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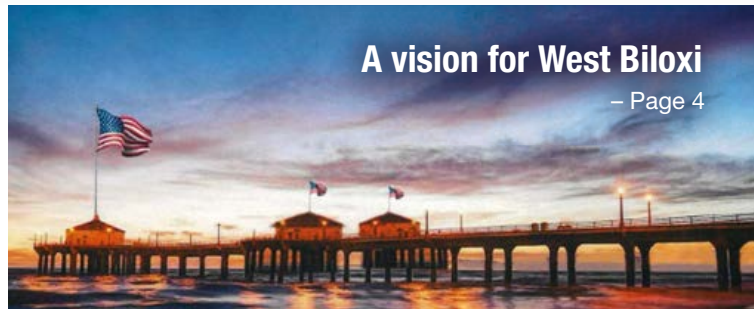
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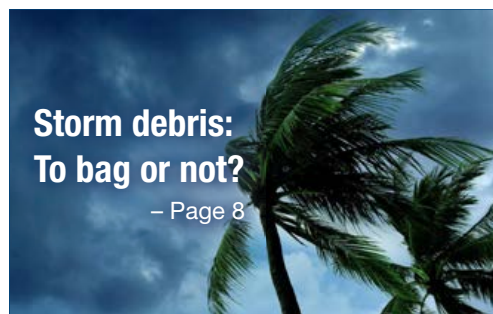
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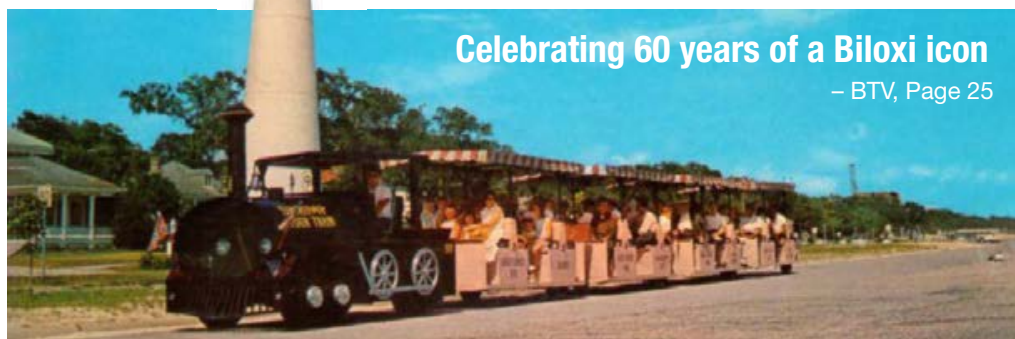
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Quick with an anecdote and welcoming words

With the pandemic on the decline, the requests are returning to the mayor's office for welcoming remarks at conventions.

It's an opportunity for Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich to formally welcome delegates and guests to Biloxi, explain the many opportunities the city offers for recreation during their stay, and, finally, thank them for holding their gathering in Biloxi.

It's generally a short presentation so as not to disrupt the convention's timeline.

And of course there are three cardinal rules of public speaking: Stand tall so they can all see you. Speak loudly so they can all hear you. And keep it short so they'll all like you.

Typically, guests are told about the city's 300-plus years of colorful history, the great golfing and deep-sea fishing, the restaurants, the museums and the natural beauty of being on the water.

Mixed in, of course, are lighthearted moments to bring a smile to the visitors. Some of the gems over the years:

"I have to tell you about a new policy that we have here in Biloxi.

"We were in the state capital the other day for a convention, and Mayor Harvey Johnson told the group that if any of them gets a speeding or parking ticket while in Jackson on convention business, all they had to do was to send it to his office. He would take care of it. Everyone applauded. They loved it.

"So driving back from Jackson we figured that if Harvey Johnson could have a policy like that, we could too.

"So anyone in Biloxi on convention business, and that means all of you in this audience, if you get a speeding ticket or a parking ticket just send it to my office... And we will forward it to Harvey Johnson."

"So these college groups were meeting at the Isle of Capri. There were rowdy college kids all over the place. And it was funny to see the cultural differences.



"There was a group of Ole Miss guys going down the escalator at the same time a group of Ivy League girls were going up.

"The Ole Miss guys said, 'We're from Ole Miss. Where are y'all from?' The girls all exclaimed, 'Yale.'

"Said the Ole Miss boys: 'WE'RE FROM OLE MISS, WHERE ARE Y'ALL FROM?'"

"The city was looking for an engineer the other day, and two promising candidates applied for the job. One was from Ole Miss and one was from Mississippi State.



Mayor
Andrew
"FoFo"
Gilich

"They took a 10-question written test. They both missed only one question, the same question, in fact, but the Ole Miss candidate got the job.

"Of course the Mississippi State guy cried foul. How could this be?

"Well, the boss said, on question No. 10 the Ole Miss guy wrote 'I don't know.' And you wrote 'I don't either.'"

"So the city was looking for an attorney. Three showed up at the same time and agreed to answer a simple question: 'What's 1 + 1?'

"Well, the first attorney said, 1+1 is 2.

"The second attorney said, 1+1 could be 2 or it could be 11.

"Said the third attorney: '1+1? What do you want it to be?'

"No. 3 got the job."

"Then there were the two workers sent to put up a sign at the closed bridge.

"They quickly created the sign and installed it on side of the road. They hadn't even put the shovels back in the truck when a car sped by, went around the curve and crashed into the closed bridge. Then another one.

"The workers scratched their heads. One looked at the other and said, 'You know, maybe we need to change the sign to say 'Bridge out' instead of 'The end is Near.'"

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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It's official: Fo' more for city leaders

A six-month process that began in January with candidates stepping forward came to an end June 8 when Biloxi Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich and all seven members of the Biloxi City Council were re-elected to four-year terms.

Councilmembers are George Lawrence of Ward 1, Felix Gines of Ward 2, Dixie Newman of Ward 3, Robert L. Deming III of Ward 4, Paul Tisdale of Ward 5, Kenny Glavan of Ward 6 and Nathan Barrett of Ward 7.

Three leaders, the mayor and Councilmembers Newman and Barrett all made it through the May party primaries and June general election with no opposition.

Less than 5,000 people -- not even a quarter of the city's 24,000 registered voters -- voted in Biloxi's municipal election.

To learn more about your mayor and City Council, visit the city website and click on Mayor or City Council.

A vision for West Beach



The proposed pier, to be constructed and maintained by RW Development, would be more than 300 feet long.

Veterans Avenue pier stalled in tug of war

A new public pier will be built at the foot of Veterans Avenue in West Biloxi if the city and Harrison County have their way, but a lawsuit by Secretary of State Michael Watson has brought the prospect to a halt.

The new pier, in line with Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich's vow that storm-ravaged piers would not be built back in the same fashion, would be made of concrete, more than 300-foot long, elevated high above the water and would be handicapped-accessible.

Best of all, perhaps, is that the pier would be funded and maintained by nearby property owner RW Development.

Watson, however, in a filing before Harrison County Chancery Court Judge Jennifer Schloegel, maintained that a Tidelands lease would be required from his office and that he has "sole authority" over the beach.

Not so fast, Schloegel said, adding in a ruling that Watson's assertion was not supported by laws

that allow the city and county similar powers.

The judge also invited the city and county to file

counterclaims, which both did, showing more than a hundred years of piers and wharves being built along the Biloxi shoreline, without state interference.

The city has said once the issue is resolved, a pier would be built after the appropriate permits from the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

A municipal pier had been at Veterans Avenue for many years until it was destroyed by a storm.

► See background at biloxi.ms.us

News & notes

Big numbers: Biloxi's eight casinos reported \$85.9 million in revenue for May, according to the city's Finance Division, the highest May since 2007, 14 years ago, when the figure was \$93 million. In April, of course, the Biloxi market set an all-time high, \$111.2 million in gross gaming revenue in one month. Details: biloxi.ms.us/resources/gaming-revenues/



Fireworks: Reminder, it's illegal to discharge fireworks in Biloxi.

Shrimp sales:

Dockside shrimp sales are now underway at the Biloxi commercial harbor, south of the Hard Rock parking garage. Best time to go? "Early, very early," says Port Division Manager Larry Sablich.



New restaurant: The corner of Lameuse and Water, already the site of the Half Shell, Adventures, Fuji and Le Café Beignet, has a new Biloxi-themed restaurant, 131 Lameuse, open atop Fuji. Ribbon-cutting for the eatery, says owner Ryan Bolton, will be July 2, and the fare will be farm-to-table, plus a cocktail menu.

July Promotions

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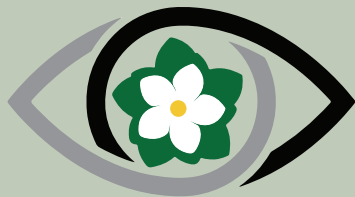


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A photograph of an older man with glasses driving a green golf cart on a paved city street. The cart has a white roof and a clear windshield. The background shows a suburban neighborhood with trees and houses under a bright, sunny sky.

Does your golf cart make the cut?

Here's the low-down on golf carts on city streets

Biloxi has legalized the use of approved low-speed vehicles, primarily golf carts, on city streets with limits of 25 mph or lower, but it's not just a matter of jumping in the golf cart and driving down the street.

