

Best Bets!

You bet this is a Best Bet!

- March 2 – Krewe of Neptune parade, 5:30 p.m., Downtown Biloxi
- March 5 – Gulf Coast Carnival Association parade, 1 p.m., Downtown Biloxi
- March 16 – Hibernia Marching Society St. Patrick's Day parade, 2 p.m., Downtown Biloxi

Get some BBQ at Grillin' on the Green

The annual family-fun event, Grillin' on the Green, takes place on Saturday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Grilling teams, 25 to be exact, will compete with barbecue ribs, chicken, and brisket for \$6,000 in cash prizes. Dozens of arts and craft vendors, a children's play area and live entertainment will also be part of the Biloxi Main Street event. Oh, and don't forget to get your Grillin' on the Green t-shirt for only \$15. Details: 228-435-6339.

From the Biloxi Shuckers, Coming up:

- 105 Caillavet St., 228-233-3465
- Biloxi High School vs. D'Iberville High School, March 1. MGM Park. Gates open 6 p.m., first pitch 7 p.m.
 - Biloxi Shuckers National Anthem Tryouts, March 9. Edgewater Mall, 10 a.m. – noon
 - Battle At The Beach Tournament, March 15-16. MGM Park. March 15 game times 5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.; March 16 game times 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 3 p.m.
 - Mississippi College vs. William Carey University, March 20, MGM Park. Gates open 5:30p.m., first pitch 6:35 p.m.

First Friday, March 1, 5-8 p.m., Rue Magnolia & Water Street. Downtown shops and galleries stay open late and offer specials and refreshments. Live entertainment and prize giveaways will also be part of the event. Details: 228-435-6339.

Friday Morning Serial, March, 1 & 15, 8-9 a.m., Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, 769 Howard Ave. Free, public event with group discussions and speakers. Guest line up: March 1, Sarah Qarqish, Creative Director at Local Creative, and co-owner/designer at The HannaBerry Workshop; and March 15, Tracy Wyman, Landscape Architectural Designer & Healthy Communities Liaison presenting on Low Impact Development. Details: 228-436-4661.

Krewe of Neptune parade, March 2, 5:30 p.m. Parade will roll in downtown Biloxi with John Schneider, aka Bo Duke of "Dukes of Hazzard," as the grand marshal. The parade starts on Main St. and ends at Caillavet and Bayview (map, page 6). Free to attend. Details: kreweofneptune.org.

Neptunalia, March 2, 7:30 p.m., Hard Rock Live, 777 Beach Blvd. Open to the public party following the Neptune night parade. Live music featuring Juvenile and 69 Boyz. Tickets range from \$16 to \$35. Details: www.neptunalia.eventbrite.com.

Annual Gulf Coast Carnival Association Coronation Ball, March 4, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Witness the coronation of King d'Iberville and Queen Ixolib who will rule over Carnival for 2019! Admission is free, but one must pick up a view card from Biloxi Visitors Center or Biloxi City Hall. Details: 228-432-8806 or 228-861-1478; gccamg@aol.com; www.gulfcoastcarnivalassociation.com.



Annual Gulf Coast Carnival Association Mardi Gras parade, March 5, 1 p.m. Parade rolls downtown Biloxi and travels from the corner of Main Street and MLK Jr., and ends on Caillavet Street (map, page 6). Details: 228-432-8806 or 228-861-1478; gccamg@aol.com; www.gulfcoastcarnivalassociation.com.

Saints Shenanigans 5k/Fun Run, March 9, 7 a.m. – Noon, 140 Lameuse St. Nativity Blessed Virgin Mary Elementary School hosts a 5K and 1-mile fun run in memory of former principal, Sister Mary Jo Mike. Registration available online: www.nativitybvm.org. Late registration on race day beginning at 7 a.m. A post run party immediately follows 5K. Fees range from \$15- \$25. Details: www.nativitybvm.org.

