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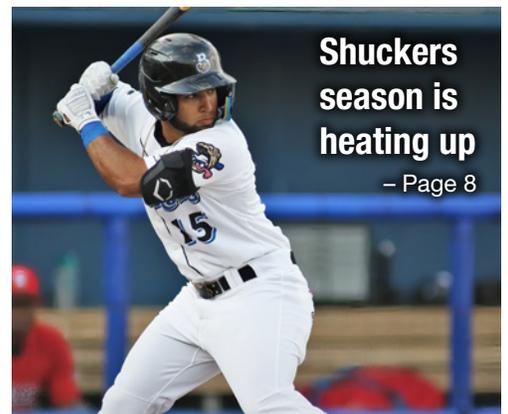
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The latest on COVID-19 from the state and federal health authorities.

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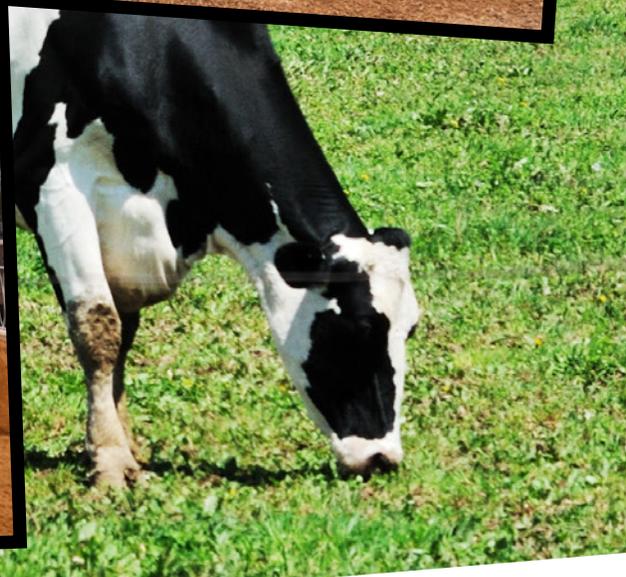
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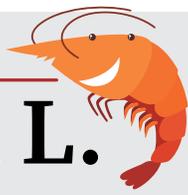
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Nick L. Shrimp



With this, we're all 'in the arena'

This column originally appeared in this space in April 2020.

"I think this could really be a bad thing," A.J. Holloway said one weekend afternoon, while glancing at TV reports in his living room.

Hurricane Ivan, with Category 4 winds, was churning in the Gulf and some thought it was poised to follow the path of Hurricane Camille, which, at that time, was the standard by which all storms were measured.

USA Today and the national media were sniffing around Biloxi, looking for a story. And they found one. Screamed the banner headline on a full-page story: "Flattened in '69, Biloxi again at risk. Bustling city of Mississippi's coast, rebuilt after Camille, has much to lose."

Things were great that year, 2004, and it was a great story. We'd finally come back from Camille, and with so much at stake and so many people on the waterfront, the mayor thought that the powers-that-be needed to announce that casinos were going to close because of the storm.

Mused Holloway that day back in his living room: "I could go on TV and say that it's not my call but I think they need to close and they need to close now. And then if the storm goes somewhere else, everybody's going say, 'That A.J. Holloway is a real a-----.'"

"Mayor, I hate to tell you," an observer said, "but some people already think that."

He smiled and nodded.

Such is a peek at the pressure leaders face in the public arena. They actually make decisions on a daily basis. But this is not a matter of whether a stop sign ought to be placed on a street corner, or dealing with downtown parking.

No, this is a little more than that. Lives and livelihoods stand in the balance.

It's in times of pending peril – perhaps a calamity that is not obvious to all – where public policy and public safety collide with economic development and routines. The former, you would think, would always trump the latter.

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.



'Biloxi has a long history of preparing and recovering. We are no different today.'

"FoFo" Gilich, like other leaders across the country, is making decisions, sometimes difficult, sometimes obvious and sometimes not so obvious. And now, armed by the Biloxi City Council with a state of emergency declaration and its attendant authority, he's expected to make the decisions.

"All you can do is make the best decision based on the best information you have at the time," Gilich said. "I'm not going to use the word catastrophic when you look at where we are today. It's challenging. This does not scare me. There is no reason to be scared. There is reason to be concerned. This is the time to pay attention and be prepared. Think about it. Biloxi has a long history of preparing and recovering. We are no different today."

Added the mayor: "And what the public ought to know – what the public needs to know – is that we are always going to make decisions on the information we have, the best advice we're getting, and we're going to be sensible and practical.

"If we do the things we need to be doing, in a best-case scenario we might crush this thing in a matter of weeks and get back to business.

"But right now that business is being prepared. And staying vigilant."

Public leaders are in a position to make decisions, sometimes popular and sometimes not so popular.

A football coach from his days at Ole Miss made A.J. Holloway and his teammates memorize a famous quote from a famous leader. A.J. Holloway, surprisingly, recalled it

verbatim decades later in the mayor's office.

President Theodore Roosevelt, who'd seen his share of second guessing, had a message for the cynics:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

And, oh, what of that dilemma A.J. Holloway faced years ago? He applied enough behind-the-scenes pressure that the powers-that-be made the decision to close the casinos. And the storm? It jogged eastward and leveled the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach areas of Alabama.

Sure the storm went elsewhere. The resulting damage – scores of high-rise, waterfront condos had to be demolished because of compromised foundations – was but a harbinger of what could have happened – and what did happen a year later.

Decisions are not so easy.

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Now is the time to prepare

By Nicholaus Geiser
Biloxi Fire Chief and Emergency Manager

As we begin hurricane season, the City of Biloxi would like to ask everyone to start their hurricane preparations early. Now is the time to get together your Hurricane Prep Kit which should include items such as water, food, first



aid, tools, and emergency supplies and locate important documents such as birth certificates, social security cards, marriage licenses, etc. Getting these items together now will ensure nothing is left behind if there is a call to evacuate the area.

Also, remember to determine your evacuation routes. You need to know what routes to take, how to get to where you need to go, and plan for an alternate route. Also, sign up for the local B-Alerts by texting BILOXI to 99411. It's the city's messaging system for traffic and weather advisories.

In the event our area is in a storm's path, remember to follow your local weather and heed any guidance from local authorities.

Prepare your property by securing any loose items outside of the house and cover windows. If authorities call for an evacuation, grab your Hurricane Prep Kit and leave as soon as possible. Don't forget pets, pet food, medications, and any last-minute items that are not included in your prep kit.

After a storm, remember to check local news channels on the status of returning to your property. Sometimes it can take days for floodwaters to recede. Keep in mind the saying "Turn Around, Don't Drown." Be mindful of any downed power lines and always treat them as if they are live lines. If you run a generator, please keep it outside of your dwelling in a well-ventilated area. Also, bring plenty of water when returning since the local water system may be unsuitable to drink.

This is a brief description of things to consider for the upcoming Hurricane season. There are many other precautions you can take before, during, and after a storm event. Pages 11 through 17 in this newsletter give an overview of ways you can prepare.

For additional information, please visit the Federal Government website, ready.gov, for more details.

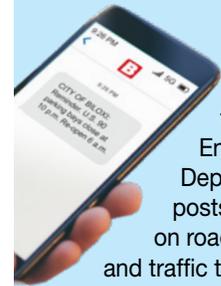
Remember, a disaster can strike quickly, so be prepared.

News & notes

Summer swimming:

The Biloxi Natatorium is now operating under its summer hours and is open for all ages from 1 to 8 p.m. weekdays. For more information, including fees, call the Natatorium at 228-435-6205.

City council: All Biloxi City Council meetings are recorded and posted on the city's YouTube channel as well as BTV within hours of the meetings being conducted. So you can see the meeting without attending.



Traffic:

Each day the city's Engineering Department posts the latest on road work and traffic throughout the city online on the traffic page. To see the updates, along with links to MDOT traffic cameras and Gulf Regional Planning Commission traffic courts, click on the traffic tab at the top of the city's website.

Senior programs: The City of Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department hosts monthly activities for adults age 55 and older including exercise classes, arts and crafts, field trips, and more. For more information, contact Gwen Johnson at 228-388-7170.

 **Instagram:** Did you know the City of Biloxi has an official Instagram page? Check it out @cityofbiloxi_official.

Do You Have Flood Insurance?

It's that time of year again. Hurricane season is just around the corner, and the City of Biloxi is recommending that you purchase flood insurance. Here are a few facts that should move you to action:

- Everyone is vulnerable to flooding. More than 20 percent of the claims in the National Flood Insurance Program are from outside identified flood zones, and claims outside the flood risk area account for a third of disaster assistance for flooding.
- It takes 30 days for a flood insurance policy to take effect, and policies will not be sold when a hurricane is in the Gulf.
- In a high-risk area, your home is more than twice as likely to be damaged by flood than by fire.

The City of Biloxi encourages you to call your insurance agent and buy flood insurance.

Questions? Contact Rick Stickler or Kristin Greger with the City of Biloxi, 228-435-6280.

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This FEMA-mandated notice helps keep Biloxi flood insurance rates low.

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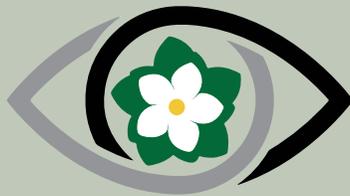
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Biloxi Bombers are heating up the season

By Garrett Greene
Biloxi Shuckers

Through the first three home series of the season, the Biloxi Shuckers have lived up to their preseason moniker – the Biloxi Bombers. In 18 home games, the Shuckers have launched 27 home runs, meaning Biloxi has averaged at least a home run per contest at their home ballpark.

Part of that came from an incredible weekend against the Birmingham Barons in which the Shuckers set the franchise record for home runs in a game twice in a single weekend, and on back-to-back days to boot! On a Saturday night, the Shuckers catapulted five home runs, including Felix Valerio, Thomas Dillard, and Jakson Reetz hitting back-to-back-to-back homers in the seventh inning, just the second time in Shuckers' history that a trio of Biloxi batters has homered one after the other.

Then came Sunday and the home run derby continued with Joey Wiemer and Cam Devaney each launching two home runs apiece while Reetz and Valerio each hit a long ball, giving the Shuckers six home runs on the day to set a franchise record yet again. The moral of the story: be aware while



walking on Caillavet at any time the Shuckers are playing this season, and be prepared to catch a fly ball out on the berm.

Of course, the Shuckers' play on the field is heating up along with Biloxi's promotional schedule this month. During June, the Shuckers are at home for 15 out of the 30 days in the month, by far the most home games in a single month this season.

Along with daily deals like T-Shirt Tuesday, Military Wednesday, Bark in the Park on Wednesday nights, and Double Play Thursday, the Shuckers have some special dates on the calendar, starting with Saints Hall of Fame Night on Friday, June 10. The Shuckers will wear special Saints jerseys, modeled after the New Orleans Saints'

iconic black jerseys with gold numbers. Saints' legends will be on hand for pregame recognition and autographs throughout the game, and as a capper for the evening, there will be postgame fireworks.

In partnership with the military community on the coast, the Shuckers will host Military Appreciation Night on Saturday, June 11, with the first 1,000 fans receiving a special Shuckers' military-themed hat presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union as Biloxi honors the brave members of the armed forces that protect us every day.

Finally, the Shuckers' Saturday night game on June 25 brings a special treat for superhero fans as it is the first Marvel's Defenders of the Diamond Night! Biloxi will wear special Thor jerseys and Black Panther will be on site for the duration of the game. For the entire promotional schedule, fans can go to BiloxiShuckers.com to see what's in store for the entire month.

While the summer is heating up, the Shuckers are playing in the shade for the remainder of the year, with all home games starting after 5:00 pm. So get out and enjoy the future stars of the Major Leagues soon at MGM Park!

