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Visiting Biloxi? Drive carefully, mayors advise,  
tongue firmly planted in cheek.



## Spreading the message, with humor

It's a busy time, this time of year. Tourism firing on all cylinders. Fireworks. Fishing rodeos. Tropical weather keeping the winds whipping and white caps rolling in. And two of the largest conventions of the year in town.

Welcome to July.

Typically, this time of year, just before the Fourth actually, you'll see a host of official vehicles and officials from across the state, attending the Mississippi Municipal League or Mississippi Association of Supervisors. They've been the largest conventions for years.

It's not uncommon for the visiting leaders to see the casino resorts, the other attractions and the busy highways, and get the idea that Biloxi must be flush with cash. That's why mayors have been best served over the years to remind their colleagues from across the state of the city's contributions to the state economy.

Biloxi alone last year added \$86 million in gaming taxes to the state coffers. It was \$81 million the year before that.



Somebody's flush with cash—up North! Actually, the selling point to the visitors from across the state is that the revenue generated here in Biloxi is making an impact on communities across the state.

Of course, mayors also must be known for their warm (and short) welcome to the visitors. One of the favorites over the years dealt with the traffic on Highway 90 and the need for safety.

Just a few weeks ago, the story goes, a Biloxi officer pulled over an elderly couple driving 70 mph on Highway 90.

The gentleman driver told the officer

that it was impossible because his cruise control was set at 40 mph.

"Now, honey," the wife said, "you know that was set on 70."

The cop noticed the unfastened seat belt, but the gentleman said he'd only unfastened it to retrieve his driver's license from his wallet.

"Now honey," the wife said, "you know I told you to fasten the seat belt when we got in the car."

"If you don't shut up," the old man said to the wife, "I'm going to put you in the trunk."

The cop interceded. "Ma'am, does your husband always talk to you like this?"

"No," the woman said, "it's only when he's been drinking."

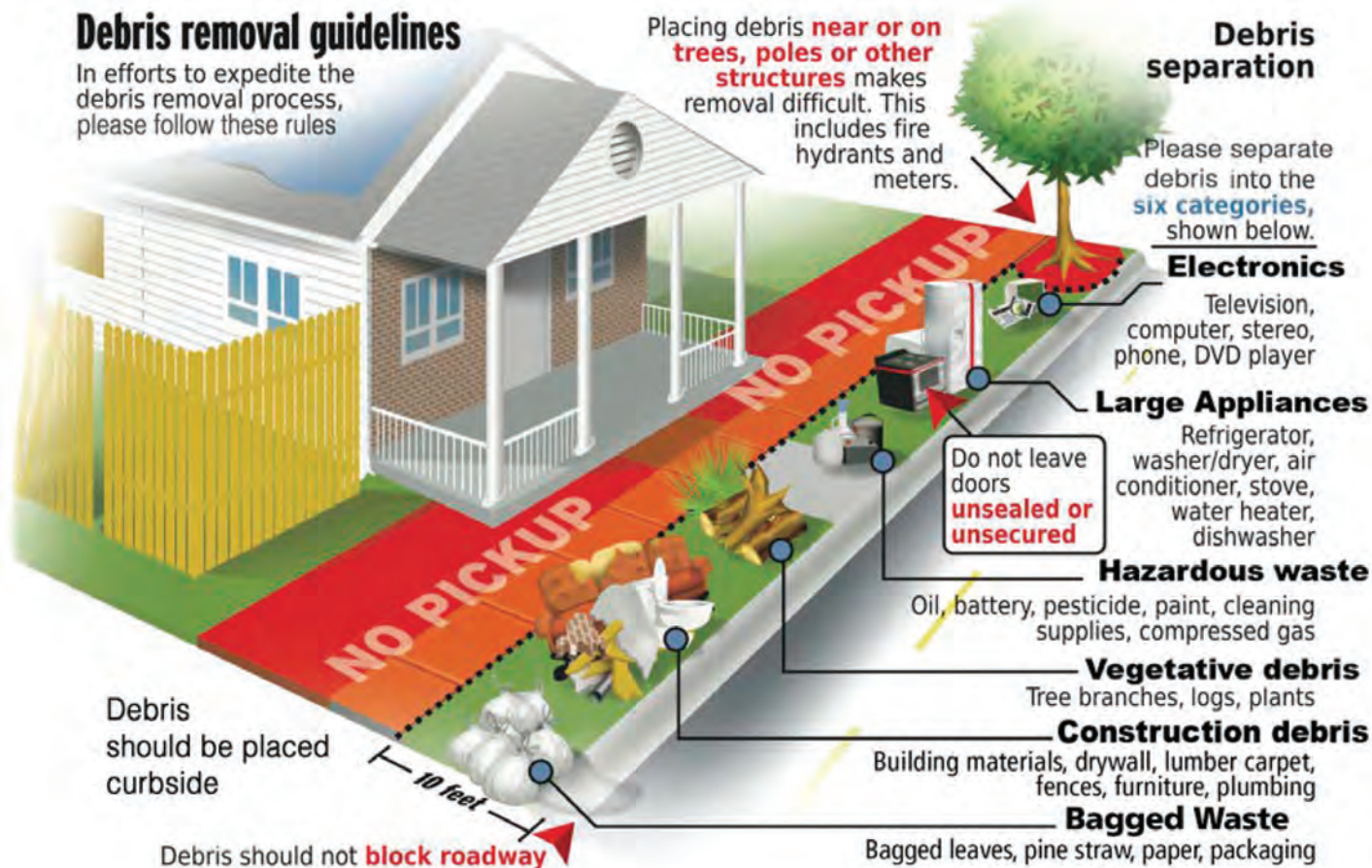
The moral? When visiting Biloxi, drive the speed limit, fasten your seat belt, and leave your wife at home!

The crowds love it and they come back every July. It's like Bobby Mahoney's crow joke.



See more on mayoral humor in Biloxi on the Nick L Shrimp Facebook page.  
Use the QR code or go to [facebook.com/nicklshrimp](https://facebook.com/nicklshrimp)

The nom de plume Nick L Shrimp is a homage to Walter Fountain (1920-2003), original olde crab, longtime editor of the Biloxi-D'Iberville Press, and longtime Biloxi Chamber of Commerce manager.



## Don't mix storm debris, separate it

We are in hurricane season and the best time to prepare is now. It is vital to have a plan in place before, during, and after a storm. Part of the preparation is also knowing what to do with the storm debris.

One way the City of Biloxi prepares is by having a debris contractor on standby and ready to move into the city to handle any debris in the wake of a storm. Another is to let residents know how to separate the debris.

A major part of storm recovery is removing the debris. And it is a team effort. Residents are part of that team. You can help expedite the debris removal process by hauling the debris to the curb and separating it properly. This will allow city contractors to remove the debris rapidly and safely.

Debris should be separated into six categories: electronics, such as televisions, computers, audio equipment, and phones; large appliances, such as refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, air conditioners, stoves, water heaters, and dishwashers; hazardous waste, such as oil, batteries, pesticides, paint, cleaning supplies, and compressed gas; vegetative debris, such as trees, branches, logs, and plants; construction debris, such as building materials, drywall, lumber carpet, fences, furniture, and plumbing; and bagged waste, such as bagged leaves, pine straw, paper, and packaging materials.

