

STORM & FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

New season, new threat

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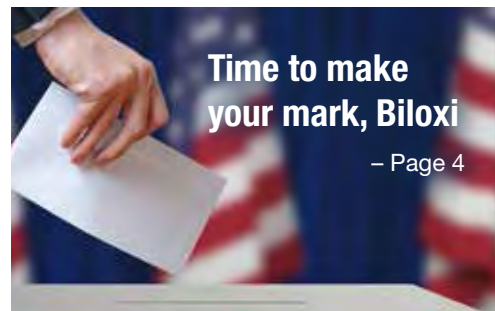
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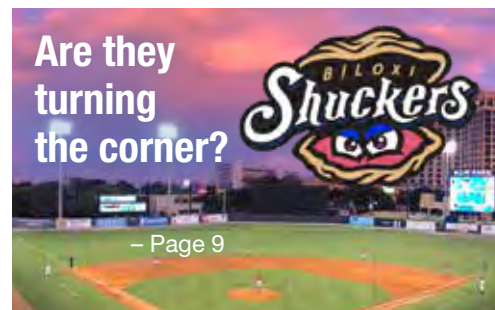
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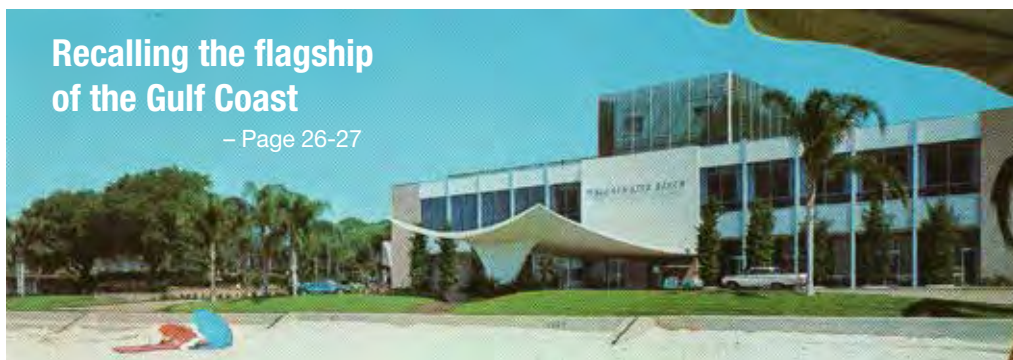
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Praise the Lord, but do your part

So the mayor and emergency managers knew it was going to be a significant storm. Hurricane-force winds would push a storm surge ashore, inundating streets in low-lying areas and possibly even enter homes on Point Cadet.

Police cars slowly drove streets in East Biloxi neighborhoods and in Eagle Point, blaring the news: Evacuate now before the winds pick up and the water begins to rise.


**Nick L.
Shrimp**

"I'm OK," the Point Cadet resident said from his front yard in the light rain. "The Lord will take care of me."

The rainfall persisted for hours. Water began to rise, just as expected, and the mayor dispatched the city's swift water teams to Point Cadet and Eagle Point, north of the Bay. On foot and pulling small skiffs, the crews made their way through the

foot-deep water covering the streets. Winds howled and wind-blown water stung the uncovered face.

They arrived at a home and knocked on the door. "The water's going to continue to rise, and the winds are going to get worse," they pleaded: "Please get in our skiff and let us take you to safety."

"No," the resident said. "Thank you for coming out, but the Lord is going to take care of me."

So they moved on.

Later in the day, before the sun set and before the final push of water came ashore, the mayor dispatched the city helicopter to Point Cadet and Eagle Point, as streets were impassible.

There was the resident, sitting atop his roof, with the home, the entire neighborhood, in three feet of water. Debris floated by.

"Grab the rope ladder," they hollered from the helicopter. "We'll take you to safety."

"No," the resident said. "I'll be OK, the water will go down and the Lord will take care of me."

Hours later, with water at five feet and winds whipping, the resident climbed into the attic and pushed through a roof top vent. He took refuge on the rooftop. In the gusty winds and rain.

Finally, he looked upward, "Lord, why has thou forsaken me?"

And the reply came: "I've sent a police car, a boat and a helicopter. What are you waiting for?"

It was a story told a time or two years ago. True dat? Not really. The city does not own a helicopter.

The point is, things will come your way in life that, as Hizzoner likes to say, are actually opportunities.

In this issue and on BTV this month you will find opportunities to better prepare yourself for the 2021 storm season, which begins this month, June 1, and runs through Nov. 30. Not that hurricanes look at a calendar.

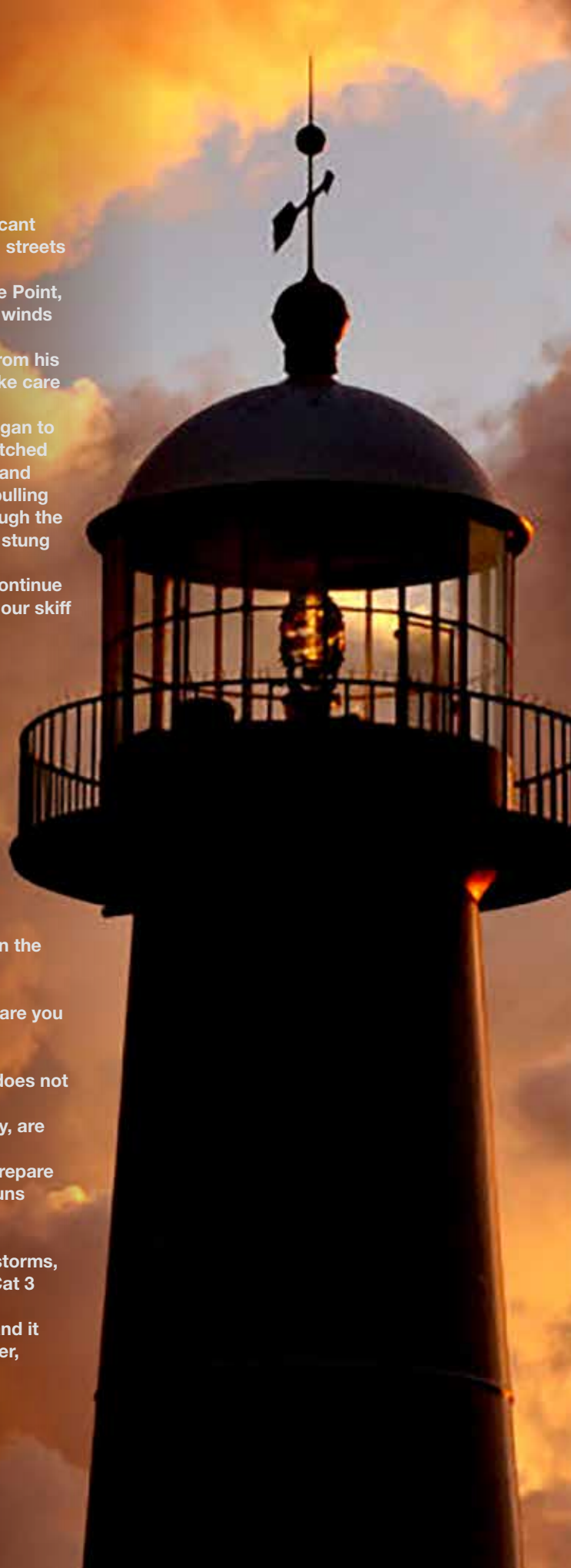
Storms are becoming more intense, and, as evidenced by last year, more frequent. The record-breaking 2020 hurricane season produced 30 named storms, eclipsing the record of 28 back in 2005. Fourteen of the 2020 storms were Cat 3 or greater.

For all the prognostications and historical data, it takes only one storm, and it doesn't even have to be a storm, to cause damage, either from wind or water, or both.

The Lord will protect you? Remember what they say: God helps those who help themselves. Do your part. Read the advice. Heed the advice. Seize the opportunities.

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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2021: Biloxi's 'secret' has been discovered

By Andrew "FoFo" Gilich
Mayor of Biloxi

Biloxi's casino industry shattered all gaming records for a single month in April 2021.

Gross gaming revenue is net income on which casino's pay taxes each month.

Biloxi's eight casinos generated \$111 million in gross gaming revenue according to state records, eclipsing a \$105 million record set in July 2007. In fact, in the 29-year history of legalized gaming in Biloxi, only four times has gross gaming income exceeded \$100 million for a single

month. It was the best April ever – by 30 percent.

I have been monitoring the jumps in monthly gross gaming income from \$71 million in February, to \$92 million in March and now \$111 million for April.

Also, right along with April gross gaming income is a near record sales tax revenue we just received, \$1.222 million. The record for a single month was August 2016, \$1.24 million.

These are astounding numbers, particularly at this time, in these early months of 2021 after everything Biloxi and our Coast battled through in 2020 and considering that our gaming industry was not even at full throttle yet.

Numbers don't lie and everyone needs to reach their own conclusions.

► See the gaming revenue numbers at biloxi.ms.us/gaming-revenues

No matter why they came or however they got here, from wherever they came, the fact is... that they got here. The result was great... and we expect them back in the future. We have always proclaimed that if a visitor comes to Biloxi once, our product will sell itself.

I'm not in the prediction business, especially now. In 2019 Biloxi's GGR hit \$903 million, not a record, but pushing it. About a year ago at the State of City address, I exclaimed how good everyone should feel about 2020. We were truly on a roll from the start of fiscal year in October 2019 until March 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic brought it all to a trickle. At least in my mind, we were on track to have a billion-dollar year.

We carried on through many of the challenges of 2020, you know them all. And now as a result, Biloxi is positioned better than ever before to move into the future and achieve its destiny.

The Innovation Group, a gaming industry consulting company, has been working in Biloxi for three decades. Company President Michael Soll noted that there is more to it than Biloxi's record high revenue mark after the coronavirus closures. Soll said: "The real story in Biloxi is the long-term resilience of the market, which has been proven time and time again. It's the result of its hybrid position as a convenient regional market with destination-caliber offerings and amenities.

No doubt much attention will be forthcoming to the Biloxi offerings in gaming, tourism and its

quality
of life.