Garrett Greene is the Media Relations Manager and voice of the Biloxi Shuckers. See "Biloxi Shuckers" daily on BTV at 6:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.



City seeking nominees for Sports Hall of Fame



Do you know a retired athlete that contributed to the betterment of athletics in Biloxi or a coach or individual who has played a supporting role for more than a decade? The City of Biloxi is asking you to nominate those individuals for the Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame.

The city's Parks & Recreation Department is now accepting applications for the 2022 class of the Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame.

Nominees must be retired at least three years if an athlete or competitor or have completed at least 15 years of service as a coach or supporter of Biloxi athletics, must have demonstrated good citizenship both in school and after leaving school, and must have contributed to the betterment of athletics in the City of Biloxi as a player,

coach, or any supporting role of superior accomplishment.

Applications may be acquired weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Parks & Recreation office, 377 Hiller Drive, or online at biloxi.ms.us/sportshalloffame. The application deadline is Friday, July 1.

All supporting documentation must be submitted with a completed application.

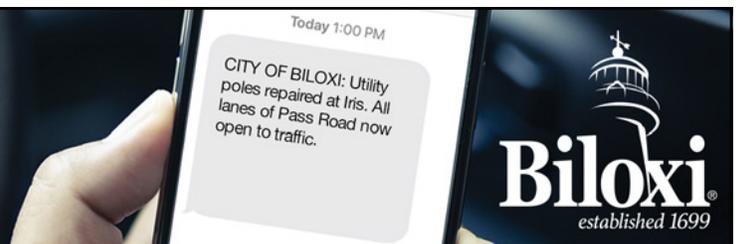
Inductees are chosen based on, but not limited to, statistical performance, individual achievement, leadership, citizenship, and community service. The number of inductees each year is solely the discretion of the selection committee.

▶ Application deadline is July 1. Find out more at biloxi.ms.us/sportshalloffame.

Get the 411 on traffic

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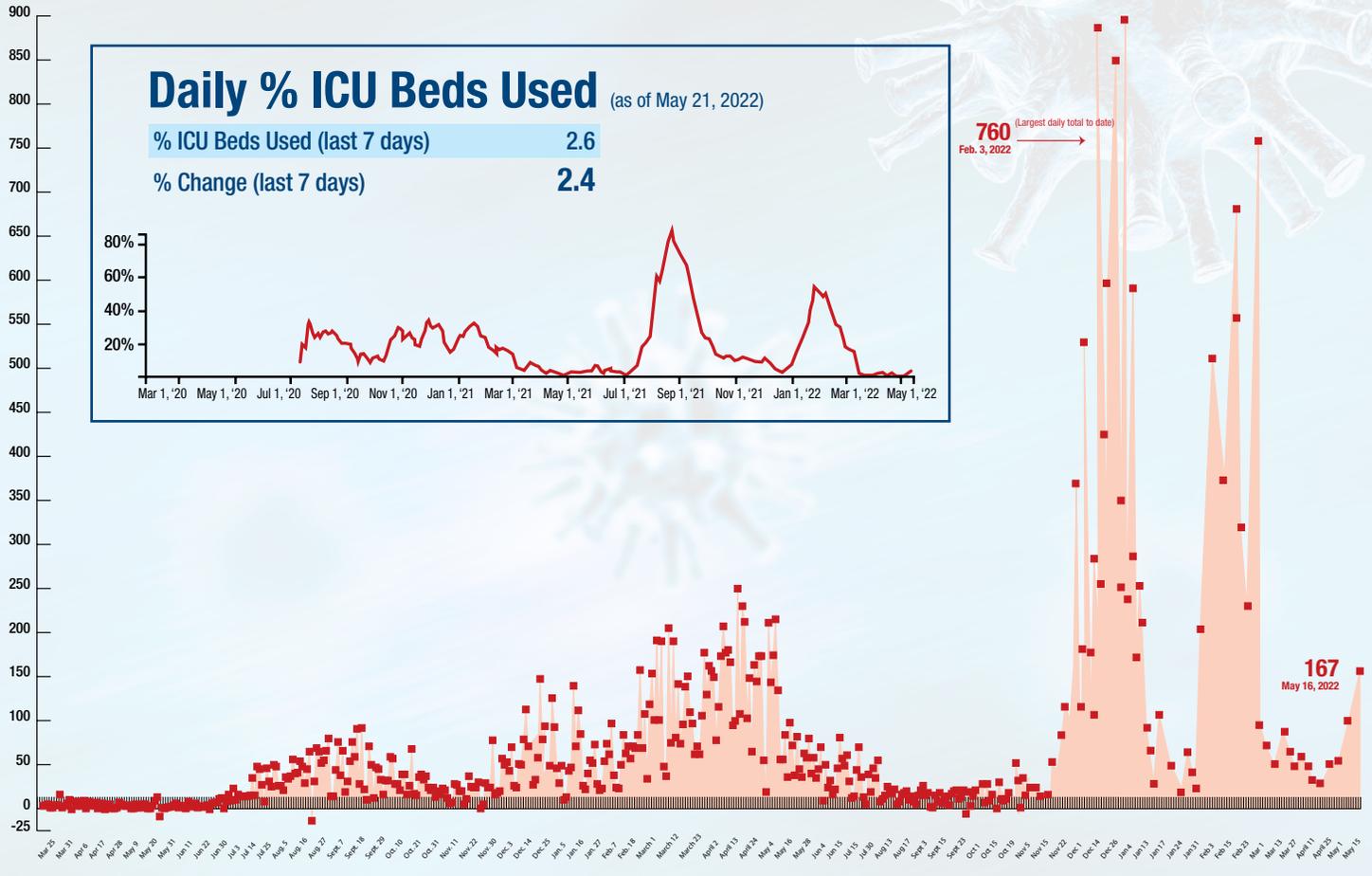


Coronavirus by the numbers

Harrison County – Daily Cases

Since April 26, 2021, the state includes weekend numbers in Monday's totals.

As of April 11, 2022, the state posts county totals once a week, instead of daily.



Statewide overall

Population: 2.97 Million

Positive cases

802,482 (as of May 16, 2022)

Deaths

12,460 (as of May 16, 2022)

Fully vaccinated

48% (as of May 16, 2022)

Harrison County

Population: 208,080

Positive cases

54,026 (as of May 16, 2022)

Deaths

666 (as of May 16, 2022)

Fully vaccinated

47% (as of May 16, 2022)

COVID-19 Vaccinations

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

Mississippi

COVID-19 Hotline:
877-978-6453



See updates Friday on the city's Facebook page.

Data reported by Mississippi State Department of Health.

Think ahead on evacuations, storm shelters

One of the toughest decisions that residents may have to make when a storm approaches is whether they should evacuate their property and possessions for either a local shelter or out-of-town accommodations.

Depending on the severity of the storm, that decision can be made for those in low-lying areas: Local authorities may order a mandatory evacuation.

In Harrison County, as many as 10 hurricane shelters can be activated in times of peril. A shelter should be refuge of last resort, but residents need to be aware of several factors if they are considering seeking refuge in a shelter.

The decision to open a shelter is usually based on the intensity of a storm and where it is expected to make landfall. Local Emergency Management leaders make the decision to open shelters in coordination with the American Red Cross, and the public is notified through the media.

The shelter sites can vary from year to year and storm to storm.

“The type of weather event, the direction of a storm and rising tides are just a couple of the factors that go into activating a shelter,” says Biloxi Fire Chief and Emergency Manager Nicholas Geiser, a battalion chief in the Biloxi Fire Department. “The number and location of shelters that are needed to be activated during an event, also have to be considered.”

If you think you may seek refuge in a shelter, some points to consider:

- Bring enough food and water for at least the first day.
- Bring your own blankets and other personal needs. Cots cannot be guaranteed.
- No pets at typical shelters (check with the local humane society); no firearms, alcohol or tobacco products are allowed.
- Public transit systems – buses and taxis – will stop operating when sustained winds reach 35 mph.
- If you have an infant, bring an adequate supply of diapers and formula.
- If you or a member of your family is on a special diet, bring the necessary food.
- If you are on prescription medication, try to have a two-week supply of medication.

If you’re thinking about evacuating, be familiar with evacuation routes. Traffic may be delayed by bridges opening to marine traffic. Bridges, by the way, will not open for marine traffic when sustained winds reach 35 mph.

And, finally, if you encounter a flooded roadway - in times of peril or on a typical day, remember the oft-repeated advice:

“Turn around, don’t drown.”

Storm & Flood Preparedness 2022

Names to remember – or forget – in 2022

Who’s to say there’s not another Camille, Katrina or even Zeta in the group? Which name will gain notoriety this year, or merely be lost to the ages? There’s no telling at this point, which is why preparation is the key.

Those points notwithstanding, here’s the lineup of storm names for the 2022 Hurricane Season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30:

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| Alex | Hermine | Owen |
| Bonnie | Ian | Paula |
| Colin | Julia | Richard |
| Danielle | Karl | Shari |
| Earl | Lisa | Tobias |
| Fiona | Martin | Virginie |
| Gaston | Nicole | Walter |

Don’t expect to see the names Katrina, Camille, Isidore, Gustav, Nate or a host of others used in the future. The World Meteorological Organization, which creates the list of names, has been known to

repeat a name after seven years, but the aforementioned Katrina and Co. have been deemed so deadly or costly they’re retired, to avoid confusion or insensitivity.

And the common denominator among Katrina, Camille, Isidore, Gustav and Nate? They all caused damage in Biloxi.

By the way, if the list of names is exhausted this year, as it was in the record-setting 2020, names will be pulled from a supplemental list, not the Greek alphabet. The Greek alphabet, meteorologists said of the 2020 season, was confusing and a distraction.

The supplemental names:

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| Adria | Heath | Orlanda |
| Braylen | Isla | Pax |
| Caridad | Jacobus | Ronin |
| Deshawn | Kenzie | Sophie |
| Emery | Lucio | Tayshaun |
| Foster | Makayla | Viviana |
| Gemma | Nolan | Will |

What you can expect to see when a storm threatens

This hurricane season, expect to see a regular flow of updates and information, all prepared by a coordinated team. This team includes the National Hurricane Center, the local National Weather Service office, and Emergency Management officials at the state, county, and city level. Here are some planning times to remember, recognizing each storm is unique:

- **Up to 5 days in advance** – The National Hurricane Center regularly issues Tropical Weather Outlooks, indicating any tropical disturbances and their probability of developing over the next 5 days. If a disturbance is forecast in our area, closely monitor the situation and be prepared to adjust normal activities.
- **3 or more days prior (72+ hours before arrival)** – When a storm has developed or is expected to develop, the National Hurricane Center will issue Tropical Cyclone Advisories every 6 hours. If Biloxi is in the probability cone, expect to receive guidance from local emergency management officials.
- **2 days prior (48 hours before arrival)** – When storm conditions are expected within 48 hours, the National Hurricane Center will issue a Tropical Storm Watch or a Hurricane Watch. At this point, local governments will usually announce any decisions on closures of government facilities, and could also issue orders for evacuation of one or more evacuation zones. Most local businesses will implement their business continuity plans, adjusting their services or operating hours.
- **1½ days prior (36 hours before arrival)** – When storm conditions are expected within 36 hours, the National Hurricane Center will issue a Tropical Storm Warning or a Hurricane Warning. At this point, local governments will usually announce any decisions on community shelters, and could also issue orders for a curfew. Many local businesses will close early for the safety of customers and employees. Everyone should complete storm prep activities, and should proceed to a safe location for protection from weather impacts.
- **What you can do now** – Don’t wait until a tropical depression or hurricane is in the Gulf to begin preparing. There are steps you can take now. See the list on Page 14.
- **More info**
 - Sign up for B-Alert by texting BILOXI to 99411. You’ll get advisories via text messages.
 - To see evacuation zones and evacuation routes, see map on Page 13.
 - Information also will be available via city Bmail (sign up at biloxi.ms.us), and through a recorded message on the City of Biloxi Storm Info Line: 228-435-6300.

