

Now's not the time to let your guard – or mask – down

The average number of new cases of the coronavirus continued to increase in Harrison County in June, and Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich is reminding residents and business owners that it's now more important than ever to be vigilant in following safety guidelines.

“I realize that as a community and as a nation we have been dealing with this for three months now,” Gilich said, “but the fact is, since more and more businesses are expanding their hours, we're seeing the numbers increase.

“People cannot become complacent. We

need to remember that this virus is out there, it's a threat, and it spreads from person to person,” Gilich declared. “Take steps to reduce your risk: Wash your hands frequently. Avoid crowds. Social distance. Wear a mask for your own protection and for the protection of others.”

The Mississippi State Department of Health in June labeled Harrison County as a hot spot in the state as cases climbed.

“We watch the numbers closely,” Gilich said. “We've seen the average number of cases

climb from 2.64 to 8.86 in mid-June, and what we want to avoid seeing is new cases turn into hospitalizations.

“Our frontline health care workers have not become overwhelmed, but they do continue to see new covid cases. They have the capacity, but we must continue to keep the number of new cases down. It's a matter of personal responsibility.”

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Storm season makes its presence known

Tropical Storm Cristobal ushered in the 2020 Hurricane Season in June, reminding residents and business owners that even a tropical storm can be an issue.

Gusty winds drove water over low-lying roadways and the rising tide and angry waves damaged piers as the storm dumped 7.7 inches of rain on Biloxi, closing many roadways.

“It was a little bit more than I thought it would be,” Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich said on Monday, June 8, after a weekend of tropical winds and rain closed many of the city's roadways.

“I think many people were surprised by the strength of

the storm, considering how far away we were from the center,” Gilich declared.

No deaths, injuries or house flooding were reported in Biloxi, but first responders rescued more than two dozen motorists whose vehicles became stranded after driving into flooded streets, primarily U.S. 90 Sunday afternoon.

Said Biloxi Emergency Manager Nick Geiser: “This storm and its impact are vivid reminders for people to be prepared this hurricane season, not just for hurricanes, but for any weather-related events. Have a plan and follow that plan.”

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Mayor Gilich sets the scene for The Weather Channel's Felicia Combs and Co. – and a national audience.

Come storm time, the nation is watching

The Weather Channel was in town the other day, as Cristobal ushered in the 2020 storm season. The tropical storm, of course, was the wind-and-rain nuisance it was expected to be, albeit hours longer than anticipated by some.

But what fateful timing it was on June 5. There was Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich being interviewed live by The Weather Channel meteorologist Felicia Combs with the Biloxi waterfront as a backdrop, on the second anniversary of the passing of longtime mayor A.J. Holloway.

Holloway had some of his best – albeit unvarnished – moments on The Weather Channel.

There was the prophetic interview Mayor Holloway did with storm chaser Jim Cantore, with the Emerald Beach hotel in the background, a day or two before Katrina decimated Biloxi and made the Emerald Beach nothing but a memory.



Cantore had advised Mayor Holloway to get out and look at his Biloxi that day because it wouldn't look the same tomorrow.

But the line I remember with a smile was when Cantore asked about evacuations. Said Mayor Holloway: “We haven't started the contraband yet.” (Or was that contraflow?)

Mayor Gilich, for his part, said the biggest challenge on the live segments is the brevity.

“They don't give you enough time,” said Gilich, who has the same complaint locally. “I'm

standing there, locked and loaded, and you have 30 to 45 seconds to answer a question. It takes me two minutes just to say hello.”

But, to be sure, it's a national platform for Biloxi. “You're definitely pitching Biloxi,” the mayor said. “People will want to come back when the weather is good.”

And how was Mayor Gilich received by The Weather Channel?

They wanted him back the next day, more than once, in fact.

Genuine, these Biloxi mayors are.



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The nom de plume Nick L. Shrimp is a homage to the late Walter Fountain, original olde crab, longtime editor of the Biloxi-D'Iberville Press, and longtime Biloxi Chamber of Commerce manager.

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Biloxi High School named best on Coast, No. 4 in state

Biloxi High School has been named the No. 1 high school on the Coast and the No. 4 high school in the state by U.S. News & World Report, whose website is visited by 42 million visitors a month.

This annual ranking is based on six factors: college readiness, reading and math proficiency, reading and math performance, underserved student performance, college curriculum breadth and graduation rates. Biloxi High scored a 90.24 out of 100 possible points.

"This is a tremendous credit to the students, teachers, staff and parents," Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich said, "and it is a tremendous honor for our city. The quality of schools is a

key factor families and businesses consider when they are looking to re-locate, and this will certainly be great news for military members being assigned to Keesler Air Force Base.

"Biloxi High School has an amazing student body and a top notch teaching staff that consistently strives for excellence," said Biloxi High School Principal Teresa Martin. "Our district, parents and community support are the driving force behind our continued success."

With an enrollment of 1,650 students, Biloxi High's diverse population is a major contributing factor to the culture of the school, school leaders say. The students scored in the Top 10 in the state in college readiness, and

math and reading proficiency and performance.

Said Superintendent Marcus Boudreaux: "This is a well-deserved honor for Biloxi High and a great reflection of the hard work and dedication put in by the BHS staff and students. While this recognition only mentions Biloxi High School, it is in fact a direct result of the efforts put forth throughout the entire Biloxi School District. The education that our students receive at every level in Biloxi contributes to their success when they reach the high school. Congratulations to all that helped us achieve this distinction!"

► Visit Biloxi Public Schools at biloxischools.net

Mayor on the record: Coronavirus, Biloxi on the move, Cristobal and more

Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich had spoken on a number of issues over the past few weeks. A synopsis:

New cases of the coronavirus are spiking in Harrison County after the city had seemed to keep things in check for so long. Your thoughts?

This has certainly been unprecedented, the things we have had to do, as individuals, as business owners and as a community.

The nation's leading health authorities are giving the best advice. The disease spreads from person to person. Some are more vulnerable than others, especially the elderly and those with other health issues. And some otherwise healthy people have the virus but do not show symptoms.

The fact is, yes, we saw an increase in numbers, and that's going to happen when you're in a city that has millions of visitors each year.

What I continue to ask people to do is be careful. Use common sense. Be prudent. Follow the advice. Think of others.

What impact did the shutdown have on Biloxi's finances?