OK, Biloxi, it's time to make your mark

The party nominees have been established and balloting for the city's mayor and City Council takes place citywide on June 8 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Contested races are taking place in Wards 1, 2 and 5.

Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich and Councilmembers Dixie Newman of Ward 3, Robert L. Deming III of Ward 4, Kenny Glavan of Ward 6 and Nathan Barrett in Ward 7 appear on the ballot as unopposed.

Gilich, Newman and Barrett also were unopposed in the Republican primary and Deming and Glavan outpolled challengers. Democrats George Lawrence and Felix Gines

faces challengers in the upcoming general election.

Polling places changes: Two polling places have changed for the 2021 municipal elections. In Ward 2, those who formerly voted at the Carl M. Ohr Fire Station No. 3 will now vote at the East Biloxi Senior Center, 461 Parker St. In Ward 7, those who formerly voted at the Woolmarket Fire Station No. 8 will now vote at the Woolmarket City Center, 13034 Kayleigh Cove.

Key dates: May 10 was the deadline to register to vote. June 5 is the last day for in-person absentee voting and the municipal clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon that day. And, of course, the election itself is June 8, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Need more info? A map of polling places is on the city website. Click on Voter Information on left side of any page. You can contact Municipal Clerk Stacy Thacker at sthacker@biloxi.ms.us or 228-435-6254.

The candidates

Mayor

Andrew "FoFo" Gilich (R)

Ward 1

Keith Anderson (R)

George Lawrence (D)

Ward 2

Felix O. Gines (D)

Tracey D. Smith (IND)

Ward 3

Dixie Newman (R)

Ward 4

Robert L. Deming III (R)

Ward 5

Sugar Stallings (D)

Paul Tisdale (R)

Ward 6

Kenny Glavan (R)

Ward 7

Nathan Barrett (R)

News & notes

Cotton to it: As

many as 150 college-level players from Biloxi and surrounding cities will make up the Coastal Division of the Cotton States Baseball League. Play takes place in June and July at Biloxi High School, A.J. Holloway Sports Complex and MGM Park on Friday nights, Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and Monday nights. Details at www.cottonstatesleague.com.



Shriners Boulevard: By mid-May, the drainage work on Shriners Boulevard was two weeks away from completion.

History: When fire chiefs from 10 Southeastern states gather June 23-26 in Biloxi for the 93rd annual gathering of the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs, history will be made: For the first time, a Mississippi fire chief will be named head of the organization. The chief? Biloxi's Joe Boney.



A ringer: Peter Roy Elder, the Biloxi native who established himself as a premier Major League baseball scout (and picked up six World Series rings along the way), has been chosen as honoree for the Biloxi First Roast, scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 28 at the IP. Mark the date. Ticket info forthcoming.





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2021 games remaining:
 Archery June 5
 Triathlon August 28
 Cycling October 2

For more information:
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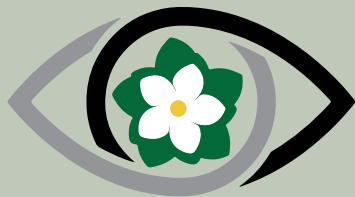
Website:
www.msseniorolymp.org





An inside job

They're still working on the outside, sealing the walls brick by brick, but the massive renovations to the Saenger Theatre have also turned inward. Scaffolding has replaced about half of the 900 seats in the cavernous downtown showplace as city contractors replace plaster damaged by rainwater. Right now, it's all scheduled to be a \$5.3 million project, with funds from BP, through the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, and the city. Too early to say when the 1929-era theater will re-open its doors. It had been hosting 200 events and 30,000 patrons a year before closing in March 2018.



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The fun is only beginning for Shuckers fans

By Garrett Greene
Biloxi Shuckers

It only took 608 days, but Biloxi Shuckers baseball officially returned to MGM Park on May 12, in astounding style no less. During the Opening Week festivities, fans were treated to postgame fireworks, a late rally and a combined no-hitter in front of a full house on the first Saturday of the year.

But the excitement of Shuckers baseball is only starting for the 2021 season. The Shuckers still have 48 home games remaining and a full lineup of promotions for the month of June.

The skies over MGM Park will light up with postgame fireworks twice during the month of June, with the first fireworks show coming on Friday, June 11 after a matchup with the Mississippi Braves. It might be a week early, but since the Shuckers are on the road during Fourth of July weekend, we're kicking off the celebration of 244 years of American Independence with an Independence Day Fireworks Extravaganza presented by Merit Health Biloxi on Saturday, June 26. Red, white and blue gear is not required but certainly encouraged!



June also features a pair of giveaways, starting on a Saturday, June 12 with a Fanny Pack giveaway presented by the Mississippi Forestry Commission. Yes, fanny packs are in again, and the first 1,000 fans to the game on June 12 will receive one as they come through the gates. T-Shirt Tuesday also makes its triumphant return on Tuesday, June 22, with the first 250 people receiving a Top Gun themed t-shirt presented by Coca-Cola.

For those who love drink and hot dog specials, Thursday night is your night with Double Play Thursday presented by Yuengling, Coca-Cola and Kicker 108. Enjoy \$2 Yuengling, \$2 hot dogs, \$2 sodas and \$3

draft beers specials every Thursday during the 2021 campaign. And for all the dog lovers out there, bring your pup to the ballpark on Sunday, June 27 for a 1:05 p.m. first pitch against Montgomery with Bark in the Park.

As for the play on the field, 2021 has already seen some incredible and downright strange sights. During one of their games in Birmingham, the Shuckers drew 13 walks and scored 12 runs in an inning. Go ahead and re-read that sentence. 13 walks. One inning. Meanwhile, in his first start back in Mississippi, former Mississippi State star Ethan Small threw the first five innings of a no-hitter for the Shuckers (a cowbell or two could be heard in the stadium that night). And, Biloxi played one of their highest scoring games in history, defeating the M-Braves 14-10 on a Sunday, only appropriate for a score that read like a defensive minded football game.

What 2021 has illustrated so far is that you never know what will happen at the ballpark. The promotions? Well, those are set. But what comes after is the beautiful mystery every time the gates open at MGM Park. So come out and join the Shuckers to see what will happen next!

► Get tickets and more info at biloxishuckers.com

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It's a matter of prioritizing Veteran Health Care and Safety

By Bryan C. Matthews, Director
Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System

Our health care teams at the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System in Biloxi, Mobile, Pensacola, Eglin and Panama City Beach have earned Veterans trust, working on the frontlines to provide care to those most in need. We began implementing safety measures over a year ago to protect Veterans and our staff from getting sick. As part of prioritizing safety, for each appointment we've had to weigh the options and risks with our patients. When clinical urgency rose above the risk of COVID-19, we provided in person care. When it did not and the risk of COVID-19 infection took priority, we offered alternatives.

We successfully moved many appointments to video and telephone when appropriate and helped meet the needs of the Veteran. This has even offered unexpected benefits



Bryan C. Matthews



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of convenience for Veterans or additional engagement options for family and caregivers. Unlike with in-person care, virtual options give a Veteran's support network the ability to join visits and engage with VA providers much more easily. We anticipate continuing to offer virtual visits even as we return to more in-person care.

As we move forward, we are welcoming Veterans back in record numbers. We are encouraging Veterans to call first and talk to their health care team about coming in for routine and preventative care. These appointments, from cancer screenings to eye exams, are essential to staying healthy. As our community spread of COVID-19 has decreased over the past few months, many have already resumed their care, while others have begun scheduling appointments for the weeks ahead, either within the VA or when eligible, in the community.

I want you to know that the GCVHCS is

dedicated to caring for Veterans, not just in this time of national emergency, but continuing now and into the future. While we are part of the national healthcare system, first and foremost, we are members of this vibrant community. The GCVHCS' employees are here day and night for those who have served our nation and call the Gulf Coast home.

Recent legislation has enabled us to open up vaccination clinics to any Veteran along with their spouse or caregiver, and we are pleased to be meeting new members of this community for the first time, or welcoming back those who we haven't seen in a while. We would encourage every Veteran to consider coming in and receiving their COVID-19 vaccine and enrolling in care with us. If you or a Veteran in your life haven't come in for care in a while, please check in with your provider team and consider scheduling an appointment.

I hope Veterans and all members of the community will take the time to work with their medical provider team to get their appointments rescheduled, even if they haven't been vaccinated yet. Our doors are open, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

This monthly column and the 15-minute program airing daily at 6:45 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. on BTV are created by the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System manager.

June Promotions

JUNE 8	JUNE 9	JUNE 11	JUNE 12	SCHOONER'S BIRTHDAY GOLF NIGHT FIREWORKS FANNY PACK GIVEAWAY PRESENTED BY MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY COMMISSION	
JUNE 22	JUNE 25	JUNE 26	JUNE 27	T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY PRESENTED BY COCA-COLA SAINTS HALL OF FAME NIGHT INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA PRESENTED BY MERIT HEALTH BILOXI BARK IN THE PARK	
TUESDAY-SATURDAY 6:35PM START TIME SUNDAY 1:05PM START TIME					

DAILY PROMOTIONS

 Military Wednesday	 DOUBLE PLAY Thursday	 SHUCK YEAH Saturday	 FAMILY FUN DAY Sunday
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DATES, TIMES & PROMOTIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Think ahead on evacuations, storm shelters

One of the toughest decisions that residents may have to make when a storm approaches is whether they should evacuate their property and possessions for either a local shelter or out-of-town accommodations.

Depending on the severity of the storm, that decision can be made for those in low-lying areas: Local authorities may order a mandatory evacuation.

In Harrison County, as many as 10 hurricane shelters can be activated in times of peril. A shelter should be refuge of last resort, but residents need to be aware of several factors if they are considering seeking refuge in a shelter.

The decision to open a shelter is usually based on the intensity of a storm and where it is expected to make landfall. Local Emergency Management leaders make the decision to open shelters in coordination with the American Red Cross, and the public is notified through the media.

The shelter sites can vary from year to year and storm to storm.

"The type of weather event, the direction of a storm and rising tides are just a couple of the factors that go into activating a shelter," says Biloxi Emergency Manager Nicholaus Geiser, a battalion chief in the Biloxi Fire Department. "The number and location of shelters that are needed to be activated during an event, also have to be considered."