It's illegal to sweep lawn clippings into the street

Chances are, you've seen it done or even done it yourself: You cut your lawn, rake up the trimmings and pile them near the curb in front of your home. Or, you'll sweep the trimmings into the street, where you hope they'll be carried away by the wind. These two scenarios result in one of the biggest causes of flooding in the city – blocked storm drains. These careless or unthinking actions negate the millions of dollars in improvements that the

city is making citywide to drainage systems. Piling leaves at the curb or sweeping trimmings into the street means that they will eventually find their way into the city's storm drains. Either bag the leaves for pickup or compost them. A stopped-up storm drain or ditch cannot carry run-off water as it is intended to do. When it rains, that water can flood streets, your property or your neighbor's property. It's actually a violation of city ordinance to dump any material into storm drains, ditches,

culverts, streams or waterways (Sec. 9-1-15, Code of Ordinances, 1992). If you see anyone dumping debris into storm drains, ditches, culverts or streams, please contact the Public Works Department at 228-435-6271, or email Craig Ross, the citizens service representative at cross@biloxi.ms.us, or the Code Enforcement staff in the Community Development Department at 228-435-6270 or online at tcipolla@biloxi.ms.us.

Be sure to get a building permit before construction

When you or a licensed contractor make repairs or alterations to your property, those repairs should be in compliance with established building codes. This ensures that work is up to code and will be able to withstand most weather conditions.

Contractors must have city license

Property owners are warned to beware of transient contractors who typically set up shop in the wake of disasters such as a major hurricane or tornado. Ask to see the person's City of Biloxi license card, which is required to do business in this city. Do not pay any money in advance. Do not sign any contracts. And do not pay any money until the work has been inspected and approved by a city inspector. If you have any questions or concerns, call the Community Development Department at 228-435-6280.

The code also requires all additions and 'substantial' improvements or repairs from damage to a building be treated as new construction. A substantial improvement or repair is one in which the value of an addition, alteration, repair or reconstruction project exceeds 50 percent of the total value of the existing building. Before you begin a project, contact the Building Division at 228-435-6270 or online at building@biloxi.ms.us. Qualified staff can help make sure that your project complies with building codes. Biloxi is currently under the 2021 International Building Code, and the 2020 National Electrical Code.

A ride out of harm's way

Coast Transit is ready to assist needy residents when an evacuation order is issued. If you need evacuation transportation, known as "Demand Response," it's free, but you must register to get a ride to a local shelter. Call CTA at 228-896-8080. Registration is easy: Your name, address, phone number and any special needs. You'll get all of the info you need.



Federal agencies encourage residents to use direct deposit

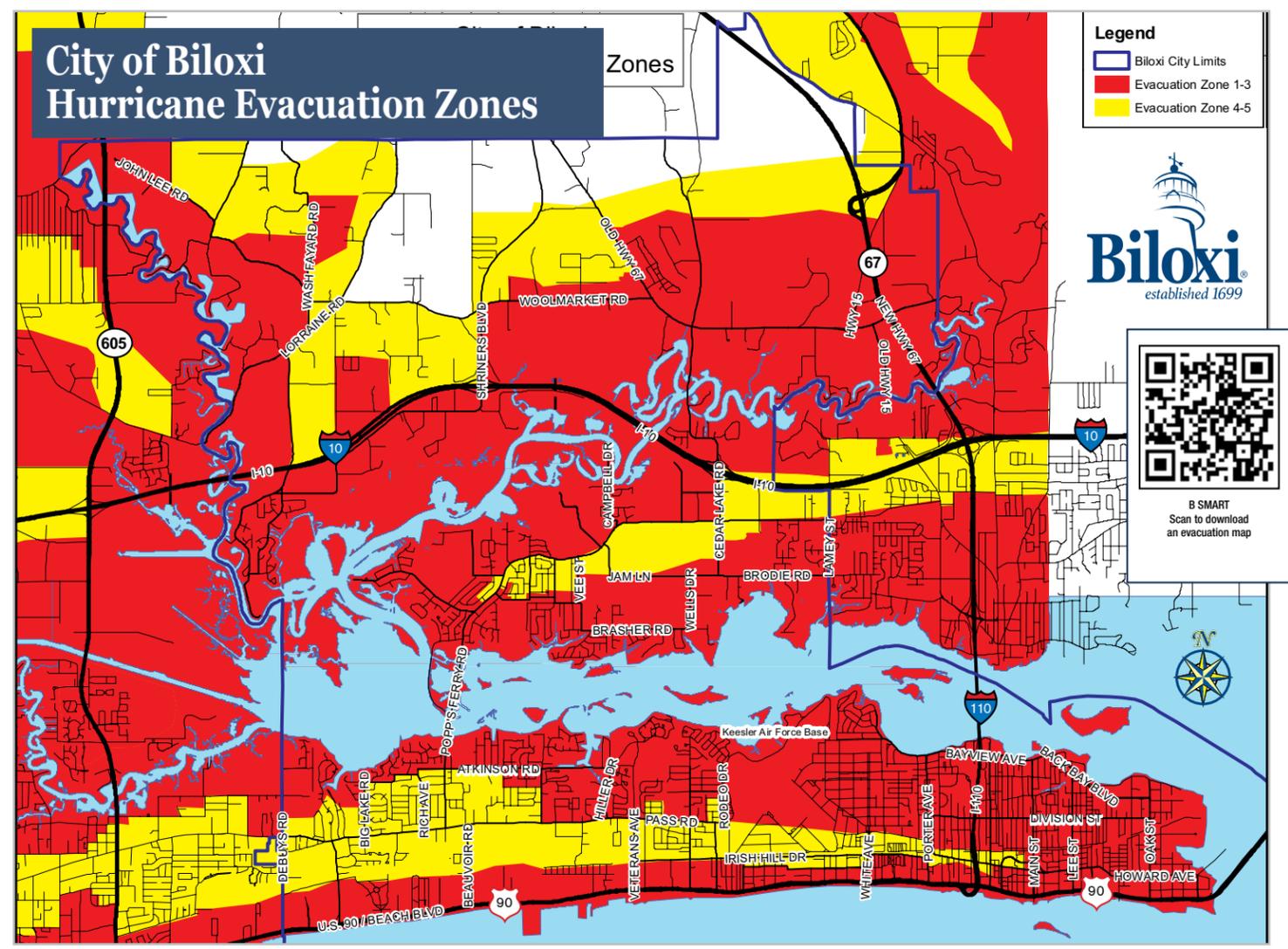
In those critical days after Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. Treasury Department worked with the Social Security Administration to get displaced Social Security and other federal benefit checks to recipients, as quickly as possible. But those who already were using direct deposit had immediate access to their funds from virtually anywhere, thanks to ATMs and financial institution networks. That's why the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Banks – through Go Direct – are urging Social Security check recipients who live along

the Gulf Coast to switch to direct deposit. The recommendation, offered in light of devastating hurricanes, is aimed at ensuring citizens receive their federal benefits without disruption. Go Direct makes it easy to sign up for direct deposit. People can sign up by calling the toll-free Go Direct helpline at (800) 333-1795 or by visiting www.GoDirect.gov to sign up online. To learn more about Go Direct, visit www.GoDirect.gov.

Stay tuned for more storm information

The National Weather Service monitors hurricane and storm activity, and issues official bulletins to local and regional TV and radio stations. Since television coverage may be interrupted by power outages, you should also have a battery-operated radio to follow emergency advisories. It is vital that you monitor these weather broadcasts, especially as a storm approaches. Additionally, the City of Biloxi relays vital information on a regular basis. The current temperature, conditions and forecast are displayed 24/7 at the top corner of the city's website at biloxi.ms.us. Sign up to receive timely text alerts by texting BILOXI to 99411. Sign up for the Bmail by visiting biloxi.ms.us/register. At right is a list of local outlets where you can obtain information.

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| Radio-FM | WBSL 1190 |
| WQYZ 92.5 | WGCM 1240 |
| WMJY 93.7 | WROA 1390 |
| WJZD 94.5 | WXBD 1490 |
| WZNF 95.3 | WTNI 1640 |
| WUJM 96.7 | |
| WCPR 97.9 | Television |
| WKNN 99.1 | WLOX-TV 13 |
| WGCM 102.3 | WXXV-TV 25 |
| WBUV 104.9 | The Weather Channel |
| WXRQ 105.9 | |
| WXYK 107.1 | Online |
| WZKX 107.9 | Facebook.com/cobiloxi |
| Radio-AM | |
| WQFX 1130 | |



What to do and when to do it

Before a hurricane approaches or NOW

- Plan an evacuation route.**
 - Review the evacuation route by clicking on the Evacuation Map link in the Storm and Flood Preparedness section of the city website. Determine the safest evacuation route for you. Be ready to drive 20 to 50 miles inland to locate a safe place.
- Prepare a storm kit that includes the following items:**
 - Flashlight and extra batteries
 - Portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries
 - First-aid kit and manual
 - Duct tape
 - Emergency food and water (at least one gallon of water per person per day for three to seven days; non-perishable packaged or canned food and juices; paper plates and plastic utensils; cooking tools)
 - Non-electric can opener
 - Essential medicines
 - Cash and credit cards
 - Sturdy shoes

- Fully charged cell phone
- Store important papers in a waterproof container or resealable plastic bag. Among the important documents: insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Make arrangements for pets.**
 - Pets are not allowed in typical emergency shelters for health and space reasons. Contact your local humane society for information on local animal shelters.
- Make sure that all family members know how to respond after a hurricane.**
 - Teach family members how and when to turn off gas, electricity, and water.
 - Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1, police, or fire department and which radio station to tune to for emergency information.
 - Protect your windows.
 - Permanent shutters are the best protection. A lower cost approach is to put up plywood panels. Use 1/2 inch plywood – marine plywood is best – cut to fit

- each window. Remember to mark which board fits which window. Pre-drill holes every 18 inches for screws. Do this long before the storm.
- Trim back dead or weak branches from trees.**
- Check into flood insurance.**
 - You can find out about the National Flood Insurance Program through your local insurance agent or emergency management office. There is normally a 30-day waiting period before a new policy becomes effective. Homeowners policies do not cover damage from the flooding that accompanies a hurricane.
- Develop an emergency communication plan.**
 - In case family members are separated from one another during a disaster (a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school), have a plan for getting back together.
 - Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.

See more Storm & Flood Preparedness info in BNews Monthly each month of hurricane season.

What to do and when to do it

DURING A HURRICANE WATCH

(A Hurricane Watch is issued when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24-36 hours.)

- Listen to a battery-operated radio or television for hurricane progress reports.
- Check emergency supplies.
- Fuel car.
- Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys, and garden tools and anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.
- Secure buildings by closing and boarding up windows. Remove outside antennas.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings. Open only when absolutely necessary and close quickly.
- Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs, bottles, and cooking utensils.
- Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home.
- Review evacuation plan.
- Moor boat securely or move it to a designated safe place.
- Take pre-storm pictures of house and contents.



- glass doors.
 - Keep a supply of flashlights and extra batteries handy. Avoid open flames, such as candles and kerosene lamps, as a source of light.
 - If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce power “surge” when electricity is restored.
- If officials indicate evacuation is necessary:
 - Leave as soon as possible. Avoid flooded roads and watch for washed-out bridges.
 - Secure your home by unplugging appliances and turning off electricity and the main water valve.
 - Tell someone outside of the storm area where you are going.
 - If time permits, and you live in an identified surge zone, elevate furniture to protect it from flooding or better yet, move it to a higher floor.
 - Take pre-assembled emergency supplies, warm protective clothing, blankets and sleeping bags to shelter.
 - Lock up home and leave.

