

Best Bets!

Craft Beer festival

Visit MGM Park for a night of beer tasting during the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce's Craft Beer Fest on Saturday, April 1 from 4 to 7 p.m. Participants to the park on



Caillavet Street will be able to sample 40 craft beers while listening to music from D.J. Freddie and enjoying food from the concession stands. New to the event this year will be the Biloxi Craft Beer Fest Cigar Lounge. The affair is open to ages 21 and older and tickets range from \$40-\$50. VIP tickets are available for \$75 but are limited and include a private area for tasting. Details: 228-604-0014

Egg-ceptional Easter Egg Hunt

The Biloxi Parks & Recreation is inviting all ages with physical and mental disabilities to an Easter egg hunt at the A.J. Holloway Sports Complex! The free Egg-ceptional Egg Hunt will take



place on the soccer fields from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the hunt beginning at noon.

Volunteers will assist children during the hunt. Games, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and

lunch will all be part of the free event. Details: 228-388-7170, programs@biloxi.ms.us

Charles R. Hegwood Community Market, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 a.m.-2 p.m., corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. NEW HOURS. Vendors set up selling produce, plants, baked goods, arts & crafts, and more. Free admission. Details: 228-388-2443

Annual Biloxi Chamber Craft Beer Festival, April 1, 4-7 p.m., MGM Park Stadium, 105 Caillavet St. Sample many local craft beers, live entertainment, and food. Admission: early registration \$40; gate admission \$50; and VIP presale registration \$75. Open to ages 21 and older. Details: 228-604-0014

Llamaroo 2023, April 1, 3 p.m.-until, Fly Llama Brewing, 186 Bohn St. Special beer releases, food trucks, vendors and more. Live entertainment by Royal Horses, Karate Kids, The Dig, and Groove Communion. Free admission. Details: 228-207-7757

Egg-ceptional Egg Hunt, April 2, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., A.J. Holloway Sports Complex, 765 Wells Dr. Easter egg hunt open to all ages with physical and mental disabilities. Lunch will be provided. Games and pictures with the Easter Bunny will also be part of the event. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170, programs@biloxi.ms.us

Gulf Coast Military & Civilian Job Fair, April 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Details: <https://www.jobfairs.ms.gov>

Musical Madness, Rockstar Karaoke Finals, April 6, 8 p.m., Ground Zero Biloxi, 814 Howard Ave. See the final contestants sing karaoke with a live band at the downtown blues club. Admission: \$10. Details: www.groundzerobiloxi.com

First Friday Downtown Block Party, April 7, 5-9 p.m., back entrance of 923 Howard Ave. near Fly Llama Brewing (same location as Llama Palooza). Entertainment by the Bucktown All Stars! Food trucks, vendors and fun will all be part of the affair! Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

Biloxi Shuckers Baseball Returns, April 11 MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St. Gates open 65 minutes prior to the start of game. Admission: Call box office for prices, 228-233-3465. April home games:

- April 11-16 – vs. Pensacola Blue Wahoos
- April 25-30- vs. Mississippi Braves

Black Spring Break/Black Beach Weekend, April 13-16, venues vary. Follow the series of events on Facebook and Instagram for schedule and special locations. Admission prices vary by event.

Red Cross Blood Drive, April 16, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Dr. Frank Gruich Community Center, 591 Howard Ave. Give the gift of life and donate blood. Someone needs blood every two seconds. Details: deidre.johnson@redcross.org

Bike Biloxi, April 18, 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 and

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Earth Day cleanup



In celebration of Earth Day, the Mississippi State University Extension, through the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup program, will host a community cleanup on Saturday, April 22, 8:30-10 a.m., along the West Beach Boardwalk. Participation is free. A site captain will be at the comfort station east of Sharkhead to meet volunteers. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up online, https://msudafvm.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0pUhlub7RihwoGq, and bring a bucket to collect trash, refillable water bottles, insect repellent, and sun protection (hat, sunscreen, sunglasses) and to wear closed-toed shoes. Email mandy.sartain@msstate.edu or visit online at <http://coastalcleanup.extension.msstate.edu/events/monthly-cleanups>.