Use of golf carts on city streets -- mixing small, low-speed vehicles on the same roads as full-size cars, SUVs and 18-wheelers -- will come with responsibilities and enforcement, police say.

Before being used legally, golf carts must be inspected by the police department and must have required safety features. The process includes an on-site inspection. After a successful inspection, the applicant must pay a \$75 fee at the police department before the annual registration sticker is installed.

Is your golf cart legal?

First things, first. Does your golf cart or low-speed vehicle meet the requirements of being legal? Here is what police will be looking for in the way of required, functioning safety equipment:

- Headlamps
- Tail Lamps
- Stop Lamps
- Front and Rear Turn signals
- Horn
- Red Reflectors (one per side, one on rear of vehicle)
- Parking Brake
- Windshield (provides eye protection for the front seat passengers with an unobscured view)

See it all online

You can see the checklist of required safety features, maps of where you can and can't go on a golf cart and an informative video at biloxi.ms.us/golfcarts.

- Vehicle Identification Number (Provided by the manufacturer, generated by the Mississippi Tax Commission)
- Seatbelts for all seating positions
- Mirrors (drivers side exterior and/or exterior passenger, interior rear view)
- Unobstructed Rear Visibility

An important note

No golf cart or vehicle designed to go faster than 25 mph can be approved as a low-speed vehicle.

How to register your golf cart

First make sure your cart has the safety features and that they operate. Make sure you have your driver's license, proof of insurance and cart VIN. Then, set up an onsite inspection by emailing lsvregistration@biloxi.ms.us or calling 228-435-6107. (We'll need your name, address and phone number.)

After successful inspection, you'll go to the Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center, 170 Porter Ave., and pay a \$75 fee before the decal can be installed.

Who can drive the golf cart?

Driving a golf cart on a city street has the same standards as driving a vehicle. The driver must have a valid driver's license or valid driver's permit and proof of insurance at time of inspection and when operating golf cart.

Where you can drive

Golf carts can only be driven on city streets with a speed limit of 25 mph or less. In some cases, you can cross a street with a speed limit higher than 25 mph. Golf carts must adhere to all rules of the road.

Where you cannot drive a golf cart

Golf carts are not allowed on any city street that has a speed limit of more than 25 mph. This means no golf carts are allowed on U.S. 90. In fact, golf carts are not allowed on, over or across any interstate or state highway. This also means no golf carts will be allowed south of U.S. 90. Among the other major thoroughfares where golf carts are prohibited: Pass Road, Popp's Ferry Road, Shriner's Boulevard and all with speed limits of more than 25 mph.

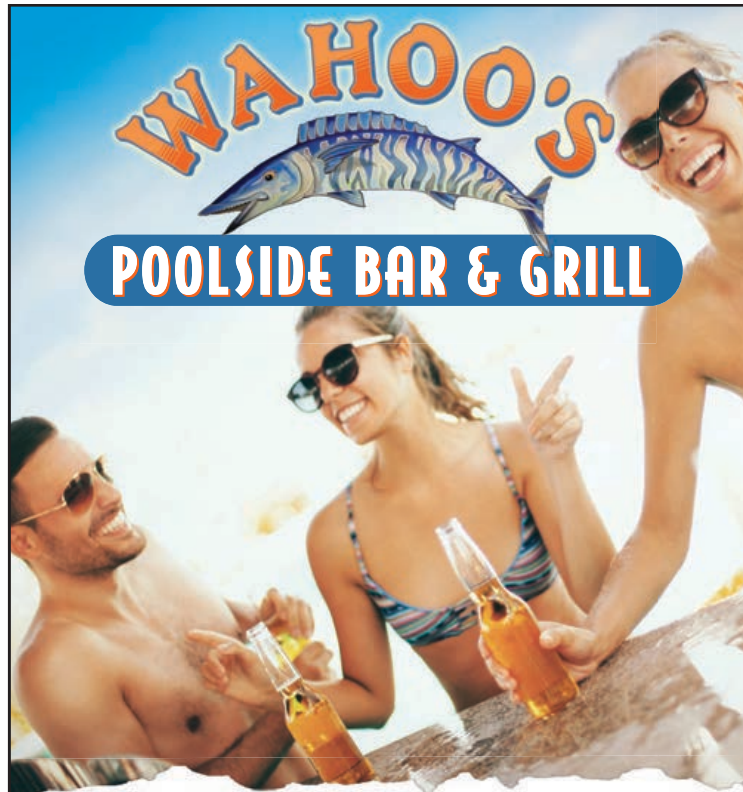
The cost

A \$75 registration fee is required annually. Golf cart registrants who violate operating requirements may be subject to a fine up to \$500.



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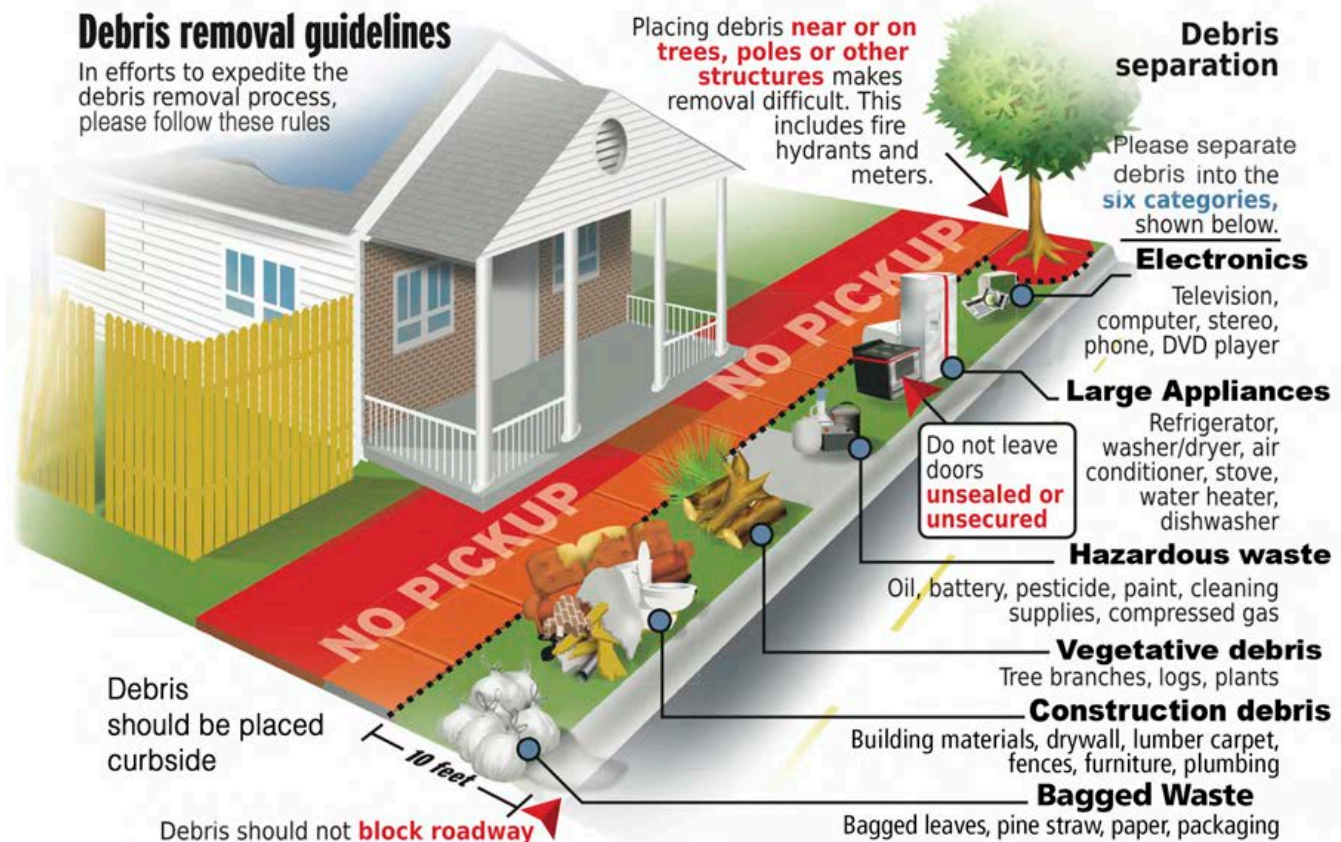


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As a rule, always bag those pesky loose leaves

It was one of the issues during the Zeta-debris removal process: Should debris be bagged or not?

The city's debris contractors, who under federal guidelines could pick up only "vegetative" (tree limbs, primarily) or "construction debris" (wooden fences, roof shingles, primarily), were not picking up bagged debris because they were unsure of the contents. The Harrison County Utility Authority contractors, who are responsible for weekly pickup of garbage, trash and recycling, in many occasions left bagged items because they were piled with storm debris.

Here's the guidance: You should bag loose leaves and pine straw, so these items do not find their way into the city's storm drains. Do not mix the bags with other piles of storm debris. Segregate your debris by type.

Says Biloxi Chief Administrative Officer Mike Leonard: "Be patient. Help will be on the way. Often debris removal by the city doesn't start for about a week, except for emergency access, so that people have time to get their debris to the curb."