DURING A HURRICANE WARNING

(A Hurricane Warning is issued when hurricane conditions – winds of 74 mph or greater, or dangerously high water and rough seas – are expected in 24 hours or less.)

- Listen constantly to a battery-operated radio or television for official instructions.
- If in a mobile home, check tie-downs and evacuate immediately.
- Bring outside pets inside and provide shelter for farm animals.
- Avoid elevators.
- If at home:
 - Stay inside, away from windows, skylights, and

AFTER THE STORM

- Stay tuned to local radio for information.
- Help injured or trapped persons.
- Give first aid where appropriate.
- Do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of further injury. Call for help.
- Return home only after authorities advise that it is safe to do so.
- Avoid loose or dangling power lines and report

them immediately to the power company, police, or fire department.

- Enter your home with caution. Beware of snakes, insects, and animals driven to higher ground by flood water.
- Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry your home.
- Check refrigerated foods for spoilage; if electricity is off, keep refrigerator and freezer closed as much as possible.
- Take pictures of the damage, both of the house and its contents for insurance claims.
- Drive only if absolutely necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges. Refrain from sightseeing.
- Use telephone only for emergency calls.
- Inspecting utilities in a damaged home:
 - Check for gas leaks. If you smell gas or hear blowing or hissing noise, open a window and quickly leave the building. Turn off the gas at the outside main valve if you can and call the gas company from a neighbor's home. If you turn off the gas for any reason, it must be turned back on by a professional.
 - Look for electrical system damage. If you see sparks or broken or frayed wires, or if you smell hot insulation, turn off the electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker. If you have to step in water to get to the fuse box or circuit breaker, call an electrician first for advice.
 - Check for sewage and water lines damage. If you suspect sewage lines are damaged avoid using the toilets and call a plumber. If water pipes are damaged, contact the water company and avoid the water from the tap. You can obtain safe water by melting ice cubes.
- Generally, utility companies restore services lost during major storm events first to public service providers, such as hospitals, water systems and public safety agencies.

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale

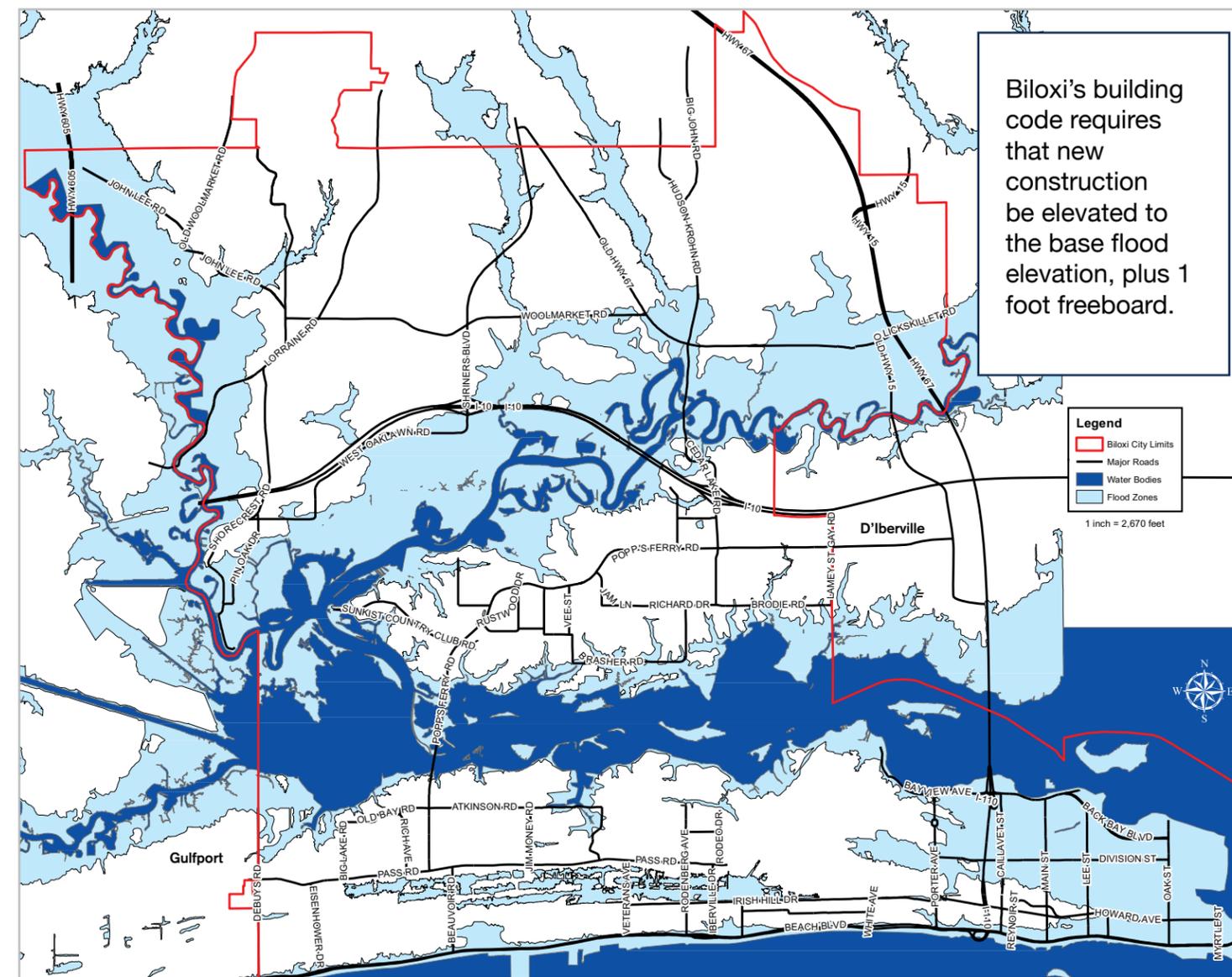
- 1** – 74-95 mph
- 2** – 96-110 mph
- 3** – 111-130 mph
- 4** – 131-155 mph
- 5** – greater than 155 mph

Spanish and Vietnamese translation available online.

Need More Info?

- To read FEMA's answers to frequently asked questions about repairing significantly damaged properties in flood zones, visit biloxi.ms.us/storm.
- To read FEMA's “Homebuilder’s Guide to Coastal Construction,” which provides technical guidance and recommendations concerning the construction of coastal residential, visit biloxi.ms.us/storm.
- Those with other questions can call the Community Development Department at 228-435-6280 or email building@biloxi.ms.us.

Flood Zones



A few words about this map

Much has been made and said about the federal government's current flood elevations, which went into effect in Biloxi in May 2009. While much of the focus has been on the height of construction, this map shows the significant increase in the size of the flood zone. For instance, nearly all of Point Cadet, the eastern tip of the Biloxi peninsula, is now in a flood zone, as is Eagle Point in north Biloxi.

Completed elevation certificates are available from the city's Community Development Department or on the city's website, biloxi.ms.us.

Where to turn for help

The Community Development Department is here to help minimize the risk you face from storms and flooding. If you are having flooding problems, advice is available to help you resolve your flooding issues. To make an appointment, contact Floodplain Manager Rick Stickler at 228-435-6270 or rstickler@biloxi.ms.us.

Flood Protection Assistance also is available from such sources as the American Red Cross, the Small Business Administration, FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, United Way, Salvation Army, Catholic Social and Community Services, and Back Bay Mission.

Ok, we're in June, the beginning of hurricane season, so here is more information to help you prepare for the storm season.

DURING A HURRICANE WATCH

Are you aware that your homeowners insurance does NOT cover floods? Only federal flood insurance reimburses you for flood damage to your property. You should consider buying flood insurance now.

Some homeowners may have been required to buy flood insurance when they obtained a mortgage or home-improvement loan. However, in many cases, these policies cover only the structure and not your possessions. You can protect your home and contents through the National Flood Insurance Program, in which the City of Biloxi participates.

Local insurance agents can sell a flood insurance policy separate from your homeowner or windstorm policy.

Anyone can get – and everyone should have – flood insurance. These policies are regulated by the federal government. Any agent can sell a policy and all agents must charge the same rates, which are set nationally. Your rates will not change even if you file a claim.

There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy becomes effective. Contact your insurance agent to determine what type of coverage you have.



“The city takes a comprehensive approach in its efforts to reduce the risk of flooding,” said Kristin Greger, Biloxi CRS coordinator. “Of course, we want to help property owners through lower insurance premiums, but our primary goals are to reduce risks to our residents and to minimize property damage from weather-related events.”

For more information about Biloxi’s CRS Program, contact Kristin Greger at 228-435-6270 or kgreger@biloxi.ms.us.

LOWER FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUMS

The City of Biloxi is an active participant in the National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System, a voluntary incentive program designed to encourage local floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum federal requirements.

Flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect reduced flood risks that result from City actions to meet the three goals of the CRS:

1. Reduce flood losses,
2. Facilitate accurate insurance rating, and
3. Promote the awareness of flood insurance.

For CRS participating communities, flood insurance premium rates are discounted in increments of 5 percent. A Class 1 community would receive a 45 percent premium discount, while a Class 9 community would receive a 5 percent discount. The CRS rates are based four broad categories:

1. Public information,
2. Mapping and regulations,
3. Flood damage reduction, and
4. Flood preparedness.

In 2021, the City of Biloxi earned a Class 6 rating and continues to work actively to further lower it.

BUILDERS, THIS IS FOR YOU

All Biloxi-licensed contractors are required to participate in annual stormwater management training before being issued a building permit, in compliance with the Biloxi Stormwater Management Ordinance. This training is offered at no cost to the contractors, to be sure they have information about how to protect local water quality and, at the same time, minimize the risk of flood and stormwater runoff damage by properly maintaining their construction sites.

City building and code inspectors, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation crews are trained to improve the management of stormwater in the city by:

- enforcing construction site erosion and sediment control regulations;
- identifying and correcting illicit discharges, such as illegal dumping;
- implementing “good housekeeping” practices at

city-owned facilities; and

- holding violators accountable for their actions.

The Biloxi stormwater management ordinance and related information are available on the city’s website. Click on the Stormwater Management button on the Public Works page.

If you have questions about the training requirements or the city’s comprehensive stormwater management plan, contact Kristin Greger in the Community Development Department at kgreger@biloxi.ms.us or at 228-435-6280.

DO WHAT YOU CAN

There are some steps that you can take now to prepare your property against flooding.

One option may be “retrofitting,” which is altering your home to eliminate or reduce flood damage.

A few things to consider:

- Elevate your building so that flood waters do not enter or reach any susceptible portions.
- Construct barriers out of fill or concrete between your building and flood waters.
- “Dry flood proof” your non-residential building, which entails making walls and flooring watertight so water cannot enter.
- “Wet flood proof” your non-residential building, which entails modifying the structure and relocating contents to lessen the damage caused by any flood waters that enter your structure.
- Sandbagging is a short-term measure that can also be helpful.

CHECK THAT LICENSE

The City of Biloxi is home to many reputable, licensed building contractors who are qualified to make repairs for you. However, after each storm, a number of transient contractors sets up temporary shop in our community.

Before signing any contract or paying any money for repair work, you should ask to see the person’s City of Biloxi license.

If you have any doubts or questions, contact the Building Division at 228-435-6270 or online at building@biloxi.ms.us to ensure that the individual is licensed to operate in the City of Biloxi.

RISK RATING 2.0: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

By Stephen Deal & Tracie Sempier
Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium

Storm season is just around the corner and one of the most concrete actions residents can take to protect their property from the damaging effects of hurricanes is to purchase flood insurance. On October 1, 2021

Now is the time to look at your flood insurance policy and ask your insurance agent questions about Risk Rating 2.0.

a significant change was made to federal flood insurance as a new pricing methodology was introduced known as Risk Rating 2.0.¹ With the newly implemented Risk Rating 2.0, the

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) incorporates new technology from the private insurance industry and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) mapping data to provide a unique flood risk profile for an individual property.² This will ensure that any rates increases

or decreases are uniform and equitable.