Debris should be placed at the curb, away from trees, poles, fire hydrants, meters, and any other structure that makes removal difficult. Also, bag loose leaves and pine straw, so these items do not find their way into the city's storm drains. Do not mix the bags with other piles of storm debris. Segregate your debris by type.

## Steps you can take to be 'shipshape'

The City of Biloxi's storm plan has been reviewed and tweaked, as it is every year before storm season, and Biloxi Chief Administrative Officer Michael Leonard encourages residents to do the same.

"First," Leonard says, "residents should make their property 'shipshape,' and make sure that everything has a safe, secure place when a storm approaches. Loose items such as outdoor furniture and tools could become a projectile in heavy wind storms."

"Residents also should assess the trees on their property, making sure they are trimmed and damaged trees are removed. Before removing any trees, be sure to check with the city arborist and get the proper tree permit. Have lots of yard trash bags on hand. Also, have the phone number of tree trimming companies that you can contact if needed."



# Maintaining your trees, the proper way

This time of year, residents often spend hours outside, maintaining the yard, planting flowers, and maybe even pressure washing the house and driveway. Residents should also be prepping their trees for this hurricane season.

To help with the process, the city's new arborist, Zach Harris, answers some questions and offers advice on what residents need to know and should be doing.

## What can residents do now to prepare for Hurricane season?

Residents should take a good look around their property, paying close attention to dead or dying trees and limbs adjacent to or near a structure. It is not the worst thing to have limbs over a house so long as they are healthy.

## What is a common mistake people make when maintaining their trees?

Over-pruning, topping, and heading cuts. All of these will increase the likelihood of future failure and will most commonly progress a tree issue than prevent it.

## What is the process for trimming trees?

Residents are allowed to trim their own trees, but good practice would be to consult the city arborist or an industry professional when the height or limb is over 6 feet in length.

Routine pruning is allowed without a permit; however, substantial pruning will require a permit for any protected tree within the city. Substantial pruning is greater than ¼ of foliage of a limb or branch and roughly any limb over 8 inches in diameter.

## What are the most common trees in residents' yards?

Live Oak, Willow Oak, Water Oak, and Pine

## Can residents remove trees?

Residents may remove trees as long as the tree IS NOT of a protected designation. Protected trees are Live Oak, Bald Cypress, and Southern Magnolia at a minimum diameter of 8 inches.

## What are three important things residents need to know about their trees?

Does your tree look sick? Did its leaves come back? Are there more dead limbs this year compared to last? Are insects visible around the base or main trunk?

Visible deformations in the support structure, these areas are the trunk and larger limbs.

Look for new or reopening cracks in the cambium (which is the living layer of the tree beneath the bark), large cavities, or the roots appear to be uplifting from the surrounding soil.

## Has your tree begun to lean?

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Zach Harris at 228-435-6280 or email [zharris@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:zharris@biloxi.ms.us), or visiting online.

## About Zach Harris

Zach Harris began working for the City of Biloxi as the city arborist in February of this year. Harris has worked within the tree industry for the better part of 14 years, in New Mexico, North Carolina, Georgia, and areas of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Harris is tasked with preserving and enhancing the safety and value of our Urban Canopy by working with private citizens and commercial tree companies to try and define objectives of tree work in and around properties to ensure that our trees are safe and that the work to be performed fits the criteria of our city ordinances.

"The Gulf Coast wouldn't be the same without our Urban Forested Canopy," says Harris. "The majority of trees here are unique and they help tell the story of Biloxi solely through their presence within the landscape in which we reside."

► See the tree ordinance and permitting procedures online at [biloxi.ms.us](http://biloxi.ms.us).





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# Biloxi fireworks: Know before you go

Independence Day is marked with fireworks and this year, there are two fireworks shows in Biloxi to celebrate the Fourth of July, one on Monday, July 3 following the Biloxi Shuckers game at MGM Park and one on Tuesday, July 4 over the Biloxi waterfront beginning at 9 p.m.

While both shows are conducted by professionals, it is still important to keep safety in mind while attending the celebrations. And, according to the National Fire Protection Association, “the only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show.”

## Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- When attending a fireworks show, wear light-colored clothing.
- When parking, park in designated parking areas. Do not park in the center median of U.S. 90. Respect private property.
- Be careful crossing roadways and cross only at designated locations such as a corner or crosswalk.
- If watching the fireworks shows from the beach, be mindful of the Least Terns colonies in the fireworks-free zone, located from Oak Street to Biloxi Small Craft Harbor.
- Think twice before taking your furry friend to a fireworks show. According to the ASPCA, pets can become frightened or disoriented by the sound so opt to keep them safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered, and escape-proof area at home.
- When leaving the shows, traffic may be heavy and slow-moving so be patient.

## A note about fireworks:

It is unlawful to shoot fireworks within the city limits except for on July 4 as well as December 31 after 6 p.m. through 1 p.m. on January 1 and the first, second, and third day of Tet only in conjunction with the Dragon Dance, which requires a special permit from the Biloxi Fire Department.



# City, U.S. Postal Service honors McKeithen



The U.S. Post office located on Main Street has been named in honor of fallen Officer Robert S. McKeithen. A ceremony was held in late May at Biloxi City Hall and hosted by the U.S. Postal Service and the City of Biloxi. A plaque, similar to the one pictured, will be placed in the lobby of the post office once it is complete.

# News & notes

**Trash reminder:** Residents, remember to remove your trash carts from the street after collection days. According to city ordinance, the carts or “containers” should be removed by the owner, occupant, or lessee within 12 hours after they are emptied.



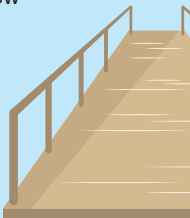
**Popp's Ferry fields:** Crews are removing the damaged poles at the Popp's Ferry Recreational Complex, so most of the soccer fields north of the dog park will be closed for a little while longer. Daytime play is expected to resume once the removal is complete. In the meantime, the fields east of the soccer fields and north of the pickleball fields are open during daylight hours.

**Swetman House bids:** The city is re-bidding the sale of the Swetman House, located at 1596 Glenn St. Sealed bids are to be sent to Biloxi



City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. by 10 a.m. on July 26. Visit [biloxiplans.com](http://biloxiplans.com) for more information.

**Piers temporarily closed:** Forrest and Porter Avenue piers off Bayview Boulevard are currently closed until repairs are completed. To see more about the city's piers and harbors, visit online at [biloxi.ms.us/harborsmarinaspiers](http://biloxi.ms.us/harborsmarinaspiers).





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# Summer is off and running at MGM Park!

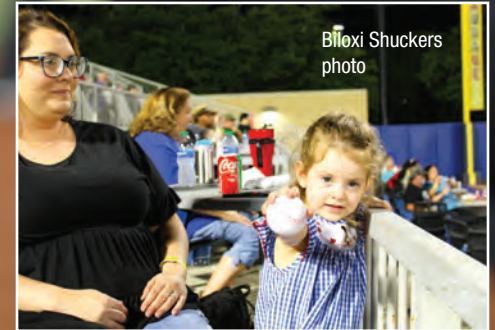


Tyler Black slides into the plate to score.  
Photo by Mike Krebs



Manager Mike Guerrero

Photo by Cristina Byrne-Sternberg



Biloxi Shuckers photo

## Shuckers season heats up as we head into July

By: Javik Blake  
Biloxi Shuckers

The Biloxi Shuckers are officially headed to the second half of the season as the calendar hits July. June has come and gone, school's out for the summer, and MGM Park is the place to be for summer break!