If you have any questions regarding debris, please contact the City of Biloxi's Citizen's Service Representative at cross@biloxi.ms.us or 228-435-6271.

Now is the time to buy flood insurance

Biloxi's not in the businesses of selling flood insurance, but the city, as part of its mandate from federal authorities, does encourage residents

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to buy flood insurance. Flooding can occur anywhere. In fact, more than 20 percent of the claims in the National Flood Insurance Program are from outside identified flood zones, and claims outside a flood zone account for a third of disaster assistance for flooding.

And here's the bargain for Biloxi residents: Since Biloxi's rating in the National Flood Insurance Program is a Grade 5, the highest in the state, Biloxi residents enjoy savings on their flood policies. It's a 25 percent discount for those who live in a flood zone, and 10 percent for those outside an identified flood zone.

Currently, reports Community Development Director Jerry Creel and MEMA, there are 5,001 active flood policies in place in Biloxi. Discounts totaled \$642,346, or an average savings of nearly \$130 on each policy in Biloxi.

Check with your insurance agent to make sure you're getting your discounts.

Something else to keep in mind: It takes 30 days for a flood policy to take effect, and none will be sold when a hurricane is in the Gulf.

Be careful with permits, beware of transient contractors

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 set 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.

Steps you can take to be 'shipshape'

The City of Biloxi has a storm plan that is updated and tweaked each year before storm season, and CAO Leonard says residents and business owners should also have their own plans.

"First," Leonard says, "citizens should make their property 'shipshape,' and make sure that everything is in a safe, secure place. Remove from outdoor areas things such as patio furniture, tools, or anything loose that could become a projectile in heavy wind storms."

"Trees should be trimmed and damaged trees removed before storm season. Make sure to check with the city arborist before removing any tree, and get the proper tree permits. Have lots of yard trash bags on hand. Have the phone number of tree trimming companies that you can contact if needed."

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Fred Haise bobblehead tops July giveaways

By Garrett Greene
Biloxi Shuckers

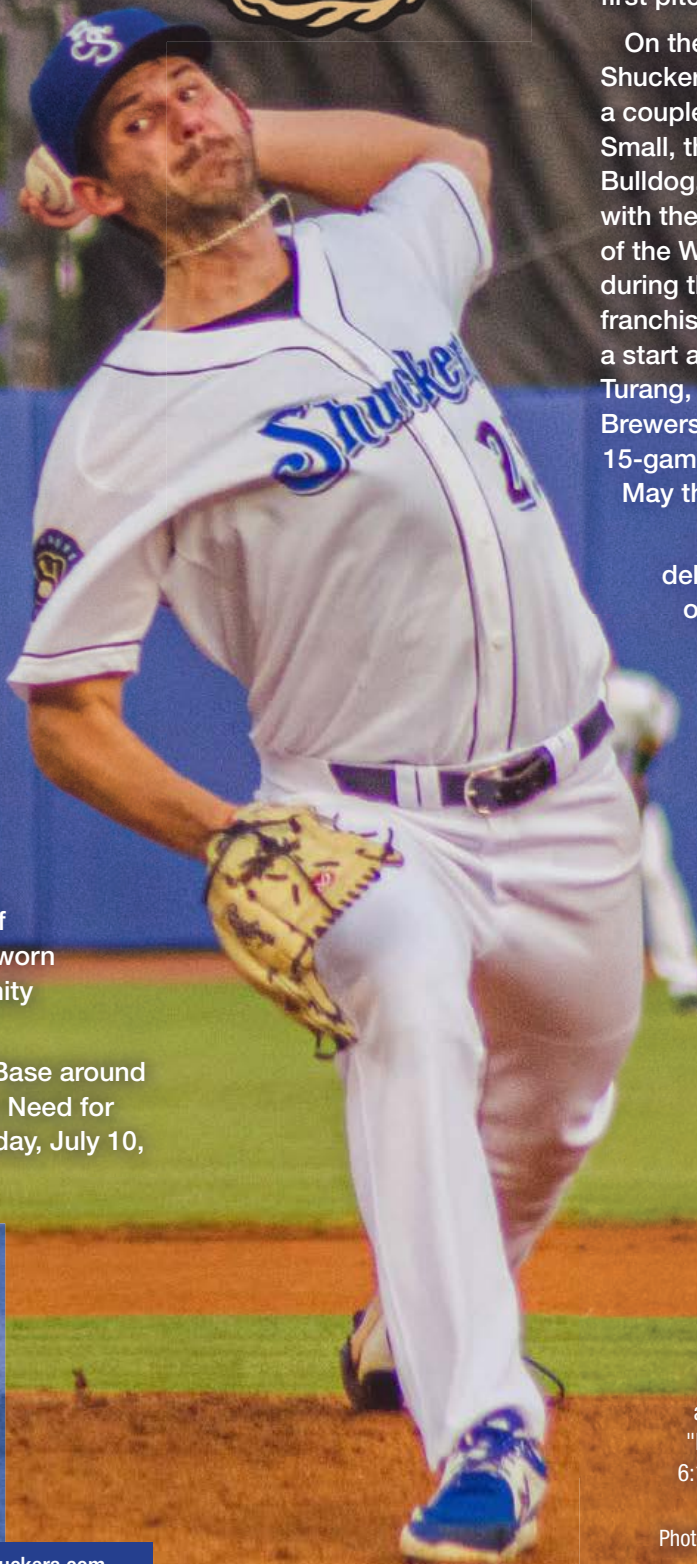
The dog days of summer are approaching but things are just heating up at MGM Park as the Biloxi Shuckers continue their 2021 campaign.

July brings some of the best promotions of the year for the Shuckers, including two jersey auctions and one of the greatest traditions of Minor League Baseball – a bobblehead giveaway.

It might come at the end of the month, but July 31 will be arguably the most promo-packed day at the ballpark during 2021 as the Shuckers finally get their chance to honor Biloxi's own Fred Haise and the Apollo 13 mission. Originally scheduled for the 50-year anniversary in April 2020, it's a space-themed night that begins with a bobblehead giveaway in Freddo's likeness, decked in his Apollo flight suit, helmet in hand, to the first 1,000 fans, so be sure to arrive early! On the field, the Shuckers will be wearing special Apollo 13 jerseys, which will be auctioned off during the game. That means you can take home a piece of Shuckers' history and grab a game-worn jersey while also supporting the Infinity Science Center.

Of course, with Keesler Air Force Base around the corner, the Shuckers will feel the Need for Speed with special jerseys on Saturday, July 10,

Lefty Ethan Small, the former Mississippi State Bulldog, has exceeded expectations with the Shuckers, winning Pitcher of the Week in the Double-A South during the month of June and tying a franchise records with 12 strikeouts in a start at MGM Park



which will yet again be auctioned off during the ballgame. There are also two fireworks shows scheduled for the month on July 9 and July 30, and as an added sneak peak, August 1 will be another Bark in the Park for a 5:05 p.m. first pitch.

On the field, the play of the Shuckers has been dominated by a couple of prospects. Lefty Ethan Small, the former Mississippi State Bulldog, has exceeded expectations with the Shuckers, winning Pitcher of the Week in the Double-A South during the month of June and tying a franchise records with 12 strikeouts in a start at MGM Park. Shortstop Brice Turang, another first-round pick by the Brewers, tied a franchise record with a 15-game hitting streak from the end of May through the middle of June.

Finally, June saw the big-league debut of former Biloxi Shuckers outfielder Dillon Thomas. Playing with the Mariners, Thomas became the 45th former Shuckers player to make his Major League debut and realized a life-long dream. After grinding in the Minor Leagues for over 10 years, he is officially a Major Leaguer, and the 2019 postseason hero for the Shuckers is incredibly well-deserving of that title.

The summer is just getting started for the Biloxi Shuckers, so set your calendars to get to the ballpark to catch the exciting plays, fun promotions and good times!

Garrett Greene is Media Relations Manager and voice of the Biloxi Shuckers. See "Inside Shuck Nation" daily on BTW at 6:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Photo Credit : Katy Knauss

► Get tickets and more info at biloxishuckers.com

Veterans and community members, be prepared this hurricane season

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

I'm proud to say that our employees and staff at the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System (GCVHCS) facilities continue to meet all challenges and continue to provide care for the Veterans they've chosen to serve. I couldn't be prouder of these men and women, and I thank you - the Veteran - for allowing us the privilege of serving you.



Bryan C. Matthews

But as we move into what's become known as hurricane season, June through November along the Gulf Coast, I want to make sure you're aware of the very real potential for a storm system to impact our area and how that can affect your health care through the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System.

First and foremost, it's never too early to prepare for the potential weather we can have



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along the Gulf Coast. Having some supplies available during and immediately after a weather situation can help in increasing your individual level of comfort. An excellent list of supplies is available on the Mississippi Emergency Management website at www.msema.org/preparedness-2/hurricanes/. The site also provides vital information about Gulf Coast weather events.

From a health care perspective, I encourage each one of you to make sure any prescriptions you require are included in your hurricane kit. Weather events can cause disruptions to the capabilities of supplying these, so planning is critical.

Additionally, keeping an eye on your neighbors during the potential for weather events can be crucial; some of our Veterans could require assistance during these situations, and lending a helping hand to these men

and women is very much appreciated. Our vulnerable Veteran population can expect to be contacted before and after a weather event to ensure their safety and to address any needs.