If you think you may seek refuge in a shelter, some points to consider:

- Bring enough food and water for at least the first day.
- Bring your own blankets and other personal needs. Cots cannot be guaranteed.
- No pets at typical shelters (check with the local humane society); no firearms, alcohol or tobacco products are allowed.
- Public transit systems – buses and taxis – will stop operating when sustained winds reach 35 mph.
- If you have an infant, bring an adequate supply of diapers and formula.
- If you or a member of your family is on a special diet, bring the necessary food.
- If you are on prescription medication, try to have a two-week supply of medication.

If you're thinking about evacuating, be familiar with evacuation routes. Traffic may be delayed by bridges opening to marine traffic. Bridges, by the way, will not open for marine traffic when sustained winds reach 35 mph.

And, finally, if you encounter a flooded roadway - in times of peril or on a typical day, remember the oft-repeated advice:

"Turn around, don't drown."

Storm & Flood Preparedness 2021

Names to remember – or forget – in 2021

Who's to say there's not another Camille, Katrina or even Zeta in the group? Which name will gain notoriety this year, or merely be lost to the ages? There's no telling at this point, which is why preparation is the key.

Those points notwithstanding, here's the lineup of storm names for the 2021 Hurricane Season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30:

Ana	Henri	Odette
Bill	Ida	Peter
Claudette	Julian	Rose
Danny	Kate	Sam
Elsa	Larry	Teresa
Fred	Mindy	Victor
Grace	Nicholas	Wanda

Don't expect to see the names Katrina, Camille, Isidore, Gustav, Nate or a host of others used in the future. The World Meteorological Organization, which creates the list of names, has been known to

repeat a name after seven years, but the aforementioned Katrina and Co. have been deemed so deadly or costly they're retired, to avoid confusion or insensitivity.

And the common denominator among Katrina, Camille, Isidore, Gustav and Nate? They all caused damage in Biloxi.

By the way, if the list of names is exhausted this year, as it was in the record-setting 2020, names will be pulled from a supplemental list, not the Greek alphabet. The Greek alphabet, meteorologists said of the 2020 season, was confusing and a distraction.

The supplemental names:

Adria	Heath	Orlanda
Braylen	Isla	Pax
Caridad	Jacobus	Ronin
Deshawn	Kenzie	Sophie
Emery	Lucio	Tayshaun
Foster	Makayla	Viviana
Gemma	Nolan	Will

What you can expect to see when a storm threatens

This hurricane season, expect to see a regular flow of updates and information, all prepared by a coordinated team. This team includes the National Hurricane Center, the local National Weather Service office, and Emergency Management officials at the state, county, and city level. Here are some planning times to remember, recognizing each storm is unique:

- **Up to 5 days in advance** – The National Hurricane Center regularly issues Tropical Weather Outlooks, indicating any tropical disturbances and their probability of developing over the next 5 days. If a disturbance is forecast in our area, closely monitor the situation and be prepared to adjust normal activities.
- **3 or more days prior (72+ hours before arrival)** – When a storm has developed or is expected to develop, the National Hurricane Center will issue Tropical Cyclone Advisories every 6 hours. If Biloxi is in the probability cone, expect to receive guidance from local emergency management officials.
- **2 days prior (48 hours before arrival)** – When storm conditions are expected within 48 hours, the National Hurricane Center will issue a Tropical Storm Watch or a Hurricane Watch. At this point, local governments will usually announce any decisions on closures of government facilities, and could also issue orders for evacuation of one or more evacuation zones. Most local businesses will implement their business continuity plans, adjusting their services or operating hours.
- **1½ days prior (36 hours before arrival)** – When storm conditions are expected within 36 hours, the National Hurricane Center will issue a Tropical Storm Warning or a Hurricane Warning. At this point, local governments will usually announce any decisions on community shelters, and could also issue orders for a curfew. Many local businesses will close early for the safety of customers and employees. Everyone should complete storm prep activities, and should proceed to a safe location for protection from weather impacts.
- **What you can do now** – Don't wait until a tropical depression or hurricane is in the Gulf to begin preparing. There are steps you can take now. See the list on Page 14.
- **More info**
 - Sign up for B-Alert by texting BILOXI to 99411. You'll get advisories via text messages.
 - To see evacuation zones and evacuation routes, see map on Page 13.
 - Information also will be available via city Bmail (sign up at biloxi.ms.us), and through a recorded message on the City of Biloxi Storm Info Line: 228-435-6300.

It's illegal to sweep lawn clippings into the street

Chances are, you've seen it done or even done it yourself: You cut your lawn, rake up the trimmings and pile them near the curb in front of your home. Or, you'll sweep the trimmings into the street, where you hope they'll be carried away by the wind.

These two scenarios result in one of the biggest causes of flooding in the city – blocked storm drains.

These careless or unthinking actions negate the millions of dollars in improvements that the

city is making citywide to drainage systems.

Piling leaves at the curb or sweeping trimmings into the street means that they will eventually find their way into the city's storm drains. Either bag the leaves for pickup or compost them. A stopped-up storm drain or ditch cannot carry run-off water as it is intended to do. When it rains, that water can flood streets, your property or your neighbor's property.

It's actually a violation of city ordinance to dump any material into storm drains, ditches,

culverts, streams or waterways (Sec. 9-1-15, Code of Ordinances, 1992).

If you see anyone dumping debris into storm drains, ditches, culverts or streams, please contact the Public Works Department at 228-435-6271, or email the Craig Ross, the citizens service representative at cross@biloxi.ms.us, or the Code Enforcement staff in the Community Development Department at 228-435-6270 or online at dking@biloxi.ms.us.

Be sure to get a building permit before construction

When you or a licensed contractor make repairs or alterations to your property, those repairs should be in compliance with established building codes. This ensures that

work is up to code and will be able to withstand most weather conditions.

To make sure that your plans are within code, a building permit must be obtained from the City of Biloxi Building Division before you build, alter, re-grade or fill on your property. New buildings in the floodplain must be protected from flood damage. Biloxi's building code requires that new buildings must be elevated to the base flood elevation, plus 1 foot.

The code also requires all additions and 'substantial' improvements or repairs from damage to a building be treated as new construction. A substantial improvement or repair is one in which the value of an addition, alteration, repair or reconstruction project exceeds 50 percent of the total value of the existing building.

Before you begin a project, contact the

Building Division at 228-435-6270 or online at building@biloxi.ms.us. Qualified staff can help make sure that your project complies with building codes. Biloxi is currently under the 2012 International Building Code, and the 2014 National Electrical Code.

Contractors must have city license

Property owners are warned to beware of transient contractors who typically set up shop in the wake of disasters such as a major hurricane or tornado.

Ask to see the person's City of Biloxi license card, which is required to do business in this city.

Do not pay any money in advance. Do not sign any contracts. And do not pay any money until the work has been inspected and approved by a city inspector.

If you have any questions or concerns, call the Community Development Department at 228-435-6280.

A ride out of harm's way

Coast Transit is ready to assist needy residents when an evacuation order is issued. If you need evacuation transportation, known as "Demand Response," it's free, but you must register to get a ride to a local shelter. Call CTA at 228-896-8080. Registration is easy: Your name, address, phone number and any special needs. You'll get all of the info you need.



Federal agencies encourage residents to use direct deposit

In those critical days after Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. Treasury Department worked with the Social Security Administration to get displaced Social Security and other federal benefit checks to recipients, as quickly as possible.

But those who already were using direct deposit had immediate access to their funds from virtually anywhere, thanks to ATMs and financial institution networks.

That's why the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Banks – through Go Direct – are urging Social Security check recipients who live along

the Gulf Coast to switch to direct deposit.

The recommendation, offered in light of devastating hurricanes, is aimed at ensuring citizens receive their federal benefits without disruption.

Go Direct makes it easy to sign up for direct deposit. People can sign up by calling the toll-free Go Direct helpline at (800) 333-1795 or by visiting www.GoDirect.gov to sign up online. To learn more about Go Direct, visit www.GoDirect.gov.

Stay tuned for more storm information

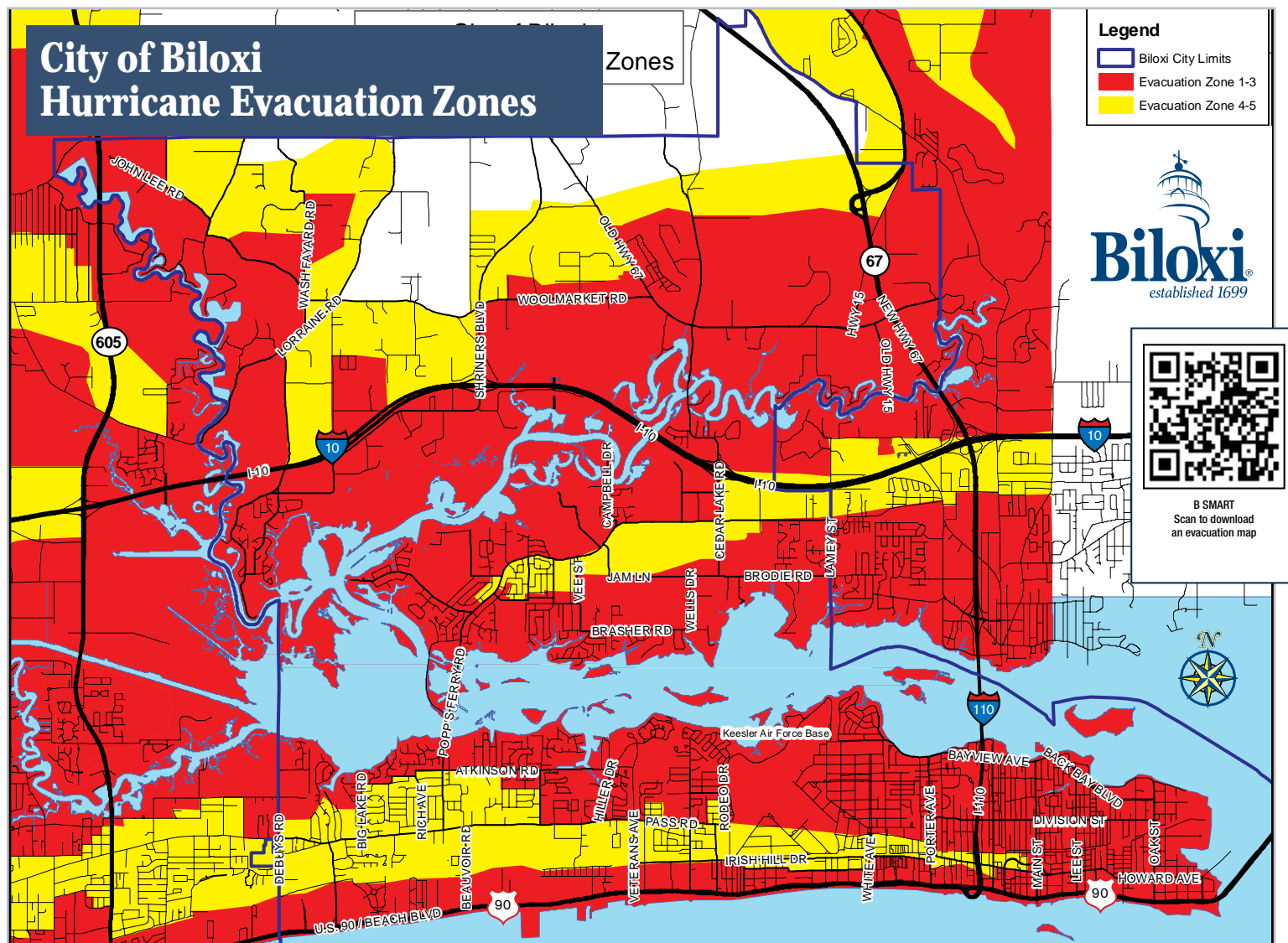
The National Weather Service monitors hurricane and storm activity, and issues official bulletins to local and regional TV and radio stations. Since television coverage may be interrupted by power outages, you should also have a battery-operated radio to follow emergency advisories. It is vital that you monitor these weather broadcasts, especially as a storm approaches.

