

Best Bets!

Mardi Gras Museum

Mardi Gras is a magical time of year in Coastal Mississippi and February is the perfect time to visit the Coastal Mardi Gras Museum at 792 A Howard Ave. Explore over 100 years of Mardi Gras history on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in colorful displays throughout the museum.

Learn more about the kings and queens, the unique costumes, the krewes, and the parades over the decades in coastal Mississippi. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Run for trees

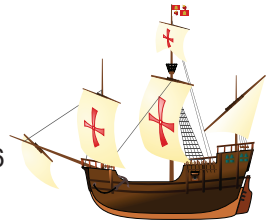
The annual Arbor Day Run, Walk, Roll and disability challenge is set to take place in Downtown Biloxi on Saturday, Feb. 25. The event begins with a 5K run at 9 a.m. and a mile run at 9:45 a.m. at the corner of Lameuse Street and U.S. 90 at the Biloxi Town Green. Trophies will be given to overall males and females as well as to the first, second, and third-place age groups, the first three boys and girls (ages 12 and younger) in the 1-mile race, and the top three wheelchairs in the 1 mile. In addition, trees will be given away to race participants on a first-come basis until all trees are given out. Details: 228-604-4020, gulfcoastrunningclub.org.

First Friday Block Party at the District Green, on hiatus and will return March 3 from 5-9 p.m. with live entertainment, vendors, fun games with prizes, local food trucks and Fly Llama Brewing beverages! Details: 228-435-6339 or email mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us

Annual Law Enforcement Awards Banquet, Feb. 2, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., IP Resort Casino, 850 Bayview Ave. Tickets \$75 or Sponsorship includes tickets and allows a Biloxi police officer to attend their Annual Banquet for free. Details: 228.435.6149 or info@biloxibayareachamber.org

Japanese Club Meeting, Feb. 4, 11 a.m., See Wee Roll Restaurant, Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd. Eat sushi and talk about Japanese culture with a native. Meal cost is on each participant. Free admission. Must RSVP: kiyomi.ogawa1@gmail.com

Columbus Ship "Pinta" to land in Biloxi, Feb. 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Schooner Pier, 367 Beach Blvd. A replica of Christopher Columbus' famous ship will open in Biloxi for dockside educational tours, Feb. 10-21, and every Saturday & Sunday thru April 2. Admission: Adults \$8; Seniors \$7 (65+); Students \$6 (5-16). Details: info@maritimemuseum.org or 228-435-6320



GCCA 11th Annual Run for the Beads 5K Run, Feb. 11, 8-10 a.m., Gulf Coast Mardi Gras Museum, 792-A Howard Ave. Registration begins one hour before run time. Admission: \$20 prior to the event, \$25 day of. Details or online registration: <https://www.msgcca.org/5k-run/>

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 and ends at Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St.

Registration forms available at Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd and online at biloxi.ms.us. Late registration and costume and float sign up: 9 to 9:45 a.m. at the parade start. Details: 228-374-3105 or visitor@biloxi.ms.us

7th Annual Krewe of Barkloxi PAWrade, Feb. 12, 11 a.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Presented by the Humane Society of South Mississippi. Vendors and sponsors \$50-\$250. This family-friendly Mardi Gras parade for dogs begins at the Biloxi Town Green with activities. Pre-register your pet(s) visit www.hssm.org/events/krewe-of-barkloxi-pawrade. Details: 228-435-6149 or info@biloxibayareachamber.org



Seniors Mardi Gras Bash, Feb. 17, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Wear your Mardi Gras attire. A King, Queen, and Duchess will be crowned by random drawing. Hors d'oeuvres, music by DJ, and door prizes. Free admission to those 55 and older. RSVP to Parks & Recreation by Feb 6: 228-388-7170

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

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 57th 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 435-6280
- 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



Special Needs Mardi Gras Ball & Dance, Feb 17, 6-9 p.m. Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Mardi Gras-themed event open and free to all with physical and mental disabilities. A King, Queen, Grand Duke, and Duchess will be crowned by random drawing. Hors d'oeuvres will be available, door prizes will be given out, and entertainment provided. Details: 228-388-7170

