

## Oscar Renda seeks final inspection for all areas east of Lee

OK, so what's up with the "north project," where Oscar Renda Contracting has been pushing for November or December "substantial completion," and some had hoped for Thanksgiving as a fitting conclusion?

It's looking more like the end of the year, the contractor says, before pipes on the four remaining streets can be installed and topped with a layer of asphalt. "The four remaining streets in the 55 miles of work are: half of Forrest, half of Benachi, half of Couevas, and Reynoir north of Division," says Jennifer Matranga.

Oscar Renda also is asking the city for a final walk through for all streets east of Lee Street, where all paving is completed, striping has been added and re-installed signage has been checked.

To date, more than 650,000 linear feet of pipe has been laid in the overall north project, and more than 120,000 tons of asphalt has been applied on streets north of the railway.

Biggest challenge these days: Benachi north of the railway. Crews have installed sewer lines as far as 24 feet deep, and are now having to hand dig trenches to connect utilities, which in many cases are at the rear of properties. Hilly terrain means trenches as deep as eight feet are being dug.

"This work, which is too tight for machinery, has slowed us down tremendously," Matranga said, noting 10 six-man crews are working the north contract. "On the overall project, we're making progress everyday, and we will continue to."

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## Cruisin' into October

Ladies and gentlemen, to the starting line. It's Cruisin' the Coast time.

This year's downtown Block party will have myriad vehicles on Wednesday, Oct. 9, and, for the first time they will be using the new brick-topped Howard Avenue. Look for entertainment stages on Howard as well as in front of Biloxi City Hall on Lameuse. In fact, the party runs an hour later, too, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

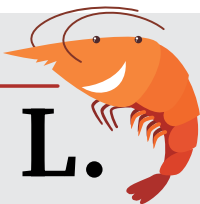
Meanwhile, on U.S. 90, the ubiquitous traffic cones, part of all major city functions, will be more generously spaced out in the area between I-110 and DeBuys Road to give the large cruisin' vehicles more room to maneuver. As usual, the emergency lane will be in place but not implemented unless needed.



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# Nick L. Shrimp



## Argumentative? Us? Who says? Biloxi's always gone its own way

It was apparent from the outset, observers say, that this “FoFo” Gilich fella was going to be a stark contrast from his predecessor in personal terms.

Longtime Mayor A.J. Holloway, on one hand, was a slow burn. He’d simmer before boiling over. Could take days, depending on the pressure applied.

Mayor “FoFo” Gilich, on the other hand, provides an immediate and emotional reaction, typically, witnesses say, before the question is completely asked or the issue completely explained. Instead of the stonefaced Holloway, from Gilich you’ll get the temporary eye contact, followed by the facial read, followed by the “Wait a minute,” at an increasing decibel, followed by Da Look, what he believes is a piercing, intimidating glance that says, “What?”

Truth be told, those contrasting tones are not new to Biloxi. It’s right there in “Biloxi’s Builders and Visionaries,” one of the handsomely crafted videos on display daily at the Biloxi Visitors Center, on the city’s YouTube channel, and shown frequently on BTV.

In fact, it’s in the opening line: “Once called the Great State of Biloxi because it insisted on going its own way, our little city with its French colonial roots has always been home to dreamers, artists, visionaries and other independent souls.”

It surfaces earlier, too, in “Biloxi,” the 12-minute video written by researcher Deann Nuwer and narrated by August Taconi in 2013: “The Mississippi Territory became officially part of the new United States in 1798, after a brief revolt of coastal citizens under the Republic of West Florida. Mississippi became a state on Dec. 18, 1817.”

“Going its own way” and this idea of “independent souls” were apparent in the DNA of Biloxi from long ago, and certainly carry on to this day.



‘Da Look’

**“Once called the Great State of Biloxi because it insisted on going its own way, our little city with its French colonial roots has always been home to dreamers, artists, visionaries and other independent souls.”**

**—“Biloxi’s Builders and Visionaries”**

Look no further than the Slavic Benevolent Association, known affectionately by many as simply “the Slavonian Lodge,” where Gilich, the longtime power behind the throne, sums up the membership: “We have 300 members and 600 opinions.”

Nowadays, you see this issue of Biloxi being Biloxi when someone mentions “One Coast.” The mellow Biloxian will nod politely and smile. Someone mentions “Tidelands money,” or “metro government,” or “school district consolidation,” and eyebrows rise.

Some 20 years ago, the idea of introducing a uniform water and sewer rate throughout the cities of Harrison County came up, and then-Mayor Holloway, against the proposal for fear of the impact on Biloxi’s low water and sewer

rates, infamously expressed his opposition, a statement that puzzled reporter Blake Kaplan, now executive editor of The Sun Herald. Holloway could have told his colleagues that he thought everyone should pay their own way, or he could have said a uniform rate would be unfair to Biloxi, where water and sewer rates were sure to increase. But instead, the mayor opted to go with “Every cat’s gotta lick its own a--.”

Today, Mayor Gilich says he might have stated the position differently, but not by much. Said he with a chuckle: “What about dogs?”

But the basic sentiment remains on this notion of Biloxi and its independent thinking. Let us not forget, after all, we’re a city with two chambers of commerce.

“I think every city is different,” Gilich said. “Every city is unique, and we just happen to be more unique. Our people have opinions, just like everyone else, but ours happen to be a bit more, colorful, or whatever other adjective you want to attach.”

As far as Biloxi being Biloxi, the mayor said, “I think, why change something that works well? It’s hard to convince me that we’d go in a better direction. Of course,” he added with a smile, “some might have the opinion that I’m easily convinced once I’ve made up my mind.”



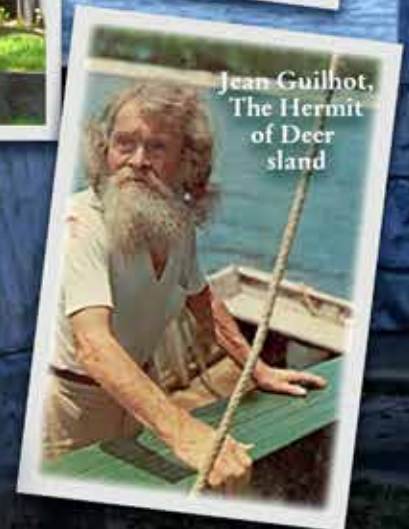
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Fire Station 7, on Popp's Ferry Road east of Cedar Lake, is one of two new stations scheduled to open north of the Bay. Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District assisted the city with a funding plan.



# News & notes

- **Be prepared:** Even though hurricane season ends in November, residents still need to have a plan. Prepare emergency kits, review evacuation plans, plan for pets and communicate with family. Visit the Storm & Flood icon at [biloxi.ms.us](http://biloxi.ms.us) for help with a plan.
- **Public Safety openings:** The city is seeking to fill openings in its Police and Fire departments. See applications at [www.biloxi.ms.us/departments/human-resources/](http://www.biloxi.ms.us/departments/human-resources/) or call Human Resources at 228-435-6259.
- **The three Rs:** Reservations are now being taken for the Biloxi First Roast of Paul Tisdale, which takes place Oct. 24 at the IP Casino Resort. The annual dinner is a fundraiser for Biloxi First, an organization that has raised more than \$365,000 for classroom projects. Seats for the dinner are \$50 individual and up to \$1,000 for reserved corporation table of 10. To reserve, due by Oct. 10, call 228-229-8733 or 228-860-8871. And oh, the three Rs? Why, for Paul Tisdale it's "Readin', 'Ritin' and Rogaine."
- **Christmas on the Water:** Preparations are already being made for this year's Christmas on the Water Boat Parade. The kickoff party is Oct. 22 at the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum. The boat parade will take place on Dec. 7. Any boat owners interested in participating in the parade should contact Rusty David at 228-617-3112.
- **Bicycle lanes:** The city has a number of designated bike lanes on major thoroughfares in Biloxi. Motorists, state law requires you to have three-foot clearance when passing a cyclist. Cyclists, remember the rules of the road and travel with traffic, using a bike lane if available.