Finally, the GCVHCS Emergency Manager continually tracks developing weather systems and advises the staff on potential actions we'll take.

If we determine a weather event has the potential to impact our operations, we'll announce this through our social media pages and website.

Please remember that these sources represent our official word; when we decide to suspend operations, this will be the first place we place this information.

We also enjoy an outstanding relationship with the City of Biloxi, as well as the news organizations in this area.

We'll be sure to let each of them know our plans in the event of a weather situation, so I encourage you to monitor local news outlets for updates.

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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 four 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 four 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 (Page 15) 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.: 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, 2020. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2020, the table reflects the most recent results.

Questions and more info: If you have any questions about this report or the 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 info 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. Immune-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.

About these tables

In these tables you will find many terms and abbreviations that may be unfamiliar to you. Here are 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 of 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								
8. Arsenic	N	2020	1	.7 – 1	ppb	n/a	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
10. Barium	N	2020	.0109	.0057 – .0109	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2020	3.6	1.1 - 3.6	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; 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
15. Cyanide	N	2019*	29	No Range	ppb	200	200	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
16. Fluoride	N	2020	.351	.324 - .351	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
Sodium	N	2019*	190000	91000 - 190000	ppb	0	0	Road salt, water treatment chemicals, water softeners and sewage effluents
Disinfection By-Products								
81. HAA5	N	2020	16	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2020	49.9	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2020	1.7	.3-4	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

* Most recent sample, No sample required/or 2020.

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	2020	.0027	.0019 - .0027	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2020	2.5	No Range	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2018/20	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride	N	2020	.274	.242 - .374	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2018/20	1	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	N	2019*	84000	67000 - 80000	ppb	0	0	Road salt, water treatment chemicals, water softeners and sewage effluents
Disinfection By-Products								
81. HAA5	N	2020	20	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2020	22.5	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2020	2	.2- 3.97	mg/l	0	MDRL= 4	Water additive used to control microbes

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	2020	.0034	No Rang	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2020	3.1	No Range	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	2020	.297	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
Sodium	N	2019*	92000	58000 - 92000	ppb	0	0	Road salt, water treatment chemicals, water softeners and sewage effluents
Disinfection By-Products								
81. HAA5	N	2020	20	No Range	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	2020	1.4	.3-4	mg/l	0	MDRL= 4	Water additive used to control microbes

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
14. Copper	N	2018/20	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
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
17. Lead	N	2018/20	0	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	N	2019*	140000	No Range	ppb	0	0	Road salt, water treatment chemicals, water softeners and sewage effluents
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	2020	2.1	1-2.5	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

* Most recent sample, No sample required/or 2020.



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 Rivervue	NRiviere 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			



Shrimp King Clyde "Ricky" Ross and Queen Leah Crabtree

The Blessed Royalty

"What a fabulous turnout for the 2021 Blessing of the Fleet events," says Laurie Rosetti, a member of the organizing committee. "The Coronation of this year's King and Queen at the Biloxi Civic Center was attended by more than 300, which was a great delight after last year's COVID restrictions meant less than 50 could attend. The blessing of the boats by Msgr. Dominic Fullam, pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church, was one of the best turnouts of vessels we've had in many years." The 92-year old event is the oldest continuously held event in Biloxi history and celebrates the culture and heritage of a city built upon shrimping.

RANDOM NOTES



Daughter Theresa Dawson and parents Patricia and David Kemp, and their steed.

The horse with no name is back on Fayard Street

It had been part of the Fayard Street home of the Kemps for generations, but when Patricia and David Kemp woke up one morning months ago, the horse had left the proverbial barn. As part of the nearly 400 fences replaced in the East Biloxi infrastructure work, the Kemps's fence was removed, along with the horse, which had been riding the fence since David's father, Arthur, installed it, even before his son was born 70 years ago. City contractors found and re-installed the unnamed horse, to the delight of the Kemps and daughter Theresa Dawson, who also lives nearby. But a horse with no name? "Miracle" is our suggestion.



From his hotel room window, visitor Steven Rowdy Knott of Chattanooga, Tenn. captured this image of Biloxi first responders in action.

First responders attract attention of Biloxi visitor

A Chattanooga visitor was in town the other day, vacationing with his family, and was inspired to write a note to the Biloxi Fire Department:

I was in my hotel room this morning and awoke to sirens. I got up to see what I believe were brave firemen working tirelessly to save a life. I saw one man switch out with another performing CPR as another listens and looks for any sign of life. Then the paramedics arrive as the firemen are pumping the victim's chest trying to get a heartbeat. They loaded the victim onto a stretcher and without missing a beat continued life saving measures as the ambulance was loaded.

Those men and women are heroes. They may not save every life but they gained and earned every ounce my respect and admiration. It really made me appreciate the hard work, training, and care for fellow man.

Thank you for all you do, thank you for all the training and hard work. Thank you for all you have to take home with you mentally and still be willing to get up and do it all again.

May you all be blessed because you are such a blessing to those in this community. May God grant you all strength, peace, and guide you with wisdom in all you do.

I can't thank you enough for all you guys do.

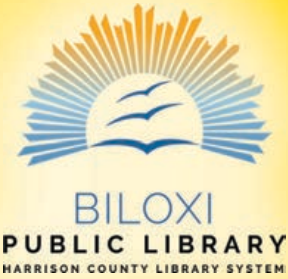
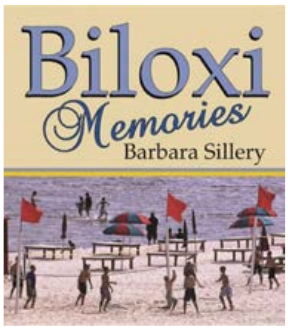


Sincerely,

A grateful visitor
Steven Rowdy Knott
Chattanooga, Tenn.

What they're reading: Biloxi Librarians

- **Sharon Davis**, head librarian, Biloxi: "The Underground Railroad," by Colson Whitehead.
- **Jane Shambra**, Local History and Genealogy librarian/Biloxi Library: "Biloxi Memories," by Barbara Sillery.
- **Mandy L. Hornsby**, assistant librarian, Local History and Genealogy Department/Biloxi Library: "The Giver of Stars," by Jojo Moyes; and "The Midnight Library," by Matt Haig.
- **E.W. Suarez**, Local History & Genealogy Department: "D.V.," by Diana Vreeland.
- **Tara Caillavet-Morgan**, librarian, Margaret Sherry Library: "Siege and Storm," audio CD, by Leigh Bardugo.
- **Donna Posey**, branch manager, Woolmarket Library: "The Guest List," by Lucy Foley.
- **Kelly Thompson**, branch manager, West Biloxi Library: "Cajun Folktales," by J.J. Reneaux.



Grillin' finally makes it

Grillin' on the Green, normally on the same day as the St. Paddy's parade, had been postponed three times because of the pandemic, but when the event took place June 12, several thousand fans turned out on the Biloxi Town Green, along with 15 grillers and 75 arts and crafts vendors. Says Main Street's Kay Miller: "We got to have it, people attended and enjoyed themselves. Next year we'll be back to March, along with the parade, when it's a bit cooler."

The infrastructure work in Biloxi

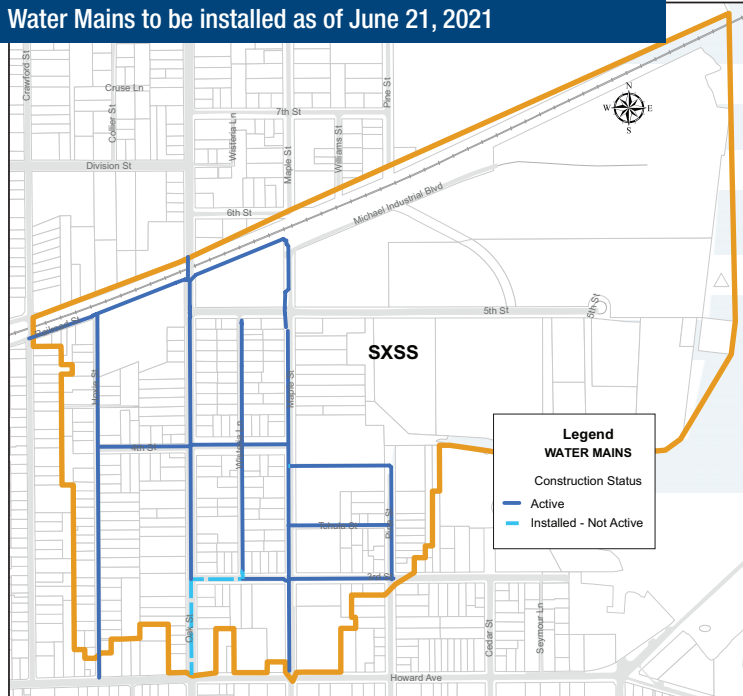
Pages 18 and 19 contain maps that show the status of the city's two major infrastructure projects now underway. The information on these maps is compiled by the city's Engineering Department, based on reports from contractors and inspectors at each site. See detailed maps and video online at biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/.

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.

