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A compendium of what's happening in Biloxi



Seeing is believing for major projects

"Y'all should call President Trump and tell him to come see this wall you're building," Ronnie "R.P." Pierotich harrumphed the other day as construction was beginning on the West Biloxi Boardwalk.

Pierotich, the patriarch of the Biloxi family that owns and operates Sharkheads and Souvenir City (and a third location soon to be announced) was not a fan of the planned 3,000-foot-long, 10-foot wide boardwalk that now runs east and west, between the beach and his business and

the collection of restaurants between the CTA Comfort Station east of Rodenburg Avenue to Veterans Avenue.

Now that the first phase of the million-dollar, city-county Tidelands-funded project is complete and open to pedestrians day and night, Pierotich and his neighbors have embraced the idea. Plans are in the works for the boardwalk to continue to Treasure Bay, at Camellia Street, where Harrison County plans to also construct a boat ramp. And, on the other end of town, construction has begun on a 12-foot-wide concrete boardwalk that will line the Point Cadet waterfront from Point Cadet Marina to just south of the Palace Casino.

Interestingly, the initial reaction to the West Biloxi boardwalk was not unlike the response to the idea of re-opening Howard Avenue with a brick-surfaced, two-lane roadway.

"I have to be honest, I was not in favor of this idea," Biloxian Steve Theobald said the other day. "But I think it looks great now that I can see it."

Bricks, laid by hand one-by-one, now cover Howard Avenue from Reynoir to Lameuse, but the roadway won't open to traffic right away; work must be completed at Lameuse and Howard before workers continue with the bricks to a new intersection at MLK, east of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home. Along the way, more on-street parking will be added on Howard between Lameuse and Main.

Out at Popp's Ferry Causeway Park, the city has worked through issues toward opening the bait and kayak shop, which will also have a daiquiri bar. The improved area of the park remains open until 4 p.m. each day to vehicles, but a pedestrian gate allows access after 4 p.m. In a sign of the expected popularity of the site with the boating crowd, the city is eyeing the prospect of a floating dock to accommodate more boaters.

Of course, some people in east Biloxi, after enduring months and months of alternately dusty or muddy dirt roads, just want their streets paved. The good news: Oscar Renda Contracting in October, weeks ahead of the promised November goal, paved the final stretch of Division Street, between Main and Lameuse, meaning all of Division, the backbone of the north project, is now paved.

While the growing amount of asphalt, curbing and sidewalks on streets is an undeniable sign of progress, the amount of work remaining is clear. In October, the city OK'd a change order that stretches the project into January 2019.

Meantime, south of the railway, Hemphill Construction is in the early stages of an 800-day project that will see new infrastructure from downtown to Seashore Methodist. Businesses, motorists, and firefighters at the Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center are having to endure partial closures on Porter Avenue, Benachi and Howard.

Progress. Will it ever end? Yes and no.



The West Biloxi
Boardwalk
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Popp's Ferry Causeway Park A new gem on Back Bay



Howard Avenue

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Barq Building,
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The paving continues

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New walkway aims for Fall 2019 completion

Work is now underway on the latest boardwalk project – a 12-foot-wide waterside concrete pathway that will tie all of Point Cadet together, from Point Cadet Marina, around the tip of the peninsula, to

Point Cadet Plaza and recreational area to Howard Avenue and just south of the Palace Casino.

The \$1.85 million project is being constructed in two phases -- the waterfront south of the Biloxi Bay Bridge initially, followed by the area north of the bridge. All work is scheduled to be completed late Summer or early Fall 2019.

"The low height of the old Biloxi-Ocean Springs bridge divided the Point Cadet waterfront as north and south of U.S. 90," said Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich, whose goal is to have a host of boardwalks along the Biloxi waterfront. "The height of the current Biloxi Bay Bridge gives us the opportunity to tie all of the area together with this boardwalk.

"We believe it's going to be as popular as the West Biloxi boardwalk. It invites engagement

with the waterfront." Added Gilich: "These projects are about public access and enjoyment of our beautiful waterfront."

Repairs to the existing bulkheads at the far south end of the project are the initial focus of the work, says Ed Ott, a city engineer who helped coordinate work on the West Biloxi boardwalk. The projects were designed by architect Buzzy Bolton and engineered by Brown, Mitchell & Alexander.

Contractor DCD Construction Co. is now excavating to expose tie-backs along the existing bulkhead to help engineers install permanent

bulkhead repairs. Drainage improvements and new pavement markings are also proposed for the existing parking lot on the south side of the Palace Casino parking garage.

The south end will begin a few feet off the Point Cadet Marina parking lot near the marina bait/tackle and fuel shop at Point Cadet Marina. In fact, the project will create a boardwalk at a popular pre-Katrina gathering spot, Gorenflo's Bar and Tackle Shop, whose original waterfront location was destroyed by the storm.

