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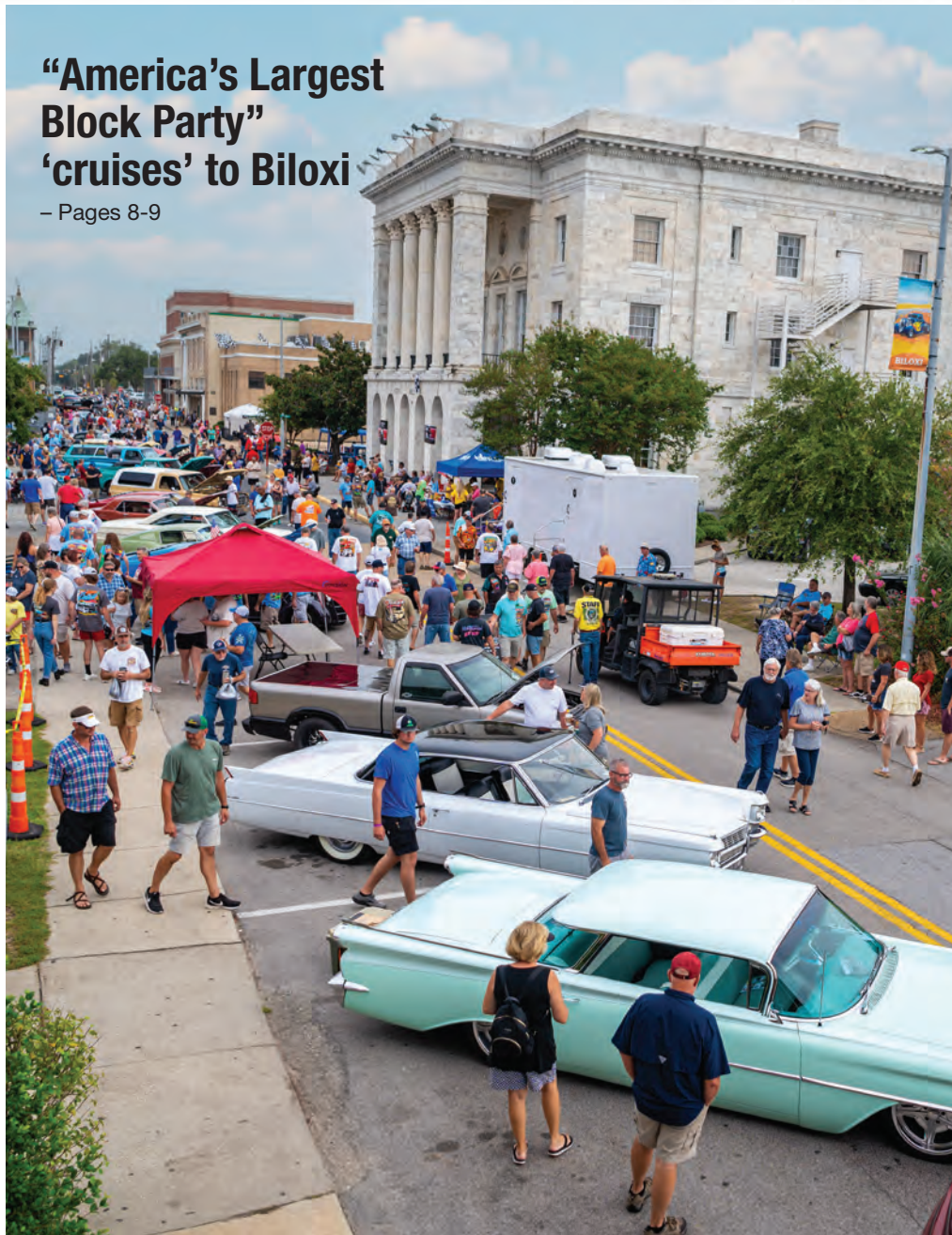
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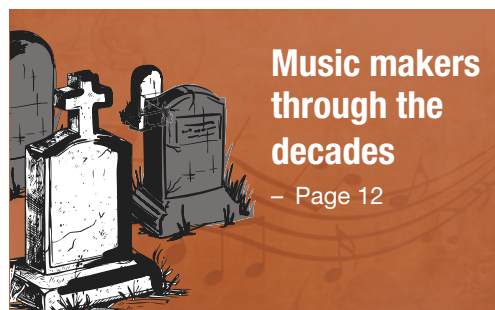
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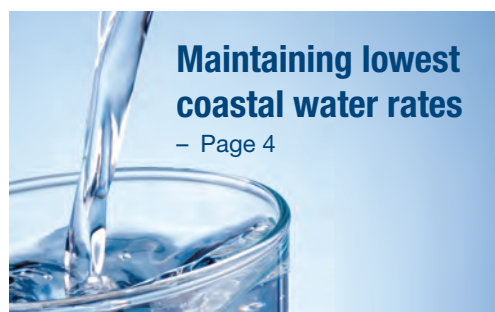
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Nick L. Shrimp



Victor Mavar: A life of benevolence, GOP politics

Rudy Lesso, the longtime Biloxi seafood industry leader, was recalling the virtuous life and times of Victor Mavar the other day, and politics came up.

“Victor,” said Rudy, a lifelong friend, and contemporary of Mavar, “was knee-deep, not neck-deep in politics.”

And, for Victor, who died last month at the age of 96, his influence in national, state, and local GOP politics was but a facet of a professional life that, after service in the Navy, began when he joined the family business, Mavar Shrimp & Oyster Co. Five years later, he was head of the national association of shrimp processors. Later, when the company pivoted to producing and selling canned and dry cat food under the brand Kozy Kitten, Victor was a leader of the pet food industry’s national trade association.

To be clear, Victor Mavar was the last of a generation. A giant pillar of a community whose influence was broad, typically quiet, and behind the scenes, except of course, when it came to politics. Time was, if a president or presidential hopeful, or any candidate of any significance, was coming to Biloxi, it was to see Victor Mavar or Jerry O’Keefe, depending on their political persuasion.

Trent Lott, the Pascagoula native whose storied career saw him rise to become the U.S. Senate Majority leader, counts Victor Mavar as one of his original and most active supporters.

Said the new Oxford resident, now 81 and still working: “When you can reach the end of your day, if you can look back and say ‘I honored my God, my country, my family, my community, my business,’ I’d say, ‘Job well done.’”

Lott, Mississippi GOP Chairman Frank Bordeaux and others credit Victor with helping establish the Republican Party along the Gulf Coast and throughout the state. Said Lott: “I didn’t know many Republicans when I was growing up, so to meet one like Victor Mavar”

It was Lott’s race with Democrat Ben Stone

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.



Victor Mavar, with that infectious smile, and Trent Lott on the floor of the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn., in 2008.



Ronald Reagan and Victor at the Buena Vista



A young Bush 41 with Victor



Victor and President Gerald Ford



Thousands greeted President Ford at the Mavar factory on U.S. 90, just east of Oak Street.

in 1972 to represent South Mississippi in Congress that demonstrated Victor’s political acumen – and sense of humor.

“Somebody had said at the time that Victor wouldn’t be able to get enough Republicans together to fill a phone booth,” commentator Robert “Bones” Barq was telling his brethren in the Biloxi Businessmen’s Club the other day. “So when Trent Lott beat Ben Stone,

Victor went out and bought a phone booth and put it in his front yard!

“About a month later, his wife Gayle told Victor that it was time for the phone booth to go. Victor said, ‘But I hear people are putting money in it.’”

The last part, Bones admits, might not be true, but Victor would smile at the thought. He always smiled.

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City water, garbage fees to increase in October

Biloxi residents will see slightly higher water and sewer bills and an increase in the monthly garbage fee beginning Oct. However, residents will still be paying among the lowest on the Gulf Coast for safe water.

For the majority of Biloxi users, the new water rate increases once again by 2 percent per thousand gallons for those who use between 3,000 and 5,000 gallons of water. The new garbage and recycling rate increases from \$15.69 to \$16.83 per can/location. There will also be an

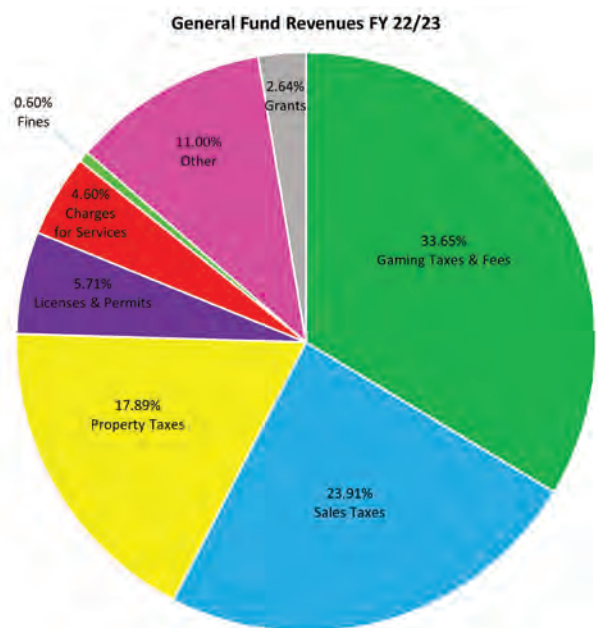
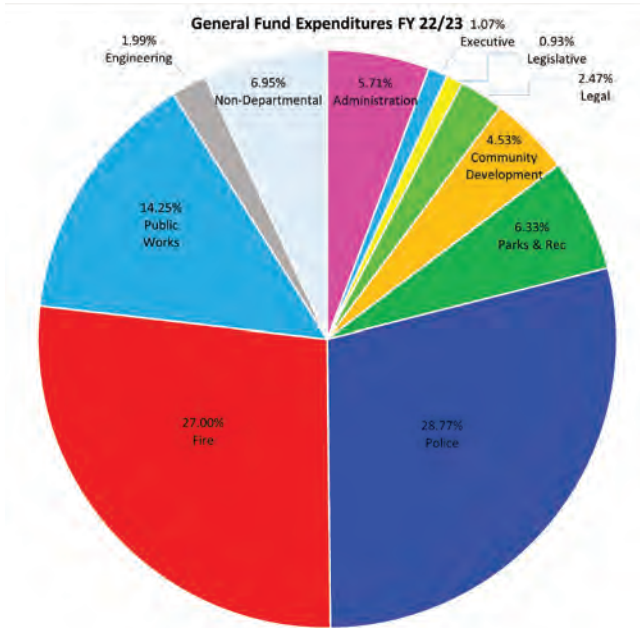
additional 17 cents increase per month to cover administrative costs associated with collection and disposal.