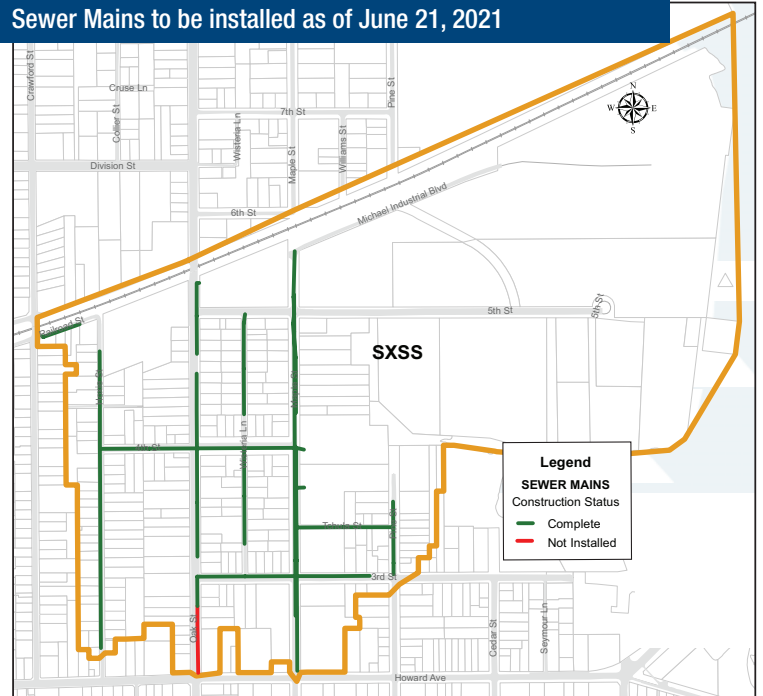
Lane Construction Water

Water Mains to be installed as of June 21, 2021



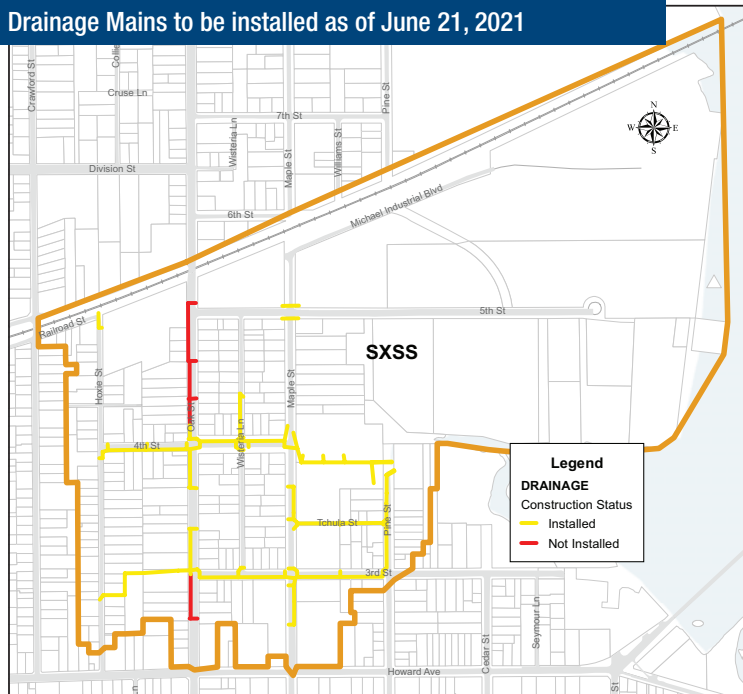
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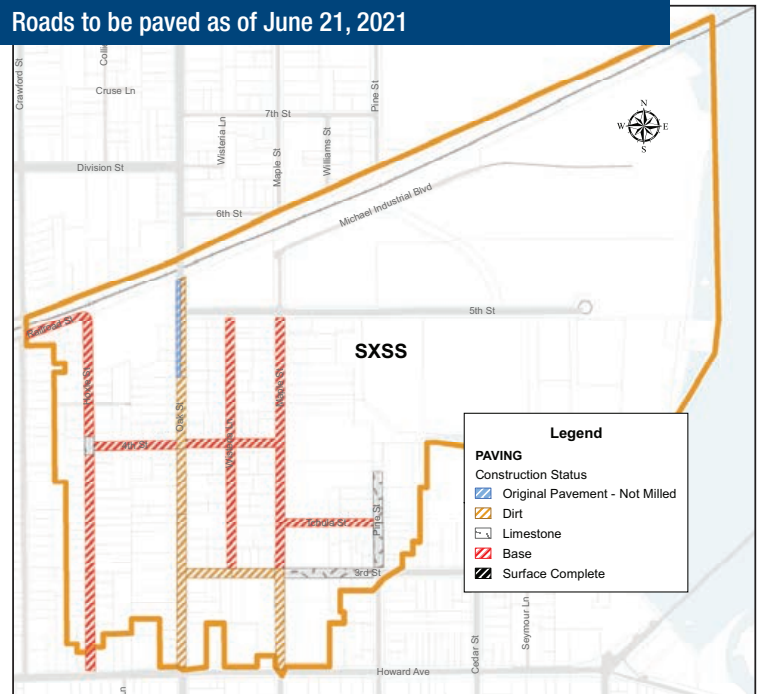
Lane Construction Drainage

Drainage Mains to be installed as of June 21, 2021



Lane Construction Pavement

Roads to be paved as of June 21, 2021

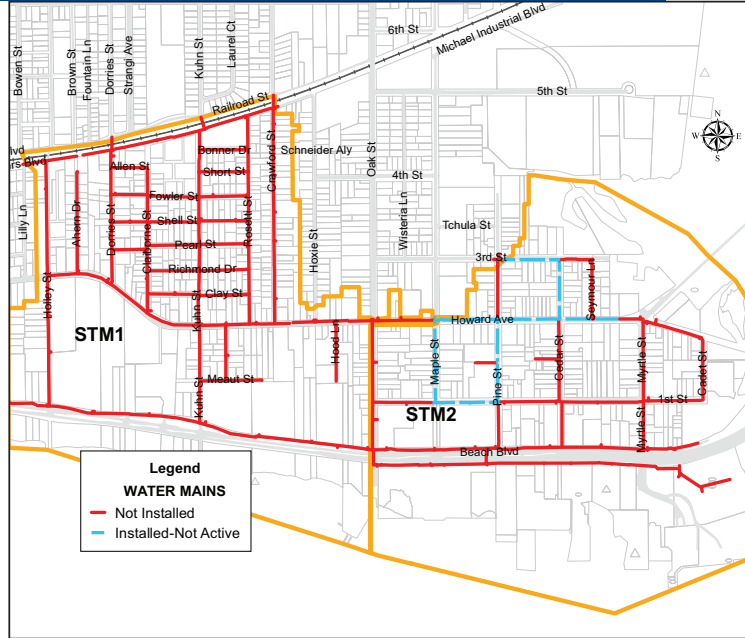


St. Michael 1 & 2

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.