The city is going to feel an impact – just like any homeowner or business owner is feeling an impact, but I am not about "doom and gloom." We will get through this just like anything else. We are going to tighten our belts. I do not foresee the city laying off any employees. What I do see is us making sure that we take steps to reduce spending and we do it in a way that does not dramatically impact the services that people expect.

You must be excited about the Broadwater announcement, a \$1.1 billion proposal

That is certainly great news, and as great as that announcement is for Biloxi, the Gulf Coast and the state, I think the bigger story is what it says about Biloxi.

We are poised for growth. These developers who are interested in the Broadwater site and the Tivoli site know that. If you go back and look at Biloxi's track

record in the industry, all of the conditions are ripe for growth, and that track record shows you that those who make the biggest investment have the biggest return.

Don't forget that we've seen the competition from the Scarlet Pearl in D'Iberville and the Beachview casino in Gulfport. We took a hit initially, but we're right back where we were. That says something about the strength and appeal of Biloxi. Those millions of visitors know that we have casinos, but they also realize we have so much more to offer.

In the middle of everything else Cristobal rolled into town

Cristobal reminded people that you cannot underestimate the impact of the weather. Although damage was minimal to structures, we had cars getting stranded on Highway 90 during the storm, when they should not have been on the road. We ask people to follow the advice. Have a plan, be prepared for any eventuality.

And, finally, much has been said and written over the past several weeks about the state flag and the state of race relations across the country. What's the view of the mayor of Biloxi?

Frankly, in the discussions today, I think Biloxi is shortchanged on the tremendous strides we have made as a community.

Now everybody's talking about the flag. We dealt with the flag years ago. As mayor of a city known for its hospitality, we do not want to give anyone reason to not visit our city. We welcome all. It just gets back to being respectful of others, whether they are our visitors or our neighbors. It gets back to being treated the way you would want to be treated. Who could argue with that?

I'm also proud of the job the men and women of the Biloxi Police Department do day in and day out. This department has fostered an outstanding rapport with the community, all of our community, and that rapport is based on trust, openness and accountability. Again, who could argue with that?

News & notes

VIRAL EDITION

- **Masks:** More and more, people are being advised to wear a facemask to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. The Biloxi Visitors Center has a limited supply of free masks for individuals. Additionally, civic groups can contact the Biloxi Fire Department at 228-435-6200.
- **Guidelines:** The Opening Up Biloxi Again guidelines remain in effect. Want to know what the city expects of businesses and customers in general? Find them on the front page of the city's website, biloxi.ms.us.
- **Be Prepared:** The city's Be Prepared report is now available each Monday and Friday afternoon on the city's website and social media platforms. To subscribe, visit biloxi.ms.us/register.



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WOW! Dakia Entertainment Hospitality eyes transformational development at Broadwater

Dakia Entertainment Hospitality and Broadwater Development, LLP in June announced the signing of a formal letter of intent, subject to finalizing financial commitments, to redevelop the historic, former Broadwater Beach hotel, marina and golf course site into a \$1.2 billion, 266-acre, world-class entertainment complex on U.S. 90 in West Biloxi.

The project has a projected opening in the second quarter of 2023.

Under the terms of the agreement, Dakia Entertainment Hospitality will manage a high-profile destination hotel, music, and entertainment environments on the site, subject to completion of due diligence.

In 2019, Dakia Entertainment Hospitality entered into a joint venture with Universal Music Group to develop a new music-focused experiential hospitality category and create immersive music experiences (including premiere hospitality, lifestyle club, live entertainment and next-generation retail), furthering UMG's commitment to deepening the relationship between fans and the music and artists they love. Projects under consideration for the joint venture would feature components such as music education, community engagement and environmental sustainability.

The scope of the Biloxi project will include:

- A one-of-a-kind cutting-edge indoor concert event atrium with about 12,000 capacity, featuring headliner entertainment observable from multiple areas of the property
- A customized music curriculum including classes for local and regional students with artist interactions
- An 1,150-room, full-service hotel with spa and destination amenities
- Restored Broadwater Marina for recreational vessels, offshore fishing tournaments, signature marina restaurant with food service and catering for boat slip guests and entertainment venues
- Signature-designed championship 18-hole golf course and teaching academy
- 18,000 square feet of retail
- 125,000-square-foot casino with about 2,460 gaming positions

The development would produce about 1,000 construction jobs and employ about 2,500 upon full operation. It would generate more than \$100 million in annual non-gaming, retail spending. During its due diligence period, Dakia Entertainment Hospitality will be in conversations with the Mississippi Development Authority and local governments to determine what state and local incentives may be secured to induce the non-gaming parts of this major economic development project.

The Innovation Group has performed a market analysis and been retained

to prepare and initiate a Request for Proposals to Gaming Operators for management and broader participation at the resort. The Innovation Group is a leading firm in the gaming, entertainment, hospitality, tourism, and leisure sections with 30 years of global projects totaling over \$100 billion in investment decisions across six continents and over 80 countries.

Said Biloxi Mayor, Andrew "FoFo" Gilich:

"The Broadwater Beach, as it was known in the '50s, was 'the attraction' that brought attention and many people to our Coast. In my opinion, it would certainly be an 'understatement' to say that this project will be transformational for Biloxi, our Coast and the State of Mississippi.

"Dakia is an innovative company that creates economic, environmental and social value in the way they do business, dramatically impacting the well-being of individuals and communities. Biloxi has a rich, diverse culture and multi-genre music history, and Dakia will find a warm welcome here.

"Dakia's star-studded entertainment package will dramatically grow the Coast's tourism market. In my discussions with Dakia and understanding their vision, this project will be 'a world-class destination unlike anything else.'"

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City saves \$1.5 million after monitoring interest rates

It's an issue that Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich had been monitoring behind the scenes for months, and now, in the midst of the coronavirus and as interest rates have fallen dramatically, he's done the deed.

The city will save nearly \$1.5 million over time, including nearly \$400,000 in the next year, by partially refinancing two bond issues at significantly lower interest rates: the 2014 stadium bond issued to finance the city's minor league baseball stadium, and the 2014 general obligation bonds

issued for locally financed infrastructure projects, the so-called "paving bond."

The City Council approved the mayor's request for authorization to issue new refunding bonds to refinance the 2014 bonds this month and bonds closed in June.

The refinancing of the 2014 stadium bond will save more than a million dollars over the life of the

original \$21 million bond. The refinancing of the 2014 infrastructure bonds will save more than \$400,000 on the original \$14 million bonds. Interest rates on the refinanced 2014 stadium bonds, currently between 3.6 and 4.7 percent, will be reduced to about 2.18 percent. Interest rates on the 2014 infrastructure bonds, currently between 2.8 and 4.0 percent, will be reduced to 1.95 percent.

