

## Best Bets!

### Lighthouse Lighting

The Christmas season in Biloxi officially begins Thursday, Dec. 2 with the lighting of the city's most-photographed, the Biloxi Lighthouse. The 64-foot tall structure will light up with Christmas lights and Santa will be on site to hear the children's biggest Christmas wishes. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. and include hot chocolate and cookies. Biloxi Visitors Center Christmas shirts and ornaments will be available for purchase. Details: 228-374-3105



### Christmas parades

Parades are a major feature of celebrations along the Gulf Coast, especially at Christmas. Here's the lineup: Children's Walking Parade on Friday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. in Downtown, Christmas boat parade on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. in the Mississippi Sound, Woolmarket Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. in the Woolmarket community, and Ward 2 Christmas parade on Saturday Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. in East Biloxi. Check out the calendar entries for more details.



**Lighting of the Biloxi Lighthouse**, Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m., south of the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich and Santa will turn on the Lighthouse Christmas lights. Refreshments served. Free admission. Details: 228-374-3105

**Winter Magic at BHS**, Dec. 2, 7, 10 & 14, 7-9 p.m. Biloxi High School, 1845 Tribe Drive. Join Biloxi High School's clubs and activity groups for a family-friendly holiday event. Activities include pictures with Santa, holiday music and goodies, and more. Admission is free but donations are welcomed. Details: 228-435-6105

**Christmas on the Water Children's Parade**, Dec. 3, 6 p.m., Downtown Biloxi. The parade features marching bands, hay wagons and Santa himself! Parade begins at Frank Gruich Community Center, 591 Howard Ave., and ends at Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Details: 228-388-7170

**Lighting of the Town Green**, Dec. 3, 6:30-8 p.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170

**First Friday and Downtown Block Party at the District Green**, Dec 3, 5-9 p.m., Howard Ave. & Rue Magnolia. Event features live music by Fun, K Getaway, 5-6 p.m.; Symone French, 6:15-7:15 p.m.; and Jamelle Richardson "The Gulf Coast Blues Boy," 7:30-9 p.m.; food trucks, vendors, retailers open late and beer from Fly Llama Brewing Co. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

**Biloxi Youth League Basketball Registration**, Dec. 4, 9 a.m.-noon, Donal Snyder Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Open to Biloxi and non-Biloxi residents ages 6-15. Fees: \$30 for one child, \$50 for two children, & \$50 per child for non-Biloxi residents. Details, including financial assistance: 228-388-2483, sports@biloxi.ms.us

**Christmas on the Water Boat Parade**, Dec. 4, 6 p.m. Boats parade in full holiday décor, with a fireworks show afterward. Best viewing: between the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor and the Biloxi Lighthouse. Details: 228-617-3112 or 228-432-2563

**Christmas on the Water Aboard the Biloxi Schooner**, Dec. 4, 4:30 p.m. departure, Biloxi Schooner Pier, 367 Beach Blvd. Presented by the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum. Excursion returns to the dock by 8 p.m. Guests may bring food and refreshments aboard; ice is provided. Admission: \$45 for adults, \$25 for children ages 3-12. Details: 228-435-6320

**Santa Calling**, Dec. 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Christmas is just around the corner and the Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department has made special arrangements with Santa and his North Pole operators to give children, age 10 and younger, a direct line to Santa. Applications available at [www.biloxi.ms.us/santa](http://www.biloxi.ms.us/santa). Deadline: Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. Details: 228-388-7170



## Best Bet!

### Holiday Open House

Looking for special, hand-crafted gifts for Christmas? Mark your calendar for two Holiday Open Houses. The Maritime and Seafood Industry Museums will host its holiday shopping event Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the museum with vendors, Santa, free museum tours, and refreshments. Then on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 18-19, the City of Biloxi hosts its annual holiday shopping event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Biloxi Visitors Center. There will be local artists and craftsmen selling their wares, door prizes, free tour train rides around downtown Biloxi, and Santa will be available for free photos 1-4 p.m. each day. Details: 228-435-6320, Seafood Museum; 228-374-3105, Biloxi Visitors Center

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

## Stay in touch

**BNews:** Welcome to the 43rd 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](mailto:kmiller@biloxi.ms.us).

**Bmail:** The city provides information about projects and events via email. Sign up at [biloxi.ms.us/register](http://biloxi.ms.us/register).

