



Best Bets!

Kick off Mardi Gras with the Twelfth Night celebration

The Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum and the City of Biloxi are excited to announce a Twelfth Night Celebration. The event will officially kick off the Mardi Gras celebrations in Biloxi on Jan. 5. Beginning at 5 p.m. at the Biloxi Visitors Center, the reigning royal courts will second line out to the Biloxi Lighthouse where the reigning royal courts of 2022 will turn off the Christmas lights, board Mardi Gras floats, and parade along U.S. 90 to Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. at 6:30 p.m. Once at the marble palace, the court will turn on the lights of Carnival and toast the beginning of the 115th celebration of Mardi Gras in Biloxi. The celebration is open to the public. Details: museum@coastalmardigras.com



Warm up with a run

Whether for exercise, fun, or a good cause, going for a run in colder temperatures definitely warms the body. And two community runs are set for January. The Salvation Army Kroc Center hosts its annual Frosty Kroc Run on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 8:30 a.m., and the Golden Nugget hosts the Annual Casino Bridge Run & Half Marathon on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 9 a.m. Both races take place along the Biloxi Bay Bridge and include multiple distances. Fees apply as well. For more information, check out the event entry in the calendar section.



Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Events:

- **NYE Party with Mr. Sipp featuring The Chitlins**, Ground Zero Blues Club, 814 Howard Ave.
- **Get Groovy New Year's Eve**, Harrah's Gulf Coast, 406 Club, 208 Beach Blvd.
- **New Year's Party Hard Rock Live**, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 777 Beach Blvd.
- **New Year's Eve Eight75 Experience**, Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, Eight75, 875 Beach Blvd.



Christmas Tree recycling station, Biloxi, through Jan. 14, U.S. 90 parking bay at the Lighthouse. Details: Harrison County Beautification Commission, 228-214-1405

Shrimp Season to Close, Jan. 1, north of the Intracoastal Waterway at 12:01 a.m. Sunday. All other Mississippi territorial waters legal to shrimping will remain open. Details: 1-866-938-7295

Ice Skating, through Jan. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, & 22, Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Details: mscoastcoliseum.com

First Friday and Downtown Block Party at the District Green, on hiatus until March 3, but look for an **EXTRAVAGANZA** event in March to usher in the 2023 season! Details: 228-435-6339

Twelfth Night Celebration, Jan. 5, 5 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. The reigning royal courts of 2022 will kick off the Mardi Gras celebrations by switching the lights at the Biloxi Lighthouse from Christmas to Mardi Gras. The event includes refreshments, a parade, and GCCA King D'Iberville Bobby Knesal, Queen Ixolib Madison Warren, and reigning kings and queens of the Krewe of Athena, Les Cavaliers, Les Masquees, The Revelers, and Krewe of Sirens. Free admission. Details: museum@coastalmardigras.com



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MLK Coastwide Celebration

The annual Coastwide MLK Celebration has gained a reputation over the years for having a top-notch lineup of events. This year's event takes place on Monday, Jan. 16 beginning with the annual MLK Day Parade at 11 a.m. in East Biloxi followed by the popular Battle of the Bands event at noon at MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St. The battle will feature Alcorn State University. Admission is \$5. Details: www.mlkcoastwide.com

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

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 56th issue of BNews Monthly. It's a compendium of things you should know about your city: status reports on current and pending public works, and a calendar of community events covering the next 30 days.

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

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

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

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

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Frequently Called Numbers

Area code is 228 unless otherwise noted.

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

Frosty Kroc Run, Jan. 7, 5K & 10K run, race begins at 8:30 a.m. Race will begin at the end of the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino and travel over the Biloxi Bay Bridge. Details: 228-207-1218, krockmscoast.org

Empire Fighting Championship MMA Event, Jan. 7, 6-11 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Details: mmaempirefc.com

Community Bicycle Ride, Jan. 14, 9 a.m., Begins at Biloxi Bicycle Works, 993 Howard Ave., and travels to the Biloxi Boardwalk and back. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-400-0280

MLK Coastwide Celebration, Jan 16, MLK Day Parade, 11 a.m., Battle of the Bands at MGM Park, noon. The battle will feature Alcorn State University. Admission: \$5. Details: www.mlkcoastwide.com

Bike Biloxi, Jan. 17, 6 p.m.; downtown bike ride. Begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., and ends with refreshments and food at a downtown restaurant at cyclists' expense. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

Short-Term Rental Overlay Districts Workshop, Jan. 26, 2 p.m. Community Development auditorium, 676 MLK Blvd. Discussion regarding certain areas for Short-Term Rental Overlay Districts proposed along the Beach area, from Point Cadet to Rodenburg Avenue. Details: 228-435-6280



Main Street Book Club, Jan 26, 5:30 p.m., One Thirty-One Lameuse, 131 Lameuse St. January's selection: "Ghost Stories" by local author Hank Roberts. The author will be available to sign copies of the book and describe his writing process. Visit the free meeting or call Biloxi Main Street for more information. Details: 228-435-6339

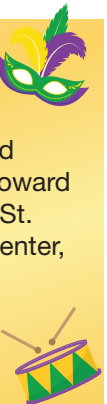
Casino Bridge Run & Harley Half Marathon, Jan. 28 & Jan. 29, Annual Casino Bridge Run-10K/5K Competitive Walk and Harley Half Marathon. All runners and walkers will receive a custom finishers medal! Packet pickup and expo will take place Friday, Jan 27 inside the Golden Nugget Casino from 2-7 p.m. and Saturday from 6:15 -8:30 a.m. The Saturday 10k course follows the waterfront, travels into downtown Ocean Springs, back to the bridge, and finishes at the Golden Nugget swimming pool. Details: http://www.harleyhalf.com

Community Bicycle Ride, Jan. 29, 9 a.m., Begins at the Biloxi Bicycle Works, 993 Howard Ave., and travels to the Biloxi Boardwalk and back. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-400-0280



Coming in February!

Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade, Feb. 11, 10 a.m., Downtown Biloxi. Open to ages 12 and younger. Parade travels from under the I-110 on Howard Avenue and ends at Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Registration forms available at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. and online at biloxi.ms.us. Late registration and sign-in, 9-9:45 a.m. at the parade starting point. Details: 228-374-3105, visitor@biloxi.ms.us



Biloxi Little Theatre
220 Lee St., 228-432-8543, www.4blt.org
• Auditions for **Oliver**, January 6-7, 2023
• **Middle-Aged White Guys**
January 20-22 & 27-29, 2023

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

Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library
2244 Beach Blvd., 228-388-4400, www.visitbeauvoir.org

Biloxi Lighthouse & Visitors Center

1050 Beach Blvd., 228-374-3105, 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 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

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

- **Creative Arts Academy:** Recurring weekly on Mondays

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.

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

386 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 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

Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606

- **Friday Bingo**, January 6, 13, 20, and 27. Doors open at 5 p.m.; Early Bird games at 6:30 p.m.; regular games at 7 p.m. Cash payouts and door prizes. Concessions available. Open until 8 p.m.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- **Karaoke with Kenny**, Fridays at 7 p.m.

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 228-392-9345

- **Chili Cook-Off**, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. judging at 3:30 p.m. (\$5 tasting Card)

Mississippi Coast Mustang Club

www.mscoastmustangclub.com

Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society

Details: 228-396-1543

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

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

- **Monday Bingo**, Jan. 9, 16, 23, & 30; 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

- **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

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
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