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Community Calendar

March 2023

Best Bets!

First Friday ushers in a new season

The Biloxi Main Street monthly series, First Friday, returns at a new location. The festivities will take place under the I-110 overpass at the corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. The affair is free, open to the public, and will include live entertainment by Magnolia Bayou at 5 p.m. and Black Water Brass at 7 p.m., door prizes, and more! For more information, visit Biloxi Main Street on Facebook, online at mainstreetbiloxi.com, or call 228-435-6339.

College teams play ball at MGM Park

The Biloxi Shuckers team up with Hancock Whitney to bring the Hancock Whitney Classic to MGM Park on March 14 and 15. Mississippi State will square off in two games, one on March 14 at 6 p.m. with Nicholls State University and a second on March 15 at 5 p.m. with the University of Louisiana. Tickets for both games of the Hancock Whitney Classic are on sale at biloxishuckers.com, ticketmaster.com, or through the MGM Park Box Office.

Biloxi Special Needs Baseball registration, thru March 3, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 377 Hiller Drive. The league is open to all ages with physical and mental disabilities. Games will be played on Tuesdays beginning March 21 at the A. J. Sports Complex, 765 Wells Drive, and be played at 6 and 7 p.m. Registration is free and uniforms will be provided. Details: 228-388-7170, programs@biloxi.ms.us

First Friday and Downtown Block Party, March 3, 5-9 p.m. (New Location), 932 Howard Ave. in the back near Fly Llama (same location as Llama Palooza). The extravaganza event in March will usher in the 2023 season! Entertainment by Magnolia Bayou at 5 p.m., and Black Water Brass at 7 p.m. Details: 228-435-6339

Gallery 782 14th anniversary celebration, March 3, 5:30-8 p.m., 773 Jackson St. Gallery 782 celebrates fourteen years as a co-op art gallery in the Biloxi Arts District. The public is invited to attend a gala reception, which includes food, beverages, and door prize drawings to win one-of-a-kind art! Meet the artists who produce paintings, pottery, fused glass, ceramics, wood, fine art, photography, metal casting, stained glass, jewelry, and much more! Details: 228-436-7782

Spring Latino Festival, March 4-5, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Blessed Seelos Catholic Church, 360 Lameuse St. This new festival will feature authentic food, dancing, and music. It is free for the public to attend and everyone is welcome. Details: 228-435-0007

Shenanigans 5K/Fun Run – Sister Mary Jo Memorial Race, March 4, 7 a.m.-noon, Hiller Park, 380 Hiller Park Dr. Nativity Blessed Virgin Mary Elementary School will host a 5K and fun run in memory of Principal, Sister Mary Jo Mike. Event also includes a post-run party immediately following the 5K. Online registration: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/VgU0t7W2; Race day registration: 7 a.m. 1-Mile Fun Run begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. Details: Jenny Baker, 228-243-0775 or jtbaker@cctb.com

Bridal & Women's Expo and Sidewak and Arts & Crafts Event, March 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd. Free admission. Details: 228-860-5015, www.clearvisionent.net

Biloxi Shuckers Season Opener Blood Drive, March 9, 1-7 p.m., MGM Park Stadium, 105 Caillavet St., in the Home Locker Room. Details: redcrossblood.org

Irish Malarkey Party, March 11, 4:30 p.m. The District Green, 785 Howard Ave. After the Parade Party! Wear your Irish green. Music provided by Halley Green. Details: hiberniamarchingsociety.com

Annual Hibernia Society St. Patrick's Day 5K Run, March 11, pre-registration begins at 8 a.m., and run start is at 9 a.m.; Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Presented by the Gulf Coast Running Club. Details: 228-380-7037 or www.gulfcoastrunningclub.org; http://www.hiberniamarchingsociety.com

16th Annual Grillin' On The Green, March 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Barbecue competition with over 20 competitors vying for more than $6,000 in cash and trophies! Continuous entertainment featuring Rhythm & Rain at 10 a.m., Symone French & the Trouille Troupe at

Best Bet!

Glow, walk, and ride with the family

Gather the family and spend a night at The District Green on Howard Avenue for the Let's Glow! Gulf Coast, Walk, Run, and Ride Family Glow Night Out event on March 18 from 4:30-9 p.m. The event will include a block party with a DJ, food trucks, kids' activities, fun runs, bicycle rides, and more. Registration is $20 for adults, $10 for ages 3-14, and free for ages two and younger. Registration includes a t-shirt, a kid's glow station, pizza, and access to all events. Registration deadline is March 3. Details: letsgogulfcoast.org/letsglow

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

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 58th 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 228-435-6336.