The north part of the work will be run from the Point Cadet Pavilion and Splash Pad and tie into an existing sidewalk at the east end of Howard Avenue, at the Palace parking garage.

The Point Cadet Boardwalk will include overhead lighting on decorative poles, similar to the treatment at the West Biloxi

Boardwalk, and the project will include new overhead lighting for the public parking area between the splash pad and the Palace garage.

DCD Construction, a local firm that was involved in the improvements at Popp's Ferry Causeway Park, mobilized equipment and began installing temporary construction fencing at the south end of the project in October.

News & notes

- Highs and lows: Cruisin'
 The Coast had a record
 high 8,444 registered
 cars and Biloxi Police
 had a record low only
 55 traffic tickets written,
 less than a third of the
 citations from last year's
 event and a quarter of
 those written in 2015.
- Biloxi presence: Ten former Biloxi Shuckers players and coaches were part of the 40-man roster when the Milwaukee Brewers 2018 NLCS roster was announced by the Brewers.
- Top cop: Chief John Miller, who has led Biloxi's police department



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of his 28
years with
the city,
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elected
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of the
Regional
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Crime

Information Center, an agency that serves a network of 1,400 law enforcement agencies across the Southeast and in U.S. territories.

- Clean streak: The city recently oversaw a Tidelands-funded pressure washing of the walking path on the Biloxi Bay Bridge, the first good scrubbing since the bridge was dedicated in 2007. Dimensions of the pathway? 12 feet wide by 1.8 miles long.
- Video Biloxi: The city's
 YouTube page hosts more
 than 150 videos about
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Something new, something prehistoric at Edgewater Mall

The big talk at Edgewater Mall, of course, has been the new eightscreen movie theater - scheduled to open Nov. 30, by the way - and the new trampoline center, but there's something pre-historic lurking at the mall in November.

Prehistoric Dinosaur Adventures, a free attraction Nov. 9-11 at the mall, combines a unique mobile prehistoric walk through Dinosaur Museum and thrilling up-close encounter with the king of dinosaurs, Tyrannosaurus Rex."



The attraction, which is near Belk, will be open Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 11, from noon to 6 p.m.

"Families are amazed and thrilled as they interact with a life-size dinosaur and his handler Jim 'The Dino Guy,'" says Mall Manager Terry Powell. "Kids can take part in the exciting Dino Kids Challenge games and families are welcome to take photos with the outdoor dinosaur theme cutout standup."

It's also an educational exhibit, Powell says: "The museum gives a great opportunity to see a mixture of fossils and skeletons up-close. Kids can explore nature with the bug specimen microscope, and you'll find historical facts, pictures, large and small fossils, and multi-media."



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Live, Work and Play in Downtown Biloxi

By Lee Edward Young Developer

The District on Howard Avenue offers downtown living complete with entertainment and retail in a walkable environment. Located just one block off the beach and surrounded by casinos and restaurants, Howard Avenue will be the new entertainment, dining, shopping and living area of Biloxi. It capitalizes on all that is there and offers entertainment and retail, much like Beale Street in Memphis, King Street in Charleston, or Magazine Street in New Orleans.

Howard Avenue is walking distance to the Biloxi Shuckers Baseball Stadium, the Saenger Theater, art galleries, the MGM Beau Rivage and Hard Rock Casinos, restaurants, museums and more. Always offering a celebratory atmosphere, Biloxi boasts Mardi Gras, Cruisin' The Coast, a Southeast Tourism event, concerts, the Blessing of the Fleet, barrier islands, inshore and offshore fishing and more! The epitome of eat, work, play, it's where it all is, and you should be too!

Our Master Plan

Through urban renewal and the creation of the shopping mall, many downtowns lost retail and entertainment. Today downtowns are being reclaimed and redeveloped. Downtown Biloxi is on the move.



Editor's note: Private crews working for the new owners of the Barq Building continue removing Vieux Marché-era facades and stucco from 1923-era downtown Biloxi fixture, and although the city has issued a limited demolition permit for the current work, no formal plans have yet been presented to the city's Community Development Department. However, developer Lee Edward Young provided BNews Monthly with this report.

We have helped others develop restaurants and more. Now we have a vision for Howard

Avenue – to restore it to the important role it has had in Biloxi history. It will be a living entertainment district Mixed use at its best with something for everyone.

Most of Biloxi's development has been just south of Howard Avenue – commercial, healthcare, retail, hospitality and all are successful. We will be offering the ability to live closer to work, amazing restaurants, retail and entertainment that will further enhance downtown Biloxi.