"We'd been watching this for some time," Gilich said, "and when the federal reserve lowered interest rates to zero earlier this month, we knew we had an opportunity to save taxpayers' money in Biloxi."

The good news, the mayor added, is that the bonds are scheduled to be paid off on the original dates: 2029 for the paving and 2034 for the stadium.

"The big savings is going to be on the annual debt service," Gilich said. "We free up money both in the near term and the long term. We've done this before when the opportunity arises, and we're also going to continue to seek similar opportunities as we move forward. It just makes good sense."



Minor League ball is on hold, but MGM Park's open for events

By Garrett Greene
Biloxi Shuckers

While there might not be Minor League Baseball at MGM Park this year, that doesn't mean the Shuckers have locked the gates and chucked the key into the Mississippi Sound. With the reopening of the state came the reopening of the crown jewel of the Gulf Coast – baseball and all.

On June 6, for the first time in almost three months, there was a pitch thrown off the mound at MGM Park as the Louisiana Knights kicked off a month-long residency at the ballpark. Based out of Mandeville, LA, the Knights are a summer and fall baseball organization comprised of baseball players from all over the Gulf Coast ranging from ages 8 to 17. Though Tropical Storm Cristobal put a damper on the rest of Opening Weekend for the Knights, the following weekend brought four days of gorgeous weather and great baseball. The crack of the bat and pop of the mitt were officially back in Biloxi.

But MGM Park isn't just a venue for America's Pastime. The Shuckers front office has put their minds together to come up with creative uses for the ballpark to bring unparalleled access and entertainment to Coastal Mississippi.

If you've ever

wanted to see the Shuckers home clubhouse, tour the suite level and even walk down on the field of MGM Park, stadium tours are now available on a daily basis. See areas of the stadium that are normally strictly off-limits to the casual fan and learn about the history of the Shuckers along the way. Groups can range from five to 20 people, and tour groups have the option to add on food and drinks to

their tour for that true "ballpark" feel.

The ballpark is also available for outside events of all kinds.

Throw a dinner party in the Kloud 7 SkyBox, host a corporate meeting down in the dugout or even have a photo session out at home plate!

MGM Park is your canvas and it's ready and waiting for any and all of these possibilities.

Finally, keep an eye on the Shuckers social media channel for some surprise events that are coming to the stadium. Trust us, you won't be disappointed in what is planned at the ballpark.

Though the summer of 2020 hasn't gone according to plan for MGM Park, the Shuckers are thrilled that we can welcome fans back safely and continue to provide a family-friendly venue to the entire Gulf Coast during the

summer. We're open, we've missed you and we hope to see you at the ballpark very soon!



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Although buildings along the beachfront have first-floor elevations well above sea level – this is U.S. 90 during Tropical Storm Cristobal – a new project plans to show the flood risk analysis of 900 buildings in Biloxi to help the city deal with future risks.



New project builds flood information database

By Hal Needham
CNC Catastrophe & National Claims

The City of Biloxi is partnering with CEFCO National Claims Services to improve Biloxi's flood resiliency. The project is building a flood information system to better understand building elevations and local flood vulnerability, with funding provided through The Northern Gulf of Mexico Sentinel Site Cooperative and Dauphin Island Sea Lab.

The project team constructed a First Floor Elevation, or FFE, database for more than 900 buildings in Biloxi. Building elevations vary considerably: 26 percent of the buildings have FFE values exceeding 18 feet, while 12 percent have elevations less than 6 feet. The project uses a variety of methods to calculate elevations, including elevation certificate research, GPS field surveys and innovative Street Level Imagery technology.



The project team also completed a database of historic flood events in Biloxi. These observations come from a wide variety of scientific and governmental reports, as well as historic newspaper articles. The database provides flood levels from more than 30 hurricanes and tropical storms since

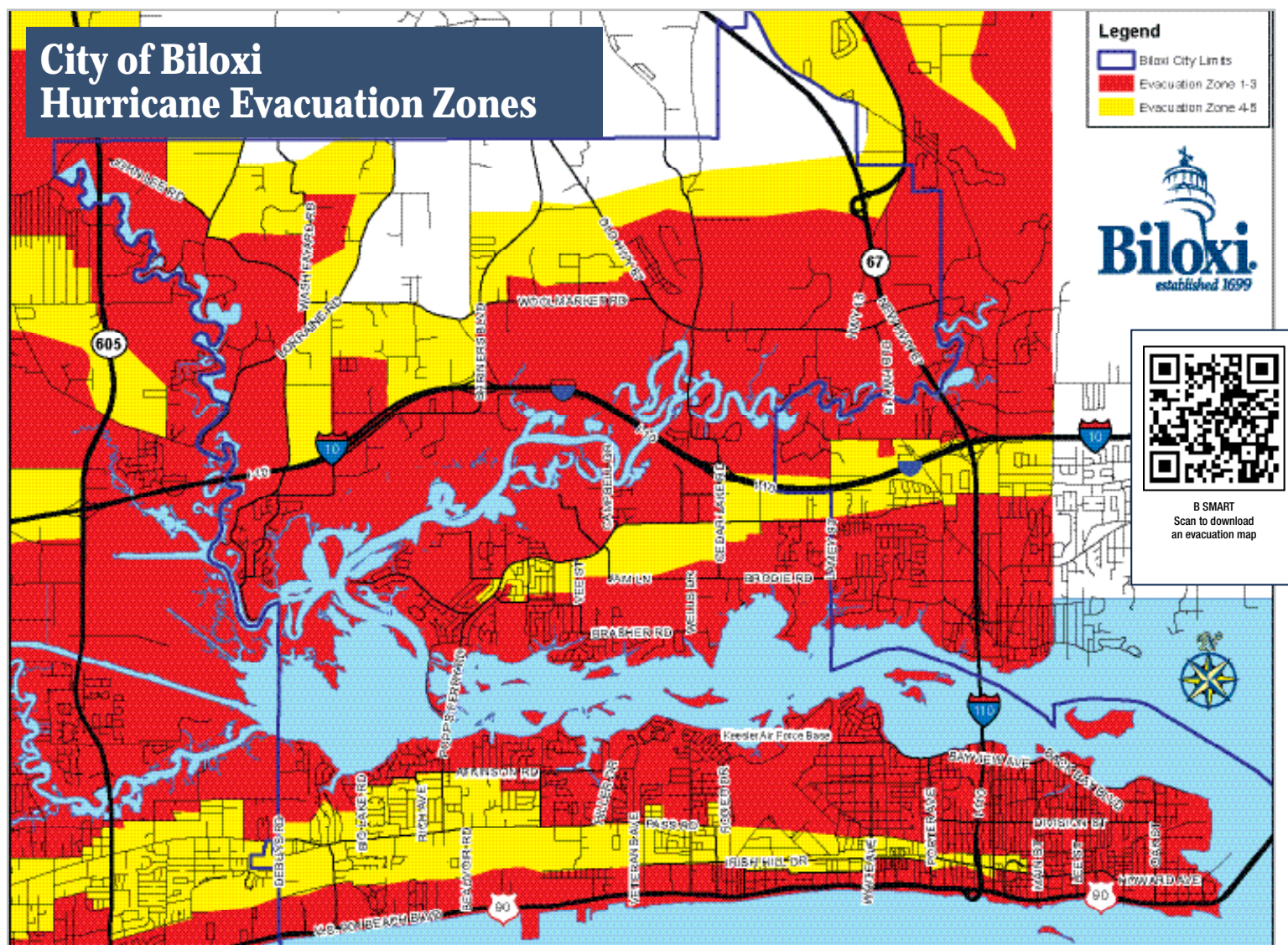
the late 1800s.

