

Best Bets!



Shuck Yeah!

Let's play ball! After a year on deck because of COVID-19, the Biloxi Shuckers launch the 2021 season on May 4 at Birmingham before hosting the first home game of the season on May 11 when the Mississippi Braves visit MGM Park. The Shuckers will host 60 games with two dozen home games in May. For ticket and promotion information, visit biloxishuckers.com.

On the Catwalk

The Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art will host the Catwalk Under The Oaks on Friday, May 21 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the museum. The event, a fundraiser, is a high-end fashion show where industrial chic meets contemporary art. New York designer Sariah Park will be part of the event, along with 30 models sporting elaborate floral headdresses strutting the catwalk. Overhead, yes, on the ceiling, will be Oak trees and the backdrop will be artwork from Contemporary Indigenous Artist Mona Cliff. Signature cocktails, The Glamazon and The Diva, will also be spotlighted. Tickets begin at \$100. Visit online at georgeohr.org for more information.

Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Historical and Cultural Exposition, April 30-May 1; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Cultural and heritage groups will offer exhibits, demonstrations, lectures and fun. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6244, braymond@biloxi.ms.us



Biloxi Lighthouse Arts & Crafts Fair, May 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Free tours of the Biloxi Lighthouse all day along with family activities. Also, arts and crafts vendors on the first floor and on the front lawn of the center. Details: 228-435-6244; braymond@biloxi.ms.us



City of Biloxi Summer Camp Registration for Popp's Ferry & North Bay schools, May 1, 9 a.m. to noon, Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Open for ages 5 to 12. Biloxi residents only. Fees apply. Documents required

during registration. Details: 228-388-7170

City of Biloxi Summer Camp Late Registration, May 3-14, 8 a.m. 4 p.m., Biloxi Parks & Recreation Office, 377 Hiller Dr. Open for ages 5 to 12, in-city and out-of-city residents, with camps at Popp's Ferry, North Bay and North Woolmarket Middle schools. Fees apply. Documents required during registration. Details: 228-388-7170

Mississippi Senior Olympics, May 4-22.



Various times. Open to ages 50 and older. Games played in locations throughout the Gulf Coast. Fees may apply. Details: www.mseniolorolymp.org; 228-669-2582

35th Annual Gorenflo's Cobia Tournament, May 1-2, Point Cadet Marina, 119 Beach Blvd. Fishing tournament for cash prizes. Details: 228-432-7387; www.gorenflostackle.com

Second Annual Officer Robert McKeithen Memorial Blood Drive, May 6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., 2nd floor. Details: 228-385-3033 or visit vitalant.org and enter sponsor code biloxipolicedept.

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A cultural blessing

For generations, Biloxians have celebrated their deep ties to the seafood industry with the annual Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet. And they will do it again on May 30 at 2 p.m. in the Biloxi channel. The blessing, an Old Country tradition that began here in 1929, marks the beginning of the shrimp season and invokes a safe and prosperous season. The ceremonial wreath dropping takes place at 2 p.m. just south of the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor. Boats line up in the west end of the Biloxi Channel, south of the Biloxi Lighthouse, and parade east. All shrimp and recreational boats are invited to participate. Cash prizes will be awarded. For more information, visit Biloxi Blessing on the Fleet on Facebook.

Adherence to CDC guidelines paramount.
All events subject to change.

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 36th 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 99411.

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

First Friday and Downtown Block Party at The District Green, May 7, 4-9 p.m., Howard Avenue & Rue Magnolia. Live music by Rhythm & Rain and Gram Rea & Ty Taylor. Also featuring food trucks, beer from Fly Llama Brewing Company, and "Musical Bingo" with prizes. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

Bike Biloxi, May 18; 6 p.m.; Downtown ride. Begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., and ends with refreshments and food at a downtown restaurant at cyclists' expense. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339



2021 Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet Poster unveiling, contestant introduction, Live streamed, May 19; 6 p.m. Facebook.com/biloxiblessingms. Details: 228-435-6339

Biloxi Bay Area Chamber State of the City luncheon, May 20, Beau Rivage Magnolia Ballroom. Doors open at 11 a.m.; program at 11:30 a.m. Tickets, \$50 per person by May 13. Details: 228-435-6149.