In our vision, we see:

- 230,000 SF of boutique shops, local breweries, restaurants, and music venues
- 330 Residential Units
- 20,000 SF Office Space

Living in the Howard Avenue Entertainment District will be convenient to everything. Our multifamily buildings will have condominiums and apartments offering one-, two-, or three-bedroom units with views of the beautiful Gulf of Mexico. We plan to restore the facades of the buildings so that we are grand yet affordable for all. Nearby parking will be available on the street or in the adjacent parking lot.

We envision rooftop bars and greenspaces that will host musicians, art exhibitions, small markets and more.

Enjoy the music, take a break and have a cocktail, have a great meal and walk to your home!



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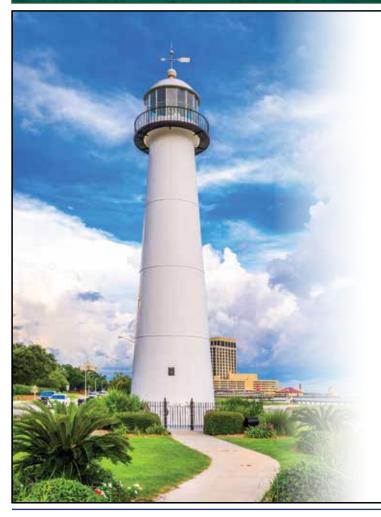
Biloxi Excel By 5 November Orientation

Nov. 6 at 9:30 a.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.



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City seeks compromise on county schools bond vote

Residents of Biloxi - whether they live in Woolmarket, Eagle Point or other areas - ought to be able to attend Biloxi public schools, Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich has long said, and the Biloxi City Council has now asked the Harrison County School Board to help make that happen.

When Woolmarket and Eagle Point became part of Biloxi in 1999, Biloxi Public Schools did not grow with the city, and, as a result, those residents remain in the Harrison County School District, where taxes are higher than Biloxi - about \$250 a year higher on a

"This is not a new issue for me," Gilich said. "I've asked about this and been asked this more than once since I became mayor in 2015, and, now, the county school board is asking Biloxi residents north of I-10 and in Eagle Point to vote to borrow \$55 million for improvements to schools in Gulfport and D'Iberville.

"Frankly, if you live in Biloxi, you ought to be able to enjoy the lower school taxes we have and you ought to be able to attend Biloxi Public Schools, an A-rated district with

three Blue Ribbon schools. I think it's that simple."

The City Council voted unanimously except for Councilmember Nathan Barrett. who abstained - to ask the county school board to delay the Nov. 6 referendum on borrowing money and instead for the two school boards to "discuss other reasonable, feasible alternatives."

If the bond vote was not delayed, the mayor and council say those voting should vote no.

North Bay becomes Biloxi's third Blue Ribbon school

Biloxi Public Schools will get its third National Blue Ribbon School this year when U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recognizes North Bay Elementary School for the school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

North Bay is one of three schools in Mississippi and 349 nationally to be named Blue Ribbon Schools for 2018. Other Mississippi schools being recognized are Center Hill Middle School in Olive Branch and Eastside Elementary School in Clinton.

On Nov. 7-8, the Secretary and the Department of Education will celebrate with 300 public and 49 private school honorees at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

North Bay joins Biloxi High School and Nichols Elementary School as the two Blue Ribbon winners. The Department of Education savs distinction "affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content."

"I'm pleased to celebrate with you as your school is named a National Blue Ribbon School," said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos in a video message to North Bay and other honorees. "We recognize and honor your important work in preparing students for successful careers and meaningful lives. Congratulations on your students' accomplishments and for your extraordinary commitment to meeting their unique needs."

Now in its 36th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has recognized more than 8,800 schools.

"This distinction really speaks volumes about the dedication of the staff, students and parents of North Bay," said North Bay Principal Teresa Martin. "The support and resources we receive as part of the Biloxi Public School District helps us serve our students at this high level. We are so proud to be a Blue Ribbon School and we are continuing to work hard every day to be the



Blue ribbons and Blue Ribbon logos abound at North Bay

best we can be."

All schools are honored in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, subgroup student scores and graduation rates:

- Exemplary High Performing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.
- **Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing** Schools are among their state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school's student groups and all students over the past five years.

Up to 420 schools may be nominated each year. The Department invites National Blue Ribbon School nominations from the top education official in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Department of Defense Education Activity and the Bureau of Indian Education. Private schools are nominated by The Council for American Private Education.

Principal joins an elite class

Popp's Ferry Principal Todd Boucher has been named to the 2018 Class of National Distinguished Principals, an elite group of 55 principals of public schools.

