

Best Bets!

BBQ is the flavor of Grillin' on the Green

The 14th annual family-fun event, Grillin' on the Green, takes place on Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Grilling teams, 25 to be exact, will compete with barbecue ribs and chicken brisket for more than \$6,000 in cash prizes. Dozens of arts and craft vendors, a children's play area and live entertainment will also be part of the Biloxi Main Street event. Oh, and don't forget to get your Grillin' on the Green t-shirt. Details: 228-435-6339.



Green is the color of the St. Patrick's parade

Annual Hibernia Society St. Patrick's Day Parade will fill the downtown streets of Biloxi in green when they parade on March 16 beginning at 2 p.m. The parade will travel west on U.S. 90 from the Biloxi Yacht Club, turn north at Lameuse Street, west on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, onto Howard Avenue at Reynoir, and then north on Caillavet Street, ending a half-block east on Esters Boulevard. Details: 228-424-1016 or www.jokeefe10@aol.com

Discover the Niña and the Pinta, Feb. 20-March 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum Schooner Pier, 367 Beach Blvd. 'Sailing museum' educating the public and school children on the 'caravel,' a Portuguese ship used by Columbus and many early explorers. Admission ranges: \$6.50 to \$8.50; free for ages 4 and under. Details: 228-435-6320



First Friday Downtown + Gallery 782 11th Anniversary Celebration, March 6, 5-8 p.m., Rue Magnolia and Jackson Street. Join Biloxi Main Street for their monthly event celebrating Downtown Biloxi. This month's event includes vendors, live entertainment by Thomas Jackson, prizes and the opening of the Green House in Biloxi with Wes Anderson themed art show, "I Produced A Hip Art Show." Details: 228-435-6339

Gallery 782 Anniversary Party, 773 Jackson St., March 6, 5-8 p.m. Gallery celebrates its 11th year in Downtown Biloxi. Festivities include "Steel Crazy After All These Years," art show, artwork with metallic elements, nearly a dozen gift baskets – valued between \$400-\$450 – to be raffled off (tickets on sale now and available before raffle) and hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Details: 228-436-7782

Hancock Whitney Classic, March 10, 6 p.m.; March 11, 5 p.m. Matchup of two top college baseball teams, Mississippi State Bulldogs and Texas Tech Red Raiders. Details: <https://www.milb.com/biloxi/events/mississippi-state-vs-texas-tech>

Special Needs St. Patrick's Dance, March 13, 6-9 p.m. Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road, Biloxi. Free event open to all ages with physical and mental disabilities. A Grand Marshall and Colleen will be crowned by random drawing. Food and door prizes. Details: 228-388-7170

Irish Derby/5K Run, March 14, 9 a.m., begins at Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. The run is held in conjunction with the Hibernia Society's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Presented by the Hibernia Marching Society and The Gulf Coast Running Club. Details: www.gulfcoastrunningclub.org

14th Annual Grillin' On The Green, March 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Event features over 25 teams competing for cash and prizes, cold beer and hot BBQ, live music throughout the day: Rhythm and Rain at 10 a.m.; Unfazed at noon; and Ty Taylor and the Kinfolk at 2 p.m.; kids' zone and other children's activities. Enjoy viewing the Hibernia Society's St. Patrick's Day parade from the festival and stay for the exciting presentation of the Grand Champion Trophy! Admission is free. Details: 228-435-6339

42nd Annual Hibernia Society St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 14, 2 p.m. Parade begins at the Biloxi Yacht Club, 408 Beach Blvd., ends on Esters Boulevard and features bands, military units, flag bearers, bagpipers, leprechauns, a horse-drawn carriage with the parade's Grand Marshal and Colleen, and colorful floats tossing Irish trinkets, green beads, and doubloons. Details: 228-424-1016 or www.jokeefe10@aol.com

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Mississippi State plays ball at MGM Park

The Biloxi Shuckers team up with Hancock Whitney to bring the Hancock Whitney Classic to MGM Park on March 10 and 11. Mississippi State and Texas Tech will square off in two games, March 10 at 6 p.m. and March 11 at 5 p.m. Each team has reached the College World Series in back-to-back seasons and enter 2020 with high rankings: Texas Tech Red Raiders ranked sixth in the nation in the D1Baseball.com preseason poll and MS State Bulldogs ranked tenth. Tickets for both games of the Hancock Whitney Classic are on sale at biloxishuckers.com or through the MGM Park Box Office.

