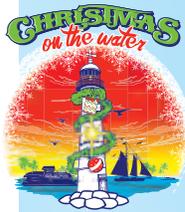


## Best Bets!



### Christmas on the Water weekend

The Christmas on the Water festivities

kick off on Friday night with the annual Children's parade. At 6 p.m., kindergarten to fourth graders will ride on hay wagons through downtown to the Biloxi Town Green. At the Town Green, Christmas decorations will be lit and Santa will be waiting to talk with the children. Then on Saturday, the 18th Annual Christmas in the City takes place along the Rue Magnolia area from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nearly 100 vendors will be selling their wares and Christmas carols will be sung by local choirs. The centerpiece of the weekend takes place on Saturday at 6 p.m. with the parade of decorated boats cruising along the waterfront followed by a fireworks show. This Biloxi tradition dates back to 1986. It has grown to an impressive holiday family weekend that attracts locals and visitors. Visit [biloxi.ms.us](http://biloxi.ms.us), call 228-435-6339, or 228-432-2563.



### Parading for Christmas

Parades are a major feature of celebrations along the Gulf Coast, especially at Christmas. Here's the lineup: Children's Walking Parade on Friday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. in Downtown, Christmas boat parade on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. in the Mississippi Sound, Woolmarket Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Woolmarket community, and Ward 2 Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. in East Biloxi. Check out the calendar entries for more details.



### Twinkling Thursdays in Downtown Biloxi

- **Lighting of the Biloxi Lighthouse**, Dec. 1, 5:30 p.m., south of the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich and Santa will turn on the Lighthouse Christmas lights. Nativity BVM Elementary School choir will perform. Refreshments served. Free admission. Details: 228-374-3105
- **Holiday Food Drive for Back Bay Mission/Loaves & Fishes**, Dec. 8, noon-6 p.m., Bond Grant House, 932 Howard Ave. Drive by or stop in at the Bond Grant House to drop off your canned goods/boxed donations to help Back Bay Mission and Loaves & Fishes in feeding the needy this Christmas season. Goodies served by Biloxi Main Street Elves! Details: 228-435-6339
- **Greater St. John AME Male Choir** on the steps of Biloxi City Hall, Dec. 15, 5:30-7 p.m., 140 Lameuse St. Celebrate the Christmas spirit with great Christmas music from St. John's choir. Free admission. Refreshments served. Details: 228-435-6339
- **Caroling In Cathedral Square**, Dec. 22, 6 p.m., 870 Howard Ave. Join the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral Choir in celebrating the most joyous season of the year with a community sing-a-long! Hot chocolate and cookies provided by the Cathedral. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

### Nativity BVM Cathedral's Advent-Christmas Concert Series 2022

870 Howard Ave. Free Admission-all events.

- **Gulf Coast "Messiah Chorus,"** Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.
- **"Reflections on Advent" Concert,** Dec. 3, 3 p.m.
- **Gulf Coast Wind Ensemble,** Dec. 10, 1 p.m.
- **Annual Christmas Concert,** Dec. 18, 3 p.m.
- **"Caroling In Cathedral Square,"** Dec. 22, 6 p.m.

**Feed the Needy Orders**, through Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. Biloxi Police, along with Harrison County public safety agencies and donors will host the Christmas Feed the Needy, a program to deliver Christmas Day meals to homes of the less fortunate. Donors or volunteers may contact the D'Iberville Police Department at 228-396-4252. Details: 228-385-3033

**Santa's BEST Swim Meet**, Dec. 2-5, various times, Biloxi Natatorium, 1384 Father Ryan Ave. The swimming competition features the city's home team, Biloxi Elite Swim Team (BEST). Free admission. Details: 228-435-6205



**First Friday Downtown Biloxi**, Dec. 2, 5-9 p.m., The District Green, 785 Howard Ave. The event features arts and crafts vendors, activities, and live entertainment by Amber DeDual, 5-6:30 p.m., and Symone French & The Trouille Troupe, 7-9 p.m. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

**Annual Children's Christmas Parade and Christmas On The Town Green**, Dec. 2, 6-8 p.m. Annual parade feature kindergarten to 4th graders riding in hay wagons celebrating Christmas. The parade begins at the Frank Gruich Center, 591 Howard Avenue, travels Lameuse Street, and ends at the Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. where the annual lighting of the Christmas Tree will take place. Santa, hot chocolate, and cookies are all part of the event. Details: 228-388-7170

**Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign with the Biloxi Police Department**, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Walmart Supercenter, 2681 Ct. Switzer Sr. Drive. Stop by, visit with police officers and make a donation to the Salvation Army.