With improved technology, FEMA is able to incorporate private sector data sets and catastrophe models to create an individual risk profile for a property. Under the old system, property risk was assessed primarily on a property’s flood zone, the height of its lowest floor above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) and its foundation type.

Under Risk Rating 2.0, a property’s flood risk is assessed on a number of distinct variables. These variables include the property’s flood risk rating, distance to the flooding source, number of floors, the replacement value and its lowest adjacent grade (LAG), which is defined as the lowest point of ground level immediately next to a building.³ Property owners who are interested in learning what their rates would be under Risk Rating 2.0 should consult their insurance agent who will guide property owners through the basic information needed to get a complete and accurate risk rating.

Although Risk Rating 2.0 will bring about a number of changes, there are

some program features that will remain the same. FEMA will continue to provide discounts for pre-FIRM subsidized and newly mapped properties. Communities that participate in the Community Rating System (CRS) will continue to receive insurance discounts. Further, the CRS discount will now apply to all residents, not just residents in the special flood hazard area, however this discount does not apply until the full risk rate is achieved.⁴ Also, existing policyholders are still able to transfer their flood insurance discounts to a new owner with the sale of their property.

Risk Rating 2.0 is being implemented in phases and all policies renewing on or after April 1, 2022 will be subject to the new Risk Rating 2.0 rating methodology. Now is the time to look at your flood insurance policy and ask your insurance agent questions about how Risk Rating 2.0 may or may not affect your premium rate. Don’t let storm season catch you off guard, be proactive in learning more about how to protect your property.

For more information, contact your local insurance agent.

1 Federal Emergency Management Agency, Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action, (April 1, 2022) <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/risk-rating#:~:text=Risk%20Rating%202.0%20enables%20FEMA,models%20and%20evolving%20actuarial%20science>.

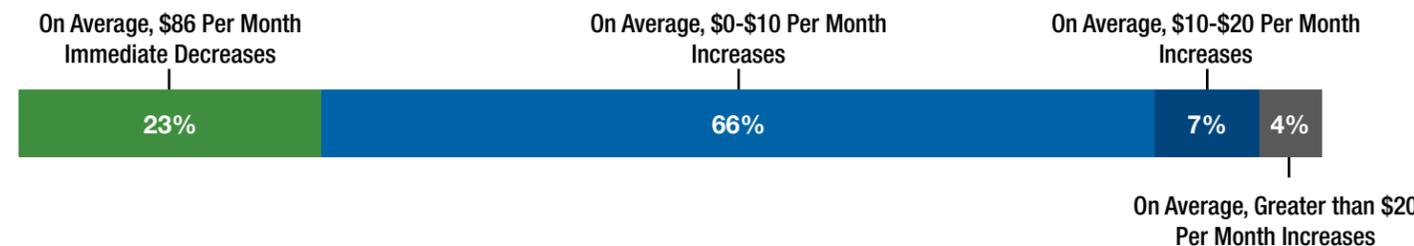
2 Federal Emergency Management Agency, Risk Rating 2.0 is Equity in Action, (April 2021) https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_rr-2.0-equity-action_0.pdf.

3 Federal Emergency Management Agency, Lowest Adjacent Grade, (March 5, 2020) <https://www.fema.gov/node/404804>.

4 Schwalls Consulting LLC, Risk Rating 2.0: General Information & FAQ, (December 8, 2021)

Under the **current rating methodology** policyholders on average see **premium increase of \$8 per month.**

Under the **new pricing system**, 96% of current policyholders will see either an **immediate decrease or \$20 or less month increase** in their premiums. (Figure 1 Bar Graph)



KNOW THE FLOOD ZONES OF BILOXI? SEE PAGE 15

Dedication and preparedness are important at the VA

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

Recently, the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System (GCVHCS) celebrated our Medical Administrative Service (MAS) personnel, a group of amazing individuals who keep our organization running. Although sometimes unseen by the more than 82,000 Veterans and other eligible beneficiaries to



whom we provide care at our five locations along the Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida Gulf Coast, these men and women spearhead the enormous task of maintaining so many administrative functions with integrity, commitment, advocacy, respect and excellence and I couldn't be more appreciative of their continued efforts in ensuring the care we provide remains top-notch.

We also recently celebrated Nurses Week,

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 Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System Public Affairs Division.



Biloxi VA TODAY

highlighting the dedication, perseverance, and adaptability of our GCVHCS nurses. This amazing group of men and women have continued providing care throughout the ongoing global health crisis with the same value system we demand of all our employees, and I remain in awe of their continued efforts.

I would also like to take the opportunity to mention something with which those who live in this wonderful community are no doubt aware – hurricane season is here. With a quite active hurricane season during 2021, trends from experts indicate another above-average hurricane season this year; a recent prediction from researchers at Colorado State University indicates there could be at least 19 named storms and nine hurricanes this year - four of which could be Category 3 or higher.

I encourage each and every one of you

to prepare for these potential storms. Our GCVHCS Emergency Management Service carefully monitors the possibilities of storms which could impact our areas, and their ongoing partnership with the City of Biloxi and other community agencies provide us the capability of ensuring we're prepared for potential weather situations.

But please take the opportunity to prepare yourselves and your family before a storm occurs. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) details a plan which can help you prepare for weather situations. Visit online at noaa.gov/hurricane-prep.

Here at the GCVHCS, our dedicated team of emergency management specialists continue their efforts throughout the year to ensure that we're able to continue providing care to the Veterans we serve, and our partnerships within the surrounding areas are critical in providing assistance to our Veterans. I encourage you to take the time to check in on your neighbors, some of whom are Veterans and possibly in need of assistance during inclement weather.

Keesler hurricane prep: Stay safe this season

By Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Davis
81st Training Wing Public Affairs

Hurricane season officially begins June 1, so now it the time to plan ahead to protect your family and property from damaging storms.

Every year the Gulf Coast is battered by hurricanes, and Keesler is no exception. Most recently, Hurricane Ida swept through the area in 2021.

Hurricanes not only come with damaging wind and rain, but they can also cause tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and even waterspouts.

During hurricane season, it is essential for all residents to plan ahead. Doing so can save valuable time, resources and energy when the storms do arrive.

"The season might start June 1, but hurricanes can't read a calendar," said Wallace Braden, Vectrus emergency management representative. "You want to

make your plans ahead of time, so that you're ready when a hurricane does come."

Braden has been working in emergency management for almost 40 years and has successfully seen his way through various emergency situations. His goal for Keesler is to maintain a high level of preparedness, even with a constant flux of students in training.

"We always have people coming and going

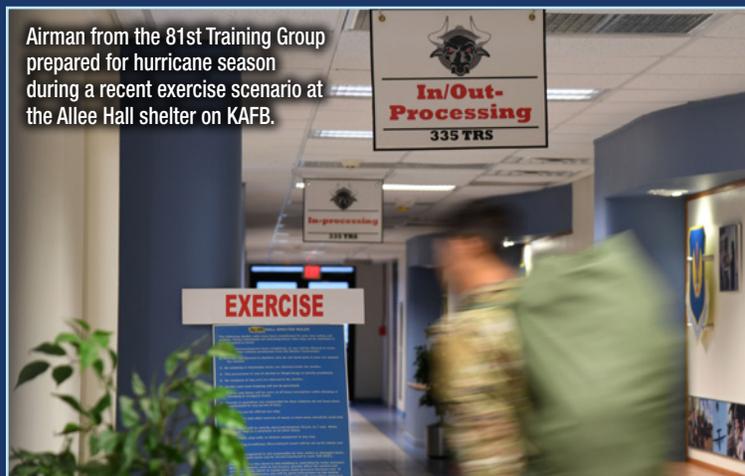
at training bases, which just means that we need to keep the flow of information going all the time," said Braden. "You need to understand the specifics of where you're living at the moment and prepare ahead of time."

Both Keesler's on and off-base residents are encouraged to make a hurricane kit, know local routes for evacuation and determine plans for dependents in the event of a hurricane.

It is recommended that Keesler residents and families turn on their phone's emergency alerts, download the Keesler Air Force Base app and monitor Keesler's social media pages, as well as local media pages, for the most up-to-date information.

For additional information on hurricanes, visit BeReady.af.mil.

"The more you understand ahead of time about what to do when those hurricanes hit, the less stress there will be when they do come," said Braden.



▶ See more photos at www.keesler.af.mil

▶ Watch the Keesler update daily at 7:45 a.m., 1:45 p.m., and 7:45 p.m. on BTv.

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CITY OF BILOXI PUBLIC NOTICE

2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, DRAFT AVAILABILITY & 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD

The City is receiving a 2022 CDBG Entitlement Grant allocation from HUD of \$415,164 and anticipates generating estimated program income of \$175,784 for 2022 activities, based on previous years' resources.

The City of Biloxi will conduct a second public hearing to give Biloxi residents opportunity to:

- Present oral or written input about City housing, community development and supportive housing needs; and
- Participate in development and implementation of the 2022 CDBG Action Plan, a component of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The hearing will be held in the Community Development Auditorium, at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, at 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, June 22, 2022.**

Residents are urged to attend, particularly low, very low, extremely low income and public housing residents, minorities, and those with mobility, visual, and hearing impediments. If special accommodations are needed for the hearings, please contact the Federal Programs Manager at least 72 hours prior to the hearings at 228-435-6269 or spickich@biloxi.ms.us.

On Thursday, June 23, 2022, the Draft of the 2022 CDBG Action Plan will be posted on the City's website biloxi.ms.us and hard copies will be available for public review at the following locations:

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| Biloxi City Hall | 140 Lameuse Street |
| Biloxi Community Development | 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. |
| All Biloxi Library Branches | |
| Biloxi Housing Authority | 330 Benachi Avenue |

Written comments will be received for a 30-day period, until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2022, and may be delivered to the Biloxi Federal Programs Office located at 214-A Delauney Street; emailed to spickich@biloxi.ms.us; or mailed to Federal Programs Office P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533.

Information about Biloxi's CDBG Program can be found at <http://www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/>



BILOXI Shuckers PROMOTIONS in June

JUNE 7 T-Shirt Tuesday Giveaway
presented by Pine Belt Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center

JUNE 10 Saints Hall of Fame Night & Fireworks Friday

JUNE 11 Military Appreciation Night & Military Cap Giveaway
presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union

JUNE 21 T-Shirt Tuesday Giveaway
presented by The Peoples Bank

JUNE 24 Fireworks Friday
presented by Sparklight

JUNE 25 Marvel's Defender of the Diamond with Black Panther

JUNE 28 T-Shirt Tuesday Giveaway
presented by Coca-Cola

EVERY DOUBLE PLAY THURSDAY
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**JULY 3 Independence Day
Fireworks Extravaganza**
presented by Merit Health Biloxi

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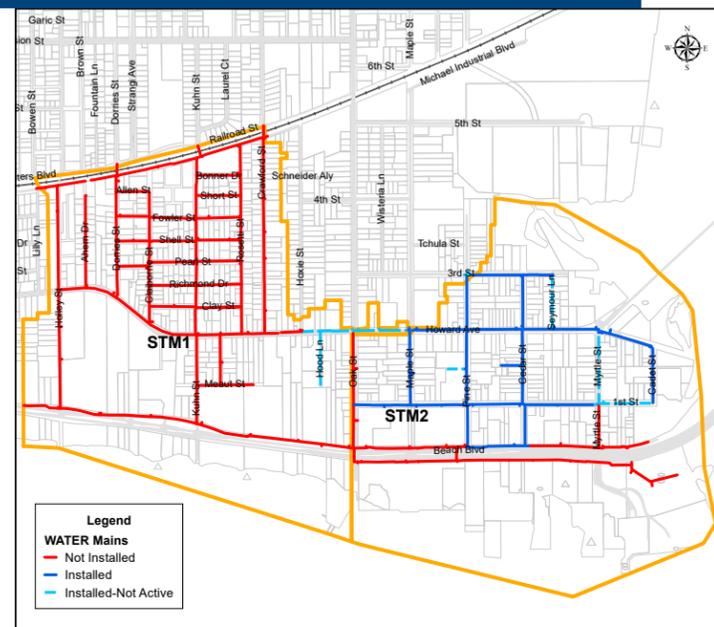
The infrastructure work in Biloxi

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/.

