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Edgewater Mall

The legal brouhaha over this proposed public pier in West Biloxi is similar to the state's attempts back in the day to thwart the Europa Star, the Point Cadet cruises-to-nowhere vessel that was a precursor to today's gaming industry.



Public pier courting yet another legal battle

It looks like the public's enjoyment of a new handicapped-accessible, concrete pier in West Biloxi may be delayed by a protracted legal battle, one that will determine whether cities and counties have the right to construct piers, wharves, harbors and marinas, something they've been doing for well over a hundred years, and authorized by the state Legislature.

It all boils down to control: The Mississippi Secretary of State, Jackson-based Michael Watson, has asserted in three local courts that

Nick L. Shrimp



cities and counties cannot develop their waterfront without permission from him, and based on terms and conditions that are authorized by him.

None of the courts bought this argument, and now Watson plans to pursue the issue to the Mississippi Supreme Court.

The first-term Secretary of State is seeking to halt projects in Long Beach and Biloxi, and he even claimed he calls the shots on the sand beach, which Harrison County has maintained and poured millions into over decades.

Can we get a harrumph?

The City of Biloxi and Harrison County, pointing to decades of public waterfront

The 167-foot Europa Star in the Biloxi channel in the late '80s



amenities constructed, have argued that the Secretary of State's authority is not exclusive. In fact, the framework for Biloxi's Port Commission, as well as other counties and cities on the Gulf Coast with waterfront operations, was created by the Legislature over six decades ago.

The current legal battle in West Biloxi -- funded on the state's end by Tidelands money generated here and funded locally by your tax dollars -- is reminiscent of many years ago.

It was back in December 1987, when the state threatened to seize gaming devices on the Europa Star, the vessel that was operating

cruises to nowhere from Point Cadet. These cruises to nowhere were the real beginning of what became dockside gaming.

At the time, the city and the owner of the vessel obtained a temporary restraining order preventing the state's action. The Supreme Court declined to step in, and the TRO stayed in place until the Legislature met and began developing legislation that ultimately led to dockside gaming, which, of course, led to the industry that just saw a billion dollars worth of gaming in Biloxi in the past 12 months.

My, it's amazing what public good can occur when government gets out of the way. Can we get a harrumph?

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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MAKING HISTORY!

News & notes



Lighthouse traffic:

The work to revamp the parking area south of the Biloxi Lighthouse will be completed this month, and the pesky lane closure for westbound U.S. 90 motorists will go away.

Children's Christmas parade applications:

Sign up your youngster to participate in the annual Christmas on the Water Children's Walking Parade taking place Friday, Dec. 3. Deadline: Nov. 29. Call Parks & Rec., 228-388-7170.



Splash pads: The city's four splash pads have closed until Easter weekend, Saturday, April 16.

Street lights: See a street light out? Report it to Biloxi Public Works, Citizens Services Rep Craig Ross, 228-435-6271 or cross@biloxi.ms.us.

Escorts: The Biloxi Police Department provides escorts for about seven funeral processions a week.



Holiday closings: All non-emergency municipal offices will be closed Nov. 25 & 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Biloxi casinos mark biggest year ever

The city's Fiscal Year numbers are in, and Biloxi casinos, with \$100 million months in April and July, have posted a record-breaking year, with \$1.02 billion in gross gaming revenue.

Gross-gaming revenue, the amount the house won from players, is the amount of money on which casinos pay gaming taxes.

Biloxi's eight casinos generated \$1.02 billion in FY 2021, which runs from Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021. It was the largest figure in the 29-year history of legalized gaming in Biloxi. The previous record was \$1.006 billion in FY 2007.

Highlight of the FY 2021 was April, when the city reported a record-shattering gross gaming revenue figure of \$111.2 million for one month.

BILOXI GAMING IN FY 2021

(Oct. 1, 2020-Sept. 30, 2021)

Gross gaming revenue:	\$1.02 billion
Total gaming taxes:	\$123.9 million

Where the tax money went

State of Mississippi	\$81.6 million
City of Biloxi	\$22.9 million
County of Harrison	\$9.52 million
Biloxi Public Schools	\$6.53 million
County schools	\$3.26 million

Happy Thanksgiving!

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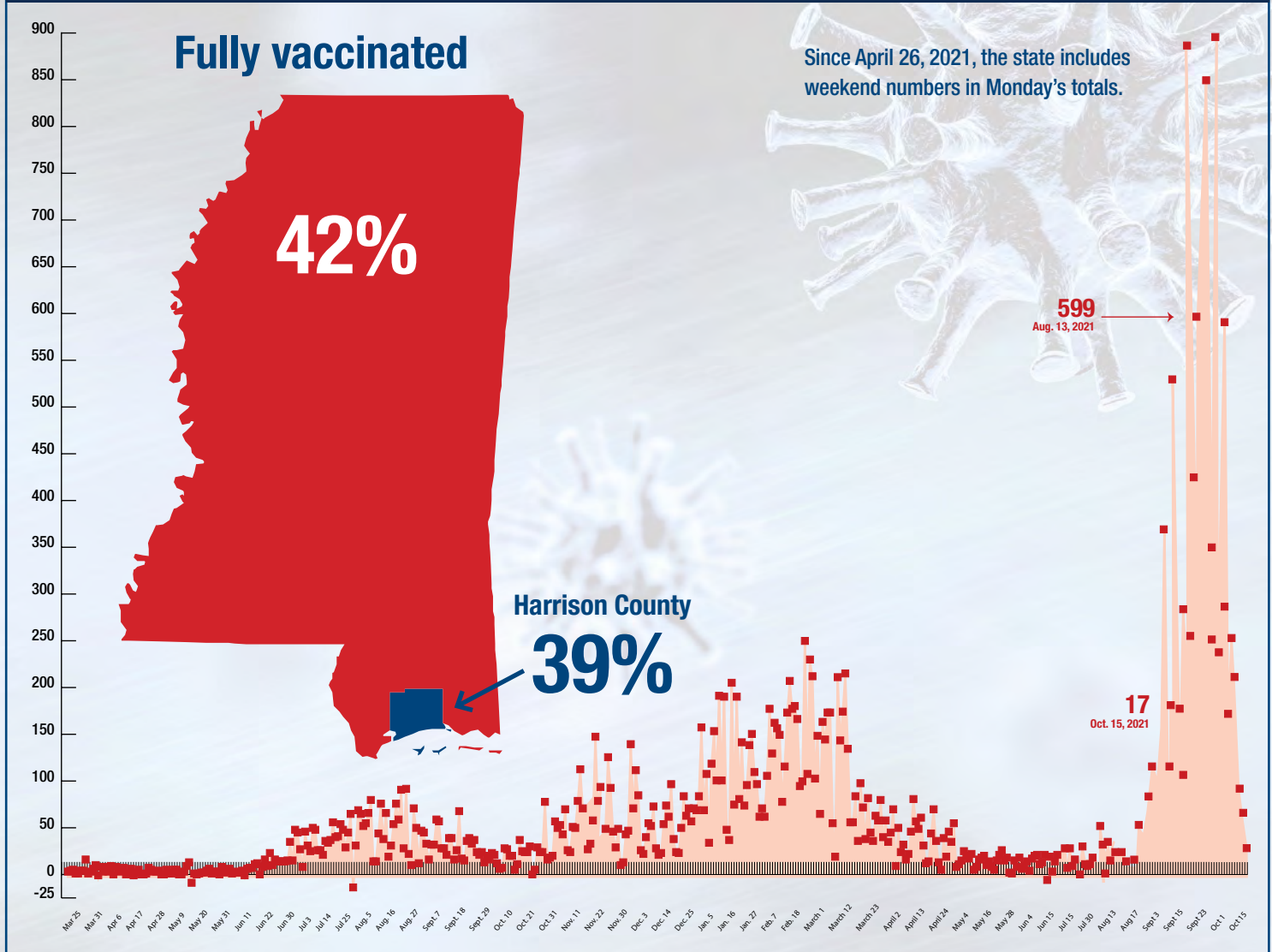
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Coronavirus by the numbers

Harrison County – Daily Cases



Statewide overall

Population: 2.97 Million

Positive cases

497,790 (as of Oct. 15, 2021)

Deaths

9,917 (as of Oct. 15, 2021)

Fully vaccinated

42% (as of Oct. 15, 2021)

Harrison County

Population: 208,080

Positive cases

34,102 (as of Oct. 15, 2021)

Deaths

530 (as of Oct. 15, 2021)

Fully vaccinated

39% (as of Oct. 15, 2021)

COVID-19 Vaccinations

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

Mississippi

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See updates Friday on the city's Facebook page.

Data reported by Mississippi State Department of Health.



