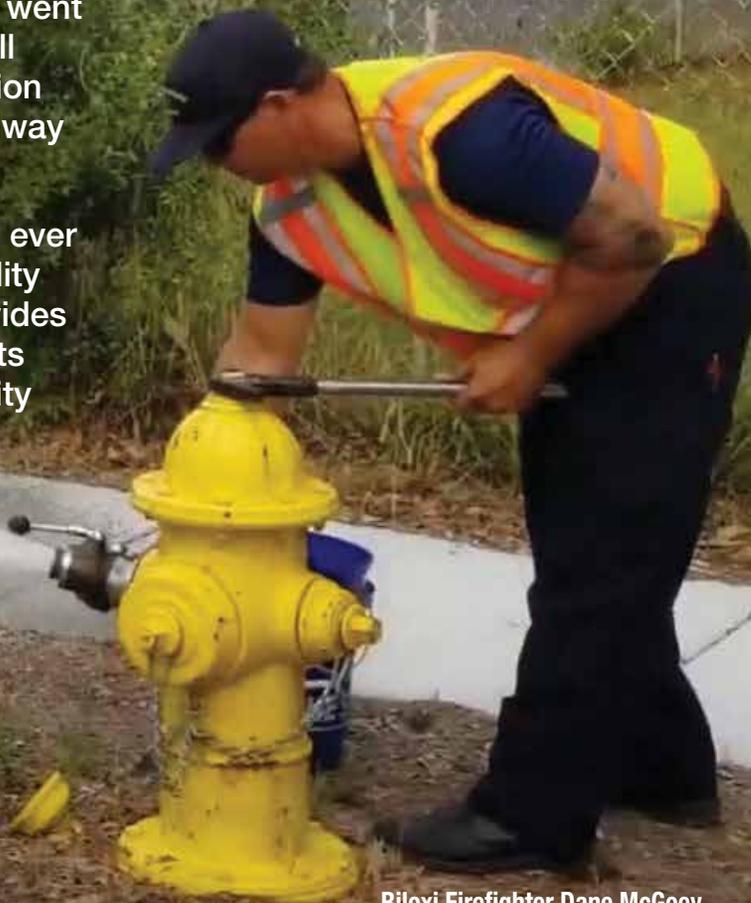


Water, water everywhere

Water, the precious commodity that's the driving force of nature and life, is front and center this month.

- **Hydrants:** Firefighters have been canvassing the city, performing checks of the city's 3,500 water hydrants. Fire Chief Joe Boney explains, Page 4
- **Bonnet Carre:** Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich and others went to the White House to call attention to the devastation being caused by the spillway opening. Page 4
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Biloxi Firefighter Dane McGoey

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Quick! Who is the most famous Biloxian?

The words of our friend Police Chief John Miller occupied this space last month, an eloquent and inspirational tribute to fallen officer Robert McKeithen. The heartfelt ode was actually an amplification of the chief's eulogy from the officer's funeral.

Robert McKeithen was an everyday hero, Chief Miller noted, and we should also look

inward and strive to be such a hero.

We were delighted to have Chief Miller's words on this page, and, coincidentally, we'd been considering


Nick L. Shrimp

(“coagulating” in “FoFo” speak) a similarly thought-provoking pursuit.

Alas, our discourse is far from lofty or cerebral. Instead, we'd envisioned a discussion sparked by the question: “Who is the most famous person in Biloxi's history?”

An easy, convenient answer could be Pierre Le Moynes, Sieur d'Iberville, the French explorer who, while charged with locating the mouth of the Mississippi River, landed an expedition of 14 men on Feb. 13, 1699 on present-day Biloxi, guided, some say, by the street lights at Edgewater Mall.

Edward Barq, the French educated and New Orleans-born chemist who moved to Biloxi in 1898, purchased the Biloxi Artesian Bottling Works, and a few years later, introduced Biloxi and the world to Barq's Root Beer, “a cultural favorite.” And, yes, “It's good.”

Certainly, those two come to mind as having made their marks, but, as Fire Chief and Biloxi-lore lover Joe Boney quickly noted, “How could you top going to the moon?”

Yes, Fred Haise, the Back Bay-born, Biloxi-educated youngster who would become one of 24 people in the world to have gone to the moon. His heroic endeavors on Apollo 13 – NASA's most successful failure – captivated the world at the time and decades later in an excellent Ron Howard film.

Fred, of course, went on to work in the early days of the space shuttle program, had a career in the aviation industry, and today continues to be popular on the speaking circuit, usually promoting the Infinity Space Center in Hancock County or advocating STEM courses in classrooms.

While Fred's achievements were on an out-of-this-world stage, we've seen a healthy stream of notables in our midst, from way back when to today.

“Our little city, with its French colonial roots,” according to one cherished city video vignette, “has always been home to dreamers, artists,



visionaries and other independent souls.”

“Biloxi's Builders and Visionaries,” one of the collection of high-quality videos the city produced for the Biloxi Visitors Center and now on BTV, notes that Jefferson Davis was a Biloxi resident when he penned “The Rise and Fall of the Confederacy,” a century later, Dr. Gilbert R. Mason established himself as a Civil Rights icon for his efforts in desegregating Biloxi beaches and Biloxi Public Schools. Dr. Mason, of course, became legendary in Biloxi, to the point of having a section of U.S. 90 in his memory. (Which makes us wonder: Whatever happened to the Fred Haise Boulevard designation on a portion of U.S. 90?)

Typically, you don't have to look far to spot the famous names of Biloxi's past and present. Streets and other landmarks calls attention to individuals who made tremendous impacts on the Biloxi we know today: Lopez, Gorenflo, Howard, Caillavet, Reynoir, Elder, and on and on. Need more? Check out the names on the base of the modern-day Golden Fisherman at the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum.

Then there's George Ohr, “sufficiently inspired to proclaim himself as the greatest potter who

ever lived,” modernist painter Dusti Bonge, and, what about artist Joe Moran?

No such conversation about famous Biloxians should overlook modern-day suggestions. World War II ace, businessman, politician and philanthropist Jerry O'Keefe should certainly be included. How about A.J. Holloway, football player turned long-term mayor? Or those individuals from the private sector who helped advocate legalized dockside gaming, and, of course, those tested political waters a year before with cruises to nowhere.

It could easily be a voluminous list, this compilation of famous individuals in Biloxi's history. For that matter, consider the fun of an infamous list – you know, “better than famous.”

It's fertile ground, this Biloxi of ours, an area that some say was once called “the great state of Biloxi because it insisted on going its own way.”

Adds Visions and Builders of our little city: “The intoxicating, natural world, combined with the broad ethnic mix of cultures and people help make Biloxi different from other cities. It's a magical and seductive place.” And who are we to argue, famous or infamous.