## FY 2020 budget: Chockful of improvements

The Biloxi City Council has approved a spending plan for Fiscal Year 2020 that will see new fire stations, new firefighters, new police cars, and a host of improvement projects citywide.

Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich and the group that has final say on city spending, the Biloxi City Council OK'd the budget, which began Oct. 1, after weeks of meetings in August and September.

The spending plan, which proposes beginning the year with an \$8 million fund balance, and expects revenue of \$61.4 million and expenses of \$64.9 million.

"I think it's a good plan," Gilich said. "We're actually enhancing the day-to-day services we provide, especially in the areas of public safety, while continuing to do the things we must do to keep our community safe, grow our economy and improve our quality of life."

"As I've said all along, a budget is a projection, which will be adjusted as needed. The biggest consideration is to do the things you must do, enhance services where you can and do it all without raising anybody's taxes."

City operations are funded by three primary revenue streams, which for FY 2020 are projected to be: gaming taxes (\$18.95 million),



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– Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich

sales taxes (\$12.65 million) and property taxes (\$10.87 million).

Among the big-ticket items in the FY 2020 budget:

- An \$800,000 increase in annual payments to the state employee retirement system.
- Opening of new fire stations at Cedar Lake and Popp's Ferry Road, and on Old Highway 67, east of Cedar Lake Road, which requires the hiring of nine new firefighters and addition of two new fire trucks. The station at Cedar-Popp's also will include an outdoor training tower.
- The budget also includes the purchase of 16 fully-equipped police cruisers as well as vehicles in Parks, Engineering and Public Works to help maintain a dependable fleet of vehicles.

Folded into the spending plan, incidentally, is a \$180 million capital projects budget, funded mainly through federal and state grants, that includes:

- Popp's Ferry extension (\$8.6 million)
- Saenger Theatre exterior repairs (\$2.86 million)
- Keesler gate (inside) (\$2.6 million)
- Woolmarket Road east drainage (\$1.77 million)
- Bellavie Parkway (\$1.5 million)
- Ellzey Place extension (\$1.3 million)
- Citywide street repair (\$1.1 million)
- Woolmarket sidewalks (\$1.1 million)
- Tanglewood infrastructure repair (\$1 million)
- East Biloxi boardwalk (\$1 million)
- West Biloxi boardwalk (\$887,000)

"These are just the big-ticket items," Gilich said. "You're going to see progress on our waterfront initiatives, infrastructure work, and movement on the Keesler gate and the commercial corridor we're creating on Division Street between I-110 and the new gate."

► See the budget in detail online at [biloxi.ms.us/resources/financial-report](http://biloxi.ms.us/resources/financial-report)



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## **Jim Byrd Road improvements**



## **Drainage, paving well underway in city-county project**

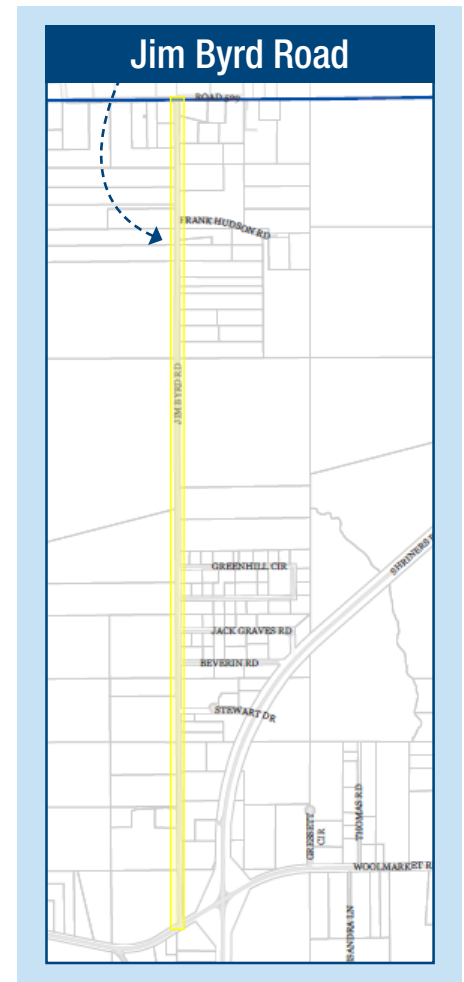
Paving should begin this month on a 1.6-mile stretch of Jim Byrd Road, a Woolmarket country road where city and county workers have installed new drainage pipes underneath the roadway to help improve drainage.

The work zone in the project runs from Woolmarket Road northward to the city limits.

"The idea is if we're going to pave the roadway, let's use the occasion to improve the drainage before we do the paving so the entire job will have a longer life span, maybe 15 years or better," says Biloxi Public Works Director Billy Ray Allen.

Under the plan, the city purchased drainage pipes, with county assistance in installation. Some ditches also were cleaned and deepened to improve the flow of rainwater. The plan also includes a slight widening of the roadway. Using existing right-of-way, six inches is being added to each side of the paved surface, creating an additional foot of driving space.

Drainage pipe had been installed by mid-September, and paving, which is being funded by Harrison County, is expected to begin in mid-October and expected to be complete by mid-November.





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# Back in town: Cruisin' The Coast



Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich and Mrs. Serena Gilich at City Hall with their '65 Malibu Chevelle.

It's that time of year again when thousands of antique cars and car aficionados saturate our beachfront highway and adjoining thoroughfares for the fun-filled, week-long event, Cruisin' The Coast.

Car enthusiasts will parade their classic, hot rod and custom vehicles along U.S. 90 and stop at various venues to enjoy entertainment, cruise-ins, sock-hops and more for the twenty-third annual event.

So what's new this year?

"Every year we try to change the traffic plan a little bit and learn from the year before, but for the most part the traffic plan you are used to seeing with the cones will be the same," said Biloxi Police Chief John Miller. "We are, however, going to leave a little more distance between the cones so you will see a little less cones."

The spacing will allow for better maneuvering between the cones, especially for the larger, older vehicles that will be in town.

The cones will go from I-110 west to Debuys road and will limit motorist to the right-hand lane only if needed.

"With the growth of the event and a record number of Cruisers expected, we have to be prepared and if traffic gridlocks, we need to make sure we can get police, fire and ambulance vehicles around," Miller said. "We don't want to diminish the great success of Cruisin' but we just have to be prepared."

"Our infrastructure is really not designed to handle all the traffic that we have during a major event like this. So we want to remind everyone to be patient and give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination. It's more of a party atmosphere during Cruisin', so be patient and enjoy the sights."

## Cruisin' The Coast Biloxi Block Party Oct. 9, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Downtown Biloxi

Cruisers arrive as early as 6 a.m. and, turn north on Caillavet street to be directed to downtown parking.



## Biloxi's Cruisin' The Coast traffic plan. Cones along U.S. 90 from I-110 to Debuys



Motorists will also notice that the MDOT resurfacing work is continuing on U.S. 90. However, all construction on the highway will be on hiatus during Cruisin'.

Another minor change this year is the extended time for the city's annual Cruisin' The Coast Block Party, set for Wednesday,

Oct. 9. Event goers will be able to enjoy the downtown cruise-in, special food and drink offers from downtown restaurants and shops, and entertainment for an additional hour this year. The Block Party will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. but remember, parking will be first-come.

## Block Party, Oct. 9

### Live entertainment:

- 8:45-10:45 a.m., Ty Taylor & Gram Rea
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Garry Wesley Elvis Tribute Artist
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# A quick check on the pace of development

By Jerry Creel  
Community Development Director

The best development news in Biloxi right now is that “we are experiencing both commercial and residential development in all areas of Biloxi.”

**Residential** – both Single Family Houses and Multi-Family Residential Developments are currently under construction.

**Commercial** – Retail, Restaurant, Banking, Hotels, Assisted Living, Gaming Improvements and Family Entertainment are in the works.

We are extremely excited to see such diverse development interest and activity throughout the City of Biloxi.

