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A month to remember

Not every storm is a Katrina, and not every scene will be as catastrophic as this one, an image captured days after Katrina in East Biloxi, where President George Bush was consoling Point Cadet resident Patrick Wright.

But the fact is, among the tools the city has to educate residents about



the dangers of storms and flooding are our encounters with Katrina, and,

earlier Camille. The experiences are a reminder of the need to prepare for even routine thundershowers, which can cause property damage and flooding.

To help remind residents of the dangers and the need to prepare, BTV will host a day of programming

dedicated to Camille and Katrina, on the respective anniversaries of the storms. You'll see a day of Camille programming on Aug. 17, the 52nd anniversary of the Cat 5 striking Biloxi and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and on Aug. 29, the 16th anniversary of Katrina, you'll see a day of Katrina programming on BTV.

Add it to your family library:

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Photo by Tim Isbell



Nick L. Shrimp

We've moved from COVID-19 to 'Stimulus 21'

It's a familiar refrain we've heard from local businesses months after a catastrophe, whether it was in the wake of Katrina, the BP oil spill, the pandemic or even Zeta: We need workers.

It's typically caused by extended or increased unemployment benefits for those whose jobs were lost -- temporarily or permanently -- because of the crisis of the day.

It's not a local issue, it's nationwide, but for a tourism-based economy, where a host of busboys, dishwashers, servers, cooks and others are needed, workers become a premium.

Signing bonuses are not just for pro athletes anymore.

"I used to tell everybody that we were in COVID-19," restaurateur Bobby Mahoney said the other day. "You know what we're in now? Stimulus 21. That means everybody's got a pile of money and they don't want to work. They're getting stimulated."

Everything's going to work out, just as it always does, Mahoney said, but not without give and take.

"I had to do what everybody else did, raise our salaries," Mahoney added. "Wages are going up, food prices are going up, gas, everything. It's sort of like inflation. That's what we're living in right now."

"You gotta do what you gotta do. You gotta pay 'em. In the end, there will be a happy medium."

So it comes down to dollars and cents, this shortage of help. Supply and demand, maybe. Some might even say "right sizing," or, as they say in the stock market, a "correction."

It's a matter of what you're willing to endure.

Jerry Morgan, a former contractor who as the city's Public Works director for many years oversaw millions of dollars in roadwork throughout Biloxi, still remembers fielding the call.

"They said you have a caller with a complaint on Line 2," Morgan recalled the other day. "The man was complaining about the new sidewalk in front of his home. He said it looked like a rake had been used instead of a trowel to smooth out the concrete."

"I apologized, and told him I would get out and look at it and make sure it was done correctly."

It was so bad, the man added, HE could have done a better job.

"Well," Morgan said, "we're always looking for good people. The caller on the other end of the line paused for a while and said, 'You know, on second thought, it doesn't look that bad.'"

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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Boney rejected as fire chief; others OK'd

The Biloxi City Council on July 20 overruled Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich’s nomination of Biloxi Fire Chief Joe Boney, but voted to reappoint other department heads.

Councilmembers voted 4-to-3 against Boney. Voting against the reappointment were Councilmembers Felix Gines, Dixie Newman, Robert L. Deming III and Nathan Barrett. Councilmembers George Lawrence, Paul Tisdale and Kenny Glavan voted in favor of Boney, a 37-year veteran of the fire department with eight years as chief.

Reappointed were Chief Administrative Officer Mike Leonard, Police Chief John Miller, and directors Jerry Creel of Community Development, Billy Ray Allen of Public Works and Sherry Bell of Parks and Recreation. Also reappointed was City Attorney Peter Abide and the firm Currie-Johnson.

Boney, who will serve as acting director for up to 90 days, had announced two weeks ago during a council meeting that he planned to retire at the end of this year.

► Joe Boney’s farewell, Page 12



Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich, bottom right, City Attorney Peter Abide, left, and members of the City Council

Mayor, council eye 2022 spending plan

The mayor and City Council, who launched their new terms in July, have begun the process to craft a municipal budget for Fiscal Year 2022, which begins Oct. 1.

A series of public work sessions will be held between now and September. The mayor and councilmembers will determine a spending plan that will fund city operations.

The topic from the first budget session in July, looked at revenue projections. Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich reported that gaming revenue was forecast to reach \$20.374 million, a 15 percent increase over the \$17.55 million projected a year ago.

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The mayor is projecting that the city will have \$67.79 million to operate in the coming fiscal year, which is 10 percent higher than the current year. The projections, Gilich said, are based on looking at revenue trends going back to 2019, before the pandemic.

Leaders would soon begin reviewing projected expenses, including departmental budgets, planned major projects and other budget items.

One thing to keep in mind regarding the city budget: It’s a piece of paper, a plan, and it’s amended dozens of times throughout the year, based on unanticipated changes in revenue and or unanticipated changes in expenditures.

► See financial info online at biloxi.ms.us/resources/financial-report/

News & notes

Golf carts: You’re probably going to encounter the occasional golf cart on a neighborhood street. Are they legal? A new video outlines the requirements. Visit biloxi.ms.us/golfcarts.

Visit Biloxi: The Biloxi Visitors Center Facebook page has been rebranded with a decidedly visitor-oriented feel. It is now titled Visit Biloxi. Check it out on Facebook and don’t forget to like and follow the page.

Market sign: The Charles R. Hegwood Community Market, at Hopkins Boulevard and Howard Avenue, has a new sign! The blue arched sign also displays the outdoor market’s hours of operation: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Like and follow the market on Facebook for fresh photos.

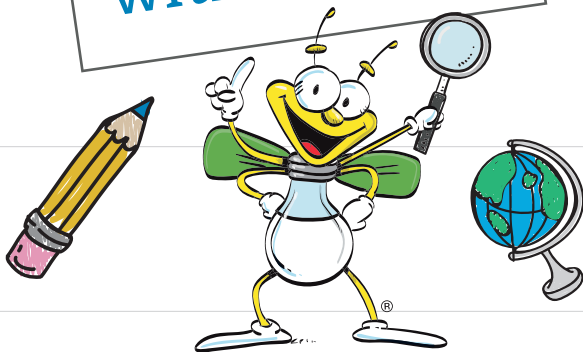
Splashing about: Splash pads are a fun way to stay cool during the summer months and the City of Biloxi has four splash pads open daily to the public: Hiller Park, Point Cadet, and Margaret Sherry splash pads are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; the John Henry Beck Park makes a splash from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Details: 228-388-7170

Friday night bike ride: Pedal around downtown Biloxi every Friday evening with Biloxi Bicycle Works. The social ride begins at 6:15 p.m. at the bike shop on Howard Avenue and takes riders on a cruise through downtown neighborhoods and along Back Bay. Any type bike is welcome and the ride is free. Details: facebook.com/biloxibicycleworks

Openings: Looking for a career? The City of Biloxi has a number of job openings in the fields of public safety, parks and recreation, engineering and public works. Details: Visit Human Resources online at biloxi.ms.us or call 228-435-6259.

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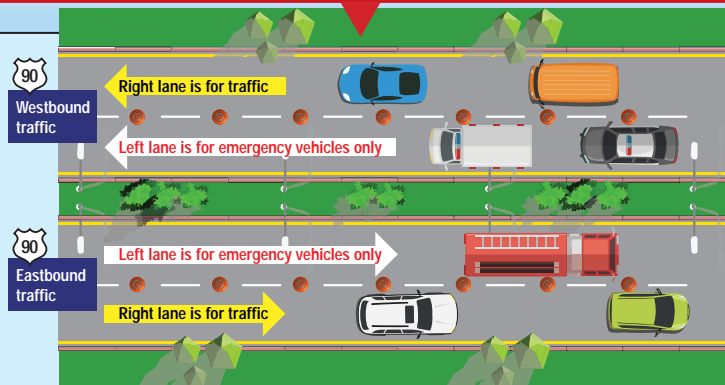
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Special events traffic plan



A word about “venting”

When U.S. 90 traffic approaches gridlock, motorists will be directed to 605/Cowan Road or I-110 and ultimately I-10. No turns or stopping will be permitted. You must follow directions of officers directing traffic. Process may last for 30 minutes or more.



