



Best Bets!

Let's play ball

Biloxi Shuckers Baseball games at MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St.

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- VS. Pensacola Blue Wahoos, May 30-June 4, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 6:05 p.m. Saturday and 5:05 p.m. Sunday

Expect the usual array of between-innings antics and outstanding promotions.

Tickets start as low as \$8 if you buy in advance. Reserve your seats online at www.biloxishuckers.com.



Biloxi Community Market

A fresh celebration

The Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department will officially open the 2023 Charles R. Hegwood Market Community Market season on Tuesday, May 2 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. The market, located at the corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard, includes dozens of vendors set up selling produce, jams, honey, jellies, homemade baked goods, homemade crafts, plants, and more. The market is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting. And during the season, Parks & Rec. Department will also host a series of festivals: June 15, July 6, Sept. 7 & Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Details: 228-388-2443, tcowart@biloxi.ms.us

Biloxi Shuckers Baseball, MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St., Admission prices begin at \$13. Details: 228-233-3465

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Charles R. Hegwood Community Market Season Opening, May 2, 6 a.m.-2 p.m., under the I-110 overpass at the corner of Howard and Hopkins. Details: 228-388-7170

4th Annual Robert McKeithen Memorial Blood Drive, May 2, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767.

Annual Preservation in May Events, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, various locations and times. The event is a community month-long salute to Biloxi's history. Free admission. See more on page 20. Details: 228-374-3105



First Friday and Downtown Block Party, May 5, 5-9 p.m., Under the I-110 Interstate on Howard Ave. Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

with arts and crafts vendors and fun activities. Entertainment by Mark Schloegel Trio at 5 p.m. and Blackwater Brass at 7 p.m. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

Ties & Tiaras - Parent & Child Dance, May 6, 4-6 p.m., Kroc Center MS Gulf Coast, 575 Division St. This event was formerly known as the Daddy & Daughter Dance. Parents can enjoy a Hollywood glamorous evening out with their child. There will be a live DJ, prizes, and dinner. Open to children of all ages. Admission: \$25.00 per parent/child couple. Details: 228-207-1218

Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Historical and Cultural Exposition, May 5-6, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Cultural and heritage groups will offer exhibits, demonstrations, lectures, and fun. Details: 228-374-3105

Biloxi Lighthouse Festival, May 6, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Visitors Center staff will offer free tours of the Biloxi Lighthouse, along with family activities. There will be arts and crafts vendors downstairs and on the front lawn. Door prizes and free Mother's Day crafts for children. Details: 228-374-3105 or braymond@biloxi.ms.us

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A shrimp blessing

The 94th Annual Blessing of the Fleet, a long-time tradition, kicks off with a poster unveiling on May 10 at 6 p.m. at St. Michaels Parish Life Center in East Biloxi. Then, on May 27, an evening coronation of the Shrimp King and Queen will be held at 6 p.m. at the Biloxi Civic Center (tickets required). The actual Blessing of the Fleet with the dropping of a wreath will begin at 2 p.m. on May 28 in the Biloxi Channel. The boat parade will include a best-decorated contest for cash prizes - \$1,000 for 1st place, \$500 for 2nd, and a \$500 participation award to a selected working boat. The public can watch the parade from the waterfront along U.S. 90 from the Biloxi Lighthouse to the Biloxi Bridge. Details: <https://www.facebook.com/biloxiblessingms>; 228-365-1627 or 228-435-6339

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

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 60th 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

Rock-N-Roll Open Car, Jeep, Truck & Bike Show, May 6, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Point Cadet Plaza, 121 Cadet St. Enjoy hundreds of cars, jeeps, bikes, trucks, live entertainment, food, arts & crafts vendors, kid's activities, fishing rodeo, and more! Car show judging begins at 11 a.m. with 24 categories, 24 winners, and 24 guitars awarded. Miss Rock-N-Roll Bikini Contest at 2 p.m. Details: www.clearvisionent.net or 228-860-5015

Inaugural Red & Blue Festival, May 7, 12-6 p.m. Ground Zero Blues Club, 814 Howard Ave. Biloxi Businessmen Club and Ground Zero Blues Club host a fundraiser for the Biloxi Police & Fire Departments. Event includes local vendors, silent auction, indoor/outdoor festival, Six String Andrew, Kashus Culpepper, Hank Berumen, Serabee, Mike Halat, Billy Miller & Brenna Royball, Miles Sharp, Mayor "FoFo" & Billy Hughes, and Isis. Details: 228-910-6600

Veterans Outreach "First Annual Benefit Ride," May 13, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Point Cadet Plaza, 121 Cadet St. Details: 228-424-1784

Bike Biloxi, May 16, 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 are recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

Tyrus Live, May 18, 7:30 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Tyrus Live Comedy Tour. Details: Linktr.ee/tyrussmash

Keesler Air Force Base Farmer's Market, May 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 625 Marina Dr. Details: 228-376-3170, melissa.wedel.civ@health.mil