June had plenty of highs for Shuckers fans at home and on the road. The Shuckers saw multiple records set and broken throughout the month. On the field, Tyler Black set a new franchise record by reaching base in his 28th consecutive game and continued to roll throughout the month. That's not the only record Black's intent on breaking this year too. As we head to July, Black has rocketed up the single-season stolen base leaderboards for the Shuckers, becoming the first Biloxi player to steal at least 35 in a season since 2017!

In the dugout, manager Mike Guerrero hit a special milestone on June 11 in Pearl. He became the seventh active manager to reach 1,400 career wins. Guerrero's currently in his seventh season managing the Shuckers and has been a manager throughout Minor League Baseball since 1995.

On June 10, the Shuckers hosted a special MLB Pitch, Hit, and Run Competition at MGM Park as part of Play Ball Weekend around the country. The free

skills competition featured over 100 kids from across the Coast.

As we head to July, the biggest fireworks show of the season, our annual Independence Day Fireworks Extravaganza, highlights the calendar on July 3 and is presented by Merit Health Biloxi. On July 1, make sure to get out to the ballpark for a special Hawaiian Shirt Giveaway presented by Conecuh Sausage.

On July 14, the Shuckers will host a Fireworks Friday and MSU T-Shirt Giveaway presented by Mississippi State University. The next day, July 15, is a Bucket Hat Giveaway presented by the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Biloxi. Then, Sunday, July 16, is a Fun Day Sunday with a CoComelon Character appearance featuring Cody and JJ.

The Shuckers are also set to host Biloxi Night on July 27 and a special Mardi Gras Night with postgame fireworks on July 28.

Later in the month, on July 29, it's a Clear Backpack Giveaway on Back-to-School Night presented by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi. July 30 is also a Miraculous: Ladybug and Cat Noir appearance and Faith and Family Night at MGM Park.

Daily specials also highlight the monthly calendar. Tuesdays are T-Shirt Tuesday for the first 250 fans, and it is Brew Crew Tuesday presented by FEB Distributing, where fans can purchase a 20oz souvenir tumbler for \$12 with \$6 refills at the first and third-base Beer Gardens. Wednesdays are Military Wednesdays, presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union. All military personnel can also receive a \$3 discount on Dugout Box and Reserved Level tickets with a valid military ID.

Fans can then kick off the weekend in style with Thirsty Thursday, presented by Yuengling, Coca-Cola, and Kicker108. Fans can enjoy \$2 Yuengling drafts, hot dogs, and sodas with \$4 draft beer specials on Miller Lite. There's also the 'Thirsty Thursday Deal,' which includes a Reserved Level ticket and two drink vouchers for \$14 in advance.

On Fridays, the Shuckers light up the skies over MGM Park with the best fireworks shows on the Coast!

The weekend continues with Shuck Yeah Saturdays and Fun Day Sundays with a poster Giveaway presented by Mele Printing. On top of it all, kids can run the bases after every game!

For more about the Biloxi Shuckers, visit online at [biloxishuckers.com](http://biloxishuckers.com) and on social media.

► For more info: [biloxishuckers.com](http://biloxishuckers.com)

► Javik Blake is the Media Relations Manager and voice of the Biloxi Shuckers. See "Shuckers Insider" daily on BTV at 6:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.



# Shuckers

## July 2023

**JULY 1** Hawaiian Shirt Giveaway  
presented by Conecuh Sausage | Gates Open 5:00 PM

**JULY 2** Fun Day Sunday  
ft. Team Poster Giveaway  
presented by Mele Printing including Pre-Game Player  
Autographs and Post-Game Catch On The Field

**JULY 3RD**  
*Independence Day*  
**Fireworks Extravaganza**  
presented by  
Merit Health Biloxi

**JULY 14** Fireworks Friday ft. MSU T-Shirt Giveaway  
presented by Mississippi State University | Gates Open 5:30 PM

**JULY 15** Bucket Hat Giveaway  
presented by Hard Rock Hotel + Casino Biloxi | Gates Open 5PM

**JULY 16** CoComelon Character Appearance  
Fun Day Sunday + Team Poster Giveaway  
presented by Mele Printing including Pre-Game Player  
Autographs and Post-Game Catch On The Field



**PLUS, COME OUT AND MEET  
CODY & JJ AT MGM PARK**

**JULY 25** T-Shirt Giveaway + Brew Crew Tuesday  
Biloxi Blues T-Shirt Giveaway presented by Martin's Potato Rolls  
Brew Crew Beer Specials presented by F.E.B. Distributing

**JULY 26** Military Wednesday + Bark in the Park  
presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union  
Bring your pup to the park with you!

**JULY 27** Thirsty Thursday, and it's *Biloxi Night*  
\$2 Yuengling, \$2 Hot Dogs, \$2 Sodas + \$3 Miller Lite  
presented by Yuengling, Coca-Cola + Kicker 108

**JULY 28** Fireworks Friday *Mardi Gras Night*

**JULY 29** Clear Backpack Giveaway on  
Back-To-School Night  
presented by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi

**JULY 30** Miraculous: Ladybug + Cat Noir Appearance  
+ Faith And Family Night on Fun Day Sunday  
Poster Giveaway presented by Mele Printing