The final phase of this project looks at potential future flood risk by considering factors such as how long-term sea level rise combines with storm surges.

Simultaneously, the Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District is updating coastal Flood Insurance Rate Maps, known as FIRMS, to describe current flood risk. See that at www.mscoastalmap.com.

Combining potential future flood risk with descriptions of current flood risk, as shown on the FIRMS, will empower homeowners to consider their risk now and into the future. As we enter a potentially active hurricane season, these data will help Biloxi city staff better respond to flood threats.

Stay tuned for community events coordinated by Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant and the City of Biloxi where residents can learn more about this exciting project.



What to do and when to do it

Before a hurricane approaches or NOW

Plan an evacuation route.

- Review the evacuation route by clicking on the Evacuation Map link in the Storm and Flood Preparedness section of the city website. Determine the safest evacuation route for you. Be ready to drive 20 to 50 miles inland to locate a safe place.

Prepare a storm kit that includes the following items:

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- First-aid kit and manual
- Duct tape
- Emergency food and water (at least one gallon of water per person per day for three to seven days; non-perishable packaged or canned food and juices; paper plates and plastic utensils; cooking tools)
- Non-electric can opener
- Essential medicines
- Cash and credit cards
- Sturdy shoes

- Fully charged cell phone
- Store important papers in a waterproof container or resealable plastic bag. Among the important documents: insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.

Make arrangements for pets.

- Pets are not allowed in typical emergency shelters for health and space reasons. Contact your local humane society for information on local animal shelters.

Make sure that all family members know how to respond after a hurricane.

- Teach family members how and when to turn off gas, electricity, and water.
- Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1, police, or fire department and which radio station to tune to for emergency information.
- Protect your windows.
- Permanent shutters are the best protection. A lower cost approach is to put up plywood panels. Use 1/2 inch plywood – marine plywood is best – cut to fit

each window. Remember to mark which board fits which window. Pre-drill holes every 18 inches for screws. Do this long before the storm.

Trim back dead or weak branches from trees.

Check into flood insurance.

- You can find out about the National Flood Insurance Program through your local insurance agent or emergency management office. There is normally a 30-day waiting period before a new policy becomes effective. Homeowners policies do not cover damage from the flooding that accompanies a hurricane.

Develop an emergency communication plan.

- In case family members are separated from one another during a disaster (a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school), have a plan for getting back together.
- Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.

See more Storm & Flood Preparedness info in Bnews Monthly each month of hurricane season.

Ok, we're in the beginning of hurricane season, so here is more information to help you prepare for the storm season.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Are you aware that your homeowners insurance does NOT cover floods? Only federal flood insurance reimburses you for flood damage to your property. You should consider buying flood insurance now.

Some homeowners may have been required to buy flood insurance when they obtained a mortgage or home-improvement loan. However, in many cases, these policies cover only the structure and not your possessions. You can protect your home and contents through the National Flood Insurance Program, in which the City of Biloxi participates.

Local insurance agents can sell a flood insurance policy separate from your homeowner or windstorm policy.

Anyone can get – and everyone should have – flood insurance. These policies are regulated by the federal government. Any agent can sell a policy and all agents must charge the same rates, which are set nationally. Your rates will not change even if you file a claim.

There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy becomes effective. Contact your insurance agent to determine what type of coverage you have.

LOWER FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUMS

The City of Biloxi is an active participant in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System, a voluntary incentive program designed to encourage local floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum federal requirements.

Flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect reduced flood risks that result from City actions to meet the three goals of the CRS:

1. Reduce flood losses,
2. Facilitate accurate insurance rating, and
3. Promote the awareness of flood insurance.

For CRS participating communities, flood insurance premium rates are discounted in increments of 5 percent. A Class 1 community would receive a 45 percent premium discount, while a Class 9 community would receive a 5 percent discount. The CRS rates are based four broad categories:

1. Public information,
2. Mapping and regulations,
3. Flood damage reduction, and
4. Flood preparedness.

In 2013, the City of Biloxi earned a Class 5 CRS rating and continues to work actively to further lower it.



"The city takes a comprehensive approach in its efforts to reduce the risk of flooding," said Kristin Greger, Biloxi CRS coordinator. "Of course, we want to help property owners through lower insurance premiums, but our primary goals are to reduce risks to our residents and to minimize property damage from weather-related events."

For more information about Biloxi's CRS Program, contact Kristin Greger at 228-435-6270 or kgreger@biloxi.ms.us.

BUILDERS, THIS IS FOR YOU

All Biloxi-licensed contractors are required to participate in annual stormwater management training before being issued a building permit, in compliance with the Biloxi Stormwater Management Ordinance. This training is offered at no cost to the contractors, to be sure they have information about how to protect local water quality and, at the same time, minimize the risk of flood and stormwater runoff damage by properly maintaining their construction sites.

City building and code inspectors, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation crews also are being trained to improve the management of stormwater in the city by:

- enforcing construction site erosion and sediment control regulations;
- identifying and correcting illicit discharges, such as illegal dumping;
- implementing "good housekeeping" practices at

city-owned facilities; and

- holding violators accountable for their actions.

