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# Yes, I'll take that to go

*This column originally appeared in this space in September 2021.*

You see them regularly these days, these osprey, top-of-the-food-chain fish hawks, perched as a quiet-yet-attentive sentinel atop a light pole on the Popp's Ferry bridge or, similarly, above the center median of U.S. 90.

Their nests appear in the most conspicuous of places: in cell phone towers, power line towers, even lodged atop the USS Biloxi mast in Guice Park, and to the consternation of firefighters, you'll see the telltale signs of wooden flotsam and jetsam nests among the row of lights atop poles at city ballfields.

Every now and then those who stop at red lights on U.S. 90 might notice one of the birds of prey circling over the waters

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.



**Nick L.  
Shrimp**

of the sound, looking for the next meal. You might even see one flying overhead carrying a fish, which of course is being offered a fatal and final bird's-eye view of Biloxi.

"I don't know, I think we're seeing them more regularly than we did growing up," says Larry Sablich, whose Port Division office overlooks the water. "I think Katrina probably had something to do with it, pushing them closer to us.

I think it's great. I really think the ones nesting at the Biloxi mast see me every time I walk in and out of the office."

Thankfully, we're able to catch a glimpse of these treasures, along with landscapes, sunsets and more. There's a cadre of local photographers who capture these moments on a regular basis and share on social media pages, especially Facebook's I Love Biloxi.

The late Alex North was certainly the best known shooter, but we tip our caps to the lensman who showcased the moments some of us may miss: Carl Fallo, who by mid-August had captured his 227th Biloxi sunset. There's also Tony Sawyer, Nathan Hall, Tim Isbell and Albert J Henrion Jr., among the local shooters. The work is free for the viewing.

Slow down and enjoy the show.

Photo by Albert Henrion Jr.



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# Celebrate Independence Day with a Boom!

Biloxi's annual Fourth of July fireworks show has gained a reputation over the years as being one of the biggest in the Southeast, organizers say, but the annual production is also a musical affair.

Admirers of fireworks displays and patriotic music can get both on Monday, July 4, beginning at 9 p.m. when the annual fireworks display is set to begin off a barge near Deer Island. The best viewing is from the Biloxi Lighthouse eastward to the Biloxi Bay Bridge, and the best listening is on Bob 105.9.

This year's display is scheduled to be 19-minutes and set to a wide range of patriotic music.

The fireworks-free zone, which Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich introduced in 2016, will once again stretch along the beach from Oak Street to the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor.

The Fourth of July fireworks show began in 1976 by the late Tommy Munro and again, this year, is sponsored by the Boom-Boom Committee, the City of Biloxi, and a host of other sponsors.

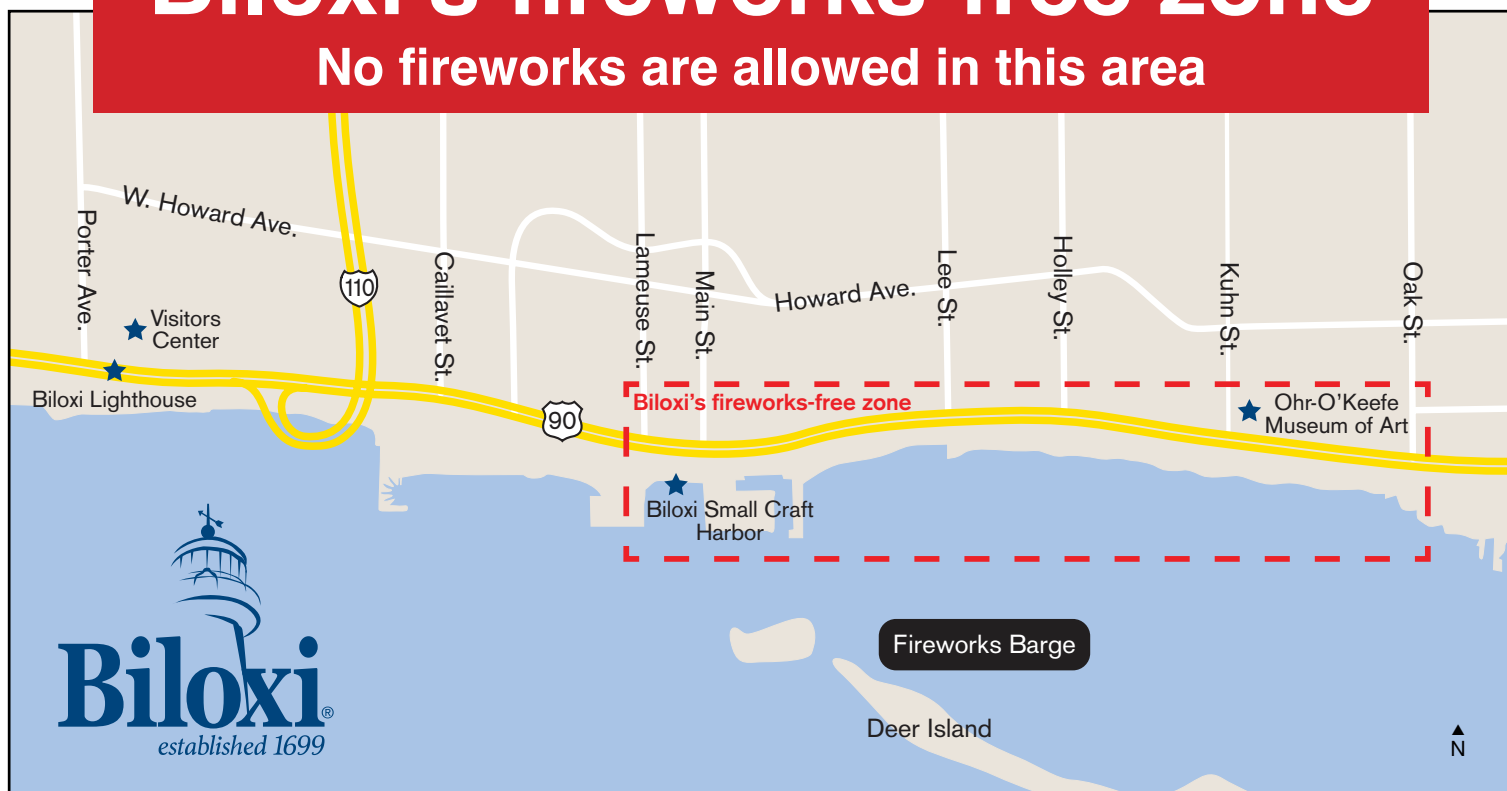
If you're planning to attend the

fireworks show, use parking bays only. Do not park in the center median of U.S. 90. Be careful crossing U.S. 90. On the drive home, traffic will be heavy and slow-moving so be patient. Drive defensively.

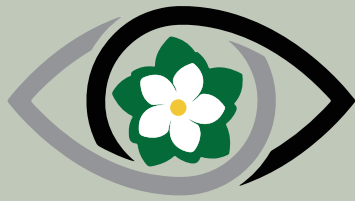
Also, it is unlawful to shoot fireworks within the city limits except on July 4 as well as December 31 after 6 p.m. through 1 p.m. on January 1 and the first, second, and third day of Tet only in conjunction with the Dragon Dance, which requires a special permit from the Biloxi Fire Department.

## Biloxi's fireworks-free zone

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# News & notes

## Animal Edition

## In an emergency, seconds count

By Lt. Thomas Goldsworthy  
Biloxi Police Department

Biloxi Police are asking for your help in making emergency locations more identifiable. The department is rolling out its “Seconds Count” campaign, asking residents to check if their street address numbers are visible. When emergency personnel are dispatched, street address numbers are often used to find a location. Here are some tips to help make the seconds count.

### Help Us Help You

Is a street address number displayed on your home or business property? If not, consider posting your assigned physical street address number.

### Post Your Numbers

In an emergency, seconds can sometimes make a life-saving difference. Your 9-1-1 address numbers should be posted on your house or business visible from the road. A well-marked location is much easier for officers, firefighters, and medical personnel to find you when help is needed. You can purchase street numbers at hardware/discount stores for a reasonable price, or get creative and paint a sign. Try reflective numbers that can be seen at night and during the day. Ask yourself, if you had never visited your home, where would you look for the address?

### What is your 9-1-1 address?

When you dial 9-1-1 from a traditional landline at home, the address and/or phone number is displayed on the operator’s screen. Your actual physical address (house number and street name) is your 9-1-1 address. You cannot use a route or box number for 9-1-1 purposes. Your 9-1-1 address should be posted and visible from the road for emergency responders.

### More Than Just a Mailbox

For 9-1-1 purposes, the entry to your drive, lane, easement, access road, etc., should be marked,

NOT just your mailbox. Mailboxes help the post office deliver mail. If you want 9-1-1 to find you in an emergency, mark all entrances and turns along the way to your home.

### Ensure – Even in the City

Just because you reside inside city limits does not mean your home is easier to locate if you live at a rural address. Some communities use number plates or curbside painted numbers. Shine a light directly on your house numbers and clear them of any grass, bushes, or other obstruction. Another alternative is a lighted address sign sold at most home improvement stores.

### Report Missing Street Signs

Although many emergency responders know most streets and roadways, a road sign can improve response time and ensure that responders have the correct location. If you notice your road sign is missing or damaged, please report it to Biloxi’s Citizen Services Representative Craig Ross at 228-435-6271 or email [cross@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:cross@biloxi.ms.us).

### Know Your Location

If you don’t have a traditional home phone using phone jacks and no other equipment, then you must know your location when calling 9-1-1. Odds are that your address and phone number may not be provided to 9-1-1. When calling 9-1-1 on the road, always include what street you are traveling or the nearest mile marker as well as your direction of travel. At the start of your call, state where the emergency is happening. Your call may need to be transferred to the correct call center to get the appropriate help.

