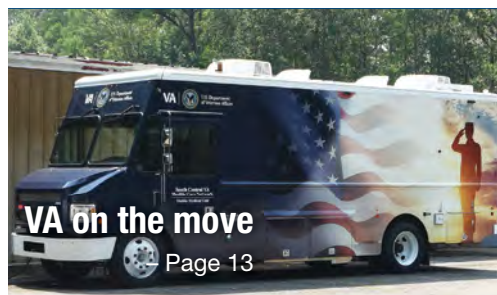
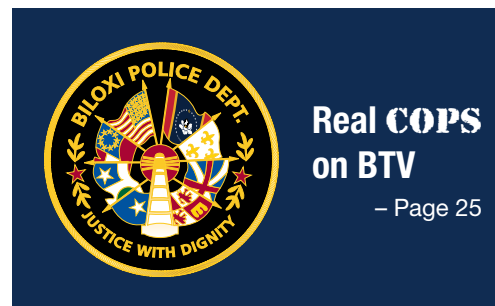
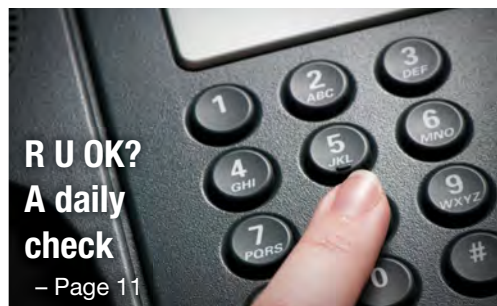
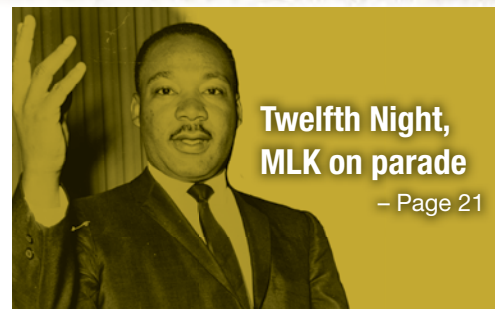


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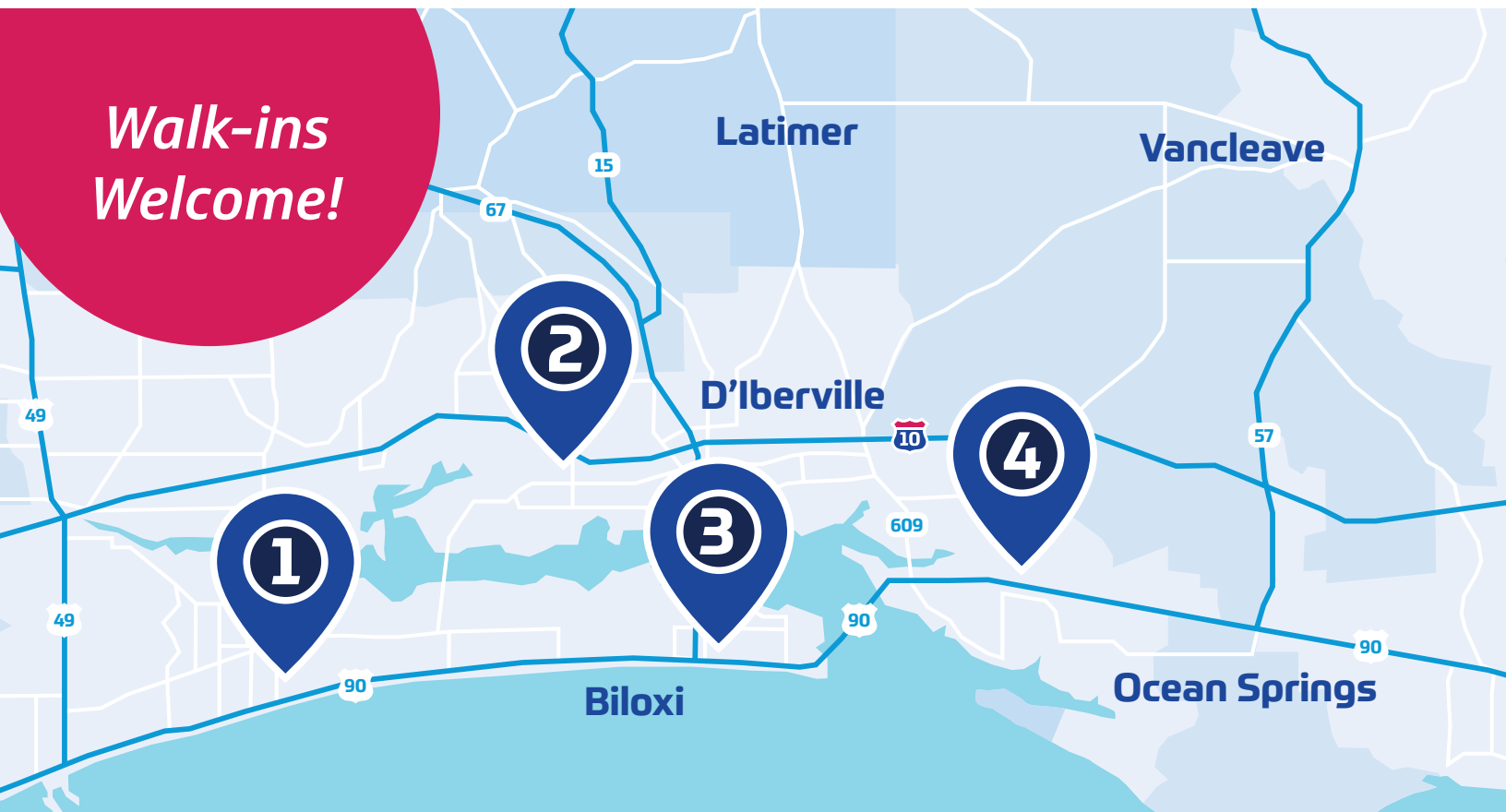
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He always had welcoming words when in Biloxi

We welcome in another year, yes already. Where does it go? For us, that word “welcome” will always remind us of the former governor, Ronnie Musgrove.

During his term as the state’s 62nd governor (2000-2004), it seemed like he was down here in Biloxi regularly, welcoming one convention or another or visiting a school. There was nothing wrong with having the governor nearby on a regular basis, driving the same roads and bridges as you do.

His welcomes were enthusiastic, but the governor, come to find out, also subscribed to that theory we so admire: change the audience, not the presentation.

So, the salt-and-peppered-haired Musgrove, with his folksy, high-pitched presentation, made it look simple and natural.

Only a few of us locally knew the back story with these upbeat greetings. His four- to five-minute presentations all boiled down to one of three stories, a trio of standards that he’d choose from, depending on his audience, or, perhaps, his mood. Stump speeches are standard fare for a politician, and Musgrove delivered them in a Southern lawyerly kind of way that made you smile every time you heard it.

There was the story about the time as governor he flew commercial out of Jackson. Low key, he was, but being the inquisitive leader, he asked the passenger in the adjoining seat what brought her to Jackson.

In the conversation, she asked what he did. “I’m in state government,” he said. “Oh,” she said, “legislative or executive branch?” “Executive,” he said with a smile. She said, “So, you work for the governor.” Finally, he fessed up: “I AM the governor.”

No you’re not, she said.

Another anecdote involved a family vacation where the sign outside the old country storefront in the Delta read “Beer. Guns. Wedding dresses.” That demanded a stop. The husband sold guns downstairs and the wife opened up a seamstress shop upstairs, selling wedding dresses, over the Internet no less.

That was a sort of Mississippi enters cyberspace story. And they took pride in



**Nick L.
Shrimp**

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Point was, the governor said in a phone conversation from Madison in December, these enterprising Mississippians were far ahead of Jeff Bezos and Amazon.

And finally there was the story of the cheerleader and the football player.

Both stories were about this daughter, and today Musgrove recounted “the serious one.” His daughter tried out for football and made the boys team at Chastain Middle School in Jackson. A big color picture of her ended up in USA Today, the governor said, and even

the Letterman show called. Said the governor: “I told her that was her call, and she said she didn’t play to get publicity. That was the serious story, and I was so proud of her, as I always have been.”

Today at 65, Ronnie Musgrove has had a challenging year. He lost his wife just months ago after battling leukemia. She was 61.

“She was a very talented person,” he said. “She was the director of all Special Education programs across the country, a position she held previously in Mississippi, and she was a professor at Ole Miss.

“We loved to travel and see things and be involved in things. Both of us had an idea of what we could learn from other people.”

“I can assure you,” he said, “it was a difficult time, but it happens and life goes on.”

“I still practice law,” he declared. “I do some consulting, things like that, economic development. I write.”

And, happy to report, he relished the opportunity the other day to think back to the salad days of serving as the state’s governor and his many welcome messages in Biloxi.

“The people of Biloxi and the entire Gulf Coast were and are such a shining spot for Mississippi,” he said. “Very resourceful. The mix and makeup of the community -- a lot of different people from a lot of different places in the world -- who all came to Biloxi and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

You would have thought they were some of the Founding Fathers, they did so much for the community.”

But, the governor said, it was about business that made him a regular.

“I really was,” he said, “for a number of reasons. One, there was great economic development. Gaming had become a prominent part of the economy, and my interest was to try to help the entire Gulf Coast expand economically.

“The Gulf Coast had some really good schools. It was always fun to visit the schools, and the school leaders were always the leaders in the state. And Biloxi and the Gulf Coast are just great places all the way across. You have the influence of New Orleans, Mobile and the Florida panhandle, and it’s just a much different atmosphere than any other in the state. It’s a great place to go as a final destination.”