The Biloxi stormwater management ordinance and related information are available on the city's website. Click on the Stormwater Management button on the Public Works page.

If you have questions about the training requirements or the city's comprehensive stormwater management plan, contact Kristin Greger in the Community Development Department at kgreger@biloxi.ms.us or at 228-435-6280.

DO WHAT YOU CAN

There are some steps that you can take now to prepare your property against flooding.

One option may be "retrofitting," which is altering your home to eliminate or reduce flood damage.

A few things to consider:

- Elevate your building so that flood waters do not enter or reach any susceptible portions.
- Construct barriers out of fill or concrete between your building and flood waters.
- "Dry flood proof" your non-residential building, which entails making walls and flooring watertight so water cannot enter.
- "Wet flood proof" your non-residential building, which entails modifying the structure and relocating contents to lessen the damage caused by any flood waters that enter your structure.
- Sandbagging is a short-term measure that can also be helpful.

CHECK THAT LICENSE

The City of Biloxi is home to many reputable, licensed building contractors who are qualified to make repairs for you. However, after each storm, a number of transient contractors sets up temporary shop in our community.

Before signing any contract or paying any money for repair work, you should ask to see the person's City of Biloxi license.

If you have any doubts or questions, contact the Building Division at 228-435-6270 or online at building@biloxi.ms.us to ensure that this individual is licensed to operate in the City of Biloxi.

KNOW THE FLOOD ZONES OF BILOXI? SEE PAGE 11

Annual Report on the Quality of Drinking Water

Public Water Systems 0240001, 0240036, 0240084 and 0240255



The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act requires community public water systems to develop and distribute a Consumer Confidence Report to customers each year. The City of Biloxi operates three water systems, which are served by nearly two dozen water wells throughout the city's 50 square miles.

The source water assessment for Biloxi's three public water systems has been completed to determine the overall susceptibility of the city's drinking water supply to identified potential sources of contamination. This report informs you about the quality of water the city delivers to you every day.

Water source: Biloxi's water source is from wells drawing from the Pascagoula Formation, Graham Ferry Formation and the Miocene Series Aquifer.

The findings: Water wells for the City of Biloxi public water systems have received lower to higher susceptibility rankings to contamination. What does this mean? To determine susceptibility rankings and findings for your neighborhood, consult the list of water wells in this report and then refer to the corresponding water system findings.

The bottom line: The results in this report show that Biloxi's water system had no violations. The drinking water supplied by the city meets or exceeds all federal and state requirements. Monitoring and testing has detected some contaminants, but the Environmental Protection Agency has determined that your water is safe at these levels.

Etc.: In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

Testing period: To satisfy federal and state regulations, the city on a monthly basis monitors your drinking water for specific contaminants. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether the drinking water meets health standards. The Mississippi State Department of Health monitors the city's monthly reports. The tables in this report list drinking water contaminants detected between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2019. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2019, the table reflects the most recent results.

Questions and more info: If you have any questions about this report or quality of your water, contact Tracey Forehand in the city's Public Works Department at 228-435-6271 or tforehand@biloxi.ms.us. A detailed report on how the susceptibility determinations were made is available for viewing upon request.

Council meetings: You also can attend any meeting of the Biloxi City Council. A section of each meeting is set aside for citizen comments. The council's regularly scheduled meetings are on the first, third, and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. You can find council agendas online at biloxi.ms.us.

Origin of contaminants: As water travels over land or underground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials. In its travels, the water can pick up substances or contaminants from animals or human activity; microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be

naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Lead warnings: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The city is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control materials used in plumbing components.

Minimize the risk: When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791, or www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water. The Mississippi State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory offers lead testing. Call 601-576-7582 for information on testing.

Typical contamination: All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances, either naturally occurring or man-made. Substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, call the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or visit www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water.

Vulnerable citizens: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. Immuno-compromised persons – such as those undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, those with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, and some elderly and infants – can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. Guidelines from the EPA and the Centers for Disease Control provide appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants. Call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791 or visit www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water.



In these tables, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

- **Action Level** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk of health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- **Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Test Results – PWS ID#: 0240001

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants								
5. Gross Alpha	N	2019	2	1.2 – 2	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
6. Radium 226 Radium 228	N	2019	.64 1.2	.20 – .64 .90 – 1.2	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants								
10. Barium	N	2019	.0023	No Range	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2016/18*	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL = 1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
13. Cyanide	N	2019	29	No Range	ppb	200	200	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
16. Fluoride	N	2019	.303	No Range	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2016/18*	2	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Disinfection By-Products								
81. HAA5	N	2019	20	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2019	29	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2019	1.3	.2 – 3.9	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes
Unregulated Contaminants								
Chloromethane	N	2013*	0.394	No Range	UG/L	0	MRL 0.2	Halogenated alkane; used as foaming agent, in production of other substances, and by-product that can form when chlorine used to disinfect drinking water
Chromium-6	N	2013*	0.045	0.039 – 0.045	UG/L	0	MRL 3.03	Naturally-occurring element; used in making steel and other alloys. Forms are used for chrome plating, dyes and pigments, leather tanning and wood preservation
Strontium	N	2013*	37.346	7.479 – 37.346	UG/L	0.3	MRL 0.3	Naturally-occurring element found in the earth's crust and at low concentrations in seawater, and in some surface and ground water; cobaltous chloride was formerly used in medicines and as a germicide
Vanadium	N	2013*	.258	.21 – .258	UG/L		MRL 0.2	Naturally-occurring elemental metal; used as vanadium pent oxide which is a chemical intermediate and a catalyst
Sodium	N	2019	190000	61000 – 190000	PPB	NONE	NONE	Road Salt, Water Treatment Chemicals, Water Softeners and Sewage Effluents

Test Results – PWS ID#: 0240036

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants								
10. Barium	N	2018*	.0017	.0012 – .0017	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2018*	1.7	.8 – 1.7	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2015/17*	0	0	ppm	1.3	AL = 1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride	N	2018*	.351	.244 – .351	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2015/17*	1	0	ppb	0	AL = 15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Disinfection By-Products								
81. HAA5	N	2019	34	29 – 34	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2019	28.2	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2019	1.9	.5 – 3.9	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes
Unregulated Contaminants								
Sodium	N	2019	8400	61000 – 190000	PPB	NONE	NONE	Road Salt, Water Treatment Chemicals, Water Softeners and Sewage Effluents