B Get special events traffic advisories
Text **BILOXI** to 99411
to receive City of Biloxi B-Alert traffic advisories.

What drives the traffic plan

Here, in broad, general terms are the “tipping points” of phases of the special events traffic plan:

1. **Normal traffic.** Traffic cones are placed on U.S. 90 ahead of the event to separate the two travel lanes.
2. **Traffic begins to slow.** “Cross-overs,” or left turns on U.S. 90 are blocked at many intersections.
3. **Traffic slows considerably.** Most intersections are closed and lights are placed in the flashing mode.
4. **Traffic stops with only small forward movement.** The left lane of U.S. 90 is cleared of traffic and reserved for emergency vehicle use only.
5. **Traffic stops and no movement is possible.** All intersections are closed and eastbound traffic is forced onto I-110, westbound traffic is forced onto Cowan-Lorraine Road to I-10.

Option 4 has happened only once in the past three years and Option 5 was last employed several years ago.



Get ready. ‘Spring Break 2’ set for Aug. 27-29

Plan for another bumper-to-bumper weekend on U.S. 90 at the end of the month, with Black Beach Weekend scheduled for Aug. 27-29.

The city’s special-events traffic plan -- with traffic cones in center lanes from I-110 to DeBuys Road -- will again be in place, and the plan is being tweaked slightly in West Biloxi between Camellia and Rodenberg, typically a congested area on a typically busy day.

Once the traffic plan is in place, eastbound motorists on U.S. 90 approaching Camellia will be steered to the service drive that runs from Camellia to Rodenberg. The roadway, which runs alongside restaurant row, will be one-way eastbound for the weekend.

Westbound motorists may enter the service drive at Veterans. U-turns also will be prohibited at many intersections on U.S. 90 during the event.

“This is an attempt to constantly improve the services we provide during major events, to the city we proudly serve,” said Biloxi Police Capt. Brian Dykes. “We believe this improved flow plan will facilitate access to the businesses along the service drive area, while eliminating the major intersections largely responsible for traffic slow-downs.

“We would ask everyone to be patient with this new traffic flow plan because, as with all things new, it will take some time to get used to.”

For several years, promoters have simultaneously staged “Black Beach Weekend” or “Black Spring Break” in June each year, but this year one promoter delayed his event until August because of the pandemic.

The city’s traffic plan is designed to help prevent gridlock on U.S. 90, which could delay first responders. Traffic cones divide eastbound and westbound traffic lanes, allowing police to, if needed, quickly reserve left lanes for emergency vehicles.

Motorists are made aware of the traffic status through the city’s B-Alert texting service. To sign up for the free service, text **BILOXI** to 99411.

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AUGUST 25	COLLEGE FAIR NIGHT
AUGUST 27	SPORTULA GIVEAWAY PRESENTED BY HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO & EXIT COUPON GIVEAWAY PRESENTED BY MURKY WATERS BBQ
AUGUST 28	KIDS BACKPACK GIVEAWAY PRESENTED BY BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF MISSISSIPPI
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Do I need a permit to cut my tree?

The Biloxi Tree Committee wants you to know a thing or two

By City of Biloxi Tree Committee
in consultation with City Arborist Eric Nolan

Trees are beloved in Biloxi, particularly our live oaks and magnolias. In order for trees to coexist with humans, their presence and numbers must be managed sensibly with a view towards balancing their intrinsic benefits with a community's desire for aesthetics, growth, and safety. Tree removal is subject to municipal oversight in Biloxi, and residents and developers must make it their business to understand the permitting process in tree removal. Protected trees must be permitted for removal.

What are "protected trees"?

Protected trees are any live oak, magnolia, or bald cypress of 5 inches or greater in diameter at breast height (DBH); any tree over 36 inches DBH regardless of species for a permit for one to four trees; any tree over 8 inches for a permit for more than five trees. Also, trees situated in a city right-of-way are protected.

Are there any exemptions? Three species are not protected in the City of Biloxi: popcorn trees, pine trees, and pecans, no matter what size. Likewise, trees that are harvested for tree farming are not protected, so if you operate a tree farm, you may harvest free from without a tree removal permit. Utilities pruning is also an exempt activity, and is regulated by technical requirements developed by our local utility company.

Who authorizes the removal of trees? If you are removing one to four protected trees, a permit is required via an application to Biloxi Community Development, and the determination is made by the City Arborist. If five or more trees are being removed, the Tree Committee reviews the application, provides recommendations, and a hearing is held with the Planning Commission. The final ruling is made by the Director of Community Development.

What about pruning? Up to 25 percent of a tree's canopy can be removed without a permit and is generally considered to be safe for the health of the tree. Pruning more than 25 percent is not recommended, and it requires a permit.

What is "mitigation" and is it required? Mitigation is the replacement of an environmental resource that has been damaged or destroyed. For a permit of one to four trees, replacement/mitigation requirements are generally waived at this time, but mitigation is recommended. For five or more trees, replacement/mitigation is required, and removed trees are to be replaced with native species at a ratio of three to one. Replacement trees must be overseen for a period of three years, until they are well-established. Live oaks, magnolias and bald cypresses are particularly advised for mitigation, but the city has a list of native species that can also be applied as well in some situations.

The process

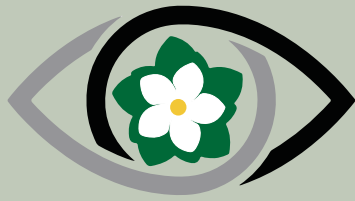


Which trees are "Protected"?

- Any live oak, magnolia, or bald cypress 5" Diameter or greater
- Any species 8" Diameter or greater, for 5+ trees
- Any species 36" Diameter or greater, for 1-4 trees
- Any tree in a city right of way or on city property

Not sure about yours? Consult the City Arborist by calling 228-435-6280.

Members of the Biloxi Tree Committee, a city advisory group, are: Ward 1, Robin Lang; Ward 2, Shirley Robinson; Ward 3, Matt Dubaz; Ward 4, Susan Peterson; Ward 5, Carroll Campbell; Ward 6, Christine Davis; and Ward 7, Pam Barlow.



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Joe Boney writes his own ending

Here is the text of Fire Chief Joe Boney's prepared statement announcing his pending retirement. He read the statement during the July 6, 2021 meeting of the Biloxi City Council, before councilmembers tabled for two weeks the appointment of city department heads.

Everybody wants to know the story, so here is the true story....

Joe Boney was a little boy growing up in the 1960s, who ran to and stood at the fence in front of his home at 306 Reynoir St. every time a firetruck came screaming by from the Back Bay fire station. With great pride he would tell his siblings, "That's what I'm going to be one day."

When that boy became a man he realized his dream on May 10, 1984 the first day of his employment with the Biloxi Fire Department. For years he would scream down the streets of Biloxi on the tail-board of the fire truck. He got to see and do so many extraordinary things; some were so horrific that no human being should ever have to experience, and some were so absolutely merciless that every human being should have experience of witnessing.

For over 38 years, he not only lived his dream, he lived it big. He achieved what only one percent of firefighters in Biloxi have accomplished; and that is the privilege to serve as Chief of the Department. He lived an unimaginable dream, filled with excitement, passion, hard work, dedication and perseverance; making a positive difference in the Department and the City he so dearly loves.

And now we come to the end of the story, and that little boy in the man still refuses to let someone else write his ending.