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

**Website:** The city's website, at [biloxi.ms.us](http://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

**Main Street Book Club,** Dec 9, 5:30 p.m., Southern Bound Book Shop meeting room, 999 Howard Ave. This month there will be an annual book swap - bring a new, unwrapped book in a gift bag and go home with a great new book; and request for donations for Buddy Bags such as gender-neutral fleece throw, activity book with crayons, hygiene kit, and gift cards. Stop by the free meeting or call Biloxi Main Street for more information. Details: 228-435-6339

**International Christmas Pastry Sale,** Dec. 10, noon-6 p.m.; Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Dec. 12, 1-4 p.m.; Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 255 Beauvoir, Road. Free admission. Details: 228-388-6138

**Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum Holiday Open House,** Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 115 1st St. Meet Santa, enjoy a tour through the museum and shop with local vendors for art and treats. Free admission. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Details: 228-435-6320

**Mississippi Gulf Coast Marathon,** Dec. 11-12, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., Beach Blvd. from Pass Christian to Biloxi. This Coastal Running Fest showcases the local culture with a beautiful beach side run. Kick off the weekend at the Runner Village at MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St., Biloxi. Registration prices vary from \$20 to \$125. Events include full and half marathons, 5K and kid's 1-mile. Details: [www.mississippigulfcoastmarathon.com](http://www.mississippigulfcoastmarathon.com)



**Annual Woolmarket Christmas Parade,** Dec. 11, 2 p.m. Parade begins on Shortcut Road at Woolmarket Road, ends at Woolmarket Elementary School. See Santa Claus and decorate the Christmas tree at the Woolmarket Elementary gym. Hot Chocolate and cookies provided. Details: 228-861-5422 or Councilman Nathan Barrett at 228-547-5816

**Special Needs Christmas Dance,** Dec. 17, 6-9 p.m., Donal Snyder Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. All ages with physical and mental disabilities are invited to celebrate Christmas with friends and family. Food and door prizes will be available. Admission: one unwrapped gift valued no more than \$10. Gifts will be given to the Asgard Motorcycle Club for distribution. Details: 228-388-7170, [programs@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:programs@biloxi.ms.us).

**Biloxi Visitors Center Holiday Open House,** December 18-19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Dozens of artists and craftsmen show and sell their wares for last-minute Christmas shoppers. Santa, refreshments, children's activities, and door prizes. Free admission. Details: 228-374-3105



**City of Biloxi Ward 2 Christmas Parade,** Dec. 18, 2 p.m. Parade begins at Division and Lee streets, travels west on Division and ends at John Henry Beck Park, 671 Division St. Following the parade, visit with Santa, decorate the Christmas tree and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Details: 228-388-7170, [programs@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:programs@biloxi.ms.us)



**Bike Biloxi,** Dec. 21, 6 p.m.; Downtown ride. Wear your UGLY Christmas sweaters! 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 Little Theatre

220 Lee St., 228-432-8543,  
[www.4blt.org](http://www.4blt.org)

- **What The Elf?**, Dec. 10 & 11. Tickets: \$20
- **Lemmings**, Jan. 21-23; 28-30, 2022
- **Clue**, March 4-6 & 11-13, 2022

### Center Stage

2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258  
[www.centerstagebiloxi.com](http://www.centerstagebiloxi.com)

- **3rd Coast Harmony: A Cool Yule**, Dec. 4-5, tickets \$15
- **Aladdin**, Dec. 15-17. Tickets: \$10

## Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library

2244 Beach Blvd., 228-388-4400, [www.visitbeauvoir.org](http://www.visitbeauvoir.org)

- **Laying of the Wreaths to Honor Our Fallen**, Dec. 4, 2-3 p.m. Free admission; check in at Gift Shop in main building
- **Christmas In Camp**, Dec. 21, 6-9 p.m. Admission: \$5



## Biloxi Lighthouse & Visitors Center

1050 Beach Blvd., 228-374-3105, [www.biloxi.ms.us](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.biloxitourtrain.com)

- Call in advance to check tour availability.