Test Results – PWS ID#: 0240084

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants								
5. Gross Alpha	N	2019	3.6	1.9 – 3.6	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
6. Radium 226 Radium 228	N	2019	.43 1.03	.20 – .43 .45 – 1.03	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants								
10. Barium	N	2018*	.0051	.0016 – .0051	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2018*	3	1 – 3	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2016/18*	.2	0	ppm	1.3	AL = 1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride	N	2018*	.373	.185 – .373	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2016/18*	2	0	ppb	0	AL = 15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Disinfection By-Products								
81. HAA5	N	2019	19.5	14.01 – 19.15	ppb	0	60	By-Product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2018*	25	19.7 – 25	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2019	1.2	.1 – 3.6	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes
Unregulated Contaminants								
Bromide	N	2019	23.6	21.8 – 23.6	UG/L			Naturally-occurring element found in the earth's crust and at low concentrations in seawater, and in some surface and ground water; cobaltous chloride was formerly used in medicines and as a germicide
Chromium-Total	N	2013*	1.975	No Range	UG/L	0	MRL 3.03	Naturally- occurring element; used in making steel and other alloys. Forms are used for chrome plating, dyes and pigments, leather tanning and wood preservation
HAA6BR	N	2019	7.43	5.25 – 7.43	UG/L			

*Most recent sample. No sample required for 2019.

Test Results – PWS ID#: 0240084 (continued)

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Unregulated Contaminants (continued)								
HAA9	N	2019	24.63	5.4 – 28.4	UG/L			Naturally-occurring element; commercially available in combination with other elements and minerals; used in steel production, fertilizer, batteries and fireworks; drinking water and wastewater treatment chemicals; essential nutrient
Strontium	N	2014*	36.187	8.539 – 36.187	UG/L	0.3	MRL 0.3	Naturally-occurring element found in the earth's crust and at low concentrations in seawater, and in some surface and ground water; cobaltous chloride was formerly used in medicines and as a germicide
Vanadium	N	2013*	2.15	.209 – 2.15	UG/L		MRL 0.2	Naturally-occurring elemental metal; used as vanadium pent oxide which is a chemical intermediate and a catalyst
Sodium	N	2019	92000	58000 – 92000	PPB	NONE	NONE	Road Salt, Water Treatment Chemicals, Water Softeners and Sewage Effluents

Test Results – PWS ID#: 0240255

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants								
10. Barium	N	2018*	.0071	No Range	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2018*	2.6	No Range	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
16. Fluoride	N	2018*	.45	No Range	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Disinfection By-Products								
81. HAA5	N	2018*	19	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2018*	45.3	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2019	2.3	.9 – 3.8	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes
Unregulated Contaminants								
Sodium	N	2019	140000	No Range	PPB	NONE	NONE	Road Salt, Water Treatment Chemicals, Water Softeners and Sewage Effluents

*Most recent sample. No sample required for 2019.



Biloxi Water Well Listing

Health Dept Tag No	Facility Name	Street	Health Dept Tag No	Facility Name	Street
240001-01	Maple Street	Maple St	240001-18	Lakeview	Lakeview
240001-04	Hospital Water Well	Bayview Ave	240036-02	North Riverview	N Riviere Vue Dr
240001-05	Greater Ave	Greater Ave	240036-03	Oaklawn	Oaklawn Dr
240001-06	Porter Ave	Irish Hill Dr	240036-05	Hwy. 67 & Oaklawn	Hwy. 67 & Oaklawn Dr
240001-10	Bradford St Well	Bradford St	240036-06	Superior	Woolmarket Rd
240001-11	Debuys Water Well	Debuys Rd	240084-01	Rustwood	Rustwood Dr
240001-12	Kuhn St	Kuhn Street	240084-04	South Hill	South Hill Dr
240001-13	Iberville	Iberville Dr	240084-05	N Biloxi #1	Popp's Ferry Rd
240001-14	Park Circle Water Well	Park Dr	240084-06	Vee Street	Vee Street
240001-15	Father Ryan	Father Ryan Ave	240084-07	Cedar Lake Subdivision	Penton Dr
240001-16	Pine Street Well	Pine St	240084-08	Biloxi Sports Complex	Wells Dr
240001-17	Tullis	Beach Blvd			

Best Bets!



Fireworks extravaganza

Celebrating the country's independence is done with a bang in Biloxi and on Saturday, July 4 the sky above Biloxi's front beach will become an extravaganza. The annual Fourth of July Fireworks will begin at 9 p.m. and will be presented to music that can be heard on FM 105.9. The show is set from a barge inside Deer Island and is sponsored by the Boom Boom Committee. Touted as being one of the biggest in the area, the fireworks display will be best viewed from the Biloxi Lighthouse eastward to the Biloxi Bay Bridge.



First Friday

Downtown merchants along with Biloxi Main Street host an evening of music, giveaways and shopping on Friday, July 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Biloxi. Shops along the Rue Magnolia and Water Streets stay open late and offer specials. Shop local and late the First Friday of July! Details: 228-435-6339

Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour story submissions: though Aug. 28. Preserve Biloxi Committee seeking suggestions from citizens for the 2020 Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour set for October and titled "Family Legends & Lore 2." Those with a family member resting in Biloxi Cemetery with an interesting life story are encouraged to submit for possible portrayal. Submission should include family member's name, date of birth and death, location in the cemetery, information about the person, and reason for submission in 200 words or less. Email submission: lrosetti@biloxi.ms

Mystery of the Sea Sand Sculpture, July 1, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. daily through October, Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd. A 75-ton sand sculpture on display inside the mall. Themed Mystery of the sea, the sculpture includes hidden objects sculpted into the sand to create an interactive exhibit for guests. Free admission.



First Friday, July 3, 5-8 p.m., Rue Magnolia and Jackson Street. Monthly downtown event featuring shops and art of Downtown Biloxi with extended business hours, specials, live music and games with prizes. Free admission. Details: Biloxi Main Street, 228-435-6339

Biloxi's Annual Fourth of July Fireworks, July 4, 9 p.m. Viewing from the Biloxi Lighthouse eastward to the Biloxi Bay Bridge. Displays put to music. Listen on FM 105.9. Fireworks-free zone on the beach between the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor and Oak Street. Sponsored by: Boom Boom Committee and City of Biloxi. Details: 228-374-3105

Biloxi Schooner Fireworks Sails, July 4, 7-10 p.m., Schooner Pier Complex, U.S. 90. Guests provide own food and refreshments aboard; ice and chests will be provided. Admission: \$40 per adult; \$20 per child. Schooner departs pier at 7 p.m. Details: 228-435-6320

Biloxi Public Schools new student registration, begins July 8, www.biloxischools.net. Parents and guardians can register new students for the Biloxi Public School System online by completing the registration form and uploading all proofs of residency. Returning students may be registered online as well. Details: www.biloxischools.net, 228-374-1810

Best Bet!