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

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 59th 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

choice. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

Empire Fights, April 21-22, doors open at 6 p.m., fights begin at 7 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Details and ticket prices: www.mmaempirefc.com or 228-901-3034

Keesler Air Force Base Farmer's Market, April 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 625 Marina Dr. Details: 228-376-3170, melissa.wedel.civ@health.mil

Tradition Triathlon, April 22, 8-10 a.m., The Village at Tradition, 12661 Village Ave. W. This race course will consist of a 600-yard flat lake swim around the perimeter of Tradition Lake, a 17-mile bike with a few sharp climbs, and a 5K run through the Village at Tradition. The race is presented by Gulf Coast Running Club. Details, including registration: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MS/Biloxi/TraditionTriathlon>

Earth Day Celebration Cleanup, April 22, 8:30-10 a.m. Biloxi West Beach Boardwalk, on the beach between Rodenberg to Camellia Street. Participants are encouraged to bring a bucket to collect trash, refillable water bottles, bug spray, and sun protection (hat, sunscreen, sunglasses) and wear closed-toed shoes. Details: <http://coastalcleanup.extension.msstate.edu/events/monthly-cleanups>

MSCANFEST, April 22, Noon- 8 p.m. and April 23, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Daytime educational sessions, exhibitors, vendors, food trucks and local bands. Admission begins at \$45. Details: <https://www.facebook.com/mscanfest>

Main Street Book Club, April 27, 5:30 p.m. This month's location is Martini's, 918 Howard Ave. and this month's selection is "Book Lovers," by Emily Henry. Participation is free. Details: 228-435-6339

American Pickleball Tour, April 28-30, various times, Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, 2350 Beach Blvd. Open to ages 14 and older. Fees apply. Details: www.AmericanPickleballTour.com

"A Night of Fish Pressing – Art of Gyotaku", April 29, 6-8 p.m., Camp Wilkes, 2109 Camp Wilkes Road. Admission: \$35 for Members, \$40 for Non-Members. Memberships available! Details: www.campwilkes.org



Thunder Over The Sound, Thunderbirds Air Show, April 29-30, various times, Keesler Air Force Base flight line Biloxi Beach south of White Avenue. Air show includes static displays and air performers. Details: www.thunderoverthesound.com

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Biloxi Little Theatre
220 Lee St., 228-432-8543,
www.4blt.org
• **Oliver!**
March 31-April 2

Center Stage
2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258
centerstagebiloxi.com
• **Leading Ladies**
April 13-23

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
• **Billy Creel Wooden & Classic Boat Show**, June 3-4

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

Harrison County East Biloxi Senior Center

461 Parker St., 228-435-4192, co.harrison.ms.us/departments/senior/services
 • Open 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Kroc Center, MS Gulf Coast, The Salvation Army

575 Division St., 228-207-1218
 • **Creative Arts Academy:** Recurring weekly on Mondays
 • **Become a Lifeguard at the Kroc Center;** free shallow-water certification session, April 11-14 and interview for a job upon completion of training. Details: call Chere Stevenson at 228-374-9128

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,** April 7, 14, 21, & 28. 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 open until 8 p.m.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472
 • **Seafood Dinners,** every Friday at 6 p.m.
 • **Karaoke with Kenny,** Fridays at 7 p.m.

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027
 • **Steak Night,** April 14, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold 7:15 p.m. \$20, dine-in or carry out
 • **Golf Tournament,** April 22, Bayou Vista Golf Course, 13756 Washington Ave., Gulfport. Details: Pearce Sunderland, 228-392-9345

Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society

Details: 228-396-1543

Mississippi Coast Mustang Club

www.mscoastmustangclub.com
 • **Spring Car Show,** April 22; 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

1644 Pass Road, 228-539-2035 or 228-324-7071
 • **Monday Bingo,** April 3, 10, 17 & 24; 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. Details: 228-374-6472

VFW Post 2434

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887
 • **Meetings** held 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Details: 228-324-7071 or 228-539-2035

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Charles R. Hegwood

Biloxi Community Market

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 a.m.-2 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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