Additionally, the City of Biloxi relays vital information on a regular basis. The current temperature, conditions and forecast are displayed 24/7 at the top corner of the city's website at biloxi.ms.us.

Sign up to receive timely text alerts by texting BILOXI to 99411. Sign up for the Bmail by visiting biloxi.ms.us/register.

At right is a list of local outlets where you can obtain information.

Television	WXRQ 105.9
WLOX-TV 13	WXYK 107.1
WXXV-TV 25	WZKX 107.9
The Weather Channel	Radio-AM
	WQFX 1130
Radio-FM	WBSL 1190
WQYZ 92.5	WGCM 1240
WMJY 93.7	WROA 1390
WJZD 94.5	WXBD 1490
WZNF 95.3	WTNI 1640
WUJM 96.7	
WCPR 97.9	Online
WKNN 99.1	Facebook.com/cobiloxi
WGCM 102.3	
WBTV 104.9	



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.

What to do and when to do it

DURING A HURRICANE WATCH

(A Hurricane Watch is issued when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24-36 hours.)

- Listen to a battery-operated radio or television for hurricane progress reports.
- Check emergency supplies.
- Fuel car.
- Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys, and garden tools and anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.
- Secure buildings by closing and boarding up windows. Remove outside antennas.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings. Open only when absolutely necessary and close quickly.
- Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs, bottles, and cooking utensils.
- Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home.
- Review evacuation plan.
- Moor boat securely or move it to a designated safe place.
- Take pre-storm pictures of house and contents.



- glass doors.
 - Keep a supply of flashlights and extra batteries handy. Avoid open flames, such as candles and kerosene lamps, as a source of light.
 - If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce power “surge” when electricity is restored.
- If officials indicate evacuation is necessary:
 - Leave as soon as possible. Avoid flooded roads and watch for washed-out bridges.
 - Secure your home by unplugging appliances and turning off electricity and the main water valve.
 - Tell someone outside of the storm area where you are going.
 - If time permits, and you live in an identified surge zone, elevate furniture to protect it from flooding or better yet, move it to a higher floor.
 - Take pre-assembled emergency supplies, warm protective clothing, blankets and sleeping bags to shelter.
 - Lock up home and leave.

DURING A HURRICANE WARNING

(A Hurricane Warning is issued when hurricane conditions – winds of 74 mph or greater, or dangerously high water and rough seas – are expected in 24 hours or less.)

- Listen constantly to a battery-operated radio or television for official instructions.
- If in a mobile home, check tie-downs and evacuate immediately.
- Bring outside pets inside and provide shelter for farm animals.
- Avoid elevators.
- If at home:
 - Stay inside, away from windows, skylights, and

them immediately to the power company, police, or fire department.

- Enter your home with caution. Beware of snakes, insects, and animals driven to higher ground by flood water.
- Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry your home.
- Check refrigerated foods for spoilage; if electricity is off, keep refrigerator and freezer closed as much as possible.
- Take pictures of the damage, both of the house and its contents for insurance claims.
- Drive only if absolutely necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges. Refrain from sightseeing.
- Use telephone only for emergency calls.
- Inspecting utilities in a damaged home:
 - Check for gas leaks. If you smell gas or hear blowing or hissing noise, open a window and quickly leave the building. Turn off the gas at the outside main valve if you can and call the gas company from a neighbor's home. If you turn off the gas for any reason, it must be turned back on by a professional.
 - Look for electrical system damage. If you see sparks or broken or frayed wires, or if you smell hot insulation, turn off the electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker. If you have to step in water to get to the fuse box or circuit breaker, call an electrician first for advice.
 - Check for sewage and water lines damage. If you suspect sewage lines are damaged avoid using the toilets and call a plumber. If water pipes are damaged, contact the water company and avoid the water from the tap. You can obtain safe water by melting ice cubes.
- Generally, utility companies restore services lost during major storm events first to public service providers, such as hospitals, water systems and public safety agencies.

AFTER THE STORM

- Stay tuned to local radio for information.
- Help injured or trapped persons.
- Give first aid where appropriate.
- Do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of further injury. Call for help.
- Return home only after authorities advise that it is safe to do so.
- Avoid loose or dangling power lines and report

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale

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| 1 | – 74-95 mph |
| 2 | – 96-110 mph |
| 3 | – 111-130 mph |
| 4 | – 131-155 mph |
| 5 | – greater than 155 mph |

Spanish and Vietnamese translation available online.

Need More Info?

- To read FEMA's answers to frequently asked questions about repairing significantly damaged properties in flood zones, visit biloxi.ms.us/storm.
- To read FEMA's "Homebuilder's Guide to Coastal Construction," which provides technical guidance and recommendations concerning the construction of coastal residential, visit biloxi.ms.us/storm.
- Those with other questions can call the Community Development Department at 228-435-6280 or e-mail building@biloxi.ms.us.

After a spotty year, Jack is back

It's been a long year, seven years actually, for Jack the Biloxi Fire Dog. Sidelined by the social distancing mandates of the pandemic, Jack is now out of the doghouse, and, with a new hurricane-ready trading card, he's ready to make group and school appearances again. Call the chief's office at the Biloxi Fire Department, 228-435-6200, or email the energetic Dalmatian himself, jack@biloxi.ms.us



RANDOM NOTES



See stars in Biloxi

When two dozen Air Force generals from bases across the country convened at Keesler in May for a visit called "Gathering of the Torch," Mayor "FoFo" Gilich rolled out his own star-studded welcoming party. Shown at the new Keesler roundabout, part of a show-and-tell for the visiting brass, are, from left, Brig. Gen. Rich Moss, Hizzoner, Lt. Gen. Mike Peterson and Lt. Gen. Clark Griffith, Biloxi retirees all, generally, and in the middle of it all, the power-behind-the-throne, Myrtis Franke, Biloxi's local go-to person for Trent Lott, Thad Cochran and now Sen. Cindy Hyde Smith.

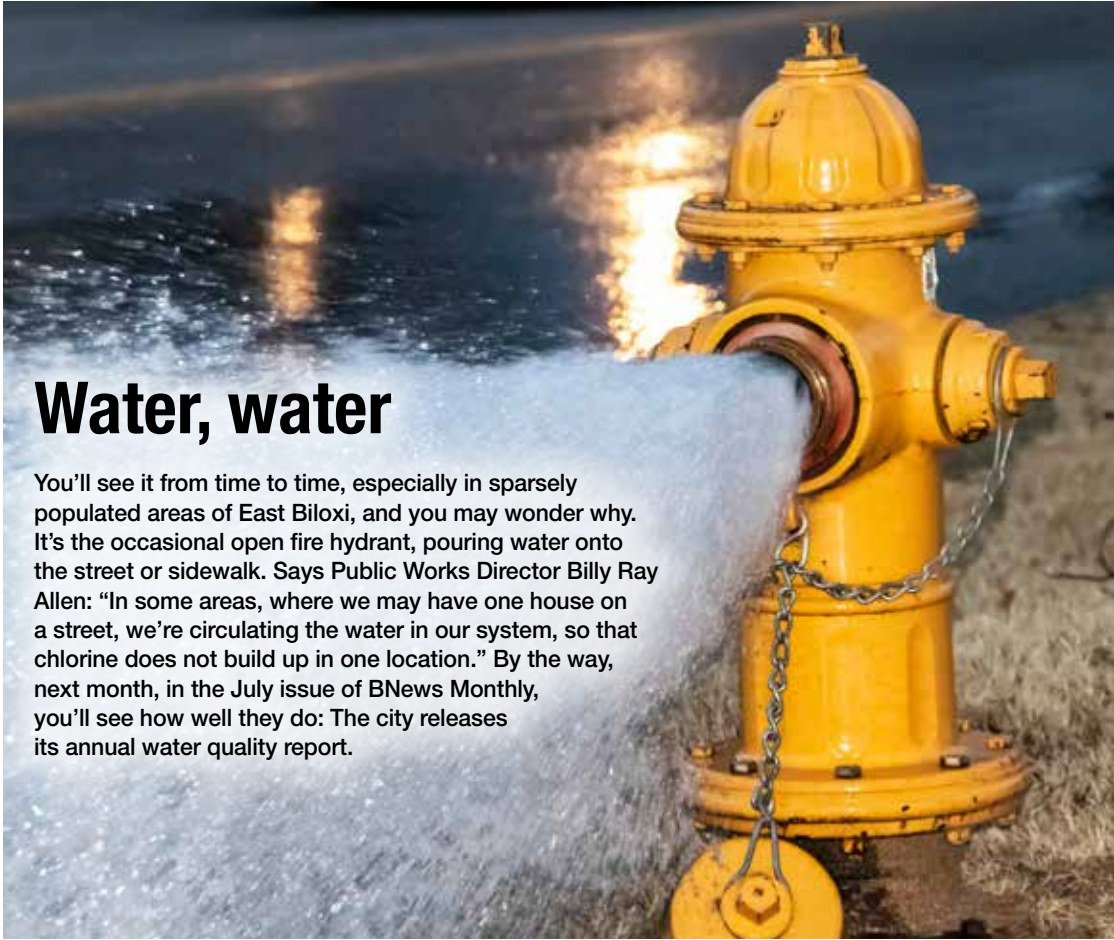
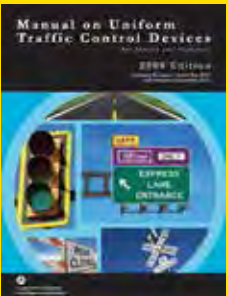


A magnetic smile?