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Gilich, mayors take concerns to White House

Biloxi Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich joined four other Coast mayors and several municipal leaders in a White House meeting in June to discuss impacts to the Mississippi Sound caused by the ongoing intrusion of river water through the Bonnet Carre Spillway.

Gilich and the Coast contingent met with representatives from the Administration, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the National Security Council, the Department of Commerce and executive staff from Senator Roger Wicker’s and Congressman Steven Palazzo’s offices.

Pascagoula Mayor Dane Maxwell coordinated the meeting. He and Gilich were joined by mayors Mike Smith of Waveland, George Bass of Long Beach and Mario King of Moss Point. Also attending were D’Iberville City Manager Clay Jones, Councilman Myles Sharp of Gulfport and Alderman Donald Frazer of Long Beach.

“We’re suffering from extremely low salinity levels in the Sound and the loss of sustainable habitat,” Gilich told the federal officials assembled. “And we’re worried about the possible impact on our thousands of hotel rooms and tourism amenities.”

Gilich presented the Corps with a Biloxi booklet

outlining the latest salinity measurements across the Sound, historic flow charts of Louisiana spillways, satellite imagery of freshwater intrusion and an executive summary underscoring ongoing fisheries impacts and mammal deaths. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory provided the latest information used in the booklet.

Federal officials acknowledged the severity of the problem and promised to work with Coast leaders and state and congressional officials to accurately gauge all impacts and identify potential solutions.

“We will work with local agencies to study comprehensive impacts, get a clear picture of all issues and consider appropriate solutions,” said Gib Owen, Assistant Secretary of the Army Civil Works.

Mayor Maxwell asked for ongoing meetings with all stakeholders on the local, state and federal levels. Mayor Bass and Mayor Smith urged federal officials to come to the Coast and see firsthand what is happening, and to also focus on the plight of local fishermen, crabbers, shrimpers and charter boat operators, all of whom are being economically injured by the ongoing assault on Sound fisheries.

Fire Department conducting hydrant testing, maintenance

Teams of firefighters from the Biloxi Fire Department have been in neighborhoods throughout the city in recent weeks testing fire hydrants, part of the citywide fire-rating process.

The tests, which typically take only a few minutes, involve the firefighters opening the valve on fire hydrants to allow a full force of water to flow. Firefighters slowly close the hydrants, apply grease to the thread covers, and, if needed, paint the hydrants.

“We have 3,500 fire hydrants in Biloxi, and the No. 1 objective in this testing is operability,” Fire Chief Joe Boney said. “If we discover a problem, we notify the Public Works Department and they usually get it

repaired right away.”

Testing and maintaining the fire hydrants annually helps keep Biloxi’s fire insurance rates in check, Boney said.

Having firefighters conduct the tests and maintenance also serves a purpose, Boney said: “It allows our guys to get familiar with the fire hydrant location. We don’t want them to find them when they need them. We want them to know where they are.”

Adds Fire Deputy Chief Andy Mason: “We’re asking the public to please drive carefully in those areas where they see testing. We have firefighters who may be working in close proximity to the roadway.”

- **Storm prep:** July 1 marks the first month of the six months of hurricane season. What should you be doing? Have a plan. Prepare emergency kits, review evacuation plans, plan for pets and communicate with family. Click on the Storm & Flood icon at biloxi.ms.us for help with a plan.

- **Public housing:** Have a question about public housing in Biloxi? The Biloxi Housing Authority, which manages 1,743 housing units, is the place to go. Find the BHA online at www.biloxihousing.org.

- **Census awareness:** It’s that time again, when the U.S. Census Bureau collects facts and figures about the nation’s economy and people. Census 2020 follows a mandate from the Founding Fathers that influences a host of matters: all levels of government funding and representation, foremost. For information on the census and to see how you can get involved, visit www.census.gov/2020census.

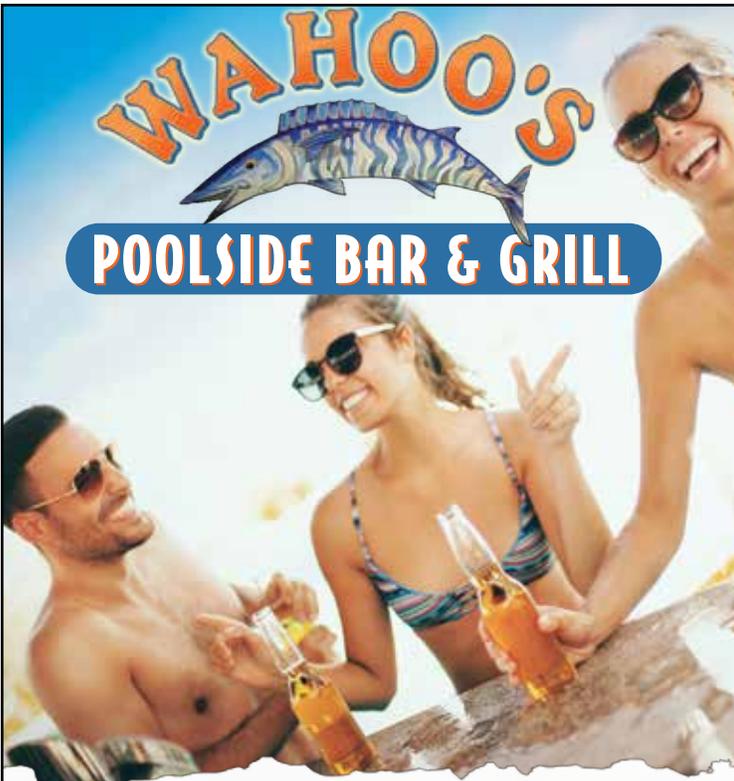
- **B-Alert:** For on-the-go traffic and weather advisories, text BILOXI to 888777.

- **BTV:** The city is continuing to test the new municipal television channel, BTV: Biloxi Television, on  Channel 56 on Sparklight, formerly Cable One, in Biloxi. See City Council meetings and a host Biloxi video vignettes 24/7. BTV also launches on AT&T Uverse Channel 99 in a few weeks.

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Coming this summer: Paving of U.S. 90 in Biloxi

Motorists on U.S. 90 over the past several weeks saw the first phases of the paving work coming to U.S. 90 this summer when MDOT crews were replacing drainage lines at White Avenue and a trio of other locations on the beachfront highway.

“Right now, we’re looking at beginning at the end of July or the first of August,” says Joel Moody of Warren Paving, the firm that is also paving nearly 60 miles of streets in East Biloxi.

Moody said work would begin after “point repairs” – the replacing of drainage pipes – are

completed at the four U.S. 90 locations in Biloxi: White, Acacia and Rodenberg avenues and Beauvoir Road.

