

Best Bets!



A shrimp blessing

The 93rd Annual Blessing of the Fleet, a long-time tradition, kicks off with a poster unveiling and Shrimp Queen contestant introduction on May 11 at 6 p.m. at St. Michaels Parish Life Center in East Biloxi. Then, on May 28, an evening coronation of the Shrimp King and Queen will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Biloxi Civic Center with live entertainment by Fun K, Getaway, and boiled shrimp plates. The actual Blessing of the Fleet with the dropping of a wreath will begin at 2 p.m. on May 29 in the Biloxi Channel. The boat parade will include a best-decorated contest for cash prizes - \$1,000 for 1st place, \$500 for 2nd, and a \$500 participation award to a selected working boat. The public can watch the parade from the waterfront along U.S. 90 from the Biloxi Lighthouse to the Biloxi Bridge. For more information, contact Biloxi Main Street at 228-435-6339.

36th Annual Gorenflo's Cobia Tournament, April 30-May 1, Point Cadet Marina, 119 Beach Blvd. Sports anglers converge on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for cash prizes. Details: 228-432-7387 or visit www.gorenflostackle.com.

You Can't Take It With You, May 5-18, Center Stage, 2670 Rue Palafox. A colorful, award-winning play filled with amusement. Details: 228-388-6258

Biloxi Natatorium temporary closure, May 2-6. Biloxi Natatorium, 1384 Father Ryan Ave. Pool closed for filter work. Donal Snyder pool will have extended hours during this time, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Details: 228-388-7170

3rd Annual Officer Robert McKeithen Memorial Blood Drive, May 4, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Details: 1-800-733-2767

Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Historical and Cultural Exposition Sneak Peak Reception, May 5, 5:30-7 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Free admission and refreshments. Details: 228-374-3105

First Friday and Downtown Block Party at the District Green, May 6, 5-9 p.m. Free Arts and craft vendors, activities, and entertainment by Karate Kids at 5 p.m., and Symone French & Trouille Troupe at 7 p.m. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

Atlanta Braves Trophy Tour, May 12, 4-7 p.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170

Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Historical and Cultural Expo, May 6-7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Group exhibits, demos, lectures, and fun. Free admission. Details: 228-374-3105

Biloxi Lighthouse Fair, May 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Free lighthouse tours, arts & crafts, and more. Free admission. Details: 228-374-3105

3rd Annual Chuck Bond Memorial Run for Roses, May 7, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd. \$30 per bike, includes a meal at 1 p.m., trophy presentation at 3 p.m. Details: 228-388-4400

Rock-N-Roll Open Car, Jeep, Truck & Bike Show, May 7, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Point Cadet Plaza, 121 Cadet St. Car show, kids activities, live entertainment, car show judging, and more. Details: 228-860-5015

Unveiling of the 2022 Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet Poster and introduction of the 2022 Shrimp Queen Contestants, May 11, 6 p.m., St. Michaels Parish Life Center, 177 1st St. Unveiling of 2022 poster and winner; introduction of the 2022 Shrimp Queen contestants. Details: 228-435-6339

Biloxi Fire Museum Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser, May 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Biloxi Fire Museum, 1046 Howard Ave. Fish or shrimp plates with potato salad & beans. \$10 a plate. Details: 228-331-5055

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A catwalk under the oaks

The Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art will host its annual spring fundraiser, Catwalk Under the Oaks, on Friday, May 20 at the IP Casino Resort on Bayview Avenue. The event will feature New York Designer Sariah Parks and Wearable Floral Designs by The French Potager. There will also be a Patron Cocktail Party at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the catwalk begins at 8 p.m. The theme of the event is industrial chic meets contemporary art and the oak trees will be projected on the ceiling! For more information, including admission fees, call the museum at 228-374-5547.

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

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 48th issue of BNews Monthly. It's a compendium of things you should know about your city: status reports on current and pending public works, and a calendar of community events covering the next 30 days.