See for yourself. Here’s a quick look:

## Recently Completed

- Hilton Garden Inn
- Waffle House
- Howard Avenue Improvements
- New Treasure Bay Parking Lot
- Beau Rivage Sports Book

## Under Construction

- Watermark Hotel (new name – “Hotel Legends”)
- The Blake Assisted Living Facility – Popp’s Ferry Road
- Beach Vista Apartments (Behind Surf Style)



## SAVED! City gives new life to old houses

The commercial corridor on Division between I-110 and the new Keesler gate at Forrest means some decades-old Biloxi houses on Division have to be demolished. “Or do they?” asks Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich.

Instead of demolishing five vacant houses – one without a roof – the Gilich Administration floated the idea of relocating the homes. Entrepreneurs scooped up four of the five – at prices from \$2,500 to \$5,000 – plus relocation costs.

And money from the sales is enough to cover the demo of the fifth house, a roof-less structure, as well as demo of a former medical office building.

- Brick & Spoon/Verizon Wireless/Kay Jewelers (Recently Completed)
- Mike Fritz Mixed Use (Recently Completed)
- Fire Station 7 – Popp’s Ferry Road
- Fire Station 10 – Old Hwy 67
- New Church on Old Hwy 67 – Solid Rock Baptist Church
- Old Walmart Conversion – (Climate-Controlled Warehouse)
- Knight Abbey – (former Toys R Us location) Edgewater Village
- Camp David RV Park (57 lots) - Cedar Lake Road
- Gulf Beach RV Resort (adding 21 lots) - Briarfield Avenue

- Skyzone Trampoline Park
- Margaritaville Amusement Park & Parking Garage
- Barq Building on Keller
- Boardwalk
- New Keesler Gate
- Majestic Oaks Event Area

- New Single Family Residences: 168 total

## Under Review

- Community Bank
- Biloxi House (Old Margaritaville)
- Bertucci Park – Popp’s Ferry & Atkinson
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# Biloxi cemetery lives

By Laurie Rosetti, Downtown Services Assistant

With clear blue skies and just a hint of cool air in the mornings, our fall imaginations immediately turn to the cemetery. Wait, what?! Yes, here in Biloxi and other southern locales, our final resting places seem to attract our attention in the fall of each year.

Taking special care of graves, cleaning the headstones, and generally improving the appearance of the Old Biloxi Cemetery, located on U.S. 90 midway between the Biloxi Lighthouse and the White House Fountain, is traditionally a fall activity in preparation for All Saints and All Souls days, which occurs annually in early November.

In Biloxi's first cemetery, fall also means special projects to save the historic, older tombs located in the oldest section of the cemetery, the southernmost area nearest Beach Boulevard.

It is in this very section you'll find the grave of St. Cyr Zamor, (pronounced SANcere). He is the patriarch of every local Seymour family of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. His tale is one full of mystery and intrigue. For instance, how did St. Cyr get the last name of Zamor when his father's was LeBlanc?

His roots are equally fascinating and steeped in the very origins of our area. St. Cyr is the great-great grandson of Jean Baptist Baudreau dit Graveline. Yes, the Graveline who came with d'Iberville on one of his three expeditions to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Graveline was the first importer of cattle to this area and the owner/discoverer of one of the most beautiful waterways in our corner of paradise, Graveline Bayou. The bayou was and remains one of the finest fishing areas in the three coastal counties.

St. Cyr passed at age 57 in 1845. To put that date into

perspective, it was three years before the Biloxi Lighthouse would grace our shoreline. It is no stretch to say that his 174-year old tomb has begun to deteriorate. Without swift attention, this culturally and historically important burial site could easily fall by the wayside and be lost forever.

Thankfully, the Preserve Biloxi Committee, organizers of the annual Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour and Preservation In May, have pledged \$2,000 toward the repairs, which are estimated to cost approximately \$6,000. In order to amass the remaining funds needed, a Go Fund Me page has been established.

"If every descendant or Biloxian gave \$20, we could easily repair the tomb of St. Cyr and many others as well," said Bill Raymond, historical administrator for the City of Biloxi and Chairman of Preserve Biloxi.

The Preserve Biloxi Committee emerged organically from a very successful Old Biloxi Cemetery rededication event following the devastation from Hurricane Katrina. Since that first successful event, the committee has transformed the Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour into an annual celebration of fascinating local stories.

It is this "lively" side of Biloxi's yesteryear to be explored in the 2019 tour entitled, Biloxi's Colorful Past. This year's stories will highlight the history of gambling, the lack of prohibition and other "questionable behaviors." Look for the tour on Sunday, Oct. 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. and again on Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m.

As usual, event-goers may park at the Biloxi Elk's Lodge, located off U.S. 90. This event is free but donations are appreciated and ensure that the important preservation work continues.



# 7ens up in October

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Back in time: Videographer August Taconi has crafted a beautiful hour-long replay of the 2018 Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour. See it daily at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on BTV. The tour was titled “Biloxi Praise,” highlighting past leaders of seven historic church congregations.



# Biloxi school district excels in state accountability results

The Mississippi Department of Education accountability results are in and the Biloxi Public School District remains one of the top achievers in the state.

The district has again achieved an “A” rating, with Biloxi Junior High School being ranked the highest in south Mississippi. A host of other Top 10 and Top 5 rankings were among the scores, which interim Superintendent Dr. Larry Drawdy says is particularly rewarding in Biloxi.

“With a mobile population due to the casino industry and our military community, Biloxi is unique in Mississippi,” Drawdy said. “Over 14 languages and cultures are present in our schools, contributing to the rich diversity that we celebrate in our district.

“And now,” Drawdy added, “we are proud to show the results of the hard work and

dedication put in by our students, staff, parents, guardians and community. We are all one in Biloxi, and we have the results to prove it.”

Among the milestones in the state report:

- The Biloxi Public School District is an A-rated District.
- Biloxi Junior High is ranked highest in south Mississippi.
- Biloxi High is No. 1 on the Coast in Algebra I proficiency and third in U.S. History proficiency.
- The district ranked above the state average in all areas.
- Biloxi Public Schools has the highest PreK score on the Coast.
- Biloxi Public Schools is second on the Coast and seventh in the state overall.
- The state’s goal of 70 percent proficiency by 2025 has already been achieved in history

and science in Biloxi schools.

- Biloxi Junior High School math and science scores all ranked Top 5 in the state.
- Biloxi High School is No. 4 on the Coast and seventh in the state overall.
- Biloxi High is third on the Coast and sixth in the state for math growth.
- Biloxi High is second on the Coast for Acceleration, which measures the percentage of students taking and passing the assessment associated with accelerated courses, such as college-level courses and credit, and sixth in the state.
- Biloxi’s fifth grade math achievements are third on the Coast.
- The district currently has 50 students with an ACT score of 30 or above.

► Visit Biloxi Schools at [www.biloxischools.net](http://www.biloxischools.net)

## Btv October Schedule

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6:13 a.m.	Biloxi Builders and Visionaries (8 min)
6:21 a.m.	Biloxi Today (3 min)
6:25 a.m.	Infrastructure video (5 min)
6:30 a.m.	Biloxi Public Schools (15 min)
6:45 a.m.	The History of Biloxi (11 min)
7 a.m.	Special Presentation: Old Biloxi Cemetery & its Colorful Characters (46 mins)
7:46 a.m.	A vintage vignette: “America’s Riviera,” B&W, 1950s travelogue (9 mins)
8 a.m.	Special Presentation: 2018 Tour of the Old Biloxi City Cemetery (1 hr, 11 mins)
9:15 a.m.	A vintage vignette: “America’s Riviera,” 1960s travelogue (14 mins)
9:30 a.m.	City Council meetings and bonus public affairs programming (3 hours)
12:31 p.m.	“I Wanna Come Home,” a post-Katrina tribute by Ronny Broussard (4 mins)
12:35 p.m.	Census 2020: Why it’s important (24 mins)
1 p.m.	Breakfast with the Mayor (31 mins)
1:35 p.m.	Police Chief John Miller on the issues (45 mins)
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## Inside BTV for October: ‘New’ looks of an old city

So, have you figured out BTV yet? We’re still working on it, this two-month-old municipal TV channel. To be sure, it’s a government channel, with a healthy dose of replays of City Council meetings and other public affairs programming, but you’ll also see a slant towards Biloxi’s history and culture.

