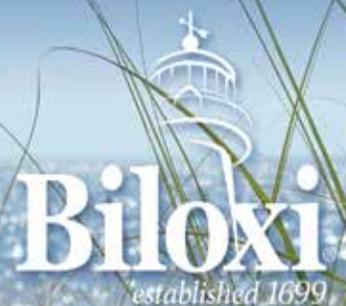


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Cars and crowds: It's Cruisin' time!



Get ready for some wheel fun. Cruisin' the Coast, the event that each year lives up to its billing as "America's largest block party," gets rolling the first weekend in October and parades along the Coast for eight high-octane days. See the traffic plan and more on Page 4, and get your motor running.



Road workers racing toward November milestones

October marks the home stretch for two major milestones: The paving of Division Street, and the re-opening of Howard Avenue to two-way traffic between Reynoir and Lameuse streets.

Both of the accomplishments are expected by the end of October.

"Division Street is the backbone of the infrastructure work north of the railway," said Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich. "It has also been one of the most difficult of all the difficult aspects of this project. Oscar Renda crews have had to dig down as far as 25 and 30 feet



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below the surface to install sewer lines."

And on the Howard Avenue restoration project, workers were expected to begin installing the brick-lined street before the first of October and have it completed by the end of the month.

The "new" Howard Avenue will even have a throwback to the "old" Howard Avenue, as Gilich was able to locate bricks from the original street.

Meantime, further down Howard Avenue, near Benachi and Querens, workers installing sewer lines 22 feet below ground are continuing to grapple with phone and gas lines that were not on any plans.

And down on U.S. 90, Hemphill crews are restoring sidewalks where waterlines were added along the north side of U.S. 90.

Said Gilich: "There have been unforeseen challenges on each one of these projects, on front beach, downtown and north of the tracks. Most of it is related to this being the oldest infrastructure in the city. We're working through every one of these challenges and staying focused on making progress every day."

- ▶ See the "new" Howard Avenue, Page 4
- ▶ See the old Howard Avenue, Page 15



Waterfront meetings focus on Point Cadet possibilities

“The great thing about it,” says Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich of last month’s waterfront meetings at City Hall, “is that people came together and talked about the future of the waterfront, especially the vacant land on Point Cadet.”

In fact, it was standing-room-only for the first of two days of gatherings at City Hall. Ann Breen and Dick Rigby, co-directors of the Washington, D.C.-based Waterfront Center, sparked discussion of the vacant land at Biloxi’s easternmost tip.

Among the ideas: upgrading and expanding Point Cadet Marina to host more and larger boats; a convention center in east Biloxi, closer to thousands of hotel rooms; and a waterfront that would engage the public.

Among those attending besides the mayor and council members were Assistant Secretary of State Raymond Carter; State Reps. Scott DeLano of Biloxi and Hank Zuber of Ocean Springs; State Sen. Michael Watson of Pascagoula; tourism leaders, including representatives of the Golden Nugget and Margaritaville resorts; and a host of architects and engineers.

“We have a better opportunity than anybody to create a spot that will be here for 300 more years,” Gilich said. “We want to hear what works. We’ve seen evidence of what works, and I think even if it was a 10-foot boardwalk over the water or picnic benches to eat lunch or areas to fish over the water, people are going to come. People want to touch the water, and

that’s what this is about: public access and public engagement with the waterfront.”

Kim Ross Bush, an east Biloxi resident and board member of the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum of Biloxi, agreed: “We need gathering places where people can go sit for hours with their family, with music, food and entertainment. There’s so much room for growth at this gateway, whether it’s food trucks, or music, or an outdoor environment where you can have exhibits that show netmakers or artists doing caricatures.”

Chet Harrison of the Golden Nugget, which adjoins Point Cadet Marina, endorsed the idea of a convention center in east Biloxi. Convention planners, he said, select sites “based on how many hotels are within one mile of the facility.”

Louis Skrmetta, whose Ship Island Excursions began sailing from Point Cadet this summer, said he would like to see Point Cadet Marina expand eastward and use mooring buoys instead of docks, to attract larger transient vessels.

Said Milton Segarra of Visit Mississippi Gulf Coast: “People like to learn who we are and what we are and they want to do that through different experiences. ... Everything starts with the water.”

The next step in the process, Gilich said, “is to continue the discussion, to focus our vision on what will work, and then work toward a consensus among our local and state partners to make it happen.”

Unregistered garbage carts disappearing in Biloxi

The city has rounded up more than a hundred residential garbage carts because they were not associated with an account and more unregistered carts will be removed when discovered, says Biloxi Chief Administrative Officer Mike Leonard.

The city collects \$14.33 a month for weekly garbage, trash and recycling service from about 11,950 households, but the Harrison County Utility Authority, which oversees the weekly garbage, trash and recycling service, is billing the city for 13,960 customers each month.

“What we have found is that carts have been moved from where they were originally delivered, or perhaps there was not an account set up under the previous service,” Leonard said. “As a result, the monthly garbage fee was not being paid by the resident, which

meant the city had been bearing the monthly cost. This is unfair to all residents. Everyone needs to pay their fair share for this service.”

A locator chip embedded in the carts is allowing the city to audit the service and remove unregistered carts. “That chip shows where that cart is supposed to be,” Leonard said, “and if it’s not associated with an account, it’s being removed.”

Leonard said those without accounts who are still getting trash, garbage and recycling service may see their carts removed.

“To avoid this inconvenience,” Leonard said, “we are advising those with carts but without an account to call the water department at 228-435-6240 to set up an account.”

- **Timelines: The Saltgrass Steakhouse** on Point Cadet is aiming to open in October. Look for the 100-room **Hilton Garden Inn** and the 154-suite **Watermark**, both north of the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor, to open by the end of the year.
- **Conference USA:** Overtime Sports has announced the **Conference USA** baseball championship tournament will return to MGM Park for a third year, May 22-26, 2019.



- **“FoFo” roast:** Biloxi First, the non-profit that funds classroom projects in Biloxi Public

Schools, has announced that hizzoner, **Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich**, will be the primary target at this year’s annual roast, set for Nov. 1 at the IP Casino Resort. To reserve your \$50 seat now, call 228-860-8871.

- **Popp’s Ferry access:** The vehicular gate to the improvements at **Popp’s Ferry Causeway Park**, just past the boat ramps and parking, closes at 4 p.m. daily, but a pedestrian gate remains open for those wishing to view sunsets at the Back Bay locale.
- **YouTube:** Stats from the city’s YouTube channel: 187 videos, **167,232** views, 1,187 subscribers. See for yourself: Click the YouTube icon at top right of the city’s website.