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.

Former
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Treasure Bay
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The fate of a landmark



You've seen it dormant for a couple of years now, this 1920s high profile White House fountain in front of the fabled namesake hotel. The city-owned fountain's inner workings were damaged by saltwater from one storm or other, and, of course, sand collected incessantly in its pools. The sand's removed, and with U.S. 90 streetscape improvements in mind, Public Works Director Billy Ray Allen reports the fountain will be streaming again in early 2022. A new pump has been ordered -- two, in fact, -- to power the streams of water that cascaded over the landmark's two lighted pools. A mason will repair wayward bricks along the fountain's edge, and, the waters will be dancing again, on a daily basis.

High-end homes, short-term rentals coming to boardwalk

A growing number of elevated beachfront homes have been constructed in West Biloxi in recent years, and while residential development is not new south of U.S. 90, as many as 16 high-end homes or short-term rentals are planned for south of the highway, off the West Beach Boardwalk.

The Biloxi City Council has OK'd a 16-lot subdivision on a two-acre site south of U.S. 90, west of Veterans Avenue. The spot had been dormant since Katrina demolished the Cuco's restaurant that stood there. It's down the street from a vertical subdivision, Seaside Condos.

Developers say it will be "a very high-end development" and will have strict design covenants. Front porches will face the public beach. The structures will be elevated, of course, but wooden pilings will be prohibited in favor of concrete or block pilings, Hardi plank, brick or stucco siding, no vinyl, metal roofs, with the 16 lots of varying sizes, but a minimum of 3,000 sf, and they'll be three to five bedrooms each.

Construction is expected to begin in early Spring 2022, and developers say they're already seeing interest.



An example of the site's streetscape, south of U.S. 90 and facing the boardwalk and public beach.

News & notes

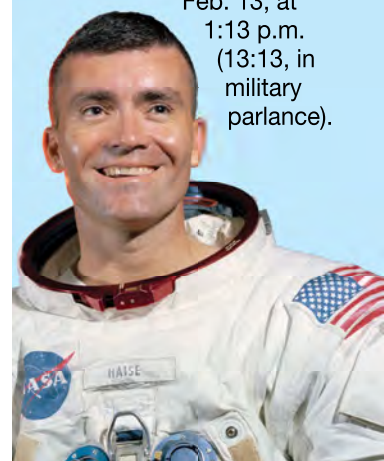
No wake: Popp's Ferry Causeway now has two no-wake zones: 200 feet north and south of the boat launch, and 300 feet east and 850 feet west of the bridge, to include Anatole Bay marina.

El presidente: Biloxi Police Assistant Chief Chris De Back has been named president of the Special Olympics Mississippi Executive Board. De Back continues to be active with the annual statewide Special Olympics Torch Run, and, through his new duties, will continue to raise awareness for the organization and its athletes.

Atta boy, BFD: The state DEQ has commended the Biloxi Fire Department for its quick response to an overturned cement truck at I-110 and U.S. 90 in December. Firefighters swiftly created a barrier that prevented hazardous materials from entering the Sound.

A Super Sunday: Mark your calendars. It's been 52 years in the making, and in February, a statue will be dedicated to Fred Haise, Biloxian, fighter pilot, space pioneer and American hero. Plan to attend the public unveiling, south of the Biloxi Lighthouse, Sunday,

Feb. 13, at
1:13 p.m.
(13:13, in
military
parlance).



Half-dozen piers now open for public fishing, sightseeing

A host of municipal piers -- at the Coast Coliseum, at Kuhn Street and four on Back Bay -- have been repaired from Hurricane Ida damage and are now open to the public.

The city made the announcement in mid-December, after more than \$50,000 in repairs were made, and as design work continued on the Lighthouse pier, along with progress on a new Back Bay waterfront promenade at Forrest Avenue.

The four Back Bay piers are all along Bayview Avenue: at Forrest Avenue, known as the T-pier; the Ice Wharf, near Parker Street; Porter Avenue North; and Oak Street North.

Biloxi Port Division Manager Larry Sablich says the T-pier is the most popular with the public of the Back Bay piers. The pier, Sablich said, had been wooden in the shape of a "T," but was upgraded with concrete piles years ago by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, which is headquartered nearby.

"It's the same story at Oak Street North," Sablich said. "It's a former DMR pier that also has new planking, and we've re-opened the small city pier at the north end of Porter Avenue."

One of the most-storied of the piers on the Bay is the Ice Wharf. Said Sablich: "Today it has all the modern features you'd expect, railings, ADA access, covered pavilion, and more, but back in the day this pier was a rollercoaster. It was called the ice wharf because it was essentially a steep, unrailed incline where blocks of ice were slid down the length of the pier, which at its end was just a foot or so off the water's edge and, not uncoincidentally, equal to the deck of a shrimp boat."

The Coliseum pier, a long and popular wooden pier on U.S. 90 west of Beauvoir Road in West Biloxi, has re-opened, Sablich said, as has the small public pier at Kuhn Street in East Biloxi.

The plan at Popp's Ferry, where a network of piers remains in place, is to remove damaged sections.

At the Biloxi Lighthouse, Seymour Engineering is continuing to work on design of the new Lighthouse pier, and the area has been re-paved and striped, with new lighting in the works.

The area is going to see even more activity come February for the Feb. 13 dedication of the Fred Haise statue.

And on Back Bay, Seymour reports that cement is being poured for the expansive boardwalk, pavilion and walkway between Forrest Avenue and Kensington.

Said Mayor "FoFo" Gilich: "All of these things are about public access to and enjoyment of the waterfront."



The Ice Wharf, on Back Bay at Parker Street

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Mayor Gilich toasts Neptune king in 2020 in front of city hall

Laissez les bon temps rouler

Mark your calendars! Carnival officially begins Jan. 5
Mardi Gras, also known as Fat Tuesday, is March 1 this year, but carnival season officially begins in Biloxi this month!

First up is the Twelfth Night celebration. It will be Jan. 5 at 5 p.m. at the Biloxi Visitors Center with a gathering before a parade to Biloxi City Hall.

“The Biloxi Visitors Center is where we began the holiday season, with the lighting of the Christmas decorations at the Biloxi Lighthouse,” said Visitors Center Manager Bill Raymond, “and this will be where we also will end the holiday season as we usher in the Carnival season.”

The occasion also services as a reminder of the religious significance of Carnival. Twelfth Night, the 12th day from Christmas, is the night before the Epiphany, the day when the Three Wise Men visited the infant Jesus, foretelling the revelation of God the Son being born as a human.

Next up is the Krewe of Neptune parade. It takes place in downtown Biloxi on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m. and features dozens of floats from New Orleans with mystical themes. The Krewe’s

Coronation Ball is set for Feb. 19 at the Biloxi Civic Center.

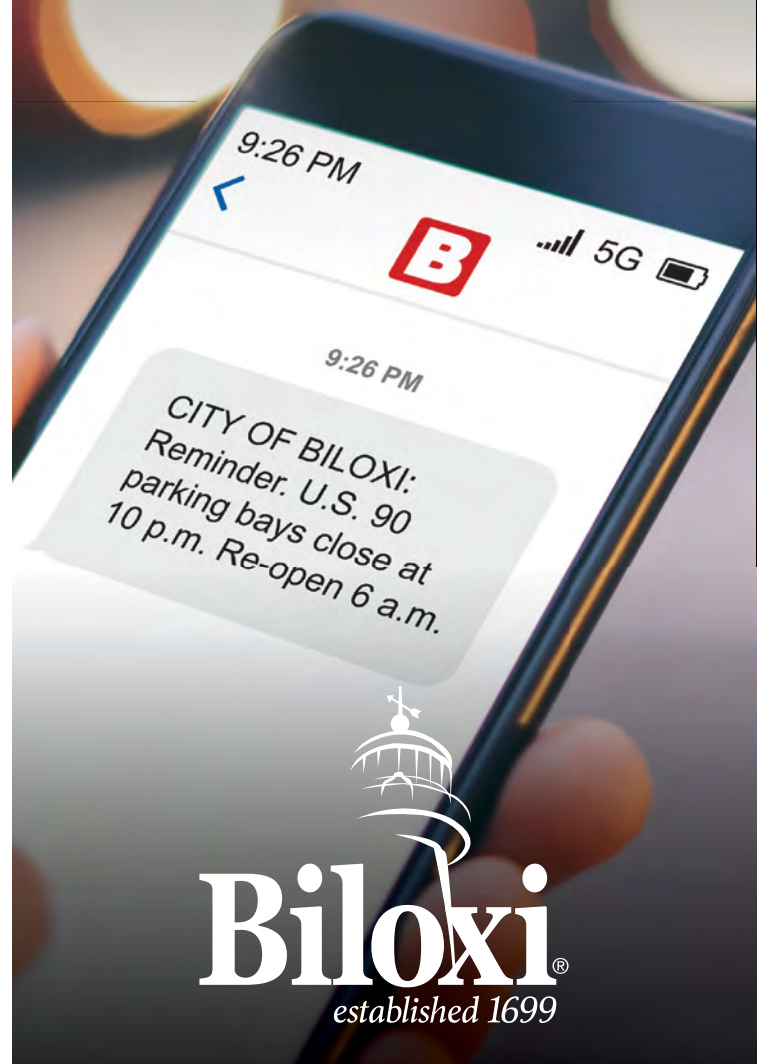
Then it’s the Gulf Coast Carnival Association’s time to roll in downtown. On Fat Tuesday, hundreds of floats filled with throw-happy people parade beginning at 1 p.m. GCCA, with its theme of Dancing Around the World, will hold its Coronation Ball on Feb. 28 at this Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center. Public viewing begins at 8 p.m., and tickets will be available at the Biloxi Visitors Center, Biloxi City Hall and the Carnival office at 792 Howard Ave.