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 8TH GRADE MATH - #5 IN THE STATE
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responsible for
our success?*

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OUR STUDENTS &
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COMMUNITY!**

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You!*

Right tree, right place

Some thoughts on choosing trees and their location

By the Biloxi Tree Committee in coordination with City Arborist Eric Nolan

Trees work hard for people in myriad ways: They shade us, provide oxygen, slow down storm water, prevent erosion, beautify our landscape, increase our property values and lower energy costs.

Trees clean our air by reducing particulate matter produced by engines and construction. In fact, the presence of trees is correlated with decreased rates of crime and depression (German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research).

All trees have an expected life cycle, and Live oaks often live several hundred years, which means they are deeply connected to the history and culture of this region.

As trees die or are removed, it is vital to replenish tree stock to ensure the continued services of this valuable natural resource. In the urban landscape, thoughtful site design and selection of species supports a healthy and high-functioning canopy for many years to come.

The Arbor Day Foundation provides guidance for replanting, summarized as, "The Right Tree for the Right Place."

Important factors in choosing a tree are summarized in the Arbor Day Foundation article "Right Tree in the Right Place," as follows:

Height and canopy spread

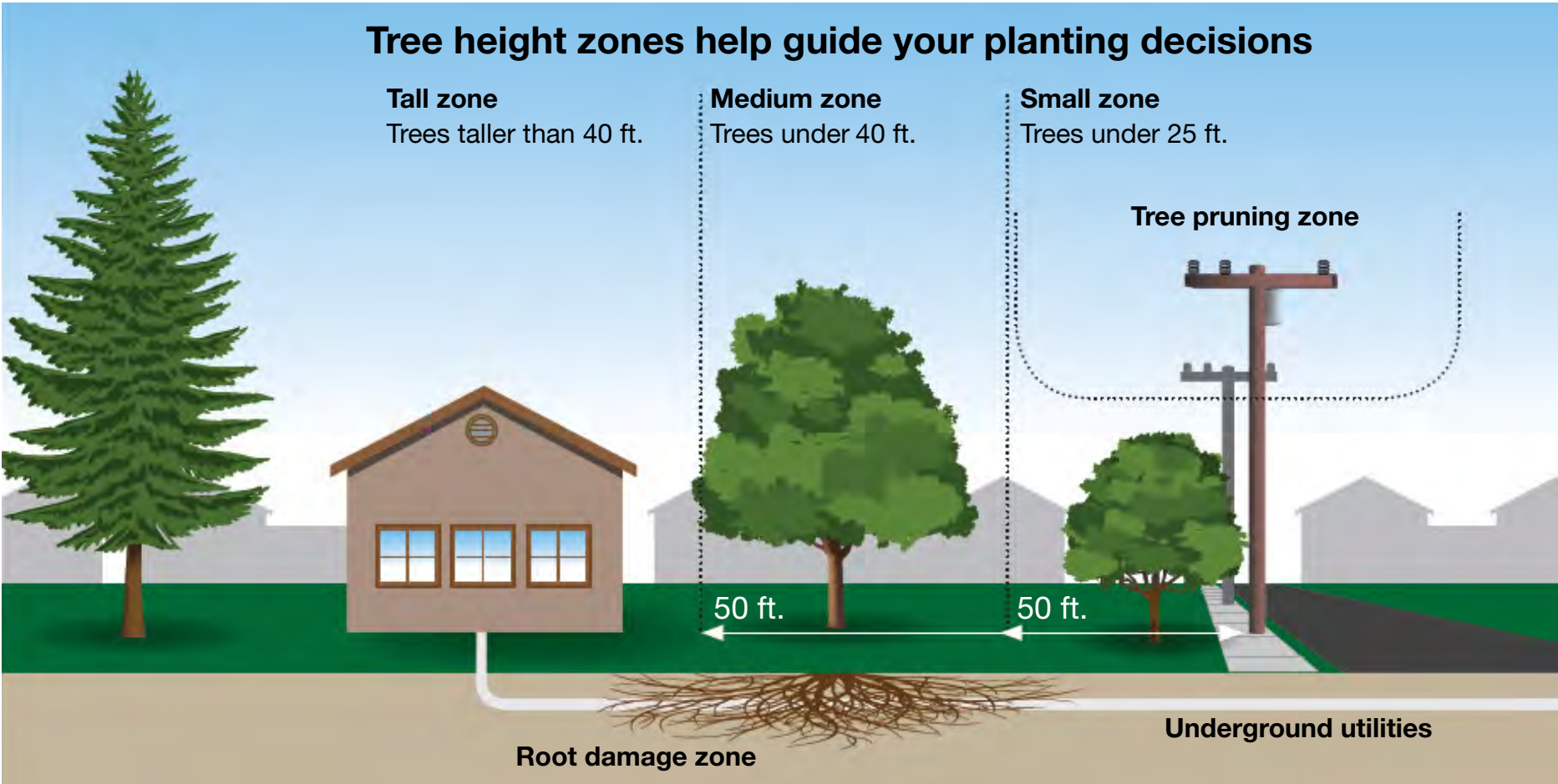
Will the tree grow up around power lines, only to necessitate severe cutting by a utilities company later on? If your goal is shade, will the tree's height and canopy spread achieve that? Is your lot large enough for a mature live oak or magnolia?

Tree form or shape

Certain shapes are species specific—and tree shapes can be pyramidal, round, oval, columnar, or V-shaped (Arborday.org). Will the tree shape be suited to an aesthetic result you have in mind? If you want screening from the street or neighbors, will a particular shape answer that need? The following URL's provide guidance on common tree shapes: www.treeremovalvirginiabeachva.com/blog/a-guide-to-tree-shapes and www.arborday.org/trees/righttreeandplace/shape.cfm.

Deciduous vs. evergreen

A tree that loses its leaves in winter will allow the sun to warm a house in cold



TREE HEIGHT	SPACING BETWEEN TREES	MINIMUM DISTANCE FROM WALL	MINIMUM DISTANCE FROM CORNER
Small trees –30' or less	6-15'	8-10'	6-8'
Medium –30-70'	30-40'	15'	12'
Large –70' or more	40-50'	20'	15'

months, and create shade in summer. Evergreens provide year-round beauty. Sycamore, hickory, elm, cypress, maple varieties, tulip tree, silverbell, and sweetgum are just a few examples of deciduous trees suitable to Harrison County.

Growth rate

Do you have the patience for a live oak? Do you want a tree that will be a legacy for future generations? Or do you require shade or landscaping quickly? Our long-lived trees, such as bald cypress and live oaks, provide the greatest long term benefit for the investment, but are slow growers. Faster growers include our many oak varieties outside of live oaks, as well as sycamores, maples, river birch, and magnolias.

Soil, sun and moisture requirements

Native trees suit South Mississippi landscapes because they have already evolved to thrive here. Just a few species

adapted to flourish in Biloxi's hot, sunny air and acidic sandy soils are live oaks, sweetgums, magnolias, titi, mayhaw, swamp bay and black gum. If poor drainage is a problem, thirsty bald cypress, pond cypress, river birch, and pine can help. A tree with a buttressed trunk, such as bald cypress, pond cypress, or swamp tupelo, will be more stable in hurricane winds.

Fruit

Do you desire trees that will provide food for your family, or food for birds or other wildlife, or will a fruiting tree be an annoyance or draw undesirable species?

Hardiness zone

When tree shopping, remember that with our average annual extreme temperature low is between 20 and 25 degrees Fahrenheit, putting South Mississippi in the "9a" growing zone, as explained on the website gardeningknowhow.com.

Consider your lot size and proximity

Avoid planting large-growing trees under power lines. Keep the direction of sun in mind, as tree location can affect heating, cooling and the level of interior sunlight of your home. Choose a tree whose dimensions at maturity will fit the available area. Arborday.org provides the following recommendations for planting near one-story buildings:

Avoid invasive trees

Popcorn, camphor, cherry laurel, and Bradford pear are invasive, non-native trees. Because they reproduce easily, they crowd out our native species and become a problem for the property owner. Biloxi has a list of recommended trees at biloxi.ms.us/RecommendedTrees.

Before you dig

Make a call to 811. Utilities will come out and mark underground utility lines free of charge.

- Resources to find your best tree**
- Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Trees: Eastern Region. Knopf.
 - Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at wildflower.org
 - Species.itreetools.org
 - Tree benefits calculator: www.arborday.org/trees/treeGuide/
 - Mississippi State Cooperative Extension Service at extension.msstate.edu/; Coast Office ph. 228-388-4710.
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Developing news

Here's an update on commercial, residential growth across the city

By Jerry Creel, Director
Community Development Department

The city is continuing to experience economic growth in both commercial and residential development.

We have a number of projects that are either recently completed, under construction, under review, or in discussion.