“We’re still working out the particulars, and we can’t begin work until all of the point repairs are completed,” Moody said. “But it will all be at night, and we’ll work to reduce the inconvenience to motorists.”

The U.S. 90 work – which may take three to four months, weather permitting – will run from DeBuys Road, the western boundary of Biloxi, to the base of the Biloxi Bay Bridge at Point Cadet.

The Mississippi Department of Transportation had announced the U.S. 90 work in August 2018.

The first two sections, \$4.4 million and \$5.5 million contracts awarded to Huey P. Stockstill, covered from the east end of the Bay of St. Louis Bridge to Russell Avenue, and from Russell Avenue to Debuys Road. The third phase, from Debuys to the Biloxi Bay Bridge, was awarded to Warren Paving for \$6.5 million with an expected completion in early fall of this year.

Council approves Bertucci Park development

The Biloxi City Council has OK’d Phase 1 of a 43-acre mixed-use development that will be on Popp’s Ferry Road at Atkinson Road, after weeks of discussion and comments from nearby residents.

The project, known as Bertucci Park, will provide 107 market-rate homes, 60 condominium units, and 70,000-square feet of commercial and retail shopping space. The site, south of the Popp’s Ferry Bridge, is on land that fronts Popp’s Ferry Road to the west and Atkinson Road to the south.

“The plan approved by the City Council was transitionally designed to align the new single family lots in Phase 1 with the existing residential lots that face Saylor Drive,” Community Development Director Jerry Creel said after the meeting. “Moving

to the west, Phase 2 will contain the condominium units, and continuing further west, Phase 3 will be located near the Popp’s Ferry and Atkinson Intersection, a significant distance from the existing residential subdivision.”

Now that the conceptual design has been approved, Creel said, the developer will design each individual phase, depicting the infrastructure, drainage, etc. which will go before the Development Review Committee for review and approval. Each phase will also require Planning Commission and City Council approval.



Added Creel: “Concerns from the residents centered mainly around the traffic congestion at the intersection of Atkinson Road and Popp’s Ferry. As a part of the approval, the developer has agreed to donate additional land on the north side of Atkinson Road to provide turn lanes that will alleviate much of the congestion, especially during the early morning and late afternoon periods when traffic is heaviest.

“This multi-million dollar development will provide many temporary construction jobs, as well as many permanent jobs once the final phase is completed.”

Celebrate Parks and Recreation Month

July is National Parks and Recreation Month and the City of Biloxi is celebrating with a movie night.

On the evening of July 12, the green space of the Biloxi Town Green will be filled with games, lawn chairs, and a large projector screen for Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department’s movie night on the Town Green.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the public is invited to the corner of U.S. 90 and Main Street to partake in free themed games, cool down on a water slide and take in a movie. Games and door prizes will begin 6 p.m. and the showing of the movie Aquaman will be at dark.

“Parks and recreation helps to establish and maintain a quality of life, contribute to the physical, economic, and environmental well-being, and allows us space to have fun,” Biloxi Parks & Recreation Director Cheryl Bell said. “We encourage our residents to get outside, explore and enjoy outdoor activities and we are showcasing that at this event.”

The public is asked to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets. Also, concessions will be available for a nominal fee.

The department will hold another free movie night event at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center off Pass Road on July 19 at 6 p.m. The event is open to all with physical and mental disabilities and popcorn and drinks will be provided.

For more information on the City of Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department, its programs and events, visit online at biloxi.ms.us or call the department at 228-388-7170.



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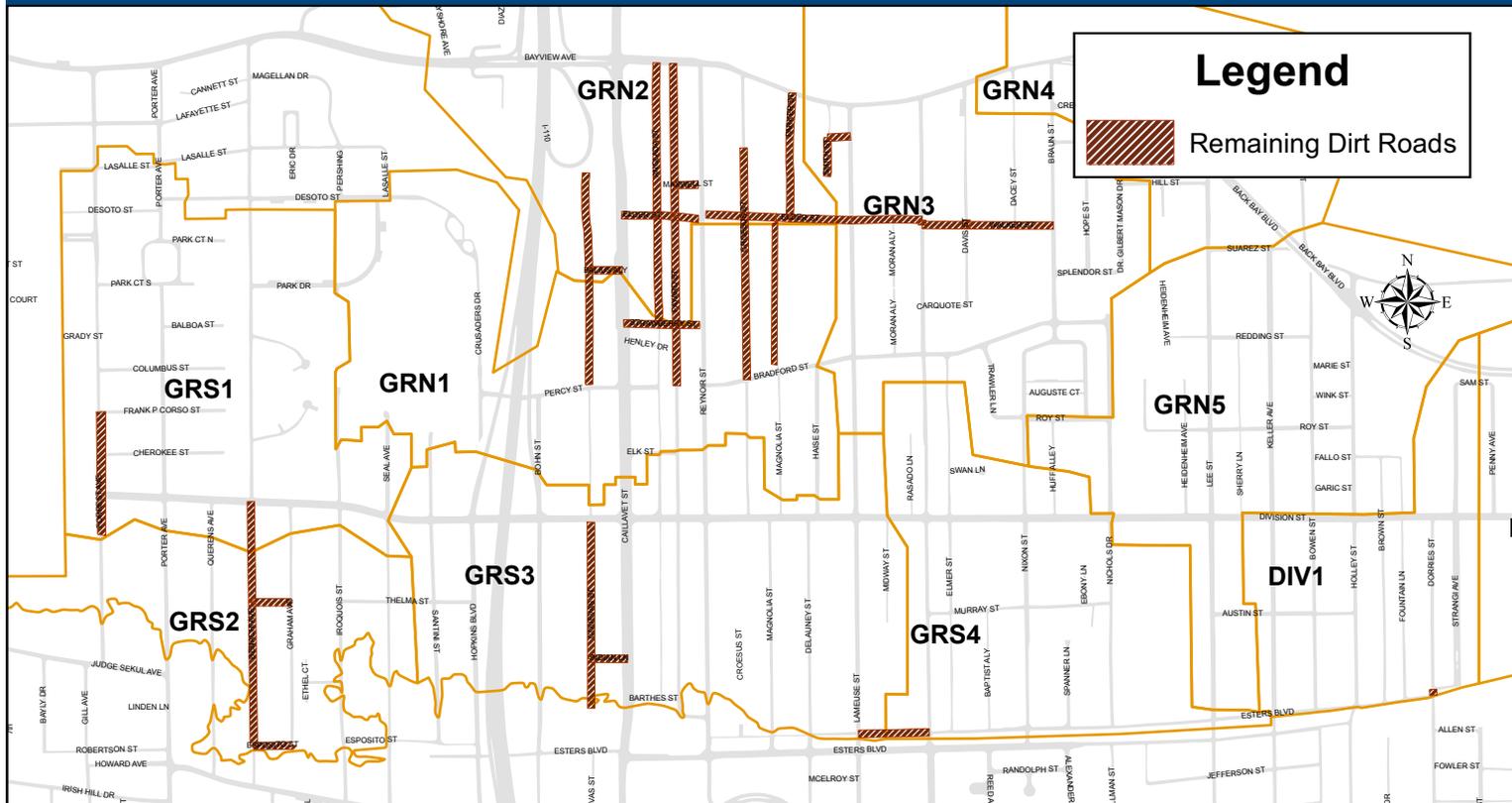
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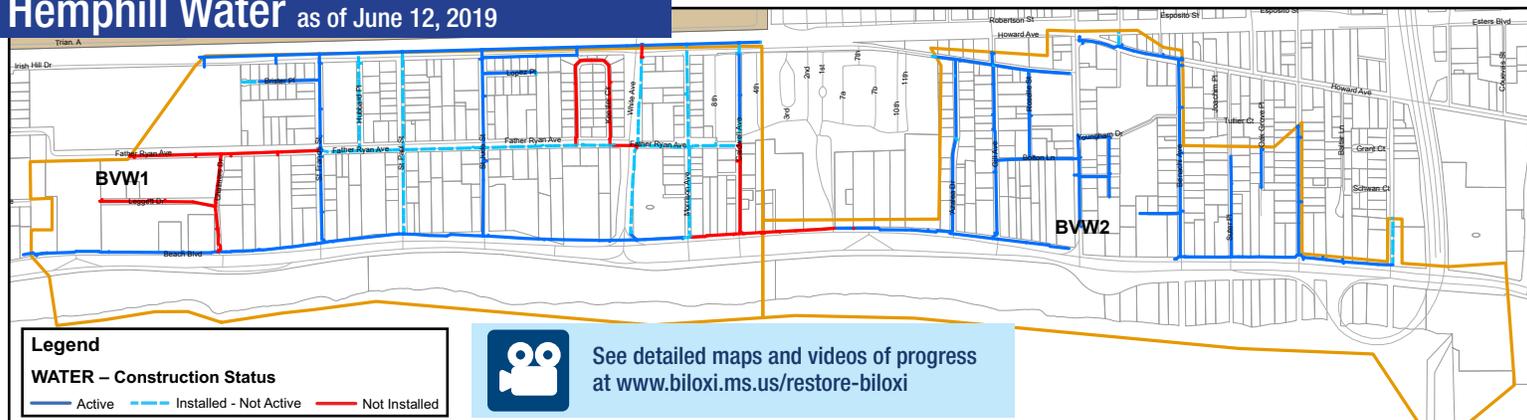
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Detours and lane closures are becoming more evident south of the CSX Railway, especially on Irish Hill and other thoroughfares, as Hemphill Construction continues to make progress on infrastructure work on six miles of roads between downtown and Seashore Methodist. Here's a look at the status on the \$22.9 million project, which has a deadline of March 2020.