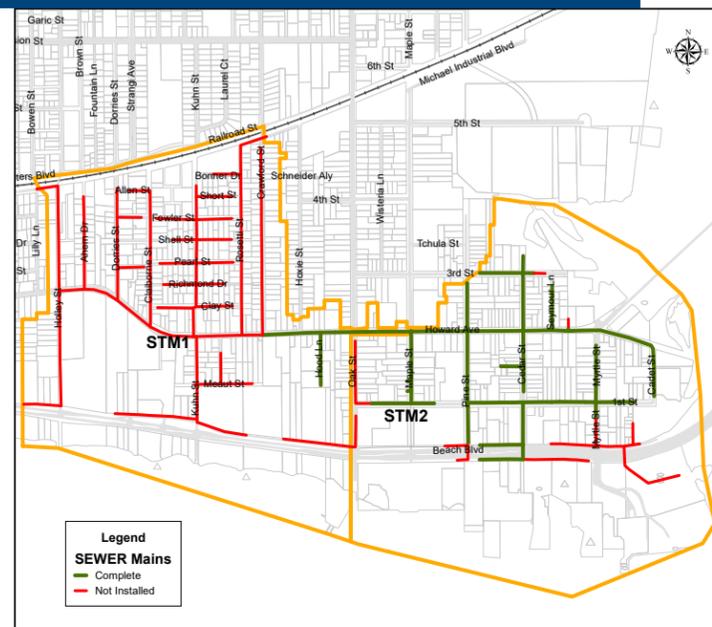
St. Michael 1 & 2

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.

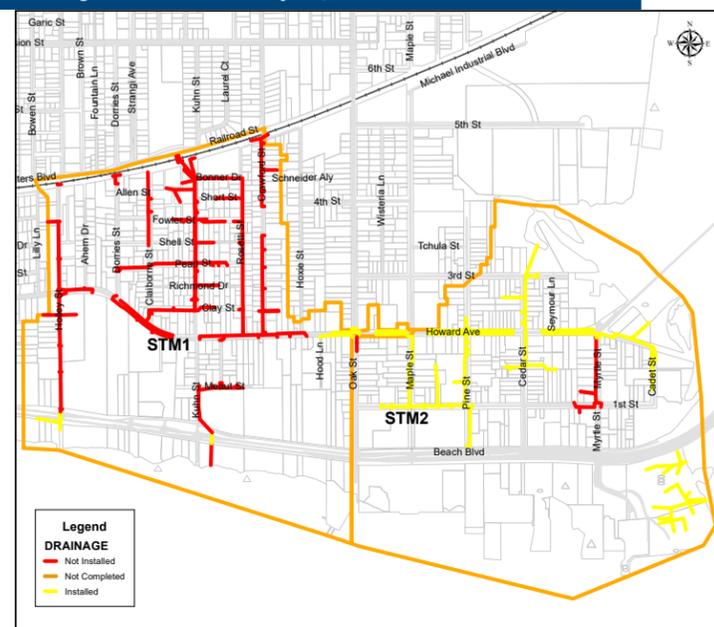
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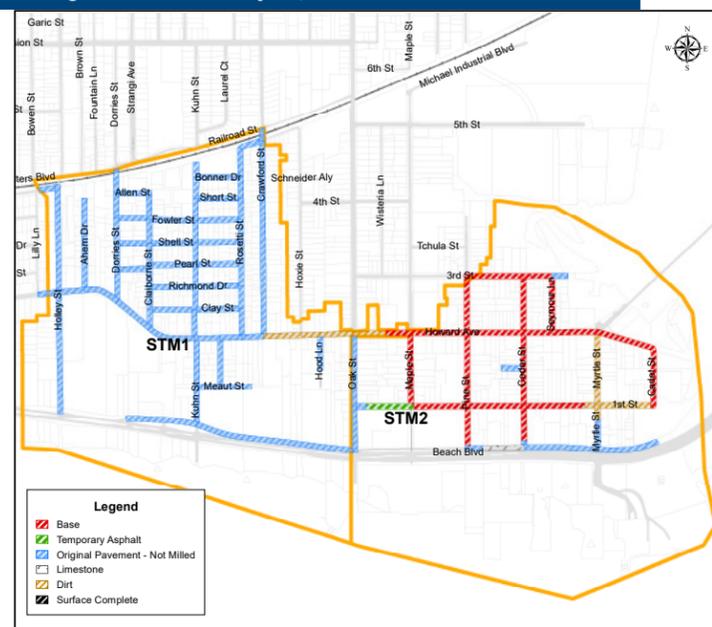
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Necaise Brothers Construction Drainage Drainage Installed as of May 15, 2022



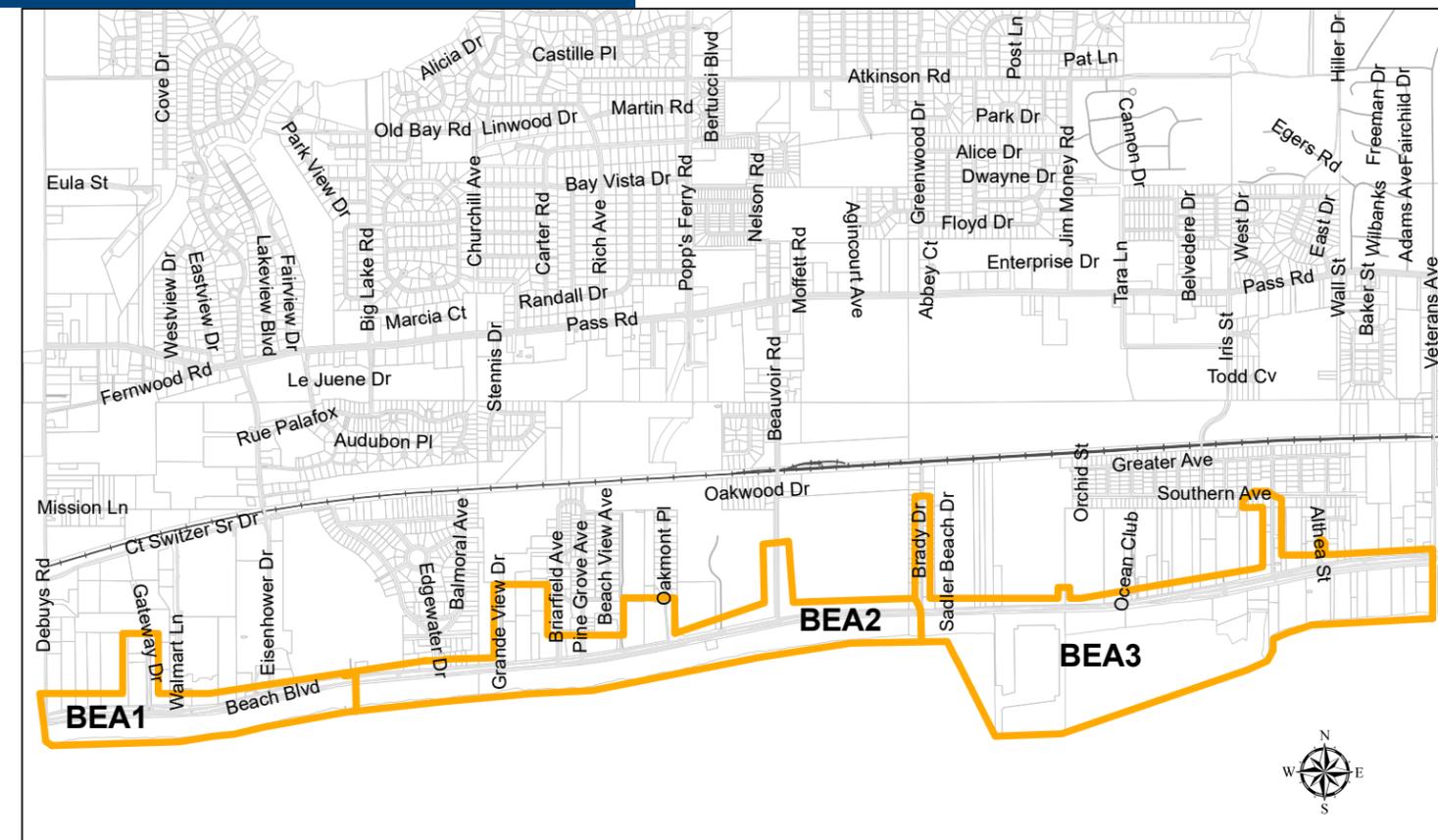
Necaise Brothers Construction Pavement Paving Installed as of May 15, 2022



Beauvoir 1, 2, & 3

Necaise Brothers Construction has been awarded the contract, a \$32 million, 1,080-day project to install new water, sewer and drainage lines in West Biloxi, along U.S. 90 from Veterans to Debuys. The work is expected to begin in July.

Necaise Brothers Construction Water, sewer, drainage work to come



Information tools you can use



Get info-on-the-go to your cell phone. Text BILOXI to 99411.



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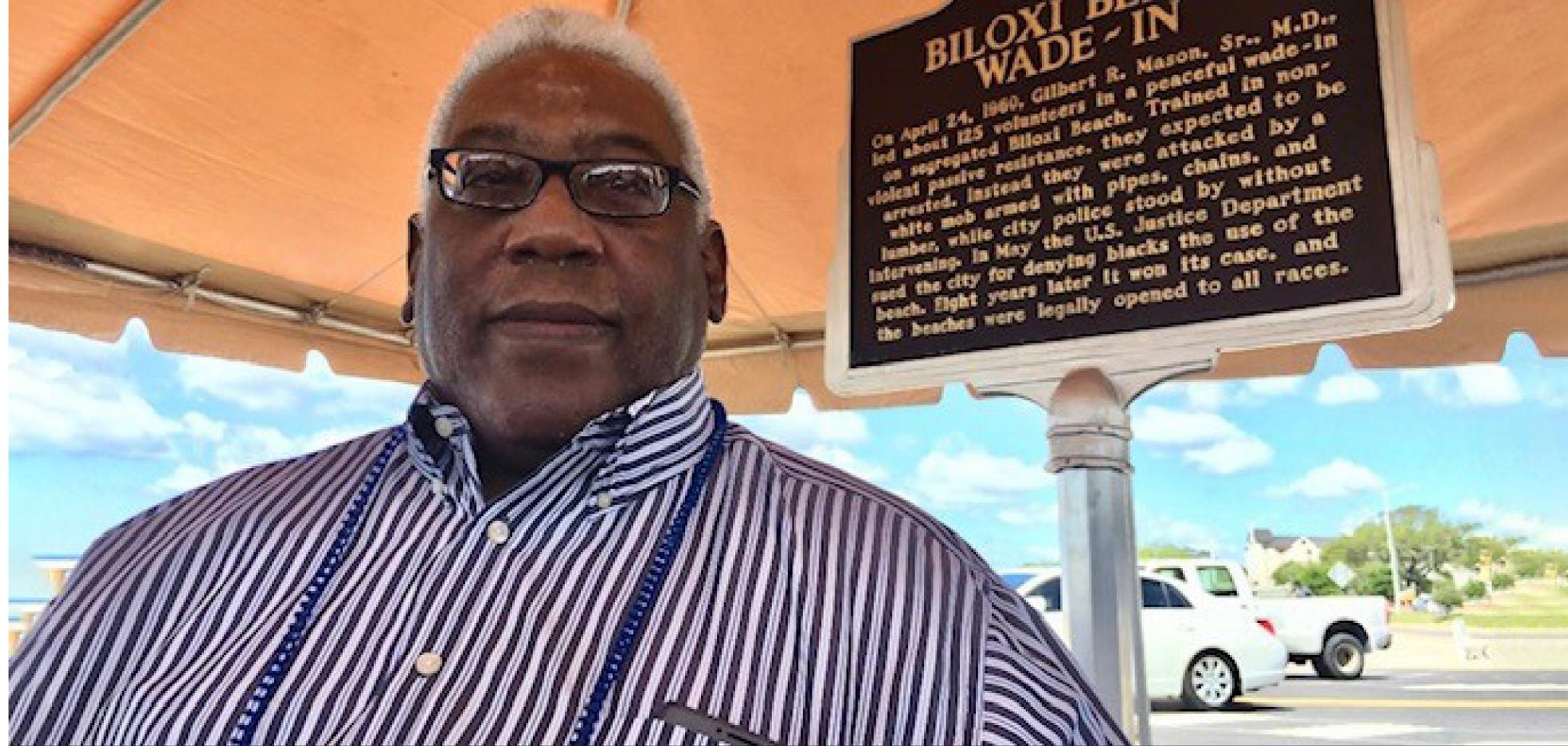
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Random Notes