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Storm season may see above-average number of storms

The early predictions are in: A total of 14 named storms, seven hurricanes with three major hurricanes expected for the 2018 hurricane season, but Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich reminds Biloxians of an important fact: remember that hurricane forecasting is not an exact science," said Gilich who was born a month after the Hurricane of '47. "We are asking our residents to be prepared."

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Barring any storms, Oscar Renda, Hemphill see progress in offing for Irish Hill, Division

Biloxi's infrastructure contractors are facing the understorm season, but both expect rain delays to be minimal, barring storms. Oscar Renda is replacing water, sewer and drainage from I-110 to Point Cadet north of CSX, while Hemphill is working south of the railway from downtown to Seashore Methodist.

"We're on final drain lines on Division," Oscar Renda's John Cowart says, "and Division will be paved from one end to the other before October."

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Meanwhile, expect curbs and gutters on Porter at Circle Park shortly, which signals paving.

Tim Murrain of Hemphill says work along 90 is complete - save for south of the cemetery - and crews are installing water lines on Irish Hill with water lines in about 10 places," Murrain says. "We're looking to cut into the roadway instead of tunneling, as at White and 90. This reduces the Irish Hill timeframe from months to weeks."

Then, Hemphill will focus on the myriad narrow streets between Irish Hill and 90. Adds Cowart: "We're all working as quickly as we can."

Blues on Biloxi
JULY 21 & 22, 2018

Up, up and away, it's the Blue Angels

July promises to be gangbusters in Biloxi, with fireworks shows, Biloxi Shuckers games, plus a host of other events. And now, it's over the top, literally. The Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy's high-flying and other aerial demonstrations July 21-22 over the beach in Biloxi. Front row will be Harrah's Great Lawn and the Blind Tiger. You'll find an army of gourmet food trucks and premium seating.

Get the inside story on Blues Over Biloxi on Page 4.

Get ready for a trio of fireworks shows to celebrate the Fourth

"We love our fireworks, and we love to celebrate," Biloxi businessman Jerry Munro says of the three fireworks shows planned to mark the Fourth of July in Biloxi.

The shows are Sunday, July 1, 9 p.m., over Back Bay between IP and Scarlett Pearl casino resorts; Tuesday, July 3, post-game Extravaganza at MGM Park; and Wednesday, July 4, 9 p.m., fireworks off the Biloxi beachfront. And it's not just about quantity, says

Munro, who has followed in the footsteps of his father, the late Tommy Munro, who founded the Boom-Boom Committee in the '70s when the city was short of funding. "We have the largest fireworks show in the southeast," Munro says. "It's a \$40,000, 18-minute show that pays real tribute to our country."

The fireworks, fired from a barge just inside Deer Island, have come a long way since that year in the '80s when the committee inadvertently set off all the charges at once and set the west end of Deer Island on fire. "That's when we quit doing it ourselves and hired a professional fireworks company and set to music on FM 105.9. The Bob" - it's all electronically-fired, by computerized Best viewing location: On the beach between the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor and Oak Street, where the city has established fireworks-free zone for spectators.

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Giddy up! Development firing on all cylinders at the moment

You've seen the two big announcements - major expansions at Margaritaville and Treasure Bay - and, as significant as they are, they're just a fraction of development in Biloxi. Biloxi now has \$70 million in commercial and residential construction underway.

"As one new business begins construction or ready to receive building permits," said Biloxi Community Development Director Jerry Creel. "It's important to keep things moving."

See the details on development, Page 2

Steakhouse continues construction, while million movie theater is being built, along with an indoor trampoline park inside the mall itself. And, of course, further west, others are in the...

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Will it ever end? Yes and no

Between massive infrastructure projects, new parks, boardwalks and fire stations, more than a half-billion dollars in publicly-funded projects are either underway or in the works in Biloxi. This month we focus on the major road projects.

Park, boardwalk now open to public; another fire station on way north of Bay

Two high-profile waterfront projects - the Popp's Ferry Causeway Park and the West Biloxi Boardwalk - are officially opening to the public in time for the Labor Day weekend, and the city is also kicking off construction of another fire station north of the Bay.

The Popp's Ferry Causeway Park project, whose planning goes back to the mid-1980s, will be open to the public Labor Day weekend, and hours for the ball shop and kayak rentals are still being finalized, but operators plan to be open daily during daylight hours initially.

Meanwhile, the West Biloxi Boardwalk, a project of the City of Biloxi and Harrison County, is also now open to the public.

The 10-foot boardwalk runs along the north edge of the beach, from the Coast Transit Comfort Station near Roderberg to Veterans Avenue.

The boardwalk, elevated as much as three feet in some places, has benches along its route and is lit for nighttime beachcombers.

"This new boardwalk gives people an idea of what we're trying to do along the waterfront," says Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich. "We're creating a synergy and giving people a new waterfront experience."

The new fire station, which will be on Old Highway 67 east of Cedar Lake Road, will actually be completed before the battalion-size station, Station 7.

The city recently broke ground for the construction of the new station near Cedar-Popp's.

Fire station No. 10, which has a price tag of more than \$2 million, will be similar in appearance to Station 9 in Eagle Point and Station 2 at East End.

Construction is scheduled to begin this month and set to be complete in nine months.

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Page 2: MDOT on U.S. 90, a second pedestrian bridge, and updates on Howard Avenue, the Keebler gate and the proposed Pine Street extension

Page 4: The North Contract: A bird's eye view. Where we are and how we got there.

Page 6: South of the railway: Underway for only a few months, the Hemphill work is impacting Howard Avenue and other neighborhoods.

Page 8: Popp's Ferry Road on land and water. Time-consuming work is taking on two major projects: the Popp's Ferry extension to U.S. 90 and a future new bridge.

Page 10: The Big Picture. Thanks to Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District, local leaders now have a rating of thoroughfares throughout Biloxi.

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Cones, roadwork and new parking await Cruisers

“There’s no doubt about it, Cruisers will see a few new things this year,” says Biloxi Police Chief John Miller, “but we know they are a great, fun-loving crowd and they can deal with anything and keep a smile on their face.”