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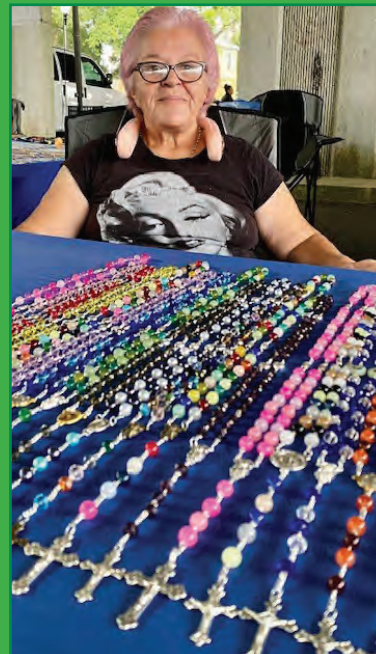
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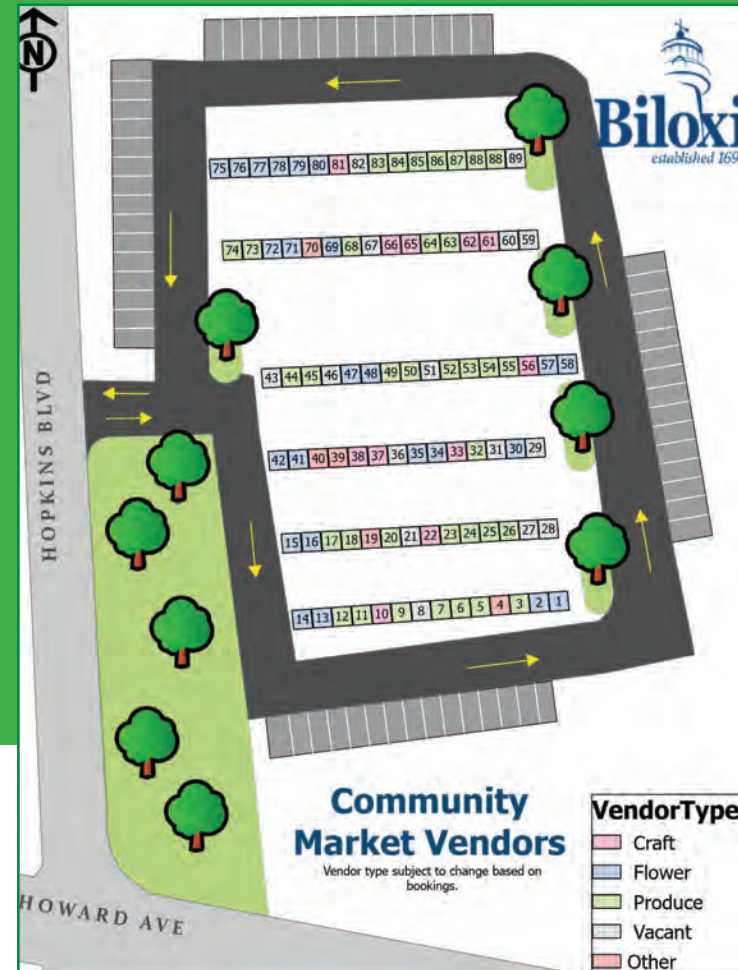




Bill David, longtime market vendor sells produce and jelly



Laura Roe displays her homemade jewelry



# Charles R. Hegwood Community Market: It's more than fresh produce

Each Tuesday and Thursday throughout the year, you'll find a number of vendors set up at the corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard, selling a variety of items from produce to plants to baked goods and homemade arts and crafts. For many, it's a way to make a living. For others, it's a hobby and a way to meet people and be part of a community. That community is known as the Charles R. Hegwood Community Market.

"What it means to me to be part of this market is everything and then some," said Tina Cowart, manager of the Community Market. "I have met people from all over the world. I have prayed with people and shared so much laughter. Oh my word, if I could bottle all the laughter up and sell it, I would be rich."

If you frequent the market and talk with the vendors, Tina's words sum up what time spent under the I-110 overpass in downtown often feels like.

Take a stroll down the aisles, talk with the vendors, and pick up some produce, often at its freshest, being sold at the peak of the growing season. The vendors take pride in what they are selling, and many are grown locally or made at their homes, some even on-site, instead of miles away or from another country.

Shopping with local vendors also helps to



support local farmers and small business owners and keeps the money in our neighborhoods.

"The benefit of markets, as I see it, is that it is a hands-on approach," Cowart said. "It's one on one. Being able to take your time and visit with people. There is just something about being outside with the sun shining and the wind's gentle push while shopping with the vendors. It is so much greatness wrapped up in one big package."

As for the visitors, you have the regulars that bring a shopping list and pick up essential vegetables for their weekly meals, while others shop for fresh, locally-grown, and handmade items, often free from chemicals and pesticides. And most all benefit from the affordability. Several studies have shown that produce grown and sold locally is cheaper than those sold at stores.

The market in Biloxi is nothing new. It has been around for decades. The concept arose in the 1940s when a group of farmers

gathered together and organized the Biloxi Farmers Market. According to the Daily Herald, the organization consisted of members who held meetings and discussed plans to establish a community curb market.

In 1976, Mayor Jerry O'Keefe announced that the city would work with the Department of Agriculture and Commerce to initiate a farmers' market. It opened a short time later at the Biloxi International Plaza, now known as Point Cadet Plaza, which is located off Cadet Street in East Biloxi.

The Sun Herald reported on May 13, 1977, that there was a tremendous interest in the Biloxi Farmer's Market and that the site was "a place where producers can bring a small crop in for direct selling to the consumer."

The interest allowed the city the opportunity for a market manager. In 1978, Charles R. Hegwood was hired in the Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department after retiring from Notre Dame as a high school teacher and coach with more than 35 years of experience. Hegwood was tasked with developing and overseeing the Biloxi Farmer's Market.

It was something he took with pride. Hegwood valued the vendors and the market. He would visit various local markets and gather advice from



other market managers as to what he could do to improve and help make the "farmers" successful.

"He taught me that the vendors, meaning farmers, beekeepers, and homemade products, are a blessing to everyone and are made with love and care," Cowart said. "He said that is what makes this country great."

In December 1995, the city renamed the market in honor of Charles R. Hegwood.

The resolution states: "Coach Hegwood put his heart and soul into developing the farmer's market program, bringing it from a small gathering of fruit and vegetable vendors to the greatly expanded market," and "the City of Biloxi desires to establish a fitting tribute to an educator and public servant who has done so much for his city and thousands of its citizens."

The market continued to be set up at the Point Cadet Plaza for years. There was even a time when vendors sold more than plants, produce, and homemade goods.

"I remember going to the market at Point Cadet with my great-grandmother as a kid," Mandy Lawrence Hornsby said, "and seeing all the livestock they used to sell."

Added Cowart: "We used to have vendors that sold chickens under the large oak tree near the parking lot."

All that stopped on Aug. 29, 2005, when

Hurricane Katrina heavily damaged the area. Soon after, the market reopened under the I-110 at the corner of Howard and Hopkin and has remained there ever since.

"I started managing the market when it reopened off Howard Avenue," Cowart said. "It took a little while for people to find us and draw the crowds again. The vendors now look forward to the visitors and the added festivals each year."

Currently, the Parks & Recreation Department presents four festivals a year at the market. They include live music, informational and demonstration booths, food trucks, hourly giveaways, themed activities, and of course, the market vendors.

The market is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting. As for future festivals, they are set to take place July 6, Sept. 7, and Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

► Keep up with market vendors and events on Facebook and online at [biloxi.ms.us/pr](https://biloxi.ms.us/pr).





# 2022 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

## Public Water Systems 0240001, 0240036, 0240084, and 240255



The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act requires community public water systems to develop and distribute a Consumer Confidence Report to customers each year. The City of Biloxi operates four water systems, which are served by nearly two dozen water wells throughout the city's 50 square miles.

The source water assessment for Biloxi's four public water systems has been completed to determine the overall susceptibility of the city's drinking water supply to identified potential sources of contamination. This report informs you about the quality of water the city delivers to you every day.

**Water source:** Biloxi's water source is from wells drawing from the Pascagoula Formation, Graham Ferry Formation and the Miocene Series Aquifer.

**The findings:** Water wells for the City of Biloxi public water systems have received lower to higher susceptibility rankings to contamination. What does this mean? To determine susceptibility rankings and findings for your neighborhood, consult the list of water wells in this report and then refer to the corresponding water system findings.

**The bottom line:** The results in this report show that Biloxi's water system had no violations. The drinking water supplied by the city meets or exceeds all federal and state requirements. Monitoring and testing has detected some contaminants, but the Environmental Protection Agency has determined that your water is safe at these levels.