Recent completions include Martini's Bar and Courtyard on Howard Avenue, and AutoZone on Cedar Lake Road. America's Thrift Store recently opened in the former SteinMart at Edgewater Village, and the new Bargain Bin in the former Furniture Mart on Pass Road.

An existing storage facility on Eisenhower has completed a large expansion, and a new climate-controlled storage facility is under construction on Popp's Ferry Road near Cedar Lake.

Commercial projects under construction include Community Bank on Howard Avenue, renovations to the Saenger Theatre, and major alterations to the former Josettes building to create new commercial tenant spaces, and 21 new market-rate apartments.

Margaritaville is nearing completion with its two-story parking structure that will provide the foundation for an amusement park scheduled to open next summer.

Other projects currently under construction or renovation include the Camp David RV Park



on Cedar Lake Road, the new Starbucks at Edgewater Mall, a three-tenant retail building on Pass Road to include a wine store, and the Ground Zero Blues Club in the former Kress Live building on Howard Avenue in The District.

Renovations for the Fields Flight Restaurant in the Old Magnolia Hotel should resume shortly, and repairs and renovations have begun on the Old Barq Building on Keller Avenue. Construction continues on Phase 2 of Arbor Landing apartments (174 units) on Popp's Ferry Road, and Phase 3 (50 units) is under review.

Other major projects in the works: the UMusic development at the Broadwater, a tenant and expansion for the former Margaritaville Casino on Fifth Street, a

Rizzuto's restaurant for the Redding House downtown, proposed townhomes for Caillavet Street, a condominium project for Cedar Lake Road, proposals for several RV parks, and we await plans for the renovation and expansion to the Barq Building at Howard and Reynoir.


Single-family subdivision developments and home construction continue to move forward, with 78 permits issued so far in 2021! We are reviewing plats for five proposed subdivisions.

Other positive economic indicators: Gaming revenues for the recently completed 2021 Fiscal year (October-September) exceeded \$1 billion, the largest figure since legalized gaming began in Biloxi 29 years ago! For the past five months, we have received record sales tax revenues of at least \$1.2 million, with July and August actually exceeding \$1.3 million.

We continue to be excited about the interest and energy we are receiving for developments throughout the city.



The Community Bank is expected to open January 2022.



Biloxi offers eight walking tracks throughout the city, including this one at Pennzoil-McManus Park in West Biloxi.

It's a perfect time to take a walk in a Biloxi park

Fall weather in Biloxi is just right, not too hot and not too cold, and an opportune time to enjoy one of the City of Biloxi's eight walking tracks.

The tracks provide a great way to stay healthy. In fact, according to the American Heart Association, walking can help reduce the risk of serious diseases such as diabetes and several types of cancer. It can also improve cholesterol levels, blood pressure, and memory, and strengthen bones.

"Parks & Recreation is vital to community health and well-being," said Biloxi's Parks & Recreation Director Cheryl Bell, whose department maintains the amenities.

"These walking tracks serve as a key factor in advancing health and improving health related issues and enhancing the quality of life for all ages."

The tracks are open daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., with the exception of Hiller Park which closes at 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Biloxi's walking tracks:

Businessmen's Park 481 Forrest Ave.	514-foot, 1 lap track	10¼ laps = 1 mile
Clare Sekul Hornsby Biloxi Lions Club Park 169 Benachi Ave.	420-foot, 1 lap track	12½ laps = 1 mile
Eagle Point Park 10516 Pin Oak Dr.	2153-foot, 1 lap track	2 laps = 1 mile
Hiller Park 380 Hiller Dr.	3398-foot, 1 lap track	1½ laps = 1 mile
I-110 Parkway Walking I-110 and Bayview Ave.	2455-foot, 1 lap track	2 laps = 1 mile
John Joseph O'Reilly Park 431 Division St.	1569-foot, 1 lap track	3½ laps = 1 mile
Pennzoil Park 385 Churchill Ave.	1048-foot, 1 lap track	5 laps = 1 mile
Popp's Ferry Recreational Area 2150 Popp's Ferry Road	1285-foot, 1 lap track	4 laps = 1 mile
St. Mary's Park 1651 Wiltshire Blvd.	882-foot, 1 lap track	6 laps = 1 mile



All aboard for safety

A child is all smiles at the tail end of the Sheriff Youth Train during the 81st Security Forces Squadron National Night Out.

Keesler knows the importance of making a good connection

By Senior Airman Kimberly L. Mueller
81st Training Wing Public Affairs

The 81st Security Forces Squadron hosted National Night Out at the Keesler Community Center, Oct. 5.

National Night Out brings defenders and the communities they protect together for an event featuring a bounce house, K-9 demonstration and more activities with the goal of increasing familiarity of the defender's duties.

"We can't be everywhere at all times," said Staff Sgt. Leonard Brown, 81st Security Forces Squadron police services NCO in charge. "We rely on the community to report to us if they see something going on so we can respond to it."

Events such as National Night Out help the 81st SFS establish rapport and connections with the local community they serve.



Children and families watch a demonstration by a military working dog.

"Having partnerships with the Biloxi Police Department and other local law enforcement is critical when it comes to protecting the community on and off base," Brown said.

In Bayridge and Thrower Park housing where some local civilians occupy housing, there is proprietary jurisdiction. This gives the 81st SFS the opportunity to work with

local law enforcement during an incident as necessary.

"The community plays a big part in our job," Brown said. "When we can bond with the community and make them more comfortable in reaching out to us, it helps us do our job more effectively and keep people safe."

Watch the Keesler update each day at 7:45 a.m.,
1:45 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. on BTV: Biloxi Television.



Biloxi VA TODAY

We serve ALL who served

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

The Gulf Coast Veteran Health Care System welcomes all Veterans, families, caregivers and survivor beneficiaries, including diverse gender identities and sexual orientations.



Bryan C. Matthews

LGBTQ+ refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer identities. The “+” sign captures identities beyond LGBTQ, including but not limited to questioning, pansexual, asexual, agender, gender diverse, nonbinary, gender-neutral and other identities.

LGBTQ+ Veterans have historically faced stigma and discrimination, something which can affect health.

At the GCVHCS, I want every

LGBTQ+ Veteran to know that they are welcome.

We are privileged to have an LGBTQ+ Veteran Care Coordinator (LGBTQ+ VCC) at the GCVHCS. VHA policies require that your health care is delivered in an affirming and inclusive environment and that VHA employees respect your identity.

The staff at our five locations in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida are dedicated professionals who will work with LGBTQ+ Veterans for specific health care needs including the following:

- Speech Therapy
- Prosthetics (such as packers, gaffes, binders, etc.)
- Gender Affirming Hormone therapy
- Pre/post-Operative care
- Suicide prevention services. If you are in crisis, PLEASE call the 24-hour Crisis Hotline at 1-800-273-8255 option 1 or visit the Veterans Crisis Line.
- Substance use/alcohol treatment
- Tobacco use treatment
- Military Sexual Trauma screening and treatment of after effects
- Treatment and prevention of sexually transmitted infections PEP (post-exposure prophylaxis) and PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) for Veterans at risk for HIV
- Intimate partner violence reduction and treatment of after effects
- Heart health/Whole Health
- Cancer screening, prevention and treatment
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► Visit online at www.biloxi.va.gov and on Facebook at [VAGulfCoast](https://www.facebook.com/VAGulfCoast).



As a result of stigma, stress, and discrimination, LGBTQ+ Veterans face increased health risks and unique challenges in health care. We want you to be comfortable talking with your VA providers about all aspects of your life, so we can offer you the best care possible.

All Veterans are welcome at the GCVHCS. We are privileged to provide care for our nation's heroes, regardless of race, culture, creed or sexual orientation.

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.



Coast Transit's fixed-route buses and trolleys offer Bike & Bus services to help keep you moving.

Using public transit just adds up, for many reasons

Morgan Shiyou
Coast Transit Authority

Public transportation is critical for the community, expected by tourists and new residents from larger cities, and it is how many locals get around. Riding the bus is better for your health and our environment. Get on board with saving money, being healthier, and positively contributing to the environment.

Savings

Coast Transit Authority's Fixed-Route operating budget for fiscal year 2022 is projected for \$1.9 million. The city of Biloxi provides approximately \$294,200, which is 15 percent of the operating subsidy.

Public transportation saves the rider money. In one year, a household could save about \$10,000 by taking public transportation and living with one less car. Imagine what you could do with that savings!

Safety

CTA focuses on safety for its passengers. It is 10-times safer to use the bus than to drive your automobile.

Imagine how much a person will "multitask" while driving their vehicle, from eating to playing music, leaving room for error and accidents.



Coast Transit Authority

No matter how good of a driver you are, you never know how distracted other drivers are.