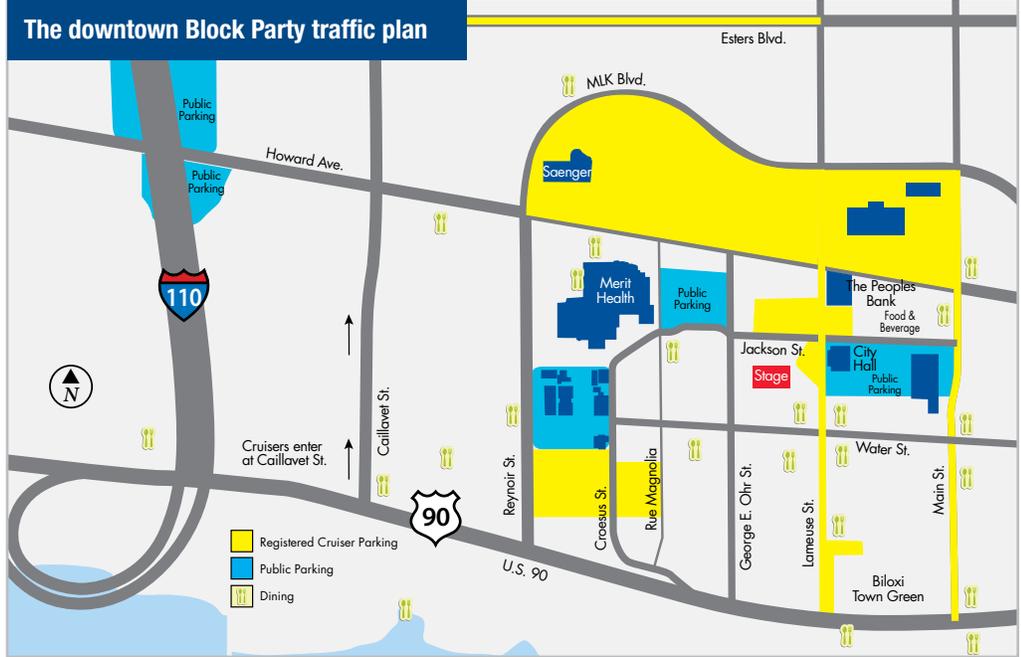
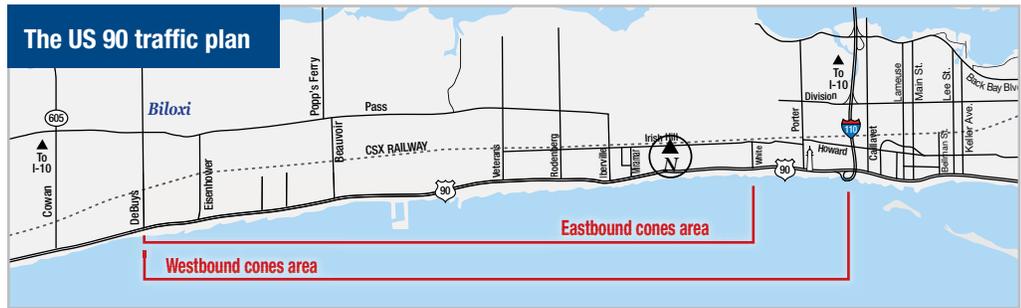
Cruisers will again find familiar entertainment and events at Edgewater Mall, the Coast Coliseum, Treasure Bay and other Coast casinos, as well as the popular Downtown Biloxi Cruisin’ Block Party.

But among the new sights this year awaiting the thousands of registered car owners and car enthusiasts:

- Traffic cones, part of the city’s standard traffic plan, are making their debut this year for Cruisin’ the Coast. The cones will limit motorists to the righthand lane, so the lefthand lane can be used for emergency vehicles. Said Miller: “But this is only if needed. In fact, on Scrapin’ the Coast, we didn’t even have to implement the one-lane traffic.” Cruisers will be notified through the city’s B-Alert texting service and road signs.

- U.S. 90 roadwork. MDOT is in the midst of a resurfacing of U.S. 90, which means some lanes will have uneven pavement. One good bit of news: All construction work on the highway will be on hiatus during Cruisin’.

- New parking site. The annual Downtown Biloxi Block Party, which attracts thousands of car enthusiasts each year, will make use of the vacant site that once housed the



former federal courthouse. Said Miller: “Coast Community Bank hasn’t begun construction on the site, so they’ve graciously allowed the city to use it for this event, which is going to give us plenty of room to showcase cars.”

Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich said he has a

special affinity for Cruisin’ and Cruisers in general.

“I’m a Cruiser myself,” Gilich declared. “I’m going to be out there pushing the clutch and shifting gears on my ‘65 Malibu Chevelle.”

Coming up downtown: Howard Avenue, brick by brick

Cruisers at the annual Downtown Biloxi Cruisin’ the Coast Block Party this year are going to be able to see the beginnings of what Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich likens to a parquet dance floor – the new brick-surfaced Howard Avenue.

The roadway between Lameuse and Reynoir streets, the heart of the downtown street restoration, is expected to be completed by the end of October. In fact, workers were expected to be setting the bricks

“The project is really beginning to become visibly appealing,” said Andy Phelan of Pickering Firm, who designed the streetscape from 1950s-era photos Gilich provided. “The majority of curb and sidewalk are complete and a large portion of the road base has been set to final grade and compacted. Areas of concrete angled parking are complete, and a large portion of the new light poles are



A look at how the bricks will be aligned

standing up on site.”

The bricks will have a herringbone pattern for the majority of the road with a double “string course,” or straight longitudinal brick runs, along the gutters and concrete aprons, Phelan said.

Gilich was also able to locate a host of the

original bricks, known as “Athens Blocks,” to use in the project, and workers unearthed others, along with abandoned utility lines, during construction.

Said Phelan: “The bricks are longer than pavers produced today, so we can’t reuse them within the main herringbone pattern; however, with a matching width, we will reuse them in portions of the string course abutting concrete. In particular, we aim to have a full string course of ‘Athens Block’ along both the Lameuse and Reynoir intersections to serve almost as a leap from past to present Howard Avenue.”

As part of the downtown project, contractor Gulf Breeze also will be creating a new four-way Stop intersection at Howard and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard so that traffic from Point Cadet can easily travel to downtown, instead of being diverted to MLK and north of the downtown area.

Cruisin' News & notes



• **Beach views:** **Treasure Bay** will once again host its popular **Car Corral** at its beachside site during Cruisin' the Coast. It opens Wednesday and runs daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



• **Big wheels:** Gov. **Phil Bryant** and First Lady **Deborah Bryant**, longtime car

aficionados, will host **"Field of Wheels,"** an exotic car show Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at MGM Park. Admission is free.

• **On the Edge:** One of the most popular spots in Biloxi is the **Edgewater Mall outdoor stage**, situated on the west side of the mall and open Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4-6, from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day. And, yes, it's free.

• **Fun, fun, fun:** The **Beach Boys** perform in concert on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5-6 in the Beau Rivage Theatre, while next door, on Friday, at the Hard Rock you can find a reincarnation of **The Rat Pack**, with Frank, Dean & Sammy.