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

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

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

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

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

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Frequently Called Numbers

Area code is 228 unless otherwise noted.

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

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Let's play ball

Biloxi Shuckers Baseball games at MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St.

- VS. Pensacola Wahoo's April 26-May 1, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday
- VS. Birmingham Barons, May 10-15, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday
- VS. Montgomery Biscuits, May 24-29, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 5:05 p.m. Sunday

Expect the usual array of between-innings antics and outstanding promotions.

Tickets start as low as \$8 if you buy in advance. Reserve your seats online at www.biloxishuckers.com.



Magical World Festival, May 14-15, gates open 9 a.m., Beauvoir 2244 Beach Blvd. Visit with wizards, witches, fairies, knights, and others from the magical and mythical realms. Also includes kids' activities, merchants, food, and entertainment. Admission charged. Details 228-388-4400

Bike Biloxi, May 17, 6 p.m., downtown bike 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

The Salvation Army Kroc Community Orchestra, May 18, 6 p.m., Kroc Center, 575 Division St. A free and fun activity open to the community. If you play an instrument, please attend! Open to all ages, must have 2-year minimum musical instrument experience. Details: 228-207-1218

Annual Catwalk Under the Oaks: Denim and Blues Couture, May 20, 6 p.m., Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art, 386 Beach Blvd. Event begins with VIP Parton and Member Cocktail Party. Dinner served at 8 p.m. Catwalk begins at 9 p.m. Admission charged. Details: 228-374-5547, development@georgeohr.org

Main Street Book Club, May 26, 5:30 p.m., Martinis, 918 Howard Ave. "Apples Never Fall" by Liane Moriarty, is the book of the month. Details: 228-435-6339

City of Biloxi Parks & Rec End of Year School Pool Party, May 27, 5-7 p.m., Biloxi Natatorium, 1384 Father Ryan Ave. Open to school-age children. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170

Coronation of 2022 Shrimp King and Queen, May 28, 5:30 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Join the Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet Committee as they preside over the crowning of the 2022 Shrimp King and Queen. Live entertainment, Fun K, Getaway at 7 p.m., and boiled shrimp plates. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Details: 228-435-6339

93rd Annual Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet, May 29, 2 p.m., Mississippi Sound. Viewing along U.S. 90 from the Biloxi Lighthouse to the Biloxi Bay Bridge. Includes ceremonial wreath drop and cash prizes for the best-decorated boats. Details: 228-435-6339



Biloxi Little Theatre

220 Lee St., 228-432-8543, www.4blt.org

- **Barefoot in the Park,** May 13-15 & 20-22

Center Stage

2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258, www.centerstagebiloxi.com

- **You Can't Take It With You,** May 5-18
- **Stage Stars,** A Student Theatre Workshop, May 30-June 3

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,** 9-10 a.m., weather permitting. Admission: \$5, ages 12 and older; \$2, ages 6-11; free, ages 5 and younger

Biloxi Schooners

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

- Walk-on sunset sails: Admission: \$30 adults; \$15 ages 13-12
- 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, 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

- **Community Orchestra**, May 18, 6 p.m.

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

115 1st Street, 228-435-6320, www.maritimemuseum.org

- Hours of operation Monday- Saturday 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Sunday, noon- 4 p.m.
- Summer Camp registration now open

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, www.georgeohr.org

- May 14, 1-3 p.m., Family Crafternoon with Miss Emily, \$10 per craft
- May 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m., OMMMA Afterhours, Free to attend
- May 20, 6-10 p.m., Catwalk Under the Oaks, Admission fee
- Check the website for more events and studio classes at OOMA!

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 Saturdays 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., or by appointment
- May 13, Fish or shrimp plates, \$10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Details: 228-331-5055

Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606

- **Friday Bingo**, May 6, 13, 20, & 27. Doors open at 5 p.m.; Early Bird games at 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 May.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- **Seafood Dinners every Friday night in May**, 6-8 p.m.
- **Karaoke with Kenny**, every Friday at 7 p.m.