**Registration for City of Biloxi Youth League Basketball**, Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-noon, Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Registration open to Biloxi and non-Biloxi residents, ages 6-15. Fees range from \$30 to \$75. Details: 228-388-7170

**18th Annual Christmas In The City**, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 785 Howard Ave. at The District Green, Jackson Street, Rue Magnolia, and Water Street areas. Catch the spirit of the season with local choir performances, entertainers, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Pusharates, and more than one hundred vendors. Hourly drawings for \$100 cash throughout the festival! Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339



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

# Stay in touch

**BNews:** Welcome to the 55th 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](mailto: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](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

**Christmas On The Water Aboard the Biloxi Schooner,** Dec. 3, 4:30 p.m. departure, Biloxi Schooner Pier, 367 Beach Blvd. Presented by the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum. Experience the famous Biloxi Christmas On The Water parade as a participant. Excursion will return to the dock by 8 p.m. Guests may bring food and refreshments aboard; ice is provided. Admission: \$45 for adults, \$25 for children ages 3-12. Details and to purchase tickets: 228-435-6320

**Keesler's Chiefs VS Eagles Softball Game and Home Run Derby,** Dec. 3, 2 p.m., MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St. Game features members of the command at Keesler Air Force Base. There will also be a drill competition, and military working dog demo. Gates open at 1 p.m. Keesler Air Force Base and the Biloxi Shuckers will be collecting canned food at the gate to be donated to Back Bay Mission. Details: 228-377-2510

**Christmas On The Water,** Dec. 3, 6 p.m. Boats parade in full holiday décor, with a fireworks show after the parade. Best viewing locations along Beach Blvd. are between the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor and Casino Row. Details: 228-617-3112 or 228-432-2563

**Home For The Holidays,** Dec. 10, 11 a.m. Biloxi Public Library, 580 Howard Ave. Join the Local History & Genealogy Department of the Biloxi Public Library as they present their holiday program and open house entitled "Home For The Holidays" which will celebrate items in their Christmas collection. Free admission. Details: 228-435-4613

**Annual Woolmarket Christmas Parade,** Dec. 10, 2 p.m. Parade begins on Shortcut Road at Woolmarket Road, ending at Woolmarket Elementary School. See Santa Claus and decorate the Christmas tree at the Woolmarket Elementary gym. Hot chocolate and cookies provided. Details: 228-861-5422 or Councilman Nathan Barrett at 228-547-5816

**Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum Holiday Open House,** Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 115 1st St. Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy a tour of the museum, and shop with local vendors for art and treats! Free admission. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Details: 228-435-6320

**Mississippi Gulf Coast Marathon,** Dec. 10-11, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., Beach Boulevard from Pass Christian to Biloxi. This Coastal Running Fest showcases the local culture with a beautiful beachside run. Features a marathon and half marathon along the beach, as well as a 5K and Kids' 1-mile in East Biloxi from Margaritaville Resort. Kick off the weekend at the Runner Village at MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St. Registration prices vary. Details: [www.mississippigulfcoastmarathon.com](http://www.mississippigulfcoastmarathon.com)

**GCCA Children's Christmas Party,** Dec. 11, 1-3 p.m., Mary Mahoney's Old French House, 110 Rue Magnolia. Join Gulf Coast Carnival Association for a Children's Christmas Party; photos with Santa. Admission: \$25 per person or \$100 for families up to 6. Details: 228-432-8806

**City of Biloxi Ward 2 Christmas Parade,** Dec. 11, 2 p.m. Parade begins at O'Reilly Park, 431 Division St., travels west on Division, and ends at John Henry Beck Park, 671 Division St. Hot chocolate and cookies provided. Details: 228-388-7170

**Special Needs Christmas Dance,** Dec. 16, 6-9 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Center, 2520 Pass Road. All ages with physical and mental disabilities are invited to celebrate. Food and door prizes will be available. Admission is an unwrapped gift valued at no more than \$10. Details: 228-388-7170

**Biloxi Visitors Center Holiday Open House,** Dec. 17-18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Dozens of artists and artisans show and sell their wares for last-minute Christmas shoppers. Santa, refreshments, children's activities, and door prizes are all part of the event. Free admission. Details: 228-374-3105