“Even with the adjustments, Biloxi residents enjoy the lowest fees of water and garbage service of any city in South Mississippi,” Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich said. “Biloxi is about quality of life for residents and visitors, and these low rates help us to maintain safe water systems.”

Biloxi has a water distribution system that includes 11 on-ground and elevated tanks,

24 wells, and 273 miles of distribution pipe. The sewer collection system includes 113 lift stations, three treatment plants (which Harrison County Utility Authority is paid to operate), and 216 miles of gravity and 52 miles of force main sewer pipe.

Each year in July, the city publishes a water quality report which includes a detailed list of test results. The report, available on the city’s website, is part of the city’s continuing goal to provide residents with a safe and dependable drinking water supply.



Inside the numbers

Months of discussions and public meetings have led to the approval of a new municipal budget. Oct. 1 begins a new fiscal year in the City of Biloxi and, as Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich has said before, “this budget is supported by the numbers.”

Here is a look at the budget numbers and highlights from Mayor Gilich.

What makes up the largest part of the budget?

Personnel. “As with any operating budget, employees make up for 2/3. They meet the challenges and reach for the goals we have for Biloxi every day.”

What are the revenue streams?

Gaming, sales, and property taxes. “We continue to see record gaming and sales taxes. Sales taxes over the last 17 months has exceeded over \$1 million. In August the gross gaming revenue

was more than \$94 million. Gaming alone accounts for a third of the city’s operating budget.”

What projects are highlighted in this budget?

“The Popp’s Ferry extension is the highest priority. There are a lot of moving parts with the project but it’s moving. It’s an ongoing project, but a top one in my book.”

What do people need to keep in mind when looking at the numbers?

“The budget is a living document. Throughout the year, the spending plan is amended based on unanticipated changes in revenue and/or expenditures. The numbers help the city maintain its reserve while focusing on improvements to the city through workers, services, and new equipment.”

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Pelican Playgrounds crews installing the playground at Eagle Point Park

City parks get an upgrade

Work is underway at five city parks to install new recreation equipment. Savarro, Pennzoil-McManus, Eagle Point, and Businessmen's parks are receiving new playgrounds, and Joseph O'Reilly Park will see the installation of a new workout area with upgraded fitness equipment. The demolition of the playground equipment was done by Harrison County, and the playground and fitness equipment is being done by Pelican Playgrounds.

In addition, a dog park will be set up at Savarro Park.

All work is expected to be completed by the beginning of October.

Eagle Point Park playground



Savarro Park playground rendering



Eagle Point Park playground

Splash pads: The City of Biloxi's four splash pads, Hiller Park, Point Cadet, John Henry Beck Park, and Margaret Sherry, will close on Oct. 10 for the fall/winter. They will reopen to the public on Easter weekend. For more info, call the Parks & Recreation office at 228-388-7170.

Openings: Looking for a career? The City of Biloxi has a number of job openings in the fields of public safety, parks and recreation, public works, and engineering. Details: Visit Human Resources online at biloxi.ms.us or call 228-435-6259.



Firefighter of the year: The Kiwanis club has named Biloxi Asst. Fire Chief Jason Earl Davis as the 2021-2022 Louisiana, Mississippi, West Tennessee District of Kiwanis



International Firefighter of the Year. Chief Davis was selected from more than 300 nominees across three states. After being honored with the award, Chief Davis was tasked to identify a nonprofit organization to receive a \$250 donation. The Kiwanis club graciously made the donation to Back Bay Mission.

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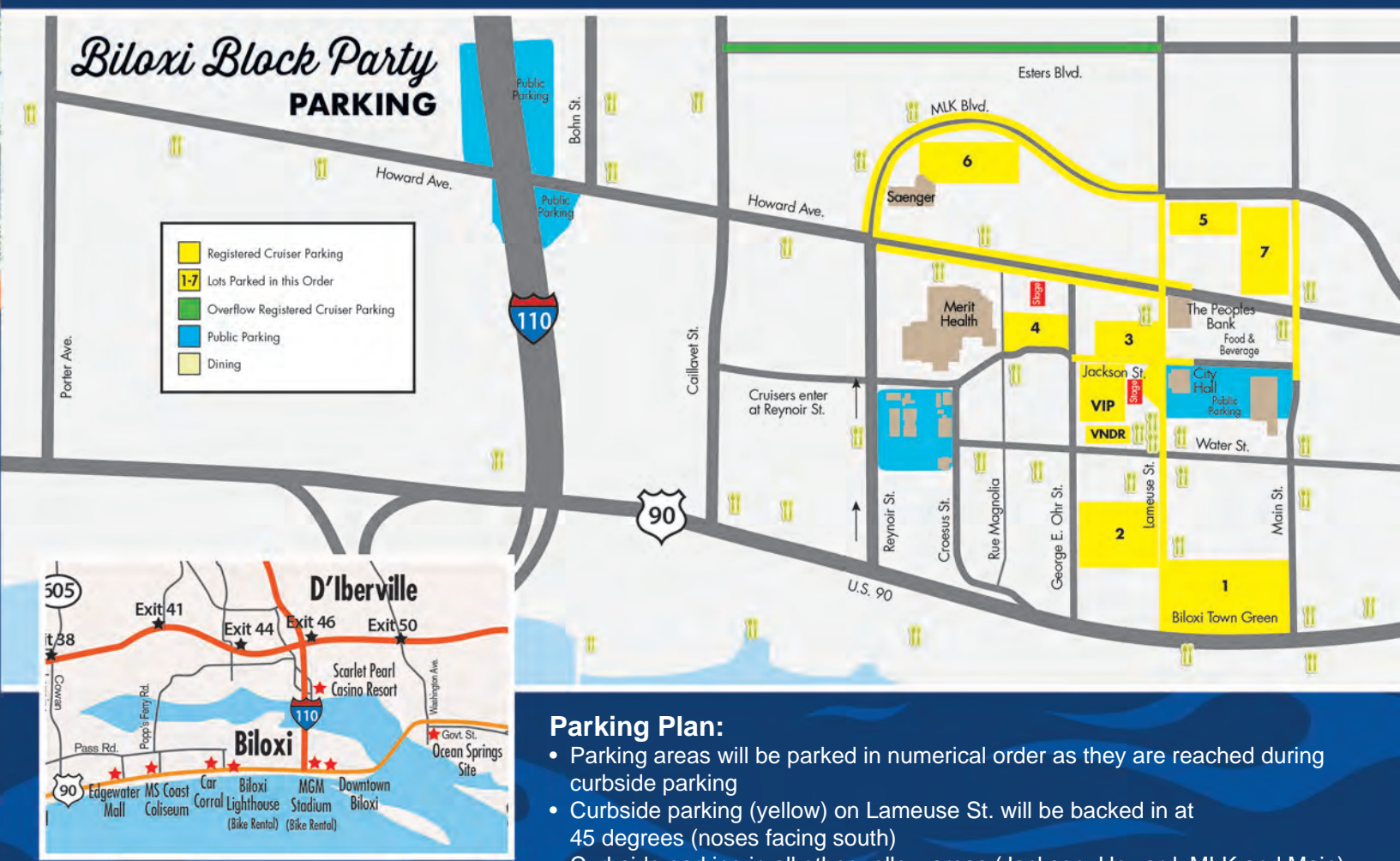
Downtown Biloxi, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Be among thousands of car buffs wandering through hundreds of Cruisin' cars in this huge block party, with plenty of prizes for the top vehicles. First-come, first-serve, so arrive on time. Make sure to social distance.

• Live entertainment:

- Ty Taylor & Gram Rea
8:30 a.m.
- Garry Wesley – “Elvis Artist”
11 a.m.
- DD Thunder Band
1 p.m.

- Specials from downtown restaurants and shops
- Trophies for block party car owners:
 - Lowest vehicle, largest fuzzy dice, fattest rear tires, most chopped top, most chrome, longest distance driven, longest painted flames (unbroken), The Peoples Bank Cup, Mayor & City Council Cup, “The car I’d most like to chase” Cup as chosen by the Biloxi Police Chief
 - In case of a tie, winner will be selected by random drawing.
- All vehicles parked on the street must be moved promptly at 3 p.m. Thank you!



