



Best Bets!

Shuckers are back



The Biloxi Shuckers launch the 2019 season this month – in a big way. You’ll find 15 home games at MGM Park, three five-game homestands.

The team hosts the Birmingham Barons April 4-8, the Pensacola Blue Wahoos April 15-19, and the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp April 20-24.

Expect to find the usual array of between-innings antics – our favorites are the races – plus a few surprises along the way.

Tickets start as low as \$7 if you buy in advance. Reserve your seats online at www.biloxishuckers.com or call the box office at 228-233-3465.

The hunt is on!

No, we’re not talking about Susan Hunt, the ubiquitous longtime educator and civic promoter. That Hunt is on everyday.

We’re talking about Easter Egg hunts. The city’s Parks

& Recreation Department hosts free hunts in Woolmarket (April 6), and at the Barbara Ferrill Softball Fields at Hiller Park (April 13, and again on April 14 for the mentally and physically challenged).

You’ll also find hunts at the Salvation Army Kroc Center (April 13), prefaced by a \$5 breakfast with the Easter Bunny (bring the camera), and the 14th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza at John Henry Beck Park (April 21, Easter Sunday).

Check the calendar listings for times and details on each.

Great American Biloxi Clean-Up, Fridays and Saturdays throughout April, in each ward of the city. Citizens will be encouraged to make a difference by picking up bags and gloves to clean their neighborhoods as follows:

- Ward 1 and 2: April 5 and 6, pick up locations, Biloxi Visitors Center and Biloxi City Hall
 - Ward 3 and 4: April 12 and 13, pick up locations, Margaret Sherry and West Biloxi libraries
 - Ward 5 and 6: April 19 and 20, pick up locations, Donal Snyder Sr. Community Center and the Innovation Center
 - Ward 7: April 26 and 27, pick up location, Woolmarket Library
- Details: 228-435-6339 or kmiller@biloxi.ms.us.

Mississippi Senior Olympics Opening Ceremony, March 29, 5-8 p.m., Point Cadet Plaza, 121 Cadet St. Competition takes place through May 3 in various locations. To see various events and/or participate, register online at www.msseniorolymp.org. Participants must be at least 50 years old. Details: Don Cross, events coordinator, crossdon32@gmail.com or 228-223-4957.



Biloxi Community Market Season Opening, April 2, 6 a.m.-4 p.m., ceremony at 9 a.m., corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard, at I-110 overpass. Details: 228-388-7170.

Breakfast with the Mayor, April 3, 8 a.m. IP Casino, 850 Bayview Ave. Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich will address a Biloxi Chamber of Commerce audience on what’s happening in Biloxi. Event is free and open to the public. Details: 228-604-0014.

Biloxi Shuckers Baseball Opening Night 2019, April 4, 6:35 p.m., MGM Stadium, 106 Caillavet St. Biloxi Shuckers vs. Birmingham Barons in their opening home series with games April 4 through 8. Advance tickets as low as \$7. Details: 228-233-3465 or www.biloxishuckers.com.

“Active Parenting: Effective Communication with the Family,” April 4, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Biloxi Excel By 5 Family Resource Center, Lopez School, 140 St. John Ave., no fee announced. This project of Biloxi Excel By 5, is limited to 20 parents. Details: Susan Hunt, 228-297-6808 or susan.hunt@biloxischools.net.

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



Walk Without Limits, Awareness Walk, April 6, 9 a.m., MGM Park, 106 Caillavet St. Inaugural one-mile walk focusing on abilities not disabilities. All ages with physical and mental disabilities invited to participate; wheelchairs welcome. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Registration fee: \$12 for adults, \$5, youth. Details: 228-388-7170 or Mississippi Centers of Autism, 228-396-4434.

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 11th 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.

Advertising: BNews and Bmail represent an advertising opportunity for civic-minded businesses and organizations. In your hands you are holding the only advertising medium that is delivered to every single home, business, apartment and PO Box in the city. For rates and info, email online@biloxi.ms.us or call 228-435-6368.

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

City of Biloxi Easter Egg Hunts - Admission is free. Details: 228-388-7170.

- **Woolmarket School Grounds**, April 6, 2-4 p.m., 12513 John Lee Road. Easter carnival with refreshment, inflatables, and games. Children ages 11 and under. Parents not allowed on fields during egg hunt. Volunteers will assist children.
- **Barbara Ferrill Softball Fields**, April 13, 2-4 p.m., 1940 Egers Road. Easter carnival with refreshments, inflatables, and games. Children ages 11 and under. Parents not allowed on fields during egg hunt. Volunteers will assist children.
- **Special Needs Egg Hunt**, April 14, 12-3 p.m., Barbara Ferrill Softball Fields, 1940 Egers Road. All physically and mentally challenged children/adults and their parents are invited to attend. Volunteers will assist.

Reflections on Holy Week, A Concert/Service, April 7, 3 p.m., Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral, 870 Howard Ave. Admission is free. The Music and Fine Arts Ministry of Nativity BVM Cathedral offers a very special program for Lent. This is the first offering of the Cathedral's 2019 concert Series. The program is presented by Nativity BVM Cathedral's Civic Choral Society along with Mobile, Alabama's "Mobile Vocal Arts" Choral Society. Details: 228-374-1717.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Spring Break 2019, April 12-14, areas along Beach Blvd. Enjoy the beach, vendors, food, drinks, shopping, live concerts and special guests. Costs for events vary. Details: 888-867-4272.

Breakfast with Bunny, April 13, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Salvation Army Kroc Center, 575 Division St., \$5 a person. Create holiday memories while eating pancakes with your children and taking pictures with the Easter Bunny. Pancakes, sausage, milk, and juice will be served. Bring your camera. Details, 228-207-1218.