And, of course, once we latch onto a program, you’ll see it daily – two or three times a day, in fact – for the month. It’s our version of “Groundhog Day,” but without Bill Murray.

Along those lines, here are the highlights of October’s schedule:

**Council replays:** You’ll find replays of City Council meetings typically on BTV and on the city’s YouTube channel hours after they occur. Council meetings are typically the first, third, and fourth Tuesday of the month. BTV sets aside three-hour blocks for the replays each day, at 9:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. At least one council meeting is shown, followed by other bonus programming to fill out the three-hour block.

**Cemetery, Exhibit A:** The Old Biloxi Cemetery gets plenty of small-screen time this month, with two back-to-back programs. First, is “Old Biloxi Cemetery & its colorful Characters,” with Cree Cantrell, as F. Arbeau Caillavet, previewing this year’s tour and taking a look at the cemetery and a half-dozen of its best-known characters, including George Ohr, Ed Barq and the Hermit of Deer Island. See the 45-minute production daily at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Cemetery, Exhibit B:** Longtime videographer August Taconi has crafted a look back at the 2018 cemetery tour, which showcased the leaders of seven of Biloxi’s places of worship set amidst the stately moss-draped oaks of the Biloxi Cemetery. “Biloxi Praise,” is an hour-long program that airs daily at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

**More silver-screen gems:** Our fascination with the 1951 documentary “Social Change in a Democracy,” which was filmed in Biloxi for audiences in Japan, has helped uncover two travelogues that were tucked in the climate-controlled vault at the Local History and Genealogy Department at the Biloxi Public Library. First up is “America’s Riviera,” a nine-minute production where Mr. Biloxi, the late Anthony Ragusin, turns a lens on the lure of ‘50s life in Biloxi. The nine-minute B&W opus airs daily at 7:46 a.m. and 7:46 p.m. Then, at 9:15 every day and night in October, you can see a 1960s-era look at Biloxi and the Gulf Coast, also titled “America’s Riviera.” The 14-minute, colorful travel piece shows– visitors cavorting at the old Broadwater, the Buena Vista and there’s even a trip to the old Eight Flags and Deer Ranch. It’s good.



You can also find individual programs on the City of Biloxi YouTube page.

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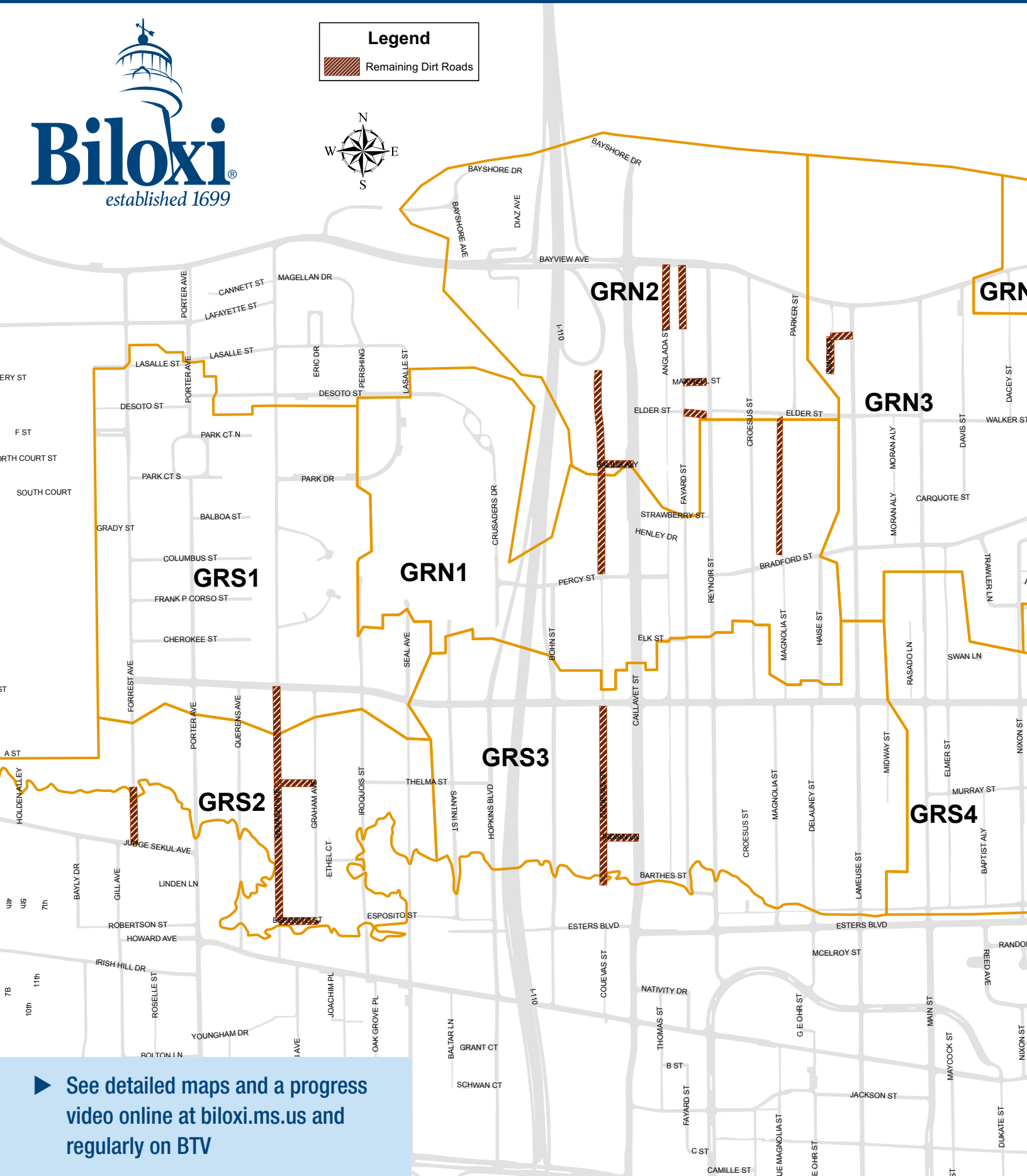
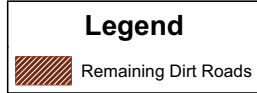