Parking Plan:

- Parking areas will be parked in numerical order as they are reached during curbside parking
- Curbside parking (yellow) on Lameuse St. will be backed in at 45 degrees (noses facing south)
- Curbside parking in all other yellow areas (Jackson, Howard, MLK and Main) will be nose to tail
- Overflow parking (green) will be Esters from Bus Station Parking entrance to Main (backed in at 45 degrees (noses facing east))
- No other parking will be police managed/parked
- Entry point for parking will be Reynoir at MLK

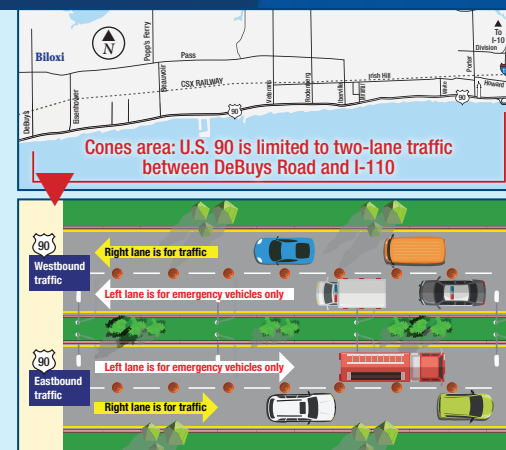
*Plan on having a
wheel good time!*

The traffic plan

Traffic cones will be more spaced out. As part of the city's special events traffic plan, the city may limit travel lanes to the outside, right-hand lane and use the left-hand lane for emergency vehicles only. This is only if necessary. You will be notified via text message, by texting BILOXI to 99411, if this occurs. Cones will be from I-110 to DeBuys Road.

For the Downtown Biloxi Block Party, Cruisers should arrive as early as 6 a.m. to park. To enter your vehicle into the parking and display area, Cruisers should turn north on Reynoir Street, and you'll be directed to downtown parking.

Remove vehicles ASAP after event. If you are directed by police officers to park on a street, not in a parking slot, you must move your vehicle by 3 p.m.



Police academy

Are you interested in learning how the Biloxi Police Department works with the community? Or, maybe you are thinking about becoming a police officer but are not sure what it all entails. Well, the Biloxi Police Department is looking for you to join the second annual Citizen's Police Academy.

The program, which begins Oct. 12, is designed to give citizens insight into the different divisions of the Biloxi Police Department and how the department serves the community.

"Through this program, the public is able to see reality versus Hollywood with a behind-the-scenes look at divisions such as investigations," said Biloxi Police Capt. Thomas Goldsworthy. "Attendees are able to learn what it takes to run a public safety department and get a glimpse at an officer's day. They also get to meet new people and go on a ride-along with an officer, which was a big hit with the last class."

The second annual CPA will be a 12-week class taught on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center, 170 Porter Ave. The program will run through Jan. 11, breaking for the holidays, and will include two Saturday, four-hour classes. Classroom-based teaching, a ride-along, department tour, K-9 demonstrations and some hands-on demonstrations will all be part of the program.

Participants must be at least 21 years old, a resident of Harrison County, and must complete an application, which is available at the front desk of the Public Safety Center.

Application deadline is Oct. 12, and the program is limited to 25 participants. After application review and a background check, applicants will be notified of the next step for class enrollment.

For questions, contact Captain Goldsworthy at 228-385-3033 weekdays, by cell at 228-348-8227, or by email at tgoldsworthy@biloxi.ms.us.



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Deaths

12,853

(as of Aug. 15 2022)

Harrison County

Population: 208,080

Positive cases

62,263

(as of Sept. 12, 2022)

Deaths

690

(as of Aug. 15 2022)

Mississippi COVID-19 Hotline:
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Data reported by Mississippi State Department of Health.



See updates Friday on the city's
Facebook page.

CITY OF BILOXI PUBLIC NOTICE

Combined Notice Of Public Hearing, Availability Of Draft, & 15-Day Comment Period 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report and Citizen Participation Plan Amendment Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program

Notice is hereby given that the City of Biloxi will conduct a Community Development Block Grant public hearing regarding its 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report and an amendment to its Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). Information about the City's performance and expenditures for program year ended September 30, 2022 will be presented at the hearing. The CPP amendment re-inserts HUD-required text requiring publication of CDBG notices in the local newspaper. The availability of public review drafts of both documents also will be discussed at the hearing.

1. The public hearing is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 15, 2022 in the Auditorium of the Community Development Department located at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, in downtown Biloxi.
2. Drafts of both documents will be available during regular office hours for public review and comment for 15 days, from Wednesday, November 16 until 4 p.m., Friday, December 2, 2022.
3. In addition to being available for review on the city's website www.biloxi.ms.us, copies of the drafts will be available at the following locations: Biloxi City Hall 140 Lameuse Street; Biloxi Community Development 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd; all Biloxi Library Branches; and Biloxi Housing Authority.

The City encourages the participation of minorities, non-English speaking persons, the disabled, low- to moderate-income persons, residents of public housing and all other interested parties. Those individuals who wish to participate but may be hindered by disabilities or are non-English speaking are urged to call the Biloxi Federal Programs Office at 228-435-6269 at least three (3) days prior to the hearing so special arrangements can be made.

Comments will be received at the public hearing and also may be delivered to the Federal Programs Office at 214-A Delauney Street, Biloxi, MS; mailed to the Federal Programs Division at P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533; or emailed to spickich@biloxi.ms.us. Comments must be received by the City by 4 p.m., December 2, 2022.

Information about Biloxi's CDBG Program also can be found at biloxi.ms.us/cdbg



ROCKIN' N ROLLIN' IN THE BILOXI CEMETERY

By Laurie Rosetti, Downtown Services

What is it about hearing a song from decades ago that can transport you right back to that time of your life? Suddenly, you're a teenager or in college again, or maybe you're just starting your career, or falling in love; yes, music can be a time machine.

Prepare for take-off to times long ago when Preserve Biloxi presents the 16th Annual Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour entitled "Music-makers of Biloxi"! This year's tour will celebrate music throughout the decades, showcasing singers, musicians, bandleaders, and songwriters.

The self-guided tour of the cemetery takes place Sunday, October 16, from 2-4 p.m. and again on Tuesday, October 18, from 5-7 p.m. and involves graveside portrayals.

Portrayals will include: Raymond "Red" Egers (drummer and bandleader portrayed by Clayton Pennylegion); Jelly Roll Morton, "father of jazz" (pianist, bandleader and composer portrayed by Corey Christy); Emile "Junie" Desporte (trumpeter and bandleader portrayed by Cree Cantrell); Princess Neioma Whitecloud (pianist, entertainer, music teacher, portrayed by Tina Ball Johnston); Clarence "Kenny" Harder (multi-instrument musician, bandleader, inventor, portrayed by Bryan Rosetti); The Rockin' Rebels: Walter Blessey, Salvatore "Penue" Taranto, and Rockin' Ray Fournier (musicians, bandmates, portrayed by Wayne Stephens, Jimmy Williams and Dennis Burke); Fiddlin' Peter Lepre (musician, bandleader, portrayed by Brennen Prince); Dorothy Dell Goff (singer, Miss Biloxi 1929, Ziegfeld Follies Girl, actress, portrayed by Mollie McCarroll); Gloria Cannette Pemberton (singer, drummer, bandleader, portrayed by Andrea Deaton); Professor Marion Carpenter (trumpeter, songwriter, music production executive, bandleader, school

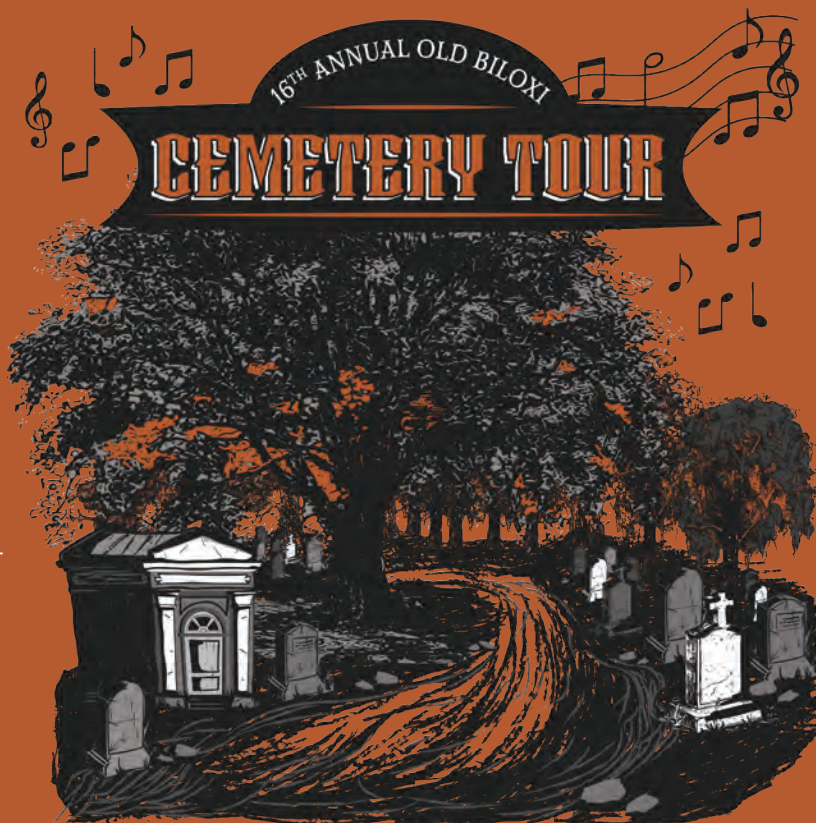
band director, portrayed by Boyce Deaton); Marritza Rosetti Pitalo (active member of the Slavonian Lodge who witnessed Elvis Presley's performances in the mid-1950s, portrayed by Kathe Newcomb).