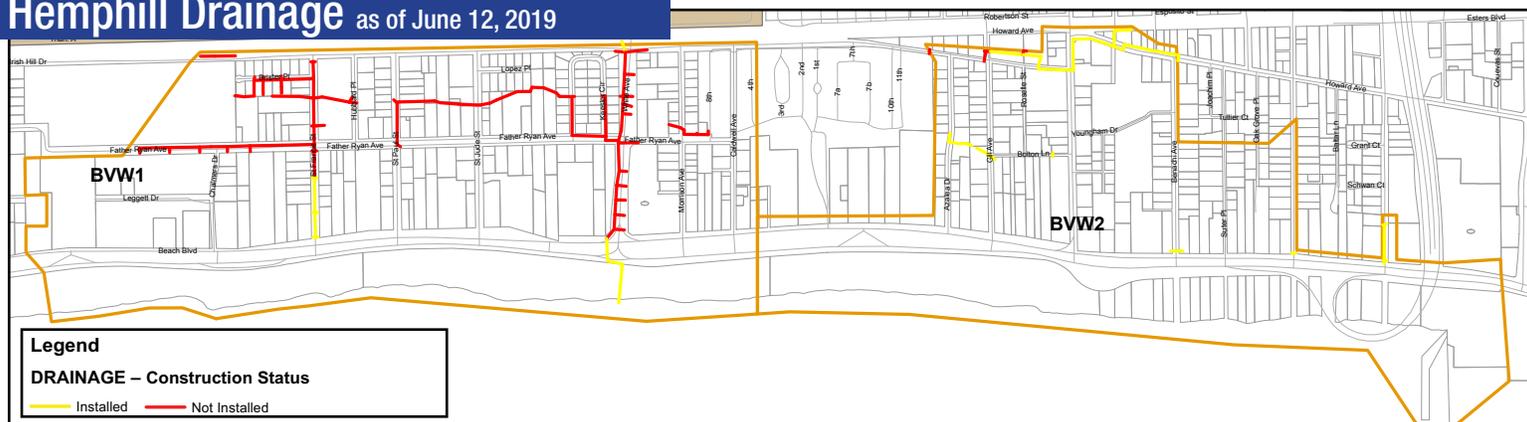
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Annual Report on the Quality of Drinking Water

Public Water Systems 0240001, 0240036, 0240084 and 0240255 – April 2019



The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act requires community public water systems to develop and distribute a Consumer Confidence Report to customers each year. The City of Biloxi operates three water systems, which are served by nearly two dozen water wells throughout the city's 50 square miles.

The source water assessment for Biloxi's three public water systems has been completed to determine the overall susceptibility of the city's drinking water supply to identified potential sources of contamination. This report informs you about the quality of water the city delivers to you every day.

Water source: Biloxi's water source is from wells drawing from the Pascagoula Formation, Graham Ferry Formation and the Miocene Series Aquifer.

The findings: Water wells for the City of Biloxi public water systems have received lower to higher susceptibility rankings to contamination. What does this mean? To determine susceptibility rankings and findings for your neighborhood, consult the list of water wells in this report and then refer to the corresponding water system findings.

The bottom line: The results in this report show that Biloxi's water system had no violations. The drinking water supplied by the city meets or exceeds all federal and state requirements. Monitoring and testing has detected some contaminants, but the Environmental Protection Agency has determined that your water is safe at these levels.

Etc.: In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

Testing period: To satisfy federal and state regulations, the city on a monthly basis monitors your drinking water for specific contaminants. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether the drinking water meets health standards. The Mississippi State Department of Health monitors the city's monthly reports. The tables in this report list drinking water contaminants detected between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2018. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2018, the table reflects the most recent results.

