rank among the Top 10 in the state and hold the highest accreditation levels that can be achieved. The Biloxi District has been ranked as a Blue Ribbon school district by Expansion Management magazine, the only one in the state to be judged above the national average. The Biloxi High School curriculum is among the most comprehensive in Mississippi and is the only public high school in the state with a Foreign Language Lab.

Of the 283 Class of 2000 graduates, 30% graduated with honors. With the senior class boasting a mean composite ACT score of 20.4, it is not surprising that 50% of the 186 students going to college this fall were offered scholarships.

To accommodate growth and to continue providing Biloxi's children with the opportunity for an excellent public school education, the district has initiated a comprehensive building plan, which is summarized below:

Projects	Proposed Start Date	Proposed Completion
North Bay Elementary	January 1999	August 2000
Beauvoir, Jeff Davis, Popp's Ferry & Lopez Elementary School Improvements	August 2000	July 2001
7th and 8th/9th Grade School Improvements (existing Michel & BHS)	July 2001	April 2002
New Gorenflo and Nichols Elementary Schools	April 2002	July 2003
New Biloxi High School & Related Facilities	December 2000	May 2002
Howard II Improvements	September 2002	May 2003

▶ Turning lanes have been added to Popp's Ferry Road in anticipation of the opening of the new elementary school, which is shown in the center of the photograph.



PARKS & RECREATION

Youth sports programs see record levels of participation

Biloxi's Parks and Recreation Department enjoyed one of its most successful years ever in 1999, and greater things are on the horizon. Last year, the City dropped all registration fees for its youth leagues and the result was more participation than ever before in all areas. Some leagues actually saw their attendance double. Almost 3,500 Biloxians participated in the City youth leagues, an overall increase of about 30% from 1998, while the Biloxi Natatorium enjoyed average daily attendance of 228.

While overseeing this growth, the department also operated and maintained 32 facilities – parks, playgrounds, recreational and community centers, and athletic fields – and provided ongoing beautification efforts for 31 sites, litter control for more than 40 sites, and logistical support for about 120 local festivals and events in 1999. Improvements were made to the East Biloxi Community Center, Popp's Ferry Recreation Area, Yankee Stadium, Hiller Park, John Henry Beck Park, and the Lee Street fields, among others.

To enhance the quality of life for all Biloxi citizens through healthy and fun community activities, a wide variety of special events were coordinated by the Department in 1999 including Halloween at Beck Park, Pre-school Halloween on the Green, an Easter egg hunt at Hiller Park, an underwater Easter egg hunt at the natatorium, the Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade, a Senior Citizen Prom, youth dances at community centers, the Mayor's Cup Run, and the Summer Playground and Latch Key Program. This department also operates the popular Farmer's Market at Point Cadet Plaza.



▶ Widening of Cedar Lake Road should be completed in January.

PUBLIC WORKS

City focuses on wealth of projects

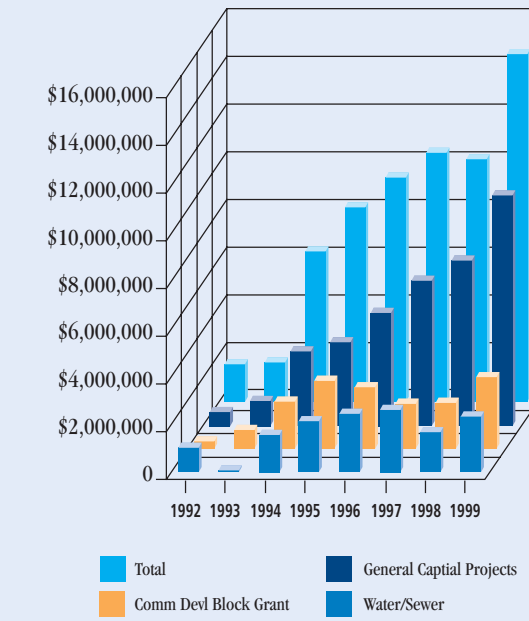
The Public Works Department, which is responsible for a variety of services ranging from maintaining City rights-of-way and streetlights to making streets and drainage improvements, is overseeing a record amount of work these days.

The department administers the largest budget of any City department – more than \$50 million for major projects. In 1999, 11 capital projects were completed and 31 other projects were under construction. At the close of 1999, contracts for nine capital projects had been awarded or were ready for bid, and there were 20 others in the design stage.

To meet the challenge of providing City services to newly annexed areas, the Public Works Department has increased its workforce and purchased additional equipment and materials. In addition to 10 employees hired to work with street, drainage, and right-of-way maintenance in new areas of Biloxi, a Civil Engineer and Construction Inspector were added to the payroll and new equipment totaling \$435,000 was purchased in 1999. The street lights budget was increased by \$60,000 and \$250,000 was budgeted for street overlay work.

As illustrated in the Capital Projects Expenditures bar chart, the administration has increased annual capital project spending significantly since 1992, expending a total of more than \$62 million on capital improvements since 1991. For a better look at the body of work overseen by the Public Works Department, see the map on pages 4 - 5.