Parking for the two-night event will be available along Irish Hill Drive, in the Elk's parking lot, and in marked areas of the cemetery. Programs and tour maps will be available at entry points located on the U.S. 90 gate, and the Caldwell Street and Irish Hill entryways to the cemetery. The same tour is presented on both days. Refreshments will be served.

The event is free to the public; however, donations are gratefully accepted. All donations are used to help preserve and repair the oldest sections of the historic final resting place. While you attend the 2022 tour, you will notice headstone and tomb restoration expert, Nick Black of NOLA Cemetery Renewal, working on some of the headstones most in need of saving.

"Don't be surprised when music fills the air during this tour," said Bill Raymond, historic administrator for the City of Biloxi. "With this much musical talent in one city, we had a hard time narrowing down the possibilities for portrayal. We may have to revisit the theme during a future tour," predicted Raymond.

Preserve Biloxi (with members from the City of Biloxi, Biloxi Main Street, Biloxi Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Biloxi Local History and Genealogy Library and the University of Southern Mississippi History Department) presents The Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour each year in October as a way of preserving and showcasing one of the oldest burial sites in the United States.



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By Bryan C. Matthews,
Director
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Maintaining contact with your health care team is critical to your ongoing health care, and I encourage each and every one of you to take advantage of these virtual modalities for routine inquiries and in maintaining your health records.

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

Keesler celebrates the Air Force's 75th birthday

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

Keesler recently celebrated the Air Force's 75th birthday but Keesler's Air Force history actually dates back more than 75 years. Keesler was established in 1941 as Keesler Army Airfield, housing both a technical and basic training center.

In 1943, Keesler began training female and international students, with more than 7,000 African American Airmen stationed here. These service members included pre-aviation cadets, radio operators, aviation technicians, bombardiers, and aviation mechanics.

Keesler kept pace with World War II efforts in the spring of 1944, training additional aircrew to support the demand for heavy bomber units overseas. Then in September 1947, the Air Force became an independent branch of the military, and Keesler was officially redesignated as an Air Force base in early 1948.

Keesler began its legacy of electronics training in early 1949 to support the needs of the rapidly growing Air Force. The base taught courses in radar, radio, and electronics maintenance and repair. The base also began using television instruction methods as early as June 1953.

In early 1956, Keesler helped the Air Force in the space race by opening a ground support training program for the SM-65 Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile. By



1960, Keesler had earned a strong reputation for technology training. Keesler has continued to stay ahead of new electronics technology by instructing students in emerging systems. At one point, Keesler's technical school was the country's main supplier of electronics technicians.

In the 1990s Keesler took on more training responsibility by acquiring weather forecasting courses and meteorology and precision maintenance electronics laboratory training programs. These additions cemented Keesler's growing importance as a technical university.

Today, Keesler is the second largest Air Force technical training base, graduating more than 30,000 students in over 46 career specialties every year. As the host of the Department of Defense's only initial skills weather course, Keesler prepares Airmen, Sailors, Marines, Space Force Guardians, and Coast Guardsmen with a broad understanding of weather and how it affects the flying missions of the Air Force and its sister services, whether

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Beyond Live Oaks: Trees for the Biloxi Urban Forest Part 2

By Biloxi Tree Committee in coordination with City Arborist, Eric Nolan

As part of our series on Trees for the Urban Forest, this month's article continues the conversation about different species of Oak Trees suitable for the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

All species of oak, except water oak, are protected to some degree by Biloxi's Land Development Ordinance. Trees beautify and shade property, and increase its economic value.

Live oaks, *Quercus virginiana*, are clearly Biloxians' most cherished species, but there are many lovely and worthwhile oak species suitable to our ecology.

This series explores many of those valuable species you may want to consider in your urban landscape. Unless otherwise indicated, the information and quoted material in this article comes from "Mississippi Trees" by John D. Hodges, David L. Evans, and Linda W. Garnett, a publication of the Mississippi Forestry Commission.

For excellent guidance, call the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service at their office on Popp's Ferry Road at 288-388-4710.

Laurel Oak — *Quercus hemisphaerica*

Picture credit: EIT Plant Toolbox



Also known as the Darlington oak, the Laurel oak is a fast grower, reaching a maximum

height of 50 to 60' at maturity. It is moderately tolerant of drought, and prefers sandy soils. Leaves are deciduous, smooth, long, and oblong-shaped with points on the ends.

This tree makes a good urban shade tree, though it is not long-lived, often reaching

mortality before 50 years. It prefers sun. Wild turkey, quail, smaller birds, and white-tailed deer enjoy its acorns.

Bluejack Oak — *Quercus incana*

Picture credits: LSU Ag Center, School of Renewable Natural Resources



Also known as Sandjack oak and Upland Willow oak, *Quercus incana* is another tree that loves sandy, well-drained soils and can thrive in full sun to part shade. Its leaves closely resemble Live

oak leaves, or super-long Laurel oak leaves, so examining the tree's shape and bark when identifying it is important. The Bluejack form is more vertical than the Live oak, with a thick bark that forms distinct "square, rough" plates.



A good candidate for a shade tree, this short-lived oak lives to about 50 years, but grows fast, so you can expect a smaller tree of 30' to 40' at maturity in a matter of 10 to 15 years. Very drought-tolerant, it is an ideal tree for "parking lot islands, along streets and in other areas with restricted soil space".

Southern Red Oak — *Quercus falcata*

Picture credit: North Carolina Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox



The Southern red oak, *Quercus falcata*, is characterized by shiny, dark green leaves,

whose lobes have pointy ends, and whose appearance is likened to a turkey foot — hence the colloquial name of "turkey-foot oak."

This tree is fairly long-lived, potentially surviving to over 100 years. As is typical of long-lived trees, its growth rate is slow, reaching a height of 35' at about 20 years of age. The Southern red oak prefers sandy upland sites. With a preference and tolerance for drought, it is a great shade tree. Wildlife attraction includes deer, turkey, woodpeckers, nuthatch, and grackles. Note u-shaped leaf base.

Turkey Oak — *Quercus laevis*

Picture credit: North Carolina Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox



Drought tolerant and preferring full sun, the Turkey oak is an excellent choice for an urban shade tree in Biloxi. It is "highly recommended for planting in areas that are too dry for most other desirable landscape tree species."

A short-lived but rapidly growing tree, Turkey oak grows to a maximum of 40', reaching a height of 30' in about twenty years. *Quercus laevis* is often confused with the Southern red oak because its leaves also feature pointy lobes and resemble turkey feet. When identifying the Turkey oak, note that the leaf base is not U-shaped. Also, the Turkey oak leaf features a fine down covering the entire underside of the leaf. Southern red oak leaves are dark green, whereas turkey oak leaves are light green, and turn red and shiny in the fall.

Please stay tuned for further installments.

► Visit online at biloxi.ms.us/tree-committee/

The infrastructure work in Biloxi

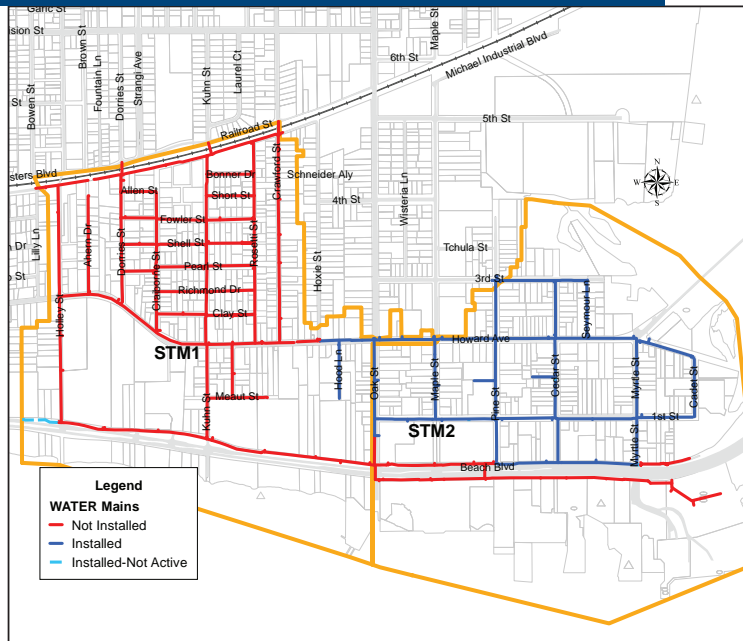
Pages 14 and 15 contain maps that show the status of the city's two major infrastructure projects now underway. The information on these maps is compiled by the city's Engineering Department, based on reports from contractors and inspectors at each site. See detailed maps and video online at biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/.

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.

