

Best Bets!



It's football and cheer season!

City of Biloxi kicks off the season with registration for its youth leagues on Saturday Aug. 3 and 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center off Pass Road. Flag football returns this fall and is open to ages 5 and 6, tackle football is open to ages 7 to 12 and cheerleading is open to ages 6 to 12. Fees begin at \$30 for Biloxi residents and are \$50 for non-Biloxi residents. For full fee information, schedules, and ceremonies, visit online at www.biloxi.ms.us or call the Parks & Recreation Department at 228-388-7170.



Let's talk books!

Biloxi Main Street now has a book club that meets once a month at Jacked Up Coffee Bar, 999 Howard Ave. Books of the month can be picked up at Southern Bound Books, right next door to the coffee bar. The group meets on Thursday, Aug. 22 and expresses opinions about a selected book. It's a great opportunity to meet with locals, enjoy a downtown business and make new friends. For more information, call the Biloxi Main Street office at 228-435-6339.

Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum's Heritage Hall of Fame 2019 nominations, Aug. 1-30. Nominations are open to individuals who have shown dedication to honoring the tradition of the maritime and seafood industry on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Forms are available online at www.maritimemuseum.org or by calling 228-435-6320.

25th Annual Carl Legett Memorial Fishing Tournament, Aug. 1-4, Point Cadet Pavilion, 121 Cadet St. Admission is free. See website for complete schedule of events including weigh-in times, shrimp boil, live entertainment and bikini contest: www.carlegett.com. For more details: Kelly Palermo, 228-896-7646 or email kpalermo@hbamscoast.com.



First Friday, Aug. 2, 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. Admission is free. Details: 228-435-6339.

Sparklight Go Places Contest deadline, Aug. 2. Sparklight is giving three service area residents \$3,000 to use toward Fall 2019 tuition through its Going Places social media campaign. Details: www.sparklight.com/contest.

Biloxi Youth Football and Cheerleading registration, Aug. 3 and 10, 9 a.m.-noon, Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Flag football, ages 5-6; tackle football, ages 7-12; cheerleading, ages 6-12. For fees and other details: 228-388-2483.

Biloxi Public Schools' Students First Day, Aug. 6. The 2019 school year begins on Aug. 6 for students in all grades. Details: www.biloxischools.net.

6th Annual 8K Kayak & Trail Run, Aug. 10, 7:30 a.m. Camp Wilkes, 2109 Camp Wilkes Road. Details: www.campwilkesinc.org.

Bare Knuckle Fighting Championship 7, Aug. 10, 6-11 p.m., Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Tickets start at \$45. Details: 228-594-3700.

Special Needs Back to School Dance, Aug 16, 6-9 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Dance open to all ages with physical and mental disabilities and their families. Admission is free. Details: 228-388-7170.

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Back to school dance

The City of Biloxi Parks and Recreation Department hosts its annual Special Needs Back to School Dance on Friday, Aug. 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Donal M. Snyder Senior Community Center. As part of the department's Special Populations Programs, the affair is free and open at all ages with physical and mental disabilities. Refreshments will be available and door prizes will also be part of the event. For more details on the dance and all of Biloxi Parks & Recreation programs, call the department at 228-388-7170.

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 15th 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, Aug. 20, 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. Detail: 228-435-6339.

Biloxi Main Street Book Club, Aug. 22, 5:30 p.m., Jacked Up Coffee Bar, 999 Howard Ave. Book of the month is "Forsaking Mimosa" by Valerie Winn. Stop by Southern Bound Books, next door to the coffee bar, to pick up a copy. The author will join the event for discussion. Details: 228-435-6339.

Biloxi Junior High Football Jamboree, Aug. 22, Location TBA. Details: 228-435-6310, www.biloxischools.net.



First Home Game, Biloxi High School Varsity Football, Aug. 23, 7 p.m. Biloxi Indian Stadium, 1845 Tribe Dr. Details: 228-435-6310, www.biloxischools.net.

Book Signing, Aug. 24, 1-3 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Meet authors Josh Foreman and Ryan Starett of "Hidden History of the Mississippi Sound."

Free event. Details: 228-374-3105.

Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame 2019 Ceremony, Aug. 25, Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Inductee ceremony for the 2019 class. Ceremony honors individuals who have significantly contributed to the betterment of athletics in the City of Biloxi either through exemplary performance as a player or coach, or in any supporting role of superior accomplishment. Details: 228-388-7170.



First Home Game, Biloxi Schools 9th Grade and Junior Varsity Football, Aug. 26, 5 & 6:30 p.m. Biloxi Indian Stadium, 1845 Tribe Dr. Details: 228-435-6310, www.biloxischools.net.



Shuckers home games:

105 Caillavet St., 800-745-3000 or 228-233-3465, www.milb.com/biloxi, Tickets start at \$7

- **Biloxi Shuckers vs. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp**, Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5; 6:30 p.m.
- **Biloxi Shuckers vs. Mobile BayBears**, Aug. 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17; 6:30 p.m.
- **Biloxi Shuckers vs. Mississippi Braves**, Aug. 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27; 6:30 p.m.

Biloxi Little Theater

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

- **I Am Frankenstein, A Stage Reading**, Aug. 3, 8 p.m. Admission \$5

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, 9-9:45 a.m., weather permitting

Biloxi Mardi Gras Museum

Closed for moving. Opening soon on Howard Avenue.

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, bestyannriverboat.com

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

Ship Island Excursion

Margaritaville Resort boat dock,
195 Beach Blvd., 228-864-1014,
msshipisland.com

- Daily service: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Friday night Sunset Music Cruise:
Aug. 30 (Labor Day Weekend), 7-9 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.

Ohr-O’Keefe Museum of Art

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

- **Visionary Bayou Technician Steve Shepard exhibition**, now-Sept. 14
- **Southern Witness, John Barnes exhibition**, now-Sept. 7

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

- **St. Vincent DePaul Charity Bingo**, Sunday, Aug. 4, \$25 donations to play. Food and drink available. Doors open at noon, early bird games begin at 2 p.m.
- **Charity Bingo**, August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 6:30 p.m.,
- **Steak Nights with Entertainment**, August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 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.