- Krewe of Neptune parade: Feb. 26, 5:30 p.m.
 - Gulf Coast Carnival parade: March 1, 1 p.m.
 - Krewe of Barkloxi parade: TBA
 - Second Liners Mardi Gras Club parade: TBA
- For more parade information, including routes, traffic plans and other Mardi Gras news, visit online at biloxi.ms.us/mardigras

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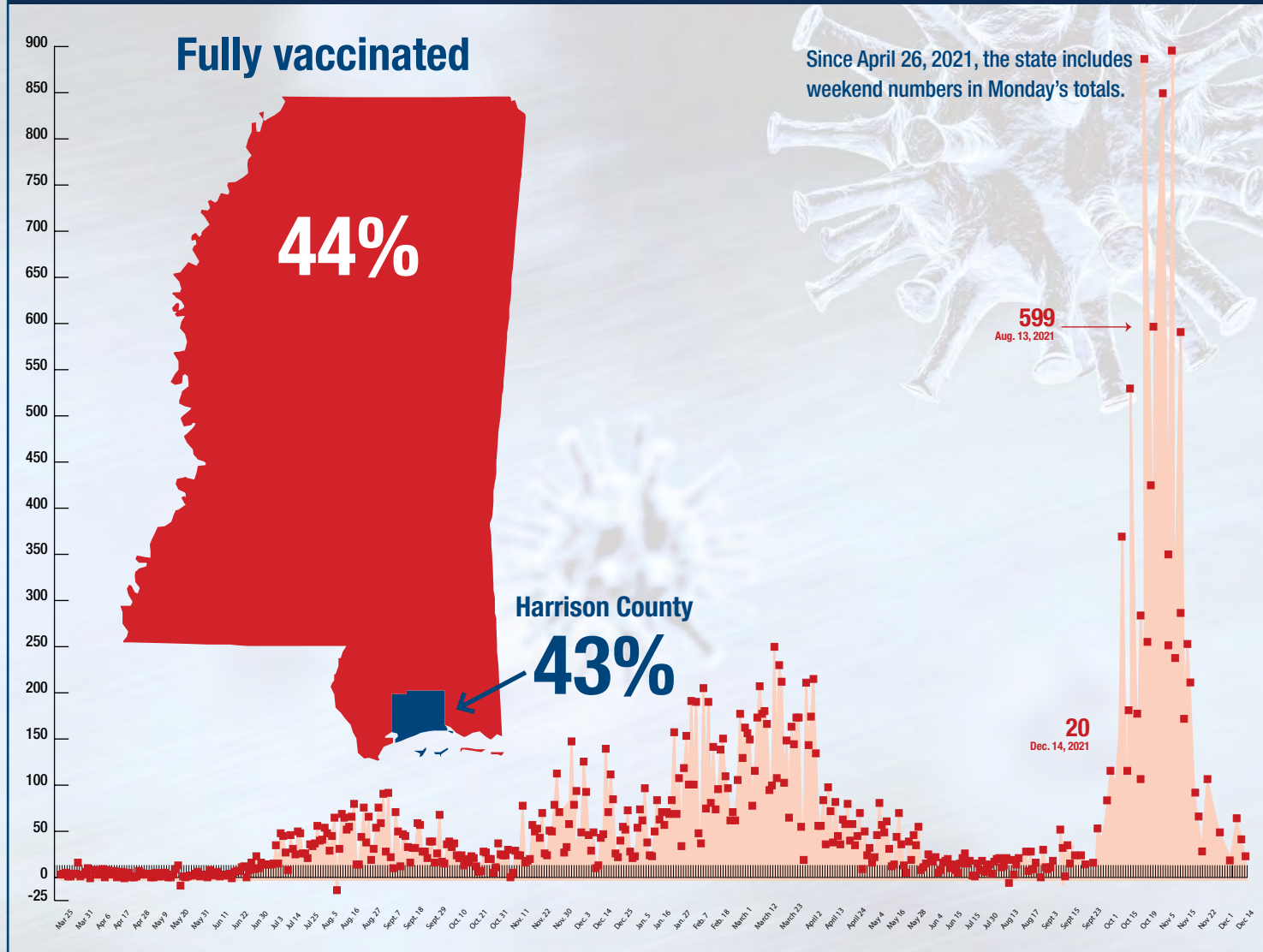
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Fully vaccinated

44% (as of Dec. 14, 2021)

Harrison County

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Positive cases

35,207 (as of Dec. 14, 2021)

Deaths

561 (as of Dec. 14, 2021)

Fully vaccinated

43% (as of Dec. 14, 2021)

COVID-19 Vaccinations

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Data reported by Mississippi State
Department of Health.



William Sackett, Biloxi Police Community Relations, calls R U OK participants and offers friendly conversations while providing safety checks.

Safety check It's only a phone call away

Biloxi residents who are either alone or feel vulnerable can get a daily "Are You OK?" phone call from the Biloxi Police Department.

The system, known as R U OK, is a free service offered to citizens in Biloxi who request a telephone safety check. The service helps by providing a reassurance call to check on the safety of an elderly, medically disabled or homebound person.

"They can feel a sense of security and caring just knowing a daily call will come," Biloxi Police Major Larry Murphy said. "It helps to take the fear out of being alone."

Participants receive a call from either a dispatcher, community relations representative or an automated system at a time designated by the participant. The program will then prompt the participant with a particular response. If no response or an incorrect response is given, a police officer will be sent to the home to check on the participant's well-being.

"A resident can sign up to be called at any time of day or night," Biloxi Dispatcher Angie Myrick said. "And if the person will be away from the home during the time of the call for an appointment or if a family member picks them up to go on vacation, all they have to do is to let us know and we will remove them from the call list while they are gone."

To sign up for the R U OK program, call the Biloxi Police Department Community Relations Division at 228-385-3033 or visit online at biloxi.ms.us/ruok.

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Stephen Dereis of the 81st Dental Squadron shows dentures created at Keesler Medical Center by the 81st Medical Diagnostics and Therapeutic Squadron's radiation and oncology flight, and the 81st Dental Squadron. The custom radiation boluses are for cancer patients receiving radiation therapy.

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Keesler squadrons team up on cancer care

By Senior Airman Spencer Tobler
81st Training Wing Public Affairs

In an effort to make radiation therapy for cancer patients more precise and effective, the 81st Diagnostic and Therapeutic Squadron collaborated with the 81st Dental Squadron to shape a radiation bolus for each patient.

"In radiation therapy, we use high energy particles to treat cancer," said Col. Jason Hayes, 81st MDTs radiation oncologist. "The word bolus actually refers to a piece of equipment that helps concentrate the dose of radiation energy at the skin's surface."

The bolus acts as a medium for the radiation and enables oncologists to lay down a precise amount of energy to a cancer infected area. Radiation particles don't output energy unless they have a medium to travel through.

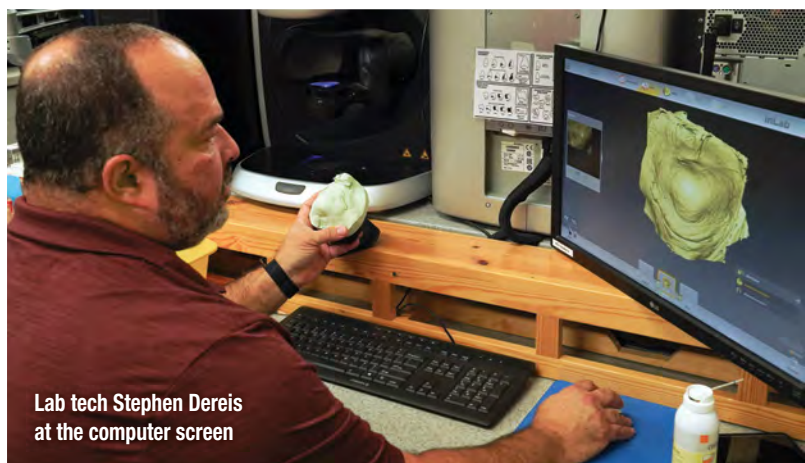
When treating something on the skin's surface with radiation therapy, the very upper layers of the skin won't receive the radiation because the dose doesn't start building up until it's beneath the top layer of the skin, said Hayes.

Historically, oncologist used flexible pieces of rubber taped to patient's faces.

"The old boluses were always cumbersome," Hayes said. "It'd never be reproduced exactly how it was last time, some of these patients can have up to 20 treatments."

With the help of dental, oncology now has the ability to customize boluses.

"We got an impression of the patients' faces using our computer aid design scanner to scan the patient's face," said Stephen Dereis, 81st DS dental laboratory technician. "We essentially tricked our



Lab tech Stephen Dereis at the computer screen

computer into thinking the person's face was a dental model, as far as the computer thinks it's just one weird looking mouth."

The new bolus-making process for each patient has made radiation treatment more effective and helped patient treatment increase in quality and consistency.

"This partnership with dental is going to help us be more efficient and exact, which in-turn will make us safer," Hayes said. "If I talk to another radiation oncologist we think alike, but when I talk to a dentist or another medical provider they approach problems differently and the outcome is almost always something novel."

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

VA supports Veterans throughout the year

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

As the second year of the ongoing global health crisis comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to thank our outstanding community partners and shareholders for their continued support during 2021.