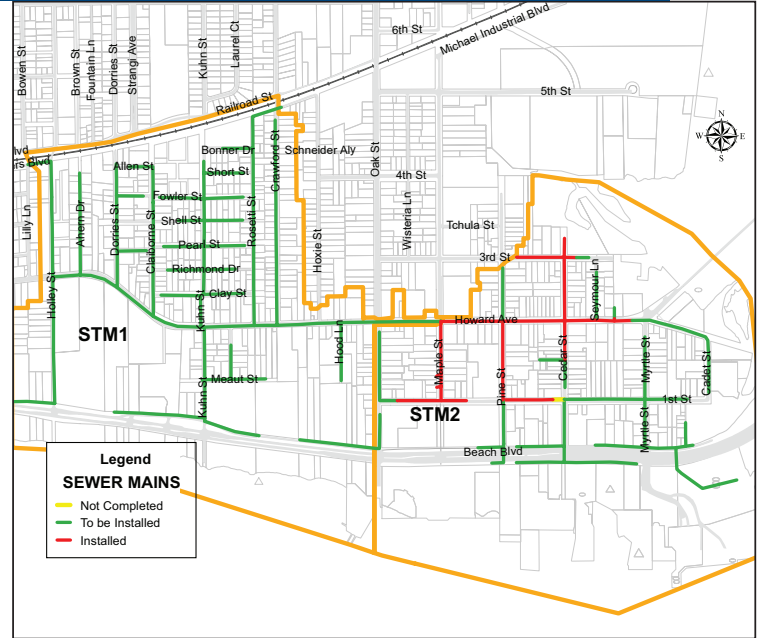
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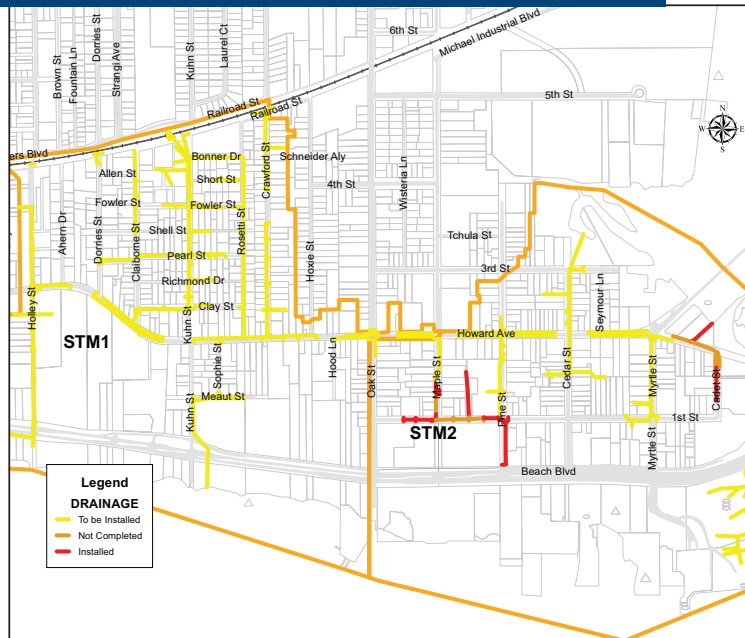
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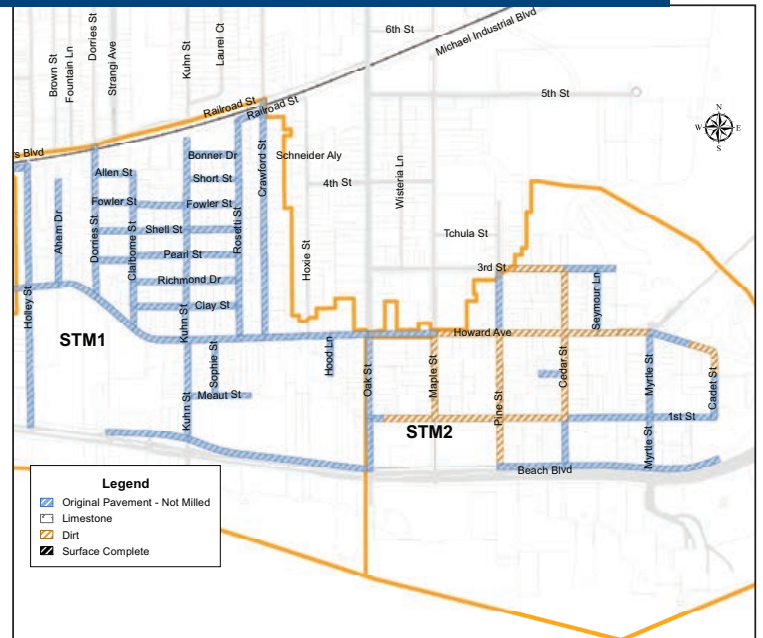
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Necaise Brothers Construction Pavement

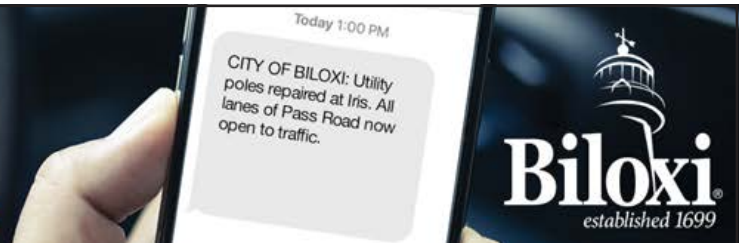
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Get the 411 on traffic

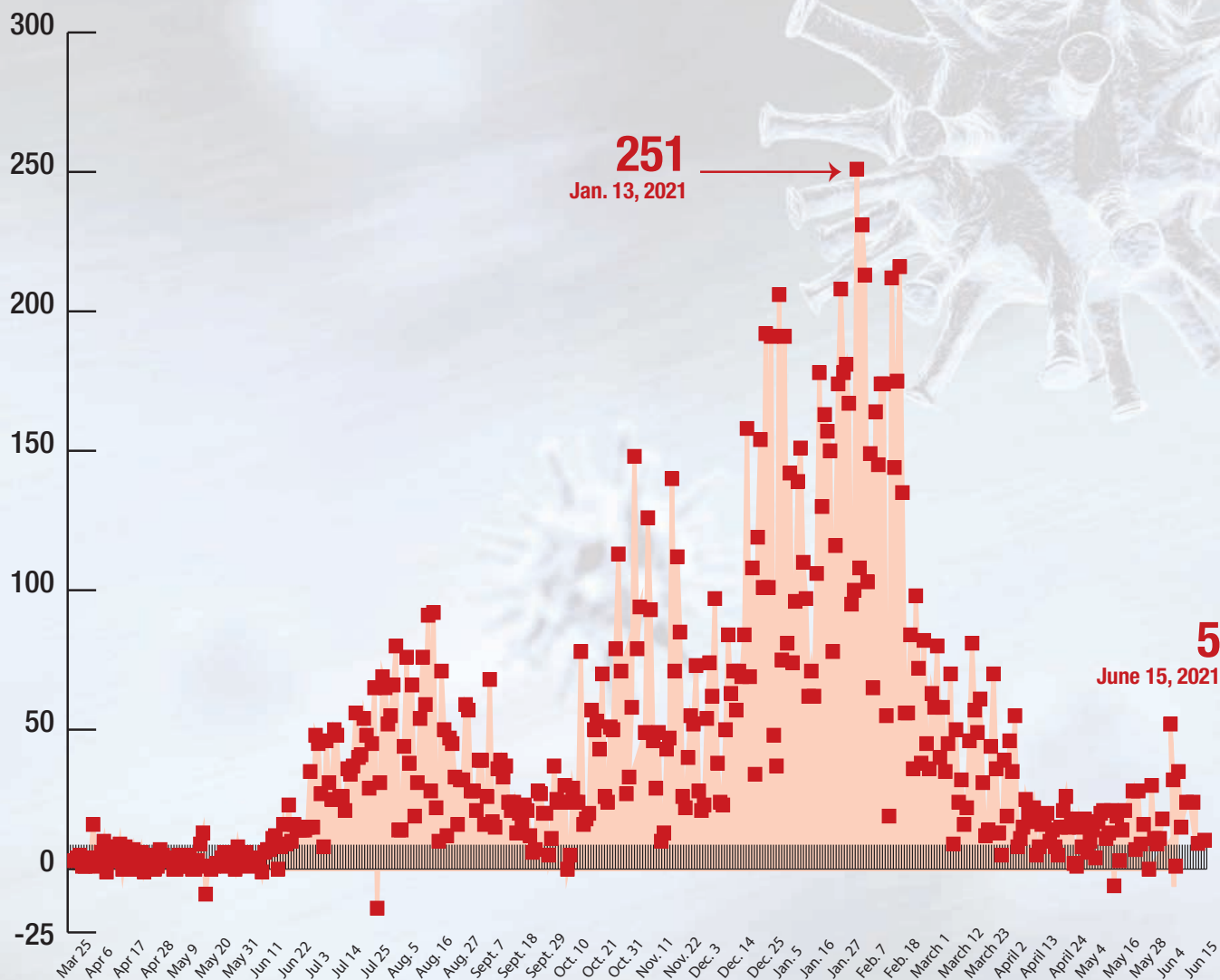
B-Alert

Text BILOXI to 99411
for timely traffic updates.



Coronavirus by the numbers

Harrison County – Daily Cases



Statewide overall

Population: 2.97 Million

Positive cases

319,428 (as of June 15, 2021)

Presumed recovered

310,189 (as of early June 2021)

Deaths

7,361 (as of March 15, 2021)

Harrison County

Population: 208,080

Fully vaccinated

26% (as of mid June 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!



Fireworks extravaganza

Celebrating the country's independence is done with a bang in Biloxi, and on Saturday, July 4 the nighttime 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 on FM 105.9. The show is set off from a barge inside Deer Island and is sponsored by the Boom-Boom Committee and the City of Biloxi. Spectators can watch the show from a fireworks-free zone on the beach between the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor and Oak Street. Schooner sails will also be available for a fee.

Be Happy

The Mental Health Association of South Mississippi will host its 14th Annual "Don't Worry be Happy" fundraiser on Friday, July 16 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Biloxi Civic Center. This year's event will have a Mardi Gras theme and will include live and silent auctions, food tasting and awards presentation. Tickets are \$50 a person and benefits those with mental illness and others who want to incorporate prevention measures into their lives. For more information, visit online at msmentalhealth.org/event/dont-worry-be-happy-2021.



Your seat is waiting on the District Green

First Friday and Downtown Block Party at the District Green, July 2, 4-9 p.m., Howard Avenue & Rue Magnolia. Live music, food truck, beer from Fly Llama Brewing Company and more. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

Biloxi 4th of July Fireworks Display, July 4, 9 p.m., visible from beachfront between the Biloxi Lighthouse eastward to the Biloxi Bay Bridge. A fireworks-free zone will be set up for spectators on the beach between the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor and Oak Street. Free admission. Hosted by the Boom Boom Committee and the City of Biloxi.

Biloxi Schooner Sails for the 4th of July Fireworks Display, July 4, 7-9:30 p.m., 367 Beach Blvd. Admission: adults \$40, children 3-12 \$20. Details: 228-435-6320

Biloxi Shuckers Baseball, MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St. July home games: July 6-11 Birmingham Barons; July 27-Aug 1 Montgomery Biscuits. Details: 228-233-3465, www.biloxishuckers.com



Don't Worry Be Happy 14th Annual Celebration, July 16; 7-10 p.m. Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Benefit for the Mental Health Association of South Mississippi. Event includes a live and silent auction, food and has a Mardi Gras theme. Admission: \$50 per person. Details: <https://msmentalhealth.org/events/>

Annual Coastfest Car Show, July 17, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd. All makes, models and years of classic cars are welcome. Car registration fee: \$25. Admission: adults \$12.50, seniors/military \$10, children 12 and under free. Details: 228-388-4400

Best Bet!