I wrote my ending to this story earlier this afternoon when I submitted my letter of intent to retire from the City of Biloxi to the Mayor, which will become effective no later than the end of the year in order to allow adequate time for a smooth transition.

So, while this may be the ending to this particular story, the little boy in me will still look for other dreams to pursue.



Checking in at mid-season with Shuckers

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By Garrett Greene
Biloxi Shuckers

After 60 games, the Biloxi Shuckers officially hit the halfway point of the 2021 campaign in mid-July. It's hard to believe that half of the season has flown by, but it has been eventful for the Shuckers and plenty of former players that have donned a Biloxi uniform. With that, we check in on the current state of the Shuckers, how some 2021 players are doing and some very special honors for past players.

The current Biloxi Shuckers squad now features the top two prospects in the entire Brewers' system - Garrett Mitchell and Brice Turang. Whether you go by the MLB Pipeline rankings (No. 1, Mitchell; No. 2, Turang) or Baseball America (No. 1, Turang, No. 2, Mitchell) the talent at the top of the Shuckers' lineup is undeniable. Both are first round picks, with Turang taken as the 21st overall selection in 2018 and Mitchell selected with the 20th overall pick in the 2020 draft. And with the promise of top prospects brings plenty of expectation and precedent.

This is now the third time in franchise history the Shuckers' roster has featured the top two prospects in the Brewers' farm system. The first came in the club's inaugural year with Orlando Arcia (No. 1) and Brett Phillips (No. 2). Of course, Phillips was acquired in a trade



by the Brewers but still became a sensation with Biloxi for his YouTube famous laugh, strong arm in centerfield and opossum chasing skills. The other time the Shuckers featured the top two prospects in the Brewers' system was in 2018,

when Keston Hiura (No. 1) and Corey Ray (No. 2) suited up for the Shuckers for the entire second half of the season. And the thread that connects all four of those players? They all went on to make their Major League debut with the Brewers, a good omen for both Mitchell and Turang.

As for some Shuckers' players that have already climbed the ranks of the Brewers' system this year, RHP Jake Cousins made eight appearances as the Shuckers' closer at the beginning of the season before bumping up to Triple-A Nashville. The righty made just eight appearances for the Sounds as well before his contract was selected by the Milwaukee Brewers, making him the 46th player in franchise history to debut after playing with Biloxi. He also became the first player from the 2021 team to make it to the Major Leagues, meaning that every single Biloxi Shuckers team (including this year's team) has had at least one player make it to The Show.

Unlike previous years, the Shuckers are playing well past Labor Day this season and there will be baseball at MGM Park all the way to September 19. So, pick your day and come out to see which players for the Shuckers could (and likely will) turn into the next All-Stars of the Major Leagues.

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

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Col. William "Bill" Hunter addresses the troops
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Meet the new commander of Keesler

As Keesler welcomes a new wing commander, the base embraces a new direction and atmosphere. Assuming command of the 81st Training Wing, Col. William "Bill" Hunter arrives to the base with his own perspective.

Hunter began his career enlisted as a supplier before commissioning through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1997. Working in the finance and accounting career field, he has provided his expertise and leadership across the Defense Department. From assignments at Howard Air Force Base, Panama; Andersen Air Force Base, Guam; the Pentagon and more, he progressed toward command positions.

Aside from his son's technical training graduation at Keesler two years ago, this base and its training mission is a fresh environment to Hunter.

"It is awesome to be a part of the pride here at Keesler," said Hunter. "Being around all of the young Airmen and being able to

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Coming straight from Hurlburt Field, Florida, Hunter is familiar with the Gulf Coast, but Biloxi is a new home for him and his family.

"Keeping a balance between family and the mission is one of the toughest things that comes with being a leader," said Hunter. "Staying in touch with the local community is important for my family."

Along with connecting with the community, Hunter brings his own priorities to the wing.

"The people, the installation, the mission and the community are my main priorities as commander," said Hunter. "The people are first and foremost.

Humans are more important than hardware, and I am going to bring that mentality here. The people get the mission done. If we take care of the people, the rest gets a whole lot easier."



Make no mistake, these doors are open to all

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

As we are now headlong into the summer months and many of us begin returning to a semblance of

normalcy, I wanted to take the opportunity to wish every one of you a safe and enjoyable summer. As part of this community, we have the opportunity to participate in so many of the recreational activities the Gulf Coast and Biloxi, Mississippi, have to offer, and I



would like to remind our community that there are some Veterans who could be at risk during the extreme heat the summer months and potential weather events bring. Take a moment to check in on your neighbors and make sure they're prepared.

All our Veterans remain our top priority, and this wonderful community has embraced those who have worn the cloth of our nation. The more than 1,600 Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System (GCVHCS) employees and I are



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committed to these heroes and are proud to serve all who have served.

Regardless of race, culture, or creed, those who have served deserve the GCVHCS' collective best. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) welcomes all Veterans' families, caregivers, and survivor beneficiaries, including diverse gender identities and sexual orientations.

In June, our nation observed Pride Month, an annual recognition of LGBTQ+ individuals and the journey this movement has taken. LGBTQ+ refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning identities. The '+' sign also captures identities beyond LGBTQ, including pansexual, asexual, agender, gender diverse, nonbinary, gender-neutral, and other identities. LGBTQ+ Veterans have faced stigma and discrimination, which can affect health care, and as a health care institution, we are ensuring that LGBTQ+ Veterans know that they are welcome at the GCVHCS.

We continue to recognize the important contributions of all who have served, including the LGBT and related identities community and maintain that all Veterans should have access to a safe and welcoming environment – not only in June but every day of the year. GCVHCS employees have built – and continue to build – a culture of inclusion, respect, and compassion, and in that environment, every person is treated the same.

There is an LGBTQ+ Veteran Care Coordinator (LGBTQ+ VCC) at every facility to help Veterans identifying as LGBTQ+ get the care they need. VHA policies require that your health care is delivered in an affirming and inclusive environment and that VHA employees respect your identity. The GCVHCS LGBTQ+VCC can be reached at 850-609-2650.

It remains our honor to serve those who have served, and our continued resolve of providing the best possible care for the men and women who have borne the battle is evident in all we say and do, a credo through which we demonstrate the integrity, commitment, advocacy, respect and excellence our Veterans deserve.

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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.



You'll want to retire here

Col. William Hunter and his wife, Blanca, had only been at Keesler for days, but the new commander of the 81st Training Wing made sure he was on hand for the inauguration of the Biloxi Mayor and City Council. Col. Hunter and his wife Blanca arrive at Keesler from Hurlburt Field, near Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Said Gilich, left, with CAO Mike Leonard, right, to the new commander: If I do my job right, you'll want to retire here.



Biloxi fire stations: Where the action is

Number of responses from Biloxi's 10 fire stations for first six months of 2021:

	Calls	Daily Avg
Station 5 Bay Vista, Pass Road	898	4.96
Station 4 Lee-Chin, Veterans Avenue	794	4.38
Station 1 Lopez-Quave, Porter Avenue	612	3.38
Station 2 Kurt Jacquet (East End), Howard Avenue	414	2.28
Station 7 Phil McCabe, Cedar-Popp's	359	1.98
Station 3 Carl Ohr (Back Bay), Elder Street	281	1.55
Station 6 Margaret Sherry Library (Popp's Ferry)	257	1.42
Station 8 Woolmarket Road	191	1.05
Station 9 Barthes-Sentell (Oaklawn Road)	67	.37
Station 10 Rousseau (Old Highway 67)	92	.5



What they're reading: The weather forecasters

It's August, the anniversary month of Hurricanes Camille and Katrina, and with all of the rain we've seen in the past several weeks, we turned to those in the know, our local weather forecasters. Here's what they're reading.