Questions and more info: If you have any questions about this report or quality of your water, contact Tracey Forehand in the city's Public Works Department at 228-435-6271 or tforehand@biloxi.ms.us. A detailed report on how the susceptibility determinations were made is available for viewing upon request.

Council meetings: You also can attend any meeting of the Biloxi City Council. A section of each meeting is set aside for citizen comments. The council's regularly scheduled meetings are on the first, third, and last Tuesdays of each month at the Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. You can find council agendas online at biloxi.ms.us.

Origin of contaminants: As water travels over land or underground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials. In its travels, the water can pick up substances or contaminants from animals or human activity; microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be

naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Lead warnings: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The city is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control materials used in plumbing components.

Minimize the risk: When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791, or www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water. The Mississippi State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory offers lead testing. Call 601-576-7582 for information on testing.

Typical contamination: All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances, either naturally occurring or man-made. Substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, call the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or visit www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water.

Vulnerable citizens: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. Immuno-compromised persons – such as those undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, those with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, and some elderly and infants - can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. Guidelines from the EPA and the Centers for Disease Control provide appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants. Call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791 or visit www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water.

In these tables, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

- **Action Level** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk of health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- **Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

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Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants								
Total Coliform Bacteria	N	October	Positive	1	NA	0	presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples	Naturally present in the environment
Radioactive Contaminants								
5. Gross Alpha	N	2018	5.2	4.1 – 5.2	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
6. Radium 226 Radium 228	N	2018	.71 .87	.21 – .71 .67 – .87	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants								
10. Barium	N	2018	.0191	.004 – .0191	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2018	3.1	.7 – 3.1	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2016/18	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride	N	2018	.454	.177 – .454	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2016/18	2	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Disinfection By-Products								
81. HAA5	N	2017*	12	3 – 12	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2017*	40.2	1.99 – 40.2	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2018	1.3	.2 – 3.7	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes
Unregulated Contaminants								
Chloromethane	N	2013*	0.394	No Range	UG/L	0	MRL 0.2	Halogenated alkane; used as foaming agent, in production of other substances, and by-product that can form when chlorine used to disinfect drinking water
Chromium-6	N	2013*	0.045	0.039 – 0.045	UG/L	0	MRL 3.03	Naturally-occurring element; used in making steel and other alloys. Forms are used for chrome plating, dyes and pigments, leather tanning and wood preservation
Strontium	N	2013*	37.346	7.479 – 37.346	UG/L	0.3	MRL 0.3	Naturally-occurring element found in the earth's crust and at low concentrations in seawater, and in some surface and ground water; cobaltous chloride was formerly used in medicines and as a germicide
Vanadium	N	2013*	.258	.21 – .258	UG/L		MRL 0.2	Naturally-occurring elemental metal; used as vanadium pent oxide which is a chemical intermediate and a catalyst

Test Results – PWS ID#: 0240036

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants								
10. Barium	N	2018	.0017	.0012 – .0017	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2018	1.7	.8 – 1.7	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2015/17*	0	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride	N	2018	.351	.244 – .351	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2015/17*	1	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Disinfection By-Products								
81. HAA5	N	2017*	14	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2017*	30.5	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2018	2.1	.5 – 3.2	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

Test Results – PWS ID#: 0240084

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants								
5. Gross Alpha	N	2018	4.1	2 – 4.1e	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
6. Radium 226 Radium 228	N	2018	.41 .74	.35 – .41 .54 – .74	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants								
10. Barium	N	2018	.0051	.0016 – .0051	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2018	3	1 – 3	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2016/18	.2	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride	N	2018	.373	.185 – .373	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2016/18	2	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Disinfection By-Products								
81. HAA5	N	2018	12	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-Product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2018	25	19.7 – 25	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2018	1.53	.5 – 3	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes
Unregulated Contaminants								
Chromium-Total	N	2013*	1.975	No Range	UG/L	0	MRL 3.03	Naturally- occurring element; used in making steel and other alloys. Forms are used for chrome plating, dyes and pigments, leather tanning and wood preservation
Strontium	N	2014*	36.187	8.539 – 36.187	UG/L	0.3	MRL 0.3	Naturally-occurring element found in the earth's crust and at low concentrations in seawater, and in some surface and ground water; cobaltous chloride was formerly used in medicines and as a germicide
Vanadium	N	2013*	2.15	.209 – 2.15	UG/L		MRL 0.2	Naturally-occurring elemental metal; used as vanadium pent oxide which is a chemical intermediate and a catalyst

*Most recent sample. No sample required for 2018.

Test Results – PWS ID#: 0240255

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants								
10. Barium	N	2018	.0071	No Range	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2018	2.6	No Range	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
16. Fluoride	N	2018	.45	No Range	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Disinfection By-Products								
81. HAA5	N	2018	19	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2018	45.3	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2018	1.4	.1 – 2.2	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes



Frequently asked questions regarding city water service

Why did my bill increase dramatically this month?

You probably have a water leak. It could be a “silent toilet leak,” which, in some cases, has seen customers use an additional 30,000 gallons of water in a month, which can increase the bill by nearly \$200. (Remember, the use of water impacts the sewer and HCUA fees on your bill.)

To determine if you have a “silent toilet leak,” remove the lid off the back of the toilet and pour in food coloring. Do not use or flush the toilet for an hour. If you see colored water in your toilet bowl then you have a leak. Replace the flapper inside the tank.

What is the HCUA fee on my water bill?

This is a fee paid to the Harrison County Utility Authority and is assessed to water and sewer customers in the six municipalities in Harrison County. The fee, which is based on population, is used to repay a pre-Katrina loan to upgrade the sewer plants. These upgrades were necessary to meet new federal and state treatment and standards after Katrina,

Each city chose its method of repayment, and the amount each city owes is based on water usage. Biloxi customers owe \$4.7 million; the loan is scheduled to be paid off in 2033.

For several years, Biloxi, which has the lowest water and sewer rates on the Coast, absorbed the fee but once it created a deficit in water department operations, the fee was added to individual customer’s bills. In short: The

more water you use, the higher your sewer and HCUA fee will be.

Why does my water sometimes smell like rotten eggs?

If you do not use a tap in a spare restroom in your home or business for some time, the chemicals that help keep that water clean, namely chlorine, are allowed to settle. Hence, the smell. To avoid the smell,

run the water a minute or two. Same for hot water. Sediment that has settled in your hot water heater could be causing the smell.

Why do I sometimes see a fire hydrant open and spewing water onto the curb?

This could be for a number of reasons. It could be to help make sure chlorine is traveling adequately throughout the city water system. The fire department could be testing the hydrant to ensure that it is operating effectively.

Where can I pay my water bill, and what payment methods does the city accept?