Capital projects expenditures



City making progress on improving traffic, other major projects

Efforts were ongoing in 1999 to improve the flow of traffic on Popp's Ferry, Cedar Lake Road, Caillavet Street and Bayview Avenue, in addition to other transportation improvements. These major capital improvements projects, which will take several years to complete, involve acquisition of private property as well as actual construction activities. The City continued working with Coast Transit Authority in 1999 to plan a multimodal transportation facility to better serve Biloxi residents and visitors.

- **Popp's Ferry Road** – This project involves widening of this major thoroughfare from Cedar Lake Road to the Popp's Ferry causeway. Phase I of the project, adding turning lanes at the new elementary school, was completed ahead of schedule. Construction is expected to be completed on the extension of Richard Drive to Jam Lane by October, and property acquisition is taking place on the section from Riverview Drive to Jam Lane. Other phases include upgrading Brodie and Brasher, and some property acquisition between Riverview and the causeway.
- **Cedar Lake Road** – Construction to widen to five lanes this roadway from I-10 to Popp's Ferry Road, as well as improve the intersection at Popp's Ferry, is now underway and is expected to be completed in January 2001.
- **Caillavet Street** – The City has acquired about a third of the 98 parcels needed to construct a new boulevard immediately east of the current Caillavet Street from CSX railway to Bayview. Offers are pending on another third.
- **Bayview** – The City has made offers on a quarter of the 42 parcels needed to build a wider and straighter Bayview Avenue that will move traffic safely and efficiently from Oak Street to I-110 and the new Caillavet Street.

Popp's Ferry Recreation Complex

Phase II of the \$615,000 Popp's Ferry Recreation Area Project is expected to be completed in 2000 and will include a new soccer field, tennis and basketball courts, paved parking, and picnic pavilions.

Donal Snyder Community Center

Construction of the \$4.2 million Donal Snyder Community Center began in 1999 and is projected to be completed by December 2000. This facility will include a four-lane lap pool and therapeutic pool, a basketball court, a stage and dance floor, ample space for recreational programs, and an upstairs jogging track that will double as a spectator viewing area.

Causeway Park Project

Acquisition of the causeway property in West Biloxi is pending, complicated by the seller's inability to provide a clear title to the City. Plans for this property include boat ramps, walking trails and other amenities to enhance public access to and enjoyment of this popular waterfront area.

Tullis Property

In July 2000, the City was in the process of purchasing property immediately west of Tullis-Toledano Manor for the future site of the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art and a city park. Purchase price of the property: \$3.55 million.



▶ The City is in the process of purchasing the property immediately west of the Popp's Ferry causeway for a recreational area with fishing piers, nature trails and ramps for launching boats.

New ward lines ensure proper representation for all

The City of Biloxi has developed a reapportionment plan that reconfigures Biloxi's seven wards to address shifts in the City's population base and to include newly annexed areas. Once adopted by the City Council, the plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice for review, which may take three to six months. Only reconfigured Wards 5 and 7 will have voting precinct location changes. Maps showing the new ward lines can be viewed at all branches of the Biloxi Public Library (Lameuse Street, Pass Road or Popp's Ferry Road), at City Hall, and at Woolmarket Elementary School. You can also see the map at the City's website (<http://www.biloxi.ms.us>).

Residents living in newly annexed areas who previously have registered to vote with Harrison County do not need to re-register with the City of Biloxi. Anyone who recently has moved to Biloxi or who has not registered to vote in either the City or County may register at Biloxi City Hall (435-6279) or at the Harrison County Courthouse in Biloxi (435-8276).

For more information about the proposed reapportionment plan, please contact David Nichols, Chief Administrative Officer, at 435-6314.

Biloxi

We Have A Great Deal To Offer



Frequently Called Numbers

Animal Control.....	435-6103	Fire Department.....	435-6200	Planning Office.....	435-6266
Auto Tag Information.....	435-8242	Garbage Pick Up.....	392-5108	Police Department.....	435-6100
Biloxi Credit Union.....	432-0284	Harrison County Information.....	865-4000	Recreation Program Information.....	435-6148
Biloxi Personnel Office.....	435-6259	Health Department, Biloxi.....	435-3641	Saenger Theater.....	435-6290
Biloxi Public School District.....	374-1810	Homeowner Assistance Programs.....	435-6280	Scheduling/Reserving Facilities.....	435-6281
Building Permits.....	435-6270	Mayor's Office.....	435-6254	Special Events.....	435-6339
Business Licenses.....	435-6247	Municipal Court Clerk.....	435-6125	Street and Drainage Problems.....	435-6271
City Council Office.....	435-6257	Museum Information.....	435-6244	Street and Drainage Problems (after hours).....	435-6103
Code Enforcement Complaints.....	435-6270	Natorium.....	436-6108	Tree Permits.....	435-6280
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