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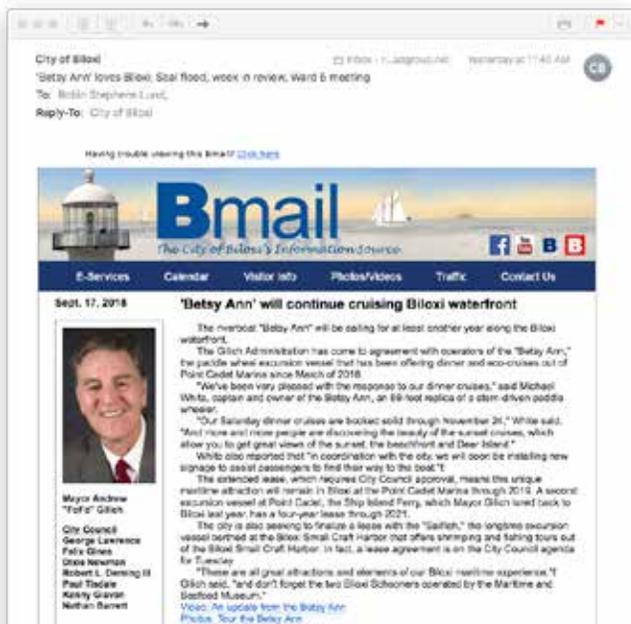


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Fall into fun with the Parks & Recreation in October

Fall, with its cooler weather and multiple holiday events, is one of the busiest times of the year for Biloxi's Parks & Recreation Department, and department Director Sherry Bell says that makes for one of the most fun times of the year.

"We have so much going on in October," Bell said. "We have sports leagues, costume contests, trick or treating and so much more. It's just an exciting and event-filled time of year."

Fall also provides another opportunity for the department to follow through on its year 'round goal of providing wholesome leisure time to residents through varied programs and events at multiple facilities throughout the city. During the year, Parks & Recreation hosts myriad programs for all ages, and this time of year the calendar is dotted with holiday events, primarily Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas related affairs. And each holiday provides multiple opportunities for events, in addition to the department's regular programs. In October, for instance, the department hosts three Halloween events, a fishing event, volleyball games, and soccer registration.

The month of activities kicks off with the

annual Happy Halloween in Woolmarket event. The affair takes place at the Woolmarket school grounds on Friday, Oct. 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., for ages 11 and younger. Included in the program are a costume contest, games, inflatables, and Halloween-themed contests such as broom stick and pumpkin races.

On Friday, Oct. 19, there's the annual Halloween at Hiller Park.

"This is one of the city's most popular Halloween events," Bell said. "You'll find a host of free activities on the Barbara Ferrill Softball Fields, geared to those age 11 and younger. We will have games, inflatables, dozens of local businesses offering trick or treating booths, and the Friends of Hiller Park will provide food."

And on Friday, Oct. 26 is the Special Needs Halloween Costume Ball at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community from 6 to 9 p.m. The event includes dancing, photo ops, and awards to the top three costume contest winners in the youth and adult age groups.

Besides the holiday activities, the department hosts a Fishing for Catfish Kids Day at the Hiller Park Pond. This annual event takes place on Saturday, Oct. 13 with

registration at 7:30 a.m. and fishing from 8 a.m. to noon. Children ages 15 and younger can bring their tackle box, cooler, fishing strings and bait and fish the morning away. They can also compete for awards for certain tagged fish caught.

"The city teams up with the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks to add more than 500 catfish to the pond and provide a fun event," Bell said. "Fishing is such a popular pastime for Biloxians so we want to encourage that activity but also add a little fun competition."

Awards will be given for the largest fish, the smallest fish, the most unusual fish, and the most fish caught.

The department also begins registering for its soccer league, ages 8 to 18, on Saturday, Oct. 20, and hosts Special Needs Volleyball every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. during the month. Both take place at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center on Pass Road.

Added Bell: "We like to offer family-oriented events as much as we can, and all are either free or at a very minimal fee. We want citizens to get out and enjoy the parks while partaking in healthy, socially equal activities."

The 411 on Biloxi Parks & Recreation

The Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department is known as the fun department. The department coordinates the city's multiple, year-round sports leagues for residents of all ages, conjures up and presents a host of special events, and maintains the parks, playgrounds and facilities where it all happens.

Leagues are offered for soccer, football, basketball, baseball, softball, swimming and cheerleading. Thousands of children and adults are involved in the leagues, and the department offers challenger leagues for those mentally or physically challenged.

The department is responsible for 55 facilities, including 26 parks, four splash pads

(at Hiller Park, John Henry Beck Park, Point Cadet Plaza, and Margaret Sherry library) and two dog parks (at Hiller Park and Popp's Ferry), four community centers, a Civic Center, a natatorium that features an indoor Olympic-size pool, a recreation center, an 88-acre sports complex, Point Cadet Plaza, the Saenger Theater and the Biloxi Town Green.

In addition, myriad programs are available for all ages and interests, and the department coordinates the Charles R. Hegwood Community Market. The free, outdoor market operates each Tuesday and Thursday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. under the I-110 overpass at Howard Avenue.

Age-specific programs offered year round

- **Summer Playground and Enrichment Program**, also known as Summer Playground or "summer camp," is an eight-to-nine-week program that begins a week after the school year ends at Biloxi Public Schools and it ends a week before the new school year begins. The program is open to ages 5 to 14, including those with mental and physical disabilities, and takes place weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at school sites throughout the city.
- **Start Smart** is open to ages 3 to 5 and their parents or responsible adult and teaches children basic skills in baseball,

football and soccer. These programs take place at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center on Pass Road throughout the year.

- **Senior programs** are offered to ages 55 and older and include weekday exercises classes, monthly luncheons and field trips, dances, and other activities.
- **Special Needs Programs** are offered year-round to all ages with physical and mental disabilities. Activities include sports leagues such as volleyball and baseball, and dances.

Cable One to air Sports Hall of Fame program

One of the Parks & Recreation Department's most-anticipated programs each year is the Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame induction banquet.

And you have a chance to see this year's ceremony, thanks to Cable One, which will air a 55-minute special about the program every Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Cable Channel 70 throughout the month of October.

The Aug. 26 ceremony saw the induction of the sports hall's Class of 2019: Eric Fortenberry, who former Indians basketball coach Jackie Laird called "one of the best Biloxi players of all time," along with baseball standout Glenn Lamas and former football stars Johnny "Red" Wetzel, Art Bressler, Marvin "Bubba" Dickey and the late Mark Barhanovich.

"Creating a documentary about the Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame came out of a discussion about the importance of sports to the City of Biloxi and to those who play it, those who watch it, and those who support it," said Mike Fleming, regional sales manager for Cable One Advertising. "To be able to showcase an event that honors those who are legendary in the City of Biloxi is an honor for us. We are excited to make this one of many events along the Gulf Coast that we will be showcasing on Cable One Channel 70."