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Want to perform the Stars and Stripes for the Shuckers?

Do you have what it takes to sing the National Anthem during a Biloxi Shuckers home game? Well, that's what the Biloxi Shuckers want to find out when they host tryouts Saturday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd. They are looking for talented singers and musicians to perform at each of their 70 regular season home games at MGM Park. Be prepared to perform the entirety of "The Star Spangled Banner" which should take less than 90 seconds. Details: 228-233-3465.



Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the tenth 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.

Bmail: The city provides information about projects and events via email. Sign up at biloxi.ms.us/register.

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B-Alert: For text advisories on traffic and severe weather, text BILOXI to 888777.

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

Gallery 782, March 9, 5:30-8 p.m., 773 Jackson St. The public is invited to attend a gala reception, celebrating 10 years of co-op art, which includes food, beverages, and door prize drawings to win one-of-a-kind art! Meet the artists who produce paintings, pottery, fused glass, ceramics, wood, fine art, photography, metal casting, stained glass, jewelry and more! Details: 228-436-7782.

Gulf Coast BBQ & Music Festival, March 9-10, times vary; Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd. Barbecue competition, car show, craft vendors and John Schneider in concert on March 9 at 3 p.m. Admission fees vary, including a VIP meet and greet ticket for the concert. Details: 228-388-4400, www.visitbeauvoir.org.

Special Needs St. Patrick's Day Dance, March 15, 6-9 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Open free to all ages with physical and mental disabilities and their parents. Wear your green and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with food and entertainment. A grand marshal (king) and a colleen (queen) will be chosen by random drawing. Details: 228-388-7170.

Technology Expo, March 15, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, 875 Beach Blvd. The Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce Technology Expo will host the second annual event and includes keynote speakers during breakfast and lunch and breakout sessions on various technology subjects related to business. Fees apply. Register at www.techexpoms.com. Details: 228-604-0014.

Annual Hibernia Society St. Patrick's Day 5K & 1-Mile Health Run/Walk, March 16, 9 a.m. 1-mile; 9:30 a.m. 5K. Both races begins at Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Late registration on race day beginning at 8 a.m. Presented by the Gulf Coast Running Club. Details: www.gulfcoastrunningclub.org.

13th Annual Grillin' On The Green, March 16, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Annual Coast barbecue competition with over 25 competitors vying for more than \$6,000 in cash and trophies! Continuous daylong entertainment, Kids Zone, more than 80 arts and crafts vendors and the annual Hibernia Society St. Patrick's Day Parade at 2 p.m. Admission is free. Details: 228-435-6339.



Annual Hibernia Society St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 16, 2 p.m., downtown Biloxi. The parade begins on U.S. 90 and ends a half-block east on Esters Boulevard (map, page 7). Details: 228-265-3416.

Auburn University Raptor Center at Edgewater Mall, March 16, 1-3 p.m. 2600 Beach Blvd. Representatives from Auburn University's Southeastern Raptor Center will be at the mall outside of JC Penney's with raptors who serve as educational ambassadors for birds and conservation. Hawks, owls, falcons, and eagles will be represented. Details: 228-388-3424.

Bike Biloxi, March 19, 6 p.m.; begins at the MGM Stadium, 105 Caillavet St. Free ride through downtown. Bike ride ends with refreshments at a downtown restaurant at cyclist's expense. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339.

Biloxi Special Needs Baseball, begins March 19, 6 p.m. youth division; 7 p.m. adult division; A.J. Holloway Sports Complex, 765 Wells Drive. Free and open to all ages with physical and mental disabilities. Games played Tuesday evenings and all players will be assisted at the games by players of the Major Little League teams and the Biloxi High Baseball Team. Registration open through March 8. Details: 228-388-7170.

Battle of the Forces and Celebrity Softball Clash, March 23, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St. The "Battle of the Forces" event encompasses everything military; matches the Army, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Navy, and first responders in a double elimination softball tournament. There will also be a

celebrity and a disabled veteran's softball game. Details: 228-596-3025 or veterans@armorbearers.org.