Despite visitation restrictions and federal and Department of Veterans Affairs regulations on how we are required to conduct business, the support of our Gulf Coast community has never wavered, continuing to provide assistance through volunteer efforts, support of our various external programs and a concerted effort to enhance our care to the thousands of Veterans we serve.



Bryan C. Matthews

Although so many of the events and functions we have historically hosted were once again held virtually, the more than 1,600 Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System (GCVHCS) employees have managed to find creative methods of recognizing holidays and occurrences which are important to us and the community in which we live.

Our Veterans Day and Prisoner of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA) observances were conducted virtually through social media, providing opportunities for community members to remain involved with our staff and learn more about who we are.

And as a health care organization, although COVID-19 remained at the forefront of how we were able to conduct business, the GCVHCS leveraged its newest asset, a Mobile Medical Unit (MMU), to provide vaccinations at a variety of locations throughout the GCVHCS area of operations. Vaccination drives were hosted at our locations in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida when we received the 30-foot vehicle in July as well as at various Veteran-centric locations and events during the year. This addition to our resources has proven invaluable, bringing the expertise of our health care team to Veterans with limited capabilities to travel to our facilities.

Also, the GCVHCS' Recreational Therapy Service adapted to ongoing issues by hosting the much-anticipated annual Creative Arts Competition virtually. The Recreational Therapy service provided virtual entry and voting for Veteran creative writing, art and performance pieces, ensuring our Veterans had the opportunity to participate in this



Mobile Unit provided vaccinations during events



Biloxi VA TODAY

nationally recognized competition.

Additionally, the GCVHCS Women's Health service provided a unique opportunity for our women Veterans, hosting a drive-thru baby shower event at each of our locations, offering this growing segment of Veterans much-needed supplies and information.

Our employees hosted numerous drive-thru influenza and COVID-19 vaccination clinics at the Biloxi Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center and at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, providing our Veterans the opportunity to receive these vaccinations with limited contact. These efforts required significant planning and coordination, with thousands of Veterans taking advantage of these no-cost potentially life-saving efforts.

And our employees continued to demonstrate the expertise, caring nature and professionalism characteristic of our great organization. While on a scheduled vacation, a Biloxi VA Medical Center nurse provided emergency medical assistance to a passenger on a flight, and several members of our Biloxi VA Medical Center staff hosted an impromptu wedding in the facility's emergency room when a Veteran – scheduled to be married that day – suffered an allergic reaction requiring a brief stay causing him to miss his scheduled event.

Efforts such as these are a testament to both the organization and its employees, and I couldn't be more proud of these individuals for the efforts they take to ensure our community and our Veterans are cared for.

So many of these events would not have been possible without the efforts of our community partners, from the generous



Many drive-thru events held for Veterans in 2021

monetary, non-perishable food items and comfort items donated from Gulf Coast-area organizations and individuals to the continued volunteer efforts which provide our staff the capability of doing what they do best – providing care to our nation's heroes.

I would like to thank each and every one of these individuals from the community we all call home for their efforts; we appreciate all you do for us.

May each of you have a safe and prosperous New Year.

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 Public Affairs Division of the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System.

A Christmas reminder

What you need to know about garbage, trash, recycling

OK, with all the talk of cleaning up Biloxi, it's time for a refresher course on how to make sure your garbage, recycling and yard waste are picked up in a timely manner.

Pickup is a contracted service through the Harrison County Utility Authority. Biloxi residents pay a monthly fee on their water bill -- \$15.75 -- for these services.

The Harrison County Utility Authority has two contractors:

Waste Management, which handles residential garbage and recycling, pickup carts in the northern areas of the city on Thursdays and the remainder of the city on Friday. Garbage must be placed in the brown cart; recycling in the green cart.

Pelican Waste, which primarily handles trash such as yard waste, follows the same schedule. Place items at the curb as shown in the illustration.

What will be picked up

Limbs should be no longer than eight feet. Leaves, pine straw and insulation must be bagged to be picked up. Furniture and appliances are acceptable for pickup; however, refrigerators must have doors removed and be tagged to show Freon has been removed before they will be picked up.

What will not be picked up

No unbagged household garbage or unbagged leaves will be picked up. Nor will hazardous materials. Contractor-generated waste, such as construction debris, or limbs left by tree or lawn services, will not be picked up. Removal of those items is the responsibility of your contractor.

What if the pickup is missed?

If your pickup is missed, call the number on side of the cart: 228-701-9086. Option 1 for Waste Management, Option 2 for Pelican Waste, or Option 3 for the Harrison County Utility Authority staff.

About those empty lots

Neither Waste Management nor Pelican will pick up trash placed in the right-of-way in front of an empty lot. If you see trash on side of the road, please call the Public Works Department at 228-435-6271 or email Craig Ross at cross@biloxi.ms.us.

A few words about recycling

Recycling must be placed in the green cart.

Accepted: Aluminum cans, plastic products (rated #1 to #3 – bottles, jugs, etc.), clean pizza boxes, garden plastics, flattened cardboard boxes, empty containers, glass and paper products such as newspapers, magazines, phone books, etc.

Not accepted: Plastic bags, foam or Styrofoam containers, wire hangers, windows, mirrors, ceramic or Pyrex dishes, organic or food waste, electronics, paint, pesticides, cleaners, waxed cardboard, needles or syringes, scrap metal, or hazardous waste.

What about hazardous materials?

Monthly Household Hazardous Waste Collection is by appointment only. Call 228-896-0207.

Accepted: latex or oil-based paint, used cooking or automotive oil, antifreeze, car or marine batteries, aerosol cans, flammable liquids (like gasoline), white goods such as refrigerators and freezers, fluorescent light bulbs, computers, cell phones, telephones, televisions, and tires (up to 25 per household).

Christmas tree recycling

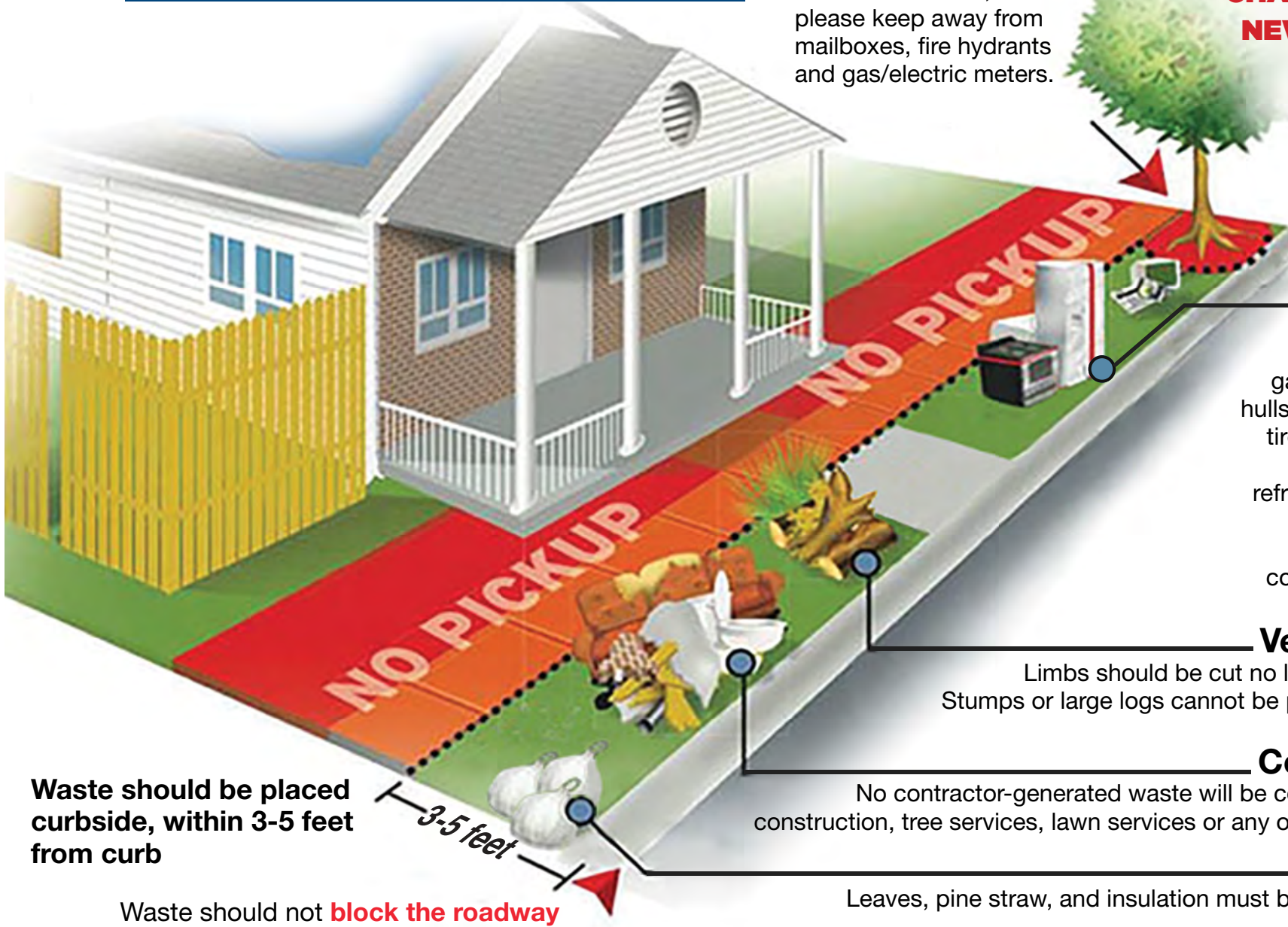
- U.S. 90 parking bay east of Rodenberg
- Mississippi Power's Plant Watson, Cowan-Lorraine Road

Remove decorations, lights and stands for depositing

Sponsored by Harrison County Beautification Commission and Mississippi Power.