Carrie Duncan, chief meteorologist, WLOX: "The Traveler's Gift: Seven Decisions That Determine Personal Success," by Andy Andrews, and, with my son a few nights a week, "Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone," by J.K. Rowling.

Rob Knight, chief meteorologist, WXXV: "The Fabric of Reality," by David Deutsch. Just finished "A Clash of Kings," by George R.R. Martin.

Ryan Mahan, weeknight meteorologist, WXXV: (for work) "There Is No Planet B: A Handbook for the Make or Break Years," by Mike Berners-Lee, and (for fun) "Heir to the Empire," by Timothy Zahn.

Brantly Keiek, meteorologist, WXXV: "The Anthropocene Reviewed," by John Green.

Brandon Bosarge, local meteorologist Hurricane Brandon Bosarge on Facebook, "Repairing the Breach," by John M. Wynne & Stephen A. Wynne, and, what I always reread during hurricane season: "Hurricanes of the Mississippi Gulf Coast: Three Centuries of Destruction," by Charles L. Sullivan.

Taylor Graham, meteorologist, WLOX: Just finished "Everything Will Be Okay: Life Lessons for Young Women (from a Former Young Woman)," by Dana Perino. Now, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," by J.K. Rowling. I'm finally catching up with the rest of the world, haha.

Carrie Duncan:
Reading by day and night



Laura Johnson: 'She said it beautifully'

"She was always well-prepared for our meetings," Biloxi Housing Authority Director Helen Werby says of Laura Johnson, the longtime board member who passed away in July, "and she was famous for saying with a big laugh, 'Just because I'm quiet doesn't mean I don't know what's going on.' She didn't like to speak just to hear herself talk, but when she had something to say, she said it beautifully." Johnson served on the BHA board for more than 20 years, as chair for the past four years. Survivors includes her husband, Marshall, a longtime waiter at Mary Mahoney's, two daughters and five grandchildren.



Meeting of the mayoral minds

"I tell you, it's been fun dealing with him, especially since I became mayor," newly minted Ocean Springs Mayor Kenny Holloway, left, says of his interactions with Biloxi's chief executive, "FoFo" Gilich. "The other day we were going to Hattiesburg to meet the governor. In the car, he was giving me hell about the millage rate in Ocean Springs, and I told him we had a lot of new residents because nobody wants to live in Biloxi."

The infrastructure work in Biloxi

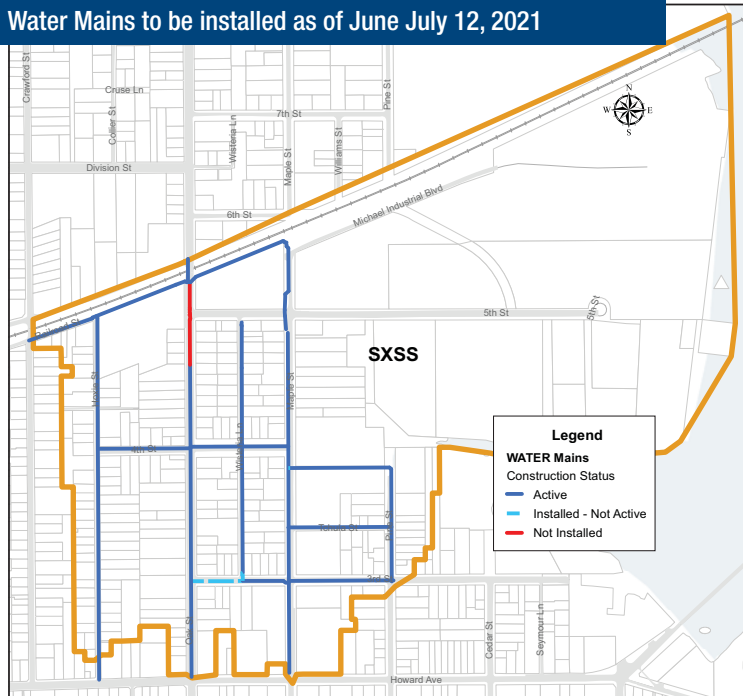
Pages 18 and 19 contain maps that show the status of the city's two major infrastructure projects now underway. The information on these maps is compiled by the city's Engineering Department, based on reports from contractors and inspectors at each site. See detailed maps and video online at biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/.

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, Aug. 14, 2021, Aug. 29, 2021. Extension primarily because of inclement weather.