Health

We all *hate* sitting and driving in traffic! Not only does it cause stress on a person's mental health, but the act of sitting and being sedentary also has consequences, in the long run, such as obesity and other diseases like diabetes and heart disease.

Public transportation promotes physical activity because people must walk or ride a bike to the bus stop and people are less stressed. CTA provides bike racks that hold a minimum of two bicycles at a time on all Fixed-Route buses and trolleys. Take advantage of the Bike & Bus services for a healthier you.

Environment

Riding the bus reduces gasoline consumption and carbon emissions. Overall effects of public transportation save the United States six billion gallons

of gasoline annually and help to reduce carbon footprint.

CTA has been proactive in promoting a greener environment and has been using alternate energy since 2003.

CTA currently operates with a fleet of six Hybrid Electric buses. These buses run on Fixed-Route Routes, so we invite you to hop aboard a CTA bus and promote a greener environment.

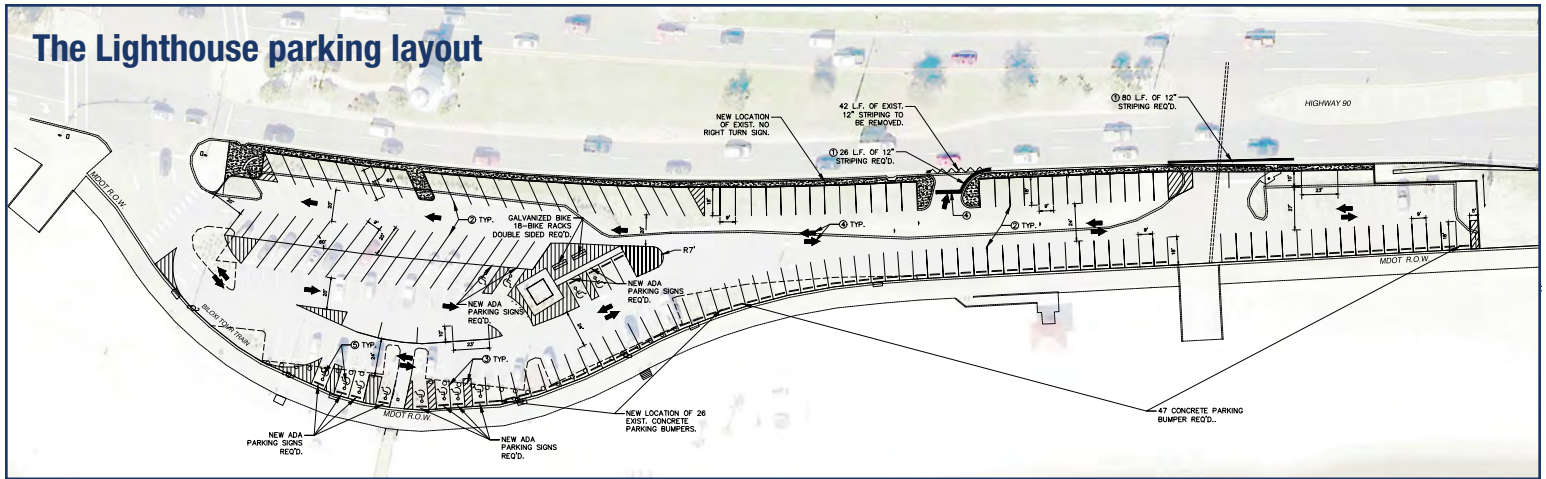
Future

Coming soon to the CTA fleet, first-of-its-kind in the state, will be a pure electric bus. It will be right here on the Mississippi Coast and will allow for less pollution and energy-efficient rides. Funding to purchase the electric bus is made possible with government grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation, funding by Mississippi Power, and Coast Transit Authority.

So, get familiar with riding the bus routes so when the electric bus arrives, you can hop on board and be part of Mississippi history. Buy a \$50 monthly bus pass at the CTA offices or any CTA Transit Center.

Visit CoastTransit.com for route and fare information and download the RouteShout 2.0 app to track your bus.

The Lighthouse parking layout



Fred Haise will get what's coming to him

For nearly two years now, going back to the 50th anniversary of Apollo 13 in 2020, the City of Biloxi, Mississippi Power and the state have been trying to honor Biloxi's most famous citizen, our own Fred Haise.

Events to honor the Apollo 13 astronaut have been delayed and postponed for all sorts of



Fred Haise today

reasons. The challenges have been reminiscent of the life-of-death struggle of the original Apollo 13. The latest date was this month, Nov. 14, Fred's 88th birthday, but Fred has agreed to push back the date to a more significant

one in Biloxi's history.

You can also see the progress being made down at the public parking area south of the Biloxi Lighthouse. The big news about the project: It will increase the number of parking spaces from 78 to 182, including 12 handicapped spots.

The work will move the shrimp tour train from adjacent to Highway 90 to adjacent to the beach, and, says Bobby Weaver of Seymour Engineering, there's a 60-foot flagpole in the works for the site. All the work is scheduled to be completed in early November.

Mark down 2-13-2022. That is the date for the unveiling of the Fred Haise statue, which also happens to be the anniversary of Biloxi's founding, 2-13-1699; and the Visitors Center dedication of the statue honoring Biloxi's original explorer, Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville, 2-13-1999, during Biloxi's Tricentennial.

The time on 2-13-2022? It's 13:13, of course.



Biloxi native and Apollo 13 astronaut
Fred Haise back in 1970.

The infrastructure work in Biloxi

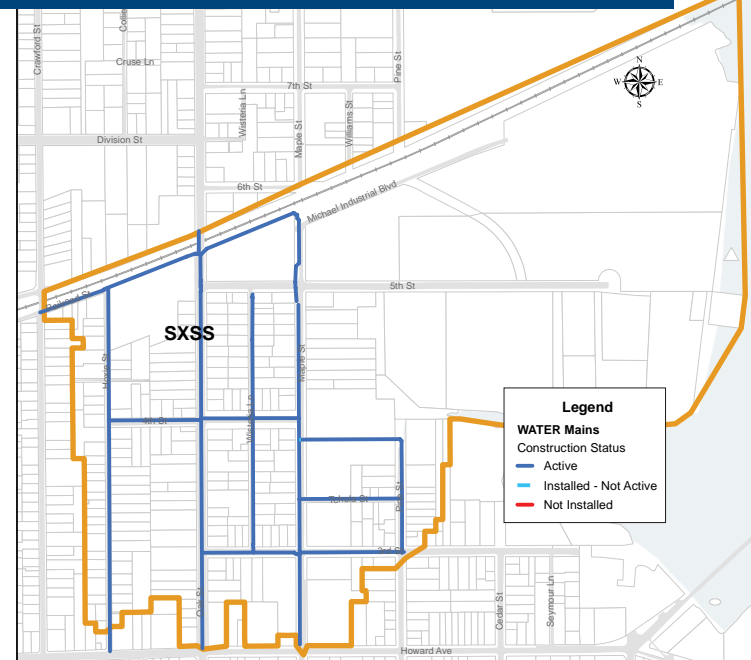
Pages 18 and 19 contain maps that show the status of the city's two major infrastructure projects now underway. The information on these maps is compiled by the city's Engineering Department, based on reports from contractors and inspectors at each site. See detailed maps and video online at biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/.

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, mid-September, Nov. 17. Extension primarily because of inclement weather.

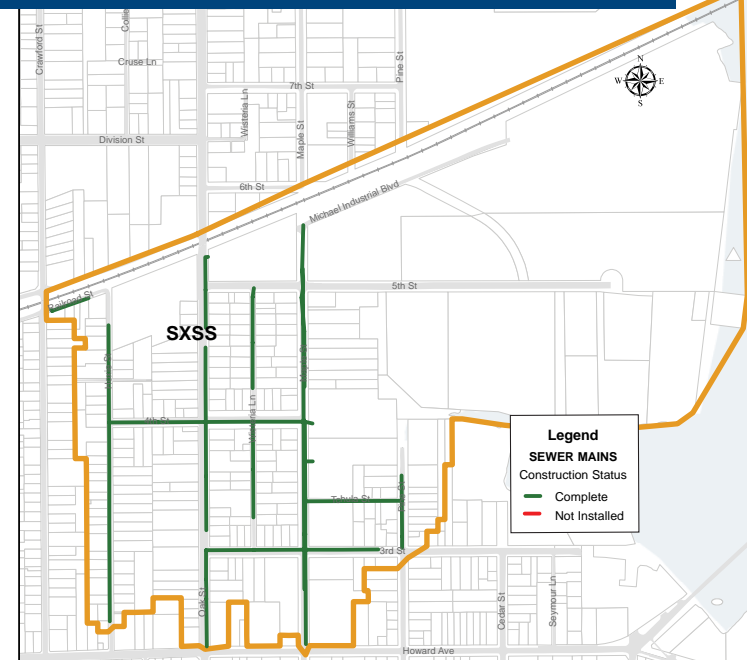
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Water Mains to be installed as of October 15, 2021