SOLID WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES



Do not place piles or items for collection under power lines or tree limbs, and please keep away from mailboxes, fire hydrants and gas/electric meters.

GARBAGE, TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULES IN BILOXI WILL NOT CHANGE BECAUSE OF NEW YEAR'S EVE OR NEW YEAR'S DAY

Misc. Waste

Will not pick up any unbagged household garbage, crawfish/shrimp hulls, concrete, asphalt, dirt, tires, batteries, household hazardous waste or refrigerators with Freon still inside. Freon must be removed by a licensed contractor and tag placed

Vegetative Debris

Limbs should be cut no longer than 8ft in length. Stumps or large logs cannot be picked up for collection.

Contractor Waste

No contractor-generated waste will be collected, which includes construction, tree services, lawn services or any other contracted service.

Bagged Waste

Leaves, pine straw, and insulation must be bagged for collection.

Waste should be placed curbside, within 3-5 feet from curb

Waste should not **block the roadway**



AUTHORIZED CART - Household garbage will only be collected from your authorized Waste Management cart. Trash or garbage from other unauthorized carts will not be collected. To purchase a second cart for \$30.72/year, please call **Waste Management** at 228-701-9086 (Option 1).

RELOCATING WASTE - Do not take the trash from your home to another house, street or any other location besides your own for collection.

The infrastructure work in Biloxi

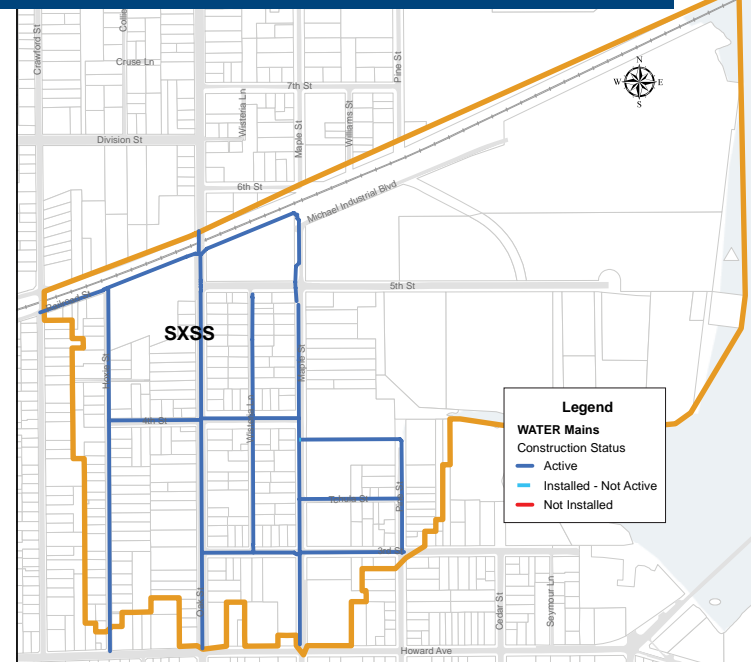
These pages contain maps show the status of the city's two major infrastructure projects now underway. The information on these maps is compiled by the city's Engineering Department, based on reports from contractors and inspectors at each site. See detailed maps and video online at biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/.

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, Dec. 31, Jan. 31, 2022. Extension primarily because of inclement weather.

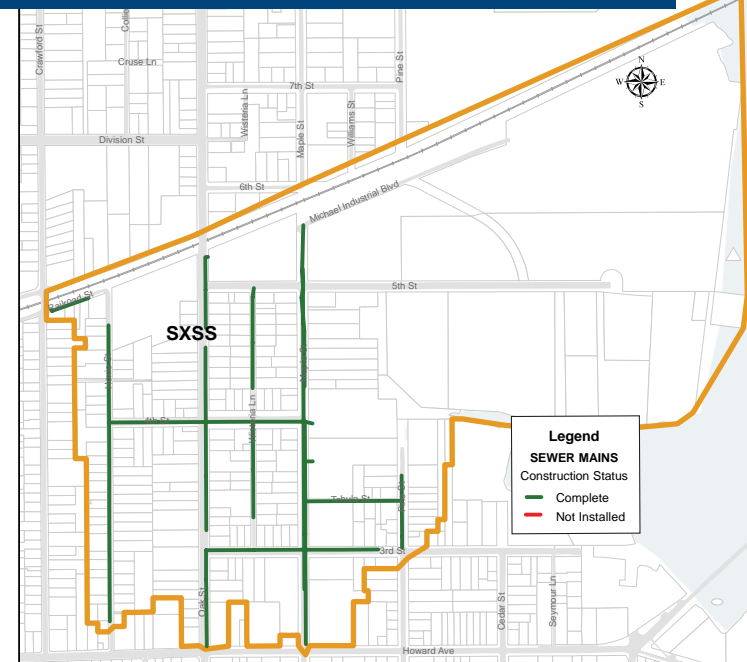
Lane Construction Water

Water Mains to be installed as of December 15, 2021



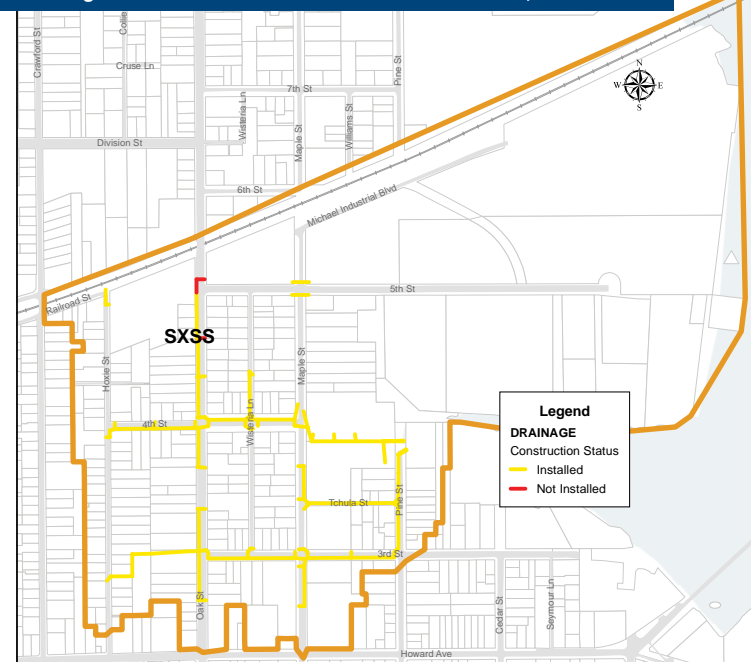
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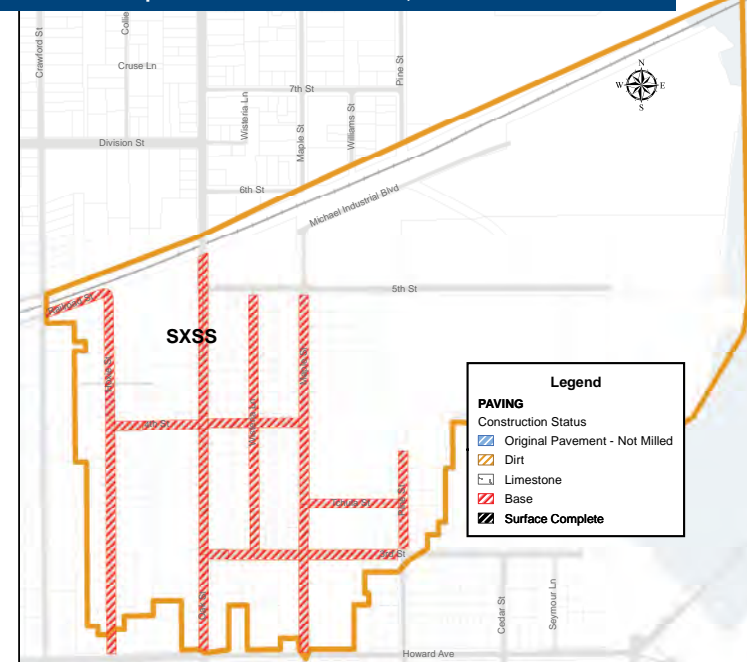
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Lane Construction Pavement

Roads to be paved as of December 15, 2021

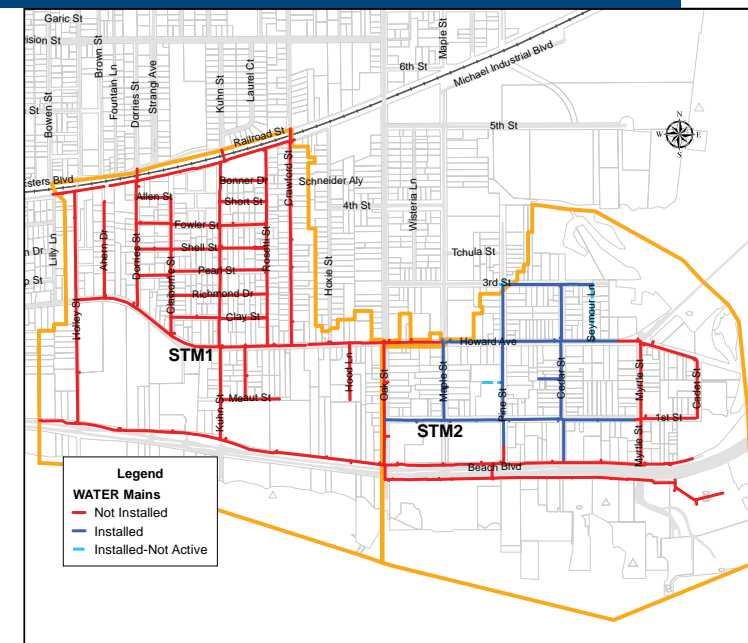


St. Michael 1 & 2

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.