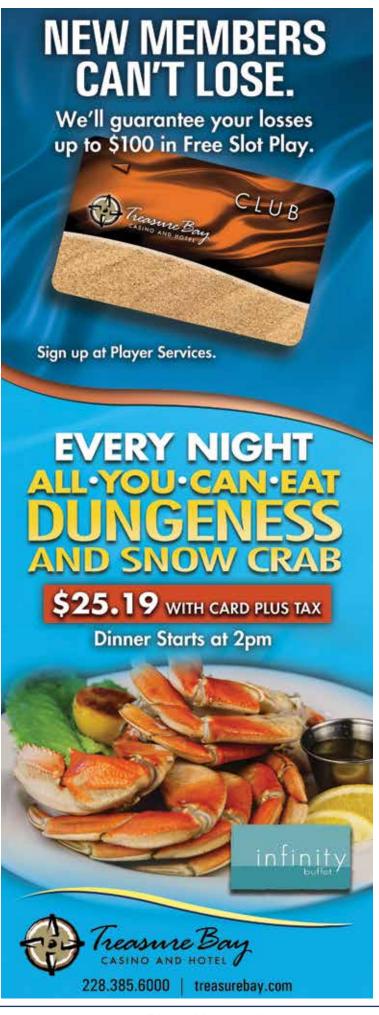
The National Association of Elementary School Principals cited Boucher (say "boo-shay") for outstanding elementary and middle-level administrators for setting high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and climate for the students, families, and staffs in their learning communities.

Boucher and his fellow honorees were honored at the nation's capital Oct. 11-12.

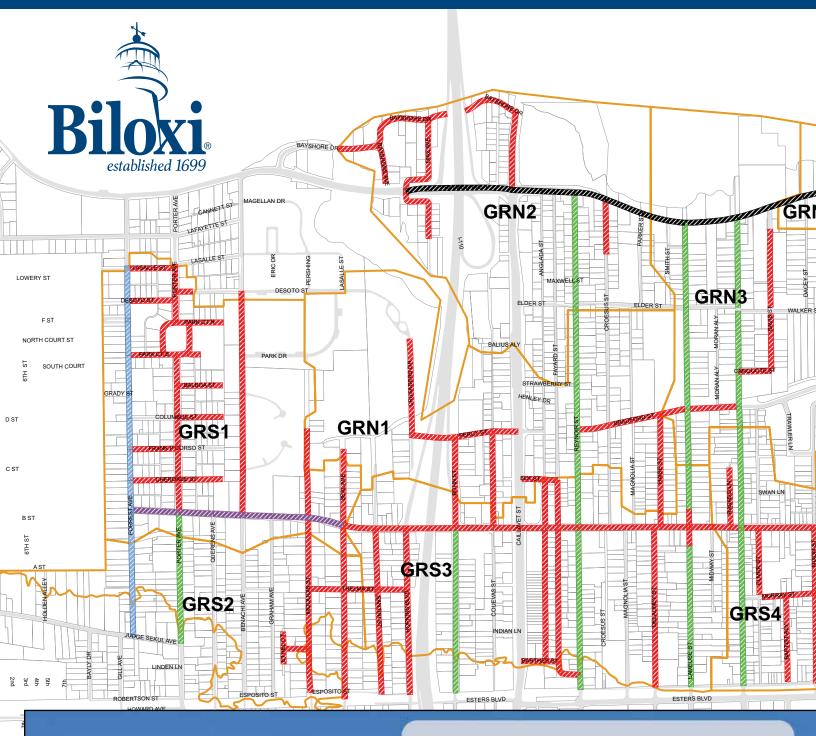




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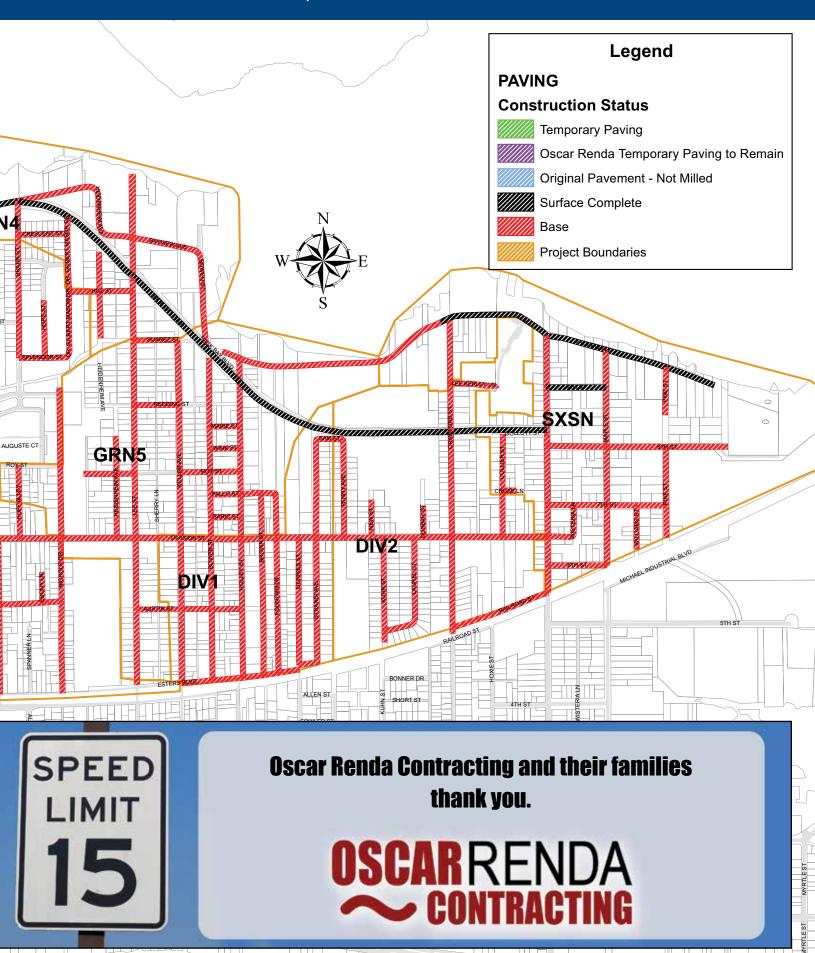