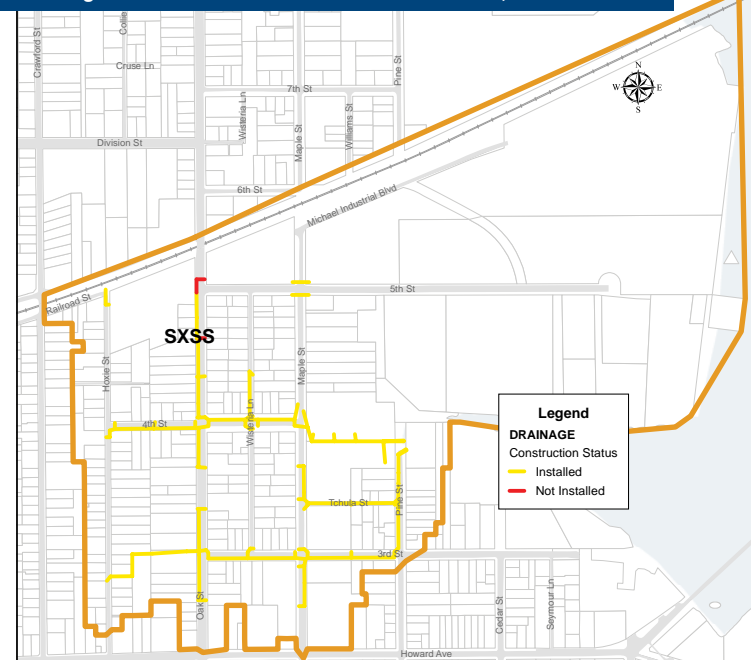
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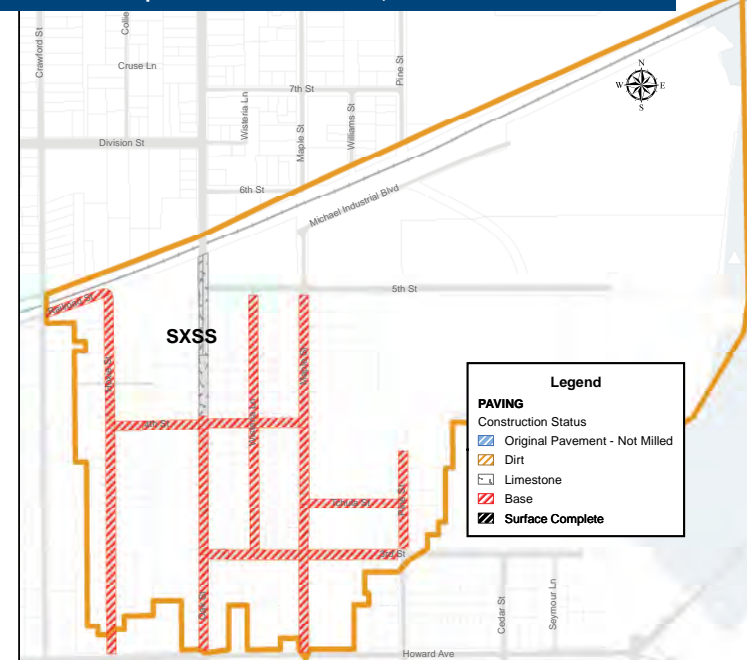
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Lane Construction Pavement

Roads to be paved as of October 15, 2021

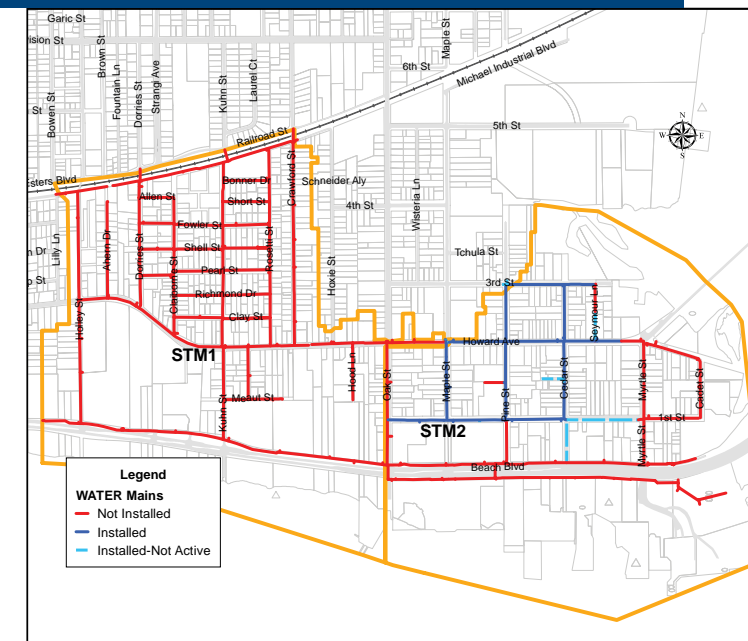


St. Michael 1 & 2

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.

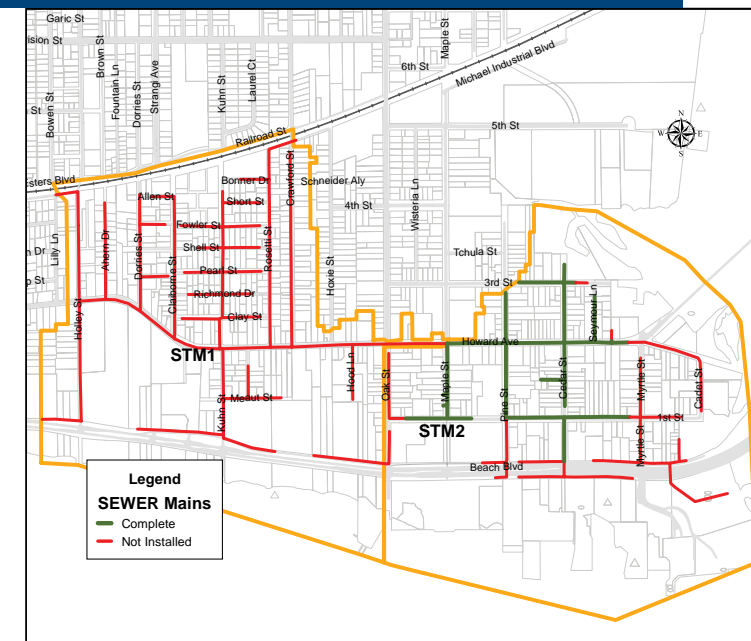
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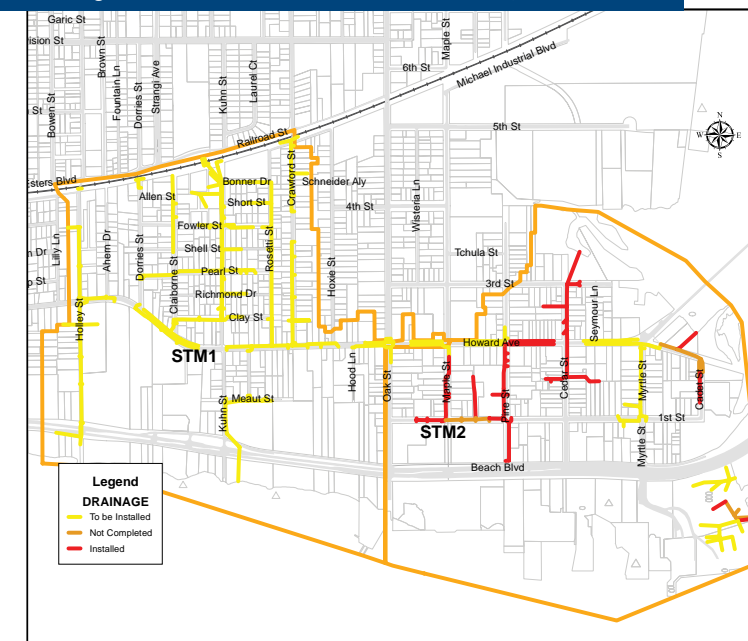
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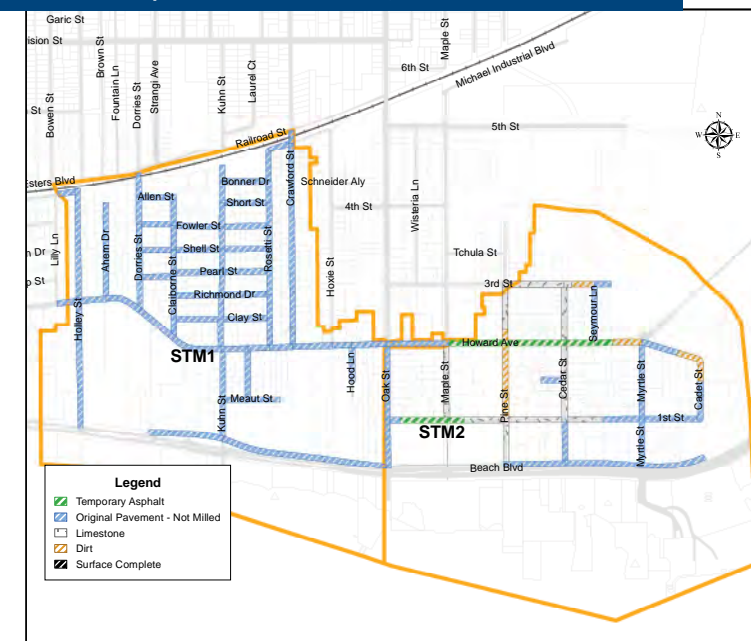
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Necaise Brothers Construction Pavement

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B-Alert

Text BILOXI to 99411
for timely traffic updates.