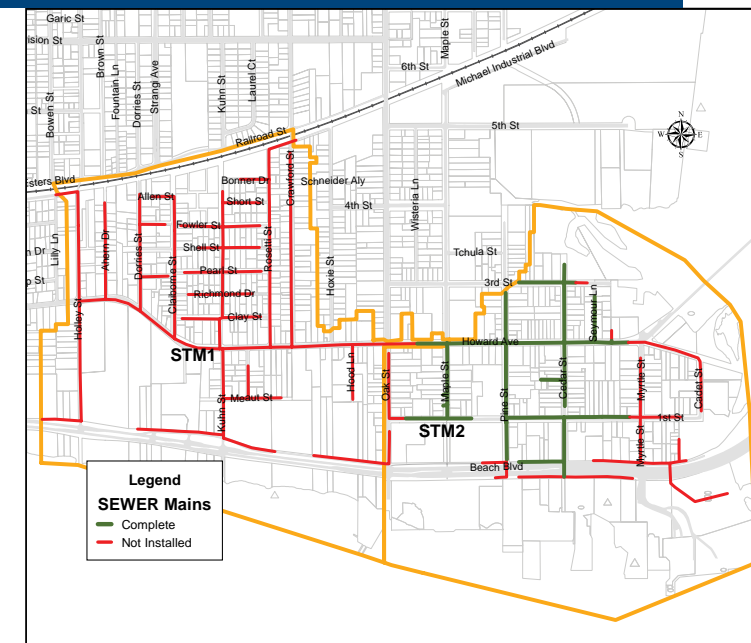
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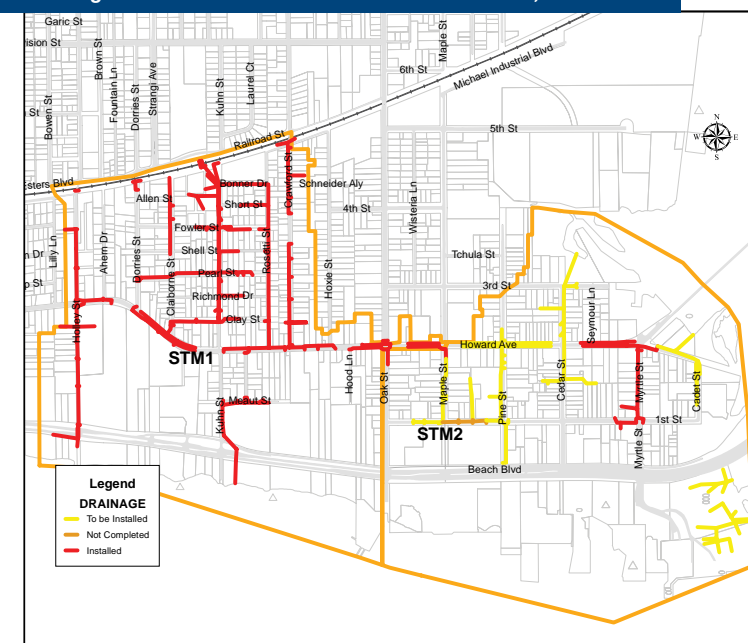
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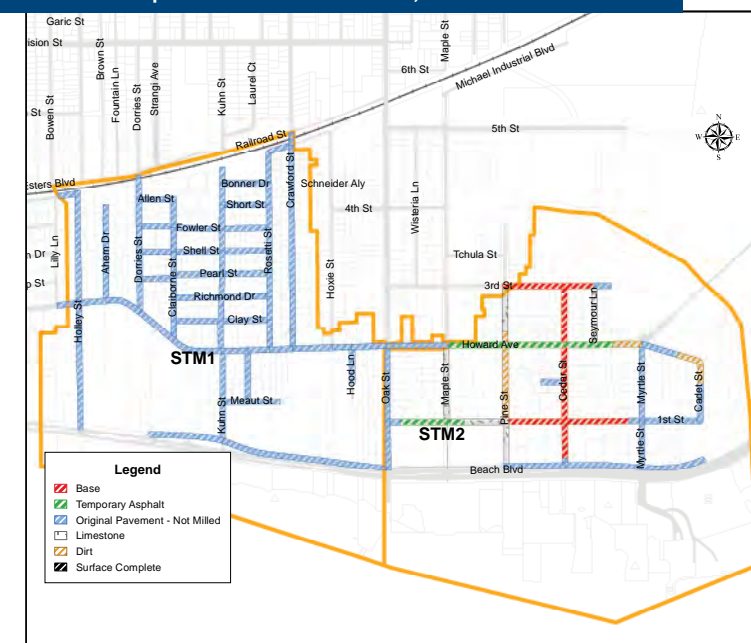
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Necaise Brothers Construction Pavement

Roads to be paved as of December 15, 2021



Get the 411 on traffic

B-Alert

Text BILOXI to 99411
for timely traffic updates.

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

Biloxi
established 1699

Random Notes



Bands and dancers in the visitors stands

Time capsule: MLK Battle of Bands Jan. 17, 2000

Oh, those heady days of Biloxi's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebrations. Thousands would gather for a downtown parade that ended at Yankee Stadium with a Battle of the Bands. The free event typically drew an SRO crowd to the stadium, attracted, typically by the marching bands from Mississippi's three predominantly black universities – Mississippi Valley State, Alcorn State and Jackson State. The event, underwritten by the city and organized by the Biloxi NAACP, was one of the largest MLK celebrations outside of Atlanta. After the parade, the bands and dancers would file into the stadium, take their positions in the visitors stands and begin a round-robin playoff, viewed by enthusiastic spectators on the field and overflow crowds in the home stands.



The SRO home stands, overflowing as usual



It's the Biloxi Fire Department, by a whisker

Things have been a little hairy in the BFD, as firefighters are growing facial hair as part of their cancer awareness campaign and as a tribute to the fire service lore of the mustache. Among those participating are, from left, Firefighter Morgan Howe, Capt. Chris Denton, Chief Nick Geiser, Firefighter David Allen, Capt. Matt Powell, and Firefighter Taylor Beesley. The public can participate through Dec. 31 by "buying out" a firefighter with a \$20 donation to have a specific firefighter shave. That firefighter could then donate \$5 to keep the 'stache. Donations are being accepted through firefighters or through PayPal (bfd@biloxi.ms.us) and will benefit a cancer awareness/prevention charity.



80 or 40, but who's counting?

It was a whopper even by City Hall standards. "I'm 40, not 80," beloved civic leader Susan Hunt told anyone who would listen after Hizzoner presented her a proclamation declaring her 80th birthday, Dec. 7, 2021, as "Biloxi's Susan Hunt Day." A day that will live in infamy? Not totally. Said Mayor Gilich: "She's 'indomitable.'"



Relieve the excitement at biloxi.ms.us/sculptures

The Lazarus tree: Still standing tall

It was almost an unspoken directive to the landscape teams working on U.S. 90 medians over the past several weeks: Be aware of the Katrina sculptures and treat these dozen or so works of art with care, especially the Lazarus tree.

Everyone has their favorites of the trail that now travels all the way to Bay St. Louis. Two dozen of them were sculpted from oaks and other trees that succumbed to the hours of saltwater intrusion from Hurricane Katrina back on Aug. 29, 2005.

Mississippi sculptor Dayton Scoggins was brought in to sculpt several standing dead trees in the center medians, and volunteer Marlin Miller, a Fort Walton Beach, Fla., sculptor, showed up as repayment of the assistance his community received from the Mississippi Coast in the wake of Hurricane Ivan in 2004. Marlin's "weekend" turned into a year and national attention.

Some of the sculptures have given way over the years to the elements, wayward motorists and nefarious individuals, but certainly not the Lazarus tree.

The Lazarus tree? It's so-called because, like so many others, it was emblazoned with a big "R" for removal, but the city stepped in, and asked Marlin to see what he could do. Months after the "dead" cypress was sculpted into a heron, the tree came to life, with branches galore. And it still stands today.

What they're reading: First responders

It's the first of the year, so we checked in with the first responders and support staff in the Biloxi Police and Fire departments, for the current page turners:

- **Amber Krebs**, administrative assistant, BFD: "The Scarlet Pimpernel," by Baroness Orczy.
- **Kenneth Garner**, Patrol lieutenant, BPD: "Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates," by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger; "Leadership in the Shadows," by Kyle Lamb; and "Man's Search for Meaning," by Viktor Frankl.
- **A.J. Olier**, firefighter, BFD: "Separation of Power," by Vince Flynn; and "Blue Moon," by Lee Child.
- **Chris De Back**, assistant chief, BPD: "A Mississippi First Family" by Giulia L. Saucier.
- **Gen Brace**, Finance, BPD: "Administrations of Lunacy," by Mab Segrest.
- **John B. Miller**, BPD chief, "New Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis," by Sigmund Freud.
- **John Majure**, administrative assistant, BPD chief's office, "The Golden Ratio," by Gary B. Meisner.
- **Shane Steele**, sergeant, Intelligence Unit, BPD, "Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior," by George Washington; "The Gray Lady Winked," by Ashley Rindsberg; and "American Marxism," by Mark Levin.
- **Wes Small**, deputy chief for Training, BFD: "Quiet Strength," by Tony Dungy.