**Champagne Jam XI – All White Edition,** Dec. 17, 7 p.m.-2 a.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. General admission: \$35; table for 10, \$400; VIP table for 10, \$450. Presented by the League of Extraordinary Gentlemen. Details: [visit Eventbrite.com](http://visitEventbrite.com)

**Santa Claus is Coming to Town at the Fire Museum,** Dec. 18, 1-3 p.m., West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum, 1046 Howard Ave. Details: 228-331-5055

**Bike Biloxi,** Dec. 20, 6 p.m.; downtown ride. Wear your UGLY Christmas sweaters and ride downtown. The 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



**Biloxi Little Theatre**  
 220 Lee St., 228-432-8543,  
[www.4blt.org](http://www.4blt.org)  
 • **What The Elf?**  
 Dec. 16 & 17

**Center Stage**  
 2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258  
[centerstagebiloxi.com](http://centerstagebiloxi.com)  
 • **A Christmas Carol**  
 Dec. 1-4 and 7-11

**Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library**  
 2244 Beach Blvd., 228-388-4400, [www.visitbeauvoir.org](http://www.visitbeauvoir.org)  
 • **Christmas in Camp,** Dec. 16, admission charged

**Biloxi Lighthouse & Visitors Center**

1050 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 Visitors Center Holiday Open House**, Dec. 17-18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Biloxi Schooners**

367 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
- **Christmas On The Water Aboard the Biloxi Schooner**, Dec. 3

**Biloxi Shrimping Trip**

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

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

**Biloxi Tour Train**

Biloxi Lighthouse Park parking lot, south of Biloxi Visitors Center, traffic light #40, 228-374-8687, www.biloxitourtrain.com • Call in advance for tour availability

**Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum**

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

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

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

575 Division St., 228-207-1218

- **Breakfast with Santa**, Dec. 3, 8-11 a.m.

**Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum**

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

- Hours of operation: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m.
- **Holiday Open House**, Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (see entry in calendar for details)

**Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art**

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

- **Holiday Spirits – Karaoke Member Party**, Dec. 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Member preview of studio sale. RSVP @ www.georgeohr.org
- Check the website for events and studio classes at OOMA!

**West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum**

1046 Howard Ave., 228-435-6119, 228-435-6200, www.biloxi.ms.us

- Historic 1937 firehouse open Saturdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment
- **Santa Claus is Coming to Town at the Fire Museum**, Dec. 18, 1-3 p.m.

**Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi**

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606

- **Friday Bingo**, December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. 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**, 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**, Dec. 9, 6-8 p.m. (Last ticket sold 7:15 p.m.) \$20, dine in or carry out

**Mississippi Coast Mustang Club**

www.mscoastmustangclub.com

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**

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

- **Every Monday night Bingo**; doors open at 5 p.m.; Early birds at 6:30 p.m.; and regular games at 7 p.m.

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**

- **Biloxi Bingo Mania**, Tuesday nights behind Nativity Cathedral; 871 Esters Blvd. Doors open at 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. Details: 228-374-6472

**VFW 2434**

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Saturday Night Dances**, call for details
- **New Year's Eve Party**, Dec. 31, 7 p.m. \$1,000 raffle

**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		1 Community Market Lighting of the Biloxi Lighthouse South of the Visitors Center  A Christmas Carol Center Stage (December 1-4)	2 First Friday & Downtown Biloxi Block Party Christmas Parade Christmas on the Town Green Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Swim Meet - Natatorium Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge "Messiah Chorus" - Nativity The Commodores – Beau Rivage Keith Sweat & Friends MS Coast Coliseum	3 Christmas in the City The District Green Christmas on the Water KAFB Softball - MGM Stadium BPD Red Kettle - Walmart Youth League Basketball Donal M. Snyder Fr. Community Center Swim Meet - Natatorium Nativity Concert - Nativity Roots Booths 90s - IP Casino Ice Skating - MS Coast Coliseum A Boy Band Christmas - Beau Rivage
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25 	26 Ice Skating MS Coast Coliseum  Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	27 Community Market  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	28	29 Community Market	30 Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society  Sea Wolves MS Coast Coliseum	31  Public Ice Skating MS Coast Coliseum The Molly Ringwald's Beau Rivage New Year's Eve Celebration Hard Rock Casino