Today 1:00 PM
CITY OF BILOXI: Utility
poles repaired at Iris. All
lanes of Pass Road now
open to traffic.

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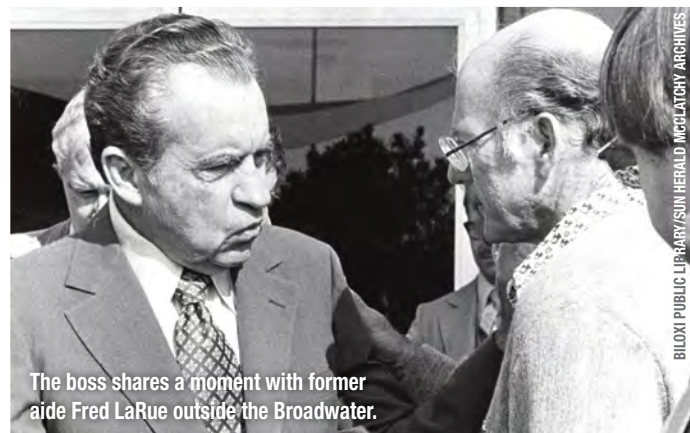
Random Notes



BILOXI PUBLIC LIBRARY/SUN HERALD/MCCLATCHY ARCHIVES

Time capsule: Veterans Day, 1978

"I remember writing a story about how, for a few hours, it was like he was still in office," former Sun Herald staffer Tim Kriehn remembers of the 1978 Coliseum appearance by Richard M. Nixon, 43 years ago this month. It was one of Nixon's first public appearances since Watergate, four years earlier. "Hail to the Chief" played as the former president entered the arena, where a crowd of 8,000 gave him a standing ovation that lasted for three minutes. Credit former Biloxian and Nixonite Fred Larue with envisioning the scene, aware Nixon had endeared himself to the community in aftermath of Camille. In fact, a few years later, in the '72 presidential race, the Fifth District gave Nixon 84 percent of the vote, the highest percentage of any congressional district in the country, they say. Where else would he find a friendlier crowd?



BILOXI PUBLIC LIBRARY/SUN HERALD/MCCLATCHY ARCHIVES

The boss shares a moment with former aide Fred LaRue outside the Broadwater.

Llamapalooza



Another downtown happening

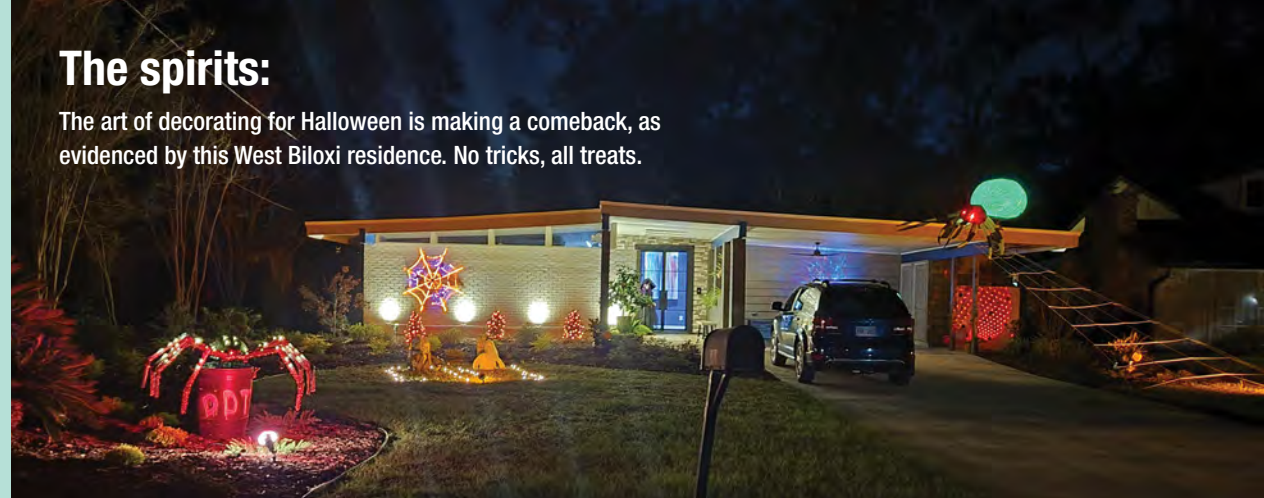
"It was basically a mini-music festival," downtown and Seafood Museum promoter Corey Christy said of the inaugural Llamapalooza festival, an outdoor afternoon street party, on Bohn, just north of Howard. It was hosted by the downtown brewery, Fly Llama, which launched new brands for the occasion. "There was a good turnout, about 500 people, who would not have normally been downtown," said Christy, whose group The Karate Kids played a set on the outdoor stage. "There were a handful of vendors, two food trucks, and several new beer options."

Added the past prez of Main Street: "It was a good indicator of what a small business can do. They're driving their own traffic, creating their own market. They grabbed the bull by the horns."



The spirits:

The art of decorating for Halloween is making a comeback, as evidenced by this West Biloxi residence. No tricks, all treats.



'Rock and Roll All Nite'

Gene Simmons and Kiss brought their farewell to the Coast Coliseum before a respectable crowd of 8,500, including Hizzoner and the Mayor of One Coast. Coliseum chief Matt McDonnell said the "farewell" was believed to be the group's fifth show at the arena (with and without makeup). Still no word on a Kiss-inspired casino in Biloxi, but next up at the Coliseum: Chris Stapleton, Dec. 4.

What they're reading: Veterans

It's the 11th month of the year, and at the 11th hour of the 11th day, we commemorate Veterans Day. Accordingly, we checked in with a few of our Veterans who have been working on the Veterans Day parade, which rolls Nov. 6 at 11 a.m., of course, through downtown Biloxi.

- **TSgt. James K. "Bull" Bullard**, USAF retired: the Bible.
- **Col. Mike Leonard**, USMC retired: "Goodbye Darkness," by William Manchester.
- **Sgt. Jovi M. Prevot**, Mississippi Army National Guard, retired: "What We Owe To Each Other," T.M. Scanlon.
- **Lt. Col. Cliff Candy**, US Army retired: "The Gray Man" series, by Mark Greaney.
- **TSgt. Clinton Walker**, USAF retired: "Execution: The Discipline of Getting Things Done," by Lawrence Bossidy and Ram Charan.
- **Sr. Chief Petty Officer Jeffrey Pierce**, U.S. Navy, retired: "To Rescue the Republic: Ulysses S. Grant, The Fragile Union, and the Crisis of 1876," by Bret Baier.





MISSISSIPPI

GULF COAST MARATHON

Dec. 11 & 12, 2021

MARGARITAVILLE 5K

Dec. 11, 8 a.m.
Biloxi, Miss.

HALF MARATHON

Dec. 12, 7 a.m.
Gulfport to Biloxi, Miss.

CHEVRON KIDS MARATHON 1 MILE

Dec. 11, 9:30 a.m.
Biloxi, Miss.

FULL MARATHON

Dec. 12, 7 a.m.
Pass Christian to Biloxi, Miss.

Register now!

Registration, route, and fee information:
www.mississippigulfcoastmarathon.com

Marathon is a USATF Certified Boston Qualifier route.

Full and half marathons finish at MGM Park.



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Best Bets!