**\*\*According to City Ordinance, all house or building numbers are to be displayed by the owner, occupant, or person in charge of the building and must be posted in a manner that is legible and distinguishable when viewed from the street frontage.**

**Identify your pet:** It is sad to say, but animal shelters and rescues are filling up. To help animal control, who may not be able to pick up and transport a misplaced animal to a shelter because of the capacity issue, please make sure your pets have identification on them such as a collar and tag and are microchipped.

**Feeding feral/sprays:** Feeding feral/stray animals is not prohibited on private property in Biloxi but it does encourage more animals to gather. Trapping, spaying/neutering, and releasing are more humane ways to help and protect feral/strays. Check local shelters and rescues for guidance.

**Vaccine for health:** All pets, three months or older, should be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian and should have the rabies tag displayed on the collar if outside their home.

**Avoid the heat:** It is unlawful to leave an animal inside a vehicle when it may cause harm, such as during excessive heat, even if a window is cracked. Also remember, if the asphalt is too hot for bare feet, it’s too hot for bare paws.



**Dog Park:** The City of Biloxi has two dog parks, one on Popp’s Ferry and one in Hiller Park.

Both are open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more info, visit online at [www.biloxi.ms.us/dogparks](http://www.biloxi.ms.us/dogparks).





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Friday Fireworks at the ballpark  
Credit Anthony Williams

## A team recap at mid-season

By Garrett Greene  
Biloxi Shuckers

Unlike Major League Baseball, the Minor League season is broken into two halves. It might be hard to believe the first half of the 2022 season has already passed, with the first half ending on June 26. However, one of the advantages of the split season is that the midway point serves as a reset for every team. Certainly the teams' overall record matters, but for the second half title, everyone's record resets to 0-0 on June 27, a wonderful second chance for some teams that might have struggled throughout the beginning of the season before finding their stride.

The Shuckers had an up-and-down first half, finding a lot of success at MGM Park but struggling away from their home ballpark. They scored the most runs in a single game in franchise history over Memorial Day weekend against the Montgomery Biscuits at MGM Park and belted 11 home runs over a two-day span before that. The Shuckers also had six different walk-off victories through the middle of June, including walk-off wins



to start and end their series against the Tennessee Smokies.

With the approach of the Major League All-Star Break, a typical trend that follows is roster turnover at the Minor League level with promotions throughout the system. While some fan-favorite players might move up to Nashville, the players waiting in the wings should step in to help Biloxi's cause in the second half of the season.

Outfielder Joe Gray Jr., who grew up in Hattiesburg and was committed to go to Ole Miss before being drafted in the second round of the 2018 draft by the Brewers, should find his way to Biloxi sooner rather than later.

Tyler Black, taken 33rd overall by the Brewers in 2021, is electrifying the Midwest League with his great contact hitting and speed on the bases and is another prime candidate to slid up to Biloxi.

On the mound, lefty Antoine Kelly, rated as the Brewers' #14 prospect, has racked up strikeouts at High-A, and closer Cam Robinson, who leads Minor League Baseball in saves, should be closing out games for the Shuckers in the near future.

July does see the Shuckers take their longest road trip of the year, playing away from MGM Park from July 4 to July 17 before returning from the All-Star Break on July 22. And while the Shuckers might only play 12 games at home in the month of July, their home games are jammed packed with fireworks shows on July 22, 24 and 29, plus their second Marvel 'Defenders of the Diamond' night on July 23 and plenty of other daily deals.

So, pick out your favorite date on [Biloxishuckers.com](http://Biloxishuckers.com) and come see the future stars of the Major Leagues play under the lights on the Mississippi Coast!

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.



# REVITALIZING DOWNTOWN!

The Mississippi Main Street Association recently recognized **Biloxi Main Street** with three honors at a luncheon in Jackson.

**Past President Corey Christy** received the **Paul Coggin Trailblazer Award**, which honors an outstanding local main street board member or volunteer who has been active, and contributed energy and dedication to downtown revitalization.

Christy served two terms as president from 2019 to 2021 and was instrumental in bringing 12 art murals to downtown in just one year. His goal is 50 art pieces for downtown by the end of 2022.



"Corey has helped to add the cultural tourism element we had been missing," said Kay Miller, executive director of Biloxi Main Street. "He knows that public art can tell a story. It is one of the few things that can remain truly unique and will always reflect a place and its people."

**Bart Luther** with **Biloxi Bicycle Works** accepted **Outstanding Business Expansion**. The award is granted to a business in a downtown district that has successfully expanded its operations and contributed to excellence in downtown revitalization.

Main Street assisted Luther in determining available vacant properties before opening his bicycle business at 993 Howard Avenue. Early on, Bart had a stunning number of orders for bikes,



Biloxi Main Street award winners (left to right) Corey Christy, Bart Luther, and Lee Young.

and ended up having to rent a building next door. Soon after, he needed even more space and has since expanded into a third building.

"Biloxi Bicycle Works hit like lightning!" said Miller. "And downtown is an invigorated, healthier place because of the life, fun, and love Bart has brought."

**Lee Young** accepted **Outstanding Large Adaptive Reuse Project for Ground Zero Blues Club Biloxi**. This award is granted to the best adaptive reuse of a large building that has outlived its former use.

Earlier this year, the vacant 20,000 sq. Ft. Kress

Building, 814 Howard Avenue, opened as a revived music and food venue with Mississippi Delta roots.

Built in 1927, S.H. Kress was an integral part of business in a thriving downtown. The 1970s saw the decline of downtowns nationwide, and Biloxi wasn't immune from this phenomenon. Kress closed up shop and the building sat empty for years.

"It's important that we celebrate all that's happening in downtown Biloxi," Miller noted. "Leaders like Corey, Bart, and Lee prove that revitalization is possible, and we look forward to more growth and progress!"



## It's time to register for the new school year!

*Be sure to visit [biloxischools.net](http://biloxischools.net) for all the details!*



**Registration & verification can be done online and begins FRIDAY, JULY 8.**



**For online verification, please have government-issued id and 2 proofs of residency: 1 current utility bill & mortgage or lease**



**To attend the first day of school on August 4, students must be registered by THURSDAY, JULY 28.**



**Any questions? Please call Student Services @ 228-374-1810 ext. 1125**



# Splashing into fun this summer

The city's four splash pads are open for summer fun!

Hiller Park, 380 Hiller Drive  
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Margaret Sherry, 2139 Popp's Ferry Road  
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Point Cadet, 120 Cadet St.  
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

John Henry Beck Park, 671 Division St.  
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Call the Parks and Recreation office at  
228-388-7170 for more information!

## Coronavirus by the numbers

### Statewide overall

Population: 2.97 Million

#### Positive cases

**819,503** (as of June 15, 2022)

#### Deaths

**12,489** (as of June 15, 2022)

#### Fully vaccinated

**48%** (as of June 13, 2022)

### Harrison County

Population: 208,080

#### Positive cases

**54,962** (as of June 12, 2022)

#### Deaths

**666** (as of June 12, 2022)

#### Fully vaccinated

**47%** (as of June 13, 2022)

### COVID-19 Vaccinations

Visit online at [biloxi.ms.us/coronavirus-info-practical-advice/](https://biloxi.ms.us/coronavirus-info-practical-advice/) for links to COVID-19 vaccination locations.

**Mississippi  
COVID-19 Hotline:  
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See updates Friday  
on the city's  
Facebook page.

Data reported by Mississippi State  
Department of Health.





## Sharpen your swimming skills at the Nat

Swimming is one of the most popular recreational activities in the U.S. A survey by the American Red Cross found eight out of 10 people will enjoy water activities this summer, even though more than half cannot swim or lack basic water competency skills.

It's never too early, or late, to learn how to swim, according to Jamie Lee, assistant director of the City's Parks & Recreation Department.

"We're mostly surrounded by water and have a wide range of activities on the water to take advantage of," Lee said. "Swimming is a skill that makes enjoying those activities safe and fun at any age."

Lee supervises the city's aquatics division and has spent years educating residents on water and swimming safety even if they cannot swim or feel they are weak swimmers.

For anyone afraid of the water, the first step is finding a place that offers swimming lessons such as the Biloxi Natatorium, which is located at 1384 Father Ryan Ave.

The city's Olympic-sized pool is open year-round and offers swimming lessons for ages five to adults. The two-week class sessions are offered at various times throughout the year. Skill levels range from beginner to stroke refinement.

"We begin very small with the basics, learning to put your face in the water, and then building upon that," Lee explained.

Lee encourages formal swimming lessons to help reduce the risk of drowning among children and young adults.

"Swimming is great for physical fitness. It gives you a sense

of accomplishment," Lee said. "And, our swimming classes are an effective way to learn certain survival skills."

He said one potentially life-saving water safety skill includes rolling over and floating on your back, which lets the swimmer have the ability to breathe and call for help.

Lifeguarding is also taught at the Natatorium and, for Lee, is a very rewarding role if you possess the skills that could help save a life.

In addition to swimming lessons, the city's aquatics program includes swim teams and meets as well as pool parties, all at the Biloxi Natatorium.

The Natatorium is open weekdays from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. for adult swimming and 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. for children. Daily fees range from \$1 to \$3 with options for a 15-visit pass and monthly and yearly memberships.

The City of Biloxi also has a pool at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. The pool is a smaller, 25-yard pool with a couple of swimming lap lanes and an exercise area. There is also a warm water therapy pool available.

If you'd like to increase your skills around the water, contact the Biloxi Natatorium at 228-435-6205.

### **SAFETY NOTE:**

A common misconception is that drowning is noisy. It's not. Drowning is usually silent. If you see a swimmer in need of help, immediately alert a lifeguard. If no lifeguard is present, have someone call 911.





# Safety tips to keep in mind when boating

By the staff of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

With summer underway on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the Office of Marine Patrol would like to remind boaters to stay safe when out on the water.