Calling Biloxi families

Do you have a family member that was laid to rest in the Biloxi Cemetery? Does that person have an interesting story? Well, if so, submit the relative's information for portrayal in this year's Old Biloxi Cemetery Tours. The walking tours are set to take place in October and include reenactments of person and their story. Those interested should submit details, including the relative's name, location in the cemetery, date of birth and death, their interesting story, and the reason for submitting in 200 words or less. Deadline for submissions is August 28 and may be emailed to lrosetti@biloxi.ms.us.

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 26th 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



Community Market Festival, July 16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., under I-110 over pass at Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. Includes market vendors and outdoor prizes every 15 minutes. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339



Jeepin The Coast, July 16-19, Coastwide. Whether you own a Jeep, want a Jeep, had a Jeep, have friends with a Jeep, or just want to have spent a weekend hanging out and looking at Jeeps, then this event is for you. Details: www.jeepinthecoast.com



Jamey Johnson, with special guest Cole Jones, July 18, 7 p.m. Mississippi Coast Coliseum, on the front lawn. Tickets on sale Monday, June 22 at noon. Ticket prices range from \$35-\$75 per ticket, but must be purchased in tables of 8 to comply with social distancing guidelines. Tickets will be available at Ticketmaster.com and the Mississippi Coast Coliseum box office.



Bike Biloxi, July 21, 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

Main Street Book Club, July 23, 5:30 p.m. (fourth Thursday of each month), Jacked Up Coffee Bar, 999 Howard Ave. Join for a rousing discussion each month. Books are selected as a group in advance. Details: 228-435-6339

Gallery 782's Nifty Fifty Raffle Event, July 23, 6 p.m. Raffle for art work valued \$60-\$350. Tickets are \$50 and every ticket wins! Limited number available. Must be present to win. Details: 228-436-7782

Biloxi Little Theatre

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

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., 228-314-4747, <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

Ship Island Excursion

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

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
• **Steak Night**, July 3, 10, 17, 26 and 31; 6:30 p.m.
• **Sunday Bingo**, July 5, 12, 19 and 26; Early bird begins at 2 p.m.
Regular games begin 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 p.m., Karaoke at 7 p.m.

At the Casinos

- **Sinbad**, July 11, Beau Rivage Casino
- **Ron White**, July 25, Beau Rivage

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, 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
28	29	30 Community Market	1 Mystery of the Seas Sand Sculpture, July 1-Aug. 28 Edgewater Mall	2 Community Market	3 Friday Night Dinners Fleur de Lis Society First Friday Downtown Biloxi Steak Dinners Biloxi Elks Lodge	4  Biloxi's Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Biloxi Lighthouse to Biloxi Bay Bridge Sail a Schooner Schooner Pier Complex
5 Sunday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge	6	7 Community Market	8  Biloxi Public Schools New Student Registration Online	9 Community Market	10 Friday Night Dinners Fleur de Lis Society Steak Dinners Biloxi Elks Lodge	11 Sinbad Beau Rivage
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Btv July Schedule

Sparklight 56; Uverse 99 (follow prompts) or at biloxi.ms.us/btv

Morning	
6 a.m.	"Down in Biloxi," by Rockin' Ray Fournier (4 min)
6:04 a.m.	A Day in the Life of Biloxi (9 min)
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.	Keesler Air Force Base (15 min)
7 a.m.	Edgewater Mall (25 min)
7:30 a.m.	RU Ready? (1 hr 15 min)
8:45 a.m.	The History of Biloxi (12 min.)
9 a.m.	City Council meetings and bonus public affairs programming (3 hours)
Afternoon	
Noon	A vintage vignette: "America's Riviera," B&W, 1950s travelogue (9 min)
12:10 p.m.	A vintage vignette: "America's Riviera," 1960s travelogue (14 min)
12:30 p.m.	Edgewater Mall (25 min)
1 p.m.	RU Ready? (1 hr 15 min)
2:15 p.m.	The History of Biloxi (12 min)
2:30 p.m.	The Croatian Influence on Biloxi (12 min)
2:45 p.m.	Pucharatas (4 min)
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Midnight	National anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)



You can view individual programs on the city's YouTube channel. Go to the city website at biloxi.ms.us and click on the YouTube logo at top right.



BTV, live stream just got easier to see

Sharp-eyed viewers of the city's website, that archive of All Things Biloxi, may have noticed the addition of two new icons at the top right of the page.

The BTV icon now makes it easier to get to the online simulcast of BTV, the city's municipal channel carried by Sparklight and AT&T UVerse, and the "LIVE" icon is a link to a new live stream dedicated to City Council meetings and other events the city may choose to stream live on YouTube.

Previously, the city used the Lighthouse stream for public meetings, interrupting the live feed from the Lighthouse, which is used regularly by local TV stations and The Weather Channel to give audiences a view of the Biloxi beachfront in realtime.

The Lighthouse cam continues to be accessed by clicking on the lighthouse at the top left of the city's website.

The YouTube channels and BTV simulcast are maintained by the city's Information Systems Division.

City Council meetings are live streamed by the city on the new YouTube channel and are replayed later on BTV. An archive of council meetings is accessible 24/7 on the city's existing YouTube channel.



Historical addressing

Back in the Day



By Jane Shambra

Biloxi and environs

Just like our parents had the privilege of giving each one of us our names, Monsieur D'Iberville is credited for naming, not only our unique city, but also our nearby islands.

Biloxi is named after one of the first Native American tribes D'Iberville and his crew encountered upon arrival to our shores. These Native Americans, the Biloxi Indians, spoke a language comparable to that spoken by the Sioux tribes and were believed to have migrated from the Northeast.

There are many different spellings of Biloxi throughout history including Baluxi, Beloxi, Biloxye, and Bilocchy.

Did you know that we are not the only "Biloxi"? There is also the winding Biloxi River, the Biloxi Bayou in southern Louisiana, and the communities of Biloxi in southwest Texas and Kings County, Washington.