Christmas shopping

The annual holiday extravaganza, the Ron Meyers Christmas City Gift Show, returns to the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Conventions Center Nov. 12-14. The three-day affair includes aisles of gift items, including home and holiday decor, jewelry, scrapbook supplies, handmade heirlooms, framed art, fragrances and more. Times vary throughout the weekend and admission is \$10 for a one-day pass, \$15 for shoppers' paradise (adults only) and free for children age 15 and younger. Details: <https://christmascitygiftshow.com/>

Honoring Veterans

Observe Veterans Day this year in Downtown Biloxi with the Gulf Coast Veterans Parade. It rolls Saturday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. Marchers, vehicles, bands, military members and others will travel downtown Biloxi from the Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. to the Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. The parade is expected to last about an hour. To see the parade route, parking and safety information, visit online at www.msveteransparade.org.

28th Annual Biloxian Made Good, Nov. 4, 5:30 p.m., Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum, 115 1st St. Honoring Dr. Virginia Rose Burkett. Seafood dinner and program. Tickets: \$40 per person, \$320 reserved table. Attire is coastal casual. Details: 228-435-6149 or info@biloxibayareachamber.org

First Friday and Downtown Block Party at the District Green, Nov. 5, 4-9 p.m., Howard Avenue & Rue Magnolia. Live music: It's A Vibe at 5 p.m., and Buck Town Allstars at 7 p.m.; food trucks: Meatbawls, and Keepin it Tasty; vendors, and beer from Fly Llama Brewing Company. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

Gulf Coast Veterans Day Parade, Nov. 6, 11 a.m., Downtown Biloxi. Parade begins at the Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave., travels throughout downtown and ends at the Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Celebration includes military members, civic organizations, high school bands, JROTC, and more. Details: www.msveteransparade.org



"In Their Name" Honoring Keli & Brixx, Nov. 6, 6 p.m., Golden Nugget Biloxi Grand Ball Room, 151 Beach Blvd. A benefit concert honoring the late Keli Gabrielle Mornay and Brixx Nola Mornay Johnson who lost their lives by an act of domestic violence. Events will include food, live entertainment, and speakers who are domestic violence survivors. Details: keliandbrixxbenefitconcert.eventbrite.com

The Kurt Loders, Nov. 6, Noon-4 p.m., Gulf Coast Harley Davidson, 941 Cedar Lake Road. Details: 228-388-8700

Harrison County State of the County Address, Nov. 9, IP Casino Resort & Spa, 3rd Floor ballroom, 850 Bayview Ave. Doors open at 7:30 a.m., program begins at 8 a.m. Keynote speaker: Beverly Martin. Event presented by Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce. Tickets: \$35 per person, \$500 for a table. Details: 228-604-0014 or alexis@mscoastchamber.com

Inaugural Biloxi Bay BBQ & Blues Fest, Nov. 12-14, Biloxi Bay RV Resort and Marina, 6505 Riviera Dr. Details: 228-529-7866

Best Bet!

Christmas festival

Another holiday fixture in Biloxi, Christmas in the City, will take place Saturday, Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the downtown art district, along Rue Magnolia, Jackson Street, and Howard Avenue. Arts and crafts vendors will be set up selling their wares throughout the event. Biloxi Main Street will be on site selling its latest holiday ornament and festival T-shirts, and the Slavonian Ladies Auxiliary will be selling one of Biloxi's beloved Christmas pastries, Pusharatas. Show up early because they usually sell out fast. Live entertainment, Santa Claus and \$100 hourly giveaways will also be part of the affair. Admission is free. Details: 228-435-6639



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

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 42th 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



Ron Meyers Christmas City Gift Show, Nov. 12-14, times vary, Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Admission: \$10 to \$15; free for ages 15 and younger. Details: <https://christmascitygiftshow.com/>; 228-831-3020

2021 Walk to End Alzheimer's, Nov. 13, 10 a.m., Point Cadet Plaza, 121 Cadet St. Details: 228-205-3368

Empire Fighting Championship MMA Event, Nov. 13, 6-11 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Details: Kristian Guirrola, 228-369-2381



Bike Biloxi, Nov. 16, 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

Biloxi Kingfish Mayhem Pro Series Tournament, Nov. 17-20, Point Cadet Marina, 151 Beach Blvd. Details: 954-605-8284 or info@meatmayhemtournaments.com

Main Street Book Club, Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m., Southern Bound Book Shop meeting room, 999 Howard Ave. November's selection: "This Tender Land" is available at Southern Bound Books. Stop by the free meeting or call Biloxi Main Street for more information. Details: 228-435-6339



17th Annual Christmas In the City, Nov. 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Downtown Biloxi (Howard Avenue/Jackson Street/Rue Magnolia). Arts and crafts vendors, live entertainment, photos with Santa Claus, the Slavonian Ladies Auxiliary with Pusharatas, and hourly \$100 cash giveaways. Free admission. Details, or to obtain booth space: 228-435-6339, mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us

Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Walk, Nov. 20, 7:30 a.m., Point Cadet Plaza 121 Cadet St. Event presented by Back Bay Mission. Walk in-person or virtually. Registration fee: \$25 per participant. Details: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MS/Biloxi/HungerAwareness>, or 228-432-0301

Fall Celebration Open Car Show, Nov. 20, 9 a.m., Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd. The Mississippi Coast Mustang Club hosts an open car show with car judging, door prizes, and 50/50 raffle. Details: www.mscoastmustangclub.com/upcoming-events or mscoastmcweb@gmail.com

Southern Miss Gulf Coast Civic Chorale Holiday Concert, Nov. 21, 2:30 p.m., Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 870 Howard Ave. Free admission. Details: 228-865-4500



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

- **Beauvoir Tunes, A Music Festival** - Hunger-Aid, Nov. 20, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

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; Admission: \$5 for ages 12 and older; \$2 for ages 6 to 11; free for ages 5 and younger

Biloxi Schooner Pier

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

- Walk-on sunset sails: Admission: \$30 adults; \$15 ages 3-12
- Group charters, up to 44 people also available

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

- 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 Cruises, Historical & Ecological Tour, Live Music Sunset Cruises, Sunset Eco Tours, Twisted Tiki Tour and private charters available

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

Kroc Center, MS Gulf Coast, The Salvation Army

575 Division St., 228-867-6541

- Free Cooking Matters Course, 6-week – Wednesdays, Nov. 3-Feb. 15

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 – Nov. 16, 5:30-6:30 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

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**, Nov. 5, 12, 19, & 26. 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 and open until 8:30 p.m.
- **Sunday Charity Bingo**: No Sunday Bingo in November.

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 228-392-9345

- **Steak Night**, Nov. 12, 6-8 p.m. (Last ticket sold 7:15 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 Nov.**, 6-8 p.m. Karaoke with Kenny at 7p.m. Call for details.

Mississippi Coast Mustang Club Meeting

- Lucy's Retired Surfers Bar & Restaurant, 1775 Beach Blvd., Nov. 4, 6 p.m.

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.

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.; Biloxi Community Development auditorium, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266

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November 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 (6 min)
6:10 a.m.	Infrastructure report (5 min)
6:15 a.m.	"History of Biloxi" (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: "Social Change in a Democracy" (30 min)
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: "Social Change in a Democracy" (30 min)
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)
6:04 p.m.	Inside BTV (6 min)
6:10 p.m.	Infrastructure report (5 min)
6:15 p.m.	"History of Biloxi" (15 min)
6:30 p.m.	Biloxi Public Schools (15 min)
6:45 p.m.	Biloxi VA Today (15 min)
7 p.m.	"Biloxi Cooks!" (30 min)
7:30 p.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
7:45 p.m.	Keesler update (15 min)
8 p.m.	Special presentation: "Social Change in a Democracy" (30 min)
9 p.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (3 hours)
Midnight	National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)



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

'Democracy' shines this month on BTV



"Sometimes we're accused of having a fondness for history here in Biloxi, especially on BTV," William Sackett intones on BTV this month. "We're guilty as charged. We love our colorful history and we share it here regularly to educate, to inspire, to entertain."

Sackett's voiceover introduces this month's special presentation on BTV, yet another offering of the 1950s-era "Social Change in a Democracy." The black-and-white program, filmed in Biloxi, airs at 8 a.m., 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. each day in November on BTV.

"All this month, as we celebrate Veterans Day, the 11th day of the eleventh month, we salute all of our veterans," Sackett says in his introduction. "We often hear that they fought for our freedom. But have we ever thought of just how important those freedoms are to our everyday life."

"And so, this dear friends, is your chance to once again see one of our cherished documentaries, yes, 'Social Change in a Democracy' is back on BTV for the month of November."

"It's about our form of government. It's about how we speak as a community. It's about how we solve problems. It's about the freedom we enjoy in our beloved republic. And it's all set in Biloxi, 1951."

Cora's is cooking on BTV

"Biloxi Cooks" checks out the board of fare at Cora's, the restaurant inside the White House Hotel in Biloxi. You'll also learn about the restaurant and its namesake, as well as the history of the iconic hotel.