Before heading out, always check that your vessel is equipped with the required safety equipment and that you either file a float plan or let someone know where you will be boating that day.

## Personal Flotation Devices

When boating, all vessels must carry one wearable U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) for each person on board. In addition, vessels 16 feet in length or longer must have one Type IV or throwable U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD on board and readily accessible.

When underway in a vessel under 26 feet in length, anyone 12 years of age and younger must wear one of the following U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD: Type I - offshore life jacket, Type II - near-shore vest, or Type III - flotation aid or full-sleeved jacket used for water sports. Each person riding on or being towed behind a personal watercraft must wear one of the above-listed PFDs.

Besides being U.S. Coast Guard-approved, all PFDs must be in good and serviceable condition, readily accessible, which means you are able to put the PFD on quickly in an emergency, and of the proper size for the intended wearer.

## Fire Extinguishers

In Mississippi, all vessels are also required to have a Type B fire extinguisher, one that extinguishes flammable liquids like gasoline or oil, onboard if one or more of the following conditions exist: closed compartments under seats where portable fuel tanks are stored, closed storage compartments in which flammable or combustible materials are stored, closed living spaces or permanently installed fuel tanks.

Approved types of fire extinguishers are labeled "Marine Type USCG Approved," followed by the size and type symbols and the approved number.

## Visual Distress Signals

Visual distress signals (VDSs), day and night signals, allow vessel operators to signal for help in the event of an emergency. Vessels on federally controlled waters must be equipped with visual distress signals that are US Coast Guard-approved, in serviceable condition, and readily accessible.

All vessels, regardless of length or type, are required to carry night signals when operating between sunset and sunrise. Most vessels must carry day signals also. Exceptions to the requirement for day signals are: recreational vessels that are less than 16 feet in length; non-motorized open sailboats that are less than 26 feet in length; and manually propelled vessels.

## Boater Education Class

To legally operate a motorized vessel, any person born after June 30, 1980, is required

to pass a Boating Education course that is approved by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks. Marine Patrol offers classes that are free and open to anyone interested in learning more about boating basics and safety. For more information or to sign up for classes, visit [dmr.ms.gov/boat-water-safety/](http://dmr.ms.gov/boat-water-safety/).

## Operation Dry Water Weekend

With the Fourth of July holiday coming up, the Office of Marine Patrol will be taking part in the annual Operation Dry Water weekend. From July 2 to 4, law enforcement officers across the country will be on heightened alert for those in violation of boating under the influence laws.

Operation Dry Water is a year-round boating under the influence awareness and enforcement campaign focused on reducing the number of alcohol- and drug-related incidents and fatalities.

The Office of Marine Patrol encourages everyone to have a safe and enjoyable time on the water this summer. For more information about boating in Mississippi, visit [dmr.ms.gov/boating-in-mississippi/](http://dmr.ms.gov/boating-in-mississippi/). For any marine emergencies, call (844) WE-R-MDMR (844-937-6367).

- ▶ Visit [www.mdwfp.com/law-enforcement/boater-education/](http://www.mdwfp.com/law-enforcement/boater-education/) to sign up for a free boater safety course.
- ▶ Visit [www.dmr.ms.gov/ms-boating-rules-and-regulations-overview](http://www.dmr.ms.gov/ms-boating-rules-and-regulations-overview) for more details on boating requirements.



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## CITY OF BILOXI PUBLIC NOTICE

### CITY OF BILOXI FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

The City of Biloxi's Federal Programs Division invites you and all other interested residents to attend the **Fair Housing Workshop** it conducts annually in partnership with the Mississippi Center for Justice.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of housing because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and sexual harassment), familial status, and disability.

The public workshop will be held at the Community Development Auditorium located at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in downtown Biloxi, Mississippi at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022. All interested citizens are urged to attend, particularly residents of public housing, low-income individuals, representatives of local banking and real estate businesses and those providing housing support services in Biloxi.

Following a brief overview of the Act, residents will have an opportunity to ask questions about their Fair Housing Act rights, what constitutes a reasonable housing accommodation request and what landlords' responsibilities are in responding to and acting upon requests.

Typical violations of the Fair Housing Act and information about what is involved with filing a complaint also will be discussed. Through its educational outreach efforts, the City of Biloxi is actively working to remove barriers to fair housing for all residents.

Those who believe they have experienced housing discrimination may call the Mississippi Center for Justice's hotline number 228-702-9983 for assistance filing a complaint or may contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at (800) 669-9777. Housing discrimination complaints also may be filed by going to [hud.gov/fairhousing](http://hud.gov/fairhousing).

Those individuals who wish to participate but may be hindered by disabilities or who are non-English speaking are urged to notify the City at least 48 hours prior to the workshop so that special arrangements can be made. Please contact the Federal Programs Division at the Biloxi Engineering Department by calling 228-435-6269 for assistance in this regard.

Information about Biloxi's CDBG Program is available at <http://www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/>



# BILOXI Shuckers PROMOTIONS in July

**JULY 1** Peppa Pig at MGM Park

**JULY 2** Biloxi's Southern Negro League Night & T-Shirt Giveaway  
presented by Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi

**JULY 3** Independence Day  
Fireworks Extravaganza  
presented by Merit Health Biloxi

**JULY 22** Fireworks Friday  
presented by Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi

**JULY 23** Marvel Super Hero Night,  
Jersey Auction & Iron Man Appearance  
presented by Sparklight

**JULY 24** Sunday Fireworks  
presented by Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation

**JULY 26** T-Shirt Tuesday Giveaway  
presented by US Air Force 331st Recruiting Squadron

**JULY 28** Margaritaville Night  
presented by Margaritaville Resort Biloxi

**JULY 29** Fireworks Friday  
presented by Maxem Health Care

**JULY 30** Shuck Cancer Night with  
Jersey Auction & Kids Backpack Giveaway  
presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi  
Jersey designed by local artist, Julia Reyes

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HOME AWAY						1 MIS 6:35PM	2 MIS 6:35PM
3 MIS 6:05PM	4 MTG	5	6 MTG	7 MTG	8 MTG	9 MTG	
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17 TNS	18	19	20	21	22 PNS 6:35PM	23 PNS 6:35PM	
24 PNS 5:05PM	25	26 MTG 6:35PM	27 MTG 6:35PM	28 MTG 6:35PM	29 MTG 6:35PM	30 MTG 6:35PM	
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# Veterans: Stay weather and health aware this summer

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

As part of this remarkable community, we're no strangers to the weather patterns here along Mississippi's Gulf Coast. We've seen the damaging weather through hurricane season and the heat of the summer, but despite what can sometimes be dangerous occurrences, we have always maintained our dedication to our Veterans and their families.



## Heat safety tips

Just as it was reported that we could be in for a more active than usual hurricane season, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's

(NOAA) National Weather Service has indicated that this summer could be one of the hottest on record.

With that being said, I encourage each and every one of you to take the proper precautions during what could be extreme heat over the next several months. During hot and humid weather, your body's ability to cool itself is challenged in ways you may not expect.



## Biloxi VA TODAY

When your body heats too rapidly, or when too much fluid or salt is lost through dehydration or sweating, you may experience a heat-related illness. Stay weather-ready and look in on your neighbors – some of whom could be elderly Veterans.

There is a wealth of information on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric (NOAA) website, <https://www.weather.gov/>, about weather-related issues.

## Telehealth app

For those Veterans, their families, and caregivers using services at the Biloxi Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, there are wonderful alternatives to a visit to the clinic. The VA is leading the way in telehealth innovation to make sure Veterans can access care when and where needed. VA Telehealth Services is transforming how Veterans access high-quality VA care. From your home, the clinic, or the hospital, VA telehealth technologies make it easier for you to connect with your VA care team.

With the VA Video Connect app,

<https://mobile.va.gov/app/va-video-connect>, you can meet providers in virtual medical rooms using the camera on a smartphone, computer, or tablet. You and your provider work together to schedule online video appointments. You can even invite family members and caretakers to join the sessions. Talk to your Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System (GCVHCS) team to determine if some of our telehealth options can be incorporated into your health care plan.

## Career possibilities

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the continued efforts of our Biloxi VA Medical Center team. As one of the leading community employers, the men and women staffing our clinics are committed to the Veterans and other eligible beneficiaries they serve. Joining our team can be a rewarding career option and I encourage those interested in employment opportunities at the Biloxi VA Medical Center to check USAJobs, the federal government's official employment website.

As always, it's rewarding to be a part of this community, and know that through whatever challenges we face, the partnerships we've formed throughout the area are invaluable to us as we continue providing top-notch care to our Mississippi coast-area Veterans.

This monthly column and the 15-minute program airing daily at 6:45 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. on BTM are created by Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System Public Affairs Division.

## New Keesler gate is now open

The new main gate was showcased during the Division Street Gate Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Keesler Air Force Base in late May, just weeks before the gate officially opened to traffic on June 18.

Keesler's new main gate marks the completion of a two-year, multi-sourced and multi-funded project, which will enhance force protection and anti-terrorism measures.



► See more photos at [www.keesler.af.mil](http://www.keesler.af.mil)

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





# Are Your Trees Ready for Hurricane Season?

By the City of Biloxi Tree Committee

As the old sayings go, “The best time to plant a tree is today” and “The best time to prep your trees for hurricane season is last year.”

While neither of these brings much clarity or science to the discussion of preparing your trees for this hurricane season, they do communicate the importance of planting, planning, and caring for one of our region’s most important natural resources: the urban forest. The benefits include everything from creating a natural buffer between properties that beautifies the landscape, to ecological benefits such as stormwater absorption, wind reduction, and wildlife shelter.