Dr. Gilbert R. Mason Jr., 1954-2022



MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM TRAIL
BILOXI BEACH WADE-IN
 On April 24, 1960, Gilbert R. Mason, Sr., M.D., led about 125 volunteers in a peaceful wade-in on segregated Biloxi Beach. Trained in non-violent passive resistance, they expected to be arrested. Instead they were attacked by a white mob armed with pipes, chains, and lumber, while city police stood by without intervening. In May the U.S. Justice Department sued the city for denying blacks the use of the beach. Eight years later it won its case, and the beaches were legally opened to all races.

Known for his passion to educate others on Biloxi's civil rights, Dr. Gilbert R. Mason Jr. was only five years old when he participated in the Biloxi Beach Wade-in back in 1960. He followed in his father's footsteps, not only professionally but civically, educating others on, as he said one evening at a downtown event, "the rich African-American life experiences in Biloxi." Shown above is Dr. Mason Jr. in April 2018 at the dedication ceremony for the Mississippi Freedom Trail marker memorializing the Biloxi Beach Wade-In. The kind-hearted, strong-willed community leader passed away on May 18.

Time capsule: Sounding the alarm



It's a timeless message and one that longtime emergency management specialist Wade Guice took seriously. Prepare, prepare, prepare. And some of that preparation could involve a plan to evacuate, as the colorful and pragmatic Guice recommended to a hurricane party in this scene, a re-creation from the classic "A Lady Called Camille." Guice, as Harrison County Civil Defense director, became a nationally recognized authority on storm preparation and recovery. His wife, Julia, served Biloxi in the same capacity and fashion. See "A Lady Called Camille" on the city's YouTube channel.



Declaring a day

Vincent Creel was immortalized in Biloxi, at least for a day, during his recent retirement party when Mayor Gilich presented the former city public affairs manager with a proclamation proclaiming May 1, 2022, as Vincent Creel Day.



A lot is happening in Biloxi

It's like running a marathon when Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich talks about the progress of city projects, not just because of his passion, but because of the long list of things happening in Biloxi. In mid-May, Mayor Gilich spoke to a chamber audience over breakfast at the Edgewater Mall. The Popp's Ferry Bridge, the new Keesler Gate, and the opening of the Back Bay Walkway were just a few of the topics he sprinted through.



What they're reading: Emergency Management edition

It's hurricane season, so we turned to the employees of the Harrison County Emergency Management Agency to see what they're reading at the onset of the season:

- **Matt Stratton, Director:** "Fourteenth Colony: The Forgotten Story of the Gulf South During America's Revolutionary Era," by Mike Bunn.
- **Karen Orman, Office Manager:** "Ancient Remedies: Secrets to Healing with Herbs, Essential Oils, CBD, and the Most Powerful Natural Medicine in History," by Dr. Josh Axe; "Before We Were Yours: A Novel," by Lisa Wingate.
- **Kim Compton, Public Information Officer:** "The Days of Abandonment," by Elena Ferrante; "The Judge's List," by John Grisham.
- **Rob Dambrino, Deputy Director:** "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership," by John C. Maxwell.
- **Angel Harper, Operations Officer:** "The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual," by ARRL Inc.



ARE YOU READY?

FIND OUT

Hurricane preparedness outreach event

Hear from a host of disaster-preparation and response authorities with how-to-advice

- Daily on BTV in June at 7:45 a.m., 1:45 p.m., and 7:45 p.m.
- Anytime on the city's YouTube page

Visit online at biloxi.ms.us •  

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For B-Alerts, text BILOXI to 99411



Video program to educate and remind residents about the precautions they should take before, during, and after a storm.

For more information, visit online at biloxi.ms.us/stormandflood.



Best Bets!

Biloxi Community Market

FESTIVALS 2022

Thursday, June 16
Thursday, July 14
Tuesday, Sept. 6
Thursday, Oct. 27
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Under the I-110 overpass
on Howard Avenue.



Community Festival Market

The festivals return at the Charles R. Hegwood Community Market with the first of the series taking place this month! Visit the market on June 16 for some summer fun activities from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Along with fresh produce, baked goods, plants, and crafts, visitors will be able to partake in summer themed fun! There will be live entertainment, hourly giveaways, demonstration booths and more. So shop, soak up the sun and listen to some cool music. Vendors will be on-site, under the I-110 overpass at the corner of Hopkins and Howard until 4 p.m. Festival and market details: 228-388-2443.

First Friday and Downtown Block Party at the District Green, June 3, 5-9 p.m., 785 Howard Ave. Live entertainment featuring CeeJay Lewis and Ty Taylor & The Kinfolk. Event features vendors, games with prizes, local food trucks, and Fly Llama Brewing beverages! Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339 or mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us

Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society Meeting, June 4, 11 a.m.-noon, Biloxi Community Development Building Auditorium, 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Free admission. Details: 228-435-4613

Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Billfish Classic, June 6-12, Point Cadet Marina, 119 Beach Blvd. Hundreds of anglers converge on the Mississippi Gulf Coast to compete for over \$2,000,000 in cash and prizes. Event features live entertainment for the spectators at the weigh scales on Friday, 3-8 p.m., and Saturday, 3-6 p.m. Free admission for spectators. Details: 228-239-2575

Shrimp Cook-Off, June 11, Biloxi Bay RV Resort, 6505 Riviera Drive. Spectator admission: \$30 includes all the shrimp you can eat. Teams compete for \$\$\$\$. Event also features live music. Details: 228-529-7866

Biloxi Shuckers Baseball, MGM Park, 105 Cailavet St., Admission prices start at \$7. Details: 228-233-3465

- **VS. Tennessee Smokies**, June 7-12, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday
- **VS. Pensacola Blue Wahoos**, June 21-26, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday
- **VS. Mississippi Braves**, June 28-July 3, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday

Biloxi Community Market Festival, June 16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Under the I-110 overpass at corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Blvd. Features market vendors, live entertainment, informational and demonstration booths, hourly giveaways, and themed activities. Food will be available to purchase. Details: 228-388-2443

Scrapin' The Coast 20th Anniversary, June 24-26, Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Hundreds of hot rods converge on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for a fun time. Events include car and truck shows, vendors, live bands, and contests. Details: www.scrapinthecoast.com/index.cfm

City of Biloxi Senior Patriotic Dance, June 24, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Donal Snyder Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. R.S.V.P. to 228-388-7170. Details: gjohnson@biloxi.ms.us

Best Bet!



Scrapin' the Coast

Perhaps it's Cruisin' the Coast's younger cousin with an attitude, this low-riding auto extravaganza known as Scrapin' the Coast returns to Biloxi on June 24-26. Now in its 20th year, this Coliseum-hosted production has attracted a decidedly younger demographic, as many as 20,000 enthusiasts, in fact. The event includes a car and truck show, vendors, live bands, and more. Happy motoring. Visit www.scrapinthecoast.com or call 228-860-6658 or 228-324-7671 for more details, including vehicle registration. For the traffic plan, visit biloxi.ms.us/trafficplans.

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.

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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

Best Bet!

Let's play ball

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

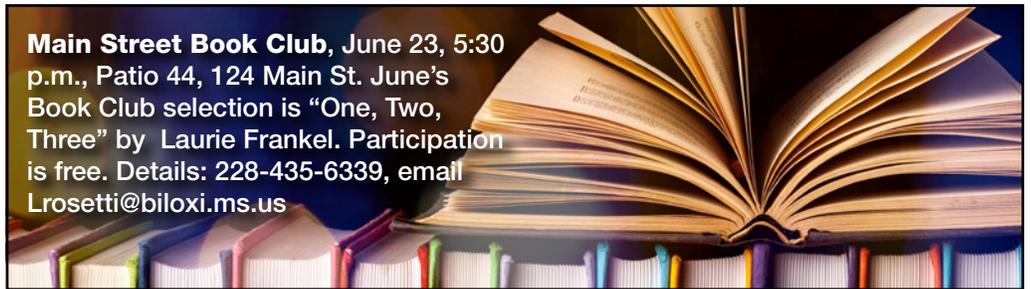
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Expect the usual array of between-innings antics and outstanding promotions.

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



Main Street Book Club, June 23, 5:30 p.m., Patio 44, 124 Main St. June's Book Club selection is "One, Two, Three" by Laurie Frankel. Participation is free. Details: 228-435-6339, email Lrosetti@biloxi.ms.us



Gulf Coast Association of Pride Day, June 25, Point Cadet Pavilion, 121 Cadet St. Details: walter.pitts@gcpride.org



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

- **Youth Theatre Project: The Wizard of Oz,** June 3-5 and 10-12

Center Stage

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

- Auditions for children's show **Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs,** June 6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (show dates June 21-24)

Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library

2244 Beach Blvd., 228-388-4400, www.visitbeauvoir.org

- **Jefferson Davis' Birthday Celebration,** June 4. Admission: Adults \$12.50, Military \$10, Children, 6-18, \$7.50
- **Meet The Spirits of Beauvoir 2022,** June 18, 6 p.m. Admission: \$30 per person (cash only)

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 6-11; 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 available

Biloxi Shrimping Trip

693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com

- Sunset cruises, fishing trips, and three shrimping trips daily

Biloxi Tour Train

Biloxi Lighthouse Park parking lot, south of Biloxi Visitors Center, traffic light #40, 228-374-8687, www.biloxitourtrain.com

- Call in advance to check tour availability.