You can pay your bill in person, by drive through, at the office, 195 Main St., or at one of the three drop boxes: at the Main Street office, on the north side of City Hall, or at the Woolmarket fire station.

Additionally, you can pay by phone or online via the city website. Payments can be made using cash, check or money order. The city also offers automated draft, where the payment would be drafted from your bank account each month on the due date.

Who do I call about garbage, trash or recycling not being picked up?

Call the number on side of your trash or recycling cart, 228-701-9086. If the response is not satisfactory, contact Craig Ross with the City of Biloxi at 228-435-6271 or cross@biloxi.ms.us.

Biloxi Water Well Listing

Health Dept Tag No	Facility Name	Street
240001-01	Maple Street	Maple St
240001-04	Hospital Water Well	Bayview Ave
240001-05	Greater Ave	Greater Ave
240001-06	Porter Ave	Irish Hill Dr
240001-10	Bradford St Well	Bradford St
240001-11	Debuys Water Well	Debuys Rd
240001-12	Kuhn St	Kuhn Street
240001-13	Iberville	Iberville Dr
240001-14	Park Circle Water Well	Park Dr
240001-15	Father Ryan	Father Ryan Ave
240001-16	Pine Street Well	Pine St
240001-17	Tullis	Beach Blvd
240001-18	Lakeview	Lakeview
240036-02	North Rivervue	N Riviere Vue Dr
240036-03	Oaklawn	Oaklawn Dr
240036-05	Hwy. 67 & Oaklawn	Hwy. 67 & Oaklawn Dr
240036-06	Superior	Woolmarket Rd
240084-01	Rustwood	Rustwood Dr
240084-04	South Hill	South Hill Dr
240084-05	N Biloxi #1	Popp’s Ferry Rd
240084-06	Vee Street	Vee Street
240084-07	Cedar Lake Subdivision	Penton Dr
240084-08	Biloxi Sports Complex	Wells Dr

Best Bets!



Fireworks extravaganza

Celebrating the country's independence is done with a bang in Biloxi. And this year there are three fireworks shows to celebrate the Fourth of July. On Wednesday, July 3 the Biloxi Shuckers host an Independence Day Patriotic Fireworks Extravaganza at MGM Park after the Shuckers vs. BayBears game Thursday, July 4 is the Biloxi's front beach fireworks display that begins at 9 p.m., and the annual Back Bay fireworks presentation takes place Saturday, July 6 at 9 p.m. with viewing from locations near either IP Casino Resort Spa or Scarlet Pearl Casino, the co-sponsors of the event.



First Friday

Downtown merchants along with Biloxi Main Street host an evening of music, giveaways and shopping on Friday, July 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Biloxi. The affair includes live music, shop specials and giveaways! Participating shops along the Rue Magnolia and Water Street stay open late, offer specials and some even offer free food. Shop local and late the First Friday of July! Details: 228-435-6339.

Biloxi's Annual Fourth of July Fireworks, July 4, 9 p.m.; Viewing from Biloxi Lighthouse eastward to the Biloxi Bay Bridge. Listen on FM 105.9. Hosted by the City of Biloxi and the Boom Boom Committee. Details: 228-374-3105.

Biloxi Visitors Center Artist spotlight, July. Biloxi Visitors Center lobby, 1050 Beach Blvd. Each week throughout the month the Biloxi Visitors Center Gift Shop will spotlight one of its local artists. Details: 228-374-3105.

Star-Spangled Cleanup, July 5, 8-11 a.m., Harrison County Beach. Cleanup will take place at several sites along the Harrison County coastline and is hosted by the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Program. Register online at www.mscoastalcleanup.org. For more information, contact Mandy Sartain at amanda.sartain@msstate.edu.

First Friday, July 5, 5-8 p.m., Rue Magnolia and 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. Admission is free. Details: 228-435-6339.

Back Bay Annual Fireworks, July 6, 9 p.m.; Scarlet Pearl and IP Casino co-sponsored event. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to watch from locations near either casino, on the top floor of the IP parking garage and Scarlet Pearl's back Bay Car Park. Details: 888-752-9772.

Storytime, July 11, 18, & 25, 580 Howard Ave., Biloxi Library. This summer reading program is open to pre-K children from 10-11 a.m. and elementary age children from 2-3 p.m. On July 25, a special "Back to the Earth" party will be held with refreshments, prizes and more. These events are free and open to the public. Details: 228-436-3095.

Annual Croaker Classic, July 14, behind Gollott's Seafood Restaurant, 200 E. 8th St. Fishing begins at 5 a.m., scales open at 3 p.m., and awards at 6:30 p.m. Viewing is free. Fees apply for participants. Details: 228-265-1121.

Biloxi Parks & Recreation Movie Nights, Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department will host events in celebration of National Parks & Recreation Month. Events are free and open the public. Details: 228-388-7170.

- July 12, 6 p.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. **Aquaman** will show at dusk. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a family movie night with games.
- July 19, 6 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Free events, open to all ages with physical and mental disabilities and family members. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.



Best Bet!



Biloxi Community Market

Community Market Festival

The Charles R. Hegwood Community Market festivals will be joined by Biloxi Main Street for some summer fun activities at the Biloxi Community Market Festival on July 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Along with the fresh produce, baked goods, plants and crafts, visitors will be able to partake in summer themed fun! There will be a kid's water slide, snow cones, live entertainment and hours giveaways. So shop, soak up the sun and cool down with a snow cone. Vendors will be on site, under the I-110 overpass off Hopkins and Howard until 4 p.m. Festival details: 228-435-6339. Market details: 228-388-2443.

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 14th 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



Bike Biloxi, July 16, 6 p.m., begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. 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.



Breakfast with the Mayor, July 17, 8 a.m., Hard Rock Hotel, Beach Blvd. 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 Community Market Festival, July 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Under I-110 off Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. The festival will feature a water slide for the kids - wear a swim suit and bring a towel, snow cones, live entertainment, and hourly giveaways. Admission is free. Details: 228-435-6339.

Biloxi Main Street Book Club, July 25, 5:30 p.m., Jacked Up Coffee Bar, 999 Howard Ave. Call Biloxi Main Street to find out what the book of the month is, or stop by Southern Bound Books, located next to the coffee bar, to pick it up! Details: 228-435-6339.



33rd Annual Children's Health Fair, July 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd. Open to children in grades pre-k through 9th grade. The Rotary Club of Edgewater holds its annual health fair with free back to school screenings for vision and dental.

Height and weight check and immunizations will also be available. Rotary tote bag filled with schools public available to the first 300 children who visit a specific number of medical professionals and vendors.

Sunday Inspirational in Support of Autism Awareness, July 28, 3 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Avenue. Event held in support of autism awareness featuring Kim Fields, The Johnsons and The Nelons. Tickets: \$30; At door, \$40. Details: 228-218-1687.