Best in show

The grounds of Beauvoir will be filled with all types of four-wheeled vehicles from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 17 for the annual Coastfest Car Show. All makes, models and years are welcome to cruise-in and compete for trophies including the Best of Class and Children's & People's Choice. Vehicle registration is between 8 and 10 a.m. and is \$25. Judging takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the trophy presentation at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited but must purchase a property ticket. For more information, call Beauvoir at 228-388-4400.

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

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 38th issue of BNews Monthly. It's a compendium of things you should know about your city: status reports on current and pending public works, and a calendar of community events covering the next 30 days.

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

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

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



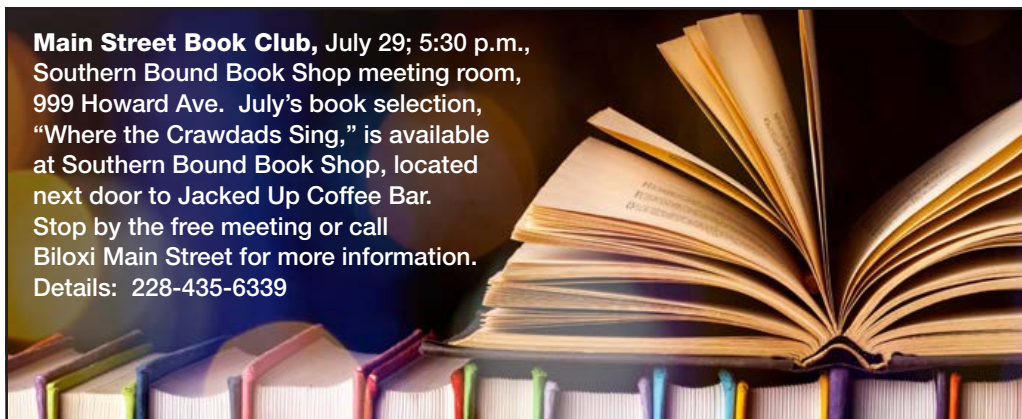
Bike Biloxi, July 20; 6 p.m.; downtown ride. Begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., and ends with refreshments and food at a downtown restaurant at cyclists' expense. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339



Clean Up Day, July 24; 8:30-11 a.m., Point Cadet Plaza, 121 Cadet St. Lunch will be provided by The Blind Tiger. To volunteer, call 228-214-1405. For more information email: cbell@biloxi.ms.us or visit www.keeppharrisoncountybeautiful.com



Main Street Book Club, July 29; 5:30 p.m., Southern Bound Book Shop meeting room, 999 Howard Ave. July's book selection, "Where the Crawdads Sing," 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



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

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

Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library

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

- **Living History**, Every third Saturdays monthly; 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Admission prices range \$7.50-\$12.50.
- **"Meet The Spirits"**, July 17; 6 p.m. – Midnight. Admission: \$30 per person

Biloxi Lighthouse & Visitor Center

1050 Beach Blvd., 228-374-3105, www.biloxi.ms.us. Open daily, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

- Lighthouse tours daily 9 to 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, www.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.

Betsy Ann Riverboat Cruise

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

- Hibachi Dinner Cruise - Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 6:30 p.m.

Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum

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

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

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

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

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

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

- Check the website for more events and studio classes at OOMA!
- Yoga under the oaks & Pure Juice 101, 5:30 every Tuesday
- Game night with drink specials & tasting menu, First Thursday every month 4-7 p.m.

Ship Island Excursion

228-864-1014, www.mssshipisland.com

- Ferry service to Ship Island
- Private charters available year-round
- Dolphin and Sunset Cruises available

West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum

1046 Howard Ave., 228-435-6119/228-435-6200, www.biloxi.ms.us.

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

Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606

- Friday Bingo, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30. Doors 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, open until 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday Charity Bingo: No Sunday Bingo for July.
- Safety protocols for bingo: The Mississippi Gaming Commission lifted its mask mandate, masks are now optional and seating capacity is back to 100%.

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 228-392-9345

- Steak Night, July 9; 6-8 p.m. Steak, potato, salad, dessert and beverage - \$17, dine in or carry out. Steak Nights support efforts at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Shreveport and our local patients. Details or advance orders: 228-392-9345

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- Seafood Dinners every Friday night in July, 6-8 p.m. Karaoke with Kenny every Friday at 7p.m. Call for details.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

871 Esters Blvd., 228-374-6472

- Biloxi Bingo Mania, Every Tuesday night behind Nativity Cathedral; Doors open at 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.

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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1 Community Market	2	3
				Game Night Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art	First Friday & Downtown Biloxi Block Party The District Green Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge	
4  Biloxi's Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Biloxi Lighthouse to Biloxi Bay Bridge Biloxi Schooner Sails 367 Beach Blvd	5	6 Community Market Yoga Under the Oaks Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art Shuckers vs. Barons MGM Park Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	7 Shuckers vs. Barons MGM Park	8 Community Market Shuckers vs. Barons MGM Park	9 Steak Night Joppa Shrine Friday Night Dinners with Karaoke Fleur de Lis Society Shuckers vs. Barons (Fireworks) MGM Park Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge	10 Shuckers vs. Barons MGM Park
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18	19	20 Community Market Bike Biloxi Downtown Biloxi Yoga Under the Oaks Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	21	22 Community Market	23 Friday Night Dinners with Karaoke Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge	24 Clean Up Day Point Cadet Plaza Living History Performances Beauvoir
25	26	27 Community Market 85 South Show Live Mississippi Coast Coliseum Yoga Under the Oaks - OOMA Shuckers vs. Biscuits MGM Park Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	28 Shuckers vs. Biscuits MGM Park	29 Community Market Main Street Book Club Southern Bound Books Shuckers vs. Biscuits MGM Park	30 Friday Night Dinners with Karaoke Fleur de Lis Society Shuckers vs. Biscuits (Fireworks) MGM Park Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge	31 Shuckers vs. Biscuits MGM Park

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.	Inside BTV for July (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.	Keesler update (15 min)
8 a.m.	Special presentation: The Biloxi Tour Train at 60 (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.	Keesler update (15 min)
2 p.m.	Special presentation: The Biloxi Tour Train at 60 (1 hr)
3 p.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (3 hours)
Evening	
6 p.m.	"Down in Biloxi," by Rockin' Ray Fournier (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.



Ole Biloxi Tour Train: A long and winding road

It began 60 years ago with the Biloxi Shrimp Tour Train and over the years it evolved to the Ole Biloxi Tour Train, and this month BTV pays tribute to the Biloxi icon that welcomes visitors on a regular basis.

BTV videographer August Taconi, who with his wife-conductor Carla owns the tour train, tells the many tales of the operation in a 50-minute documentary airing on BTV throughout the month of July.

The program airs three times a day each day, at 8 a.m., 8 p.m. and 2 p.m.

An arresting appetite? Here's the cure

"Biloxi Cooks!" feeds the masses this month. It's a look at the Biloxi Police Department's cooking brigade, under the spatula of Major Harold "Butch" Windham.

BTV videographer Renny Sherman was on hand to see the team feed a throng of more than 500 at Point Cadet Plaza.

"Biloxi Cooks!" airs at 7 a.m., 7 p.m. and 1 p.m. each day in July.

This month's recipe:

Firecracker Shrimp and Rice

Ingredients (four servings):

- 1 1/4 pounds peeled and deveined small shrimp, tails removed
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, plus more for garnish
- 2 tablespoons hot sauce, Justin Wilson brand
- Kosher salt
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
- 3 cloves garlic, grated
- 3 cups cooked basmati rice
- 1 bunch scallions, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- Sriracha and fresh cilantro leaves, for garnish

Instructions (20 minutes):

Whisk together brown sugar, orange juice, hot sauce, rice vinegar, red pepper flakes and 1/2 teaspoon salt in medium bowl; set aside.

Dry shrimp well with paper towels and add to a large bowl. Sprinkle cornstarch over shrimp and toss to coat.

Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until shimmering. Fry the shrimp in the hot oil until pink, about one minute per side. Add ginger and garlic. Cook, stirring, until fragrant, about one minute. Add sauce mixture, rice and scallions and cook until warmed through, about three minutes.

Top with more red pepper flakes, a drizzle of sriracha and cilantro leaves.



Left: The two Isle of Capri paddle wheelers, which ushered in a new era for Biloxi and the Southeast, were moored at Point Cadet. Photo courtesy of Lori Beth Susman.

Above: Thousands turned out on opening day. Photo courtesy of Rich Westfall.

The advent of Biloxi's dockside gambling

Biloxi's history has many chapters devoted to gambling. One of the earliest written records of gambling in this area can be found in French journals.

Back in the Day



By Jane Shambra

One such finding was in the journal of French missionary priest Father Paul Du Ru. In 1700, he noted that Native Americans were "great gamblers" and the gifts they received were often used as bets.