**Etc.:** In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

**Testing period:** To satisfy federal and state regulations, the city on a monthly basis monitors your drinking water for specific contaminants. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether the drinking water meets health standards. The Mississippi State Department of Health monitors the city's monthly reports. The tables in this report list drinking water contaminants detected between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2022. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2022, the table reflects the most recent results.

**Questions and more info:** If you have any questions about this report or quality of your water, contact Tracey Forehand in the city's Public Works Department at 228-435-6271 or [tforehand@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:tforehand@biloxi.ms.us). A detailed report on how the susceptibility determinations were made is available for viewing upon request.

**Council meetings:** You also can attend any meeting of the Biloxi City Council. A section of each meeting is set aside for citizen comments. The council's regularly scheduled meetings are on the first, third, and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. You can find council agendas online at [biloxi.ms.us](http://biloxi.ms.us).

**Origin of contaminants:** As water travels over land or underground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials. In its travels, the water can pick up substances or contaminants from animals or human activity; microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial,

or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

**Lead warnings:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The city is responsible for providing high-quality drinking water, but cannot control materials used in plumbing components.

**Minimize the risk:** When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791, or [www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water](http://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water). The Mississippi State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory offers lead testing. Call 601-576-7582 for information on testing.

**Typical contamination:** All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances, either naturally occurring or man-made. Substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, call the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or visit [www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water](http://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water).

**Vulnerable citizens:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. Immune-compromised persons – such as those undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, those with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, and some elderly and infants – can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. Guidelines from the EPA and the Centers for Disease Control provide appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants. Call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791 or visit [www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water](http://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water).

Questions about this report or your water utility, contact Tracey Forehand at 228-435-6271.



# About these tables

In these tables, you may find terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

- **Action Level (AL)** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk of health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter** - one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.
- **Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.
- **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

## Test Results – PWS ID#: 0240001

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>								
5. Gross Alpha	N	2019*	2	1.1 – 2	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
6. Radium 226 Radium 228	N	2019*	.64 1.2	.20 – .64 .90 – 1.2	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
7. Antimony	N	2022	3.4	No Range	ppb	6	6	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
8. Arsenic	N	2022	11.3	No Range	ppb	n/a	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
10. Barium	N	2022	.099	.0021 – .099	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2022	12.1	.6 – 12.1	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2019/21*	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL = 1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
13. Cyanide	N	2020*	29	No Range	ppb	200	200	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
16. Fluoride	N	2022	.435	.191 – .435	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2019/21*	2	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
<b>Unregulated Contaminants</b>								
Sodium	N	2021*	164	60.8 – 164	ppm	20	0	Road Salt, Water Treatment Chemicals, Water Softeners and Sewage Effluents
<b>Disinfection By-Products</b>								
81. HAA5	N	2022	16.5	10.1 – 16.15	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2022	53.1	34.3 – 53.1	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2022	1.9	.2 – 4	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

\*Most recent sample. No sample required for 2022.

Sodium. EPA recommends that drinking water sodium not exceed 20 milligrams per liter (mg/L). Excess sodium from salt in the diet increases the risk of high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease.



## Test Results – PWS ID#: 0240036

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
10. Barium	N	2022	.0023	.001 – .0023	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2018/20*	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL = 1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride	N	2022	.356	.277 – .356	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2018/20*	1	0	ppb	0	AL = 15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
<b>Unregulated Contaminants</b>								
Sodium	N	2021*	90.8	79 – 90.8	ppm	20	0	Road Salt, Water Treatment Chemicals, Water Softeners and Sewage Effluents
<b>Disinfection By-Products</b>								
81. HAA5	N	2022	34.6	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2022	21.3	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2022	1.8	.5 – 3.2	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

\*Most recent sample. No sample required for 2022.

Sodium. EPA recommends that drinking water sodium not exceed 20 milligrams per liter (mg/L). Excess sodium from salt in the diet increases the risk of high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease.

## Test Results – PWS ID#: 0240084

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>								
5. Gross Alpha	N	2019*	3.6	1.9 – 3.6	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
6. Radium 226 Radium 228	N	2019*	.43 1.03	.20 – .43 .45 – 1.03	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
10. Barium	N	2022	.0065	.0032 – .0064	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2022	1.2	.8 – 1.2	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2019/21*	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL = 1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride	N	2022	.358	.191 – .358	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2019/21*	2	0	ppb	0	AL = 15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
<b>Unregulated Contaminants</b>								
Sodium	N	2021*	134	68.9 – 134	ppm	20	0	Road Salt, Water Treatment Chemicals, Water Softeners and Sewage Effluents
<b>Disinfection By-Products</b>								
81. HAA5	N	2022	15.3	15 – 15.3	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2022	22.3	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2022	1.2	.33 – 2.6	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

\*Most recent sample. No sample required for 2022.

Sodium. EPA recommends that drinking water sodium not exceed 20 milligrams per liter (mg/L). Excess sodium from salt in the diet increases the risk of high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease.



# Test Results – PWS ID#: 0240255

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
10. Barium	N	2018*	.0071	No Range	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2018*	2.6	No Range	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2018/20*	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL = 1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride	N	2018*	.45	No Range	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2018/20*	0	0	ppb	0	AL = 15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
<b>Unregulated Contaminants</b>								
Sodium	N	2019*	140000	No Range	ppb	0	0	Road Salt, Water Treatment Chemicals, Water Softeners and Sewage Effluents
<b>Disinfection By-Products</b>								
81. HAA5	N	2018*	19	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2018*	45.3	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2020	2.1	1 – 2.5	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