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

noon, and Assumed Risk at 3 p.m. BBQ Cookoff awards will begin at 2:45 p.m. There will also be over 80 arts and crafts vendors and the annual Hibernia Society St. Patrick's Day Parade will flow around the festival at 3 p.m. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

Annual Hibernia Society St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 11, 3 p.m., see Parade Route on page 9. Parade features bands, flag bearers, bagpipers, a horse-drawn carriage with the parade Grand Marshall and Colleen, and colorful floats. Free admission. Details: paulamck2121@gmail.com

Vintage Bicycle Show & Ride, March 11, 9 a.m. Biloxi Bicycle Works, 993 Howard Ave. Registration and setup begins at 9 a.m. and all must be registered by noon. Awards will be given after 1 p.m., then the vintage bicycles will ride through Biloxi before the St. Patrick's Day parade. There will also be a sunset ride after 5 p.m. Details: 228-400-0280

Guided Trail Hike, March 12, 10 a.m., 2109 Camp Wilkes Road. Free admission for members and $5 for non-members. Details: www.campwilkes.org

City of Biloxi Senior Citizens Program Field Trip, March 14, 10 a.m., East Biloxi Senior Center, 461 Parker St. Limited spots. Open to ages 55 and older. The field trip is to the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art with lunch at the Trinity Café at the museum. Details and to RSVP: 228-388-2494, 228-297-3653, or 228-388-7170

Mississippi State Bulldogs Baseball vs. Nicholls State, March 14, **University of Louisiana** March 15, MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St. It's the Hancock Whitney Classic. Details and ticket information: Ticketmaster or shuckers.info/hancockwhitneyclassic

Ward 2 Town Hall Meeting, March 14, 5:30 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Details: fgines@biloxi.ms.us

Biloxi State of the City, March 16, 777 Beach Blvd. Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, Magnolia Ballroom. Doors open at 11 a.m. Program begins at 11:30 a.m. Presented by Biloxi Bay Area Chamber. Details: 228-435-6149 or email info@biloxibayareachamber.org

Mississippi Senior Games Opening Ceremony, March 17, 2023, Dr. Frank Gruich Sr. Community Center, 591 Howard Ave. Attendees must be 50 years old and registered to participate in the games. Details: 228-669-2582 or email msseniorgames@gmail.com

Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence Drawdown Throwdown Beach Party Fundraiser, March 18, Dr. Frank Gruich Sr. Community Center, 591 Howard Ave. Event includes a $3000 Drawdown Throwdown Beach Party Fundraiser and dinner. Tickets: $35. Details: bit.ly/drawdown23

Let's Glow! Gulf Coast, Walk, Run, and Ride, Family Glow Night Out, March 18, 4:30-9 p.m., The District Green, 785 Howard Ave. Registration fees: Adults: $20; Kids ages 3-14: $10, and free for ages two and younger. Registration includes t-shirts, glow station, pizza, and access to all events. Register deadline is March 3. Details: letsgogulfcoast.org/letsglow

Bike Biloxi, March 21, 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, March. 23, 5:30 p.m., Jacked Up Coffee Bar, 999 Howard Ave. The book is "Inheritance" by Phillip Leven. The author will be on hand to sign books. Books are available at Biloxi Visitors Center. Details: 228-435-6339

Keesler Air Force Base Farmer's Market, March 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 625 Marina Dr. Details: 228-376-3170, melissa.wedel.civ@health.mil

7th Annual Gulf Coast Oyster Cook-Off & Festival, March 25, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Point Cadet Plaza, 121 Cadet St. Event includes a Corvette car show, live entertainment, arts and crafts, Oyster cook-off, Outdoor Life Show, seafood and more. Admission: $5-$25, free for ages five and younger. Details: www.ClearVisionent.net

Biloxi Breakfast with the Mayor, March 28, 8 a.m. Merit Health, 150 Reynoir St. A Biloxi Chamber of Commerce event sponsored by Merit Health. Details: 228-604-0014

Biloxi Little Theatre

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

- **The Red Velvet Cake War**
  March 3-5

Center Stage

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

- **The Belle of Amherst,**
  March 18-19

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
- **Pinta Replica Tours,** recurring daily until April 2

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

Harrison County East Biloxi Senior Center
461 Parker St, 228-435-4192, co.harrison.ms.us/departments/senior/services
- Open weekdays, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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

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Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi
1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606
- **Friday Bingo,** March 3, 10, 17, & 31. Doors open at 5 p.m.; Early Bird games at 6:30 p.m.; regular games at 7 p.m. Cash payouts. Concessions available. Kitchen pen 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., 601-917-1027
- **Steak Night,** March 10, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold 7:15 p.m. $20, dine-in or carry out
- **Indoor Yard Sale,** March 25, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Free to attend

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,** March 6, 13, 20, & 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 Post 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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