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 228-392-9345

- **Steak Night**, May 13, 6-8 p.m. (Last ticket sold at 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**, May 11, 5-8 p.m., \$10 per person, limited to 56 players. Prizes for various categories. RSVP: 228-233-4228

Mississippi Coast Mustang Club

- May 14, 8 a.m. -3 p.m., Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd., Super Cruise-In

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- Monday Night Bingo, Monday nights behind OLF church. Doors open at 5 p.m.; Early bird at 6:30 p.m.; regular games at 7 p.m.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

871 Esters Blvd., 228-374-6472

- **Biloxi Bingo Mania**, Tuesday nights behind Nativity Cathedral. Doors open at 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
1 Stage Stars Center Stage 36th Annual Gorenflo's Cobia Tournament Point Cadet Marina Shuckers vs. Wahoos MGM Park	2 Stage Stars Center Stage Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	3 Community Market Stage Stars Center Stage Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	4 3rd Annual Officer Robert McKeithen Memorial Blood Drive Biloxi Visitors Center	5 Community Market Historical & Cultural Exposition Sneak Peak Biloxi Visitors Center Annual MS Gulf Coast Reception Biloxi Visitors Center You Can't Take It With You Center Stage May 5-May 18	6 Annual MS Gulf Coast Historical & Cultural Exposition Biloxi Visitors Center Raheem Devaughn IP Casino First Friday & Block Party The District Green Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge Seafood Dinners / Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society	7 Annual MS Gulf Coast Historical & Cultural Exposition Biloxi Visitors Center 3rd Annual Chuck Bond Memorial Run for Roses Beauvoir Rock-N-Roll Open Car, Jeep, Truck & Bike Show Point Cadet Plaza
8 Mother's Day Biloxi Lighthouse Arts & Crafts Fair Biloxi Visitors Center	9 Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	10 Community Market Shuckers vs. Barons MGM Park May 10-15 Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	11 Shuckers vs. Barons MGM Park Unveiling of the 2022 Biloxi Blessing St. Michaels Parish Life Center Bunco Joppa Shrine	12 Community Market 61st Annual MNA Coin & Currency Show MS Coast Coliseum Atlanta Braves Trophy Tour Biloxi Town Green Shuckers vs. Barons MGM Park Winger with Steelheart MS Gulf Coast	13 Marlon Wayans Beau Rivage MNA Coin & Currency Show MS Coast Coliseum Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser Fire Museum Barefoot in the Park Biloxi Little Theatre Steak Night Joppa Shrine Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge Seafood Dinners / Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society	14 Michael Grimm IP Casino Family Crafternoon Ohr-O'Keefe Museum 61st Annual MNA Coin & Currency Show MS Coast Coliseum Barefoot in the Park Biloxi Little Theatre Shuckers vs. Barons MGM Park Magical World Festival Beauvoir MS Coast Mustang Club Edgewater Mall
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22 Barefoot in the Park Biloxi Little Theatre	23 Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	24 Community Market Shuckers vs. Biscuits MGM Park Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	25 Shuckers vs. Biscuits MGM Park	26 Community Market Shuckers vs. Biscuits MGM Park Main Street Book Club Martinis	27 Shuckers vs. Biscuits MGM Park End of Year School Pool Party Biloxi Natatorium Biloxi Blues Extravaganza MS Coast Coliseum Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge Seafood Dinners / Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society	28 Shuckers vs. Biscuits MGM Park Collective Soul IP Casino Biloxi Blues Extravaganza MS Coast Coliseum Biloxi Bareknuckle Brawl MS Coast Convention Center Coronation of 2022 Shrimp King and Queen Biloxi Civic Center
29 93rd Annual Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet MS Sound Shuckers vs. Biscuits MGM Park	30 Stage Stars Center Stage Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	31 Community Market Stage Stars Center Stage Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	1 Stage Stars Center Stage	2 Community Market Stage Stars Center Stage	3 Stage Stars Center Stage Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge Seafood Dinners / Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society	4