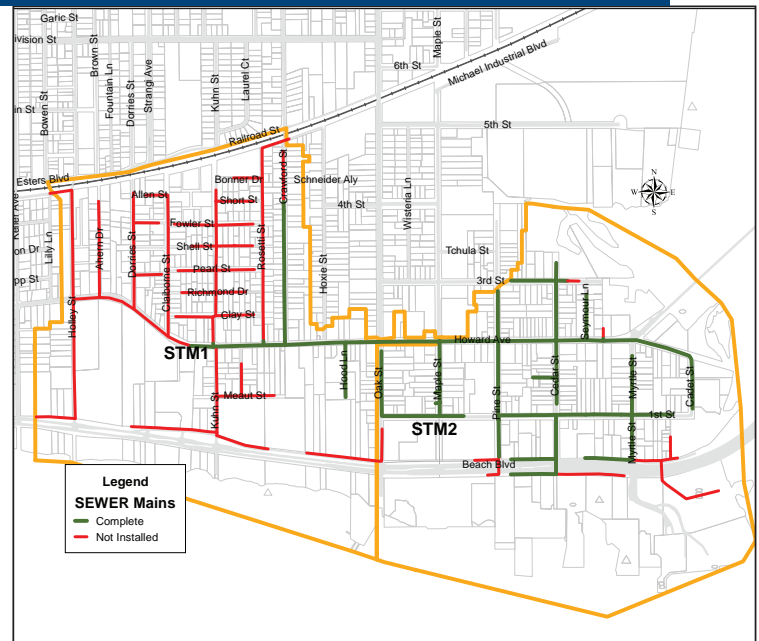
Necaise Brothers Construction Water

Water Mains to be installed as of Sept. 15, 2022



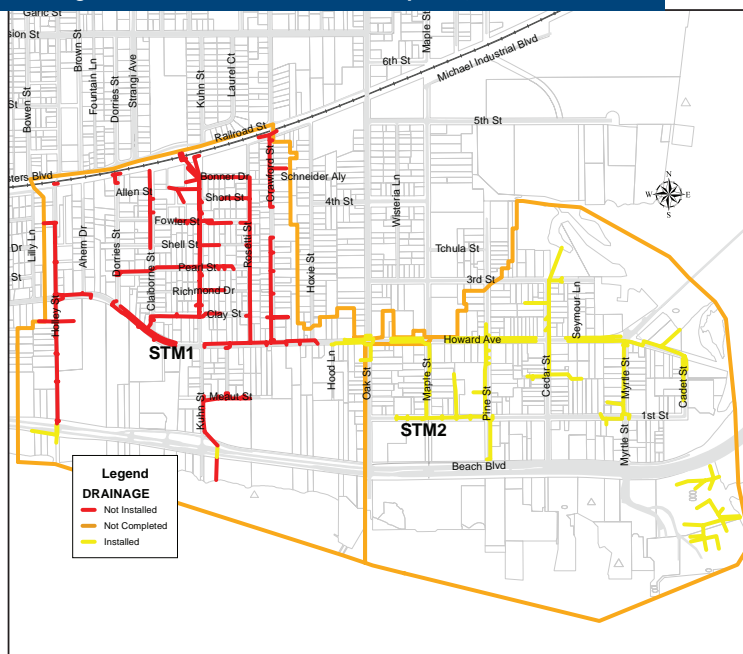
Necaise Brothers Construction Sewer

Sewer Mains to be installed as of Sept. 15, 2022



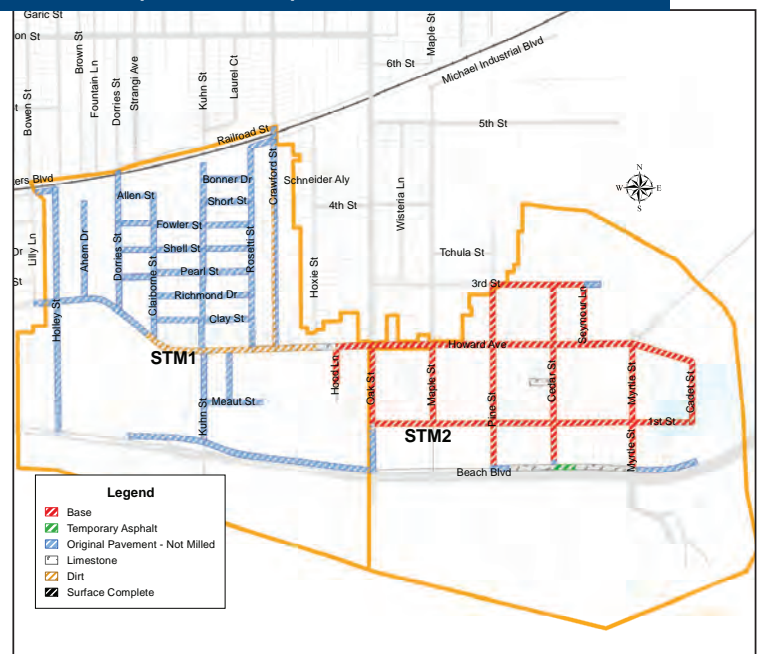
Necaise Brothers Construction Drainage

Drainage Mains to be installed as of Sept. 15, 2022



Necaise Brothers Construction Pavement

Roads to be paved as of Sept. 15, 2022



Beauvoir 1, 2, & 3

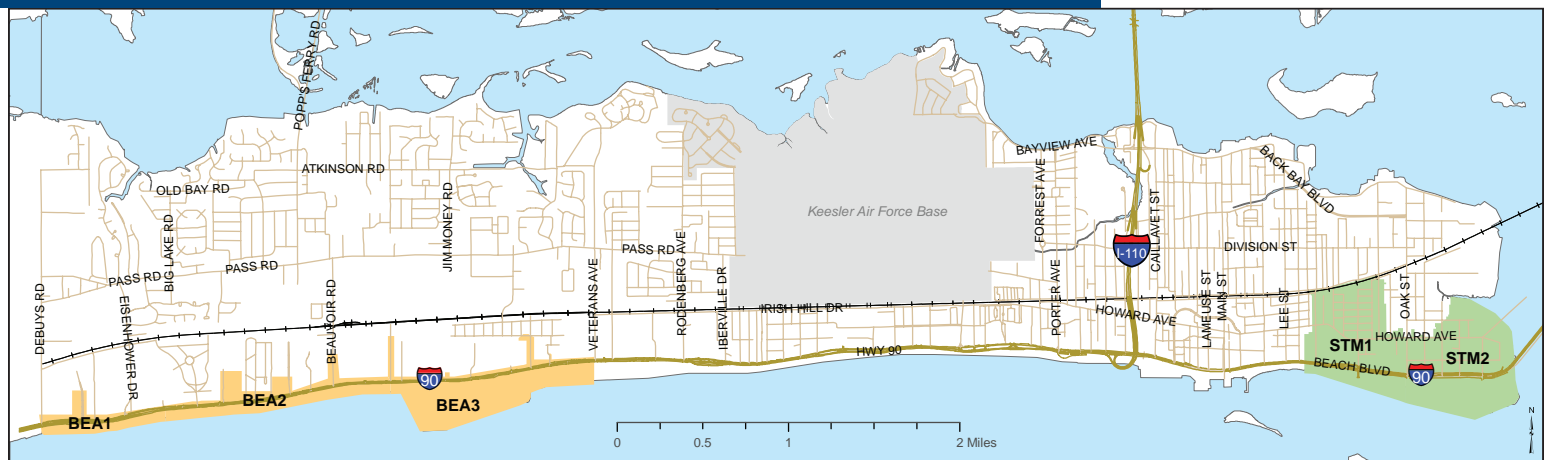
Necaise Brothers Construction has been awarded the contract, a \$32 million, 1,080-day project to install new water, sewer, and drainage lines in West Biloxi, along U.S. 90 from Veterans to Debuys. The work began in July 2022.

Necaise Brothers Construction Water

Water, Sewage, Drainage work to com



Major infrastructure projects underway



► See the monthly infrastructure video report at biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi.

Get the 411 on traffic

B-Alert

Text BILOXI to 99411
for timely traffic updates.

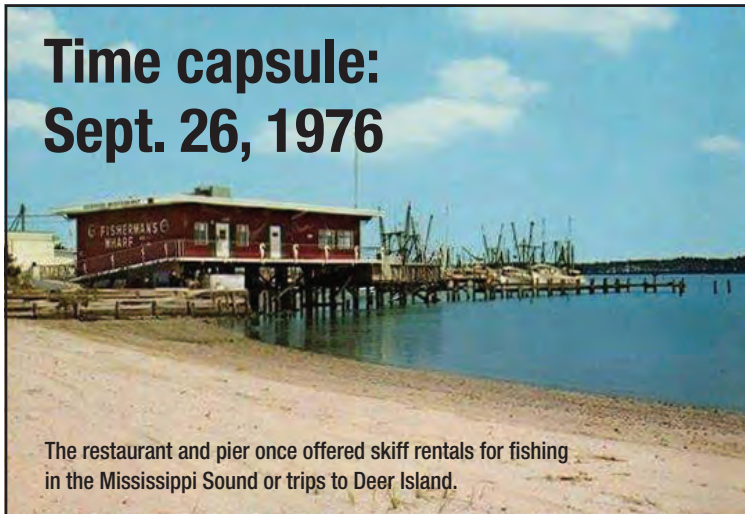
Today 1:00 PM
CITY OF BILOXI: Utility
poles repaired at Iris. All
lanes of Pass Road now
open to traffic.

Biloxi
established 1699

Random Notes



Time capsule: Sept. 26, 1976



The restaurant and pier once offered skiff rentals for fishing in the Mississippi Sound or trips to Deer Island.