High winds and storms can cause damage to trees and nearby dwellings, especially during hurricane season. For this reason, LSU’s AgCenter compiled scientific data to place trees in one of two categories: “Survivor Trees” or “Victim Trees”:

**Survivor Trees** — *compact with a major tap root, well-developed secondary roots, well-tapered trunk, low center of gravity. Healthy, young-to-middle-aged and well-maintained.*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bald Cypress</li> <li>• Live Oak</li> <li>• Sabal Palm</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black Gum</li> <li>• Shumard Oak</li> <li>• Winged Elm</li> </ul> |
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## Other Wind-Resistant Species

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Elm</li> <li>• American Holly</li> <li>• American Hornbeam</li> <li>• Black Locust</li> <li>• Dahoon Holly</li> <li>• Hackberry</li> <li>• Nuttall Oak</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pond Cypress</li> <li>• River Birch</li> <li>• Southern Magnolia</li> <li>• Sycamore</li> <li>• Sweet Bay Magnolia</li> <li>• Sweet Gum</li> <li>• Tulip Tree</li> </ul> |
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Specifically, Cypress, and the Southern Magnolia are protected in the City of Biloxi. These species are native to our region and grow to be strong, stable trees, largely resistant to wind damage when properly cared for according to ANSI A300 Standards, which is the American National Standard for Tree Care.

**Victim Trees** — *shallow-rooted, high center of gravity, weighed down by a dense canopy, fast-growing and weak-wooded.*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pecans</li> <li>• Pines</li> <li>• Red Cedars</li> <li>• Ornamental Pears</li> <li>• Willows</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silver Maples</li> <li>• Box Elders</li> <li>• Cottonwoods</li> <li>• Hickories</li> <li>• Some Elms</li> </ul> |
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The City of Biloxi specifically exempts pecan and pine trees from requiring a permit for removal. Similarly, the water oak was recently added to the list of exempt species for the same reason. They’re fast-growing, weak-wooded, and have a shallow root system.

Consider conducting an inventory of your property and assess whether the trees closest to your dwelling are in the “Survivor” or “Wind-Resistant” categories. A certified arborist should be consulted if you suspect that a limb is diseased and warrants treatment or removal by a professional to protect it against wind damage.

For more information or questions, contact the Biloxi Community Development Department at 228-435-6280.

## WANT TO DIG DEEPER?

- ▶ Visit [LSUAgCenter.com](http://LSUAgCenter.com); search Choosing Trees for Hurricane Resistance
- ▶ Search “ANSI A300 Tree Care” on the web



# 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

## Public Water Systems 0240001, 0240036, 0240084 and 0240255



The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act requires community public water systems to develop and distribute a Consumer Confidence Report to customers each year. The City of Biloxi operates four water systems, which are served by nearly two dozen water wells throughout the city's 50 square miles.

The source water assessment for Biloxi's four public water systems has been completed to determine the overall susceptibility of the city's drinking water supply to identified potential sources of contamination. This report informs you about the quality of water the city delivers to you every day.

**Water source:** Biloxi's water source is from wells drawing from the Pascagoula Formation, Graham Ferry Formation and the Miocene Series Aquifer.

**The findings:** Water wells for the City of Biloxi public water systems have received lower to higher susceptibility rankings to contamination. What does this mean? To determine susceptibility rankings and findings for your neighborhood, consult the list of water wells in this report (Page 15) and then refer to the corresponding water system findings.

**The bottom line:** The results in this report show that Biloxi's water system had no violations. The drinking water supplied by the city meets or exceeds all federal and state requirements. Monitoring and testing has detected some contaminants, but the Environmental Protection Agency has determined that your water is safe at these levels.

**Etc.:** To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

**Testing period:** To satisfy federal and state regulations, the city on a monthly basis monitors your drinking water for specific contaminants. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether the drinking water meets health standards. The Mississippi State Department of Health monitors the city's monthly reports. The tables in this report list drinking water contaminants detected between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2021. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2021, the table reflects the most recent results.

**Questions and more info:** If you have any questions about this report or the quality of your water, contact Tracey Forehand in the city's Public Works Department at 228-435-6271 or [tforehand@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:tforehand@biloxi.ms.us). A detailed report on how the susceptibility determinations were made is available for viewing upon request.

**Council meetings:** You also can attend any meeting of the Biloxi City Council. A section of each meeting is set aside for citizen comments. The council's regularly scheduled meetings are on the first, third, and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. You can find council agendas online at [biloxi.ms.us](http://biloxi.ms.us).

**Origin of contaminants:** As water travels over land or underground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials. In its travels, the water can pick up substances or contaminants from animals or human activity; microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be

naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

**Lead warnings:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The city is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control materials used in plumbing components.

**Minimize the risk:** When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791, or [www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water](http://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water). The Mississippi State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory offers lead testing. Call 601-576-7582 for info on testing.

**Typical contamination:** All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances, either naturally occurring or man-made. Substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, call the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or visit [www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water](http://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water).

**Vulnerable citizens:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. Immune-compromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, those with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, and some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. Guidelines from the EPA and the Centers for Disease Control provide appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants. Call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791 or visit [www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water](http://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water).

Questions about this report or your water utility, contact Tracey Forehand at 228-435-6271.



## About these tables

In these tables you will find many terms and abbreviations that may be unfamiliar to you. Here are definitions:

- **Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The “Maximum Allowed” (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The “Goal” (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk of health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l):** One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- **Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter:** One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

## Test Results - PWS ID# 0240001

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>								
1. Total Coliform Bacteria	N	November	Positive	1	NA	0		Presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples naturally present in the environment
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>								
5. Gross Alpha	N	2019*	2	1.1 – 2	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
6. Radium 226 Radium 228	N	2019*	.64 1.2	.20 – .64 .90 – 1.2	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
8. Arsenic	N	2020	1	.7 – 1	ppb	n/a	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
10. Barium	N	2020	.0109	.0057 – .0109	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2020	3.6	1.1 - 3.6	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2019/21	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
15. Cyanide	N	2020*	29	No Range	ppb	200	200	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
16. Fluoride	N	2020*	.351	.324 - .351	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2019/21	2	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	N	2021	164	60.8 – 164	ppb	20	0	Road salt, water treatment chemicals, water softeners and sewage effluents
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>								
56. Carbon tetrachloride	N	2021			ppb	0	5	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
<b>Disinfection By-Products</b>								
81. HAA5	N	2021	10.3	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2021	22	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2021	1.6	.3 – 3.67	mg/l	0	MDRL =4	Water additive used to control microbes

\* Most recent sample, No sample required/or 2021.



## Test Results - PWS ID# 0240036

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
10. Barium	N	2020*	.0027	.0019 - .0027	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2020*	2.5	No Range	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2018/20*	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride	N	2020*	.274	.242 - .374	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2018/20*	1	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	N	2021	90.8	79 – 90.8	ppb	20	0	Road salt, water treatment chemicals, water softeners and sewage effluents
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>								
76. Xylenes	N	2021	.0009	No Range	ppm	10	10	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories
<b>Disinfection By-Products</b>								
81. HAA5	N	2021	15.4	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2021	23	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2021	1.7	.4 – 3.6	mg/l	0	MDRL= 4	Water additive used to control microbes

\* Most recent sample, No sample required/or 2021.



## Biloxi Water Well Listing

Health Dept Tag No	Facility Name	Street
240001-01	Maple Street	Maple St
240001-04	Hospital Water Well	Bayview Ave
240001-05	Greater Ave	Greater Ave
240001-06	Porter Ave	Irish Hill Dr
240001-10	Bradford St Well	Bradford St
240001-11	Debuys Water Well	Debuys Rd
240001-12	Kuhn St	Kuhn Street
240001-13	Iberville	Iberville Dr
240001-14	Park Circle Water Well	Park Dr
240001-15	Father Ryan	Father Ryan Ave
240001-16	Pine Street Well	Pine St
240001-17	Tullis	Beach Blvd

Health Dept Tag No	Facility Name	Street
240001-18	Lakeview	Lakeview
240036-02	North Rivervue	NRiviere Vue Dr
240036-03	Oaklawn	Oaklawn Dr
240036-05	Hwy. 67 & Oaklawn	Hwy. 67 & Oaklawn Dr
240036-06	Superior	Woolmarket Rd
240084-01	Rustwood	Rustwood Dr
240084-04	South Hill	South Hill Dr
240084-05	N Biloxi #1	Popp's Ferry Rd
240084-06	Vee Street	Vee Street
240084-07	Cedar Lake Subdivision	Penton Dr
240084-08	Biloxi Sports Complex	Wells Dr



## Test Results - PWS ID# 0240084

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>								
5. Gross Alpha	N	2019*	3.6	1.9 -3.6	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
6. Radium 226 Radium 228	N	2019*	.43 1.03	.20 - .43 .45-1.03	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
10. Barium	N	2020*	.0034	No Rang	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2020*	3.1	No Range	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2019/21	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
15. Cyanide	N	2021	.0819	No Range	ppb	200	200	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
16. Fluoride	N	2020*	.297	No Range	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2019/21	2	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	N	2021	134	68.9 - 134	ppb	20	0	Road salt, water treatment chemicals, water softeners and sewage effluents
<b>Disinfection By-Products</b>								
81. HAA5	N	2021	21.1	20.8 – 21.1	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2021	34.6	29.1 – 34.6	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2021	1.4	.4 – 2.8	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

## Test Results - PWS ID# 0240255

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
10. Barium	N	2018*	.0071	No Range	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2018*	2.6	No Range	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2018/20*	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride	N	2018*	.45	No Range	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2018/20*	0	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	N	2019*	140000	No Range	ppb	0	0	Road salt, water treatment chemicals, water softeners and sewage effluents
<b>Disinfection By-Products</b>								
81. HAA5	N	2018*	19	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2018*	45.3	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2020	2.1	1-2.5	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes



# The infrastructure work in Biloxi

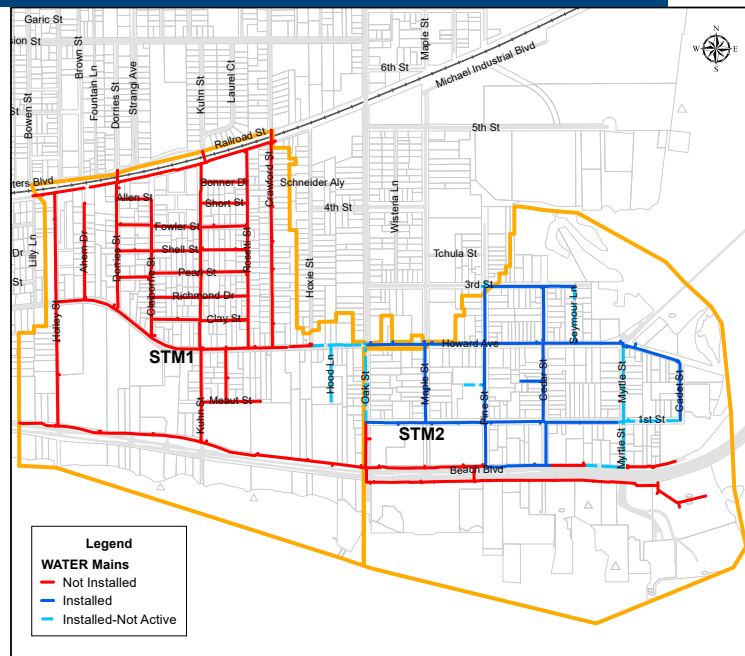
These pages contain maps show the status of the city's two major infrastructure projects now underway. The information on these maps is compiled by the city's Engineering Department, based on reports from contractors and inspectors at each site. See detailed maps and video online at [biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/](http://biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/).

## 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.

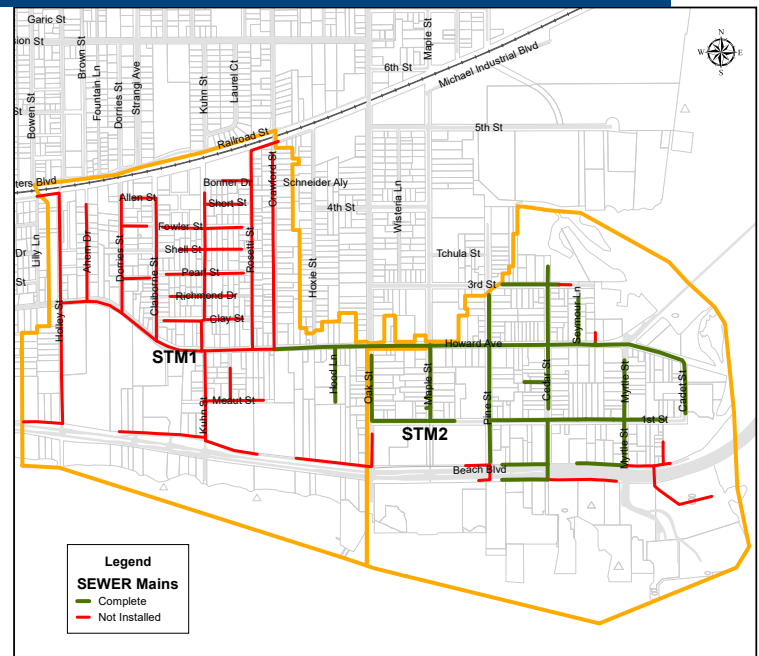
### Necaise Brothers Construction Water

Water Mains Installed as of June 15, 2022



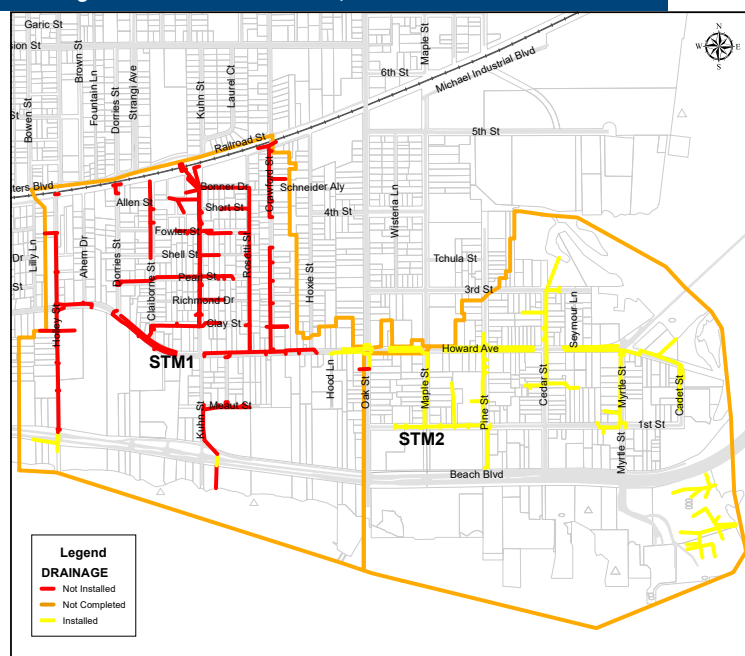
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Sewer Mains Installed as of June 15, 2022



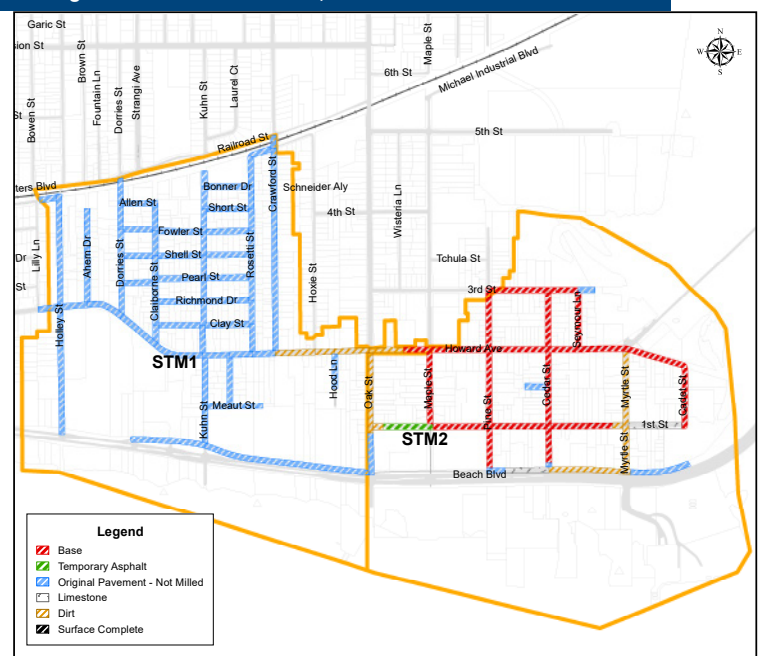
### Necaise Brothers Construction Drainage

Drainage Installed as of June 15, 2022



### Necaise Brothers Construction Pavement

Paving Installed as of June 15, 2022









# Random Notes



## Time capsule: Biloxi's local artist Joe Moran



Photograph from the Joe Scholtes Collection courtesy of Biloxi Library's Local History and Genealogy Department.

Imagine sitting back and just pondering what local artist Joe Moran might have been thinking as every stroke of oil paint flowed from brush onto canvas. Born December 6, 1915, Joseph W. Moran began as a boat builder until an accident in 1959 while assisting his son turn a boat over. While hospitalized, Joe's physician suggested he sketch boats and enrolled him in a home study art course. He later became known for his painted depictions of working boats. He owned the Moran's Art Studio on Porter Avenue until his passing on March 23, 1999. Several of Mr. Moran's works reside in the Smithsonian Institute, and two American presidents have acquired his art.

## Biloxi's Waterfront Activities



### 93rd Annual Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet

Working shrimp boats and pleasure boats came together for the 93rd annual Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet. The Blessing Boat "Lucky One" received a proclamation from Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich during the "Fais Do-Do" (French for street party) and coronation of 2022 Shrimp King Joe "Sonny" Powell & Shrimp Queen Sonia Ross at Biloxi Civic Center. Both joined Monsignor Dominick Fullam of St. Michael Parish in blessing boats in Biloxi Channel on May 29. A ceremonial wreath honoring local deceased fishermen dropped from a Harrison County Sheriff's Helicopter to commence the Blessing activities.



### Mississippi Gulf Coast Billfish Classic

Nearly 100 vessels left Point Cadet Marina on June 9 for the 2022 Mississippi Gulf Coast Billfish Classic. The captain and crew with "It Just Takes Time" took home \$630,985 in cash for winning the tournament.



### Bayview Walkway Ribbon Cutting

Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich and a host of partners cut the ribbon on the city's new Bayview Walkway on the morning of June 14. The concrete walkway spans just under a half-mile along the Bayview Avenue waterfront from Forrest Avenue to Kensington Drive. The entire walkway is lighted at night thanks to 1000 lbs. of solar batteries, and related equipment above the pavilion. Benches add to the enjoyment of viewing waterfront activities. Local and federal funding helped pay for the project.