As for the islands, originally, Ship Island was named Isle Surgere by commander of the French ship Le Marin. Monsieur le Chevalier de Surgeres. D'Iberville decided to rename it Isle aux Vaisseaux or Ship Island because that is where all huge seaworthy ships first landed.

As for other nearby islands, Isle aux Chats or Cat Island was named by the French settler because he encountered a great number of unusual cats there. The "cats" were actually raccoons.

And Isle aux Chevreuils or Deer Island was named so because it was inhabited by a great quantity of deer. Older maps show these original French names, but, were translated into English names later.

Moran Site

Decades ago, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moran had a famous art studio on Porter Avenue just north of the Biloxi Visitors Center. During

Have you ever wondered where cities, streets and landmarks get their names or maybe how an area became known by a certain name? In Biloxi, you may have heard someone say they drove through the Holy Land or visited a relative on The Point. But how did that designation come to be? Let's take a little journey through the avenues of time.

1732 French map of the islands south of Biloxi

restoration efforts of his elevated building after hurricane Camille in 1969, Mr. Moran learned that multiple skeletal burials were discovered under his studio.

In a respectful manner, the remains were left undisturbed. Actually, one of the rooms in his Studio had an eerie-lit glowing on the bones below through a glass pane.

For years everyone refereed to the bones as those of Indians.

In 2005, after Hurricane Katrina left our shores, additional remains surfaced. With better scientific technology in place, a thorough study was conducted revealing that this location was actually the burial site for over 30 plus early 1700's Colonial French.

The centuries-old remains have been reinterred and, today, a peaceful memorial garden can be visited. Information about this discovery can be read on history boards and historical marker at the site.

There are no documented Moran family members buried here. In fact, no one really knows whose final resting place this is.

Hiller Park

Once located between the cities of Biloxi and Gulfport along Biloxi's Back Bay was a vast wooded expanse of land, about 375 acres, called the "Naval Reserve Park." The land was owned by the Federal Government and was to be utilized in the event that huge wooden boards were needed to be constructed for building war ships.

In 1932, ground was broken for a Veterans Administration facility. The center was built and opened on August 10, 1933 with 150 hospital beds, 350 domiciliary beds and a staff of nearly 600. Its first visitors included President Roosevelt and Senator Pat Harrison.

Major Eugene "Gene" Alpha Hiller (1898–1970), a native of Calhoun County, Miss., was manager of Biloxi's VA Hospital from 1936–1968. Hiller Park sat adjacent to the Biloxi VA property and was named after him.

1855 map of Point Caddie or Point Cadet named for the son of original land owner



In October 1941 Major Hiller successfully accomplished the transfer of land to the City of Biloxi for a park. After his retirement in 1968, he suffered a stroke and was able to reside on the VA property until his death in 1970. Major Hiller was a veteran of the US Army during World War I and is honorably buried in the Biloxi VA cemetery.

Keesler Air Force Base

In March 1941, Biloxi, after a request, was chosen as a site to build a base to support troop training for World War II. The War Department's policy was to name the base after a service member that was killed in action. Second Lieutenant Samuel Reeves Keesler Jr. (1896–1918) was chosen.

Keesler was born in Greenwood, Miss. and attended college at Davidson College in North Carolina. He entered the Army Air Service in 1917 and served in a reconnaissance mission behind German lines. While on a flight behind German lines, his airplane was attacked by enemy gunfire. He survived the crash but was held prisoner.

Keesler died from his heroic injuries and is buried at Saint Mihiel American Cemetery in Lorraine, France. On August 25, 1941 the Army Air Corps Station was officially dedicated as Keesler Army Airfield.

Woolmarket

Years ago, Woolmarket was simply a part of Harrison County. The area was once the center of the wool industry.

Located on the Biloxi River, this area produced a half million pounds of wool per year in the 1890s when it was "sheep county." During that time there were at least ten sheep owners who had nearly 10,000 sheep. Sheep farming slowly disappeared from 1908–1920.

In 1999, the City of Biloxi officially annexed this area of land, making it an official part of the City of Biloxi.



Second Lieutenant Samuel Reeves Keesler Jr., namesake of Keesler Air Force Base

The Point

The easternmost section of the peninsula of Biloxi is often referred to as "The Point." This area is documented with Biloxi memories of seafood factories, boat yards, hard-working immigrants, and memorable childhoods. Old maps shows this area as Pointe Caddie and Point a Cadda.

The original Spanish land owner, Jacques Mathurin Ladner, is documented as living on Horn Island, and his son also named Jacques Mathurin Ladner, whom the area is named after, lived on "Point A Cadda" or "Caddy." The term cadet can be found in old French dictionaries and was utilized long

ago as a reference to the son, like we place "Junior" behind names today. Thus, the place where Mathurin, Jr. lived turned into today's Point Cadet.

Did you know that in 1917 a group of residents formed a "Point Cadet Social Club"? They filed a Charter of incorporation with the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office with the original founders for this fraternal organization listed as Grantham, Terry, Dubaz, Hurvits, and Ellzey.



Listing of Fred Haise Boulevard

Bonus:

• **Holy Land** – This is the neighborhood in Biloxi between Irish Hill and the train tracks bearing street names of many famous saints.

• **Casino Row** – This term appeared around 1993 after Biloxi's casinos opened up along the eastern shoreline of Biloxi. It appropriately described a line or "row" of massive casinos floating and docked on the water's edge where seafood factories once stood. These casinos soon became the economic and entertainment lifeline for both Biloxi and the Gulf Coast.

• **Fred Haise Boulevard** – As a tribute to Biloxi's heroic native son and his historic Apollo mission into space, a stretch of U.S. 90 was dedicated to him. The once called Central Beach from Main Street to Porter Avenue area was renamed Fred Haise Boulevard in late 1970. Years later, Biloxi's addresses were all changed and street signs show that area as U.S. 90.

• **Irish Hill** – This drive can be located on old maps as Cemetery Road: the road to the old Biloxi Cemetery. In the 1960s, the City of Biloxi under the leadership of Mayor Danny Guice, renamed this route as "Irish Hill Drive." Mrs. Bessey, an elderly resident of that neighborhood suggested that it be dedicated to the 18th century Irish immigrants who traveled to this area to work for the railroad.

Legend has it that there was really once a hill near Porter Avenue where Irish workers would congregate after a hard day of work and that a special train would visit them once a week delivering a special treat – a keg of beer.

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