Mayor "FoFo" Gilich riffed on him during the State of the City address to the Biloxi Bay Chamber, but The Peoples Bank taskmaster and Shuckers fan Chevis Swetman, holding the bank-sponsored Shuckers magnetic schedule, was all smiles at the almost-opening day at MGM Park on May 11. But magnetic? Quipped wife, Marcia, also a Shuck Nation diehard: "He's never been called that."

What they're reading: First responders

- **Chief Joe Boney**, Biloxi Fire Department: "Wooden Boat Renovation: New Life for Old Boats Using Modern Methods," by Jim Trefethen.
- **Capt. Brian Dykes**, Special Events & Public Information Officer, Biloxi Police Department: "Leading Things You Didn't Start: Winning Big When You Inherit People, Places, and Possibilities," by Frank Figliuzzi.
- **Deputy Chief Nicholas Geiser**, Training and Emergency Management, Biloxi Fire Department: "Bill O'Reilly's Legends and Lies: The Civil War," by David Fisher.
- **Maj. Larry Murphy**, Biloxi Police Department, "King James Bible."
- **Sign Shop Supervisor George Juanico III**, Biloxi Public Works Department: Officially speaking, "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways," from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.
- **Kimberly Ezell**, dispatcher, Biloxi Police & Fire Departments: "Killer with A Badge," by Chuck Hustmyre.
- **Matt Stratton**, Harrison County Emergency Manager: "Cannery Row," by John Steinbeck.



Water, water

You'll see it from time to time, especially in sparsely populated areas of East Biloxi, and you may wonder why. It's the occasional open fire hydrant, pouring water onto the street or sidewalk. Says Public Works Director Billy Ray Allen: "In some areas, where we may have one house on a street, we're circulating the water in our system, so that chlorine does not build up in one location." By the way, next month, in the July issue of BNews Monthly, you'll see how well they do: The city releases its annual water quality report.

The infrastructure work in Biloxi

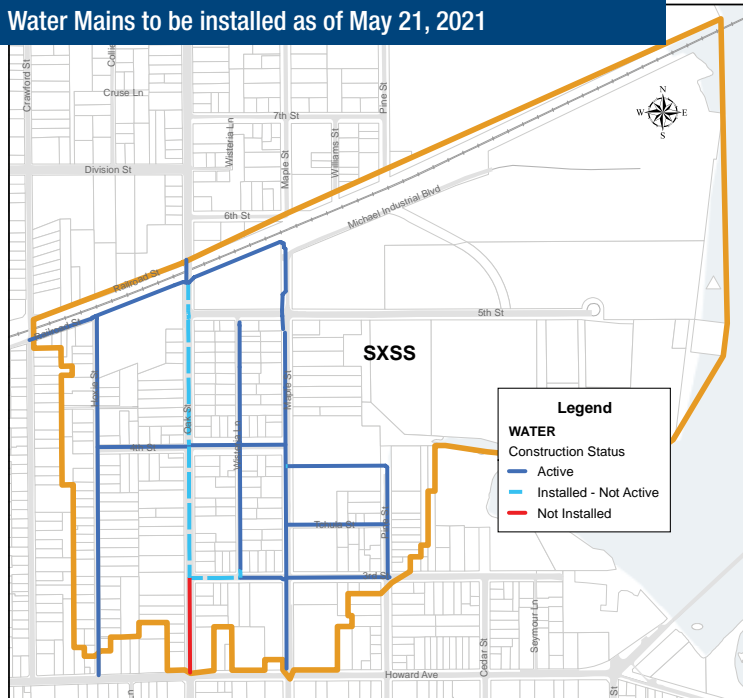
Pages 14 and 15 contain maps that show the status of the city's two major infrastructure projects now underway. The information on these maps is compiled by the city's Engineering Department, based on reports from contractors and inspectors at each site. See detailed maps and video online at biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/.

Sixth Street South

Lane Construction in October 2019 began a \$10.5 million, 550-day project to install new water, sewer and drainage lines in a Point Cadet area south of the CSX railway. It involves three miles of roads, from the tip of the peninsula at Michael Boulevard, south to Third Street and west to Hoxie. Deadline: April 16, 2021 August, 14, 2021. Extension primarily because of inclement weather.