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- **A.J. Holloway Sports Complex**, 765 Wells Dr.
- **Biloxi Natatorium**, 1384 Father Ryan Ave.
- **Biloxi Town Green**, 710 Beach Blvd.
- **Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center**, 2520 Pass Rd.
- **Dr. Frank G. Gruich Sr. Community Center** – 591 Howard Ave.
- **Mercy Cross Recreation Center**, 390 Crusader St.
- **Point Cadet Plaza**, 121 Cadet St.
- **Saenger Theater**, 170 Reynoir St. (renovations in the works)
- **Woolmarket City Center**, 13034 Kayleigh Cove Dr. (alterations in the works)

Parks

- **I-110 Parkway, Walking Track and Areas**, 1-110 and Bayview Ave.
- **Businessmen's Park**, 481 Forrest Ave.
- **Cavalier Park**, 259 Lawrence St.
- **Clare Hornsby Lions Club Park**, 169 Benachi Ave.
- **Clay Point Park**, Corner of Maple and 7th St.
- **D'Anella Park**, 380 Bonner Dr.
- **Dog Parks**, 2150 Popp's Ferry Road & 1940 Edgers Rd.
- **Doris C. Busch Park**, 645 Esters Blvd.
- **Hiller Park**, 380 Hiller Dr.
- **John Henry Beck Park**, 671 Division St.
- **John Joseph O'Reilly Park**, 431 Division St.
- **Larry Bogard Volunteer Park**, 335 Agincourt Ave.
- **Lee Street Ballfield**, 285 Lee St.
- **Mark Barhanovich Memorial Park**, 370 Porter Ave.
- **Margaret Peresich Park**, 135 Rue Magnolia
- **Mary Mahoney Park**, 117 Rue Magnolia
- **Miramar Park**, 1592 Beach Blvd.
- **Oak Park**, 1206 Kensington Dr.
- **Pennzoil Park**, 385 Churchill Ave.
- **Peresich Park**, 135 Rue Magnolia
- **Popp's Ferry Causeway**, 560 Causeway Dr.
- **Popp's Ferry Recreational Area**, 2150 Popp's Ferry Rd.
- **Point Cadet Splash Pad**, 121 Cadet St.
- **Savarro Park**, 1353 Irish Hill Dr.
- **St. Mary's Park**, 1651 Wiltshire Blvd.
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- **Todd Miguez Park**, 425 Parker St.

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4. Tubs-a-Fun
30'
5. Sky Fighter
30'
6. Hampton
Kiddie Cars
30'
7. Helicopters/
Bi planes
30'
8. Carnival Game
16' x 24'
9. Bumper Boat
40' x 60'
10. Go Kart Track
225' x 196'
11. Pepsi Pavilion
50' x 00'
12. Tilt-a-Whirl
43'
13. Scrambler
60'
14. Concession
Stand
15. Spider
60'



City OKs budget with additional police, firefighters

Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich has been successful over the past few years in streamlining the city budget – from an inch-thick book of numbers to merely a few dozen pages – but that doesn’t mean the annual wrangling over funds and funding has gotten any easier.

After several weeks of public budget workshops, including a three-hour, eleventh-hour session, the Gilich Administration and members of the City Council have agreed on a budget that projects the city to have \$57.9 million in revenue to fund city departments and operations.

“The City Council was actively involved and dug into the details over the course of five budget workshops that were open to the public,” said Chief Administrative Officer Mike Leonard. “It’s a give-and-take process where we try to make the most of the funding we have.”

Largest expenses in the budget: The departments of Police (\$17 million), Fire (\$14 million) and Public Works (\$9 million).

Projections for the taxes from the city’s three primary revenue streams are gaming (\$18.75 million), sales (\$12.55 million) and property (\$10.6 million).

“The challenge this year,” Leonard says, “was that we project a slight increase in the overall revenue – primarily from an additional \$1 million we expect from sports books – but we knew we wanted more police officers, that we were going to have two new fire stations, and that we wanted more people in Public Works.

“It was decided early on that we could accommodate essential services without raising property taxes for another year.

“Personnel is a substantial part of the budget, so it’s not like you can just cut without an impact to services. So the mayor and the council found a way to initially fund six additional police officers, plus nine firefighters when our additional station comes online late in the new year, and we’re looking to contract out some services, such as grass cutting, which can be done more cost-effectively versus hiring new fulltime employees.”

The biggest thing to remember about the budget: “It’s an estimate, an educated projection based on actual and audited prior year results and what we’re seeing today,” Leonard said. “We keep a close eye on spending throughout the year and we adjust as necessary, to make sure revenue balances with expenses.”

▶ See financial information biloxi.ms.us

FunTime USA: A theme park with a nod to Biloxi’s past

The new FunTime USA amusement park now under construction on west beach has the same name as the Gulfport attraction destroyed by Katrina, but the similarities stop there, says developer Dennis Tynes.

The new site – aiming to open no later than Spring 2019 – will be double in size, covering nearly eight acres, and it’s going to have more of a feel of an authentic amusement park. The \$2.5 million investment is off Walmart Lane in west Biloxi, a half-block off the beach.

“We’re still going to be a family entertainment center,” Tynes says, “but



you’re going to find more rides, more landscaping, more elegance, attractive fencing and subtle signage, and more character-driven themes throughout the park.”

FunTime USA will include an area focusing on younger children, but also have more intense rides – a Gravatron, Spider, bumper cars and bumper boats – in other areas. Green space also will be included, along with picnic areas for families

and groups.

And in a nod to Biloxi’s past, you’ll find a putt-putt course that revives the old Dinosaur that had been a fixture at the beachfront Goofy Golf of yesteryear.



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Biloxi Excel By 5 October Orientation,
Oct. 9 at 9:30 a.m. and Oct. 23 at 5 p.m.
Biloxi Family Resources Center,
140 St. John Ave.

Biloxi Excel By 5, designed to improve a child's overall well-being by age five, holds orientation monthly through April for all parents/caregivers. Orientation is required before children are permitted to play in the interactive rooms.

Details: 228-297-6808 or
email susan.hunt@biloxischools.net.



Upscale senior center breaks ground at Cedar Lake

Amid the talk of boardwalks and parks and fire stations, the city's Community Development Department has issued what may be one of its largest building permits of the year: a \$15.5 million permit for construction of an assisted living facility on Popp's Ferry Road near Cedar Lake Road.

In fact, ground was broken weeks ago for The Blake at Biloxi, an upscale senior living and assisted living community that will feature 118 units and amenities you would typically find at a premier resort: concierge service, fine dining, coffee and ice cream shop, theater, spa and salon, and 24-hour nurse staff. Developers said The Blake will be a \$25 million investment.

"We take care of the details, so our residents can enjoy the finer things in life," says Glenn Barclay, Quality Senior Living principal and co-founder of Blake

Management Group. "We saw an opportunity to meet Harrison County's need for a new hospitality and wellness-centered continuing care retirement community, providing residents the ability to age in place knowing the care will be there when they need it."