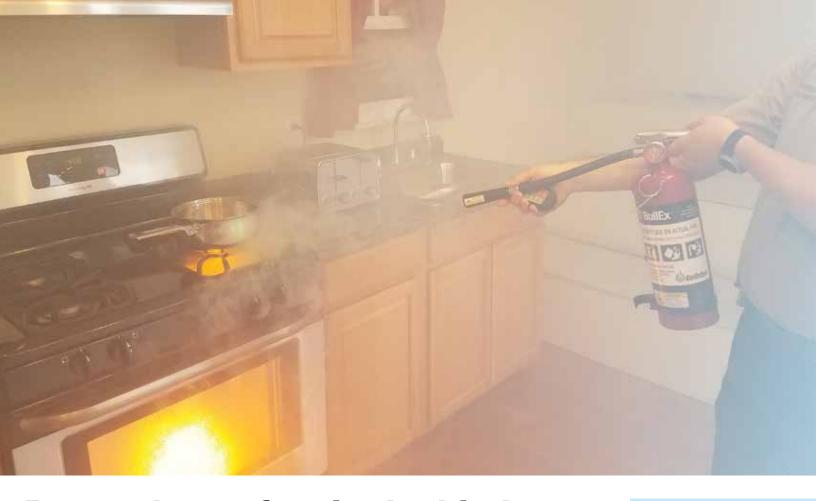
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Remember safety in the kitchen this holiday season, fire chief says

Holiday season is here, with family gatherings, cooking, holiday decorations, candles and heating. It also brings more fires.

In fact, the National Fire Prevention Association says cooking is the most common cause of home fires and home fire-related injuries. Thanksgiving is nationally noted for having as many as four times the house fires than any other day of the year.

"Practicing safe cooking behavior is important," Biloxi Fire Chief Joe Boney said. "Exercising caution at all times in the kitchen can help reduce the risk of a kitchen fire."

The No. 1 cause of cooking fires is cooking equipment, and a leading cause of those fires is that equipment being left unattended.

"People get busy, get interrupted while in the kitchen, and they just walk away, many times for some small distraction that turns into a major problem," Boney said. "Never leave a stove unattended." Insurance reports have shown that people walk away to talk or send a text, check emails, and even for a short time to answer the doorbell and greet visitors. Fire officials say to make sure that someone is always

in the kitchen monitoring the food. Do not leave items on or in your oven to simmer, bake, roast or boil while you are away from home. Turn the stove off. And if deep frying a turkey, do it outside.

"Never fry a turkey under a carport or structure," Biloxi Assistant Fire Chief Mark Dronet said. "Make sure that when frying a turkey, it is done at least 10 feet away from any structure."

Dronet also says to make sure that the turkey is completely thawed and dry and turn the burner off before placing the turkey in the hot oil.

If a fire ignites in the kitchen, take precautions. More than 50 percent of injuries from cooking fires were from victims attempting to fight the fires themselves.

"Many times people will attempt to pick up a pan on fire and place it in the sink or take it outside," Boney said. "But that pan is usually too hot to hold on to and it gets dropped causing the burning food to spread the fire."

Added Boney, "If you get uncomfortable with something and see a flame, call 911. We can put it out safely and cause less damage."

Need a smoke alarm or have your smoke alarms checked, call the Biloxi Fire Department at 228-435-6200.

Safety tips from **Biloxi Fire Department**

- · Keep an eye on what you fry.
- Stand by your pan.
- If you see any smoke or the grease starts to boil, turn the burner off.
- · Wear short sleeves or roll sleeves up.
- Keeping cooking area clean and free of anything that may catch on fire - oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packing, and towels.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove.
- Keep a pan lid or baking sheet nearby and use it to cover the pan if it catches on fire.
- Have a working smoke alarm and fire extinguisher nearby.



