

Best Bets!

Mardi Gras Parades in Biloxi



- Feb. 15:** Biloxi Children's Mardi Gras Walking parade, 10 a.m., Downtown Biloxi
- Feb. 16:** Krewe of Barkloxi Bow Wow parade, Noon, Biloxi Town Green
- Feb. 22:** Second Liners Mardi Gras parade, Noon, Downtown Biloxi
- Feb. 22:** Krewe of Neptune Night parade, 5:30 p.m., Downtown Biloxi
- Feb. 25:** Gulf Coast Carnival Association parade, 1 p.m., Downtown Biloxi



Explore the history, culture of the Coast

Want to know more about the decades of history of the Mississippi Gulf Coast? Well, on Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Biloxi Visitors Center will be filled with old newspaper clippings and photos, historical displays, books, and more for the annual Gulf Coast Historical and Cultural Exposition. This year's event will be dedicated to the late Edmond Boudreaux who would usually make an appearance at the event and occasionally in colonial gab. The event is free to attend. Details: 228-374-3105.

First Friday, on hiatus for February. Event returns March 6. Details: 228-435-6339

Mississippi Senior Olympics Registration, through March 1. State games open to ages 50 and older and includes various sporting events taking place along the Mississippi Gulf Coast beginning March 20. Details: www.msseniorolymp.org

7th Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night, Feb. 1, 5-7 p.m., Salvation Army Kroc Center MS Gulf Coast, 575 Division St. Dancing and dinner. Tickets: \$20 per couple; \$5 per additional child. Tickets: www.krocmscoast.org

Baseball and Softball Registration, Feb. 1 and 8, 9 a.m.-noon, Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Baseball is open to ages 4-16 (must be 4 by April 30, 2020) and softball is open to ages 5-16 (must be 5 by Jan. 1, 2020). Fees apply. Details: 228-388-2483

Keesler Air Force Base Art and History Exhibits Reception, Feb. 6, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Opening reception for Keesler Air Force Base art and history exhibits. Event will include refreshments and historical and cultural vendors. Free admission. Details: 228-374-3105

Gulf Coast Historical and Cultural Exposition, Feb. 7 and 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. The City of Biloxi and Preserve Biloxi event will feature displays and presentations from historical and cultural groups from across the MS Gulf Coast. A preview reception will be held Thursday, Feb. 6 at 5:30 p.m. Free admission. Details: 228-374-3105

Gallery 782, Feb. 7, 5-8 p.m. 773 Jackson St. Special Valentine's reception and art show featuring artwork from all Gallery 782 members, titled "Love is in the Air Special Show." Free admission. Details: 228-436-7782.

City of Biloxi Parks & Recreation Father Daughter Dance, Feb. 7, 6-9 p.m. Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Open to all fathers and daughters. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170

Anything Goes Art, Feb. 8, 10 a.m.-noon. Biloxi Library, 580 Howard Ave. Create Valentine's crafts with the family. Details: 228-436-3095, Miss Kelly

Friday Morning Serial, Feb. 14 and 28, 8-9 a.m., Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, 769 Howard Ave. Feb. 14 will feature Bill Cork, CEO of Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission. Feb. 28 will feature Angela Singletary health coach and manager of "Purpose by Ang." Group discussion may also be part of the events. Free admission. Details and to confirm attendance: eenglebretson@gccds.msstate.edu, 228-436-4661

8th Annual "Run for the Beads" 1-mile Fun Run/5k, Feb. 15, 7:45 a.m. Registration begins; 8:45 a.m. 1M; 9 a.m. 5K, 140 Lameuse St. Race begins and ends across from Biloxi City Hall followed by a post-race party with drinks and food. Fees apply. Register online: www.gulfcoastcarnivalassociation.com. Details: 5krun@msgcca.org

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Sweetheart Dances

The Salvation Army Kroc Center and the City of Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department will each hold father daughter dances this month. The Kroc Center's event, Daddy Daughter Date Night, will take place at the center on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. and will include a dinner. Tickets are \$20 per couple and \$5 per additional child and may be purchased at the Kroc Center on Division Street. The Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department's event, Father Daughter Dance, will take place at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center on Friday, Feb. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. The event is free and will include photo ops and refreshments. Call the Parks & Recreation office at 228-388-7170 for more information on their event.