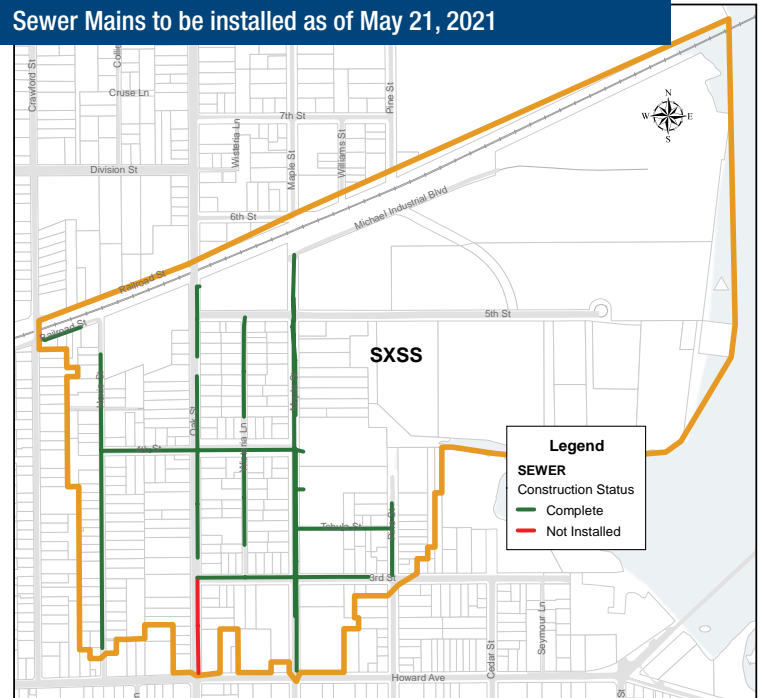
Lane Construction Water

Water Mains to be installed as of May 21, 2021



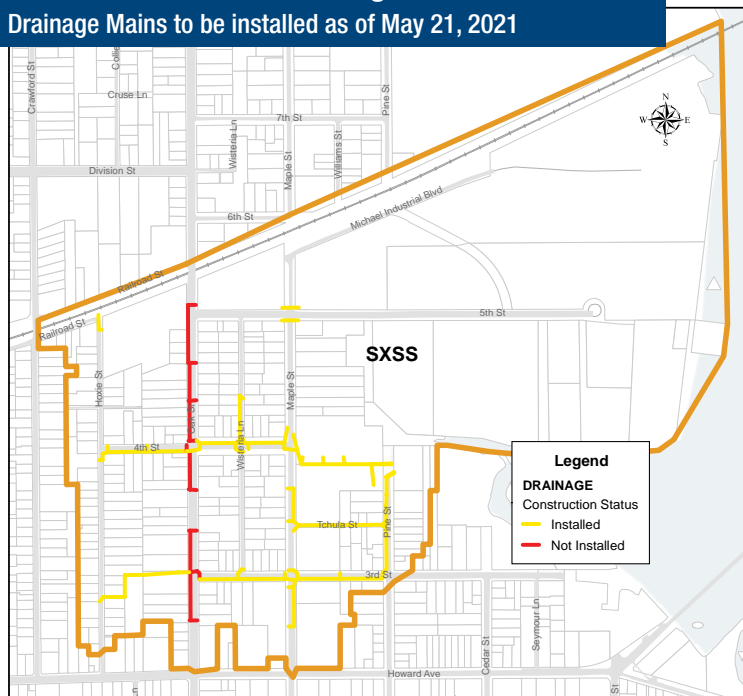
Lane Construction Sewer

Sewer Mains to be installed as of May 21, 2021



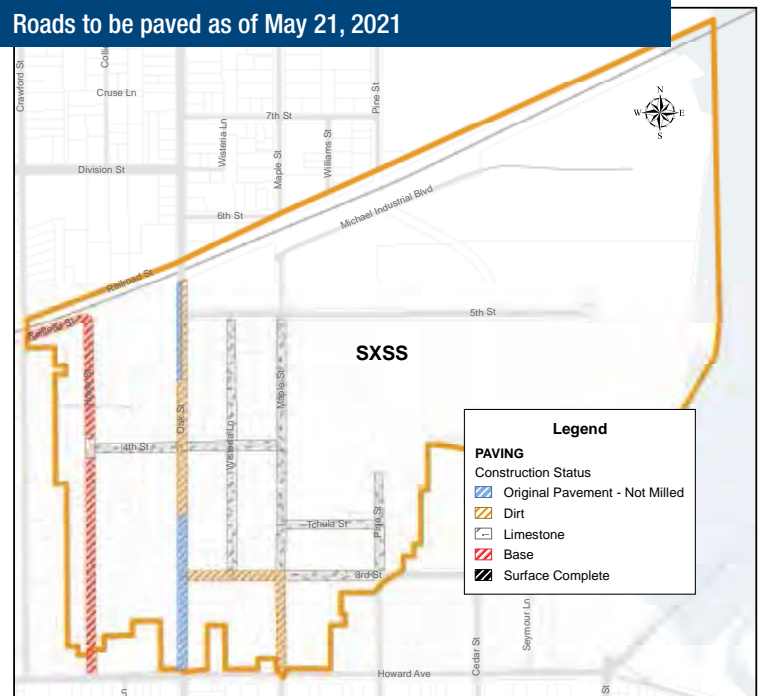
Lane Construction Drainage

Drainage Mains to be installed as of May 21, 2021



Lane Construction Pavement

Roads to be paved as of May 21, 2021

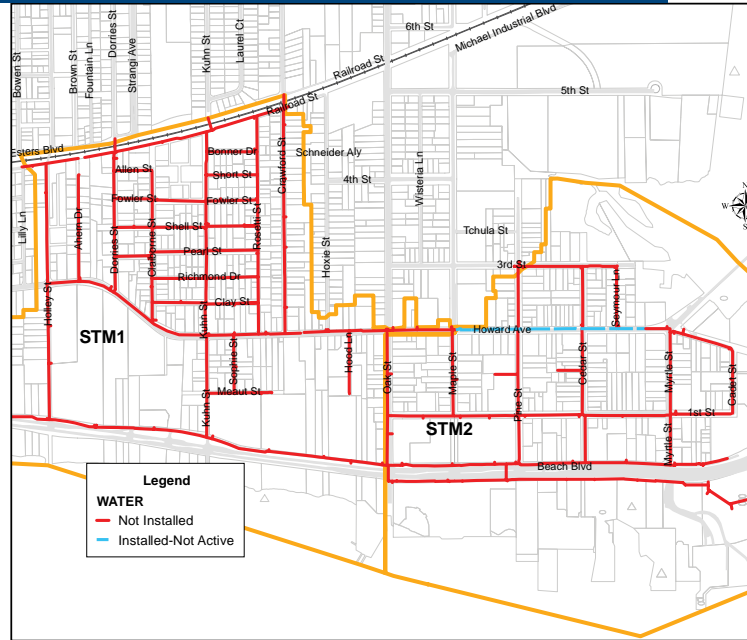


St. Michael 1 & 2

The Necaise Brothers Construction contract began on Jan. 4, 2021 with the next phase of infrastructure work in East Biloxi. The first order of business for this \$41.5-million project: installation of a new sanitary sewer on Howard, from Maple to Cadet, while maintaining access to the Palace Casino throughout construction. The Necaise work is scheduled to take 900 days.

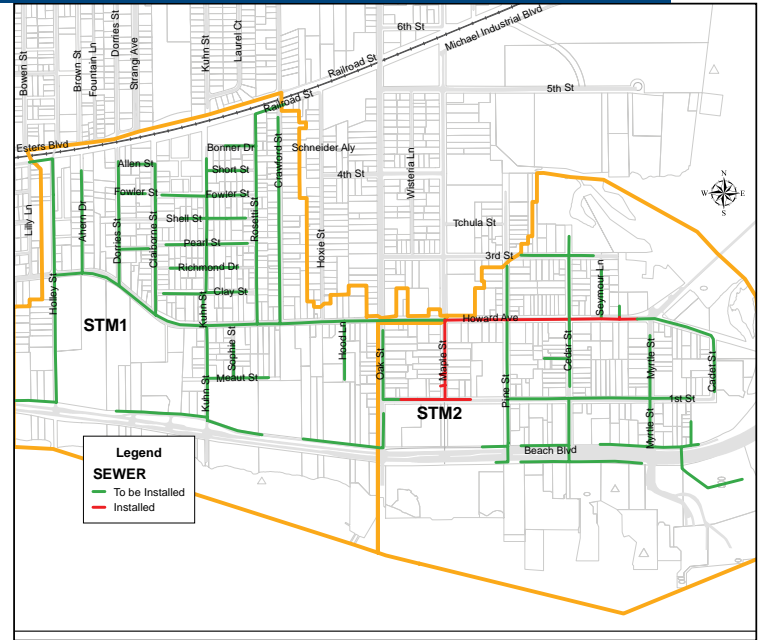
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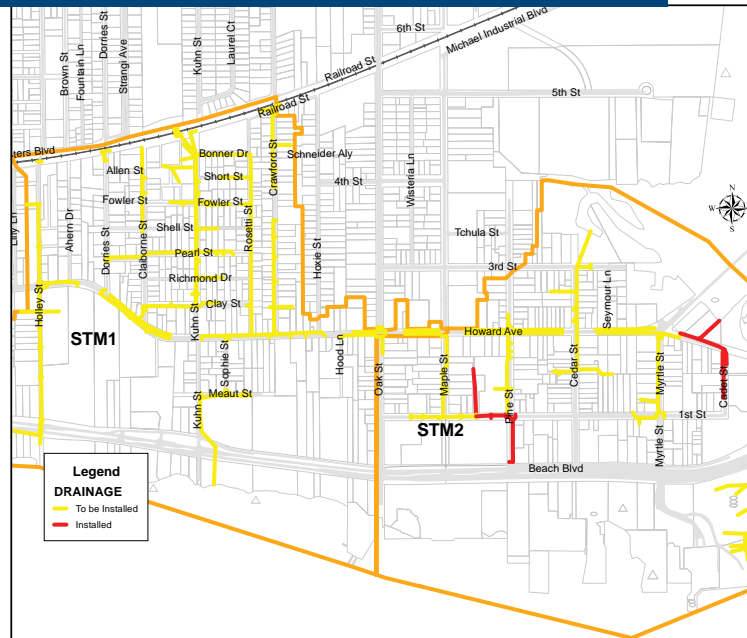
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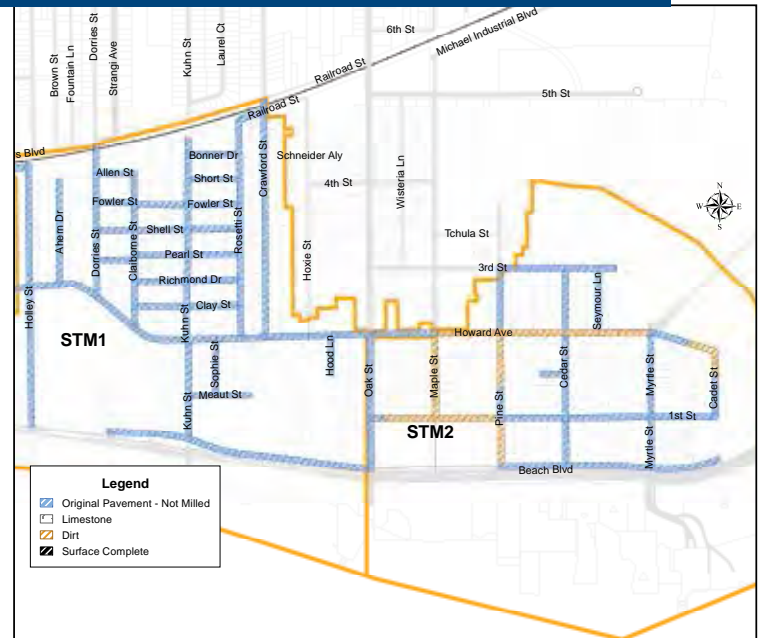
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Necaise Brothers Construction Pavement

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Get the 411 on traffic

B-Alert

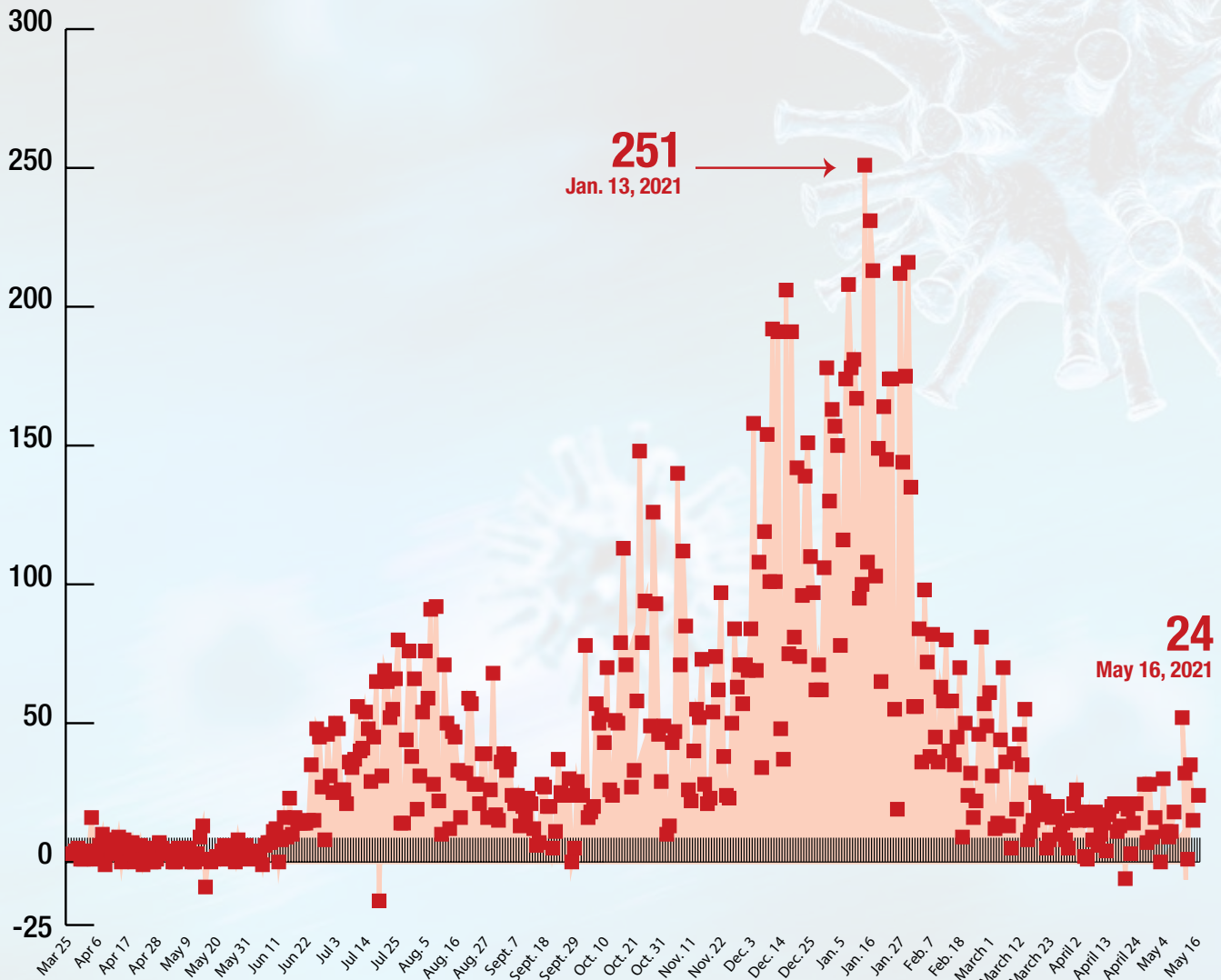
Text BILOXI to 99411
for timely traffic updates.

