



# Biloxi Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade

**Saturday, February 11, 2023 • 10 a.m.**

The City of Biloxi, Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum, and Gulf Coast Carnival Association invite all children ages 12 and under to participate in the Biloxi Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at 10 a.m. Participants may walk, bike, skate, or be pushed/pulled in strollers and wagons. (No motorized vehicles will be allowed.)

The theme of the parade is "It's All In Black & White." The theme celebrates the love of reading and the fascinating characters and faraway places a child can discover through books. Think of Harry Potter riding his broom

to Hogwarts or Dorothy discovering Oz. The possibilities are endless.

Applications will be distributed through all Biloxi Schools or can be picked up at the Biloxi Visitors Center, Biloxi Parks and Recreation Office and Recreation Centers, Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum and Gulf Coast Carnival Office or downloaded from the City of Biloxi website, [biloxi.ms.us](http://biloxi.ms.us).

Applications must be returned to the child's school or the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, MS, 39530, by Friday, February 3, 2023. For more information, please call the Biloxi Visitors Center at (228) 374-3105 or email [visitor@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:visitor@biloxi.ms.us).

This is not a school sponsored event.



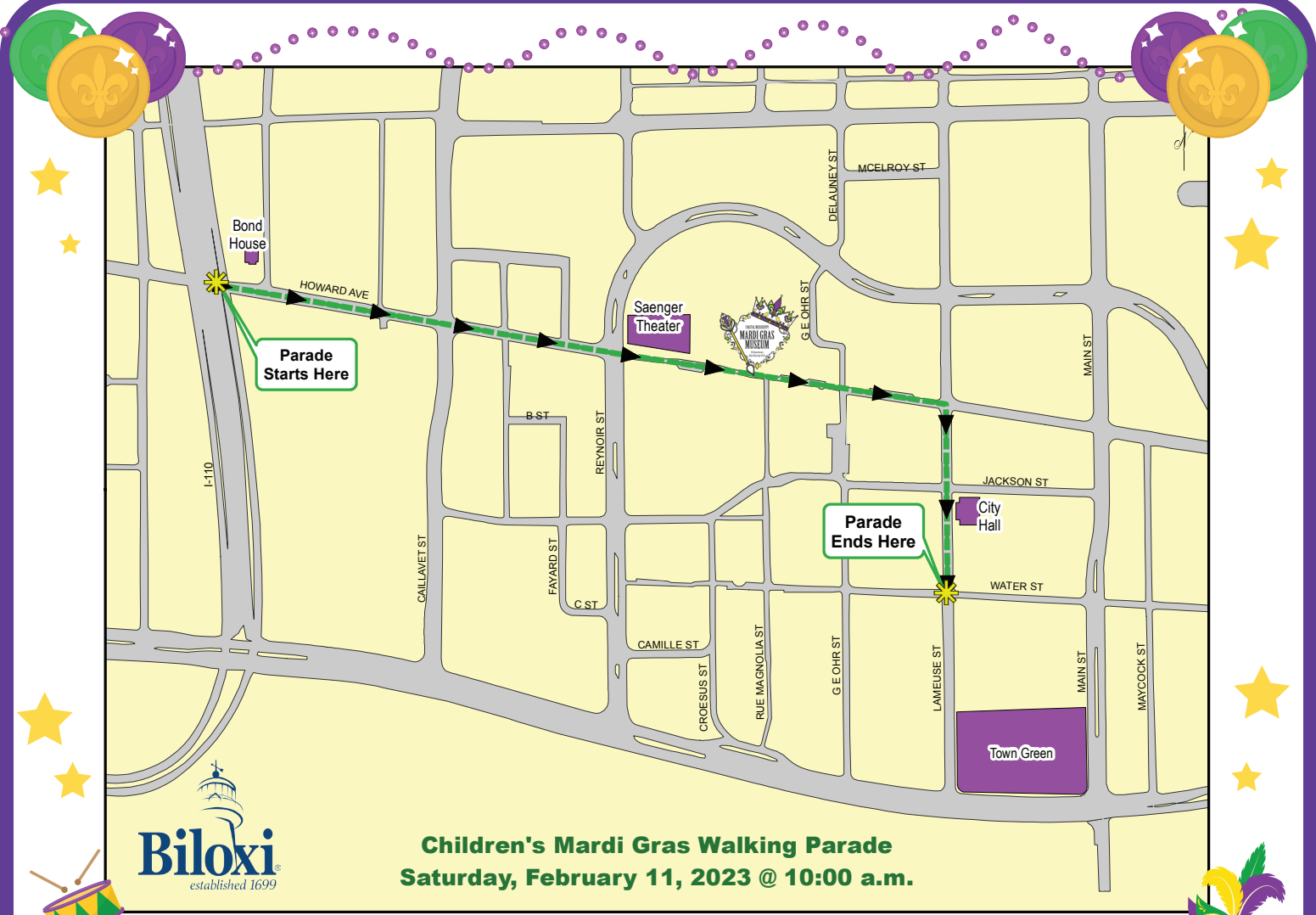
Parade will begin at 10 a.m. under the I-110 overpass on Howard Avenue. It will continue east on Howard, to Lameuse Street and turn south ending at City Hall, where there will be a celebration including an opportunity to meet the 2022 Gulf Coast Carnival Association King and Queen, a costume and float contest, refreshments, and Mardi Gras art activities. Sign-in and late registration will be at parade start from 9-9:45 a.m. A bag of throws will be available for the children. Children are encouraged to bring additional throws. Parents and guardians are welcomed to walk with their children. Children 9 years of age and younger are required to have a parent/guardian walk with them.

## Costume and Float Contest Rules

- Registration for the contests will take place at the end of the parade
- Costumes and Floats are judged on originality, personality, and adherence to theme "It's All In Black & White"
- Costumes are judged by age groups: Birth to 2 years old, 3 to 5 years old and 6 to 12 years old
- Floats will be divided by size for judging: Small format any float under 4-foot tall and 4-foot long and Large Format any float over 4-foot tall or 4-foot long.

Please note: Due to safety concerns, motorized vehicles will not be allowed to participate in the parade or contest. This includes battery-powered children's cars and motorcycles. In the event of rain, the parade is canceled. No pets (other than service animals) are allowed in parade or at post-parade celebration.





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# Biloxi Children's Mardi Gras Parade Application

An application must be filled-out completely for each child. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

My Child will (check one):

Walk  Bike  Scooter  Skateboard  Wagon  Float  Other  : \_\_\_\_\_

(No Motorized Vehicles Allowed)

**Parental Consent:**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the Biloxi Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade on Saturday, February 11, 2023. I understand that all children must be checked in at the parade forming area by an adult and picked up by that same adult immediately after the parade and children under the age of 9 years old must have an adult walking with them. I recognize that there are certain risks to participating in the parade and that the parade sponsors are only for reasonable supervision. I understand that the parade sponsors do not assume liability extending beyond that point.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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