We're Hiring!

Dispatcher

Director of Engineering

Equipment Mechanic I

Engineering III

Laborer

Lifeguard

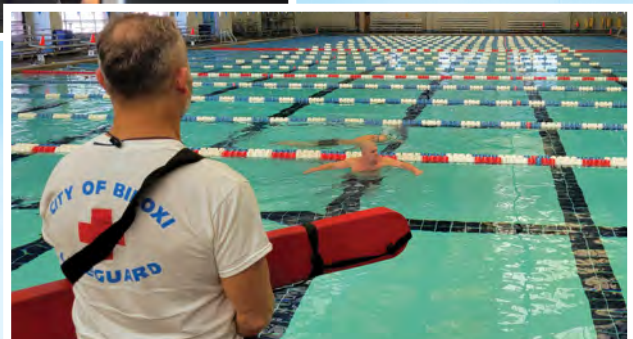
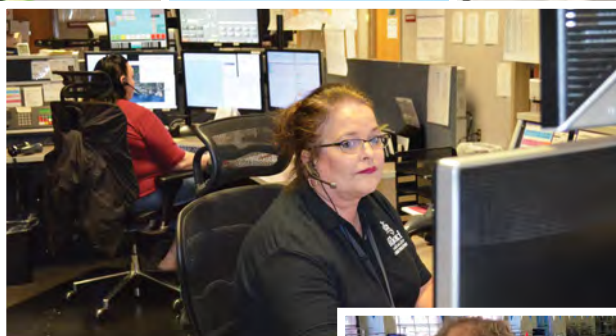
Police Mechanic Helper

Police Officer

Utility Crew Member II



Positions open until filled.



New employees earn vacation days, receive 12 paid holidays a year and robust and affordable medical, dental and vision plans for employees and their families. There's even a convenient free clinic.

The City of Biloxi is an equal opportunity employer and employees enjoy Civil Service protection.

For position descriptions, pay, and applications, visit online at biloxi.ms.us/hr or contact the city's Human Resources Division at **228-435-6259** or biloxihr@biloxi.ms.us.

Best Bets!



Mardi Gras season begins

On Jan. 5, Biloxi will officially usher in the Mardi Gras season with the annual Twelfth Night celebration. The Gulf Coast Carnival Association's Royal Court will turn off the Christmas lights at the Biloxi Lighthouse and parade to the Biloxi City Hall. The occasion also serves as a reminder of the religious significance of Carnival, often lost on the tens of thousands of revelers at Mardi Gras parades. Twelfth Night, the twelfth day from Christmas, is the night before the Epiphany, the day when the Three Wise Men visited the infant Jesus, foretelling the revelation of God the Son being born as a human. Call 228-374-3105 for more information.

Coastwide MLK Celebration

The annual Coastwide MLK Celebration has gained a reputation over the years for having a top-notch lineup of events including the annual MLK parade. The 2022 theme is "Defining our Legacy" and activities include a social justice symposium, health fair, youth summit, legislative update, Man 2 Man Summit, and When Women Talk event on Jan. 15; a Sunday inspirational Facebook live event on Jan. 16, and the downtown Biloxi parade followed by the Battle of the Bands at MGM Park on Jan. 17. Details: www.mlkcoastwide.com

Christmas Tree recycling station in Biloxi, through Jan. 8., U.S. 90 Parking Bay at Rodenberg Avenue. Details: 228-236-6421

Ice Skating, through Jan. 2, Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Details: mscoastcoliseum.com

First Friday and Downtown Block Party at the District Green, on hiatus until March 4. Look for an EXTRAVAGANZA event in March to usher in the 2022 season! Details: 228-435-6339



12th Night Celebration, Jan. 5, 5 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Gathering at 5 p.m.; Lighting at 6 p.m.; Parade to City Hall, 140 Lameuse St., at 6:30 p.m. Details: museum@coastalmardigras.com



Frosty Kroc Run, Jan. 8, 8:30 a.m., 10K, 5K and 1-Mile over the Biloxi Bay Bridge. Registration: <https://www.raceentry.com/frosty-kroc-run/race-information>. Details: 228-374-9111

Empire Fighting Championship MMA Event, Jan. 15, 6-11 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Details: Kristian Guirola, 228-369-2381

MLK Coastwide Celebration, Jan. 17, Details: www.mlkcoastwide.com



Best Bet!



Let's go for a run

Whether it's for exercise, fun or for a good cause, going for a run in colder temperatures definitely warms the body. And, two community runs are set for January. The Salvation Army Kroc Center hosts its annual Frosty Kroc Run on Saturday, Jan. 8 at 8:30 a.m. and the Gulf Coast Carnival Association throws out all the stops for its annual Casino Bridge Run & Half Marathon on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 9 a.m. Both races take place along the Biloxi Bay Bridge and include multiple distances. Fees apply as well. For more information, check out the event entry in the calendar section.

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

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 44th issue of BNews Monthly. It's a compendium of things you should know about your city: status reports on current and pending public works, and a calendar of community events covering the next 30 days.

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

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

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

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

Vincent Creel, Public Affairs Manager
vcreel@biloxi.ms.us

Cecilia Dobbs Walton, Public Affairs Specialist
cdobbswalton@biloxi.ms.us

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



Annual State of the City Address,
Jan. 18, 11 a.m. -1 p.m., Beau Rivage,
875 Beach Blvd. Tickets: \$50-500.
Hosted by the Biloxi Bay Area Chamber.
Details: 228-435-6149



expense. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

Bike Biloxi, Jan. 18, 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'

Main Street Book Club, Jan. 27, 5:30
p.m., Jacked Up Coffee Bar meeting
room, 999 Howard Ave. January's book
selection: "Maid" by Stephanie Land.
Stop by the free meeting or call Biloxi
Main Street for more information.
Details: 228-435-6339



Casino Bridge Run & Half Marathon, Jan. 29, 9 a.m., 10K/5K, Margaritaville, 195
Beach Blvd. Course follows the waterfront, travels across the Biloxi Bay Bridge to
downtown Ocean Springs, and back over the bridge, finishing at the Golden Nugget
swimming pool. A portion of the proceeds go to "FURREVER Homes Rescue."
Details: <http://www.harleyhalf.com>

Gun & Knife Show, Jan. 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Jan. 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Mississippi Coast
Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Admission: \$10. Details: 228-594-3700



Biloxi Little Theatre
220 Lee St., 228-432-8543,
www.4blt.org
• **Lemmings,** Jan. 21-23 & 28-30

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

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., 228-207-1218

- **Frosty Kroc Run**, Jan. 8, 8:30 a.m.

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!

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**, Jan. 7, 14, 21, & 28. 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 January

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 228-392-9345

- **Steak Night**, Jan. 14, 6-8 p.m. (Last ticket sold 7:15 p.m.) Steak, potato, salad, dessert and beverage - \$20, 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
- **Bunco**, Jan. 12, 5-7 p.m., \$10 per person, limited to 56 players, prizes for various categories. RSVP to sandra.mautner@outlook.com

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

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

Mississippi Coast Mustang Club Meeting

- Sal & Mookies Restaurant, 110 Lameuse St., Jan. 6, 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.
- **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
26	27	28	29	30	31	1  Ice Skating MS Coast Coliseum Jan. 1-2  Christmas Tree Recycling Jan. 1-8
2	3	4 Community Market Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	5 12th Night Biloxi Visitors Center	6 Community Market MS Coast Mustang Club Meeting Sal & Mookies	7 Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society	8 Styx IP Casino Frankie Valli Beau Rivage Frosty Kroc Run Biloxi Bay Bridge
9	10	11 Community Market Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	12 Bunco Joppa Shrine	13 Community Market	14 Michael Bolton Beau Rivage Steak Night Joppa Shrine Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society	15 Brian McKnight IP Casino Empire Fighting Championship MMA Event Biloxi Civic Center
16	17 	18 Community Market Annual State of the City Address Beau Rivage Bike Biloxi Biloxi Visitors Center Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	19	20 Community Market	21 Lemmings Biloxi Little Theatre Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society	22 Lemmings Biloxi Little Theatre Smokey Robinson Beau Rivage Vicki Lawrence & Mama IP Casino
23 Lemmings Biloxi Little Theatre	24	25 Community Market	26	27 Community Market	28 Rodney Carrington Beau Rivage Riley Green MS Coast Coliseum Travis Tritt IP Casino Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society	29 Rodney Carrington Beau Rivage Gun & Knife Show MS Coast Coliseum Man in Black; Tribute to Johnny Cash Hard Rock Casino Bridge Run & Half Marathon Margaritaville Resort
30 Gun & Knife Show MS Coast Coliseum	31	Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral		Main Street Book Club Southern Bound Books		



January 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" (13 min)
6:30 a.m.	Biloxi Public Schools (15 min)
6:45 a.m.	Biloxi VA Today (15 min)
7 a.m.	"Biloxi Cooks!" Jazzeppi's (17 min) Sapphire (10 min)
7:30 a.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
7:45 a.m.	Keesler update (15 min)
8 a.m.	Special presentation: Biloxi Police Department Awards 2021
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!" Jazzeppi's (17 min) Sapphire (10 min)
1:30 p.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
1:45 p.m.	Keesler update (15 min)
2 p.m.	Special presentation: Biloxi Police Department Awards 2021
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" (13 min)
6:30 p.m.	Biloxi Public Schools (15 min)
6:45 p.m.	Biloxi VA Today (15 min)
7 p.m.	"Biloxi Cooks!" Jazzeppi's (17 min) Sapphire (10 min)
7:30 p.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
7:45 p.m.	Keesler update (15 min)
8 p.m.	Special presentation: Biloxi Police Department Awards 2021
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.