Today 1:00 PM

CITY OF BILOXI: Utility poles repaired at Iris. All lanes of Pass Road now open to traffic.

Coronavirus by the numbers

Harrison County – Daily Cases



Statewide overall

Population: 2.97 Million

Positive cases

314,7101 (as of May 17, 2021)

Presumed recovered

303,371 (as of early May 2021)

Deaths

7,254 (as of May 17, 2021)

Harrison County

Population: 208,080

Fully vaccinated

25% (as of mid May 2021)



See updates Friday on the city's Facebook page.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

Visit online at biloxi.ms./coronavirus-info-practical-advice/ for links to the Mississippi State Department of Health's free drive thru COVID-19 vaccination locations, and to health care and pharmacies administering the vaccination.

Mississippi COVID-19 Hotline:
877-978-6453

► For more details, visit online at biloxi.ms.us/coronavirus-info-practical-advice/.

Best Bets!



Get some BBQ on the Green

The annual family-fun event, Grillin' on the Green, returns after a year hiatus because of COVID-19. This year's event takes place on Saturday, June 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Grilling teams will compete with barbecue ribs and chicken brisket for over \$6,000 in prize money. Dozens of arts and craft vendors 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 for only \$12. Admission is free. Call the Main Street office, 228-435-6339, for more info.

SAINTS Day

Saints Hall of Fame Day returns to Biloxi for another year of golf and meet and greets.

The daylong activities on June 25 begins with a golf tournament at Grand Bear Golf Club. Teams must preregister and pay for the 18-hole tournament, followed by a meet and greet with Hall of Famers during an evening Biloxi Shuckers game at MGM Park. For more info, including tournament registration, call Biloxi Main Street at 228-435-6339.

Mississippi Senior Olympics Registration for triathlon and cycling, Now thru – August 14. Online and mail-in registration is open for individuals age 50 and older that want to participate in the triathlon and cycling events. Details: www.ms seniorolymp.org; 228-669-2582



King Master Fishing Tournament, June 2-5, Gorenflo's Tackle and Point Cadet Marina, 119 Beach Blvd. Over 100 teams will be fishing for King, Aggregate King, Cobia and Wahoo. Registration is June 2 from 5-10 p.m. and teams depart the marina on June 3 at 7 in the morning. Scales will be open June 3 and 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. and June 5 from 3-6 p.m. Award ceremony is June 5 following weigh-in. Free to view. Details: 228-432-7387, www.fishkingmaster.com

Jeepin the Coast, June 3-6, various times along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. JTC unites jeepers for its annual Jeepin The Coast event. The four-day event includes live music, kick off and after parties, light and sound competition, show & shine, a cruise in, a poker run and a scavenger hunt. Details: 228-697-7347, jeepinthecoast.com

First Friday and Downtown Block Party at the District Green, June 4, 4-9 p.m., Howard Avenue & Rue Magnolia. Event includes live music featuring Royal Horses and Fun, K Getaway as well as food trucks, beer from Fly Llama Brewing Company, and fun games and prizes. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

Mississippi Gulf Coast Billfish Classic, June 7-13, Point Cadet Marina, 119 Beach Blvd. Details: 228-239-2575. For schedule of events, visit online at www.mgcbc.com.

Biloxi Shuckers Home Games, MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St., June 8-13. Biloxi Shuckers vs. Mississippi Braves. Details: 800-745-3000 or 228-233-3465, www.biloxishuckers.com

Book Launch and Signing, June 10, 2021, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum, 115 First St. Book launch event is for "The Mississippi Gulf Coast Seafood Industry: A People's History" written by Deanne Love Stephens. The event is free and copies of the book will be available for purchase with the author on hand for signing. Details: 228-435-6320



Grillin' on the Green, June 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. 14th annual Grillin' On the Green (moved from March to June) will feature a variety of barbecue for event patrons to choose from. With everything from ribs and brisket to seafood, there will be something for every pallet! Over \$6000 in prize money given to

Best Bet!



Scrapin the Coast

Perhaps it's Cruisin' the Coast's younger cousin with an attitude, this low-riding auto extravaganza known as Scrapin' the Coast returns to Biloxi on June 25-27. Now in its 19th year, this Coliseum-hosted production has attracted a decidedly younger demographic, as many as 20,000 enthusiasts, in fact. The event includes a car and truck show, vendors, live bands, a cornhole tournament and more. Happy motoring. Visit www.scrapinthecoast.com or call 228-832-2688 or 228-832-4683

for more details, including vehicle registration.



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

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 37th 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.

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

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

Grillin' winners! The day-long festival also includes live entertainment: Rhythm & Rain at 10 a.m., Unfazed Show Band at noon, and Ty Taylor & The Kinfolk at 3 p.m. A grilling BBQ competition, and arts and craft vendors will also be part of the affair. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339, mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us

Biloxi Main Street's Community Market Festival, June 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Corner of Hopkins and Howard under I-110. Vendors will offer vegetables, fruits, homemade goods, plants, arts and more. Live entertainment, hourly giveaways, children activities and grilled burgers & hotdogs for lunch will also be part of the event. Details: 228-435-6339, mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us



Bike Biloxi, June 22, 6 p.m., Downtown Biloxi. Ride begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. and ends with refreshments at a downtown restaurant at cyclist's expense. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

Biloxi Shuckers Home Games, June 22-27, MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St. Biloxi Shuckers vs. Montgomery Biscuits. Details: 800-745-3000 or 228-233-3465

Main Street Book Club, June 24, 5:30 p.m., Southern Bound Book Shop meeting room, 999 Howard Ave. June's book selection is "It All Comes Back to You." It is available at Southern Bound Book Shop located next door to Jacked up Coffee Bar. Stop by at the free meeting or call Biloxi Main Street for more info. Details: 228-435-6339

Cathedral Festival, June 25-27, near Nativity BVM Cathedral, 870 Howard Ave. Begins at 5 p.m. Friday and noon on Saturday and Sunday. Features carnival rides, food vendors and more. Details: 228-374-1718

5th Annual Saints Hall of Fame Day, June 25, 11 a.m. & 6:35 p.m., Join the New Orleans Saints Players, staff and Hall of Famers for a day of activities:

- 11 a.m. – Golf Tournament, Grand Bear Golf Course, 12040 Grand Way Blvd., Saucier, Miss. Four-member teams compete with a Saints Hall of Famer or current Saints player. For fees and entry: 228-435-6339, mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us
- 6:35 p.m. – Saints Day with the Shuckers, MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St., Saints Hall of Famers and current Saints players will be introduced and throw out the first pitch during the Biloxi Shuckers game against the Montgomery Biscuits, Players will sing autographs and take photos. Tickets begin at \$7. Details: 228-435-6339

Annual Scrapin the Coast, June 25-27, Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Hundreds of hot rods converge on the coast for a fun time. Details: 228-832-2688 or 228-832-4383, www.scrapinthebeach.com

Gulf Coast Association of Pride Day Festival, June 26, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Point Cadet Plaza, 121 Cadet St. Live bands, drag shows, food and vendors! Details: 228-265-9175, info@gcpride.org

Empire Fights, June 26, Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Details: 228-369-2381



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

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

- **Jefferson Davis Birthday Celebration**, June 5, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **Living History**, Performances monthly, June 20, 2021
- **Meet the Spirits**, June 26, 6 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Betsy Ann Riverboat Cruise

173 Beach Blvd., 228-229-4270, betsyannriverboat@gmail.com, bestyannriverboat.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.

- Please 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

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

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

- **Yoga under the Oaks & Pure Juice 101**, every Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.
- **At the Creel House: "The Art of Joey Rice,"** an exhibition by the late, longtime local artist who collaborated by Dusti and Lyle Bonge. Exhibition extended until July 24.
- 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 hopes to resume on June 12, 2021.
- 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 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:** June 4, 11, 18, & 25. 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 June.
- **Safety protocols for bingo:** six-foot social distancing, contact tracing forms to be completed, temperature taken, 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 June**, 6-8 p.m. Karaoke every Friday at 7 p.m. Call for details.

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 228-392-9345

- **Steak Night**, June 11, 6-8 p.m. \$17 for Steak, potatoes, salad, desert and beverage. Dine in or carry out. Advanced orders available if call before noon on June 11. Benefits Shriners Hospital for Children in Shreveport. LA and local patients. Details: 228-392-9345

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

871 Esters Blvd., 228-374-0606

- **Biloxi Bingo Mania** – Every 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

- June 5 – **Biloxi Blues Extravaganza**
- June 19 – **Lil Baby**

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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30	31	1 Community Market Yoga Under the Oaks Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	2 King Master Fishing Tournament Gorenflo's Tackle and Point Cadet Marina	3 Community Market King Master Fishing Tournament Gorenflo's Tackle and Point Cadet Marina Jeepin The Coast Various Locations	4 First Friday & Downtown Biloxi Block Party The District Green King Master Fishing Tournament Gorenflo's Tackle and Point Cadet Marina Jeepin The Coast Various Locations Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge	5 Biloxi Blues Extravaganza MS Coast Coliseum Jefferson Davis Birthday Celebration Beauvoir King Master Fishing Tournament Gorenflo's Tackle and Point Cadet Marina Jeepin The Coast Various Locations
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BTV June 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.	Inside BTV for June (5 min)
6:10 a.m.	Infrastructure report (5 min)
6:15 a.m.	Inside Shuck Nation (15 min.)
6:30 a.m.	Biloxi Public Schools (15 min)
6:45 a.m.	Biloxi VA Today (15 min)
7 a.m.	"Biloxi Cooks!" (30 min)
7:30 a.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
7:45 a.m.	Special presentation: "RU Ready?" (1 hr)
9 a.m.	City Council meetings and other 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)
12:25 p.m.	Biloxi Public Schools (15 min)
12:45 p.m.	Biloxi VA Today (15 min)
1 p.m.	"Biloxi Cooks!" (30 min)
1:30 p.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
1:45 p.m.	Special presentation: "RU Ready?" (1 hr)
3 p.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (3 hours)
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Midnight	National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)



You can view individual programs on the city's YouTube channel.

