

Best Bets!

A walk through history

Biloxi celebrates its history with the 2019 Preservation in May series. The event, currently in its twelfth year, celebrates the diverse cultural heritage of Biloxi, with a month long of events including a trivia night, virtual cemetery tours, cooking demonstrations, and a sunset cruise aboard a schooner. Oh, and don't forget to pick up a passport and have it stamped at each event for a commemorative gift! Each event is free to attend. Details: 228-435-6339.

Mother, Son Rodeo Dance

Mothers and sons are invited to roundup their western attire and giddy up over to the Biloxi Civic Center on May 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. for the Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department's annual Mother/Son Rodeo Dance. The event is free and open to the public. The popular event will feature dancing, snacks and photo opportunities. Details: 228-388-7170.



Wooden Boat Show

Historic, antique, classic and contemporary boats will be on display May 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Schooner Pier Complex for the annual Billy Creel Memorial Gulf Coast Wooden and Classic Boat Show. The annual show includes dozens of vessels, opportunities for boat tours and a learning experience of maritime history. Admission is \$8 per person and free for children under the age of 12. Details: 228-435-6320.

2019 Preservation in May, Celebrating the diverse cultural heritage of Biloxi, the City of Biloxi, Biloxi Bay Area Chamber, Biloxi Main Street, Biloxi Public School District, University of Southern Mississippi College of Arts & Sciences, and Local History & Genealogy Department of the Biloxi Public Library have organized the 12th annual "Preservation in May" Program, in observance of National Preservation Month. This award-winning program series offers residents and tourists the opportunity to explore Biloxi's past in fun and educational events though out the month of May.

- **Biloxi Trivia Night at Southport Line**, May 2, 5:30-7 p.m., Southport Line, 647 Howard Ave. Join the local history and genealogy staff of Biloxi Public Library as they test your knowledge of Biloxi and its history for fun and prizes. Appetizers, cash bar will be available. After the fun, stick around for dinner as well as Southport Line's regular trivia night game.
- **Voices from Our Past Cemetery Tours**, May 9, 5:30-7 p.m. Old Biloxi Cemetery, off U.S. 90. For 14 years Preserve Biloxi has brought history to life every October with the Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour. With a grant from the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area, a virtual tour has been created that can be taken at any time with the aid of a web-enabled cell phone. The tour tells the story of 12 Biloxians through the use of video presentations and step-by-step directions between the tour stops. For the less tech savvy, a full-color brochure is also available.
- **Bon Appetite Biloxi**, May 16, Noon-1:30 p.m., Howard Avenue under I-110 overpass. There is no better way to get to know a culture and a community than through its foodways. Preserve Biloxi invites everyone to the Biloxi Community Market as some of the best cooks in the city create traditional Biloxi dishes from a 1950s Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet brochure. While at the market pick up some fresh vegetables and enjoy lunch.
- **Sunset on a Schooner**, May 23, 5:30-7 p.m., Schooner Pier, 367 Beach Blvd. Enjoy a beautiful sunset onboard a Biloxi schooner. These authentic replicas of Biloxi oyster schooners harken back to the time when Biloxi was the "seafood capital of the world." The schooner rides are complimentary and refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend all programs, free of charge. Receive a commemorative gift at the May 23 program if your "Passport through History" is stamped at three of the four programs.

Biloxi Visitor Center Artist spotlight, various dates and times in May, Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. May 1-5 - Kaye Hudson with vendor show on May 4, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; May 6-12 -Fran Mcnabb with vendor show May 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; May 13-19- Sharon Garner; May 20-26- Deborah Sackett with vendor show on May 22, 12-4:30 p.m.; May 27-June 2 - Georgia Reeves. Details: 228-374-3105.

First Friday, May 3, 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. Free Admission. Details: 228-435-6339.



Summer Swimming Lessons: Biloxi resident and Biloxi Red Tide Registration, May 4, 8 a.m. to noon, Biloxi Natatorium, 1384 Father Ryan Ave. Lesson registration for non-Biloxi residents and late registration begins May 6. Details: 228-435-6205.



Thunder over the Sound 2019 Keesler & Biloxi Air & Space Show, May 4-5, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Keesler Air Force Base flight line and Biloxi Beach south of White Avenue. Air show includes static displays, vendors and air performers on KAFB and over the Mississippi Sound. Beach performance area between Biloxi Lighthouse and Rodenburg Avenue. Details: keeslerbiloxiairshow.com. (See more on pages 8 and 9.)

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 12th 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

Storytime, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10-11 a.m., Southern Bound Book Shop, 999 Howard Ave., Suite 1. Every Saturday morning, children of all ages welcome to attend story time from local theatre students. A craft activity follows performance. The event is free and open to the public. Details: 225-939-9000.

2019 Law Enforcement Torch Run, May 10. 2019 Special Olympics Mississippi Summer Games, Flame of Hope delivered to Keesler Air Force Base by a law enforcement runner and Mississippi athlete, Grover Fairley, artist and designer of 2019 Torch Run shirt. Arrives at White Avenue around 5:45 p.m. Details: 228-702-3055.

2019 Special Olympics Mississippi Summer Games, May 10, 11 & 12, Keesler Air Force Base. Details: specialolympicsms.org.

City of Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department's Mother/Son Rodeo Dance, May 10, 6-9 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Dress in western attire and enjoy an evening of fun. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170.

