

11TH ANNUAL  
**Preservation in May**



*Celebrating Biloxi's  
History and Culture*

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## Schedule of Events



May 3, 2018, 5:30-7 p.m.

### “Northside” Cemetery Tour

Biloxi Cemetery North of Irish Hill Drive

Join us as we visit the Biloxi Cemetery north of Irish Hill Drive and the railroad tracks for the presentation of the histories of three African American families who contributed to the diverse fabric of Biloxi’s history. Included will be the Clay, Dosett, and Ellis families, all buried in a portion of Biloxi Cemetery most have never visited.

May 10, 2018, 5-7p.m.

### Mississippi Civil Rights Sites Special Resource Study Open House

Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd.

In 2017, Congress passed a law directing the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct a special resource study of nationally significant civil rights-related historic sites in Mississippi to determine the potential for the designation of a new national park unit in the state. The NPS team is gathering information about civil rights-related sites through historical research and public input. During the open house the public is invited to learn about the study process and share their insights on protecting civil rights related historic sites and places.

May 17, 2018, 6-7:30 p.m.

### A Look at Nativity’s Stained Glass – “Windows to the Soul”

Nativity of the BVM Cathedral, 870 Howard Avenue

Each month as part of the parish’s 175th anniversary year, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral has been examining the significance of one of their stained-glass windows. Cathedral Rector Fr. Dennis Carver will give a description of the symbolism and liturgical significance contained in the window and Edmond Boudreaux will provide a look at the window’s donor. This one-hour presentation will be followed by a reception on the Cathedral grounds.



May 21, 2018, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## 2018 Biloxi Preservation Awards

Dukate Building, 1445 Father Ryan Avenue

These bi-annual awards are presented to individuals, organizations, and businesses to recognize those actively working to preserve Biloxi's historic buildings and well as those working to preserve, promote or expand access to local historic resources. Award nominations will be accepted through May 11, 2018. Forms are available on the City of Biloxi website at <http://biloxi.ms.us>. At the ceremony, the Biloxi School System Museum will be unveiling autograph pictures of one of the districts most famous families, the Roberts. Sally Ann Roberts and Dorothy Roberts will join us for the unveiling. A reception sponsored by Chartwells will follow.

May 24, 2018, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## City Within a City: African American Culture in Biloxi

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art, 386 Beach Blvd.

This exhibition highlights the cultural history of the vibrant, segregated "city within a city" of Biloxi, Mississippi during the post WWII years. Photographs showcased will include schools, restaurants, and other businesses owned, operated, and employed by African Americans during that era. This exhibition serves as a complement to an ongoing project by the City of Biloxi to document the historic structures in the neighborhood centered on the Main and Division streets.

May 31, 2018 – Mass 6 p.m., Reception 7-8:30 p.m.

## Celebrating Our Seafood Heritage: "A Tale of Fishermen and Queens"

Mass – St. Michael Catholic Church, 177 First Street

Reception – Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum, 115 First Street

To kick off the 89th annual Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet, St. Michael Catholic Church will hold the traditional Mass for the Deceased Fishermen. Following the mass there will be free tours and a reception at the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum as well as an exhibition of the 2018 Shrimp Queen Contestants' heritage boards and a panel discussion of the history of the Blessing with former Biloxi Shrimp Queens.

*Preservation in May is organized by the City of Biloxi, Biloxi Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Biloxi Main Street District, Biloxi Public School District, The University of Southern Mississippi and Local History and Genealogy Department of the Biloxi Public Library. The public is invited to attend all programs, free of charge.*

For more information, contact the Biloxi Visitors Center at 228-374-3105.

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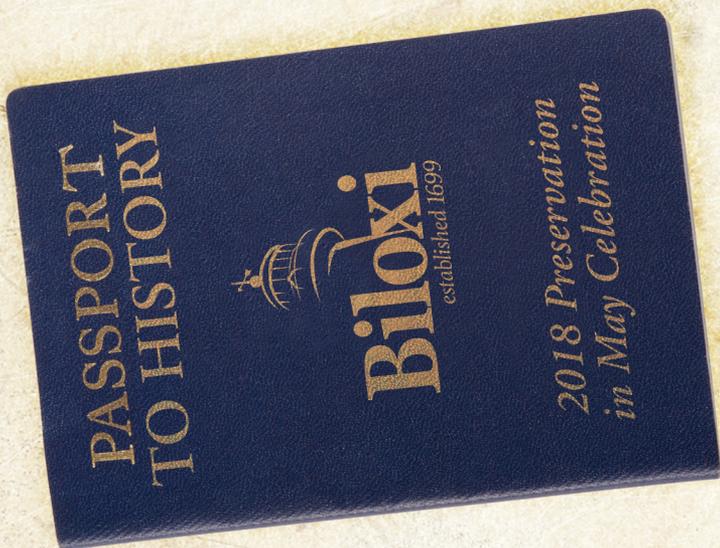


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