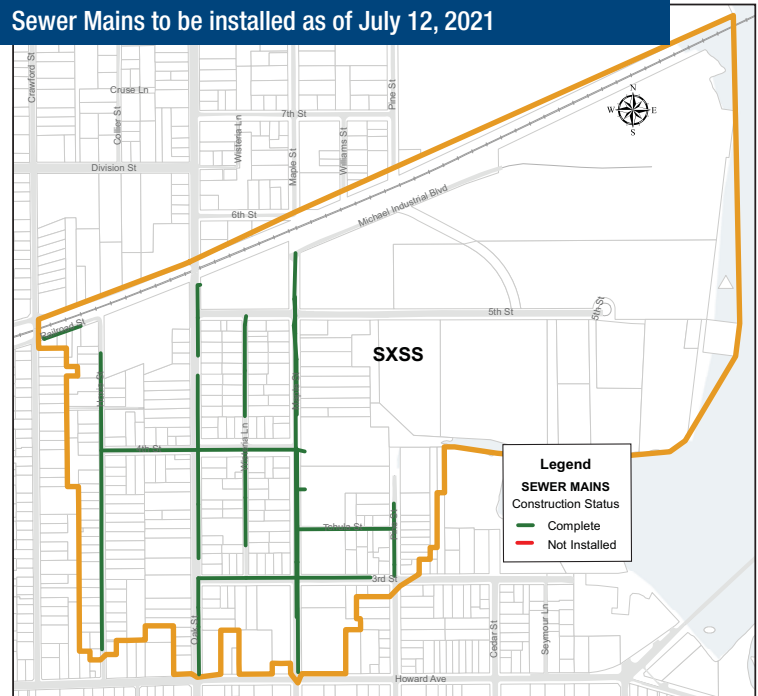
Lane Construction Water

Water Mains to be installed as of June 12, 2021



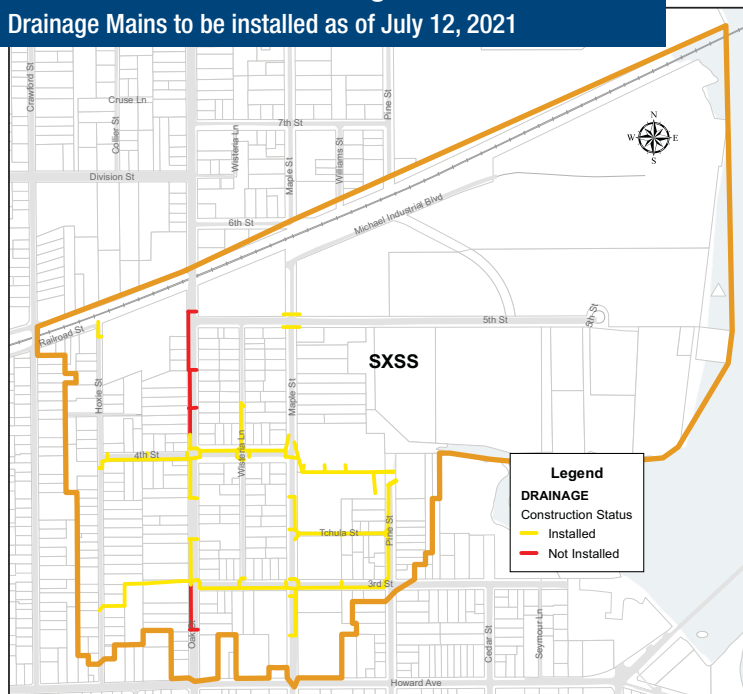
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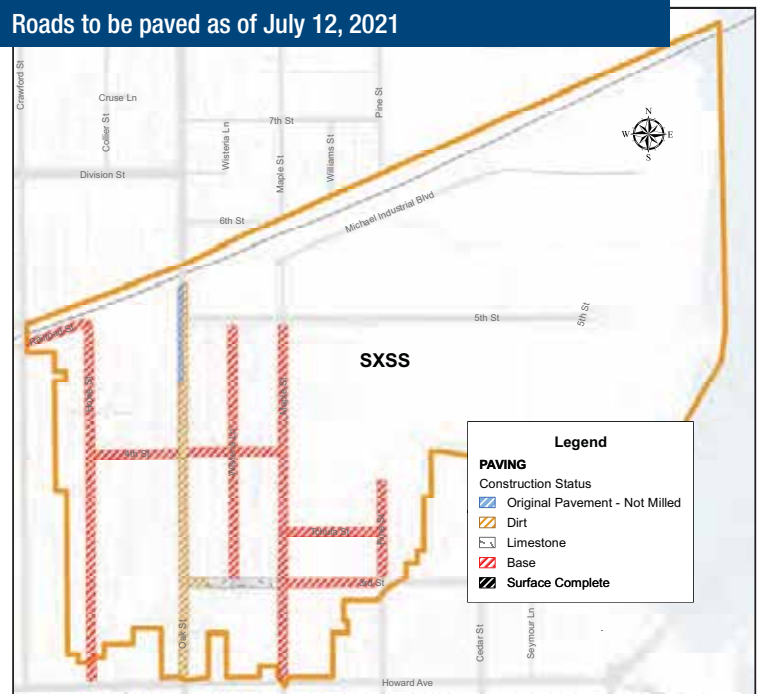
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Drainage Mains to be installed as of July 12, 2021



Lane Construction Pavement

Roads to be paved as of July 12, 2021

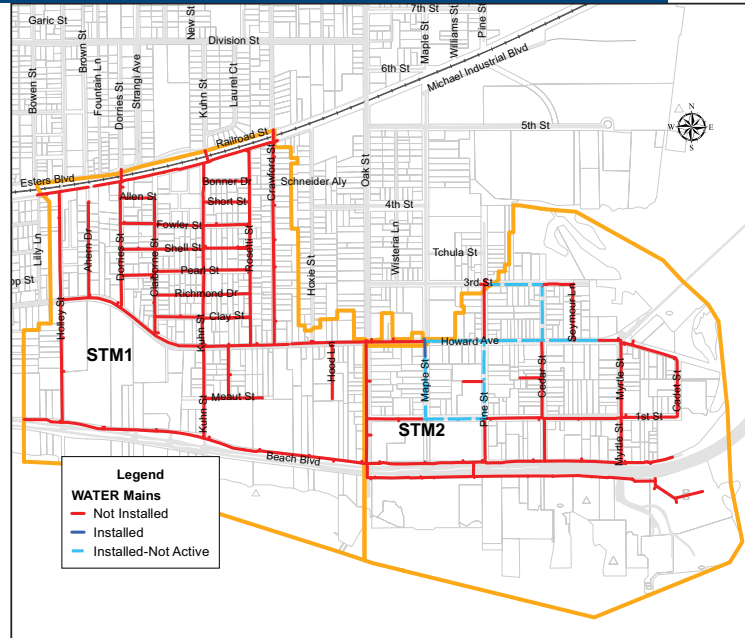


St. Michael 1 & 2

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.

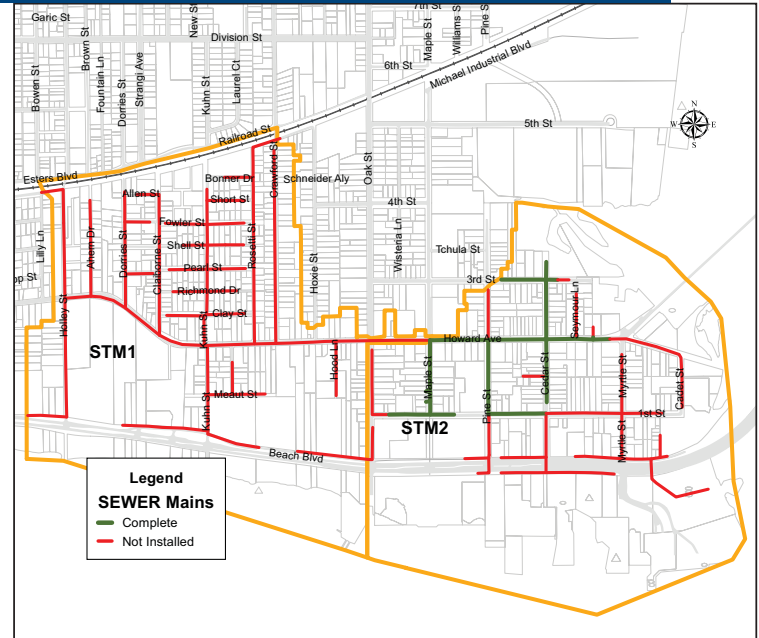
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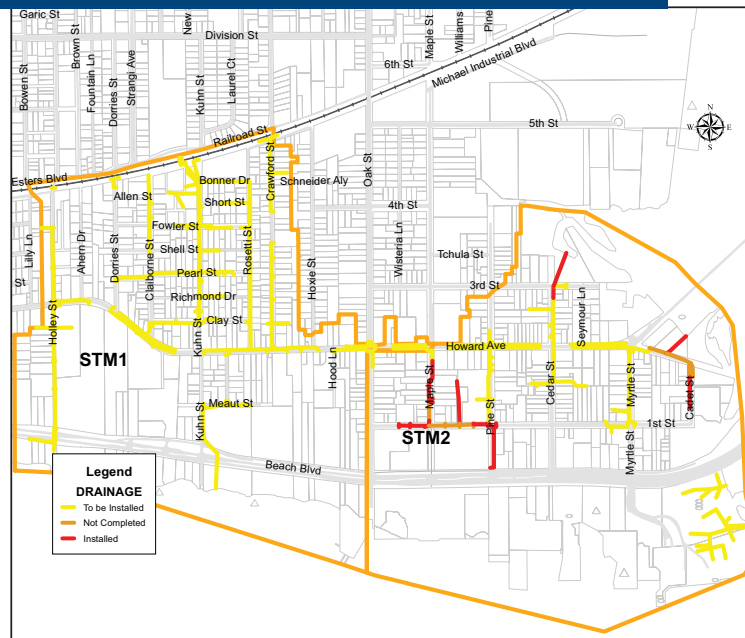
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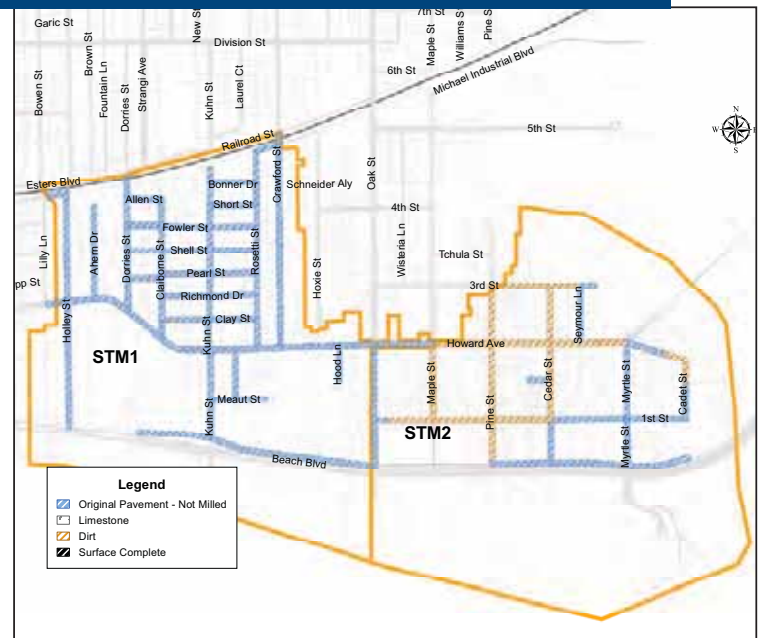
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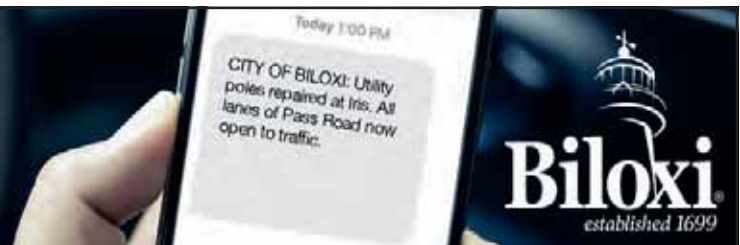
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Get the 411 on traffic