Shuckers home games:

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

- July 1, 2, & 3, 6:35 p.m.: **vs. Mobile Baybears**
- July 12, 13, 15, & 16, 6:35 p.m., July 14, 2:35 p.m.: **vs. Chattanooga Lookouts**
- July 27, 29, 30, & 31, at 6:35 p.m., July 28, 2:35 p.m.: **vs. Jackson Generals**

Biloxi Little Theater

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

- **Neil Simon's "Rumors,"** July 12, 13, 19, & 20 at 8 p.m. and July 14, 21 at 2 p.m. Call for ticket information.

Center Stage

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

"**Godspell,**" July 18-28, times vary. Call for ticket information.



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

Closed for moving Opening soon in new location.

Biloxi Shrimping Trip

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

- Sunset Cruises, Fishing Trips, and three Shrimping Trips daily

Biloxi Tour Train

(228) 374-8687, www.biloxitourtrain.com

- Tour offerings change daily. Please call the morning of the day you wish to tour for reservations. Groups must be scheduled in advance.

Betsy Ann Riverboat Cruise

173 Beach Blvd., 228-229-4270, betsyannriverboat@gmail.com, betsyannriverboat.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: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Friday night Sunset Music Cruises, July 5, 12, 19, and 26, 7-9 p.m.
- Special July 4, Fireworks Cruise, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- Ticket prices vary, call for more information.

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

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

- “Camille at 50” exhibit open through Nov. 31
- **Camille Conversations** every Friday at 11:30 a.m. Admission \$10 includes lunch from Burger Burger. Call for reservations.
- **Fireworks Schooner Cruise**, Saturday, July 6, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for children ages 3-12. The schooner will depart the Schooner Pier Complex, south of U.S. 90, and sail to Back Bay for the firework display and sail back to the dock for arrival around 9:30 p.m. Food and refreshments are welcome aboard the schooner. Ice chests and ice will be provided. (July 4 cruise sold out.)

Ohr-O’Keefe Museum of Art

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

- **Make a Ceramic Magnolia**, July 6 at 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- **Raku Night**, July 11 & 27 at 4- 8 p.m.
- **T-Pots Too! with Jake Ollinger**, July 20 & 21 at 10 am.-5 p.m.

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

- **Biloxi Kiwanis Club Charity Bingo**, Sunday, July 7. \$25. Donations to play. Food and drink available. Doors open at noon, early bird games begin a 2 p.m.
- July 5, 12, 19, 26, **Charity Bingo**, 6:30 p.m.
- July 6, 13, 20, 27, **Steak Nights with Entertainment**, 6 p.m.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- **Friday Night Dinners** at 6 p.m. and **Karaoke with Kenny** at 7:30 p.m. every Friday.

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
<p>30</p>	<p>1 Story Time Woolmarket Library</p>  <p>Barks & Brews Monday</p>	<p>2 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time W. Biloxi</p>  <p>Run Spud Run T-shirt Giveaway</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Independence Day Fireworks</p>	 <p>4</p> <p>Biloxi's Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Annual Fireworks Biloxi Lighthouse to Biloxi Bay Bridge</p> <p>Sail a Schooner Schooner Pier Complex</p>	<p>5 First Friday Downtown Biloxi</p> <p>Star-Spangled Cleanup Harrison County Beach</p> <p>Friday Night Dinners Fleur de Lis Society</p> <p>Charity Bingo – Elks Lodge</p> <p>Gary Allan Beau Rivage</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Back Bay Fireworks IP Casino/Scarlet Pearl Casino</p> <p>Steak Nights – Elks Lodge</p> <p>Ultimate Queen Celebration Hard Rock</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Biloxi Kiwanis Club Charity Bingo Elks Lodge</p>	<p>8 Story Time Woolmarket Library</p>	<p>9 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time W. Biloxi</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time Biloxi Library</p> <p>Story Time “Back to the Earth Party” Biloxi Library</p>  <p>Margaritaville Night</p>	<p>12 Movie Night Biloxi Town Green</p> <p>Friday Night Dinners Fleur de Lis Society</p> <p>Charity Bingo – Elks Lodge</p> <p>The Isley Brothers Beau Rivage</p>  <p>Fireworks Friday</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Steak Nights – Elks Lodge</p>  <p>Tote Bag Giveaway</p>
<p>14 Billy Currington Hard Rock</p> <p>Annual Croaker Classic Gollott's Seafood Restaurant</p>  <p>Salute Sunday</p>	<p>15 Story Time Woolmarket Library</p>  <p>Barks & Brews Monday</p>	<p>16 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time W. Biloxi</p> <p>Bike Biloxi Biloxi Visitors Center</p>  <p>Christmas in July T-shirt Giveaway</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Breakfast with the Mayor Hard Rock</p>	<p>18 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time Biloxi Library</p>  <p>Festival</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Movie Night Donal Snyder Sr. Community Center</p> <p>Friday Night Dinners Fleur de Lis Society</p> <p>Charity Bingo – Elks Lodge</p> <p>Chris Tucker Beau Rivage</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Steak Nights – Elks Lodge</p> <p>Candlebox Hard Rock</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22 Story Time Woolmarket Library</p>	<p>23 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time W. Biloxi</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time Biloxi Library</p> <p>Biloxi Main Street Book Club Jacked Up Coffee Bar</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Friday Night Dinners Fleur de Lis Society</p> <p>Charity Bingo – Elks Lodge</p> <p>America Beau Rivage</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Children's Health Fair Edgewater Mall</p> <p>Steak Nights – Elks Lodge</p> <p>Skid Row Hard Rock</p>  <p>Tyler's Amazing Balancing Act</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Sunday Inspirational in Support of Autism Awareness Biloxi Civic Center</p>  <p>Salute Sunday</p>	<p>29 Story Time Woolmarket Library</p>  <p>Barks & Brews Monday</p>	<p>30 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time W. Biloxi</p>  <p>Stranger Things T-shirt Giveaway</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>Biloxi Night at MGM Park</p>	<p>1 Community Market Festival</p> <p>Story Time Biloxi Library</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Friday Night Dinners Fleur de Lis Society</p> <p>Charity Bingo – Elks Lodge</p> <p>Ron White Beau Rivage</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Steak Nights – Elks Lodge</p>

Biloxi's 'West Side Story'

Biloxi is a city filled with history, culture and diversity. With its long history, it's only fitting to expect growth and change. The word annexation keeps popping up like tissues in a Kleenex box throughout Biloxi's history, expanding Biloxi to the west.

Back in the Day



By Jane Shambra

In 1966 after multiple discussions, meetings, and court cases the Mississippi Supreme Court ruled in favor of Biloxi's final western boundary as DeBuys Road. This new land mass almost doubled the acreage of the city and increased the population from 10,000 to 15,000. Thus, Gulfport

added the historical areas known as Handsboro and Mississippi City.