Among the other amenities at The Blake: social programs, a piano bar and lounge, on-site therapy services, a chapel, activity rooms, landscaped courtyards with an outdoor fire pavilion, fountains and raised gardens, a library, fitness center, transportation, and on-site parking.

Pricing will be based on service needs and apartment selection; however, the high-end community will be affordable and competitive with other options in the area, Blake leaders said.

The Blake's \$15.5 million building permit was the centerpiece of a \$20.5 million

week recently for the Community Development Department.

Said Community Development Director Jerry Creel: "We continue to experience growth in every area of Biloxi, from the new Saltgrass Restaurant at Point Cadet, to the new Hilton Garden Inn, the Watermark Hotel, and the improvements to downtown Howard Avenue, and in west Biloxi with the new Premier eight-plex theater, and the Sky Zone Trampoline Park at Edgewater Mall."

And, Creel added, more major development is on the way, with Phase 2 of the Margaritaville resort, construction of the Funtime USA amusement park, and a major expansion at Treasure Bay Casino Resort.

New home construction continues to flourish, too: 138 houses are now under construction in 23 subdivisions, predominately in north Biloxi.

Waffle House plans unique look at latest site

Waffle House is big on Biloxi – covered, smothered and chunked, in the hash browns vernacular – but the company's fifth location will be off the menu.

That's because the new Biloxi location, on U.S. 90 just west of Bellman Street, is in a Biloxi historic district and Waffle House answered Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich's call for something special.

The restaurant will be swathed in brick – some say it was inspired by the brick work at downtown's Patio 44 – and it will have an "old Biloxi" feel through the use of historic photos.

Since it's in a flood-hazard area, it will be



one of the few elevated Waffle Houses, about six feet above ground, with convenient ramps and stairs.

"The Waffle House designers have done something special here," says Community Development Director Jerry Creel. "All the Waffle Houses have brick, but this is the first one to use brick so extensively."

Waffle House construction crews should begin work soon.

The abundance of Waffle House locations in Biloxi -- primarily on U.S. 90 -- is a matter of popularity and economics.

"Unless something has changed recently," Creel said, "the location on Reynoir Street is the second busiest Waffle House in the country."

It's second only to the location at Georgia Tech University.

"In fact, Reynoir is still No. 1 in the country for the first shift, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., but, to be honest, Waffle House has found that anytime is a good time to be in Biloxi."

Best Bets!



Yes, it's that time again

Cruisin' The Coast is a weeklong event but Wednesday, Oct. 3 is the big day for Biloxi. Thousands of car and car aficionados will line the downtown streets from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Biloxi Block Party. There will be antiques, poodle skirts, 50s and 60s music, food and more. And don't forget about the Edgewater Mall. It is a cruiser check-in but on Wednesday, there will be entertainment from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Details: cruisinthecoast.com.



Arts and beer, Ohr my!

The Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art will be transformed with craft beer tents, arts and craft vendors, vintage campers and more during this revived festival. Originally known as the George Ohr Arts Festival, the George E. Ohr Arts & Beer Festival will take place during Cruisin' The Coast, hence the vintage camper component, on Saturday, Oct. 6. Admission is free but fees apply for beer tent access. Details: www.georgeohr.org/events.

22nd Annual Cruisin' The Coast, Sept. 30-Oct. 7. Thousands of classic cars converge on the Gulf Coast for a week of cruising along U.S. 90, rock 'n' roll shows, sock hops, swap meets, and other entertainment. Details: 228-385-3847; www.cruisinthecoast.com.

Special Needs Volleyball, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 6-8 p.m., Snyder Center, 2520 Pass Road. All ages with physical and mental disabilities participate from 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday in October. Admission is free; uniforms provided. Details: 228-388-7170.

Biloxi Block Party, Oct. 3, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Lameuse Street and throughout downtown. Thousands of cars and car aficionados expected. Live entertainment outside City Hall, beginning at 8:15 a.m. Award-winning Elvis tribute artist, Garry Wesley performs at 10:30 a.m. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339.

First Friday, Oct. 5, 5-8 p.m., Downtown Biloxi Arts District, Rue Magnolia. Live entertainment by Casual and the Uptights, Halloween games, Gallery 782 features artist Rhonda Rigby, "Just for Fun" and more. Details: 228-435-6339.

George E. Ohr Art & Craft Beer Festival, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art, 386 Beach Blvd. Find a diverse array of arts and crafts, craft beer tents, a homebrewers' competition, a camper rally with vintage campers, live music, a performance by the Mad Potter of Bay St. Louis Steve Barney, food vendors and more. Admission is free, but fees apply for beer tents. Details: 228-374-5547.

Biloxi Excel By 5 October Orientation, Oct. 9 at 9:30 a.m. in cafeteria and Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. at Biloxi Family Resources Center, 140 St. John Ave. Orientation is monthly through April for parents/caregivers. Orientation is required before children may play in the interactive rooms. Details: 228-297-6808 or email susan.hunt@biloxischools.net.

Time for Tea, A Community Tea Party, Oct. 9, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Gruich Center, 591 Howard Ave. The Richmond August Funeral Home presents a free tea party for senior citizens, their caregivers, family and friends. RSVP, as space is limited. Details: 228-436-6722.

FUN Fall History Cruise, Oct. 12, 5 p.m. boarding with 5:30 p.m. departure, west side of Margaritaville Resort, 195 Beach Blvd. Join Biloxi Bay Area Chamber for a history cruise aboard the Pan American Clipper. \$50 per person. Details: 228-435-6149 or email info@biloxibayareachamber.org.

Halloween in Woolmarket, Oct. 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Woolmarket School Grounds, 12513 John Lee Road. The annual city event is open to all children ages 11 and younger and includes a costume contest at 5:30 p.m., games and inflatables at 6 p.m. and contests at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free and food will be available. Details: 228-388-7170.

Best Bet!

Halloween at Hiller Park

One of the city's most popular events, Halloween at Hiller Park, takes place on Friday, Oct. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. Children ages 11 and younger can go trick-or-treating with local business set up along the Barbara Ferrill Softball Fields, dance to a DJ spinning spooktacular tunes, and partake in games that will begin at 6 p.m. Admission is free to this family-friendly and safe Halloween event. Details: 228-388-7170.



Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the fifth issue of BNews Monthly. It's a compendium of things you should know about your city: status reports on current and pending public works, and a calendar of community events covering the next 30 days.

Calendar: Biloxi Downtown Services is responsible for the Community Calendar, a compendium of events open to the public in Biloxi. Deadline for publication citywide and online is the 10th of each month. Listing must include name of event, date, time, location, one- or two-sentence description, admission fee, phone number or web address. Email to Kay Miller, downtown services manager, kmiller@biloxi.ms.us.

