

Best Bets!

Kick off the Mardi Gras season



On Jan. 5, Biloxi will officially usher in the Mardi Gras season with the Twelfth Night celebration. The Gulf Coast Carnival Association's Royal Court will turn the Christmas lights off at the Biloxi Lighthouse and parade to Biloxi City Hall. The occasion also serves as a reminder of the religious significance of Carnival, often lost on the tens of thousands of revelers at Mardi Gras parades. Twelfth Night, the twelfth day from Christmas, is the night before the Epiphany, the day when the three wise men visited the infant Jesus, foretelling the revelation of God the Son being born as a human. Details: 228-374-3105.



Fire Station 7 dedication

The Biloxi Fire Department invites the public to a dedication ceremony for the city's newest fire station, Station 7, on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 10 a.m. The 13,000-square-foot command station will be the department's first ever training facility. It will serve the areas north of the Bay of Biloxi, located on Popp's Ferry Road east of Cedar Lake, and will replace a trailer the firefighters has been working out of since 2001. The ceremony will include speakers, station tours, and refreshments. The event is free and open to the public. Details: 228-435-6200.



New Year's Eve Oyster Ball Drop, Dec. 31, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum, 115 1st Street. Celebrate the New Year with dancing, heavy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, party favors and music by Ruffwater. At midnight, the big oyster ball will drop and the factory whistle will blow. Fireworks, donuts and coffee will follow. Admission: \$75 per person (age 21 and older). Details: 228-435-6320



Twelfth Night, Jan. 5, 5 p.m. Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Christmas season officially changes to Mardi Gras season in Biloxi. The Christmas lights will be extinguished on the Biloxi Lighthouse, followed by a parade at 6:30 p.m. to Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-314-4747 or email museum@coastalmardigras.com



Biloxi Excel by 5 January Orientation, Jan. 8 & 29, 9:30 a.m. Biloxi Family Resources Center, 140 St. John Ave. Orientation is monthly through April for parents/caregivers and is required before children play in the interactive rooms. Details: 228-297-6808 or email susan.hunt@biloxischools.net

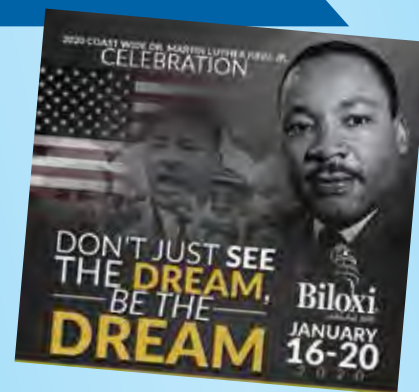
Frosty Kroc Run, 1-Mile, 5K, 10K, Jan. 11, 4:30-8:30 p.m. Race begins at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino, 151 Beach Blvd., travels the Biloxi Bay Bridge and finishes at the Golden Nugget. 10K travels into Ocean Springs. Fees and details: 228-207-1218 or www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/frosty-kroc-run



Biloxi Fire Station 7 Ribbon Cutting, Jan. 11, 10 a.m. 1672 Popp's Ferry Road. Join the City of Biloxi Fire Department for a dedication ceremony for its newest station and first ever training facility. Ceremony will include station tours and refreshments. Details: 228-435-6200

Coastwide MLK Celebration, Jan. 16-20. Theme: "Don't Just See the Dream, Be the Dream." The celebration includes speakers, a parade, the battle of the bands and more. Details: www.mlkcoastwide.com

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Celebrate MLK

The annual Coastwide MLK Celebration has gained a reputation over the years for having a top-notch lineup of events including the annual MLK parade. The 2020 theme is "Don't Just See the Dream, Be the Dream" and activities include a Power in Pumps event on Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Biloxi Visitors Center; a social justice symposium at the Moss Point High School on Jan. 18; a gospel inspirational featuring Mike Espy at the Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Pascagoula on Jan. 19; and the MLK parade in downtown Biloxi followed by the MLK Battle of the Bands at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum on Jan. 20, MLK Jr. Day. Details: www.mlkcoastwide.com

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 20th issue of BNews Monthly. It's a compendium of things you should know about your city: status reports on current and pending public works, and a calendar of community events covering the next 30 days.

Calendar: Biloxi Downtown Services is responsible for the Community Calendar, a compendium of events open to the public in Biloxi. Deadline for publication citywide and online is the 10th of each month. Listing must include name of event, date, time, location, one- or two-sentence description, admission fee, phone number or web address. Email to Kay Miller, downtown services manager, kmiller@biloxi.ms.us.