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 21st 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

Annual Biloxi Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade, Feb. 15, 10 a.m., Downtown Biloxi. Open to ages 12 and younger. Themed "Carnaval Du Cirque," the parade travels from under the I-110 on Howard Avenue and ends at Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Registration forms available at Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd and online at www.biloxi.ms.us on the Parks & Recreation page. Late registration and costume and float sign up: 9 to 9:45 a.m. at the parade start. Details, 228-3743105 or visitor@biloxi.ms.us



Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier, Feb. 15, 11 a.m., Beauvoir The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library, 2244 Beach Blvd. Event will celebrate the fourth pilgrimage ceremony at Beauvoir to honor the Unknown Confederate soldier. Admission charged. Details: 228-388-4400 x217

4th Annual Krewe of Barkloxi Bow Wow Pawrade, Feb. 16, Noon. registration/check-in; 1 p.m. parade, Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Details and registration: <https://hssm.org/events/krewe-of-barkloxi-4th-annual-bow-wow-pawrade/> or call 228-822-3802. Additional details: 228-435-6149



Bike Biloxi, Feb. 18, 6 p.m. Ride begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., and travels through downtown. Bicycle ride ends with refreshments at a downtown restaurant at cyclist's expense.

Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

Special Needs Mardi Gras Ball & Dance, Feb. 21, 6-9 p.m. Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Mardi Gras themed event open to all with physical and mental disabilities. A King, Queen, Grand Duke, and Duchess will be crowned by random drawing. Hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and entertainment. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170



Second Liners Mardi Gras Parade, Feb. 22, Noon. Parade route begins at Nichols Drive and Division Street, travels west on Division Street, south on Caillavet Street, east on Howard Avenue, north on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., north on Main St., east on Esters Blvd. and ends at Doris C. Busch Park, 645 Esters Blvd. Details: 228-435-6346 or 228-365-9070



Krewe of Neptune Night Mardi Gras Parade, Feb. 22, 5:30 p.m. Parade route begins at Main Street and Esters Blvd., travels south on Main, west on U.S. 90, north on Lamesue Street, east on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., east on Howard Avenue, north on Caillavet Street and ends at Bayview Avenue. Details: info@kreweofneptune.org

Gulf Coast Carnival Association Coronation Ball, Feb. 24, 8 p.m. Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, 2350 Beach Blvd. Witness the coronation of King d'Iberville and Queen Ixolib who will rule

over Carnival for 2020! Admission is free but one must pick up a view card from the Biloxi Visitors Center or Biloxi City Hall. Details: 228-432-8806

Gulf Coast Carnival Association Parade, Feb. 25, 1 p.m. Parade route begins at Main Street and MLK Jr. Blvd, travels south on Main Street, west on U.S. 90, north on Lameuse Street, west on MKL Jr. Blvd., south on Reynoir Street, west on U.S. 90, north on Porter Avenue, east on Howard Avenue, and ends at Caillavet Street. Details: 228-432-8806, www.msgcca.org

Mardi Gras 2020 Cleanup Krewe, Feb. 25, 1 p.m., Downtown Biloxi. The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup and Plastic Free Gulf Coast have partnered to hit the streets to help with post parade cleanup. Volunteers needed to join the Cleanup Krewe which follows the parade. Details: amanda.sartain@msstate.edu

Special Needs & Elderly Mardi Gras Parade Seating, Feb. 25, 11 a.m., Biloxi Town Green 710 Beach Blvd. Free seating for the Gulf Coast Carnival Association Mardi Gras Parade. Details: 228-388-7170

Main Street Book Club, Feb. 27, 5:30 p.m., Jacked Up Coffee Bar, 999 Howard Ave. Book of the month is "Thirteen Moons" and may be purchased at Southern Bound Book Shop, located next door to the coffee bar. Interested in joining the book club? Just stop by the free meeting or call Biloxi Main Street at 228-435-6339.