See "Biloxi Cooks" daily at 7 a.m., 7 p.m. and 1 in the afternoon.

This month's recipe: Chow Chow

Cora's Restaurant, White House Hotel

Ingredients:

- 3 cup diced bell peppers
- 2 cup grated cabbage
- 2 cup diced onions
- 1 cup diced green tomato
- 1 each jalapeño, minced
- 1 TB kosher salt
- 1 tsp mustard seeds
- 1/2 tsp celery seeds
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 tsp crushed red pepper
- 1/2 tsp ground mustard
- 1/4 tsp ginger
- 1/4 tsp turmeric

Instructions:

1. In a mixing bowl, combine peppers, cabbage, onions, green tomatoes, jalapeno, and kosher salt. Cover with plastic and place in cooler overnight.
2. In large saucepan, toast mustard seeds and celery seeds until begin to pop (about 2-3 minutes).
3. Drain liquid off vegetable mixture and add to toasted seeds pan.
4. Add remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer, stirring occasionally for 18-20 minutes. The chow chow mixture should be aromatic and still brightly colored. The cabbage and peppers should still have a bit of crunchiness...not totally softened.
5. Remove from heat and allow to cool. Store chow chow in air-tight container in the cooler.

Unlike a chow chow for canning, this is a "quick-pickled" version designed to maintain the color and some amount of crunchiness in the vegetables. At Cora's, we serve this chow chow atop Blackened Tuna, but it also pairs well with vegetables. It even works well as a topping for hot dogs.



A salute to Biloxi's MILITARY BASES

Military Parade along
Howard Avenue in 1944

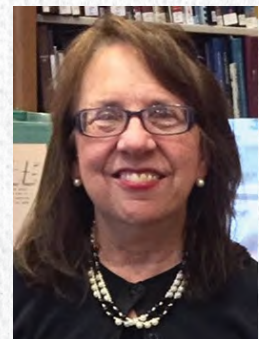


▲ Coast Guard Air Station along the
water in the 1930s and 1940s

◀ Keesler AFB tents, 1941

A brief history

November 11, 1918 is considered to be the end of the Great War (later called World War I). In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson declared that November 11 would be Armistice Day to commemorate the pride and heroism of those who died in service to this country. Later, on October 8, 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day.



By Jane Shambra

For decades Biloxi has had Veterans Day parades. In the 1940's after Keesler Air Force Base was officially dedicated, servicemen in military attire proudly marched down Howard Avenue. We still continue with this tradition today.

Keesler Air Force Base

This history of the land

The land where Biloxi's Keesler Air Force Base is currently situated wasn't always an Air Force Base. The history of that land goes back centuries.

In 1821, there was a federal land survey on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. During that time, the land was laden with the best quality timber (cypress and oak) to be set aside for the construction and repair of U.S. Navy Vessels. The northwest area of Keesler Air Force Base and all of its Biloxi Bay shoreline was identified as a "Naval Reserve".

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Later, in 1851 and again in 1860, the Biloxi peninsula was again surveyed. The surveys resulted in the location of thirty-seven miles of roadways, including the Pass Christian-Point Cadet Road, running through the current Keesler Air Force Base property.

After a steady progress of improvements, the year 1928 saw a golf course, a Coast Guard Base, a baseball stadium, a zoo, and a park on this location. By the 1930s, a veteran's hospital, a boy scout camp, an airport, and a gun club occupied the land.

In 1935, the City of Biloxi began the construction of a commercial airport, which included a large hangar, weather station, beacon light, and a 3000-foot runway. In 1938, residents could watch airplane maneuvers flying in and out of this new facility. The airport, constructed with the help of Works Progress Administration (WPA) workers, was the catalyst for the establishment of the birth of one of the finest military technical training facilities in the United States.

By June 1941, the construction of the first barracks began. A total of 650 tents were constructed while waiting for the new barracks to open. The first team of recruits arrived at Keesler field in August of that year. By August 25, the Army Air Corp Station was officially named Keesler Army Airfield. In those days Pass Christian Road (Howard Avenue/Pass Road) went right through the property.

Biloxi's Coast Guard Bases

Coast Guard history

With its beginnings in 1790, the United States Coast Guard recently celebrated its

231st birthday in August. Its original mission was to "combat smuggling and enforce tariff laws" and in 1939 President Roosevelt gave the Coast Guard the responsibility of maintaining the lighthouses.

Today, the Coast Guard's fleet includes not only small and large boats but aircraft as well. The Coast Guard responds to search and rescue situations and has saved thousands of lives through the years.

Biloxi's bases

In the 1920s, boats filled with illegal liquor were noticeably spotted traveling through nearby marshes, bayous and the Mississippi Sound. Thus, a temporary Coast Guard substation was established in Biloxi to provide service for patrol boats chasing "rum runners."

In 1927, the City of Biloxi provided a facility for the Coast Guard on our Back Bay, located on the western side of the Naval Reserve Park. In 1933, this old Coast Guard base was ordered to close. The abandoned Back Bay Coast Guard site later served as a Boy Scouts camp. Boy Scouts' cabins were constructed, and by 1937, Biloxi Mayor Braun announced that the new camp would be built as part of a WPA project. The new huge camp site was frequented by Scouts from five states.

By 1934, the new Coast Guard Base made its new home at Point Cadet. It was very active with amphibious aircraft seen utilizing the new airplane ramp. Old photographs show special landing ramps for these unique airplanes. (Amphibious aircraft are those which are capable of taking off and landing in water.) Sometimes people call them seaplanes.



Military parade
along Howard
Avenue in 1944



USO Building in 1942 ▲

By 1966, the Point Cadet facility was abandoned and deeded to the City of Biloxi. In 1986, the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum established in a Spanish influenced structure built in 1934 as part of the U.S. Coast Guard station.

*** Did you know that Biloxi's iconic lighthouse was once under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard?

In the year 1967, the lighthouse was decommissioned, and in 1968, the year before Hurricane Camille, the City of Biloxi took ownership. Older pictures of the lighthouse show a huge rock garden around the circumference. The local newspaper reported that these rocks came from a grotto which once stood by the old Nativity Church.

Our USO

Once upon a time Biloxi had a huge United Service Organization (USO) building which was located next to Biloxi's Small Craft Harbor where the Glennan and Guice military parks are today.

The USO is not a part of the federal government. It is a private organization dependent on donations from individuals, organizations, and corporations, and is supported by the good will of volunteers. It was founded on February 4, 1941, at the recommendation of President Franklin Roosevelt to provide resources and recreational opportunities for members of the United States armed forces.

Today, military personnel can benefit from the USO at airports. Our Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport has a section set aside to assist military travelers. It opened in 2007 and is an area where military personal can relax, enjoy food and beverages, connect devices to Wi-Fi, play video, board and table games, and access a library.

Gulf Coast Military Academy

Did you know that some renowned Biloxi Citizens were schooled at the Gulf Coast Military Academy? The all-boys facility first opened its doors in 1912 in Gulfport. The academy promised to provide both Military and academic training. Its senior campus (formerly called the Naval Retirement Home) closed in the 1950s. The Junior division closed its doors just east of that facility in 1976. Its motto was "Send us the boy and we will return you the man."

The very first Biloxi resident to have graduated from this academy was Theodore Paul ("T.P.") Dulton (1895 – 1949), who graduated in 1914. According to the 1914 yearbook, Mr.

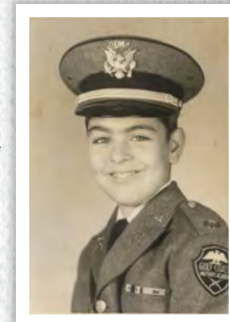


Dulton lived "far away" and spent much of his day commuting by car to and from school. His ambition was to be a merchant, and a successful merchant he certainly became, as proprietor of the famous A P Dulton store at the northwest corner of Reynoir and Howard.

Later, the mercantile establishment became known as Joyce Department Store. This three-story brick structure was located at the northwest corner of Howard Avenue and Reynoir Street. Joyce's was torn down in the 1970s during the Urban Renewal program to make room for the widening of Reynoir Street.

Long ago, our very own Biloxi Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich also attended the Gulf Coast Military Academy. In 1960, he received a special award for the Best Cadet Leader. That year, 12-year-old Cadet Lt. Gilich was also awarded the highest grade in the school. He received leadership and academic awards each term and was the commander of Company D at the Academy. Seems Mayor Gilich learned his leadership skills early in life!

◀ First Biloxian to
graduate the military
academy, Theodore
Paul (T.P.) Dulton,
1914



▲ A young Mayor
Gilich as a military
academy cadet in
the late 1950s

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