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Website: The city's website, at biloxi.ms.us, is the comprehensive digest of city information. The website also has links to the city's Facebook and YouTube platforms.

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Frequently Called Numbers

Area code is 228 unless otherwise noted.

- Animal Control 392-0641
- Auto Tag/Property Tax Information 435-8242
- Birth Certificates 601-576-7960
- Building Permits 435-6270
- Business Licenses 435-6247
- City Council 435-6257
- City Court 435-6125
- Code Enforcement 435-6270
- Drivers Licenses 396-7400
- Emergency Police and Fire 911
- Garbage Collection 701-9086
- Housing Authority 374-7771
- Human Resources 435-6259
- Mayor's Office 435-6254
- Museums Information 435-6244
- Parks & Recreation 388-7170
- Planning Commission 435-6266
- Public Schools 374-1810
- Streets and Drainage 435-6271
- Visitor Info 374-3105 or 1-800-BILOXI-3
- Water Service 435-6236

Guns and Hoses Charity Pickleball Tournament, Oct. 13, 8 a.m.– noon, Popp's Ferry Recreational Area, 2138 Popp's Ferry Road. Pickleball tournament featuring police officers, firefighters, ambulance and military, and supporters as participants. Admission is free for spectators. Details: 228-388-7170.

Fishing for Catfish Kids Day, Oct. 13, 8 a.m.-Noon, Hiller Park, 380 Hiller Dr. Annual event at Hiller Park Pond begins with registration from 7:30-8 a.m., opening ceremony at 8 a.m., followed by children ages 15 and younger fishing for chances of door prizes. Bring your own tackle box, cooler, fishing strings and bait. Lunch will be provided. Details: 228-388-7170.

Loaves and Fishes 35th Anniversary Celebration, Oct. 13, 3-6 p.m., 610 Water St. Family-friendly event, silent auction, and food and merchandise for sale to benefit Loaves and Fishes. Admission is free. Details: www.facebook.com/Loaves-and-Fishes-118629881025/.

The Salvation Army Kroc Center Community Yard Sale, Oct. 13, 7-11 a.m., 575 Division St. reserve a space for \$15 to sell items. Open to the public. Details: 228-207-1218



Bike Biloxi, Oct. 16, 6 p.m.; begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. This free monthly downtown ride will feature a tour through the Biloxi Cemetery where re-enactors will have a dress rehearsal for this year's Old Biloxi Cemetery tour. Bike ride ends with refreshments at a downtown restaurant. Details 228-435-6339.

Halloween at Hiller Park, Oct. 19, 6-8 p.m., Barbara Ferrill Softball Fields, 1940 Edgers Road. The free annual city event is open to age 11 and younger. Trick or treating, games, inflatables, music and more. Details: 228-388-7170.

Fish Fry at the West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum, Oct. 19, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 1046 Howard Ave. Museum fundraiser with plates of fish, potato salad, baked beans and bread available for \$8 each. Drinks and desserts will also be available. Pre-orders will be taken on Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Details: 228-435-6200.

Biloxi Soccer Registration, Oct. 20, 9 a.m.-Noon, Snyder Center, 2520 Pass Road. Open to ages 8-18. Registration fees apply. Registration is also available online at biloxisoccer.net. Details: 228-388-2483 or sports@biloxi.ms.us.

Biloxi Fireman's Day Parade, Oct. 20, 10 a.m., Lameuse Street and U.S. 90 to 1046 Howard Ave. The annual parade featuring firefighting vehicles from fire departments Coastwide. Route begins at the corner of Lameuse Street and U.S. 90, travels north to Howard Avenue to the fire museum. Details: 228-435-6200.

Fall Muster, Oct. 20-21, Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library, 2244 Beach Blvd. Experience the sights and sounds of the 1800s with period-garbed re-enactors and battles twice a day. Admission fees apply. Details: 228-388-4400.

Old Biloxi Cemetery Tours, Oct. 21, 2-4 p.m. and Oct. 23, 5-7 p.m., Biloxi Cemetery, 1166 Irish Hill Dr. This year's theme: "Biloxi Praise" – the historic churches of Biloxi and the instrumental individuals of their past. Admission is free. Donations accepted. Park at the Biloxi Elks Lodge, 1178 Beach Blvd. Details: 228-435-6339.

Biloxi Community Market Festival, Oct. 25, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., I-110 at Howard Avenue. Live entertainment, food, and outdoor prizes, vendors and Pumpkin Palooza activities for kids. Admission is free. Details: 228-435-6339.

5th Annual Halloween Bash, Oct. 25, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 580 Howard Ave. Free event open to seniors featuring performances, games, door prizes, costume contest, dancing, health and lifestyle vendors and more. Lunch will also be served. Details: 228-392-9988.

Special Needs Halloween Costume Ball, Oct. 26, 6-9 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. The annual city event, open to all ages with physical and mental disabilities, is free and will include costume contest awards to the top three winners in youth and adult group. Details: 228-388-7170.

East Biloxi Senior Center Arts and Crafts Fair, Oct. 27, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., 461 Parker St. This fall and Christmas fair features items for sale made by the seniors and staff, along with gifts, food, and more. Proceeds benefit East Biloxi Senior Center. Admission is free. Details: 228-435-4192 or samiller@co.harrison.ms.us.

Kroctober Fest, Oct. 31, 5:30-8 p.m., The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 575 Division St. Free community event with games, costume contest for all ages (family friendly costumes and no adult masks) and more. Details: 228-207-1218.

Biloxi Little Theater

220 Lee St., 228-432-8543, www.4blt.org

- **All The King's Men**, Oct. 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, & 20
- **Six Characters In Search of A Play**, Nov. 3, 8 p.m.

Center Stage

2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258, centerstagebiloxi.com

Biloxi Lighthouse and Visitors Center

1050 Beach Blvd., 228-374-3105, www.biloxi.ms.us

Open daily, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Biloxi Mardi Gras Museum

119 Rue Magnolia, 228-435-6308, www.biloxi.ms.us

Currently closed for renovations

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

115 1st St., 228-435-6320, www.maritimemuseum.org

- **Heritage Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**, Oct. 27, 1 p.m.
- **Craig Brumfield Art of Nature Exhibition**, through Nov. 30, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Located on museum's third floor.

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, www.georgeohr.org

- **Icons: The Sacred Muse by Clifton Webb**, now through Nov. 3
- **Rodrigue's Blue Dog: Discovering Late Works on Canvas and Metal**, through Oct. 6
- **George E. Ohr Art & Beer Festival**, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. admission free but armband is required for access to beer tents: armbands \$25, VIP armbands, \$50.
- **Check the website for more events & studio classes at OOMA!**

West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum

1046 Howard Ave., 435-6119/435-6200, www.biloxi.ms.us

Historic 1937 fire house open Saturdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment.

Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi

1178 Beach Blvd., 374-0606

- **Bingo Nights**: Oct. 5, 12, 26, Early Bird starts at 6:30 p.m., regular games 7 p.m.
- **Going Out (Steak Nights and Dances)**: Oct 6, 13, & 27; live entertainment; prices vary.
- **Jack Cunningham Charity Golf Tournament**, Oct. 19, 20 and 21, please call for more information.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- **Dance** – Oct. 20, 7-11 p.m. Music by Southbreeze Band. Admission: \$8 per person.

Lagniappe

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Biloxi Community Market

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 a.m.-4 p.m. under the I-110 overpass on the corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. Details: Tina Cowart at 228-388-2443.

City of Biloxi Senior Program

Activities for ages 55 and older weekdays at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center and the East Biloxi Senior Citizen Center. Details: Gwen Johnson, 228-388-2494, seniors@biloxi.ms.us.

Biloxi Libraries

- Biloxi Library, 580 Howard Ave., 228-436-3095
- Margaret Sherry Library, 2141 Popp's Ferry Road, 228-388-1633
- West Biloxi Library, 2047 Pass Road, 228-388-5696
- Woolmarket Library, 13034 Kayleigh Cove, 228-354-9464

For more information call the Harrison County Library System at 228-436-3095.

Biloxi Main Street

Promoting, preserving, revitalizing and enhancing the economic growth of the downtown Main Street district. Details and membership: 228-435-6339, mainstreetbiloxi.com



City of Biloxi Public Meetings

- **Architectural Review Commission**: Regularly scheduled meetings: second and fourth Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Biloxi City Council**: Regularly scheduled meetings: first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. and the third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.; City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-435-6257.
- **Biloxi Civil Service Commission**: Regularly scheduled meetings: second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m.; City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-435-6259, Cortney Lamar
- **Biloxi Planning Commission**: Regularly scheduled meetings: first and third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Development Review Committee**: Regularly scheduled meetings: Wednesdays at 9 a.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Tree Committee**: Regularly scheduled meetings: second Monday of each month at 4 p.m.; Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, 769 Howard Ave. Details: 228-435-6266.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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This is Howard Avenue in the winter of 1937, lined with parallel-parked automobiles and decked out for Christmas. The cupola in the background of the west-facing photo, still stands today at the corner of Howard Avenue and the Magnolia Street walkway.

Biloxi's first 'shopping mall'

The 1960s was an epic decade for the Coast. With a new annexation in place, the City of Biloxi's westernmost boundary expanded from Rodenberg Avenue to DeBuys Road. Around that same time,

Back in the Day



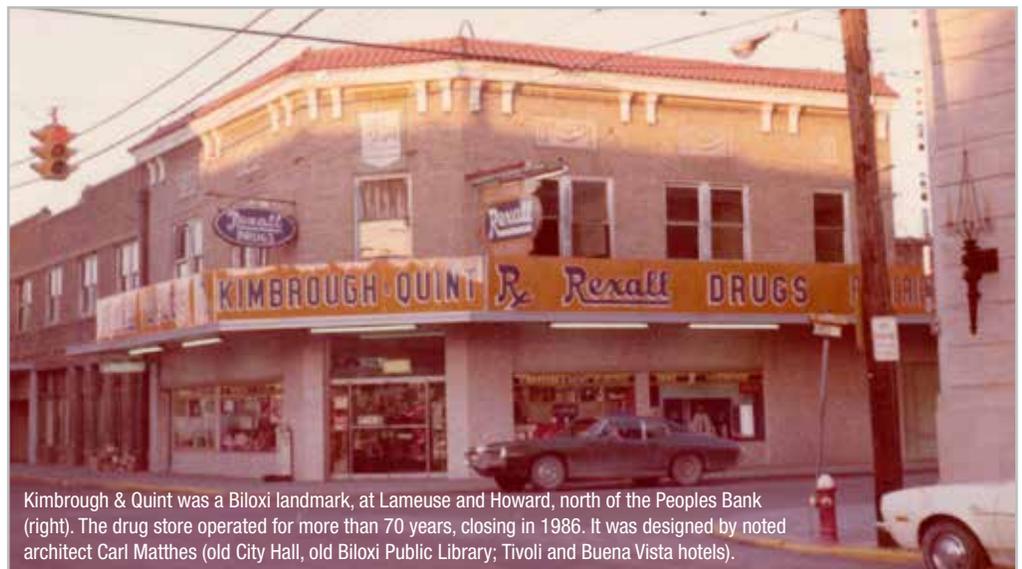
By Jane Shambra

Edgewater Mall (aka Edgewater Plaza) was completed on Beach Boulevard, offering air-conditioned and rain-resistant shopping.

But where did Biloxians shop before the mall days? Can you imagine Biloxi's downtown on Howard Avenue as the city's mecca of shopping? Looking back in time,

city directories and images prove that this previous "outdoor mall" offered the best of everything.

In the span of a few blocks, Howard Avenue was the place to shop. You could find doctors, dentists, lawyers, drug stores, shoe repair shops, banking options, newsstands, jewelers, photographers, barbers, tobacco shops, ice cream counters, and, yes, even a



Kimbrough & Quint was a Biloxi landmark, at Lameuse and Howard, north of the Peoples Bank (right). The drug store operated for more than 70 years, closing in 1986. It was designed by noted architect Carl Matthes (old City Hall, old Biloxi Public Library; Tivoli and Buena Vista hotels).

bar or two. There was a J.C. Penney, Kress, Woolworth, and Auto-Lec to serve everyone's needs. Who could ask for anything more? How about grocery shopping? In 1952, the Howard Avenue H.G. Hill grocery store advertised bread at 27 cents a loaf and a pound of bacon for 49 cents! Those were the days!

Parking lots were not needed then. Automobiles could easily find a place along the roadway in front of businesses. And photographs of downtown parades prove that the trolley car travelled down the middle of Howard Avenue, offering an alternative method of transportation. There was even a hotel, Hotel Avezel, right along the way, situated where the Merit Health hospital is today. And when shops were closed for parade days, Howard Avenue transformed

into a giant meeting place for family and friends.

And what about theaters? The older Dukate Theater was noted for its operatic performances. The more-recent movie theaters (Saenger and Avenue) provided the latest movie options for date night.

Pre-911 info: Still wondering where Grandma shopped for her fancy white gloves and hat for Sunday church services back in the day? During the late 1980s, the advent of the emergency 911 calling system meant re-numbering and in some cases renaming of Biloxi streets. Even though Grandma's old tattered price tags and receipts she left in the attic show West Howard Avenue, that may not be the case today. Visit the Local History and Genealogy Department at the Biloxi Public Library to find the answer.

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