Community Calendar

November 2018

Best Bets!



Thanksgiving Breakfast and Dinner

The Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department will host two Thanksgiving events. The Senior Thanksgiving Breakfast and Fellowship will be on Nov. 8 for adults age 55 and older, and the annual Special Needs & Family Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 18 is for all ages with physical and mental disabilities. Both events are free and will be at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center. Details: 228-388-7170.



Children's Walking Parade

As part of the Christmas on the Water events, the annual Children's Walking Parade takes place on Friday, Nov. 30. Children in grades K-4 will participate by riding in hay wagons and travel along downtown Biloxi ending at the Biloxi Town Green. There, they will find Santa, an ornament-making station and hot chocolate. The event will end with the lighting of the Christmas tree.

Sixteenth Annual Biloxi First Roast, honoring Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich, Nov. 1, 6 p.m. IP Casino Resort Spa, 850 Bayview Ave. This event, which raises money for classroom projects in Biloxi public schools, is sold out.

First Friday, Nov. 2, 5 – 8 p.m., Downtown Biloxi Arts District, Rue Magnolia Street. Live entertainment, prize giveaways, themed games and new art opening at Almost Circle Gallery. Gallery 782's featured artists of the month are Gail Cheney and Dawn Hill with "It's All about the Details." Details: 228-435-6339.

Friday Morning Serial, Nov. 2, 9, 16, and 30, 8-9 a.m., Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, 769 Howard Ave. Each Friday, Gulf Coast Community Design Studio hosts the free, public event with a speaker and a 10-15 minute presentation. Details: 228-436-4661.

Beauvoir Institute Lecture Series, Nov. 3, 2:30 p.m., library of the Jefferson Davis

Home & Presidential Library, 2244 Beach Blvd. The first Saturday of each month, the Beauvoir Institute presents speakers and authors for a meet and greet, book signing, lecture or reading, and a question-and-answer session. Details: 228-388-4400 x 217.

Six Characters in Search of a Play,

Nov. 3, 8 p.m., Biloxi Little Theatre, 220 Lee St. One-man show written and performed by Sordid Lives creator Del Shores' and directed by Emerson Collins. In the play, riffing on Pirandello's classic title, Shores brings to life six one-of-akind characters he has met in real life but haven't guite made it into one of his plays, films or TV shows. Admission is \$25. Details: 228-432-8543.

Gallery 782, Nov. 3-30, 773 Jackson St. "It's all about the Details," the artwork of

Gail Cheney and Dawn Hill will be featured during the month. Pre-show on Friday Nov. 2, from 5-8 p.m., with demonstrations of the detailed process of the jewelry, pottery, and paintings. Opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 3 with brunch, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served at both of the free events. Details: 228-436-7782.

Radiate, Alex North Exhibit, Nov.4-Dec. 31, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Exhibit by local photographer Alex North featuring new works. Open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with works available for purchase. Opening meet-the-artist reception, Nov. 8, 5:30-7 p.m. Details:228-374-3105.

Best Bet!

"I Love Lucy" **Senior Prom**

The annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Senior Prom, which attracts more than 700 attendees each year, will take on a theme of "I Love Lucy," in honor of the late Lucy Bickham, when the curtain goes up at the IP Casino Resort on Nov. 15. From 6 to 9 p.m. the ticketed event will include dinner, entertainment by the Coast Big Band, photo ops and escorts by military members. The event sells out each year, so call Mag at 228-861-0007 or 228-896-0412 for more information.



Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the sixth 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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•	Visitor Info 374-3105 or 1-800-BILOXI-3
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Senior Thanksgiving Breakfast and Fellowship, Nov. 8,

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Free and open to all ages 55 and older. Includes coffee hour, speakers and breakfast. Details: 228-388-7170.

35th Annual Mayor's Cup 5K Run, Nov. 10, 9 a.m., Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Late registration begins at 8 a.m.; 1-mile fun run begins at 9 a.m.; 5K run begins at 9:30 a.m. Registration fees apply. Details: www.gulfcoastrunningclub.org; Leonard Vergunst, 228-380-7037; and Cheryl Bell, 228-388-7170.

Annual Gulf Coast Veterans Parade, Nov. 10, 11 a.m. Downtown Gulfport. Honor and celebrate the brave men and women of the nation's armed forces for their service and sacrifices. Gulf Coast cities alternate hosting this parade each year. Admission is free. Details: 228-669-4997.

Twelfth Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Senior Prom, Nov. 15, 6-9 p.m., IP Casino Resort and Spa, 850 Bayview Ave. Open to ages 50 and older. Tickets \$15. Details: 228-861-0007 or 228-896-0412.