Bicycle Safety Rodeo & Bike Ride, May 22, 10:30 a.m., Biloxi Lighthouse Park, west of Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Details: mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us, 228-435-6339

Main Street Book Club, May 26; 5:30 p.m., Southern Bound Book Shop meeting room, 999 Howard Ave. May's book selection, "The Authenticity Project," is available at Southern Bound Book Shop, located next door to Jacked Up Coffee Bar. Stop by the free meeting or call Biloxi Main Street for more information. Details: 228-435-6339

Coronation of 2021 Shrimp King and Queen, May 29; 5:30 p.m. Live streamed. Join the Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet Committee as they preside over the crowning of the 2021 Shrimp King and Queen. This year's event is not open to the public but you won't miss a thing if you follow Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet on Facebook. Details: 228-435-6339

92nd Annual Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet, May 30; 2 p.m., Biloxi Channel. Boats line up in the west end of the Biloxi Channel, south of the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor, and parade east in the Biloxi Channel. The ceremonial wreath dropping takes place at 2pm. Viewing along the beach from the Biloxi Lighthouse to the Biloxi Bay Bridge. Details: Facebook.com/biloxiblessingms/



Biloxi Little Theatre
220 Lee St., 228-432-8543, www.4blt.org
• **Fridays with Fab Freddie**,
BLT's Virtual Happy Hour; Fridays 6:30 p.m.

Center Stage
2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258
centerstagebiloxi.com

Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library

2244 Beach Blvd., 228-388-4400, www.visitbeauvoir.org

- **Living History**, Performances monthly, every third Saturday; 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Admission ranges: \$7.50 to \$12.50
- **"Meet the Spirits,"** May 15; 6 p.m. until Midnight. Admission: \$30 per person

Betsy Ann Riverboat Cruise

173 Beach Blvd., 228-229-4270, betsyannriverboat@gmail.com, betsyannriverboat.com
• Hibachi Dinner Cruise, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 6:30 p.m.

Biloxi Lighthouse & Visitors Center

1050 Beach Blvd., 228-374-3105, biloxi.ms.us – Open daily, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
• Lighthouse Tours Daily, 9-10 a.m., weather permitting

Biloxi Schooner Pier

367 Beach Blvd., 228-435-6320, schooners@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.

- Call in advance to check tour availability.

Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum

792 Howard Ave., 228-314-4747, museum@coastalmardigras.com, www.coastalmardigras.com

- Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., closed Sundays and Mondays

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

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

- Registration for 2021 Sea & Sail Camp now open
- Book Signing – May 18; 6 p.m. Authors Ashley Oliphant and Beth Yarbrough will be on hand to sign their new book, “Jean Laffite Revealed”

Ohr-O’Keefe Museum of Art

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

- **Catwalk Under the Oaks** (spring fundraiser) May 21; 6-10 p.m., IP Casino Resort Spa, 850 Bayview Avenue. Tickets start at \$100.
- **Yoga under the Oaks & Pure Juice 101**, every Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.
- **Game night with drink special & tasting menu**, First Thursday of every month; 4-7 p.m.
- **Live music with tasting menu**, Third Thursday of every month; 5:30 -7:30 p.m.
- 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 to Ship Island resumes MAY 15!
- Private charters available year-round.
- Dolphin and Sunset Cruises available.

West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum

1046 Howard Ave., 435-6119/435-6200, www.biloxi.ms.us

- Historic 1937 firehouse open Saturdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment

Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606

- **Friday Bingo:** May 7, 14, 21, & 28. Door open at 5 p.m.; Early Bird games 6:30 p.m., regular games at 7 p.m. Cash payouts and door prizes. Concessions available and open until 8:30 p.m.
- **Sunday Charity Bingo:** No Sunday Bingo for May.
- **Safety Protocols for Bingo:** Seating capacity is limited to 75% occupancy, hands to be sanitized, mask are mandatory by the gaming commission.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- **Seafood Dinners every Friday night in May**, 6-8 p.m. Karaoke at 7 p.m. Call for details.

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 228-392-9345

- **Military Collectible Show**, May 1; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$7
- **Harrison County Gem and Mineral Show**, May 15-16; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission.
- **No Steak Night in May**; will resume on June 11

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

871 Esters Blvd., 228-374-0606

- **Biloxi Bingo Mania** – Tuesday night behind Nativity Cathedral; Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Early bird begins at 6:30 p.m.; regular games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Nativity BVM Catholic Elementary School.

MS Gulf Coast Coliseum

228-594-3700

- May 1-2 – **Annual Home Show**
- May 1-2 – **Monster Truck Jam**

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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2 Gorenflo's Cobia Tournament Point Cadet Marina Home Show AND Monster Truck Jam MS Coast Coliseum	3 Summer Camp Late Registration through May 14 Parks & Rec Office	4 Community Market Yoga Under the Oaks Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	5	6 Community Market Officer Robert McKeithen Memorial Blood Drive Biloxi Visitors Center Game Night with Makin' Groceries Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art	7 First Friday Downtown Biloxi Downtown Biloxi Block Party The District Green Friday Night Dinners with Karaoke Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge	8
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