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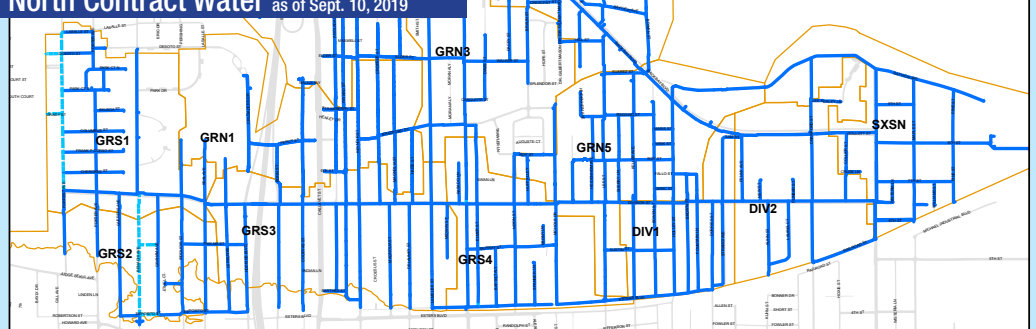
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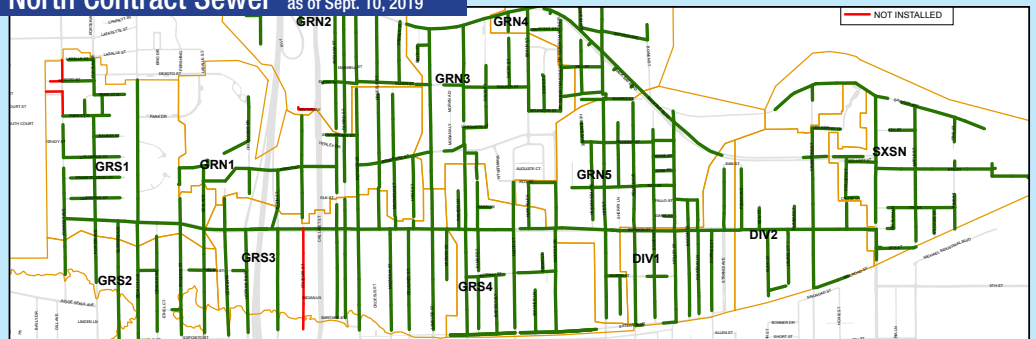
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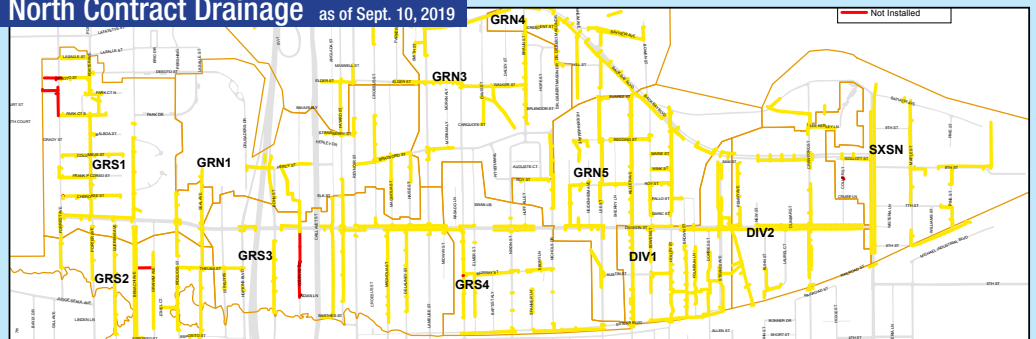
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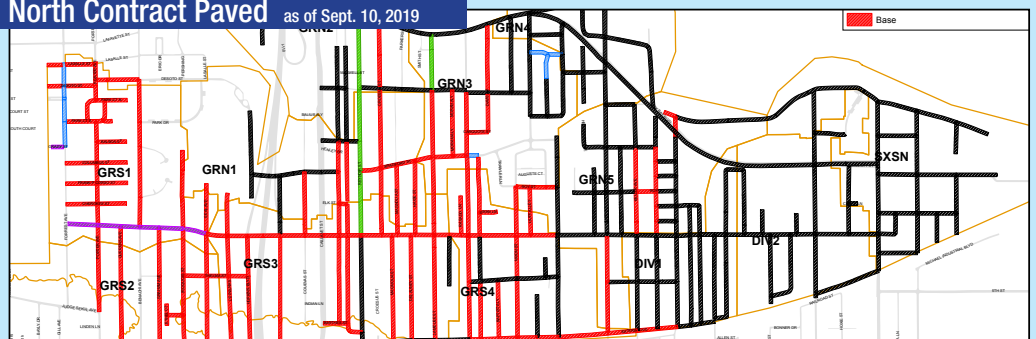
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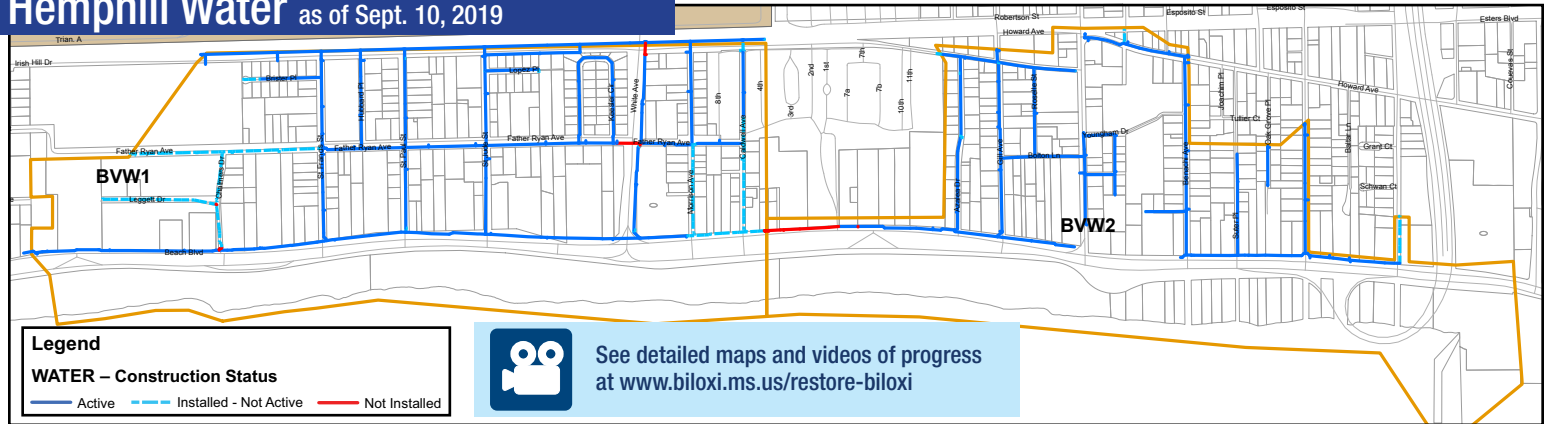
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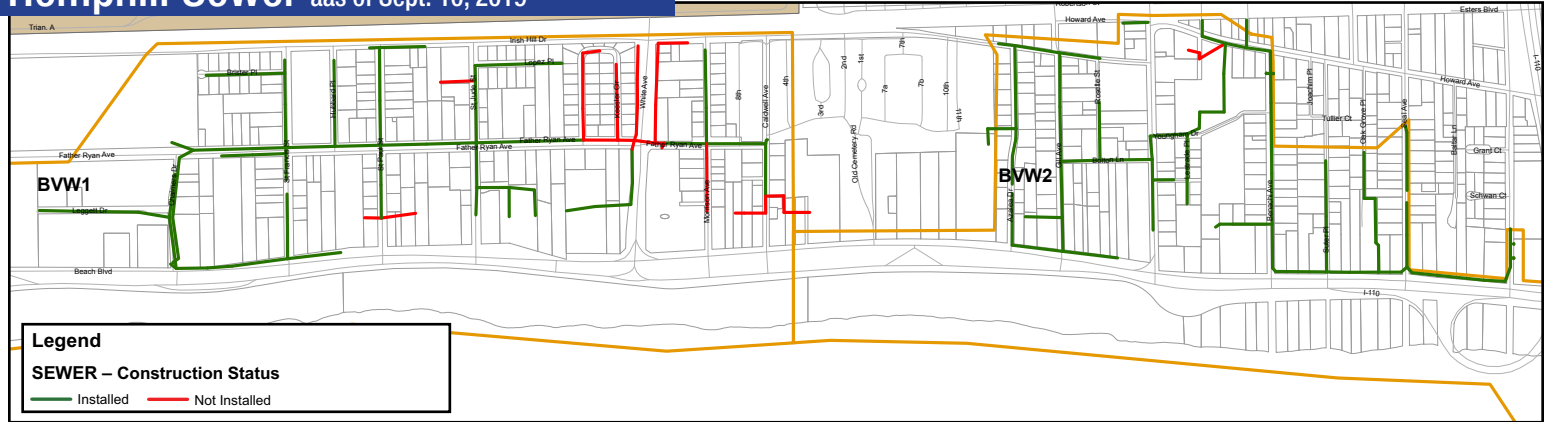


Detours and lane closures are becoming more evident south of the CSX Railway, especially on Irish Hill and other thoroughfares, as Hemphill Construction continues to make progress on infrastructure work on six miles of roads between downtown and Seashore Methodist. Here's a look at the status on the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