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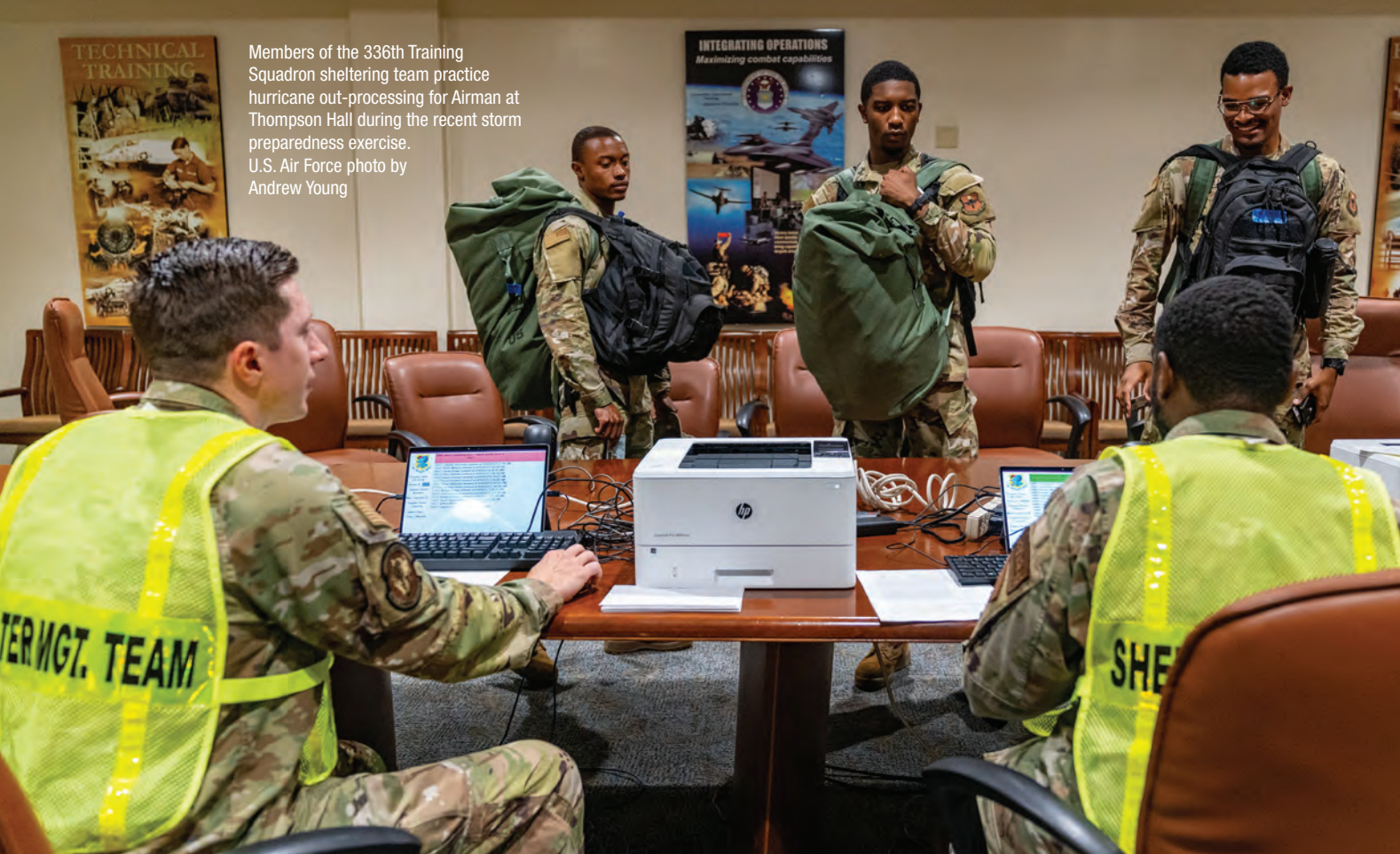


## Biloxi Water Well Listing

Health Dept Tag No	Facility Name	Street
240001-01	Maple Street	Maple St
240001-04	Hospital Water Well	Bayview Ave
240001-05	Greater Ave	Greater Ave
240001-06	Porter Ave	Irish Hill Dr
240001-10	Bradford St Well	Bradford St
240001-11	Debuys Water Well	Debuys Rd
240001-12	Kuhn St	Kuhn Street
240001-13	Iberville	Iberville Dr
240001-14	Park Circle Water Well	Park Dr
240001-15	Father Ryan	Father Ryan Ave
240001-16	Pine Street Well	Pine St
240001-17	Tullis	Beach Blvd

Health Dept Tag No	Facility Name	Street
240001-18	Lakeview	Lakeview
240036-02	North Rivervue	N Riviere Vue Dr
240036-03	Oaklawn	Oaklawn Dr
240036-05	Hwy. 67 & Oaklawn	Hwy. 67 & Oaklawn Dr
240036-06	Superior	Woolmarket Rd
240084-01	Rustwood	Rustwood Dr
240084-04	South Hill	South Hill Dr
240084-05	N Biloxi #1	Popp's Ferry Rd
240084-06	Vee Street	Vee Street
240084-07	Cedar Lake Subdivision	Penton Dr
240084-08	Biloxi Sports Complex	Wells Dr





Members of the 336th Training Squadron sheltering team practice hurricane out-processing for Airman at Thompson Hall during the recent storm preparedness exercise. U.S. Air Force photo by Andrew Young

## Keesler conducts 2023 hurricane exercise

By Airman 1st Class  
Trenten Walters  
81st Training Wing  
Public Affairs

To prepare for the 2023 Hurricane Season, Keesler recently conducted its annual hurricane exercise.

The entire installation participated in a week-long exercise on June 5-9 simulating a Category 4 hurricane headed for Keesler. The exercise simulated a storm hitting the base with 20 to 24 feet of storm surge, flooding nearly every building and leaving extensive water damage.

Creating complex emergency scenarios such as this provides an opportunity for Keesler personnel to test their readiness, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

"During this exercise, we observed new processes all shelters will be employing to see where essential personnel teams would ride out the storm when it strikes the coast," said William Mays, 81st Training Wing inspection team manager.

This exercise also tested the base's ability to use C2IMERA,



Students with the 336th Training Squadron scan their IDs as part of out-processing during the hurricane exercise. U.S. Air Force photo by Andrew Young

Command and Control Incident Management Emergency Response Application, ensuring that all emergency operation groups can communicate effectively with one another. Clear lines of communication are also especially important during evacuation and sheltering procedures.

During the evacuation portion of the exercise, members from the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron drove through the evacuation route

to the nearby Camp Shelby to refamiliarize themselves with the procedures they would follow in the event of a real-world emergency evacuation.

"We have exercises like this to ensure personnel read what our plans instruct and ensure technology hasn't changed and made previous procedures obsolete," said Mays. "Additionally, sometimes when people say they can do something, they find out they cannot complete whatever it is as expected. Exercises help ensure muscle movements can occur as planned."

► See more photos at [www.keesler.af.mil](http://www.keesler.af.mil)  
Watch the Keesler update daily at 7:45 a.m.,  
1:45 p.m., and 7:45 p.m. on BTv.



# City of Biloxi Stormwater Facts

Important information about your role in the City's Stormwater Management Program.

## MARINA & HARBOR POLLUTION PREVENTION



Contact the City of Biloxi Stormwater Management at 228-435-6280 or [stormwater@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:stormwater@biloxi.ms.us)

### What is stormwater or non-point source pollution?

It occurs when runoff from a rain event picks up pollutants and deposits them in our waterways. Some examples of these pollutants are eroded soil, used oil, pesticides, fertilizers, pet wastes, and litter.



### Maintain Your Boat

- Regularly wash your deck with fresh water to reduce the need for heavy cleaners.
- Do major cleaning of your boat and maintenance while the boat is out of the water.
- Recycle used zincs.
- Use hard anti-fouling paint if you plan on scrubbing the bottom of your boat while in the water.

### The Scoop on Poop

- Use onshore restrooms before leaving.
- Obey the law — keep all untreated raw sewage out of coastal and near shore waters.
- If your boat has a head, use a USCG approved marine sanitation device.
- To find pump out or discharge station or report a broken pump out call your local harbormaster's office.

### Stash Your Trash

- Reduce the amount of plastic and packaging you take aboard.
- Put a sturdy trash container on your boat.
- Obey the law — keep trash on-board while boating and dispose of properly onshore.
- Establish a boat rule that no trash gets disposed of overboard.
- Leave water and marina cleaner that you left it. Pick up any trash left over by others.

### Stop the Drops

- Don't top off your fuel tanks.
- Use absorbent pads to catch any spills while fueling.
- Fill your boat while on the trailer, out of the water if possible.