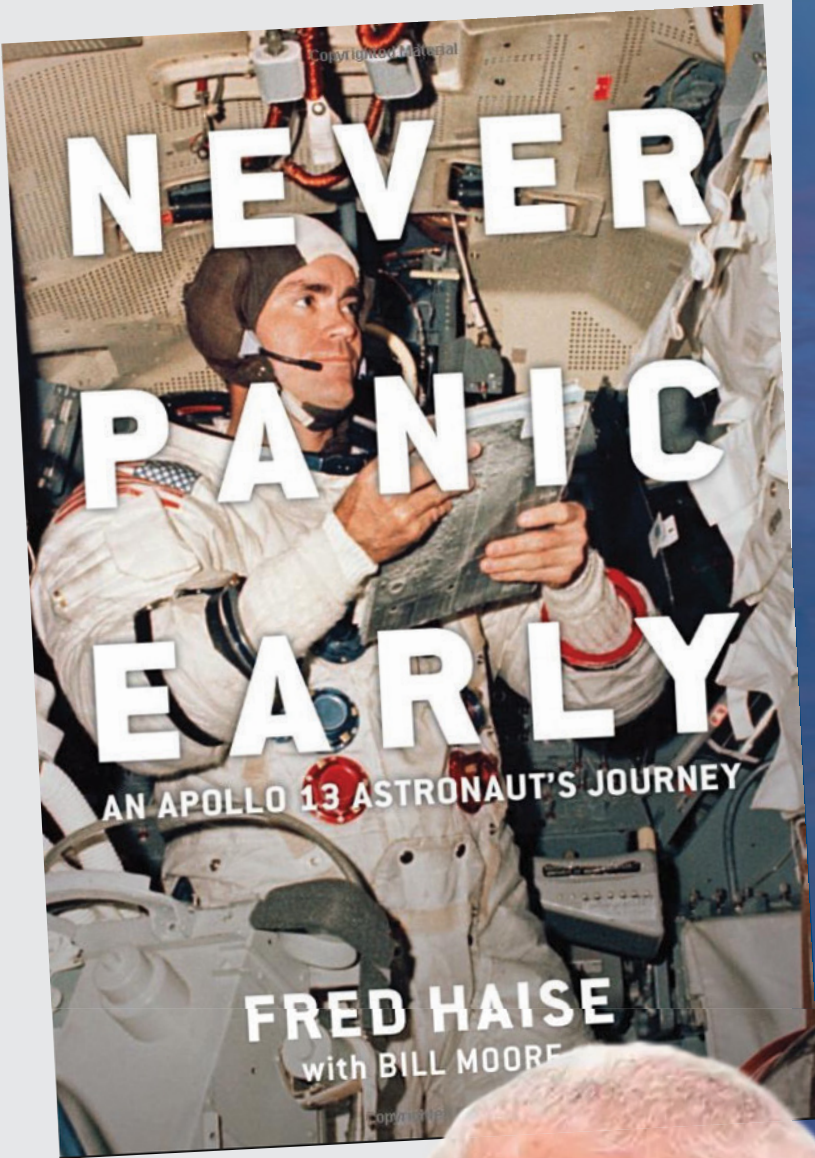
Biloxi Parks & Recreation employee Myikel Marks waves hello.

## What they're reading: Parks & Recreation edition

In celebration of Parks & Recreation Month, we turned to the people in the City of Biloxi that maintain the recreational facilities and provide community activities - the staff of the Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department. So we asked some staff members to tell us what they've been reading:

- **Sherry Bell, Director:** "Battlefield of the Mind," by Joyce Meyers.
- **Amanda Williams, Event Coordinator:** "On Island Time, Kayaking the Caribbean," by Scott B. Williams.
- **Olina Nelson, Crew Leader:** "Summer's End," by Lyn Cote.
- **Kevin Flynn, Maintenance Worker:** "Dune 1965," by Frank Herbert.
- **Kate Connors, Seasonal Lifeguard:** "The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes," by Suzanne Collins





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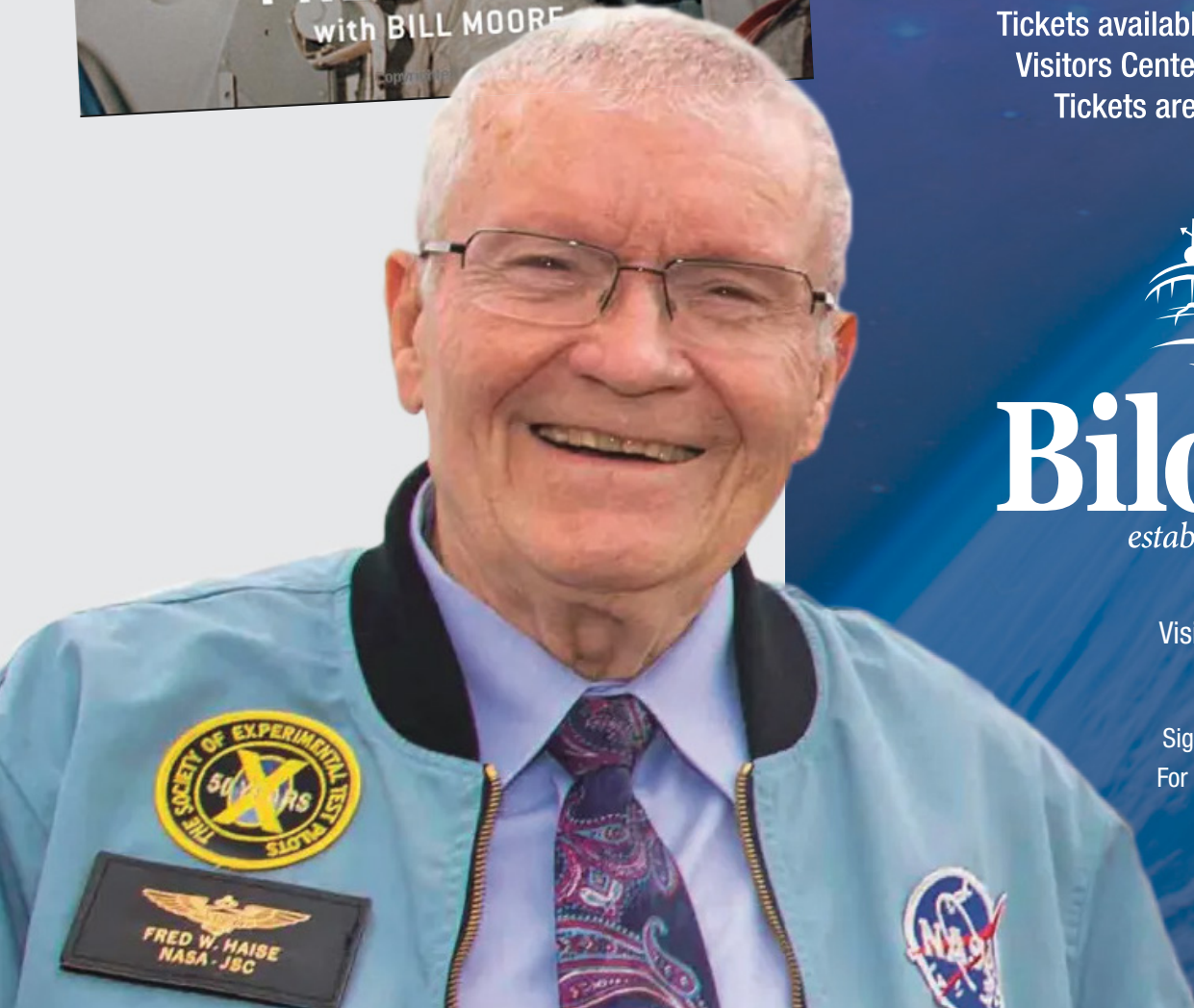
**July 27, 11:30 a.m.**

**Biloxi Visitors Center**

**TICKETS:**

- \$45 + tax – presale, until July 13
- \$50 + tax – after July 13
- Includes ONE signed book and lunch

Tickets available now at the  
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## Best Bets!



## Beachfront fireworks

Celebrate Independence Day with a bang in Biloxi on Monday, July 4. The nighttime sky above Biloxi's waterfront will light up at 9 p.m. for 18-minutes of fireworks. Music on FM 105.9 will coincide with the patriotic display. The show, which is organized by the Boom-Boom Committee, sets off from a barge near Deer Island in the Biloxi Channel. Spectators can watch from a fireworks-free zone on the beach between the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor and Oak Street.

**First Friday & Downtown Block Party at the District Green**, July 1, 5-9 p.m., 785 Howard Ave. Live entertainment featuring Royal Horses at 5 p.m. and 3HG at 7 p.m. Event features arts and craft vendors, and fun activities. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339 or [mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us)

**Biloxi Shuckers Baseball**, MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St., Admission prices begin at \$8. Details: 228-233-3465

- **VS. Mississippi Braves**, July 1-3
- **VS. Pensacola Blue Wahoos**, July 22-24
- **VS. Montgomery Biscuits**, July 26-31

**Biloxi Fourth of July Fireworks Display**, July 4, 9 p.m., Visible from beachfront between the Biloxi Lighthouse eastward to the Biloxi Bay Bridge. Patriotic radio simulcast on 105.9 FM. A fireworks-free zone for spectators will be on the beach between the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor and Oak Street. Free admission. Hosted by the Boom-Boom Committee and the City of Biloxi.

**Ohr's 165th Birthday Bash**, July 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art, 386 Beach Blvd. Celebrate the Mad Potter of Biloxi's birthday with food, a craft fair, ceramic sale, clay activities, and free cupcakes on the plaza. Free museum admission. Details: 228-374-5547 or [www.georgeohr.org/event/ohrs-bday](http://www.georgeohr.org/event/ohrs-bday)

**The Salvation Army Kroc & Roll Sunset Run**, July 9, 6 p.m., Golden Nugget Casino, 151 Beach Blvd. Runner's packet pick-up Friday, July 8, 5-8 p.m. at Kroc Center, 575 Division St. Details: 228-207-1218 or [ramon.santiago@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:ramon.santiago@uss.salvationarmy.org)

**Star-Spangled Cleanup**, July 9, 8-10 a.m., multiply sites along the coast. Details and to register: [coastalcleanup.extension.msstate.edu/events/star-spangled-cleanup](http://coastalcleanup.extension.msstate.edu/events/star-spangled-cleanup)

**City of Biloxi Job Fair**, July 13 & 16, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Looking for a job with the City of Biloxi? Stop by the free job fair for information. Details: 228-435-6259

**7th Annual Immunization Fair for School-Aged Children**, July 14 & 21, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Lopez School, 140 St. John St. Hosted by Biloxi Excel by 5 Details: Susan Hunt, 228-297-6808, Coastal Family Health at 228-374-4991, or Sherry Bell at 228-388-7170

**Biloxi Community Market Festival**, July 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Under the I-110 overpass at corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Blvd. Event features market vendors, live entertainment, informational and demonstration booths, hourly giveaways, and themed activities. Food available to purchase. Details: 228-388-2443

## Best Bet!



## Party at the Nat

Celebrate the end of Parks & Recreation Month at the Biloxi Natatorium, 1384 Father Ryan Ave., with a Family Pool Party on Saturday, July 30. The city's Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to come take a dip in the pool. The natatorium is usually closed on Saturdays, so take advantage of this opportunity and enjoy some family fun. Lifeguards will be on duty. The fun goes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission. Contact the natatorium at 228-435-6205 for more information.