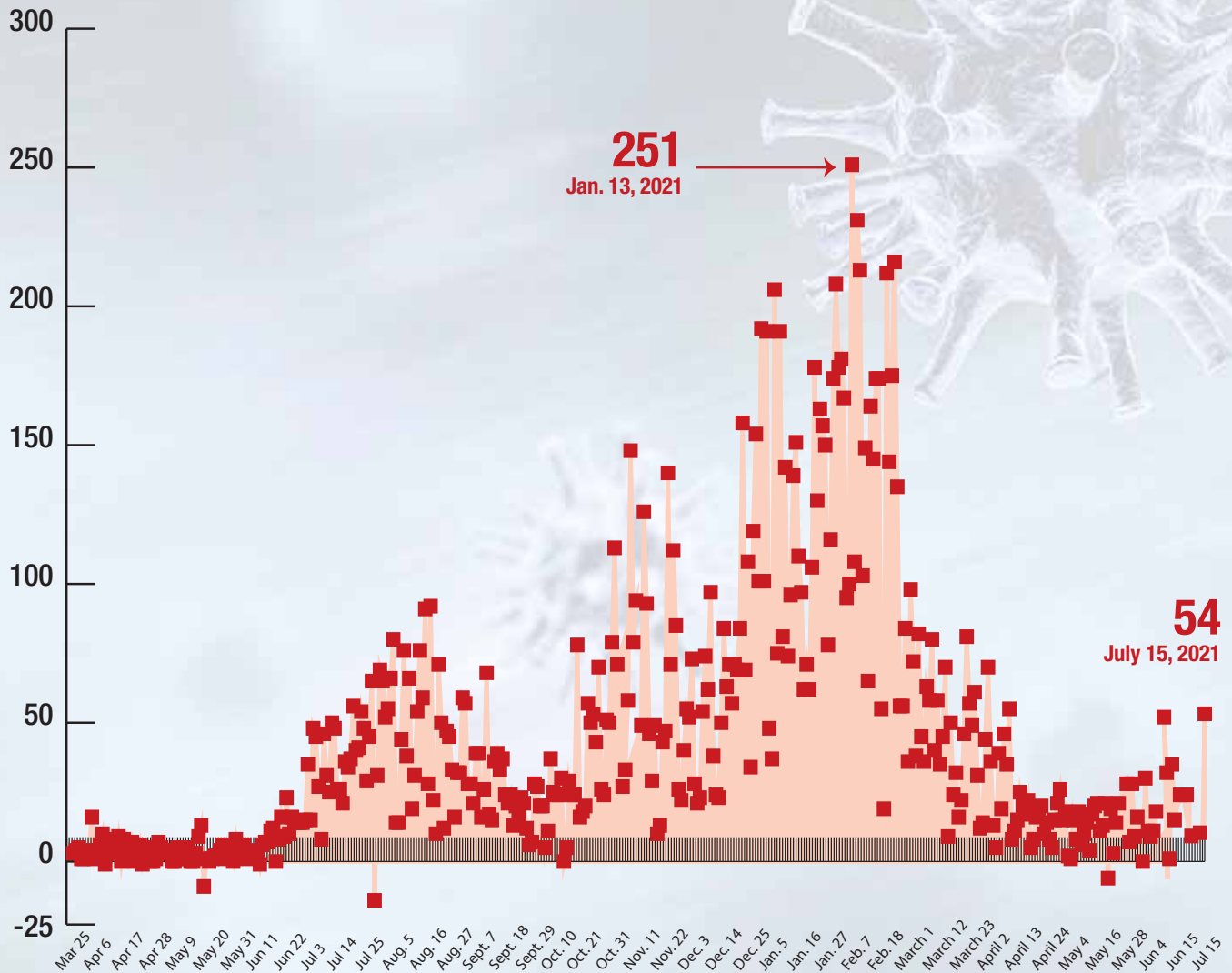
B-Alert

Text BILOXI to 99411
for timely traffic updates.



Coronavirus by the numbers

Harrison County – Daily Cases



Statewide overall

Population: 2.97 Million

Positive cases

326,270 (as of July 15, 2021)

Deaths

7,460 (as of July 15, 2021)

Fully vaccinated

34% (as of July 14, 2021)

Harrison County

Population: 208,080

Positive cases

18,942 (as of July 15, 2021)

Deaths

322 (as of July 15, 2021)

Fully vaccinated

29% (as of July 14, 2021)

COVID-19 Vaccinations

Visit online at biloxi.ms.us/coronavirus-info-practical-advice/ for links to COVID-19 vaccination locations.

Mississippi

COVID-19 Hotline:
877-978-6453



See updates Friday
on the city's
Facebook page.

Data reported by Mississippi State
Department of Health.

Best Bets!



Friday night lights

Each Friday night in August, the Margaritaville Resort opens its doors to the public for a Summer Splash Bash. From 9 p.m. to midnight, for \$20 you receive access to the resort pool, entertainment by a live DJ, karaoke at the Margaritaville Café and you'll have up close viewing for the Friday night fireworks show. The Friday Night Lights fireworks show, which begins at 9:15 p.m. each week, can also be seen along the beachfront near Margaritaville and it's set to music at 106.3 FM or online at <http://1063casinoradio.com>. Details: www.margaritavilleresortbiloxi.com or 228-271-6377

It's some wheel fun

Each month, on the third Tuesday, a host of bicycle riders gathers to tour downtown for Bike Biloxi. The social group ride begins at 6 p.m. at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., follows a path downtown, using the marked bicycle lanes in available areas. Cyclists end the ride at a downtown restaurant, on their dime. Helmets and reflective bike lights are recommended for safety. Details: Biloxi Main Street, 228-435-6339

Summer Splash Bash, Every Friday 4, 9 p.m.-midnight, Margaritaville Resort, 195 Beach Blvd. Event includes a fireworks show at 9:15 p.m., live DJs, karaoke and public access to the pool. General admission is \$20. Details: 228-271-6337

Artist Reception, Aug. 5, 5:30 p.m., Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum, 115 1st St. The museum will host a John E. Adams Photography Show, "An American Brushstroke-The Trawlers of the South" which focuses on the shrimping industry. Free admission and refreshments. Details: 228-435-6320

First Friday and Downtown Block Party at the District Green, Aug. 6, 5-9 p.m., Howard Avenue & Rue Magnolia. Live music featuring Ceejay Lewis, and George McConnell; food trucks; beer from Fly Llama Brewing Company, Summer Fun Poker Run, bicycle ride, games and prizes. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

John Cuevas Book Signing, Aug. 12, 5:30-7 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. John Cuevas will be on site with copies of his book, "Secrets of the Old Biloxi Cemetery" which explores the history of the cemetery and includes the massive restoration of the iconic resting place of his ancestor Juan de Cuevas, great-grandfather to more than nine thousand Gulf Coast families. Free admission and refreshments. Details: 228-374-3105



Bike Biloxi, Aug. 17, 6 p.m., downtown bicycle ride. Begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., and ends with refreshment and food at a downtown restaurant at cyclists' expense. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

Main Street Book Club, Aug. 26, 5:30 p.m., Southern Bound Book Shop meeting room, 999 Howard Ave. August's book selection, "News of the World" is available at the book shop. Stop by at the free meeting or call Biloxi Main Street for more information. Details: 228-435-6339



Best Bet!