Contact the Biloxi Port Division at 228-374-6600



# The infrastructure work in Biloxi

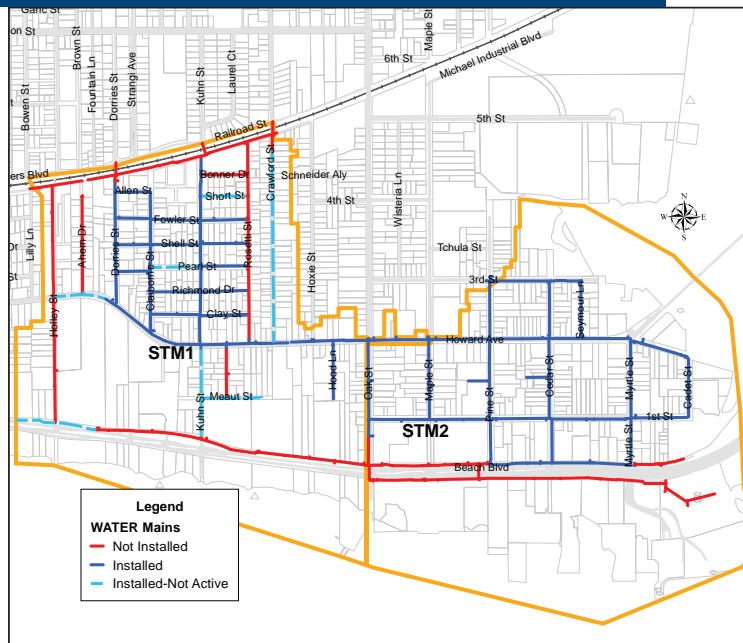
Pages 18 and 19 contain maps that show the status of the city's two major infrastructure projects now underway. The information on these maps is compiled by the city's Engineering Department, based on reports from contractors and inspectors at each site. See detailed maps and video online at [biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/](http://biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/).

## St. Michael 1 & 2

The Necaise Brothers Construction contract began on Jan. 4, 2021 with the next phase of infrastructure work in East Biloxi. The first order of business for this \$41.5-million project: installation of a new sanitary sewer on Howard, from Maple to Cadet, while maintaining access to the Palace Casino throughout construction. The Necaise work is scheduled to take 900 days.

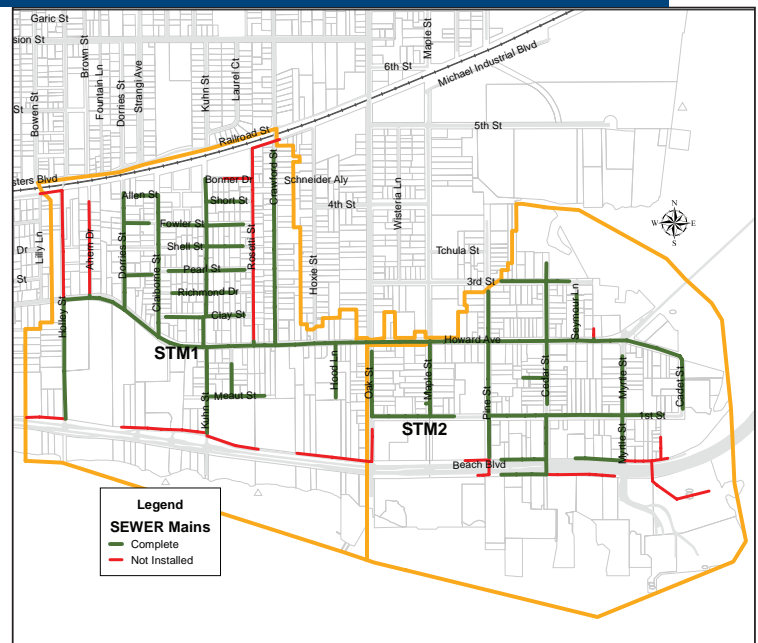
### Necaise Brothers Construction Water

Water Mains to be installed as of June 15, 2023



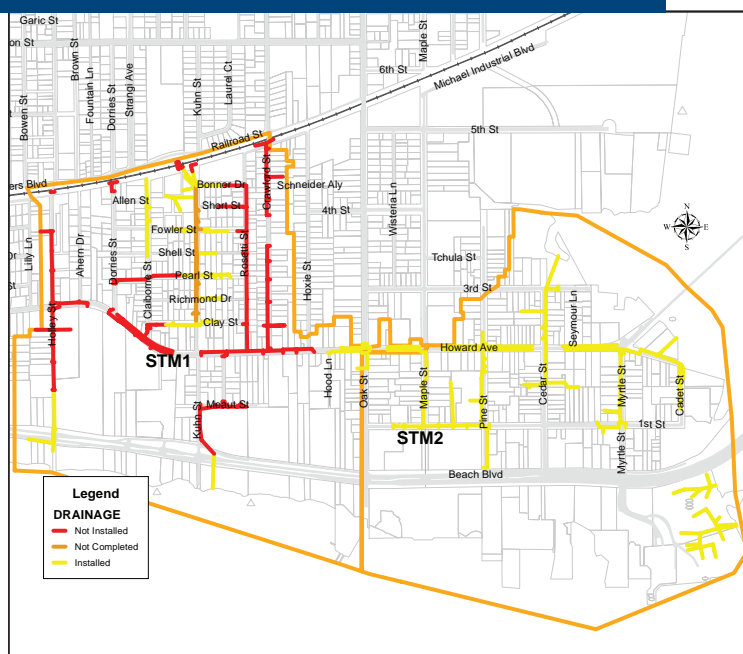
### Necaise Brothers Construction Sewer

Sewer Mains to be installed as of June 15, 2023



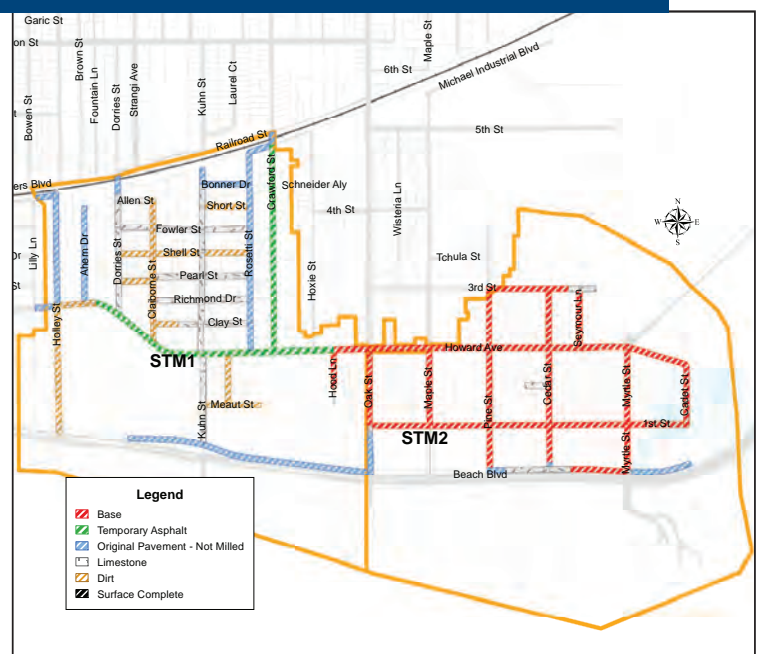
### Necaise Brothers Construction Drainage