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



## Stay in touch

**BNews:** Welcome to the 50th issue of BNews Monthly. It's a compendium of things you should know about your city: status reports on current and pending public works, and a calendar of community events covering the next 30 days.

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

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

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**Website:** The city's website, at [biloxi.ms.us](http://biloxi.ms.us), is the comprehensive digest of city information. The website also has links to the city's Facebook and YouTube platforms.

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## Frequently Called Numbers

Area code is 228 unless otherwise noted.

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

## Best Bet!

### Rally Up ShuckNation!

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

- VS. Mississippi Braves, July 1-3, 6:35 p.m. Friday & Saturday; 6:05 p.m. Sunday
- VS. Pensacola Blue Wahoos, July 22-24, 6:35 p.m. Friday & Saturday; 5:05 p.m. Sunday
- VS. Montgomery Biscuits, July 26-31, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 1:05 p.m. Sunday

Expect an array of between-innings antics and exciting promotions including after-game fireworks on July 2, 22, 24, and 29.

Tickets start as low as \$8 if bought in advance. Reserve seats online at [www.biloxishuckers.com](http://www.biloxishuckers.com).



**15th Annual Don't Worry, Be Happy!** July 15, 7-10 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Benefit for the Mental Health Association of South Mississippi. Sports-themed event includes a live and silent auction, and food tasting. Live entertainment with DPlay Band. Admission: \$50 per person. Details: [www.givergy.us/behappy2022](http://www.givergy.us/behappy2022)

**5th Annual Coastfest Carshow,** July 16, Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd. All makes, models, and years of classic cars are welcome. Registration 8-10 a.m. Judging 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Trophy presentation at 2:30 p.m. Car registration fee: \$25. Admission: Ages 12 and up \$10, Ages 6-11 \$5, and 5 and under free. Details: 228-388-4400

**Bike Biloxi Downtown Ride,** July 19, 6 p.m. Begins at 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

**Fred Haise Book Launch/Luncheon,** July 27, 11:30 a.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Meet Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise for lunch! His latest book "Never Panic Early" offers a detailed firsthand account of when disaster struck three days into his mission to the moon. Ticket prices include one signed book and lunch. Presale tickets are \$45+tax; after July 13, tickets are \$50+tax. Details: 228-374-3105

**Main Street Book Club,** July 28, 5:30 p.m. at Jacked Up Coffee Bar, 999 Howard Ave. This month's book is "One Night on the Island" by Josie Silver. Participation is free. Details: 228-435-6339

**Nifty Fifty Fundraiser at Gallery 782 Co-Art,** July 28, 5:30 p.m., 773 Jackson St. A drawing for artwork where every ticket wins. Tickets are \$50 and include a light supper. Must be present to win. Details: 228-436-7782

**3 Girls Trucking Academy 34-Hour Reset Expo,** July 29-31, Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Open to the public. General admission: \$200; student tickets \$150. Details: [www.3girlstruckingacademy.education/34-hr-reset-expo](http://www.3girlstruckingacademy.education/34-hr-reset-expo)

**Parks & Recreation Month Family Pool Party,** July 30, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Biloxi Natatorium, 1384 Father Ryan Ave. Open to the public. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170 or 228-435-6205



### Biloxi Little Theatre

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

- **Teen Show: Fignents,** July 15-17 and 22-24
- **Gleeful Celebration 10,** July 29-31

### Center Stage

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

- **Music of the Night: The Songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber,** July 28-August 7

### Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library

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

- **5th Annual Coastfest Carshow,** July 16, Car registration fee: \$25. Admission: Ages 12 and up \$10, Ages 6-11 \$5, and 5 and under free

### Biloxi Lighthouse & Visitors Center

1050 Beach Blvd., 228-374-3105, [www.biloxi.ms.us](http://www.biloxi.ms.us). Open daily, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

- **Lighthouse tours daily,** 9-10 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](mailto:schooners@maritimemuseum.org)

- Walk-on sunset sails, admission: \$30 adults, \$15 ages 3-12
- Group charters available, up to 44 people

## Biloxi Shrimping Trip

693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, [www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com](http://www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com)

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

## Biloxi Tour Train

Biloxi Lighthouse Park parking lot, south of Biloxi Visitors Center, traffic light #40, 228-374-8687, [www.biloxitourtrain.com](http://www.biloxitourtrain.com)

- Call in advance for tour availability

## Betsy Ann Riverboat Cruise

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

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

## Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum

792 Howard Ave., 228-314-4747, [museum@coastalmardigras.com](mailto:museum@coastalmardigras.com)

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

## Kroc Center, MS Gulf Coast, The Salvation Army

575 Division St., 228-867-6541

- **Kroc & Roll Sunset Run**, July 9, 6 p.m., Biloxi Bay Bridge

## Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

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

- Hours of operation: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

## Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

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

- **George Ohr's 165th Birthday**, July 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE museum admission
- **Yoga Under the Oaks**, July 5, 12, 19, & 26; 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Members \$10, Non-members \$15
- 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](http://www.biloxi.ms.us)

- Historic 1937 firehouse open Saturdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment

## Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606

- **Friday Bingo**, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. 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; open until 8:30 p.m.

## 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

- **Steak Night**, July 8, 6-8 p.m. (Last ticket sold 7:15 p.m.) \$20, dine in or carry out
- **Ladies of Joppa Bunco**, July 13, 5-8 p.m. \$10 admission, 56 player limit. RSVP, 228-233-4228

## Mississippi Coast Mustang Club

- **2nd Saturday Cruise-In**, July 9, 6-9 p.m., Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd.

## Our Lady of Fatima Parish

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Monday Bingo** (except July 4), 11, 18, & 25; doors open at 5 p.m.; Early birds 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 5:30 p.m.; Early bird games at 6:30 p.m.; regular games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Nativity BVM Catholic Elementary School.

## Lagniappe

### Charles R. Hegwood

### Biloxi Community Market

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 a.m.-4 p.m. under the I-110 overpass on the corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. Details: Tina Cowart at 228-388-2443

### City of Biloxi Senior Program

Activities for ages 55 and older weekdays at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center and the East Biloxi Senior Citizen Center. Details: Gwen Johnson, 228-388-2494, [seniors@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:seniors@biloxi.ms.us)

### Biloxi Libraries

- Biloxi Library, 580 Howard Ave., 228-436-3095
- Margaret Sherry Library, 2141 Popp's Ferry Road, 228-388-1633
- West Biloxi Library, 2047 Pass Road, 228-388-5696
- Woolmarket Library, 13034 Kayleigh Cove, 228-354-9464

For more information, call the Harrison County Library System at 228-436-3095.

### Biloxi Main Street

Promoting, preserving, revitalizing and enhancing the economic growth of the downtown Main Street district. Details and membership: 228-435-6339, [mainstreetbiloxi.com](http://mainstreetbiloxi.com)



### City of Biloxi Public Meetings

- **Architectural Review Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second and fourth Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266
- **Biloxi City Council:** Regularly scheduled meetings: first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. and the third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.; City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-435-6257
- **Biloxi Civil Service Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m.; City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-435-6259
- **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
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# BTV July Schedule

Sparklight 56; Uverse 99 (follow prompts) or at [biloxi.ms.us/btv](http://biloxi.ms.us/btv)

Morning	
6 a.m.	"Down in Biloxi," by Rockin' Ray Fournier (4 min)
6:04 a.m.	Inside BTV
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!" at Cora's in the White House Hotel (6 min replay)
7:30 a.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
7:45 a.m.	Keesler update (15 min)
8 a.m.	R U Ready, 2021 (42 min replay)
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!" at Cora's in the White House Hotel (6 min replay)
1:30 p.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
1:45 p.m.	Keesler update (15 min)
2 p.m.	R U Ready, 2021 (42 min replay)
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Midnight	National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)



You can view individual programs on the city's YouTube channel.

## "R U Ready?" encore this month on BTV

Storm season is here and the City of Biloxi, along with a host of disaster preparation and response authorities, offer advice each year to help you plan for a storm or flood. The advice is part of the annual "R U Ready?" outreach program.

This month on BTV, we look back at the 2021 "R U Ready?" program. The 42-minute program, which airs at 8 each morning and evening in July 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 2 or on the city's YouTube page.

## A BTV replay of Biloxi Cooks! at Cora's

This month on BTV, Cora's, the restaurant inside the White House Hotel in Biloxi, is back in the spotlight during a replay of "Biloxi Cooks!", which premiered in November 2021. Learn about the restaurant's namesake, the iconic hotel's history, and enjoy a fare of food offered.