So, what secret history treasures does West Biloxi have in its annals of time?

VROOM!

One of the most interesting and unusual surprises was the discovery of a popular racetrack on the old Pass Road. The oval shaped track was located on the south side of Pass Road just across the street from the old Starlight Trailer Park and just east of Beauvoir Road.

For decades this location was known for racing. On January 12, 1929 the Biloxi Kennel Club opened a greyhound racing venue on the spot of what later became the Pass Road Speedway. During its heyday, this section of Harrison County was also known as "Beauvoir" and its location was described to be "between Biloxi and Gulfport."

Powerful stock car racing vehicles visited the area often and in June of 1953 the track of land became the Pass Road Speedway. Filled with bright lights, checkered flags, and fast driving, the evening auto racing events lasted only a few years. The Speedway site also hosted professional wrestling and

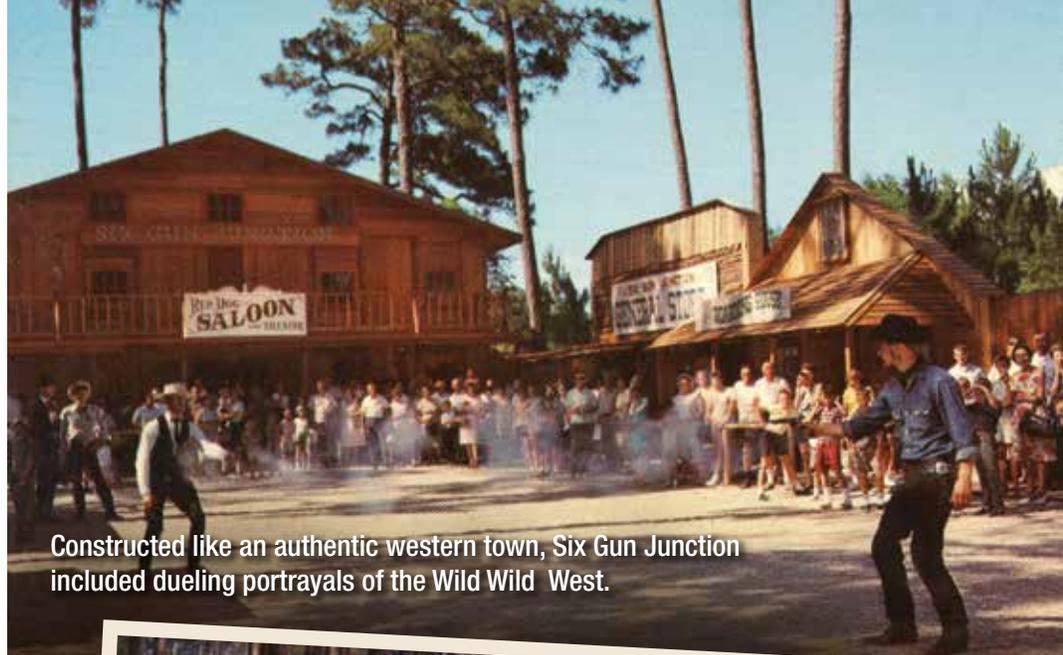


Joe Booker was one of the popular and frequent winners at the Pass Road Speedway.

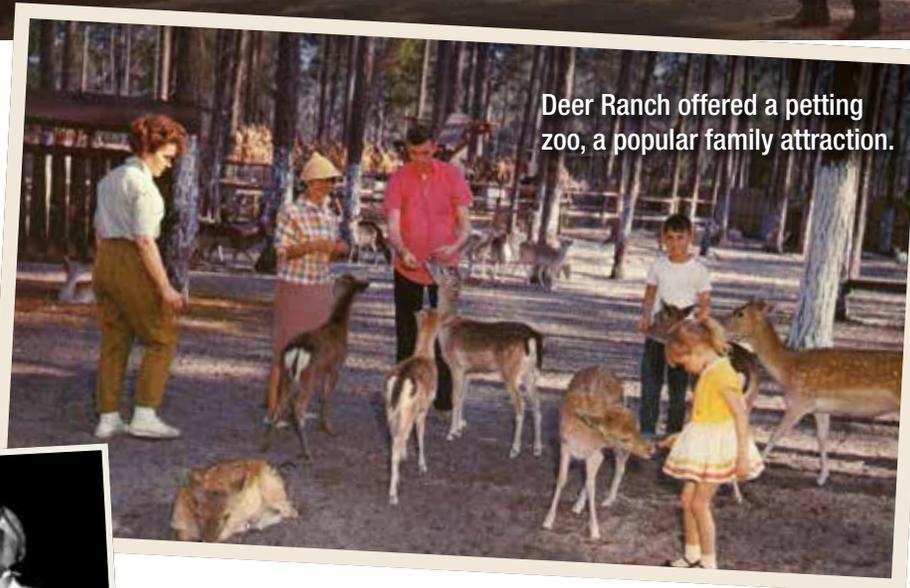
amateur boxing matches. You can be sure that noise, dust, and gambling were popular topics of conversation for nearby residents.

The Wild Wild West

Racing wasn't the only pastime in the early days of West Biloxi. Located on Debuys Road just north of the Friendship House, was the popular Eight Flags Deer Ranch that opened on June 9, 1962 on a six-acre plot. Families near and far would travel along Highway 90 to see, hand feed and pet tamed deer, watch dancing animals and view numerous birds. In the spring of 1964, an amusement park, Six Gun Junction, was added. Billed as an authentic old frontier, the park featured shoot-out skits between the sheriff and bad guys and the Red Dog Saloon and Theater with cancan girls and miniature epic plays.



Constructed like an authentic western town, Six Gun Junction included dueling portrayals of the Wild Wild West.



Deer Ranch offered a petting zoo, a popular family attraction.

In 1985, due to a decline in tourism, the tract of land was purchased by Gulf Coast Community Hospital. The amusement park's livestock of deer, dancing pigs, and mountain goats were sold to other parks in the Southeast region. Some of the bird collection found new homes at Marine Life in Gulfport.

Choo-Choo

Back in the day railroad tracks provided a golden opportunity for travelers to expand their world. Depots were positioned all along the east-west railroad tracks. Did you know there was once a train depot behind the home of Jefferson Davis? This train route was serviced by the L and N Rail Road and provided a popular route between New Orleans and Mobile. In 1888, a train ride from the Beauvoir station to downtown Biloxi would only take eleven minutes.

The locomotive also serviced a United States Post Office where mail was taken to the big house on Beauvoir and distributed throughout the neighborhood. It remained a stop until approximately 1939.

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