A bird's eye view of Biloxi

Did you know that you can see Biloxi from the top of the Biloxi Lighthouse? Well, you can. Tours of the iconic cast-iron structure are available each day from 9 to 10 a.m., weather permitting of course. Pay the minimal fee (\$5 for ages 12 and older, \$2 for ages six to 11, and free for ages five and younger) at the Biloxi Visitors Center and you can travel to the top of the 64-foot tall lighthouse for a spectacular view of Biloxi. You can also get a bird's eye view online at biloxi.ms.us by clicking on the Biloxi Lighthouse on the top left of the page. It's the live feed from the lighthouse. Details: Biloxi Visitors Center, 228-374-3105

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

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 39th issue of BNews Monthly. It's a compendium of things you should know about your city: status reports on current and pending public works, and a calendar of community events covering the next 30 days.

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

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

Advertising: BNews and Bmail represent an advertising opportunity for civic-minded businesses and organizations. In your hands you are holding the only advertising medium that is delivered to every single home, business, apartment and PO Box in the city. For rates and info, email online@biloxi.ms.us or call 228-435-6368.

B-Alert: For text advisories on traffic and severe weather, text BILOXI to 99411.

Website: The city's website, at biloxi.ms.us, is the comprehensive digest of city information. The website also has links to the city's Facebook and YouTube platforms.

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Frequently Called Numbers

Area code is 228 unless otherwise noted.

- Animal Control 392-0641
- Auto Tag/Property Tax Information . . . 435-8242
- Birth Certificates 601-576-7960
- Building Permits 435-6270
- Business Licenses 435-6247
- Citizen services (streets, lights) 435-6271
- City Council 435-6257
- City Court 435-6125
- Code Enforcement 435-0841
- Drivers Licenses 396-7400
- Emergency Police and Fire 911
- Garbage Collection 701-9086
- Housing Authority 374-7771
- Human Resources 435-6259
- Mayor's Office 435-6254
- Museums Information 435-6244
- Parks & Recreation 388-7170
- Planning Commission 435-6266
- Public Schools 374-1810
- Streets and Drainage 435-6271
- Visitor Info 374-3105 or 1-800-BILOXI-3
- Water Service 435-6236

Summer Beach Festival, Aug. 27-28, Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, 2350 Beach Blvd.

- Friday, Aug. 27, 8:30 p.m. - Kick off of events with live performances featuring The Breakfast Clubs DJ Envy along with platinum selling producer and artist DJ Chose
- Saturday, Aug. 28, 3 p.m. - Foam Fest, on the front grounds, featuring live performances by Beatking, DJ Revv; 8 p.m. - Main event inside featuring Gucci Mane headlining with all-star entertainment including Black Youngsta, Toosii, Erica Banks, Rich Homie Quan, and Fredo Bang

Details and ticket information: Ticketmaster, Coliseum Box Office, BiloxiBlackBeach@gmail.com

Empire Fights, Aug. 28, Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m. Fight begins at 7 p.m. Details and ticket information: Theempirefc.com

Biloxi Shuckers Baseball, MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St. Home games: Aug. 1, Biloxi Shuckers vs. Montgomery Biscuits; Aug. 3-8, Biloxi Shuckers vs. Pensacola Blue Wahoos; Aug. 24- 29, Biloxi Shuckers vs. Huntsville Rocket City Trash Pandas; and Aug. 31, Biloxi Shuckers vs. Mississippi Braves. Details: 800-745-3000, 228-233-3465, or www.biloxishuckers.com



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**, Aug. 21, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission prices range: \$7.50-\$12.50
- **Meet the Spirits**, Aug. 21, 6 p.m. - midnight

Biloxi Lighthouse & Visitors 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; \$5 for age 12 and older; \$2 for age 6 to 11; free for age 5 and younger
- **John Cuevas book signing**, Aug.12, 5:30-7 p.m.

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, Historical/Ecological, Live Music Sunset cruises

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
 • **Art Opening for “An American Brushstroke-The Trawlers of the South” by John E. Adams** in the Joe Moran gallery, Aug. 5; 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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 Third Tuesday
 • OMMA Afterhours every Third Thursday 5-7 p.m.

Ship Island Excursion

228-864-1014, www.msshipisland.com
 • Ferry service to Ship Island, temporarily suspended
 • Private charters available year-round
 • Dolphin and Sunset cruises available

Sunset Cruise on the Twisted Tiki

173 Beach Blvd., 228-304-2611, twistedtikitours.com or twistedtikitours@gmail.com

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**, Aug. 6, 13, 20, & 27. 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 August

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 228-392-9345
 • **Steak Night**, Aug. 13, 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 August**, 6-8 p.m. Karaoke, 7 p.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 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
 • **Gloria in Excelsis, Choral Society**, rehearsals begin Aug. 17, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Center; new members welcome. Details: 251-406-1454, terrydaledmaddox@gmail.com

Mississippi Coast Coliseum

228-594-3700
 • August 7 – **Real Cowboys Black Rodeo**
 • August 7 – **Summer Slugfest**
 • August 7, 8, 9 – **Biloxi Gift Show**
 • August 21, 22 – **Gun & Knife Show**
 • August 27, 28 – **Biloxi Black Beach Weekend & Summer Beach Festival**

At the casinos

• August 5 - **Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute**, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
 • August 20 - **Melissa Etheridge**, IP Casino Resort & Spa, Studio A
 • August 28 - **Gary Allan**, Beau Rivage Resort & Casino

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
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BTV August 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 August (6 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: "Camille: The original monster storm" (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)
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Midnight	National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)



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

A salute to Camille, the original monster storm

Katrina became the new gold standard, no doubt, when the storm made landfall Aug. 29, 2005, but Mississippi filmmaker Rex Jones wanted to make sure the original monster storm, Camille, got appropriate due in 2019, when the killer storm's 50th anniversary rolled around.

All this month, the anniversary months of Camille and Katrina, the city's municipal TV channel, BTV, will be airing Jones's "Camille: The original monster storm." The hour-long documentary airs at 8 a.m., 8 p.m. and 2 each afternoon throughout August.

Camille ranks as the second-most intense hurricane to strike the continental United States, claiming the lives of 256 individuals and causing more than \$1 billion in damage.

The hour-long documentary was produced for the Southern Documentary Project at the University of Mississippi. Jones interviewed Coast residents Charles Sullivan, George Schloegel, Gerald Blessey and others for the project.

Said Jones of the storm, which officially made landfall in Waveland, 52 years ago, on August 17, 1969: "Hurricane Camille sometimes gets forgotten in the wake of Katrina, so it was important to me as a filmmaker to commemorate this natural disaster by gathering first-person stories and extensive archival material as we approached its fiftieth anniversary. Disaster preparation and recovery were so different in 1969 than today or even 2005."

Numbers add up at this busy corner

As restaurants go, it's one of the busiest corners in Biloxi, Lameuse at Water. There's the always-popular Half Shell Oyster House, Adventures, Le Beignet, and Fuji, which shares a roof with Rena's, the lunch spot.