Bmail: The city provides information about projects and events via email. Sign up at biloxi.ms.us/register.

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

Website: The city's website, at biloxi.ms.us, is the comprehensive digest of city information. The website also has links to the city's Facebook and YouTube platforms.

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Frequently Called Numbers

Area code is 228 unless otherwise noted.

- Animal Control 392-0641
- Auto Tag/Property Tax Information 435-8242
- Birth Certificates 601-576-7960
- Building Permits 435-6270
- Business Licenses 435-6247
- City Council 435-6257
- City Court 435-6125
- Code Enforcement 435-6270
- Drivers Licenses 396-7400
- Emergency Police and Fire 911
- Garbage Collection 701-9086
- Housing Authority 374-7771
- Human Resources 435-6259
- Mayor's Office 435-6254
- Museums Information 435-6244
- Parks & Recreation 388-7170
- Planning Commission 435-6266
- Public Schools 374-1810
- Streets and Drainage 435-6271
- Visitor Info 374-3105 or 1-800-BILOXI-3
- Water Service 435-6236



Bike Biloxi, Jan. 21, 6 p.m. Begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. The free, fun-filled ride through downtown ends with refreshments at a downtown restaurant at cyclists' expense. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

Main Street Book Club, Jan., 23, 5:30 p.m., Jacked Up Coffee Bar, 999 Howard Ave. Book of the month is "Outlander" 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. Details: 228-435-6339

Arsenic and Old Lace, Jan. 24-26 & Jan. 31-Feb. 2, Biloxi Little Theatre, 220 Lee St. Details: 228-432-8543 or www.4BLT.org

Parenting with Love, Safety & Health, Jan. 28, 5 p.m. Mealtime; 5:30-7:30 p.m. Biloxi Family Resource Center, 140 St. John Ave. Biloxi Excel by 5 event open to parents with children ages five and younger. Event educates on the importance of using positive discipline techniques and addresses reasons for misbehavior. Free admission but registration required by Jan. 23. Class limited to 20 parents. Details: Susan Hunt, 228-297-6808, or susan.hunt@biloxischools.net

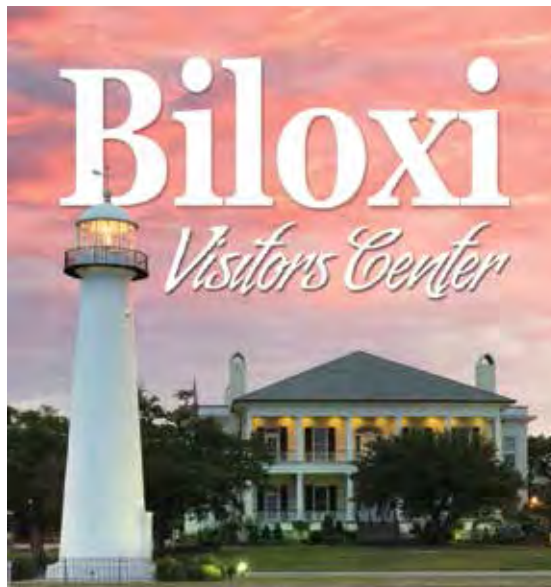
30th Annual State of the City Address, Jan. 30, doors open at 11 a.m., program begins at 11:30 a.m., Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, Magnolia Ballroom, 875 Beach Blvd. Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich will deliver his annual State of the City presentation during the Biloxi Bay Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Tickets: \$50 per person; Reserved table for 10 people: \$500. Reservation deadline is Jan. 23. Details: 228-435-6149 or email info@biloxibayareachamber.org

Biloxi Little Theater

220 Lee St., 228-432-8543, www.4blt.org
 • **Arsenic and Old Lace,** Jan. 24-26 and Jan. 31-Feb. 2

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, 8-9:30 a.m., weather permitting

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

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

Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum

762 Howard Ave., 228-435-6308

Open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

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

- **Holiday Open House**, Dec. 14, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

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

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**, Jan. 15, 7 p.m. New members welcome.
- **Steak Nights with Entertainment**, Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25; Steaks: \$20
- **Charity Bingo**, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Early bird starts 6:30 p.m.; regular games 7 p.m. Cash prizes, drawing and gifts. Kitchen open until 8:30 p.m.
- **Sunday Bingo**, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26. Early bird starts 2 p.m.; regular games at 2:30 p.m. Jackpot cash prizes, drawing and gifts. Concession available.
- **Mardi Gras Ball**, Feb. 1. Tickets on sale now. \$15 per person. Party favors, champagne and breakfast included.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

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

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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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