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

### Firecracker Shrimp and Rice

*Cora's Restaurant – White House Hotel, 1230 Beach Blvd..*

#### Ingredients (four servings):

- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 3 tbsp fresh orange juice
- 2 tbsp hot sauce, Justin Wilson brand
- 2 tbsp rice vinegar
- 1/4 tsp crushed red pepper flakes, plus more for garnish
- Kosher salt
- 1 1/4 pounds peeled & deveined small shrimp, tails removed
- 3 tbsp cornstarch
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 tsp grated fresh ginger
- 3 cloves garlic, grated
- 3 cups cooked basmati rice
- 1 bunch scallions, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- Sriracha and fresh cilantro leaves, for garnish

#### Instructions (20 minutes):

- Whisk together brown sugar, orange juice, hot sauce, rice vinegar, red pepper flakes and 1/2 teaspoon salt in medium bowl; set aside.
- Dry shrimp well with paper towels and add to a large bowl. Sprinkle cornstarch over shrimp and toss to coat.
- Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until shimmering. Fry the shrimp in the hot oil until pink, about one minute per side. Add ginger and garlic. Cook, stirring, until fragrant, about one minute. Add sauce mixture, rice and scallions and cook until warmed through, about three minutes.
- Top with more red pepper flakes, a drizzle of sriracha and cilantro leaves.





# Looking up in Biloxi through the years

Biloxians and its visitors have always looked up. In the years when Monsieur D'Iberville sailed along our shores, he and his crew were always looking up. In those days, their navigational techniques depended on the stars above to guide them along the right course. Sailors continued to look up, whether it was to adjust the sails on their ships, to watch out for weather issues in a distance, or maybe even to spot a rainbow.

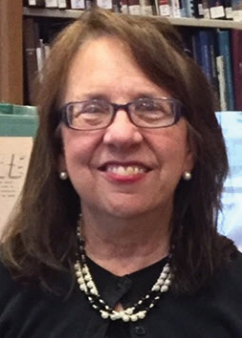
There is an ancient rhyme that has been traced back across languages and cultures, for about 2,000 years:

Red sky at night, sailor's delight.

Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning.

What a great weather-predicting slogan!

## Back in the Day



By Jane Shambra

### A tall beacon

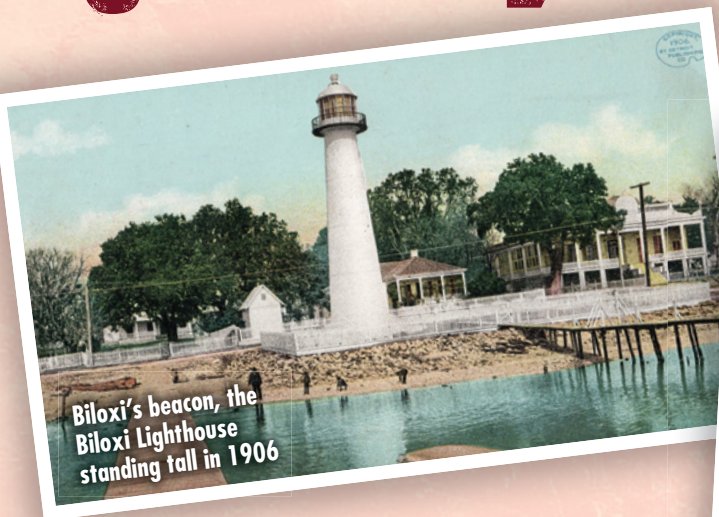
Years ago, Biloxi did not have the tall buildings it has today. Trying to locate a tall structure in the 1800s is quite a challenge.

Probably the tallest significant man-made building back in the day

was observed as the Biloxi Lighthouse. Unobstructed from view and positioned at the water's edge, this 1848 cast-iron structure is still in place! It is a Biloxi icon and is clearly visible from the south, east, and west. Older photos clearly show its height which is 61 feet tall. Our beloved lighthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places

### Two, three stories tall

In the second half of the 1800s, the Sanborn Fire Insurance Company



Biloxi's beacon, the Biloxi Lighthouse standing tall in 1906

surveyed buildings within incorporated cities throughout the United States, thus producing what we recognize today as Google satellite maps. There is great detail recorded in these mapping products, including how many stories high a building was.

Biloxi's first recognized Sanborn map appeared in 1893. The tallest buildings in that year appear to be merely two stories high. By 1905, Biloxi's buildings were growing taller, and its "skyscrapers" then are seen to be Biloxi's old City Hall on Main and Howard Avenue and Biloxi's current City Hall building (then a courthouse).

In 1912, three stories-high structures that were recognized was the Central High School and the old Elks Lodge.

### Hotels on the rise

In the 1920s, Biloxi experienced the spirit of the Roaring Twenties, exhibiting prosperity, bootlegging, and the surge of Jazz music. A hotel building boom went underway in Biloxi during that time and included memorable structures such as the The Tivoli Hotel (6 stories); The Edgewater Gulf Hotel (10 stories); The Buena Vista Hotel (5 stories); The Hotel Avelez (5 stories); and The Broadwater Beach Hotel (8 stories).

### Living it up

In the 1960s, Biloxi's highway buildings began to grow noticeably taller, especially along Biloxi's Central Beach Boulevard, also known as Highway 90 and Beach Boulevard.

The Gulf Towers Luxury Apartments was constructed in the early 1960s and reached 10 floors. It was originally advertised as an apartment building with options for one, two, or efficiency studio apartments. Currently, we recognize it as the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel.

Right down the street, the Santa Maria del Mar Apartments towers at 13 floors was constructed in 1969-71. In 1971, two years after Hurricane Camille, it welcomed its first tenants to the then senior citizens retirement complex. Today Hotel Legends occupies this modern repurposed musically themed hotel.

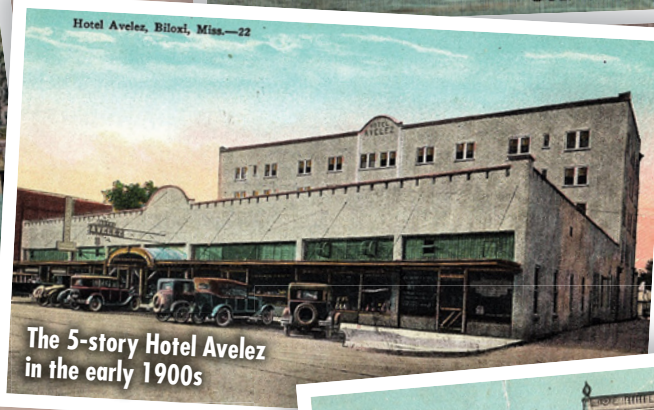
Both the prior-named Gulf Towers and Santa Maria buildings sustained both water and wind damage from Hurricane Katrina; but, proved to be outstanding survivors.

### Betting up

Legalized gambling didn't enter Biloxi's modern world until the early 1990s. After voting and permissions were in place, another building boom in Biloxi entered a new phase, one that it had never seen before.



The bustling 5-story Buena Vista in the mid 1900s



The 5-story Hotel Avelez in the early 1900s



The 6-story Tivoli Hotel in the early 1900s

The first gambling venues arrived on paddleboats to offer games of chance and eatery options. Then, accompanying hotels began to grow from Biloxi's surface, just like in "Jack and the Beanstalk" story.

Within just a few years, the two tallest skyscrapers in the State of Mississippi opened for business: the IP Casino Resort Spa (Imperial Palace Casino), built between 1995 – 98 and reached its peak at 32 floors, and the Beau Rivage Casino, constructed from 1995 – 98 at 32 floors, as well.

Hurricane Katrina clobbered both structures, but repairs quickly went underway, boasting these two Biloxi casinos as the two tallest buildings in the state of Mississippi, true SKYSCRAPERS.

### Branching up

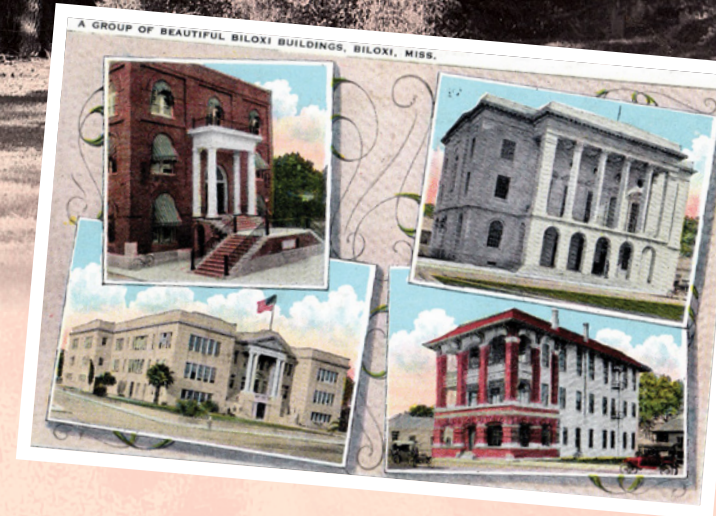
As young kids, we often looked up at a tree when we heard the sweet sounds of bird voices and sometimes climbed up a tree to view the world from above. In the yard of old historic Tullis-Toledano property on U.S. 90, there was once a famous old tree that towered above us all. It had a huge circumference and was draped with Spanish moss. Throughout historical journals, this tree has had several names: the Crawford Tree; the Counselor Oak; and the Garner-Tullis Oak. That massive tree had an amazing background. Legend has it that Coastal Native American Tribes (including the Biloxi, Pascagoula, and Choctaw) had significant meetings under its branches. Supposedly, it was also the shaded area where "sea weary French voyageurs"

chose to open and roast oysters.

An even more intriguing legend is the story about pirate Jean Lafitte's treasure, supposedly buried near its roots. Sadly, we can no longer loop up this fascinating Oak Tree, since it was a victim of Hurricane Katrina.

### Father of Skyscrapers

Right next to us in neighboring Ocean Springs, the Father of Skyscrapers Louis Sullivan (1856-1924) chose his summer home very near the water's edge where he could appreciate our dear Deer Island and the waters of the Biloxi Back Bay. Mr. Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright were friends and work companions. Perhaps his successful skyscraping designs were influenced by his view of beautiful Biloxi.... Back in the Day.



▲ The large Oak that grew up on the waterfront of the Tullis-Toledano property

► Three story buildings of the 1900s



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