Loaves and Fishes Pickleball Tournament, May 20, 8 a.m., Popp's Ferry pickleball courts, 2150 Popp's Ferry Road. Entry fee: \$25-\$35. Details: loavesbiloxi.com 37th

Annual Gorenflo's Cobia Tournament, May 20-21, Point Cadet Marina, 119 Beach Blvd. Fishing tournament with sports anglers converging on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for cash prizes. Details: 228-432-7387 or visit www.gorenflostackle.com

Pickleball Senior Health & Wellness Fair, May 23, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Rd. Learn how to play pickleball at 10:30 a.m. There will be open play and an exhibition, a senior health and wellness fair, door prizes and free wellness exams. Free admission. Details: ldavis@smpdd.com, or 228-868-2311

Main Street Book Club, May 24, 5:30 p.m., One Thirty One Lameuse. The May book is "Book Lovers" by Emily Henry. Call Biloxi Main Street for more information: 228-435-6339.

Blessing of the Fleet Coronation of the Shrimp King and Queen – May 27, 6 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Tickets: \$10 a person, includes a plate of boiled shrimp. Entertainment featuring "Ty Taylor & Gram Rea" will begin immediately following the Shrimp Queen Pageant. Details: <https://www.facebook.com/biloxiblessingms>; 228-365-1627 or 228-435-6339

94th annual Blessing of the Fleet, May 28, 2 p.m., Biloxi Channel. Boats parade the Biloxi Channel near the Beau Rivage Casino to the east. Shrimp and recreational boats are welcome to receive a blessing for a safe and bountiful season. Cash prizes/awards: \$1000-1st place best-decorated boat, \$500-2nd best-decorated boat, and \$500.00 participation award to a selected working boat. Boat participants do not need applications. Details: <https://www.facebook.com/biloxiblessingms>; 228-365-1627 or 228-435-6339



Biloxi Little Theatre
 220 Lee St., 228-432-8543,
www.4blt.org
 • **Women Playing Hamlet**
 May 12-14 & 19-21

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
 • **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

KAFB Farmer's Market

625 Marina Dr., 228-376-3170, melissa.wedel.civ@health.mil

- Open 1000-1300, Marina Park, May 19

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.
- Registration for Sea-n-Sail Adventure Camp, email outreach@maritimemuseum.org

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**, May 5, 12, 19, & 26. 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**, Fridays at 6 p.m.
- **Karaoke with Kenny**, Fridays at 7 p.m.

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027

- **Steak Night**, May 12, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold 7:15 p.m. \$20, dine-in or carry out

Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society

• May 20, 11 a.m., meeting Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., Details: 228-396-1543

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

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

- **Monday Bingo**, May 1, 8, 15, & 22; 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

Lagniappe**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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Creative Art Academy Kroc Center Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	2 Community Market <i>Season Opening</i> Robert McKeithen Memorial Blood Drive Biloxi Visitors Center Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	3	4 Community Market Preservation in May Event: Reception Biloxi Visitors Center	5 Seafood Dinners/ Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge Historical/Cultural Exposition Biloxi Visitors Center First Friday & Downtown Block Party Under I-110 on Howard Ave.	6 Ties & Tiaras Dance Kroc Center Historical/Cultural Expo – Biloxi Visitors Center Lighthouse Arts & Crafts Festival – Biloxi Visitors Center Rock-N-Roll Open Car, Jeep, Truck & Bike Show Point Cadet Plaza CPR Fest – MS Coast Coliseum Tracy Morgan – Beau Rivage Buckcherry – IP Casino
7 Inaugural Red & Blue Festival Ground Zero Blues Club	8 Creative Art Academy Kroc Center Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	9 Community Market Shuckers vs. Trash Pandas MGM Park VFW Post 2434 Meeting Tara Lane Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	10 Shuckers vs. Trash Pandas MGM Park	11 Community Market Preservation in May Event: Downtown Mural Walk Shuckers vs. Trash Pandas MGM Park MNA Coin & Currency Show MS Coast Coliseum	12 Seafood Dinners/ Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge Steak Night – Joppa Shrine Shuckers vs. Trash Pandas MGM Park Women Playing Hamlet Biloxi Little Theatre MNA Coin & Currency Show MS Coast Coliseum	13 Veterans Outreach First Annual Benefit Ride Point Cadet Plaza Shuckers vs. Trash Pandas MGM Park Women Playing Hamlet Biloxi Little Theatre MNA Coin & Currency Show MS Coast Coliseum
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28 94th Annual Blessing of the Fleet Biloxi Channel Shuckers vs. Biscuits MGM Park	29 <i>Memorial Day</i>	30 Community Market Shuckers vs. Blue Wahoos MGM Park Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	31 Shuckers vs. Blue Wahoos MGM Park	1 Shuckers vs. Blue Wahoos MGM Park	2 Shuckers vs. Blue Wahoos MGM Park	3 Shuckers vs. Blue Wahoos MGM Park