Many early French sellers were also gamblers. Through journal entries, we learn that they were especially fond of betting at card games.

The vote

In 1989, Mississippi lawmakers approved gambling on cruise ships as long as they were inside the international waters boundaries.

One year later, the Mississippi Gaming Control Act passed stating that casino gambling was permitted for 24 hours a day in moored floating casinos along the Mississippi River and along the Gulf Coast.

In December 1990, Harrison county voters went to the polls to vote on dockside gambling. It failed by about 1,000 votes. The item came up again on March 10, 1992. This time dockside gambling won with 24,282 votes vs. 18,018 against, thus a 57 percent victory. A sign along the Taurus Steak House on Hwy. 90 showed: "March 10: V-Day", and a victory it was!

Floating casinos

Legalized gaming arrived in 1992 when the first three riverboat casinos cruised into town. Thousands of people lined up in the boiling August sun to enter one of the gambling boats. Legal gaming quickly resuscitated the stagnant Biloxi tourism industry and brought in new development, visitors and even more residents.

Isle of Capri

In July 1992, two twin paddle wheel boats voyaged down the Mississippi River from Fort Madison, Iowa: "Emerald Lady"

and "Diamond Lady". They were built in Jacksonville, Fla. in 1991 and were each 201 feet in length and three-stories tall. A fleet of about 25 boats greeted these vessels along with hundreds of spectators. Their arrival was so impressive that Billy Creel, their marketing manager, was quoted as saying, "It looked like the Blessing of the Fleet out there."

The vessels docked in Biloxi and were connected by a two-story floating pavilion and required a certified boat captain to remain on staff in the event of a hurricane threat.

Together, they comprised the Isle of Capri Casino. The new legalized gambling venue opened on Aug. 1, 1992 with 600 slot machines, craps, blackjack, poker, baccarat, and pai gow. It was estimated that about 8,000 people entered those boats within 16 hours of opening. Security services was provided by the Port Commission to keep order.

Appropriately, the Isle of Capri Casino was named after a previous gambling venue: Isle of Caprice. The island-based casino resort formally opened on May 30, 1926 and existed on Dog Key Island which was located

between Ship and Horn islands, about 10 miles south of Biloxi.

The resort, opened by Walter Henry "Skeet" Hunt, greeted tourists by way of passenger boats like the Pan American and provided big-band entertainment and gambling. After years of natural erosion, the isle disappeared beneath the water. Even though that island with all its fun is long gone, it's one of the fascinating segment's attached to Biloxi's unique casino history.

According to an old Indian legend, this island will once again resurface.

President Casino

About six miles to the west of the Isle of Capri, Biloxi's second riverboat casino, the President Casino, opened Thursday, Aug. 13, 1992 at the Broadwater Marina. The riverboat was 292 feet in length and 66 foot wide. It was built at a cost of \$17M and featured three decks with 480 slot and video poker machines and 42 game tables. Its capacity was set at 1,000 visitors at a time.

Biloxi Belle

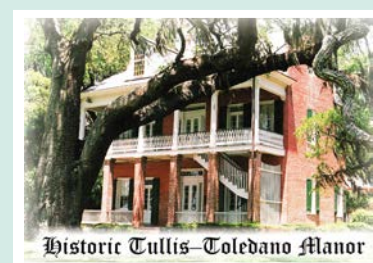
Modeled after a graceful paddlewheel steamboat, the Biloxi Belle opened Aug. 25, 1992 at 857 Beach Blvd. advertising 40 gaming tables slots, blackjack, roulette, poker, Texas hold em, and video poker. They also offered guests a Lucky Belle players club card and an amazing seafood restaurant.

Casino row

In early 1993, the Biloxi dictionary added a new word: Casino Row. Who first uttered this perfect descriptive for the southeast tip of Biloxi's peninsula is still a mystery, but ideally the Biloxi Planning Department must have initiated this new term based on the number of new and upcoming casino projects they were reviewing at that time.

Cannery row, Biloxi's seafood factories neighborhood was officially transformed into Casino Row, a term still sometimes heard today.

The neighborhood

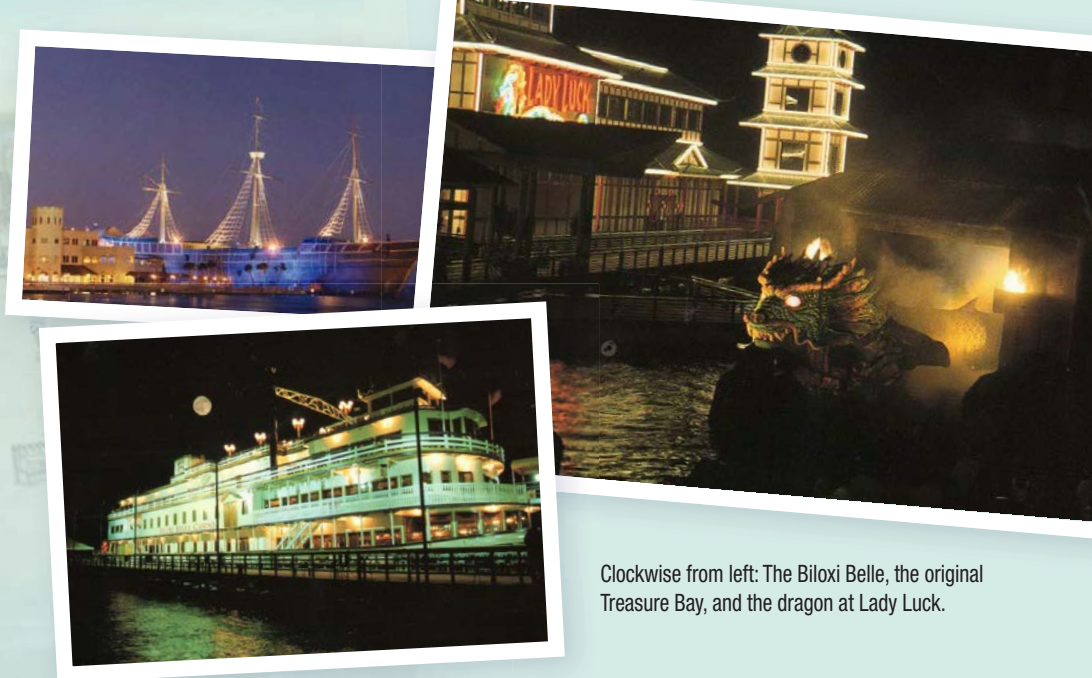


Historic Tullis-Toledano Manor

It is interesting to note that the concept of a gambling venue wasn't new to

the cannery row neighborhood. Across the street from the now famed casino row was the renown Tullis-Toledano Manor.

This structure was built in the mid 1800's and was known as the "Green Oaks Hotel". During its beginnings, guests came from everywhere by boat, stopping at the wharf located just across the street and owned by the Pradat family. In those days, gambling was legal and the hotel was a gambling venue. It is written that Union officers from Ship Island during the Civil War would frequent this gaming facility. This place was way ahead of



Clockwise from left: The Biloxi Belle, the original Treasure Bay, and the dragon at Lady Luck.

Katrina Casino trivia

The first casino to reopen after Hurricane Katrina was the IP (aka Imperial Palace) Casino. On Dec. 22, 2005, it reopened with 1,900 slot machines and 52 gaming tables. On opening day then Mayor A. J. Holloway welcome the grand event with "let the good times roll".... and so, it continues.

On Dec. 26, 2005, the Isle of Capri Casino reopened with 728 slot machines, 29 table games, and 9 poker tables. It made history again, since it was the first to move onto land with the new regulations in place. The Palace Casino proudly opened on Dec. 30, 2005 with 826 slot machines and 14 tables. Its 236-room hotel was completely booked.

Today, Biloxi currently has eight operating legal gambling casinos: Beau Rivage Resort and Casino, Harrah's Gulf Coast, Boomtown Casino, IP Casino Resort Spa, Golden Nugget Casino, Palace Casino Resort Spa, Hard Rock Casino and Hotel, and Treasure Bay Casino and Hotel.

Check out the City's web site for contact information for each: <https://biloxi.ms.us/visitor-info/casinos/>. And stay tuned.....there's more to come!



Rolling the dice through the years

Isle of Capri

Opening Date: Aug. 1, 1992
Status: Now Golden Nugget Casino

President Casino

Opening Date: Aug. 13, 1992
Status: Closed

Biloxi Belle

Opening Date: Aug. 28, 1992
Status: Closed

Casino Magic

Opening Date: June 1993
Status: Now Margaritaville Resort

Lady Luck

Opening Date: Dec. 1993
Status: Closed

Grand Casino

Opening Date: Jan. 1994
Status: Now Harrah's Casino

Palace Casino

Opening Date: April 1994
Status: Open

Treasure Bay Casino

Opening Date: April 1994
Status: Open, without the Pirate ship

Gold Shore Casino

Opening Date: June 1994
Status: Closed

Imperial Palace Casino

Opening Date: July 1994
Status: Now IP Casino

Boomtown Casino

Opening Date: July 1994
Status: Open

Beau Rivage

Opening Date: March 1999
Status: Open

Hard Rock

Opening Date: June 2007
Status: Open

Margaritaville Casino

Opening Date: May 2012
Status: Closed



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