Annual Arbor Day Run/Walk/Roll for Disability Awareness, Feb. 29, 8 a.m. Registration; 9 a.m. 5K. Biloxi Town Green 710 Beach Blvd. Register online at www.gulfcoastrunningclub.org. Details: 228-604-4020



Biloxi Little Theater

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

- **Arsenic and Old Lace**, Feb. 1 & 2

Center Stage

2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258,

centerstagebiloxi.com

- **Other Peoples Monday**, Feb. 6-16

Biloxi Schooners

367 Beach Blvd., 228-435-6320, schooner@maritimemuseum.org

- Walk-on sunset sails, charters, or sails to Horn Island

Biloxi Shrimping Trip

693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, 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

- 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, bestyannriverboat.com

- Historical & Ecological Tour, and Sunset Eco Tours

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

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

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

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

- **Bubbles & Bonbons: A Galentine's Affair**, Feb. 7, 6-8 p.m. Admission: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door
- Check the website for more events and studio classes at OOMA!

Ship Island Excursion

Margaritaville Resort boat dock,

195 Beach Blvd., 228-864-1014, msshipisland.com

- Ferry service resumes spring 2020. Private charters available year round.

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

- **Meeting Night**, Feb. 5 and 19. New members welcome
- **Mardi Gras Ball**, Feb. 1, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$15 per person
- **Steak Night with Entertainment**, Feb. 8, 22, and 29; Steaks: \$20
- **Charity Bingo**, Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28. Early bird begins at 6:30 p.m. Regular games begin at 7 p.m. Cash prizes, drawing and gifts. Kitchen open until 8:30 p.m.
- **Sunday Bingo**, Feb., 2, 9, 16, and 29. Early bird begins at 2 p.m. Regular games begins at 2:30 p.m. Jackpot cash prizes, drawing and gifts. Concession available.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- **Dinners every Friday night in February**, 6-8 p.m. Karaoke at 7:30 p.m. Call for details.

Lagniappe**Charles R. Hegwood****Biloxi Community Market**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 a.m.-4 p.m. under the I-110 overpass on the corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard.

Details: Tina Cowart at 228-388-2443.

City of Biloxi Senior Program

Activities for ages 55 and older weekdays

at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center and the East Biloxi Senior Citizen Center. Details: Gwen Johnson,

228-388-2494, seniors@biloxi.ms.us.

Biloxi Libraries

- Biloxi Library, 580 Howard Ave., 228-436-3095
- Margaret Sherry Library, 2141 Popp's Ferry Road, 228-388-1633
- West Biloxi Library, 2047 Pass Road, 228-388-5696
- Woolmarket Library, 13034 Kayleigh Cove, 228-354-9464

For more information call the Harrison County Library System at 228-436-3095.

Biloxi Main Street

Promoting, preserving, revitalizing and enhancing the economic growth

of the downtown Main

Street district. Details and

membership: 228-435-6339,

mainstreetbiloxi.com

**City of Biloxi Public Meetings**

- **Architectural Review Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second and fourth Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Biloxi City Council:** Regularly scheduled meetings: first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. and the third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.; City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-435-6257.
- **Biloxi Civil Service Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m.; City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-435-6259, Cortney Lamar
- **Biloxi Planning Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: first and third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Development Review Committee:** Regularly scheduled meetings: Wednesdays at 9 a.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Tree Committee:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second Monday of each month at 4 p.m.; Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, 769 Howard Ave. Details: 228-435-6266.

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