You can't think of Victor Mavar and presidential visits and not think of the Gerald Ford's visit to Fisherman's

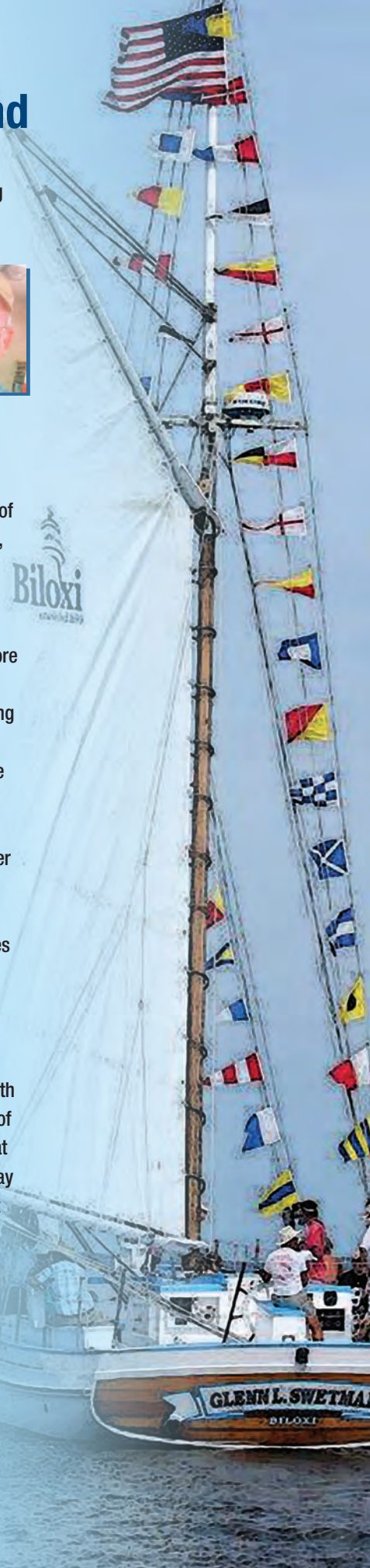


The Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant was operated by the Aldrich family from 1974 to 1993.

Wharf Restaurant on Point Cadet on Sept 26, 1976. Owners Joe and Jackie Aldrich served the president and an entourage of nearly 60 that Sunday afternoon on the deck at the small waterfront restaurant. The menu: Shrimp salad, and a buffet of fried crab claws, boiled shrimp, corn O'Brien, green beans with almonds, crab casserole, broiled red snapper with lemon butter, French bread, and Fisherman's Wharf Pie. Ford, reported the Daily Herald, asked fellow diner Virginia Bellais for help with peeling the shrimp. Quipped the prez: "It's a good thing I don't have to do this for a living."

Sail on, Bill Holland

Next time you see the Glenn L. Swetman plying the waters off the Biloxi coastline, think of Bill Holland, the master boat builder who constructed the Biloxi schooner back over a three-year-period, from 1986 to 1989. In an age of computers and software, Holland, who died in September at 76, used models and diagrams to design and construct more than a hundred floating works of art. His crowning achievement was the Biloxi schooner, available for charters through the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum. Former Mayor Gerald Blessey, who envisioned the schooner project decades ago, credits Holland and fellow boat builders Neil Covacevich and Paul Bodin, who built the schooner Mike Sekul, with preserving the tradition of wooden boatbuilding that had been such a mainstay of the Biloxi's waterfront back in the day.



Fire and water

The Biloxi Fire Department took part in a "One Coast One Recovery" effort that saw tens of thousands of bottles of water trucked to Jackson to help those residents dealing with water shortages caused by a failing infrastructure system in the Capital City.



What they're reading for October 2022

With Crusin' The Coast in mind, we asked members of the Antique Auto and Engine Club of Mississippi what they are currently reading and also what classic car they're driving.

- **Allen Strange**
"The Lost Symbol"
by Dan Brown
1969 Plymouth Road Runner
- **Dawn Tonner**
"Interview With A Vampire"
by Anne Rice
1925 Ford Model T
- **Zeno Chaudron**
"White Indian"
by Donald Clayton Porter
1969 Chevy Camaro Z28
- **Vickie Stanley**
"Miracles Happen"
by Brian L. Weiss and Amy E. Weiss
1968 Ford Mustang
- **Norma McGardle**
"My Dog Skip"
by Willie Morris
1971 MGB Roadster



An SRO crowd for BSHOF



There's no doubt about it: As city functions go, the annual induction ceremony for the Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame is a big deal, as evidenced by the 400-plus who filed into the Biloxi Civic Center on Sunday, Aug. 28 to meet the Classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022. There were more than two-dozen inductees in all, with heartfelt acceptance speeches by inductees and family members. You can see the entire production – all the acceptance speeches and more – in a new two-hour video on the Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame page on the city website.

► Visit biloxi.ms.us/bshof

HALLOWEEN Happenings *in Biloxi*

*Here is the
spooktacular
event
lineup!*



- Oct. 15** *64th Annual Nativity BVM School
Halloween Carnival*
2-9 p.m., 1046 Beach Blvd.
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- Oct. 15** *2nd Annual Pumpkin Patch Craft Show*
9 a.m.-3 p.m., 1904 Popp's Ferry Road
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- Oct. 16&18** *16th Annual Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour*
2-4 p.m. (16th), 5-7 p.m. (18th), 1066 Irish Hill Dr.
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- Oct. 27** *Trunk or Treat at Eagle Point Park*
6-8 p.m., 10207 Eagle Point Circle
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- Oct. 27** *8th Annual Halloween Spectacular*
9 a.m.-2 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center,
578 Howard Ave.
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- Oct. 27** *Boo on the Rue*
5:30-8:30 p.m., Rue Magnolia Arts District
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- Oct. 28** *Special Needs Halloween Costume Ball*
6-9 p.m., Donal Snyder Community Center
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- Oct. 29** *Halloween on Howard*
5-6:30 p.m., Howard Avenue
from MLK Jr. Boulevard to Porter Avenue
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- Oct. 29** *Boo Bash*
9 p.m.-1 a.m. (doors open at 8 p.m.)
Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave.
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Get schedule updates on the City of Biloxi Facebook page.

Best Bets!



Muster up

Visitors will be able to experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the Civil War era Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-16 when Beauvoir hosts the annual Fall Muster. The two-day event, one of the Jefferson Davis shrine's biggest events of the year, takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday and includes presentations, campground and battle re-enactments, a church service, a cemetery tour, and a memorial ceremony. General admission ranges from \$7.50 to \$12.50, free for children five and younger. Details: www.visitbeauvoir.org

Spooktacular party

On Thursday, Oct. 27, adults ages 50 and older are invited to celebrate Halloween in Biloxi with a spooktacular spectacular at the Biloxi Civic Center. The event, the 8th annual Halloween Spectacular, takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include a stage performance by the Dixie Hip Shakers, a costume contest, door prizes, vendor booths, music, and lunch. The theme of the event is Midnight Experiment. For more information, contact Biloxi Senior Programs Specialist Gwen Johnson at 228-388-2494



Downtown Fall Decorating Contest, Oct. 1. Attention business owners and residents of Downtown Biloxi! Now is the time to get your fall decorations together and ready to go. Decorations must be in place no later than Oct. 7. Judging will take place on Oct. 7 and winners will be notified and presented during Biloxi Main Street's Annual Meeting on October 26. Complete the application at www.mainstreetbiloxi.com

Downtown Clean-up, Oct. 1, 9-11 a.m., begins at City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. You can pick up supplies starting at 9 a.m. and get an assigned area to clean. Help us keep downtown clean! Sponsored by Biloxi Main Street. Details: 228-435-6339

Joyful Noise Music & Mural Festival, Oct. 1, Noon-8:30 p.m., The District Green, 785 Howard Ave. Live music, live mural painting, VIP jazz brunch with tickets, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, and an after concert featuring Charmaine Neville at Ground Zero Blue Club. Free admission to festival; VIP ticket charge; admission charged at Ground Zero Blues Club. All proceeds to benefit Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence. Details: 228-313-9883

Biloxi Block Party, Cruisin' The Coast, Oct. 5, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Lameuse and nearby streets. Downtown car show and block party with thousands of cars and car aficionados, live entertainment, and awards. Performances begin at 8:30 a.m. across from Biloxi City Hall and include Ty Taylor and Gram Rea, Garry Wesley - Elvis Tribute Artist, and D.D. Thunder. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339



First Friday Downtown Biloxi, Oct. 7, 5-9 p.m., The District Green, 785 Howard Ave. The event features arts and crafts vendors, activities and live entertainment by Kashus Culpepper, 5-6:30 p.m. and Assumed Risk, 7-9 p.m. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

2nd Annual Citizen's Police Academy, Oct. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center, 170 Porter Ave. Education on police department procedures and first-hand experience of officer job duties. Application deadline Oct. 10. Details: 228-385-3033 or tgoldsworthy@biloxi.ms.us

Biloxi Excel By 5, Oct. 12, 9-11:30 a.m., Lopez School, 140 St. John Ave. Community-based learning program using interactive teaching designed to improve a child's overall well-being by age five. Parent orientation required. Details: 228-297-6808

Annual Fall Muster, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Oct. 16, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Beauvoir Shrine, 2244 Beach Blvd. Experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the Civil War era when Beauvoir hosts the annual Fall Muster. Includes presentations, campground, battle reenactments, a church service, a cemetery tour, and a memorial ceremony. General admission from \$7.50 - \$12.50, free for children five and younger. Details: 228-388-4400 or [visitbeauvoir.org](http://www.visitbeauvoir.org)

Annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup, Oct. 15, 8-11 a.m., locations in Biloxi to clean include Edgewater Mall, West Beach Boardwalk, and Lighthouse area. Every October, thousands of volunteers gather across the coast in an effort to rid our waterways, beaches, and bayous of marine debris. To volunteer, register at the website: <http://coastalcleanup.extension.msstate.edu/events/annual-mississippi-coastal-cleanup-event>

2nd Annual Pumpkin Patch Craft Show, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 1904 Popp's Ferry Road

Biloxi Soccer Registration, Oct. 15, 9-11:30 a.m.,

Best Bet!