Meet the top cops this month on BTV



Ever wonder what it takes to have a well-respected, engaging police department? Get the answers all this month when BTV presents the Biloxi Police Department awards program for 2021.

In the program, BTV's special presentation for January, officers, civilians and others are recognized for their acts of heroism, support and selflessness throughout the year.

See the Biloxi Police Department awards program daily at 8 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

A double play on 'Biloxi Cooks!'

Two Biloxi restaurants -- Jazzeppi's and Sapphire Supper Club -- make up a replay of "Biloxi Cooks!" this month.

David "Bubba" Mattina talks about Old Biloxi in a 17-minute Jazzeppi's segment that originally aired in May, and Tessy Lambert tells the story of Sapphire Supper Club in a 10-minute segment that originally aired just a couple months ago.

See "Biloxi Cooks!" at 7 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. daily in January.

This month's recipes

Veal Genovese

Jazzeppi's

Ingredients (one serving):

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 oz Madeira Wine
- 6 shoots of asparagus
- 3 sliced mushrooms

- Salt and pepper to taste
- Italian bread crumbs
- 1 oz olive oil
- Angel hair pasta

Instructions (Veal):

1. Tenderize and bread in Italian bread crumbs
2. Heat olive oil in a saute pan, add veal and pan fry until golden brown

Instructions (Sauce):

1. Cook heavy cream until a smooth sauce
2. Add wine, asparagus, mushrooms and cook for 5 additional minutes
3. Angel hair pasta
4. Cook according to package
5. Serve veal and sauce over pasta

Chicken Marsala

Sapphire Supper Club

Ingredients:

- 1½ lbs boneless skinless chicken breasts, pounded ¼-inch thick
- 3 tbsp. all-purpose flour
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 3 tbsp. unsalted butter, divided

- 1 (8oz) package pre-sliced bella or mushrooms of your choice
- 3 tbsp. finely chopped shallots
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2/3 cup dry Marsala wine
- 3 tbsp. chopped fresh herbs

Instructions:

1. Place flour, ¾ tsp. salt, and ¼ tsp. pepper in ziplock bag. Add chicken; seal bag tightly, shake to coat chicken evenly. Set aside.
2. Heat oil and 2 tbsp. of butter in large skillet over medium-high heat. Place flour-dusted chicken in pan, shaking off excess first, and cook, turning once, until chicken is golden and barely cooked through, about 5 to 6 minutes total. Transfer chicken to plate and set aside.
3. Melt remaining tbsp. of butter in pan. Add mushrooms and cook, stirring frequently, until mushrooms begin to brown, 3 to 4 minutes. Add shallots, garlic, and ¼ tsp. of salt; cook 1 to 2 minutes more. Add Marsala, 1 tbsp. of fresh herbs, ¼ tsp. salt, and 1/8 tsp. of pepper; use wooden spoon or rubber spatula to scrape any brown bits from pan into the liquid. Bring liquid to a boil, reduce heat to medium and gently boil, uncovered, until sauce is reduced by about half, slightly thickened, and darkened in color, 10 to 15 minutes (you're going for a thin cream sauce; it won't start to thicken until the very end of the cooking time). Add chicken back to pan, along with any juices that accumulated on plate. Reduce heat to low, simmer until chicken is warmed through and sauce thickens a bit more, 2 to 3 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining fresh herbs and serve.





▲ Biloxi first hut homes



W. K. M. Dukate house in 1906 on south Howard Avenue



Laz Lopez house in 1906 on West Howard Avenue



Sweetman house in March 1981. Photo Credit: Sun Herald/McClatchy Collection



Reconstructed Pleasant Reed house located at the Ohr O'Keefe Museum ▶

Home Sweet Homes:

A SMALL SAMPLE

Biloxi's first subdivision

A long time ago, around 1699 when Monsieur d'Iberville and his crew debarked on our shore from his wooden boat with huge sails, he did not have a home, and there were none to choose from.

Back in the Day



By Jane Shambra

So, the settlers had to build dwellings. After clearing areas along the shoreline and with the help of Native Americans, homes were built. We believe the first Biloxi "neighborhood" was just west of today's Biloxi Visitors Center.

In December 1720, Jean-Baptist Michel Le Bouteux drew the first known image of Biloxi's first subdivision. Originally, there were about 10 homes occupied mostly by German and Swiss

settlers lured over by John Law. In September 1722, a terrible hurricane attacked New Biloxi. The rebuilding process soon followed.

Today, there are no clues or remnants of Biloxi's first neighborhood. If only we could have taken a peek inside to see its furnishings!

Biloxi's history goes far beyond restaurants and places for recreation. There were many famous homes, some still here and repurposed, and many gone because of a series of unfortunate events, such as hurricanes.

The Baldwin Wood home

One gone-but-not-forgotten home was that of the Albert Baldwin Wood, once located on the northeast corner of Bellman and Hwy. 90 and owned by the Howard family.

Mr. Wood, a renowned engineer who designed the everlasting wooden corkscrew pump for pumping stations, was known for his iconic red wooden lighthouse and his beloved sloop, the Nydia. Sadly, his lighthouse and mansion were destroyed in Camille, but the Nydia was saved. Today, it is inside the

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum.

After Mr. Wood died in 1956, his home was converted into The House of Treasures, where a rare collection of furniture, silver, porcelains, crystal, pottery, and Aubusson Tapestries were available for viewing.

To the north of Mr. Wood's mansion was another structure: his horse stable and workshop. The structure was renovated and in 1975 became the home of the Biloxi Art Association.

In 1969, Hurricane Camille demolished Mr. Wood's wooden lighthouse and home. Today there is an empty lot where Mr. Wood's Victorian mansion and huge carriage house proudly stood.

Downtown mansions

Way before Urban Renewal and before the years of the Saenger Theatre, there were many wonderful mansions located in downtown Biloxi.

The W. K. M. Dukate House was built in 1894 by J. L. Barnes, architect and contractor,

and was located on the south side of Howard between Magnolia and Croesus streets. It was the residence of Mr. Dukate, a successful seafood industry businessman, and his family. The large Queen Anne home was demolished in 1923, and the five-story, Avalez Hotel (formerly known as the Brady Hotel) occupied that spot. Today, Merit Hospital is on that footprint.

The nearby Laz Lopez House was once situated on the north side of West Howard between Reynoir and Croesus, next door to our present day Barq's Building. It was built in 1902 by J. F. Barnes & Company and designed by Theodore Brune of New Orleans. It was the home of another successful seafood industry processing family.

According to the 1902 Daily Herald, it was a two-story home, lined with colonial columns along the front and sides and included a parlor, library, dining room, and six bedrooms.

On Jackson Street, the Redding House was built in 1908 for Charles Redding and his family. The home, which still stands today, is one of the finest Colonial Revival houses remaining in Biloxi. Recently, Biloxi was excited to learn that this former home will soon be converted into an amazing Italian restaurant!

Bomb shelter house

Located near Miramar Park, the Glenn Sweetman family home was originally built in 1927. In the 1990s, the City of Biloxi acquired this structure. For a while both the Symphony and the Ohr Museum occupied this

home. But did you know that this home had an atomic bomb shelter? This feature became popular in the 1960s when there were fears that the United States could be threatened with an atomic bomb attack.

Shotgun houses

Although the shotgun house type of architecture is prominent in the New Orleans, many Biloxi houses also had this type of homes for families.

The architecture is characterized by narrow building with its rooms straight in a row. Thus, a bullet could travel in a straight line from the front door and out the back door with no infringements.

Examples of popular Biloxi shotgun houses are the Pleasant Reed House and the Henriques-Slay house.

The Pleasant Reed House was built in the 1850s for the African-American Reed family home. This house is one of the few homes that can be proudly identified to be both built and owned by Mr. Reed.

By 1898, the Reed family was identified as one of the largest African American families in Biloxi. Family members contributed to several aspects of the Coast economy: fishing, lumber milling, railroading, tourism, and the supply of fuel (charcoal). Even though Mr. Reed was not a master carpenter, he constructed a well-built, strong home, and likely built much of its furniture and cupboards as well.

By the 1970s the Reed home had deteriorated to such an extent that it was threatened with demolition. The Gulf Coast Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

took ownership and saved the house from destruction.

In 2002, it was relocated to the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum campus, but was sadly destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. A rebuilt replica of this historic structure was reconstructed and opened in September 2008 as the Pleasant Reed Interpretive Center at the museum.

The Henriques-Slay House, once located at the southeast corner of Reynoir and Water streets, was once the home and medical office for Dr. Adolph D. Henriques. The doctor's international studies lead him to be a published author, pharmacist, and a specialist, as he utilized X-rays in the diagnosis of tuberculosis. He was also an acclaimed professor.

As a pharmacist, he developed a famous 'Big Six Antiseptic' which was sold at the Grand Drug Store in the Barq Building on Howard Avenue.

In 2009, the home was moved to Rue Magnolia. It was repurposed into the Craftmen's Guild of Mississippi, and today the shotgun house serves as the office of Guice and Guice Advertising.

More homes to explore

The history of old homes in Biloxi is fascinating. Many of the older structures are featured in books as well as online and may be found at the Local History and Genealogy Dept./Biloxi Public Library. In fact, throughout the month, the department and library will exhibit a model of one of Biloxi first homes, or huts.

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