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 22nd 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
- Citizen services (streets, lights) 435-6271
- City Council 435-6257
- City Court 435-6125
- Code Enforcement 435-0841
- 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

Barbeshella BBQ and Music Festival, March 14, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd. Event includes craft vendors, food, beer, a kid's zone and the musical talents of The Bayou Bandits and Honey Island Swamp Band. Admission: \$12.50, military discounts available; does not include food or beverage. Details: 228-388-4400

Biloxi Excel by 5: Fire Prevention: Managing Parental Conflict in Relationships & Just Cool It, March 17, 5 p.m. Mealtime; Event, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free workshop. Open to parents with children ages 5 and younger. Registration required by Tuesday, March 10. Childcare available. Details: 228-297-6808 or susan.hunt@biloxischools.net

Bike Biloxi, March 17, 6 p.m. Ride begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., and travels through downtown. 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

Senior Games Opening Ceremonies, March 20, 5-8 p.m. MGM Park, 106 Caillavet St. Ceremonies open to all Mississippi Olympics athletes for free and \$10 for one guest. Seafood buffet and music will also be part of the event. Details: www.msseniorolymp.org

Mississippi Senior Olympics, Begins March 20. Various times and locations along the MS Gulf Coast. Games open to ages 50 and older. Various state games will be played at various venues along the coast in March, April and May with triathlon taking place in August and cycling in October. Details: www.msseniorolymp.org



Hop the Trail to Bunnyland, March 21, 9-11:30 a.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Free event open to ages five and younger and their parents or guardians. Activities, photos and refreshments. Details: 228-388-7170 or 228-297-6808



Rapiscan Systems Classic Golf Tournament, March 23-29, times vary, Fallen Oak Golf Course, 24400 Highway 15. This PGA TOUR-sanctioned event is held annually at Fallen Oak, joining the PGA TOUR's Sanderson Farms Championship and the Web.com Tour's North Mississippi Classic. Mississippi is one of just five states to host an annual tournament on all three Tours. Admission and details: www.rapiscansystemsclassic.com

Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Pilgrimage, March 25-28, times vary. The 68th Spring Pilgrimage provides opportunities to explore a variety of venues including gracious homes with beautiful interiors and colorful gardens, local museums and historic sites from Diamondhead to Moss Point. Admission is free; donations are accepted. Details: www.springpilgrimage.com

Biloxi Main Street Book Club, March 26, 5:30 p.m., Jacked Up Coffee Bar, 999 Howard Ave. The book of the month is "Murder Among The Tombstones" and may be purchased at Southern Bound Book Shop, located next door to the coffee bar. Author Kim Carter will be in attendance for a lively discussion. Interested in joining the book club? Just stop by the free meeting or call Biloxi Main Street at 228-435-6339.

Taste of South MS, March 26, 5:30-8 p.m., Coastal-themed tasting event with some of South Mississippi's best dishes and includes entertainment. Funds raised provide assistance towards membership and programs. Admission: \$30 per person. Free childcare for first 40 reserved spots. Details: 228-207-1218 or visit online at <https://krocmscoast.org/taste-of-south-mississippi/>

Biloxi Chamber of Commerce Craft Beer Festival, March 28, 4-7 p.m., MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St. Featuring over 40 craft beers for sampling, live entertainment and food. Early registration is \$35, event day admission is \$45, and VIP registration is \$70. Details: 228-604-0014

Woolmarket Area Summer Camp Registration, March 28, 9 a.m.-noon. Woolmarket Elementary School, 12513 John Lee Road. Fees apply. Details: 228-388-7170, biloxi.ms.us

Easter Extravaganza, Woolmarket Area, March 28, 2-4 p.m. Woolmarket Elementary School, 12513 John Lee Road. Open to ages 11 and younger. Free event includes games, food, bounce house, picture with the Easter Bunny, and an Easter Egg Hunt. Details: 228-388-7170



Biloxi Little Theater

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

- **Lemmings**, March 13-15

Center Stage

2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258,

centerstagebiloxi.com

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

Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum

762 Howard Ave., 228-435-6308, <https://www.facebook.com/biloximardigrasmuseum/>

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

- **Art In Mind**, March 2 and March 6, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Admission is free. Experience the beneficial effects of art on your mental health. Monthly art program for senior citizens, free museum tour, art activity, making connections in a social environment.
- 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**, March 4 and 18, 7 p.m. New members welcome
- **Steak Night with Entertainment**, March 7, 14, and 21, 6 p.m.; Steaks: \$20
- **First Responders and Awards Night**, March 28 – Members only event
- **Charity Bingo**, March 6, 13, 20 and 27. 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**, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 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

- **Seafood Dinners every Friday night**, 6-8 p.m. Karaoke with Kenny 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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