CHARLES R. HEGWOOD

Biloxi Community Market

Fresh fiesta

Crisp produce and freshly grown plants along with live entertainment will be the centerpiece of the Biloxi Community Market Festival on Thursday, Oct. 27 in Downtown Biloxi. The festival will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will accompany the bi-weekly market vendors under the I-110 overpass, at the corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. Info and demonstration booths, hourly giveaways, and themed activities will also be part of the festivities. Admission is free. Details: 228-435-6339

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

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 53rd issue of BNews Monthly. It's a compendium of things you should know about your city: status reports on current and pending public works, and a calendar of community events covering the next 30 days.

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

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

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

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

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

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cdobbswalton@biloxi.ms.us

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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

Biloxi Soccer Organization holding registration at the Donal Snyder Community Center for boys/girls ages 8 to 18. Registration is open to both Biloxi (\$30) and non-Biloxi residents (\$50). Details: Parks and Recreation 228-388-2483

Arts In The Alley, Oct. 15, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Ground Zero Blues Club, 814 Howard Ave. A daylong event of live music and shopping. Free Admission. If you would like to be a vendor, email: daniel@groundzerobiloxi.com. Details: 228-910-6600

Ebb & Flow, Oct. 15, 9:30-10:30 a.m., on the beach at the corner of U.S. 90 and Porter Avenue. This donation based meet up will occur every third Saturday; the purpose is to create a safe place for socializing through art and moving our bodies. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring water and a mat. Admission: your donation. Presented by Voiced Through Art. Details: 404-771-1584

64th Annual Nativity BVM School Halloween Carnival, Oct. 15, 2-9 p.m., 1046 Beach Blvd. Join Nativity BVM for lots of games, presentations, and a costume contest. This is a fun, family-friendly event open to the public. Details: nbvmcarnivalchair@gmail.com

16th Annual Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour, Oct. 16, 2-4 p.m. and Oct. 18, 5-7 p.m. 1066 Irish Hill Dr. Self-guided, continuously performed portrayals (not reenactments) with 13 characters. This year's theme: Music-Makers of Biloxi. Free admission but donations are welcome. Details: 228-435-6339

Bike Biloxi, Oct. 18, 6 p.m.; downtown ride. Begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., and ends with refreshments and food at a downtown restaurant at cyclists' expense. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

Main Street Book Club, Oct. 20, 5:30 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. The Book Club selection for October is "Sweet Dreams Baby Belle" by Kim Carter. Kim will be present to meet, greet, and sign copies of her novel. Free admission. Refreshments will be served. Details: 228-435-6339

East Biloxi Community Senior Center Craft Fair, Oct. 21, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 461 Parkers St. Community craft sale including Christmas décor, handmade pottery, and painted ceramics. Event features a cake walk, healthcare vendors, and door prizes. Concession stand will sell baked goods and a BBQ plate for \$8. All proceeds benefit the Senior Center. Free admission. Details: 228-435-4192

Trunk or Treat at Eagle Point Park, Oct. 22, 6-8 p.m., 10207 Eagle Point Circle. Open to ages 12 and younger. Details: City of Biloxi Parks & Recreation, 228-388-7170

Moonlight Masquerade, Oct. 22, 7-11 p.m., White Pillars, 1696 Beach Blvd., Admission: \$75. Your ticket will grant you entry to the live event featuring food, live performers and music from Symone French, two free signature cocktails, costume contest, and online silent auction. There is also an auction-only ticket available. Presented and benefiting the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence. Details: 228-436-3809

Biloxi Community Market Festival, Oct. 27, 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. Free Admission. Details: 228-388-2443

8th Annual Halloween Spectacular, Oct. 27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center 578 Howard Ave. Event open to ages 50 and older and themed Midnight Experience. Costumes encouraged. Free admission. Details: 228-388-2494

Boo on the Rue, Oct. 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Rue Magnolia Arts District. Family-friendly outdoor Halloween Party. Halloween costumes are encouraged. Details: Biloxi Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, 228-434-6149

Special Needs Halloween Costume Ball, Oct. 28, 6-9 p.m., Donal Snyder Community Center, Events: costume contest, music, and food. Security will be provided. Open to all ages with physical and mental disabilities. Free admission. Details and to RSVP: 228-388-7170

Halloween on Howard, Oct. 29, 5-6:30 p.m. Howard Avenue. Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department drive-thru trick or treating event. Vehicles enter Howard Avenue from MLK Jr. Boulevard and travel west to Porter Avenue while trick or treating from their vehicle. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170

Boo Bash, Oct. 29, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. (doors open at 8 p.m.), Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Avenue. DJ Pure Court Caine and DR Rookie will provide music. Cash prize for best costume. Admission: \$30 per person. Whole table tickets available. Details: visit.msboobash.eventbrite.com



Biloxi Little Theatre

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

- **The Rocky Horror Picture Show LIVE!**
Oct. 29
- **The Play That Goes Wrong,** Nov. 4-6; 11-13

Center Stage

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

- **Little Shop of Horrors,**
Oct. 13-23

Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library2244 Beach Blvd., 228-388-4400, www.visitbeauvoir.org

- **Annual Fall Muster**, Oct. 15 & 16, see entry in calendar for details

Biloxi Lighthouse & Visitors Center1050 Beach Blvd., 228-374-3105, 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 Schooners367 Beach Blvd., 228-435-6320, schooner@maritimemuseum.org. Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

Biloxi Shrimping Trip693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com

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

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

- Call in advance for tour availability

Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum792 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 Museum115 1st Street, 228-435-6320, www.maritimemuseum.org

- Hours of operation: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m.
- **Oct. 1**, 1-3 p.m., **Heritage Hall of Fame 2022** will be announced at the museum.
- **Oct. 6**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., **Years Later by Jeff Baldock Art Show Opening**; Free admission

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, www.georgeohr.org

- Check the website for events and studio classes at OOMA!

West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum1046 Howard Ave., 228-435-6119, 228-435-6200, www.biloxi.ms.us

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

Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606

- **Friday Bingo**, Oct. 7, 14, and 28. 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.
- **Yard Sale**, Oct. 15; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

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

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 228-392-9345

- **Steak Night Benefit**, Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m. (Last ticket sold 7:15 p.m.) \$20, dine in or carry out
- **Antique Bottle Show**, Oct. 22: No admission fee
- **Military Collectibles Show**, October 28 - 29, \$7 admission

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Every Monday night Bingo**; 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.

VFW 2434

1644 Pass Road, 228-539-2035 or 228-324-7071

- **Saturday Night Dances**, **Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 27; 7-11 p.m.** Music provided by The Well-Seasoned Band. Cover charge: \$7. Open to the public, no smoking inside