Parenting The Spirited Child II, Nov. 15, 5-7:30 p.m., Biloxi Family Resource Center, 140 St. John Ave. This is a series of workshops allowing parents to learn ways to parent a temperamental child and develop better ways to cope as parents. Registration is required to attend this free workshop; class is limited to 20 parents. Registration deadline is Thursday, Nov.8. Details: 228-297-6808, or susan.hunt@ biloxischools.net.

Special Needs & Family Thanksgiving Dinner, Nov. 18, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Open free to all ages with physical and mental disabilities and includes games and food. RSVP by Nov. 15. Details: 228-388-7170 or cbell@biloxi.ms.us.



Bike Biloxi, Nov. 20, 6 p.m., begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Free, fun-filled ride through downtown. Bike ride ends with refreshments at a downtown restaurant at your

own expense. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339.

Children's Christmas Walking Parade, Nov. 30, 6 p.m. Downtown Biloxi. Children in grades K-4 will parade downtown Biloxi with route ending at the Biloxi Town Green. Complete route TBA. Registration deadline is Nov. 28. Details: 228-388-7170.

Celebrate Christmas on the Town Green, Nov. 30, 6:30-8 p.m. Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. The public is invited to decorate the Christmas tree, visit with Santa, enjoy some hot chocolate, and watch the lighting of the tree and Town Green. Event is free. Details: 228-388-7170.

Biloxi Little Theater

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

• Six Characters In Search of A Play, Nov. 3, 8 p.m.

Center Stage

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

• And Then There Were None, Nov. 8-18

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

 Craig Brumfield Art of Nature Exhibition, now through Nov. 30, during regular museum hours of operation, 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
- Check the website for more events and studio classes

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: Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, Early Bird starts at 6:30 p.m., regular games
- Going Out (Steak Nights and Dances): Nov. 3, 10, & 17; live entertainment; prices vary.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

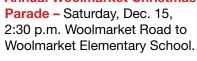
182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

Phristmas events pre

Christmas in the City festival - Saturday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Downtown Biloxi.

Christmas on the Water Boat Parade - Saturday, Dec. 1, 6 p.m. Mississippi Sound from the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor to Oak Street.





Don't forget to get your Biloxi Lighthouse ornament now on sale at the Biloxi Visitors Center.

The fourth year edition, a lighthouse-themed ornament, is \$20. Limited supplies are available, so get yours now! Details: 228-374-3105.

Lagniappe

Charles R. Hegwood **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
28	Story Time Woolmarket Library	30 Community Market Story Time	31	1 Community Market Story Time	2 First Friday Downtown Biloxi	Beauvoir Institute Lecture Series
		W. Biloxi		MSherry Library	Friday Morning Serial Gulf Coast Community Design Studio	Library of the Jefferson Davis Home
				Biloxi First Roast honoring Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich		Six Character in Search of a Play Biloxi Little Theatre
				IP Casino Resort Spa	Sinbad IP Casino Resort Spa Patti LaBelle	It's All About the Details Gallery 782
	5 Story Time	6 Community	_	g Community	Beau Rivage	Moe Bandy/Joe Stampley Golden Nugget Mayor's Cup 5k Run
Alex North	Story Time Woolmarket Library	6 Community Market Story Time W. Biloxi	7	8 Community Market Story Time	9 Ice Skating MS Coast Coliseum (begins today)	Biloxi City Hall Christmas City Gift Show
Exhibit Visitors Center (begins today)				MSherry Library	Ron Myers Christmas City Gift Show MS Coast Coliseum	MS Coast Coliseum Veterans Day Parade Downtown Gulfport
		Biloxi Excel By 5 Orientation Biloxi Family		Senior Thanksgiving Breakfast & Fellowship		Jefferson Starship IP Casino Resort Spa
		Resources Center		Snyder Center	Willie Nelson & Family IP Casino Resort Spa	Dennis DeYoung Hard Rock
	-				Champions of Magic Beau Rivage	Champions of Magic Beau Rivage
11	12 Story Time Woolmarket Library	Community Market	14	15 Community Market Story Time	16	17
Ron Myers Christmas City		Story Time W. Biloxi		MSherry Library MS Gulf Coast		
Gift Show MS Coast Coliseum	Veterans Day City of Biloxi Holiday Closing			Senior Prom IP Casino Resort Spa		
Champions of Magic Beau Rivage				Parenting the Spirited Child Biloxi Family Resources Center		Johnny Rivers IP Casino Resort Spa Hoobastank Hard Rock
18	19 Story Time Woolmarket	20 Community Market	21	Market	Thanksgiving Holiday City of Biloxi Holiday Closing	24
Special Needs & Family Thanksgiving	Library	Story Time W. Biloxi		Story Time MSherry Library Thanksgiving	only of billoxi fibrilliday olosing	
Dinner Snyder Center		Bike Biloxi Visitors Center		Bash, Money Bagg Yo, Yung Bleu, Jacquees, and DJ T-Swan MS Coast Coliseum	Martina McBride, The Joy of Christmas Symphony Series Beau Rivage	
			DJ Pauly D Hard Rock	Thanksgiving Day City of Biloxi Holiday Closing	Vince Neil of Motley Crue IP Casino Resort Spa	Jamey Johnson IP Casino Resort Spa
25	26 Story Time Woolmarket	27 Community Market	28	29 Community Market	Disney on Ice, MS Coast Coliseum	1
	Library	Story Time W. Biloxi		Story Time MSherry Library	Children's Christmas Walking Parade Downtown Biloxi	Christmas in the City Downtown Biloxi
				Disney on Ice, "World of	Celebrate Christmas on the Town Green Biloxi Town Green	Disney on Ice,
The Nutcracker presented by Gulf Coast Ballet Theatre Beau Rivage				Enchantment" MS Coast Coliseum	Joel McHale Hard Rock Johnny Mathis, with special guest Gary Mule Deer, Christmas Concert Beau Rivage	"World of Enchantment" MS Coast Coliseum