The authorities have a question: 'R U Ready?'



Hurricane season is here (June 1 through Nov. 30), and a host of disaster-preparation and response authorities offer how-to advice in the new edition of "R U Ready?"

The 75-minute program, which airs at 7:45 each morning and evening in June on BTV, is designed to provide a broad base of information from a variety of sources to help local residents and business owners prepare for storm season. You can also see it each afternoon at 1:45 or on the city's YouTube page anytime.

Among this year's lineup, which was assembled by Amber Krebs of the Biloxi Fire Department and edited by videographer Renny Sherman:

Biloxi Emergency Manager Nick Geiser; Matt Stratton, Harrison County Emergency Management Director; Biloxi CAO Mike Leonard; John McFarland, American Red Cross; Archie Reeves and Lynette Brown of Mississippi Power; Katey Hornsby of MDOT; Brent Gutierrez and Kate Gutierrez, Concrete Building Concepts; Katie King, Humane Society of South Mississippi; Capt. Michael Strickland of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; Biloxi librarian and historian Jane Shambra; Chris Foret of Coast Transit; and Richard Stickler, Biloxi floodplain manager.

Shuckers: What you need to know

The Biloxi Shuckers launched their 2021 campaign in May, and broadcaster Garrett Greene has a season overview – everything you need to know both off and on the field – in a new program airing this month on BTV.



See "Inside Shuck Nation" each day on BTV in June, at 6:15 in the mornings and evenings, or on the city's YouTube page anytime.

This month's recipe:

Bubbalicious BBQ Brisket All-Purpose Rub

See it prepared on Biloxi Cooks! this month.

Ingredients (one serving):

- 1/3 cup of kosher salt
- 1/3 cup of coarse black pepper
- 1 tbsp. of granulated garlic
- 1 tbsp. of granulated onion
- 1 tbsp of fancy paprika
- 1/2 tbsp. of dark chili powder

Instructions:

Mix ingredients together. Next, rub onto your meat, use your hands to rub it all over every surface of the brisket. You can do this right before you cook the meat, or let the rub sit on the meat for up to 24 hours.





Broadwater
Marina

Biloxi's BROADWATER Memories

One of the most popular tourist spots along our Biloxi shoreline was the Broadwater Beach Hotel.

Back in the Day



By Jane Shambra

From its modest beginnings to its grand upgrades that made the property a travel destination contender, the Broadwater Beach Hotel was a signature attraction to the coast and to Biloxi.

In fact, in the old days, its address was not in Biloxi. The property actually sat between the then city limits of Biloxi and Gulfport. In 1940,

ads guided hotel visitors to four miles west of Biloxi and seven miles east of Gulfport. It wasn't until the 1960s annexation that the Broadwater was christened with an official

Biloxi address. The exact location of this resort can be imaged to be between the Southern Memorial Park Cemetery and the Beauvoir properties.

The Broadwater was built in the late 1930s by Pete Martin Sr., a well-known gambler of the time. He opened the \$250,000, Art Deco style hotel in August 1939 and called it the Sea View. Soon after its opening law enforcement officials hauled off illegal casino gambling tables.

Back in those days, the fast-speed interstate highway system had not yet been built, and tourists would travel to and from the Broadwater via U.S. Hwy. 90 and passenger train. U.S. 90, then, was a simple two-lane highway. Later in 1962, the Broadwater offered free transportation within its 33-acre property via an eight-car circus train.

The original property had 66 rooms with a few cottages on the grounds. There was also a 600-foot fishing pier with a dancing pavilion, barber and beauty shops and a snack bar.

In 1958, the Broadwater Beach Hotel was sold for \$100,000 at a public auction to Joe

W. Brown, a native of Texas whose fortune was acquired from racehorses, gambling, and oil.

At that time, the Broadwater Beach occupied a tract of 27 ½ acres and had about only 25 rooms with 25 additional motel apartments adjacent to the hotel. In 1958, the Broadwater was a three-story structure and had a modern restaurant and lounge, which was originally constructed in 1939.

Mr. Brown passed away a year after the purchase and his widow, Dorothy Brown, spent millions on property renovation, \$3 million on the marina alone. In fact, its first vessel, The Broadwater, slid into its berth in August 1964.

The main building was expanded, riding stables and tennis courts were added and later came a swimming pool and golf course.

The Broadwater's golf course was first known as the Great Southern, the same name as the famous Gulfport course. So, Mrs. Brown retitled it the "Sea Course."

The grand resort with its playground atmosphere remained a popular destination until the late 1980s. After nearly a decade of decline, the property was sold to John. E.



Broadwater with its canopy entrance



Connelly of Pittsburg and his company, the President Casino Corporation in 1992. The President Casino Broadwater Resort was then opened aboard a riverboat docked at the Broadwater Resort Marina in August 1992.

Special delivery

At 6:55 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 1966 elected officials along with Broadwater managers and personnel greeted a long-awaited delivery truck from Jackson, Miss. According to a Louisiana newspaper, Broadwater manager T. M. Dorsett eagerly sampled the first serving of legal liquor: scotch over ice fizzed in with a little soda.

For 58 years, since 1908, that liquor had been illegal in this state. The official ribbon cutting for this special event was assisted by Biloxi Mayor Daniel Guice and County Supervisor Laz Quave.

The special delivery truck was escorted by a sheriff's car with flashing lights. Initially only two cases of the special liquid were unloaded at the front door. The remaining boxes traveled in the truck to the rear of the facility.

Soon followed, was the long lines for applications for retail sales licensing via the State of Mississippi. There was a warning out that anyone dodging the State's official licensing process would automatically be ineligible for legalized approval!



Broadcasting live

Back in the day, there were no flat-screen TVs or digital music and videos. Radio was the outlet for news and entertainment.

In 1950, radio station WVMI became affiliated with the Progressive Broadcasting System and began broadcasting at its new studio located at the Broadwater.

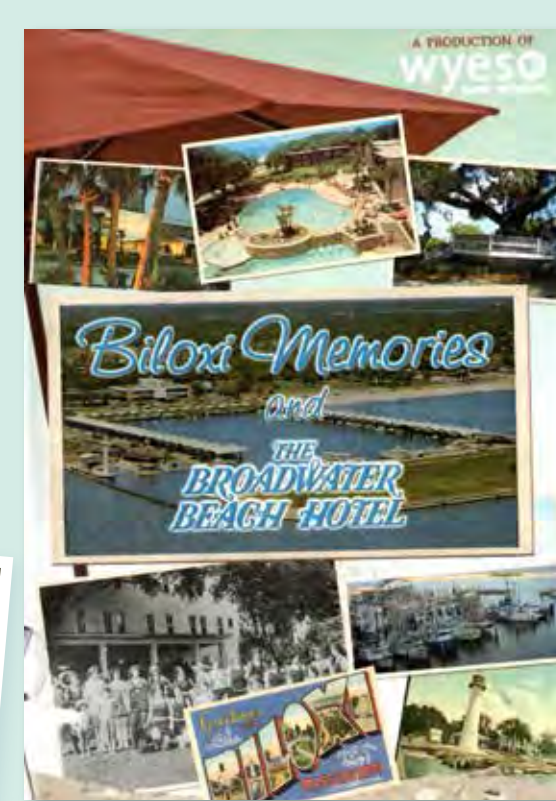
On Sunday, November 26, 1950 WVMI broadcast its inaugural program which included such stars as Bob Hope, Peggy Lee, and Eddie Cantor. A typical Sunday WVMI programming schedule in the 1950s from the Broadwater Hotel would feature several religious events, including an African American Baptist Choir, and a mass from St. Michael's Church on Point Cadet. Later in the day, the Sammy Kay Orchestra, Wayne King, and The Guy Lombardo Orchestra could be heard over its airwaves.

In 1953, WVMI radio station was touted to be the Mississippi Gulf Coast's Most Powerful Radio Station.

Movie time

In 2014, a joint project by WYES-TV and the Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation compiled a popular unique documentary, "Biloxi Memories and the Broadwater Beach Hotel" which aired as a TV documentary. It not only featured the famous Broadwater Beach Hotel, but it also included interviews, pictures, maps, and the unique history of Biloxi.

This documentary was so impressive that the producer/director/writer of this film, Barbara Sillery, was inspired to write an amazing book: "Biloxi Memories" featuring popular topics in



Biloxi Memories documentary

Biloxi's history, such as George E. Ohr, Queen Ixolib, Biloxi's Hermit, and even Gus, Elvis, and Jayne.

A monster visitor

In spite of its durable buildings and adjacent sturdy President Casino barge, Hurricane Katrina did not spare this memorable icon. Not only was the famous marina and hotel destroyed, but this monstrous, unwelcomed "lady" also carried the giant President Casino gambling boat to a new location, three-fourths of a mile northwest of its original spot. Imagine that!



A new life

Recently, the City of Biloxi received great news of plans to revitalize the old Broadwater location. This \$1.5 billion music-themed project is expected to feature a plethora of music, a hotel, golfing, spa, and other added amenities.

Mayor FoFo Gilich was quoted as saying: "Music and entertainment has always been a part of Biloxi's DNA."

This new project with its amazing location and ultra-modern features will be perfectly themed to continue Biloxi's tradition of its successful entertainment and gambling past.

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