## Hemphill Water as of Sept. 10, 2019



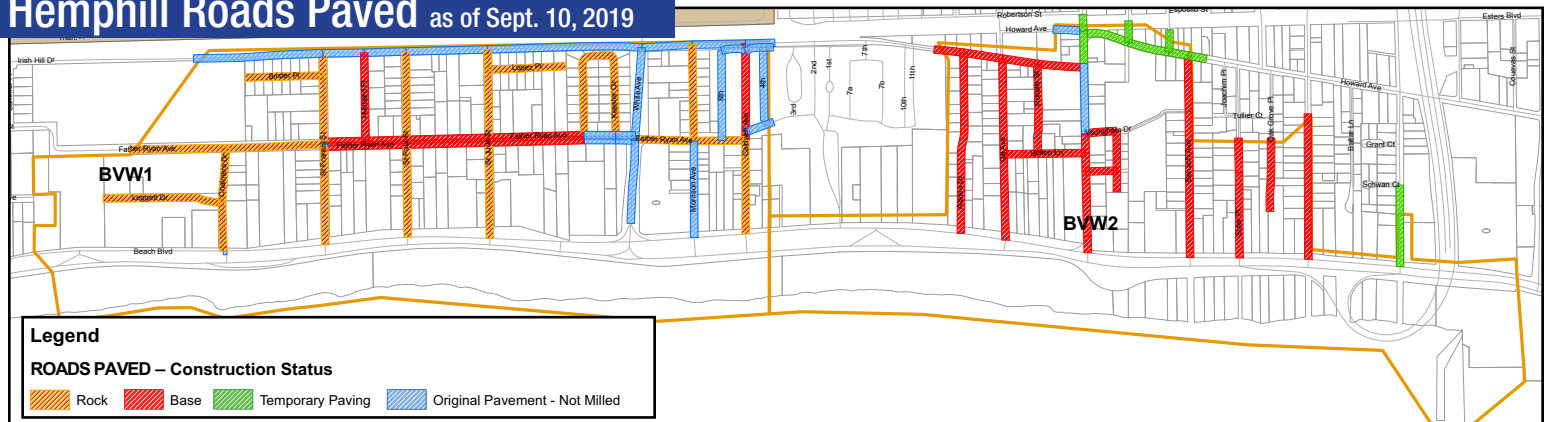
## Hemphill Sewer as of Sept. 10, 2019



## Hemphill Drainage as of Sept. 10, 2019



## Hemphill Roads Paved as of Sept. 10, 2019



## Best Bets!



### Cruisin' in Biloxi

It's that time of year again for Cruisin' The Coast, Oct. 6-13, and Wednesday, Oct. 9 is the big day for Biloxi. Cars and car aficionados will line the downtown streets from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Biloxi Block Party. The affair will feature live entertainment on stage across from City Hall, 140 Lameuse St., special food and drink offers from downtown restaurants and shops, and trophies for block party car owners including one from the Biloxi Police Chief, an award for "The car I'd most like to chase." Over at the Edgewater Mall, not only is the venue a cruiser check-in, but on Thursday, Oct. 10 the west parking lot will be filled with live performances from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Details: [cruisinthecoast.com](http://cruisinthecoast.com).

### Cemetery Tours

It's fall, October and time for the annual Old Biloxi Cemetery Tours. The award-winning event, taking place in the Old Biloxi Cemetery on Oct. 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. and Oct. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m., will feature two continuous tours of re-enactors around the cemetery. This year's event is themed "Biloxi's Colorful Past" and highlights the community's history of gambling and lack of prohibition. Each tour will have six portrayals and three story-tellings with 15 characters. The event is put on by The Preserve Biloxi Committee. Details: 228-435-6339.



**Biloxi Excel By 5 October Orientation**, Oct. 2 & 9 at 9:30 a.m. and Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. at Biloxi Family Resources Center, 140 St. John Ave. Orientation is monthly for parents/caregivers and is required. Details: 228-297-6808 or email [susan.hunt@biloxischools.net](mailto:susan.hunt@biloxischools.net).



**First Friday**, Oct. 4, 5-8 p.m., Rue Magnolia & Water Street. Live entertainment and prize giveaways will also be part of the event. Admission is free. Details: 228-435-6339.

**Friday Morning Serial**, Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, 769 Howard Ave. Oct. 4, Mike Crawford, Founder-Executive Director MS Gulf Coast Buddy Sports, Inc.; Oct. 11, Amanda Sartain, Extension Program Associate MS-AL Sea Grant, Marine Debris Specialist; and Oct. 18, Erin Rosetti, Director of Communications and Engagement Coastal MS Visitors Bureau. Fridays, 8-9 a.m. Free to attend. Confirm attendance: [eenglebretson@gccds.msstate.edu](mailto:eenglebretson@gccds.msstate.edu). Details: 228-436-4661.

**Ohr Fest**, Oct. 5, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Free admission, live music, food trucks, regional craft beer, homebrew competition, a juried art market, and a pottery throw-down. Fees apply for access to beer tents. Details: [georgeohr.org](http://georgeohr.org), 228-374-5547.

**Twenty-third Annual Cruisin' The Coast**, Oct. 6-13. Thousands of classic cars converge on the Gulf Coast for a week of cruising along U.S. 90, rock 'n' roll shows, sock hops, swap meets, and other entertainment. Details: 228-385-3847; [www.cruisinthecoast.com](http://www.cruisinthecoast.com).

**Biloxi Block Party, Cruisin' The Coast**, Oct. 9, 8 a.m. -3 p.m., Lameuse Street and throughout downtown. Thousands of cars and car aficionados expected in Downtown Biloxi. Live entertainment across from Biloxi City Hall, begins at 8:30 a.m. and includes Ty Taylor, Gram Rea, Garry Wesley-Elvis Tribute Artist, Colin Lockey and Chase Dalgo. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339.

**In Their Shoes**, Oct. 10, 9-11:30 a.m., Back Bay Mission, 1012 Division St. Get a glimpse into how someone becomes homeless and the barriers they face. Meet the staff and learn about the programs in place. Details: RSVP to Laura Payne, [lpayne@thebackbaymission.org](mailto:lpayne@thebackbaymission.org) or 228-432-0301.

**Halloween in Woolmarket**, Oct. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Woolmarket School Grounds, 12513 John Lee Road. Ages 11 and younger; costume contest, games, inflatables, and contests. Admission is free and food will be available. Details: 228-388-7170.

**Time for Tea, A Community Tea Party**, Oct. 15, 11 a.m. -1 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Free tea party for seniors, their caregivers, family members and friends. Tickets available weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Biloxi Parks & Recreation Office, 377 Hiller Drive and Richmond August Funeral Home, 184 Main St. Space is limited. Details: 228-436-6722, 228-388-7170.



**Bike Biloxi**, Oct. 15, 6 p.m. Ride begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., and travels through downtown. Bicycle ride ends at a downtown restaurant at cyclist's expense. Helmets and lights recommended. Admission is free. Details: 228-435-6339.

**Special Needs Volleyball**, Oct. 15, 22 and 30, 6-8 p.m. Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Open to all ages with physical and mental disabilities. Free admission; uniforms provided. Details: 228-388-7170.

## Best Bet!

### Fall festival with the Ohr



The Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art will hold its annual fall

festival on Saturday, Oct. 5 and it's on the Biloxi Town Green this year! From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. the grounds will be filled with live music, food trucks, more than a dozen breweries under craft beer tents, and a juried art market with a diverse array of arts and craft vendors. There will also be a pottery throw-down between coast potters, as well as a homebrewer's competition. Admission is free. Access to beer tents require armbands: General admission armbands: \$35; VIP armbands: \$60, only 100 available. Details: [www.georgeohr.org](http://www.georgeohr.org), 228-374-5547.



## Stay in touch

**BNews:** Welcome to the 17th 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](mailto:kmiller@biloxi.ms.us).

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**Website:** The city's website, at [biloxi.ms.us](http://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

**Thirteenth Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Senior Prom,** Oct. 17, 6-9 p.m., IP Casino Resort and Spa, 850 Bayview Ave. Midnight in Paris is open to ages 50 and older. Tickets: \$15 per person; weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Biloxi Parks & Recreation Office, 377 Hiller Drive. Details, call Mag at 228-861-0007, 228-896-0412 or Glenda at 228-547-8665.

**Halloween at Hiller Park,** Oct. 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Barbara Ferrill Softball Fields, 1940 Edgers Road. Free city event; ages 11 and younger; trick or treating and more. Details: 228-388-7170.