Biloxi's Historic City Cemetery, 'Mum's the Word'

When workers on the city's massive infrastructure project unearthed human remains months ago south of the beachfront Biloxi City Cemetery, it was a stark reminder to the city – as well as state and federal

Back in the Day



By Jane Shambra

historians – about just how old the cemetery actually is.

In fact, historians say the cemetery, which was once acres of pines, cedar and massive moss-draped oaks, is the final resting place for French settlers from the 1700s. It's beachfront site, situated between Irish Hill Drive and U.S. 90, was once just west of Fort

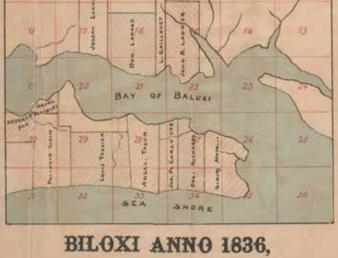
Louis, the proposed site for the territorial capital in the early 1720s.

In 1784, Louis Fayard obtained a Spanish Land Grant for the area and his heirs, and more than 100 years later, in 1844, deeded about six acres of the existing graveyard to the town of Biloxi.

The cemetery, with its more than 15,000 graves emblazoned with the names of Biloxians, is a museum without walls that traces the earliest days of Biloxi.

In fact, the oldest existing tombstone is inscribed in French with the death date of 1811. Another historical marker is the 19th century above ground monuments and barrel-vaulted crypts.

The map of 1836 shows the area owned by Louis Fayard, spelled in the map as Louis Tossier. Notice the spelling of Biloxi as well. As items were duplicated, spellings were inconsistent, in many cases, due to illegible handing writing.



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Many Biloxi families, servicemen and women, and victims of the yellow fever and influenza epidemic of 1918 and 1919 have been laid to rest in this cemetery. Hurricane Katrina in 2005 ravaged the oldest beachfront section but a restoration project repaired 200 headstones and 10 aboveground tombs.

Today the cemetery is visited by family members, friends and even tourists.

Annually, hundreds visit the cemetery to view notables remembered by graveside re-enactors garbed in the period of the day.

But the cemetery tours have become vogue in the wake of a longstanding tradition, the customs of All Saints Day. Also known as All Hallow's Day, the custom is celebrated on November 1 to honor all the saints from Christian history. The tradition dates back to way before Pierre Le Moyne, Sieur d'Iberville set foot on these sandy shores. Basically, the roots of this celebration dates back to European times, when families honored their deceased loved ones in a special way. With fall in the air, families are prompted to do "fall cleaning" by cleaning and decorating their loved ones graves. On November 1, families from near and afar come to pay their respect to their loved ones. With so many visitors arriving, this occasion becomes a special

time to meet up with relatives, friends, and visitors, share stories of both loved ones and of the past. The Biloxi Herald of November, 1893 reported 3,000 visitors on just this one day. Families would visit for hours often sharing food and family lure.

But what's that special flower that can be seen throughout the cemetery? The Chrysanthemums or Mums has become the unofficial flower of that celebration. Found growing in abundance during this time of year, this resilient flower glorifies the surroundings with shades of white, yellow, pink, purple, and bronze complimenting the falling of nearby leaves. Originating in the Orient, there has been both medicinal and pest-control properties suggested.

Looking for that loved one buried in the Biloxi City Cemetery? The City of Biloxi now has a database to search for the actual burial site. Visit online at biloxi.ms.us/cemetery. Need more details on a loved one's burial? The Biloxi Local History and Genealogy Library houses microfilm which contains information on burials from the late 1800's to 1939. These records are incomplete, but might provide significant clues. Also, check your family's old cemetery deeds. You might even find more of Grandma's family whom you did know existed.





Looking for a loved one that is buried in the Biloxi Cemetery?

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