Krewe of Neptune Night Mardi Gras Parade, Feb. 18, 5:30 p.m. Route: Main Street to U.S. 90 to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. to Howard Avenue, to Caillavet Street ending at Bayview Avenue. This year's theme: "Neptune Rules The World." Details: <https://kreweofneptune.org/>

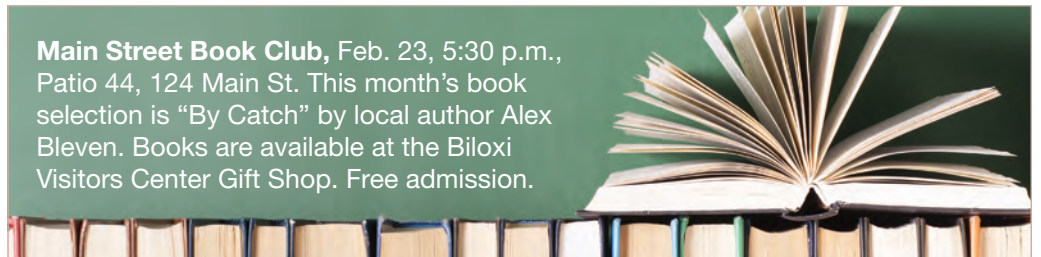
Gulf Coast Carnival Association Coronation Ball, Feb. 20, 8 p.m., Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Witness the coronation of King D'Iberville and Queen Ixolib, who will rule over Carnival for 2023! Pick up a view card from the Biloxi Visitors Center or Biloxi City Hall. This year's theme: "It's All in Black and White." Free admission. Details: www.msgcca.org or 228-432-8806

Annual Gulf Coast Carnival Association Mardi Gras Parade, Feb. 21, 1 p.m. Parade route begins at Main Street and MLK Jr. Blvd., travels south on Reynoir Street, west on U.S. 90, north on Porter Avenue, east on Howard Avenue, and ends at Caillavet Street. Details: www.msgcca.org or 228-432-8806



Bike Biloxi, Feb. 21. There will be no ride in February because of Mardi Gras. Ride returns March 21.

Main Street Book Club, Feb. 23, 5:30 p.m., Patio 44, 124 Main St. This month's book selection is "By Catch" by local author Alex Bleven. Books are available at the Biloxi Visitors Center Gift Shop. Free admission.



Annual Arbor Day Run/Walk/Roll for Disability Awareness, Feb. 25, Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Registration fee is \$25 per person. Early discount pre-registration of \$22 will be available through February 17 at www.GulfCoastRunningClub.org. Participants receive a t-shirt and free trees while supplies last. Proceeds support the Disability Connection programs and events. Details: Disability Connection, 228- 604-4020

Grillin' On The Green 2023 accepting vendors and grill teams for festival taking place on March 11 in Downtown Biloxi. Deadline to apply: Feb. 28. Call after the deadline to check availability of space. For application and details: www.mainstreetbiloxi.com or 228-435-6339 to apply by phone



Biloxi Little Theatre
 220 Lee St., 228-432-8543, www.4blt.org
 • **The Red Velvet Cake War**
 February 24-26 and March 3-5

Center Stage
 2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258
centerstagebiloxi.com
 • **The Lifespan of a Fact**,
 February 2-5 and 9-12

Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library

2244 Beach Blvd., 228-388-4400, www.visitbeauvoir.org

• **Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier**, Feb 11, 11 a.m. Admission: \$12.50 adults, \$10 seniors/military, \$7.50 ages 6-18 years, and free for ages 5 and younger

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

- Please call in advance to check 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

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**, Feb. 3, 10, 17, and 24. Doors open at 5 p.m.; Early Bird games at 6:30 p.m.; regular games at 7 p.m. Cash payouts. Concessions available. Open until 8 p.m.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- **Karaoke with Kenny**, every Friday at 7 p.m.

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 228-392-9645

- **Steak Night**, Feb. 10, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold 7:15 p.m. \$20, dine-in or carry out

Mississippi Coast Mustang Club

www.mscoastmustangclub.com

Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society

- **Meeting and film presentation**, Feb 11, 11 a.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Details: Tim Wallis, 228-396-1543

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

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

- **Monday Bingo**, Feb 6, 13, 20, and 27; 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., 228-374-1717

- **Biloxi Bingo Mania**, Tuesday nights behind Nativity Cathedral; 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.

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

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