Now, add One Thirty One Lameuse to the collection. It's situated atop Fuji, at 131 Lameuse St., of course, and serving lunch and dinner.

Hear about One Thirty One this month on "Biloxi Cooks!" See the program at 7 a.m., 7 p.m. and 1 each afternoon throughout August.

This month's recipes: Duck Poppers

Ingredients:

- 8 slices bacon
- 1 skinless duck breasts
- 2 jalapeños
- ¼ cup Creole cream cheese*
- Blacken seasoning- to taste
- 2 cups fresh blackberries, rinsed and drained
- 2 tablespoons sugar, or more to taste
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

Instructions (20 minutes):

Duck Poppers:

1. Cut jalapeno it to halves vertically, remove seeds and ribs
2. Slice each horizontally
3. Spread cream cheese inside each, lightly season with blacken seasoning spices and set aside
4. Slice duck breast into 8 slices, about ¼ inch thick, place each on top of the cream cheese stuffed jalapenos
5. Lay bacon slice vertically and place jalapenos at bottom of the strip
6. Roll bacon with piece of stuffed jalapeño upwards until complete a full roll with bacon connected to bacon
7. Turn rolled piece of bacon 90 degrees with the strip still vertical
8. Continue to roll bacon to fully cover stuffed jalapeno slice
9. Repeat process with 7 other strips of bacon and stuffed jalapeno slices
10. Place 8 rolled poppers on grill heat on high, 6-8 mins. each side
11. Arrange on a plate and top with a small amount of blackberry coulis

Blackberry coulis:

Combine blackberries, sugar, and lemon juice in bowl of small food processor. Blend until smooth and sugar has dissolved, 15 to 20 seconds. Adjust sugar if desired, and blend again. Then strain mixture using a fine mesh strainer to remove seeds. Refrigerate until ready to use.





▲ Sun N Sand pedestrian bridge across U.S. 90 in the 1960s

◀ One of Biloxi's many bridges, the D'Iberville Bridge, also known as the Old Back Bay Bridge, as it appeared in 1931

Bridging the gap

Whether it's a planned bridge, a bridge under repair, or traffic issues, bridges certainly have been in the news a lot lately. Biloxi's history is embedded with a textbook of bridge stories. Here are a few, some you may know and some you may not.

Back in the Day



By Jane Shambra

goods, he began his own private ferry service in the late 1800s, which later could be utilized by travelers. Even horses and carriages traveled on his non-motorized ferry.



Popp's Ferry, the non-motorized ferry ran by John Popp

Mr. Popp's homestead was the area known today as Sunkist. Upon his death in 1918, The Daily Herald noted the area was called "Popp's Ferry," and that the "beautiful part of Harrison County bordering the Tchoutachabouffa River, was also named after Mr. Popp."

Later came the first Popp's Ferry Bridge. It was constructed of wood in 1927 and its span was only 700 feet. Its creosoted pine planks were each four inches thick and one foot wide, with three-foot-tall banister railings. Its opening

date was in December 1928 at a cost of about \$70,000.

Beauvoir and beach front bridges

Traveling south in West Biloxi one comes across Beauvoir Road. Interestingly, locals pronounce this street "Boo-Vore." This street is the route which takes us to Hwy. 90 from the Popp's Ferry bridge and is situated between the Beauvoir property and the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. In the 1800's, this road was called Dahlgren Road.

Old journals tell us that there was once a little wooden bridge spanning over a brook, which crossed this roadway. Likewise, there was another small wooden structure suspended along Front Road or Hwy. 90 where Oyster Bayou drains into the Mississippi Sound. These roadway features have long ago been replaced by culverts under the road beds.

In the vicinity of Porter Avenue where the Visitors Center Park ravine emptied into the Mississippi Sound, water would often inundate the transportation path. Postcards from the past show us the image of a wooden bridge providing safe passage for those traveling that area.

D'Iberville bridges

The D'Iberville bridge, which was located off Caillavet Street, was a single-lane wooden structure that was completed in 1901 at a cost of about \$17,000.

Interestingly, this bridge had "love seats" built into its structure that could be utilized by both the weary and the romantic pedestrians. This old bridge also had tolls assessed for people, horse and buggies, and cattle. The old wooden bridge was so memorable that in 1926, The Daily Herald newspaper published a poem by Mr. J. B. Allen of Biloxi titled "An Ode to Biloxi's Old Back Bay Bridge".

The next bridge constructed in this area was in 1927, it was made of concrete, and cost about \$326,000. This bridge, also called the Old Back Bay Bridge, connected Biloxi with North Biloxi. It closed in July 1975 to vehicular traffic but the south section of this old bridge was designated as a recreational fishing pier by the Harrison County Board of Supervisors who were the original custodians of this old bridge.

There were strict rules in place for this re-purposed span: speed limits were now 15 miles per hour and restrictions with penalties were put in place for trash and litter.

According to the Sun Herald, fines for littering dead fish and bait were assessed up to \$100, 30 days in jail, or both.

The third bridge constructed in the area off Caillavet Street was the Back Bay Bridge. It opened in June of 1975 and cost about \$14,000,000.

It was introduced as part of the new I-110 link for Hwy. 90 and Interstate 10. This span linked downtown Biloxi with the now City of D'Iberville. This part of the interstate highway system was formally named for John C. Stennis and Tony Creel: "The Stennis-Creel Parkway."

Biloxi Bay bridges

One of the first bridges to cross the Biloxi Bay to Ocean Springs was the War Memorial Bridge, or what we know today as the Old Biloxi/Ocean Springs Fishing Bridge. It is located off Howard Avenue and was constructed in 1928 for an estimated cost of \$900,000.

The bridge, dedicated as a memorial to those who served in World War I, opened to traffic on June 3, 1930 and was celebrated by a parade of fishing boats that dropped wreaths into the water below, much like the Blessing of Fleet tradition. Planes also circled above its 24-foot-wide, 7,768-foot-long span.

Another bridge that was built to cross the Biloxi Bay was erected in 1962 south of the current Point Cadet Plaza for an estimated cost

of \$7 million. Overall, the bridge was about 1.6 miles long and was designed for a 40-foot clearance over the mean high tide.

At the time, it was the largest bridge designed and built by the State of Mississippi.

In August of 2005, Hurricane Katrina severely damaged the bridge, making it unusable. A new Biloxi Bay Bridge was built, which is the one we have today. The bridge, a 95-foot high, 129-foot-wide, six lane bridge with a 12-foot pedestrian and cyclist path, was dedicated in November 2007. It is designed to withstand hurricane force winds and waves. Let's hope the bridge is never tested, at least in our lifetimes.

Sun N Sand pedestrian bridge

The famous Sun N Sand Motel Hotel was located in Biloxi on Hwy. 90 adjacent to Camellia Street. In 1960, the arch covered walkway was built under the supervision of the Mississippi State High Department. With a 17-foot clearance over the roadbed below, its purpose was to safely connect the north and south sides of its property. This enhancement was a large part of the hotel's renovation project which also added a "complete dial telephone system in each room."

The train bridge

The Humming Bird train, operated by the Louisville and Nashville railroad company, is remembered for its place in both tourism and transportation on the Gulf Coast. It traveled across the Biloxi Bay on the railroad swing bridge. It was a proud addition to Coast history from 1947 – 1969. With the great news of Amtrak returning to Biloxi, everyone is so excited to be able to one again "ride the rails!"

As we reflect upon our history, we realize that bridges have always been of utmost importance. They enhance the quality of life and the connections with places and people. Even with natural and man-made disasters, Biloxi bridges have proven to be icons of the stamina and resilience of the People of Biloxi.



The Humming Bird running across the Biloxi Bay on the railroad swing bridge

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