

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



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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.

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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



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		