Betsy Ann Riverboat Cruise

173 Beach Blvd., 228-229-4270, betsyannriverboat@gmail.com, www.betsyannriverboat.com.

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

Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum

792 Howard Ave., 228-314-4747, museum@coastalmardigras.com

- Open 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., closed Sundays and Mondays

Kroc Center, MS Gulf Coast, The Salvation Army

575 Division St., 228-867-6541

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

- **Yoga Under the Oaks**, June 7, 14, 21, & 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Members \$10, Non-members \$15
- **Crafternoon with Miss Emily**, June 11, 1-3 p.m.; \$10 per craft. Families are invited to make a craft inspired by an exhibition at the museum.
- **OOMA After Hours**, June 16, 5:30- 7:30 p.m. Free admission. Enjoy music, food, and fun. This month's musical guest is Ocean Springs Drum Circle!
- **Crafts and Drafts**, June 24, 5:30- 7:30 p.m. Free admission. Come to the most cut-throat, mystery craft competition on the coast! From musical instruments to jewelry making, you'll never know what pops up for Crafts and Drafts!
- 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 Saturday 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., or by appointment

Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606

- **Friday Bingo**, June 3, 10, 17 and 24. 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; Open until 8:30 p.m.
- **Sunday Charity Bingo**: No Sunday Bingo for June

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

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

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 228-392-9345

- **Ladies of Joppa Bunco**, June 8, 6 p.m. \$10 admission (no snacks provided)
- **Steak Night**, June 10, 6 p.m. \$20 per dinner

Mississippi Coast Mustang Club

- Next show: June 11, 6-9 p.m., Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

871 Esters Blvd., 228-374-6472

- **Biloxi Bingo Mania**, Tuesday nights 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

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BTV June 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. | Shuckers Insider |
| 6:30 a.m. | Biloxi Public Schools (15 min) |
| 6:45 a.m. | Biloxi VA Today (15 min) |
| 7 a.m. | "Biloxi Cooks!" Chicken Marsala |
| 7:30 a.m. | Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min) |
| 7:45 a.m. | Keesler update (15 min) |
| 8 a.m. | R U Ready, 2022 |
| 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!" Chicken Marsala |
| 1:30 p.m. | Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min) |
| 1:45 p.m. | Keesler update (15 min) |
| 2 p.m. | R U Ready, 2022 |
| 3 p.m. | City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (3 hours) |
| Evening | |
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| 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.

The authorities have a question: 'R U Ready?'

Hurricane season is here (June 1 through Nov. 30), and a host of disaster preparation and response authorities offer how-to advice in the new edition of "R U Ready?"

The program, which airs at 7:45 each morning and evening in June on BTV, is designed to provide a broad base of information from a variety of sources to help local residents and business owners prepare for the storm season. You can also see it each afternoon at 1:45 or on the city's YouTube page.

A replay on Biloxi Cooks!

This month, The Sapphire Supper Club, in the Legends hotel, is once again in the spotlight on BTV during a replay of "Biloxi Cooks!"

The episode premiered in October 2021 on BTV. The replay can be seen this month, each day at 7 a.m., 7 p.m., and 1 p.m. on BTV.

This month's recipes

Duck Poppers

The Sapphire Supper Club, 674 Beach Blvd.

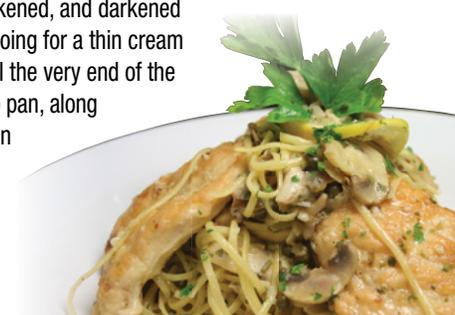
Ingredients:

- 1-1/2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, pounded 1/4-inch thick
- 3 tbsp all-purpose flour
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 3 tbsp unsalted butter, divided
- 1 (8-oz) 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

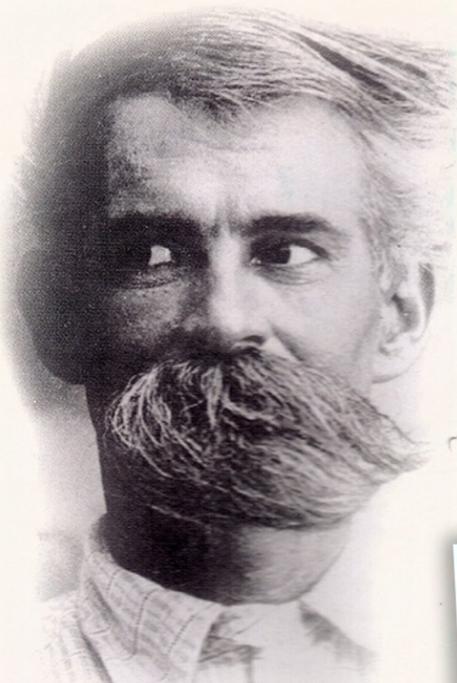
Chicken Marsala

Instructions:

- Place flour, 3/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper in ziplock bag. Add chicken; seal bag tightly, shake to coat chicken evenly. Set aside.
- Heat oil and 2 tablespoons 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.
- Melt remaining tablespoon of butter in pan. Add mushrooms and cook, stirring frequently, until mushrooms begin to brown, 3 to 4 minutes. Add shallots, garlic, and 1/4 teaspoon of salt; cook 1 to 2 minutes more. Add Marsala, 1 tablespoon of fresh herbs, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/8 teaspoon 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.



Prominent Biloxi artists still honored today



George E. Ohr
July 12, 1857 – April 7, 1918

Biloxi is filled with history and what better way to tell the culture of Biloxi than through the artistic works of talented residents. Let's take a look at just a small portion of the skilled artists Biloxi has produced over the years.

The Mad Potter

George E. Ohr, known as the Mad Potter, was born in Biloxi in 1857. He is one of Biloxi's most renowned artists and is recognized worldwide for his unique pottery.

Back in the Day



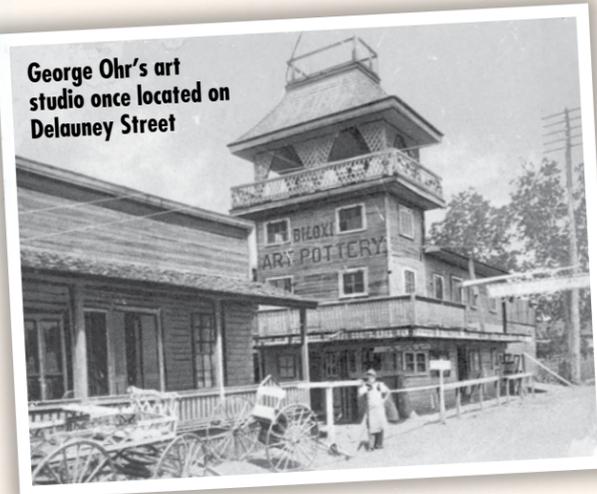
By Jane Shambra

George's art studio was once located in downtown Biloxi on Delauney Street just north of Howard Avenue. There he created vessels of all types, e.g., cups, vases, bowls, pitchers, and utilized clay from Biloxi's Tchoutacabouffa

River. George held steadfast to his motto: "no two alike."

In 1909, he retired from his pottery wheel and his sons opened up the first auto repair place in the area of his old workshop.

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George Ohr's art studio once located on Delauney Street

George died in 1918 of throat cancer at age 60 and is buried in the Old Biloxi Cemetery. The three-block portion of Delauney Street stemming from Hwy. 90 was renamed the G E Ohr Street in his memory.

Also in his memory, in 1994 the first George E. Ohr Arts and Cultural Center opened in the previous Biloxi Library building situated between Lameuse and G.E. Ohr streets, and today, the expanded Ohr Museum is known as the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art (OOMA). It was designed by architect Frank Gehry and opened in 2010. The OOMA campus is comprised of several buildings and offers displays, art classes, summer camps, events, outdoor movies, and a museum shop.

Over at Biloxi City Hall, an 1890 painting by another famous Biloxi resident, Professor William Woodward, depicting George Ohr and his teacher and mentor Joseph Meyer hangs in the lobby of the second floor.

Monumental metal

In 1977, the Biloxi Library and Cultural Center building opened on Lameuse Street just across the street from Biloxi's City Hall. At the G. E. Ohr Street entrance of the Cultural Center once stood an iconic metal sculpture by Betty Gold. It was titled Monumental Holistic XXI and was installed outdoors adjacent to the facility's entrance in 1982.

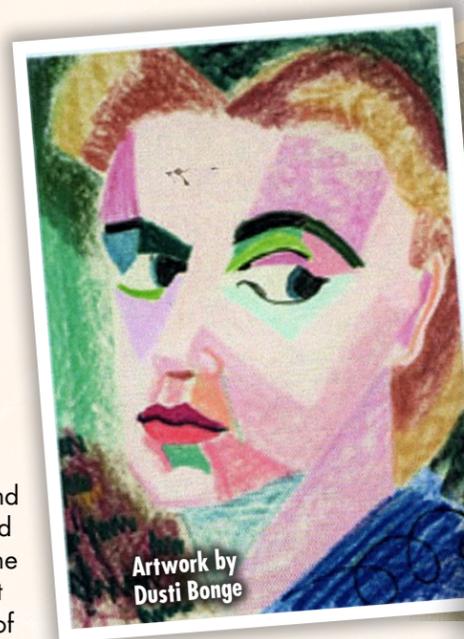
In 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit Biloxi and destroyed the building, but Betty's sculpture survived. It was later moved to the grounds of Biloxi's Community Development Department's building, which was much higher ground and away from the wrecking ball.

The abstract painter

Dusti Bonge (nee Eunice Lyle Swetman) was born and raised in Biloxi on West Howard Avenue. She was a painter who was influenced strongly by the cities of



1890 professor Woodward painting of Ohr at City Hall



Artwork by Dusti Bonge

► Monumental Holistic XXI structure outside the Biloxi Community Development building



Moran art exhibit located at the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

Biloxi, New Orleans, and New York. Dusti is known as Mississippi's first abstract painter. She passed away in 1993 but her legacy lives on through the mission of the Dusti Bonge Art Foundation, located just north of the OOMA campus in the 100-plus-year-old, well-restored Creel House.

Fisherman's art

Once located on the east side of Porter Avenue adjacent to the present Biloxi Visitors Center, was the Moran's Art Studio. It was an amazing contribution to local art and Colonial history through the years.

Born in 1915, Joseph W. Moran began his successful career at a very early age, when he first worked with the design and construction of boats. His talent led him to the acclaimed creation of racing crafts that won many speed records.

In the 1950s, Joe operated a business at the studio location: Joe Moran Boats and Equipment Co. His ability to pay attention to intricate detail led him to express his boat concepts onto canvas, utilizing oil paints and creating life-like marine and landscape scenery. Joe Moran's talents must have been inherited since he was also the grandson of Biloxi's famous potter, George Ohr.

In the mid-1960s, Moran's Studio and Art Workshop was offering art instruction classes in the use of color in oil paintings. Hurricane Camille visited his studio in

August 1969 provoking a new twist to his Studio's future years revealing an unanticipated find. By November 1969, a dozen human skeletons had been discovered under his raised structure, providing a new puzzle to renovation efforts.

The discovery of old bones was, apparently not new to the area. An older newspaper story printed in May 1914 reported a previous revelation of human skeletal remains, as well. The 1914 bones were immediately reburied and were assumed to be of Native American descent.

As part of the renovation, Joe designed a glass enclosure on the renovated flooring to exhibit these unexpected findings. Thus, the Studio became not only a source for artwork and supplies but a mini-museum and tourist attraction.

At that time, and without today's technology to rely upon, it was assumed that these burials could have been dated back as far as 2200 B.C.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the studio, and many more skeletal remains were discovered. With the assistance of archaeological experts, it was concluded that the burials were mostly young adults who had been afflicted with malnutrition, and diseases, such as rickets. Today, this site is known

as the French Colonial Memorial Garden and is accompanied by a historical marker and interpretive signage.

The visiting artist

Perhaps one of Biloxi's least known, but most outstanding artist is Josephine Crawford. Born to French-speaking parents in the New Orleans French Quarter, she didn't take her work seriously until she was in her mid-forties. Josephine was well educated and was able to learn, read, and write in both French and English. This artist studied the intricacies of art both in New Orleans and in Europe.

Josephine was a frequent occupant of a famous shingle house once located on the eastern end of the Tullis property in Biloxi. Certainly, she was artistically inspired by the perfect setting of the Mississippi Sound, the seafood factories, the beachfront lure, the chirping birds, and the serene atmosphere of her family's waterfront home. Josephine was quite aware of Biloxi's visiting insects and some of her paintings included the famous mosquito net protecting her subjects.

To find out more about Biloxi's artists throughout history, visit the Biloxi Library's Local History and Genealogy Department which has an amazing array of resources. Who knows, it could spark the beginning of another Biloxi artist.

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