## Betsy Ann Riverboat Cruise

173 Beach Blvd., 228-229-4270, [betsyannriverboat@gmail.com](mailto:betsyannriverboat@gmail.com), [www.betsyannriverboat.com](http://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](mailto: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

## Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

115 1st Street, 228-435-6320, [www.maritimemuseum.org](http://www.maritimemuseum.org)

## Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, [www.georgeohr.org](http://www.georgeohr.org)

- Check the website for more events and studio classes at OOMA!
- Yoga under the oaks – Dec. 21, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

## Our Lady of Fatima Parish

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- Monday Night Bingo, Every Monday night behind Our Lady of Fatima church. Doors open at 5 p.m., card sales at 5:30 p.m.; Early bird games at 6:30 p.m.; regular games at 7 p.m. Food available. Event benefits OLF ministries.

## Ship Island Excursion

228-864-1014, [www.msshipisland.com](http://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](http://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**, Dec. 3, 10 & 17. 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 December

## Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 228-392-9345

- **Steak Night**, Dec. 10, 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
- **Joppa Shriners Christmas Party (Ages 21 and over only)**, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.-midnight. Admission: \$10 for individual, \$50 for a table of eight. Enjoy music (provided by Freddie Doolittle), dancing and fun; prizes awarded for the "Best Table Decorations". Bring your own food and drinks. Details: 228-392-9345

## Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- **Karaoke with Kenny**, every Friday at 7p.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](mailto: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](http://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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			 <p>Public Ice Skating MS Coast Coliseum Dec. 1-31 (except for 24 and 25)</p>	<p>Community Market</p> <p>Lighting of the Biloxi Lighthouse Biloxi Visitors Center</p> <p>Biloxi Pro Hockey MS Coast Coliseum</p> <p>Winter Magic Biloxi High School</p>	<p>ZZ Top IP Casino</p> <p>First Friday Block Party The District Green</p> <p>Christmas on the Water Children's Christmas Parade Downtown Biloxi</p> <p>Lighting of the Town Green Town Green</p> <p>Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society</p> <p>Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge</p>	<p>The Nutcracker Beau Rivage</p> <p>Chris Stapleton MS Coast Coliseum</p> <p>Boat Parade Biloxi Small Craft Harbor Biloxi Lighthouse Biloxi Schooner Biloxi Schooner Pier</p> <p>Biloxi Youth League Basketball Registration Snyder Center</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>The Nutcracker Beau Rivage</p> <p>Brunch with Santa Beau Rivage</p>	<p>Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima</p>	<p>Community Market</p> <p>Winter Magic Biloxi High School</p> <p>Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral</p>		<p>Community Market</p> <p>Santa Calling www.biloxi.ms.us/santa</p> <p>Main Street Book Club Southern Bound Books</p>	<p>Steak Night Joppa Shrine</p> <p>Winter Magic Biloxi High School</p> <p>International Christmas Pastry Sale Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church</p> <p>Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society</p> <p>Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge</p>	<p>Brandon Bennett IP Casino</p> <p>Woolmarket Christmas Parade Woolmarket Rd</p> <p>Holiday Open House Beau Rivage Maritime &amp; Seafood Ind. Museum</p> <p>Int'l Christmas Pastry Sale Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church</p> <p>Better Than Ezra Beau Rivage</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>Christmas In The Air Beau Rivage</p> <p>Int'l Christmas Pastry Sale Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church</p> 	<p>Christmas In The Air Beau Rivage</p> <p>Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima</p>	<p>Christmas In The Air Beau Rivage</p> <p>Winter Magic Biloxi High School</p> <p>Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral</p>	<p>Christmas In The Air Beau Rivage</p>	<p>Christmas In The Air Beau Rivage</p> <p>Penfolds Wine Pairing Dinner Palace Casino</p>	<p>Air Supply IP Casino</p> <p>Chicago Beau Rivage</p> <p>Queen Celebration Hard Rock</p> <p>Special Needs Christmas Dance Snyder Center</p> <p>Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society</p> <p>Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge</p>	<p>Biloxi Visitors Center Holiday Open House Biloxi Visitors Center</p> <p>City of Biloxi Ward 2 Christmas Parade Division Street</p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>Biloxi Visitors Center Holiday Open House Biloxi Visitors Center</p>	<p>Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima</p>	<p>Community Market</p> <p>Bike Biloxi Biloxi Visitors Center</p> <p>Yoga Under the Oaks Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art</p> <p>Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral</p>		<p>Community Market</p>	<p>Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society</p>	<p>Christmas Day</p> 
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	<p>Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima</p>	<p>Community Market</p> <p>Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral</p>		<p>Community Market</p>	<p>The Molly Ringwalds Beau Rivage</p> <p>Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society</p>	