**Guns and Hoses Charity Pickleball Tournament,** Oct. 19, 9 a.m., Popp's Ferry Recreational Area, 2138 Popp's Ferry Road. Pickleball tournament featuring police officers, firefighters, ambulance and military, and supporters as participants. Benefit event. Free for active first responders, \$15 for retired first responders, and \$25 for non-first responders. Details: 228-233-8766, [www.msgulfcoastpickleball.com](http://www.msgulfcoastpickleball.com).

**Fishing for Catfish Kids Day,** Oct. 19, 8 a.m.-noon, Hiller Park Pond, 380 Hiller Drive. City even for children ages 15 and younger. Bring your own tackle box, cooler, fishing strings and bait. Lunch will be provided. Details: 228-388-7170.

**Biloxi Soccer Registration,** Oct. 19, 9 a.m.-noon, Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Ages 8-18. Fees apply. Registration also available at [biloxisoccer.net](http://biloxisoccer.net). Details: 228-388-2483 or [sports@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:sports@biloxi.ms.us).

**Thirty-third Annual Fall Muster,** Oct. 19 & 20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Beauvoir-The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library, 2244 Beach Blvd. Admission charged. Details: 228-388-4400.

**Thirteenth Annual Old Biloxi Cemetery Tours,** Oct. 20, 2-4 p.m. and Oct. 22, 5-7 p.m., Biloxi Cemetery, 1166 Irish Hill Drive. Themed "Biloxi's Colorful Past." Features tales from before alcohol and gambling were legal. Self-guided, continuous tours. Free event. Donations welcomed. Details: 228-435-6339.

**United States Air Force Band of the West Chamber Ensemble,** Oct. 20, 2 p.m. Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Free public performance. Refreshments will be available. Details: 228-374-3105.

**Christmas on the Water Kick-off Party,** Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m. Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum, 115 1st St. Details: 228-617-3112.

**Biloxi Community Market Festival,** Oct. 24, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., I-110 at Howard Avenue. Live entertainment, food, outdoor prizes, community market vendors, and Pumpkin Palooza activities for kids. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339.

**Seventeenth Annual Biloxi First Roast,** Oct. 24, 6 p.m., IP Casino Resort and Spa, 850 Bayview Ave. Honoring Paul Tisdale; benefiting classroom projects in Biloxi Public Schools. Details and ticket information: 228.860.8871, [ann.denison@biloxischools.net](mailto:ann.denison@biloxischools.net).

**Biloxi Main Street Book Club,** Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m., Jacked Up Coffee Bar, 999 Howard Ave. Book of the month is "The Hamilton Affair" and may be purchased at Southern Bound Books. Details: 228-435-6339.

**Military Retiree Appreciation Day,** Oct. 25, 8 a.m. Roberts Maintenance Facility, Keesler Air Force Base. Free event to honor military retirees for their service and includes lunch, prizes, a guest speaker and more than 30 vendors with retirement information. Details: 228-376-8111.

**Special Needs Halloween Costume Ball,** Oct. 25, 6-9 p.m. Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Free city event, open to all ages with physical and mental disabilities. Details: 228-388-7170.

**Clean up Park Day 2019,** Oct. 26, 9 a.m.-noon, Hiller Park Playground, 377 Hiller Drive. Open to all children and adults with physical and mental disabilities. Food will be available. Details: 228-388-7170, [programs@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:programs@biloxi.ms.us).

**Kroctober Fest!** Oct. 31, 5:30-8 p.m., The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 575 Division St. Costume contest (all ages welcome, NO adult masks), and food for purchase. Free admission. Details: 228-207-1218.



## Biloxi Football

Home Games played  
at Biloxi Indian Stadium,  
1845 Tribe Dr.

Details: 228-435-6310, • [www.biloxischools.net](http://www.biloxischools.net)

### Biloxi Junior High Football

- **Home Game:** Oct. 3, 5 & 6:30 p.m. – Biloxi vs. George County
- **Championship:** Oct. 24, Details TBA

### Biloxi 9th Grade Football

- **Championship:** Oct. 7, Details TBA

**Biloxi Little Theater**

220 Lee St., 228-432-8543, [www.4blt.org](http://www.4blt.org)  
 • **I Hate Hamlet**, Oct. 18, 20, 25, and 27.

**Center Stage**

2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258  
[centerstagebiloxi.com](http://centerstagebiloxi.com)

**Biloxi Lighthouse and Visitors Center**

1050 Beach Blvd., 228-374-3105, [www.biloxi.ms.us](http://www.biloxi.ms.us) • Open daily, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 • Lighthouse tours daily, 8-9:30 a.m., weather permitting

**Biloxi Schooners**

367 Beach Blvd., 228-435-6320, [schooner@maritimemuseum.org](mailto:schooner@maritimemuseum.org)  
 • Walk-on sunset sails, charters, or sails to Horn Island

**Biloxi Shrimping Trip**

693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, [biloxishrimpingtrip.com](http://biloxishrimpingtrip.com)  
 • Sunset cruises, fishing trips, and three shrimping trips daily.

**Biloxi Tour Train**

Biloxi Lighthouse Park parking lot, South of Biloxi Visitors Center, Traffic light #40; 228-374-8687, [www.biloxitourtrain.com](http://www.biloxitourtrain.com)  
 • Tours daily. Call for reservations. Experience the history of Biloxi with a ride on an open-air train.

**Betsy Ann Riverboat Cruise**

173 Beach Blvd., 228-229-4270, [betsyannriverboat@gmail.com](mailto:betsyannriverboat@gmail.com), [bestyannriverboat.com](http://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](http://msshipisland.com)  
 • Daily service through Oct. 27: Wednesday - Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 • Friday night Sunset Music Cruises every Friday night in Oct., 7-9 p.m., boarding begins at 6:30 p.m. Two special themed cruises: Oct. 11, Hot Rod Party Cruise; and Oct. 25, Halloween Party Boos Cruise with prizes for best costume.

**Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum**

115 1st St., 228-435-6320, [www.maritimemuseum.org](http://www.maritimemuseum.org)  
 • **Camille Conversations Lunch**, Oct. 4 – George Schloegel; Oct. 18 – Elaine Stevens  
 • **Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum Heritage Hall of Fame**, Oct. 26, 1-3 p.m.

**Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art**

386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, [www.georgeohr.org](http://www.georgeohr.org)

**West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum**

1046 Howard Ave., 435-6119/435-6200, [www.biloxi.ms.us](http://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  
 • **Meeting Night**, Oct. 2 & 16, 7 p.m. New members welcome.  
 • **Steak Nights with Entertainment**, Oct. 5 & 28. 6 p.m. Ribeye's, \$20  
 • **Charity Bingo**, Oct. 4, 11, & 25. Early Bird Start, 6:30 p.m.; Regular games, 7 p.m. Cash prizes, drawings and gifts. Kitchen open until 8:30 p.m.  
 • **Sunday Bingo**, Oct. 6, 13, 20, & 27. Early Bird Start, 2 p.m.; Regular games, 2:30 p.m. Jackpot cash prizes, drawings and gifts. Concessions available.  
 • **Other happenings**: Oct. 6-13, **Cruisin' The Coast events**; Oct. 18, 19, & 20, **Annual golf tournament**

**Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)**

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472  
 • Every Friday night in October, 6 p.m. **Seafood Dinners with Karaoke**, 7:30 p.m.