Nativity BVM Cathedral's 7th Annual Uncorked & Uncapped Beer and Wine Tasting, May 11, 5-8 p.m. Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral, 870 Howard Ave. The 7th annual Uncorked & Uncapped Craft Beer and Wine Tasting will feature an expansive silent auction, food, an assortment of craft beer and wine, and live music. Details: 228-374-1717.

Infinity Science Center Inaugural Infinity Gala, May 11, 6-9 p.m. Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, 875 Beach Blvd. Hear about life on the Space Exploration Homefront from the Apollo Era with speakers Fred Haise of Apollo 13, Walt Cunningham of Apollo 7, Jack Lousma of Apollo 13, Rosemary Roosa daughter of Apollo 14 pilot Stuart Roosa, and Jerry Bostick of Mission Control Center. Event benefits Stem education. Details: infinity.givesmart.com.

90th Annual Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet Poster Unveiling, May 15, 6 p.m., Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum, 115 1st St. The 2019 Shrimp King and Queen contestants will be introduced, 2019 Poster unveiling, and a reception all to celebrate the historic and beloved Biloxi tradition of the Blessing of the Fleet. Free admission. Entertainment by Gram Rea. Details: 228-435-6339.

Biloxi Community Market Festival, May 16, 9- 1 p.m., corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard under the I-110. The Market will feature cooking demonstrations at noon, live entertainment, and hourly giveaways. Details: 228-435-6339.

Howard Avenue Ribbon Cutting, May 17, 4:06 p.m. Takes place at corner of Magnolia and Howard Avenue. Entertainment and refreshments. Details: 228-435-6339.

Annual Fatima International Spring Fest, May 17-19, Our Lady of Fatima Church, 2090 Pass Road. Free admission. Details: 228-388-3602.

Annual Harrison County Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show, May 18-19, Joppa Temple, 13280 Shriners Blvd. Admission charged. Details 228-342-2963.

Inaugural Bridal Expo, May 19, Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd., 1-4 p.m. Event includes a bridal fashion show, giveaways, samples and music. Admission: \$15. Details: 228-388-4400.

Billy Creel Memorial Gulf Coast Wooden & Classic Boat Show, May 18-19, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Schooner Pier Complex, 367 Beach Blvd. View historic, antique, classic and contemporary wooden boats at the largest gathering of watercraft on the Gulf Coast and experience sailing aboard an authentic Biloxi Schooner replica. Food and refreshments will be for sale; activities for children, local art vendors and more. Admission charged. Details 228-435-6320.

Bike Biloxi, May 21, 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. Free admission. Detail: 228-435-6339.

City of Biloxi Parks & Rec. Special Needs End-Of School Summer Party, May 24, 6-9 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Open to all ages with mental and physical disabilities. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170.

Hattiesburg Zoo Outreach, May 25, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd. Free admission. Details: 228-388-3424.

Biloxi Main Street Book Club, May 30, 5:30 p.m., Jacked Up Coffee Bar, 999 Howard Ave. Book of the month "Atomic City Girls," available at Southern Bound Books. Details: 228-435-6339.

Shuckers home games:

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

- May 6, 7, 9, 8, 10, 6:35 p.m., May 8, at 10:35 a.m.: **vs. Montgomery Biscuits**
- May 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 6:35 p.m., May 19, 2:35 p.m.: **vs. Chattanooga Lookouts**
- May 28, 29, 30, and 31, at 6:35 p.m.: **vs. Tennessee Smokies**

Biloxi Little Theater

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

- **"Title of Show"** May 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, and 11, times vary

Center Stage

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

- **"Steel Magnolias,"** May 1-5, 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 Shrimping Trip

693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, biloxishrimpingtrip.com

- Sunset cruises, fishing trips, and three shrimping trips daily

Betsy Ann Riverboat Cruise

173 Beach Blvd., 228-229-4270, betsyannriverboat@gmail.com, bestyannriverboat.com

- Hibachi Night Cruises, Historical & Ecological Tour, and Sunset Eco Tours

Ship Island Excursion

Margaritaville Resort boat dock, 195 Beach Blvd., 228-594-0004, msshipisland.com

- Daily service begins May 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Friday night Sunset Music Cruises, May 10, 24, & 31, 7-9 p.m.
- Thunderbird Air Show Cruise, May 4-5, 2:30-5 p.m.

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

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

- **Lunch with The Greenhouse on Porter**, May 15, 11 a.m., Admission \$20 includes lunch
- **Paddle Board Rentals**, 367 Beach Blvd. Daily rentals.
- **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

- Now through June 8, **"Element 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 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

- May 1 & 15, Meeting, 7 p.m. **New members welcome.**
- May 4, 11, 18 & 25, **Steak nights and entertainment**, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.
- May 3, 10, 17, 27 & 31, **Charity Bingo**, 6:30 p.m. Early Bird; 7 p.m. Regular games; 8:30 p.m. Kitchen opens

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- Every Friday night in May at 6 p.m. **Seafood Dinners with Karaoke** at 7:30 p.m.
- May 11, **9th Annual Golf Tournament**, Gulf Hills.

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.

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