Taste of South Mississippi, March 28, 5:30-8 p.m., The Salvation Army Kroc MS Gulf Coast Center, 575 Division St. Annual fundraiser for the Salvation Army Kroc Center scholarships and youth programs. Event includes "tastes" from numerous restaurants in South Mississippi, live music and a silent auction. Tickets: \$30. Details: krocmscoast.org/upcoming-events/.

Business 101 Series, March 28, 9:30-11:30 a.m., The Innovation Center, 1636 Popp's Ferry Road. How to Develop a Business Plan; free workshop. Details: www.mssbdc.org; 228-396-8661.

Hop the Trail to Bunnyland, March 30, 9-11:30 a.m., Biloxi Town Green 710 Beach Blvd. Open to ages five and younger and includes Easter themed activities and refreshments. Bring your camera for pictures with the Bunny. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170 or email programs@biloxi.ms.us.

3rd Annual Biloxi Chamber Craft Beer Fest, March 30, 4-7 p.m., MGM Stadium, 105 Caillavet St. Must be 21 or older to attend. Details: 228-604-0014 or info@mscoastchamber.com.

Biloxi Little Theater

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

- **Driving Miss Daisy**, March 15, 16, 21, 22, & 23, 8 p.m.; March 17 & 24, 2 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. Lighthouse Tours daily, 8-9:30 a.m.

Biloxi Mardi Gras Museum

119 Rue Magnolia, 228-435-6308, www.biloxi.ms.us • Closed for renovations. The museum will re-open after Mardi Gras 2019 at a new location.

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

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

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

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

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., 228-374-0606

- March 3, 9, 16, & 30, Steak night and entertainment
- March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, Charity Bingo night, 6:30 p.m.
- March 3, Charity Bingo for Kiwanis, 2 p.m.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- Every Friday night at 7 p.m. Karaoke with Kenny
- March 8, Seafood dinners start at 6 p.m.

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
27	28 Story Time Woolmarket Library	29 Community Market Story Time W. Biloxi	30 Winter Classic Horse Show Harrison County Fairgrounds	31 Community Market Story Time MSherry Library Winter Classic Horse Show Harrison County Fairgrounds	1 First Friday Downtown Biloxi Friday Morning Serial Gulf Coast Community Design Studio Biloxi High vs. D'Iberville High – MGM Park Winter Classic Horse Show Harrison County Fairgrounds Temptations & Four Tops IP Casino	2 Krewe of Neptune Parade Downtown Biloxi Neptunalia Hard Rock Live Winter Classic Horse Show Harrison County Fairgrounds Oak Ridge Boys IP Casino Mariah Carey Beau Rivage
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24 Annual Home Show MS Coast Coliseum Winter Classic Horse Show	25 Story Time Woolmarket Library PGA Golf Tournament Fallen Oak	26 Community Market Story Time W. Biloxi PGA Golf Tournament Fallen Oak Biloxi Special Needs Baseball A.J. Holloway Sports Complex	27 PGA Golf Tournament Fallen Oak Winter Classic Horse Show Harrison County Fairgrounds	28 Community Market Story Time MSherry Library Business 101 Series Innovation Center PGA Golf Tournament Fallen Oak Winter Classic Horse Show Taste of Mississippi Salvation Army Kroc Center	29 PGA Golf Tournament Fallen Oak Winter Classic Horse Show Harrison County Fairgrounds Jackson Browne with Greg Leisz, Althea Mills & Chavonne Stewart IP Casino Heather Land Golden Nugget Casino	30 Hop The Trail to Bunnyland Biloxi Town Green Biloxi Chamber Craft Beer Fest – MGM Stadium Winter Classic Horse Show Harrison County Fairgrounds Sebastian Maniscalco Beau Rivage The Wallflowers Hard Rock
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