**Junior Varsity Football**

• **Home Game**: Oct. 7, 6 p.m. – Biloxi vs. West Harrison

**Biloxi High Varsity Football**

• **Home Game**: Oct. 4, 7 p.m. (Military & Law Enforcement Night) – Biloxi vs. Harrison Central HS  
 • **Home Game**: Oct. 25, 7 p.m. (Homecoming) – Biloxi vs. West Harrison HS

**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](mailto: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](http://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, Courtney 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
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Story Time Woolmarket Library	<b>1</b> Community Market Story Time W. Biloxi	<b>2</b> Biloxi Excel By 5 Orientation Biloxi Family Resources Center	<b>3</b> Biloxi Junior High Football Home Game Biloxi Indian Stadium	<b>4</b> First Friday Downtown Biloxi  Friday Night Dinners Fleur de Lis Society  Friday Morning Serial Gulf Coast Community Design Studio  Biloxi High Varsity Football Home Game Biloxi Indian Stadium  Styx IP Casino Resort & Spa	<b>5</b> Ohr Fest Biloxi Town Green   Loverboy Hard Rock  Brandon Bennett's Elvis My Way Beau Rivage  Boyz II Men Beau Rivage
<b>6</b> Cruisin' The Coast Starts Today  Tony Bennett Beau Rivage	<b>7</b> Story Time Woolmarket Library  Biloxi 9th Grade Football Championship  Biloxi Junior Varsity Football Home Game Biloxi Indian Stadium	<b>8</b> Community Market Story Time W. Biloxi	<b>9</b> Cruisin' The Coast Biloxi Block Party Downtown Biloxi  Biloxi Excel By 5 Orientation Biloxi Family Resources Center	<b>10</b> Community Market Story Time Biloxi Library  In Their Shoes Back Bay Mission	<b>11</b> Friday Night Dinners Fleur de Lis Society  Friday Morning Serial Gulf Coast Community Design Studio  Halloween in Woolmarket Woolmarket School Grounds  Travis Tritt IP Casino Resort & Spa  Beach Boys Beau Rivage	<b>12</b> Natasha Bedingfield IP Casino Resort & Spa  Beach Boys Beau Rivage
<b>13</b> Cruisin' The Coast Last Day	<b>14</b> Story Time Woolmarket Library	<b>15</b> Community Market Story Time W. Biloxi Time for Tea Biloxi Civic Center  Bike Biloxi Biloxi Visitors Center  Special Needs Volleyball Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Community Market Story Time Biloxi Library  Senior Prom IP Casino Resort & Spa	<b>18</b> Friday Night Dinners Fleur de Lis Society  Friday Morning Serial Gulf Coast Community Design Studio  Halloween at Hiller Park Barbara Ferrill Softball Fields  Temptations & Four Tops IP Casino Resort & Spa  Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons Beau Rivage	<b>19</b> Fishing for Catfish Hiller Park Pond  Guns & Hoses Pickleball Tournament Popp's Ferry Recreational Area  Soccer Registration Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center  Fall Muster – Beauvoir Dream Theater – Hard Rock  Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons Beau Rivage
<b>20</b> Fall Muster Beauvoir  Old Biloxi Cemetery Tours Biloxi Cemetery  USAF Band of the West Chamber Ensemble Biloxi Visitors Center	<b>21</b> Story Time Woolmarket Library	<b>22</b> Community Market Story Time-W. Biloxi Old Biloxi Cemetery Tours Biloxi Cemetery COTW Kick-Off Party – Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum  Special Needs Volleyball Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Community Market Festival Story Time Biloxi Library  Biloxi First Roast IP Casino Resort & Spa  Biloxi Main Street Book Club Jacked Up Coffee Bar  Biloxi Junior High Football Championship	<b>25</b> Military Retiree Appreciation Day KAFB, Roberts Maint. Facility  Friday Night Dinners Fleur de Lis Society  Special Needs Halloween Donal M. Snyder Sr. Com. Center  Biloxi High Varsity Football Home Game Biloxi Indian Stadium  Dennis DeYoung – Hard Rock Straight No Chaser – IP Air Supply – Beau Rivage	<b>26</b> Clean Up Park Day Hiller Park    Clint Black IP Casino Resort & Spa  Air Supply – Beau Rivage
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Story Time Woolmarket Library	<b>29</b> Community Market Story Time W. Biloxi	<b>30</b> Special Needs Volleyball Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center	<b>31</b> Community Market Festival Story Time Biloxi Library  Krocktoberfest Salvation Army Kroc Center	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

# What time is it?

In the early 1700's when Pierre D'Iberville came to the Coast, he and his crew arrived with limited supplies. Navigation tools were used when sailing and clocks, at the time, were rather large and heavy and hard to travel with. When establishing a new colony and acquiring items from France – a task that could take three months for a shore-to-shore boat delivery – an inventory list was created. An extensive inventory from 1713 shows an interesting array of items

## Back in the Day



By Jane Shambra

for our Fort Louis construction: bullets, lots of wine, salt, candles, padlocks, panes of glass, clothing, paper, and hourglasses. So, we have proof that hourglasses, in addition to starry skies and sun dials, were the main means of telling time back in those days.

In recent generations, Biloxi has told time by a variety of interesting methods.

### Factory whistles: Time to go to work

When Biloxi was the Seafood Capital of the World, steam-powered factory whistles would shout out the message "time to come to work." Each whistle had a powerful, distinct "voice" and sang out its unique tune.

### Church bells: Time to pray

Sheltered within the church steeples, metal bells would chime as huge ropes were pulled. Catholic churches would ring their bells at 6 a.m., noon, and 6 p.m. as a reminder of prayer time. Bells would sing a different tune for weddings and funerals.

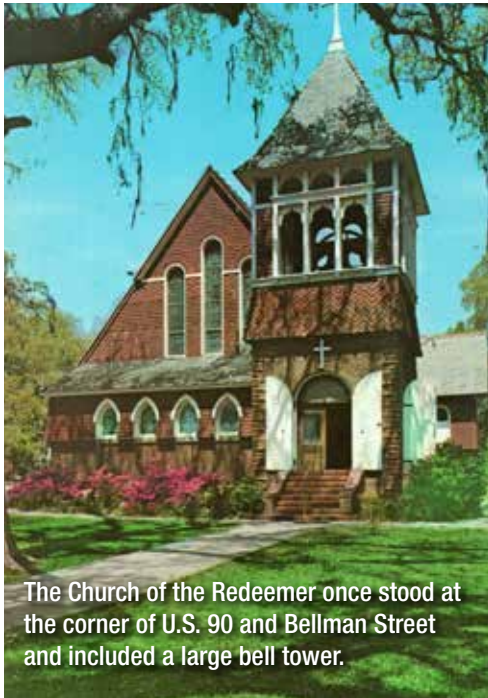
### School bells: The victory bell

When school games were won, a bell would chime proudly emitting news throughout the airwaves. The original Biloxi High School Victory Bell, cast in 1899, is preserved in the courtyard of the Biloxi High School. Today, huge bells no longer make school announcements. Electronic bells tell students what time classes begin and end, and alert entire school populations in coded, electronic messages about schedules, tornadoes, fires, and dangerous situations.

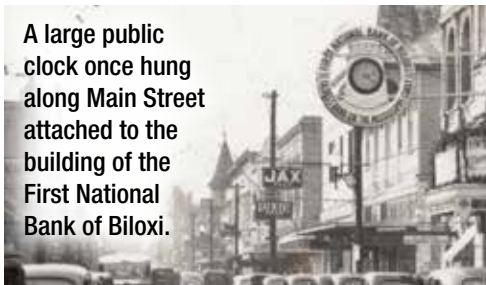
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Biloxi High School seniors pose with the Biloxi High School Victory Bell in 1962.



The Church of the Redeemer once stood at the corner of U.S. 90 and Bellman Street and included a large bell tower.



A large public clock once hung along Main Street attached to the building of the First National Bank of Biloxi.

### Time to shop: Meet me under the clock on Howard Avenue

We often see old pictures of downtown Biloxi stores with huge clocks hanging on or near their buildings. They always kept track of time for us so we wouldn't miss the next trolley or be late for ice cream with our special friend at Kimbrough and Quint's drug store.

### Time to get up: Cock-a-doodle-do

Grandma Polly had lots of chicken and roosters in her yard. She would buy them live from the market. Every morning, when I spent the night at Grandma's, the roosters would crow at dawn telling us it was time to get up and start a new day.

### Sirens: Time to be safe

The Biloxi Fire Department has always had special whaling sirens on its fire trucks to alert folks that time is of an essence and everyone should get out of the way to let the fire trucks pass. Presently, the City of Biloxi still has 10 weather alert sirens throughout the city, most near its fire stations. They are tested periodically and can announce warnings for hurricanes, tornadoes, and severe weather situations.

Today, we depend mostly on cell phones, electronic school buzzers, and digital battery-operated gadgets to tell us what time it is. I still miss the big school bell, factory whistles and Grandma's barnyard friends. Ahh, those were the days!

Steam-powered factory whistles, like this one, would sound and signal to the start of the work day.







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