**Lagniappe****Charles R. Hegwood****Biloxi Community Market**

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

City of Biloxi Senior Program

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

Biloxi Libraries

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


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

Biloxi Main Street

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

**City of Biloxi Public Meetings**

- **Architectural Review Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second and fourth Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Biloxi City Council:** Regularly scheduled meetings: first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. and the third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.; City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-435-6257.
- **Biloxi Civil Service Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m.; City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-435-6259
- **Biloxi Planning Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: first and third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Development Review Committee:** Regularly scheduled meetings: Wednesdays at 9 a.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Tree Committee:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second Monday of each month at 4 p.m.; Biloxi Community Development auditorium, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Community Market		Community Market		1 Downtown Fall Decorating Contest Downtown Biloxi Downtown Clean-up Downtown Biloxi Heritage Hall of Fame 2022 announced Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum Joyful Noise Music & Mural Festival The District Green Sat. Night Dance – VFW Colt Ford – IP Casino
2	3	4 Community Market	5	6 Community Market	7	8
	Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	Biloxi Block Party, Cruisin' The Coast, Lameuse and nearby streets Cruisin' The Coast Sock Hop Beau Rivage	Years Later by Jeff Baldock Art Show Opening Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum Hailey Green Hard Rock Café Beach Boys Beau Rivage	First Friday & Downtown Biloxi Block Party The District Green Friday Night Dinners with Karaoke Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge Beach Boys Beau Rivage	Cruisin'/Vicari Aution MS Coast Coliseum Sat. Night Dance – VFW Brandon Bennett's Elvis IP Casino Jay Leno Beau Rivage
9	10	11 Community Market	12	13 Community Market	14	15
	Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	Biloxi Excel By 5 Lopez School 2nd Annual Citizen's Police Academy Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center	Little Shop of Horrors (First Show) Center Stage Luke Bryan MS Coast Coliseum	Inkin' The Coast MS Coast Coliseum Friday Night Dinners with Karaoke Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge Steak Night Joppa Shrine Tracy Lawrence Hard Rock Live	Ebb & Flo Beach at 90/Porter Ave. Inkin' The Coast – Coliseum Pumpkin Patch Craft Show Biloxi Soccer Registration Donal Snyder Community Center Annual Fall Muster, Beauvoir Nativity Halloween Carnival Annual MS Coastal Cleanup Sat. Night Dance – VFW Art in the Alley Ground Zero Blues Club
16	17	18 Community Market	19	20 Community Market	21	22
Annual Fall Muster Beauvoir 16th Annual Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour 1066 Irish Hill Dr. Inkin' The Coast MS Coast Coliseum	Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	Bike Biloxi Downtown Biloxi 16th Annual Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour 1066 Irish Hill Dr. Zachary Perkins Hard Rock Café Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral		Main Street Book Club Biloxi Visitors Center	East Biloxi Community Senior Center Craft Fair 461 Parkers St. Friday Night Dinners with Karaoke Fleur de Lis Society Nelly Beau Rivage	Antique Bottle Show Joppa Shrine Trunk or Treat at Eagle Point Park 10207 Eagle Point Circle Moonlight Masquerade White Pillars Sat. Night Dance – VFW Clay Walker IP Casino
23	24	25 Community Market	26	27 Community Market Festival	28	29
Little Shop of Horrors (Last Show) Center Stage	Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima			8th Annual Halloween Spectacular Biloxi Civic Center Boo on the Rue Rue Magnolia Arts District Matt & Amber Hard Rock Café	Military Collectables Show – Joppa Shrine Special Needs Halloween Costume Ball Donal Snyder Community Center Friday Night Dinners with Karaoke Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge	Military Collectables Show – Joppa Shrine Halloween on Howard Howard Avenue Boo Bash Biloxi Civic Center The Rocky Horror Picture Show LIVE! Biloxi Little Theatre Sat. Night Dance – VFW
30	31					
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BTV October 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
6:10 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 White Pillars
7:30 a.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
7:45 a.m.	Keesler Update (15 min)
8 a.m.	Special Presentation: 2022 Biloxi Cemetery Tour
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 White Pillars
1:30 p.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
1:45 p.m.	Keesler Update (15 min)
2 p.m.	Special Presentation: 2022 Biloxi Cemetery Tour
3 p.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (3 hours)
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Midnight	National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)



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

Inside BTV: A look at cemetery tours, past, present, and future

It's become a tradition this time of year in Biloxi:

Preserve Biloxi, a group of history-appreciating community organizations, transforms the Old Biloxi Cemetery into a classroom, with graveside portrayals by period-garbed performers.

All this month, BTV salutes the cemetery tour and Biloxi history.

You'll see a 53-minute replay of the 2020 tour each day at 8 a.m., 2 p.m., and 8 p.m. You'll also see replays throughout the month of the 2019 and 2018 cemetery tours.

Each can also be seen online, on the city's YouTube channel.

White Pillars cooks for Biloxi this month

The White Pillars and Chef Austin Sumrall are featured in this month's edition of "Biloxi Cooks!," an encore replay from September 2021.

The restaurant's location in West Biloxi sat dormant for nearly 30 years after a heralded run, and today it's a farm-to-table restaurant using Mississippi-grown meats and seasonal local vegetables.

Austin Sumrall is scheduled to prepare shrimp and grits on the October encore edition of "Biloxi Cooks! The program airs at 7 a.m., 1 p.m., and 7 p.m., daily throughout the month.

This month's recipe:

Shrimp and Grits recipe

(Makes 6 to 8 servings)

White Pillars, 1696 Beach Blvd.

Creamy Grits

Ingredients:

- 2 cups coarse-ground Grit Girl grits
- 2 cups water
- 2 cups Half & Half
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Instructions: Combine wet ingredients and bring to a low boil. Whisk in grits and cook to desired doneness, about 15 minutes. Finish with finely chopped thyme. Salt and pepper to taste.

Shrimp

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs 10/12 count gulf shrimp in shell
- 1 large carrot
- 1 large onion
- 1 stalk of celery
- 2 garlic cloves, smashed
- ½ cup Worcestershire sauce
- juice of ½ lemon
- salt and pepper to taste
- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup chopped parsley
- ½ cup oyster mushrooms (sliced)
- ½ shallot (minced)
- ½ cup bacon lardons (rendered)

Instructions: Peel shrimp reserving shells. Add shells, smashed garlic cloves and peeled and coarsely chopped carrot, onion, and celery into large stockpot. Add water to cover about 2 quarts. Bring up to a boil, reduce to simmer and let go 45 minutes. Strain stock through sieve, and add to medium saucepot along with Worcestershire and reduce to about 2 cups. Finish sauce by mounting in butter and lemon. Sauté the shrimp in butter with bacon lardons, shallots and mushrooms.

Spoon grits onto plate, place 5 shrimp on top, spoon over sauce. Garnish with chopped parsley.





Howard Avenue at corner of Delaune Street, looking east. The right foreground showing Eddie's Drugs is the current location of the District Green.

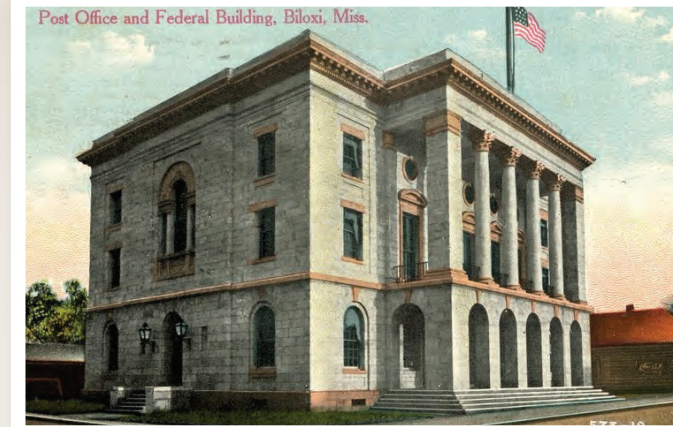
VIEW FROM THE PORCH

Kress "dime store" on Howard Avenue, with shelter extending over the sidewalk. Now home of Ground Zero Blues Club.



Howard I elementary school on Main Street between Jackson and Water Streets was torn down and replaced by the new post office and federal building that opened in 1960.

In 1925 the Biloxi Library moved from a small Creole cottage to its new building at 124 Lameuse Street, designed by local architect Carl Matthes.



The Biloxi Post Office and Federal Building, dedicated in 1908, became Biloxi City Hall in 1960.



View from the Porch was written in 1988 by my mother, Melba Fay Foretich Gutierrez (1929-2010). She shares memories of her girlhood in downtown Biloxi, living in a house on south Delaune Street (now Ohr Street). Submitted by Paige Gutierrez.

In 1934 our family moved to a cypress shotgun house on south Delaune Street in an old working class neighborhood in downtown Biloxi. Our home was two blocks from my school, Howard I Elementary on Main Street. We were walking distance to my Daddy's job in Ohr's Machine Shop, grocery stores, bakeries, restaurants, church, the library, the post office, three movie theaters, Woolworth and Kress dime stores, dress shops, the Biloxi Community Pier and Park, our dentist, doctor, and more.

It was the middle of the Depression. On this small plot of land, we had pecan trees, a vegetable garden, flowers and chickens. It was fun to pick butter beans and okra, and pick up pecans. My favorite was collecting the eggs. I loved those Plymouth Rock hens. If I felt blue, I would sit in the henhouse and hold them. When one was missing, I would not eat our Sunday chicken dinner.

My younger sister and I spent a lot of time on

the front porch cutting out paper dolls from old catalogs and reading library books.

South Delaune Street had a lot of activity. The milkman delivered the milk in glass bottles; the fresh vegetable truck would stop. Men with strings of fish for sale would pass. The ice cream vendor would pass every day on Water Street, a half block away. He would ring a bell. If we had a nickel and were fast enough, we enjoyed an ice cream. As we sat on the porch, the Daily Herald boy tossed the paper to us.

Across the street was a grassy vacant lot — that was our ballpark until a tent skating rink moved there. Later, the rink moved a half block south to the shell pile on the beach. The view from our porch then became a miniature golf course.

As time passed, we outgrew paper dolls. We sat on the porch, played Monopoly, and watched the boys go by on their bicycles. Often, they would stop and chat. If the group was large enough, we played "Kick the Tin Can." The neighbors did not

mind when we hid in their yards — they all had children.

My favorite time on the porch was in the summer about noon when the Pan American Clipper, docked a half block away, would play popular music

over a loud speaker before it left for Ship Island.

The back porch had a view of the tourist cottages just across the rear alley. Northerners liked our warmer climate and enjoyed fishing. They were nice to the many young people in the neighborhood.

The back porch was fun, too. We always had cats — we loved them and their kittens. My sister and I would take an old thin curtain, go to the beach and seine for minnows to feed our cats.



The Pan American Clipper tour boat played music at the dock before it left for Ship Island.

Beggars would come to the back porch from the alley. Mama always gave them leftovers or at least a baloney sandwich and lemonade.

The front porch view became a dramatic scene September 19, 1947. The family watched trees break and power lines fall, but decided we would not evacuate during this hurricane. About 8:30 A.M., we witnessed several gigantic waves. They crashed through a beach restaurant. The next wave crashed over the Greyhound Bus station on the north

side of Highway 90, one half block away. A huge oil tank washed up Delaune Street toward our house. We panicked! We left 134 Delaune Street and walked to the marble post office building (now the Biloxi City Hall). Our house was barely spared from the Gulf waters in 1947.

It is amazing that I lived in this house eighteen years and never had a key. Our home was never locked in those days.

— Written in 1988

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