Salvation Army Kroc Center Easter Egg hunt, April 13, 9:30 a.m., Yankee Stadium, adjacent to Kroc Center, Division and Lee streets. Gather at 9:30 a.m.; first hunt, for children up to age 12, begin at 9:45 a.m.

36th Annual City of Biloxi Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony, April 16, 5:30 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. No admission fee, free food and refreshments. As part of National Volunteer Appreciation month, Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich and Keesler leadership will recognize outstanding volunteers – individuals, businesses and civic groups – for their service. Details: 228-435-6339.



Bike Biloxi, April 16, 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. Admission is free. Details: 228-435-6339.

Countdown to Kindergarten Readiness, April 19, 4:30-6 p.m., Lopez School, 140 St. John St., free. Open to children who will be 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2019. Translators on site. Future kindergarteners and parents can learn about the classroom experience. Details: 228-297-6808.



14th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza, April 21 (Easter Sunday), 2-5 p.m., John Henry Beck Park, 671 Division St., free. Prizes for ages 1 through 12 years old. Event includes candy, Easter baskets, food, music and games. Details: Harriet Mitchell at 256-283-0383 or Anthony Mitchell at 228-324-5194.

Senior Prom, April 26, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Dance open to public, ages 55 and older. No admission fee, free food. A King and Queen will be chosen by random drawing. Details: 228-388-7170.

Special Needs Prom, April 26, 6-9 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road, no admission fee, free food. Dance open to all physically and mentally challenged children and adults. A King and Queen will be chosen. Details, 228-388-7170.

Shuckers home games:

105 Caillavet St., 800-745-3000 or 228-233-3465, www.biloxishuckers.com

- April 4, 5, 6, 7, 8: **vs. Birmingham Barons**
- April 15, 16, 17, 18: **vs. Pensacola Blue Wahoos**
- April 20, 21, 22, 23, 24: **vs. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp**

Biloxi Little Theater

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

- **“And The Ball and All,”** April 5-7, times vary

Center Stage

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

- **“Steel Magnolias,”** April 25-May 5, times vary

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 is in the process of re-opening at its new location. No date announced yet.

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

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

- **Lunch with Julian,** April 17, 10 a.m. class and lunch 11 a.m. lunch only. Admission: \$30 for class, \$20 for lunch only.
- **Opening reception for Joey Rice art exhibition,** April 18, 6 p.m.
- **Sea ‘n’ Sail Camp 2019** registration now open. Sign up online.

Ohr-O’Keefe Museum of Art

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

- **April 12: “AncOHRs Aweigh: A Sunset Dinner Cruise.”** Boarding at 6 p.m., cruise at 6:30 p.m., \$100 a person. The museum, The Betsy Ann Riverboat and White Pillars Restaurant and Lounge present to bring you an exclusive sunset dinner cruise with hors d’oeuvres and drinks.
- Now through June 8, **“Elements of Change,”** Rebecca Alston and Allison Stewart. Exhibit consists of works on paper and installations that explore visual systems and the contemporary political, social and environmental issues that surround climate change.
- Now through June 1, **“Humidity,” John Isiah Walton.** This exhibition, by an emerging artist with a strong conceptual streak, uses wit and irony to exemplify New Orleans’s social climate.

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

- April 5, 12, 19, and 26, **Charity Bingo night,** 6:30 p.m.
- April 6, 13, 20, and 27, **Steak nights and entertainment**
- April 7, **Charity Bingo for Multiple Sclerosis of South Mississippi**

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- Every Friday night in April at 6 p.m. **Seafood Dinners with Karaoke** at 7 p.m.
- April 13, noon until 4 p.m., **Crawfish Boil**

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
31	1 Story Time Woolmarket Library	2 Community Market Story Time W. Biloxi Biloxi Community Market Season Opener Under the I-110 Corner of Howard and Hopkins	3 Breakfast with The Mayor IP Casino	4 Community Market Story Time MSherry Library Active Parenting Family Resource Center  vs. Barons MGM Park	5 First Friday Downtown Biloxi Great American Biloxi Clean Up Ward 1 and 2 Reflections on Holy Week Nativity BVM Cathedral  vs. Barons MGM Park Rave of Thrones Hard Rock	6 Great American Biloxi Clean Up Ward 1 and 2 Walk Without Limits MGM Park Easter Egg Hunt Woolmarket School Grounds  vs. Barons MGM Park Billy Gardell Beau Rivage
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21 <i>Easter</i> Easter Eggstravaganza John Henry Beck Park Kevin & Caruso's Magique Grand Illusions Beau Rivage  vs. Jumbo Shrimp MGM Park	22 Story Time Woolmarket Library  vs. Jumbo Shrimp MGM Park	23 Community Market Story Time W. Biloxi  vs. Jumbo Shrimp MGM Park	24  vs. Jumbo Shrimp MGM Park	25 Community Market Story Time MSherry Library Crawfish Music Festival MS Coast Coliseum	26 Great American Biloxi Clean Up Ward 7 Senior Prom and Special Needs Prom Donal Snyder Sr. Community Center Crawfish Music Festival MS Coast Coliseum RBRM – Ronnie, Bobby, Ricky & Mike – Beau Rivage Foreigner – Hard Rock	27 Great American Biloxi Clean Up Ward 7 Crawfish Music Festival MS Coast Coliseum The Jacksons Beau Rivage
28  Crawfish Music Festival MS Coast Coliseum	29 Story Time Woolmarket Library  MS Senior Olympics Opening Ceremony Point Cadet Plaza	30 Community Market Story Time W. Biloxi	1	2 Community Market Story Time MSherry Library	3	4