Drainage Mains to be installed as of June 15, 2023



### Necaise Brothers Construction Pavement

Roads to be paved as of June 15, 2023





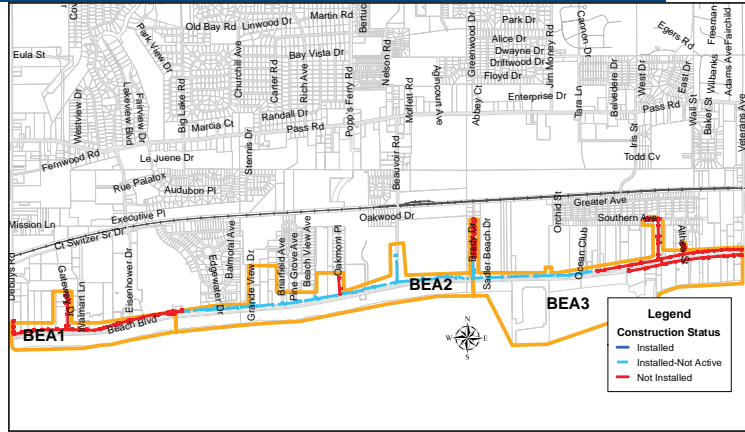
# Beauvoir 1, 2, & 3

## (Combined maps)

Necaise Brothers Construction has been awarded the contract, a \$32 million, 1,080-day project to install new water, sewer, and drainage lines in West Biloxi, along U.S. 90 from Veterans to Debuys. The work began in July 2022.

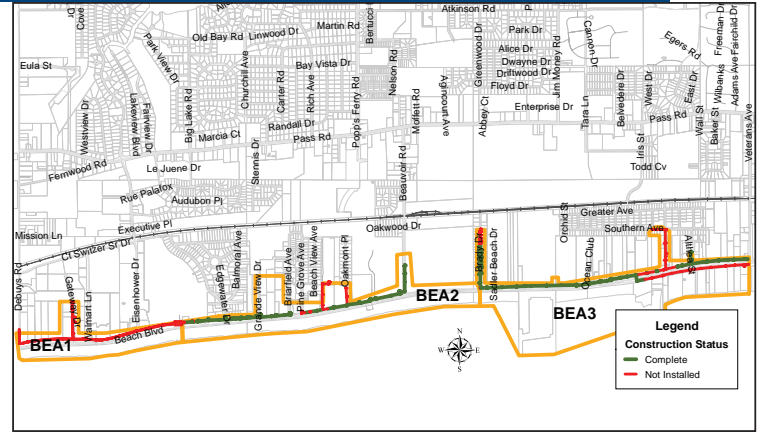
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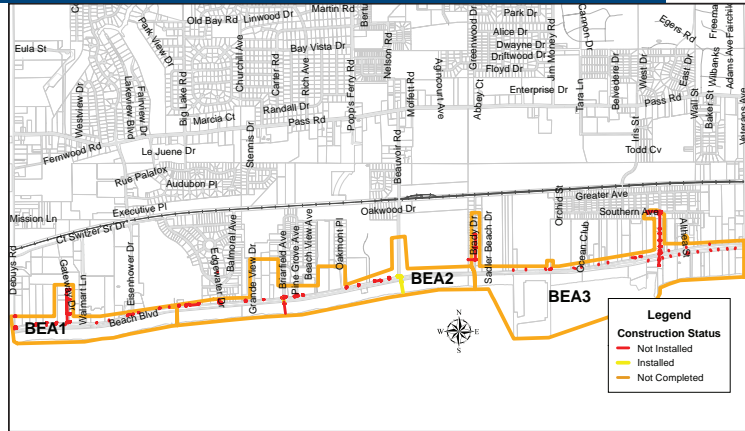
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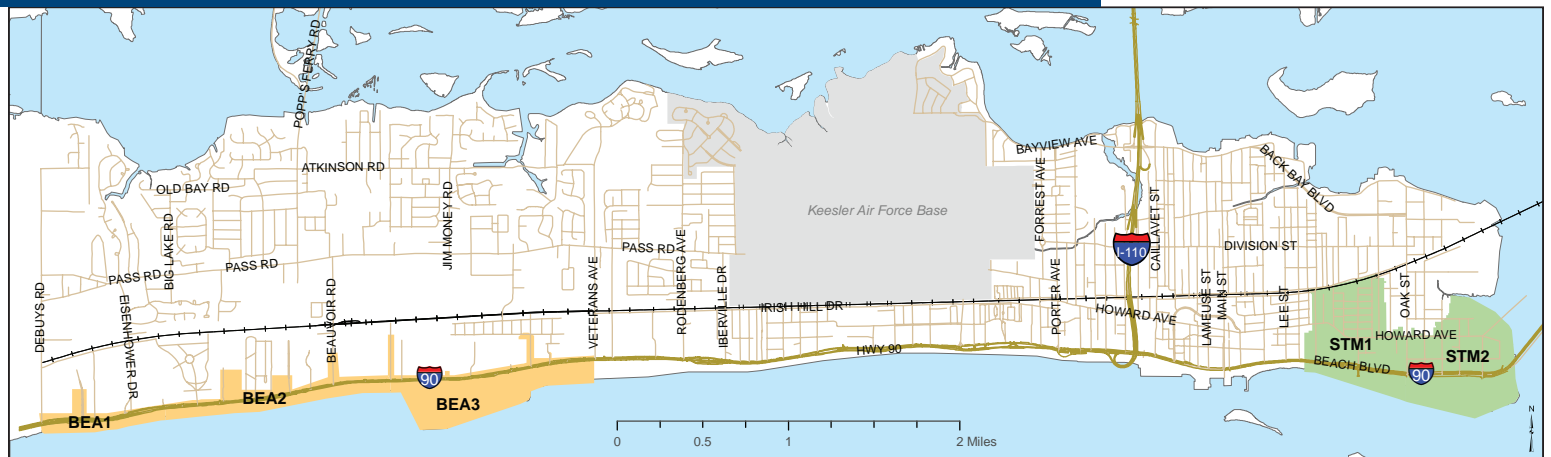


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## Areawide map of infrastructure work



► See the monthly infrastructure video report at [biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi](https://biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi).



# Random Notes

## TIME CAPSULE:

### Main Street snack bar



Photograph from the Joe Scholtes Collection at the Local History and Genealogy Department.

Many have visited the Officer Robert S. McKeithen Biloxi Post Office on Main Street to drop off mail, buy some stamps, or check their post office box. But, back in the day, visitors to the Federal Building could also pick up a snack. For more than 30 years, David "Dave" Ausborn operated a snack bar on the first floor of the Post Office. As seen here in the photograph from the 1960s, Dave would welcome visitors to the stand who could purchase a cup of coffee along with a variety of snacks.

Note: On May 30, 2023, the U.S. Postal Service held a dedication ceremony naming the Biloxi Post Office in honor of fallen Officer Robert S. McKeithen.

## Dressed for success



Police K9s are incredible animals taking on many tasks that humans can't do. They can detect explosive devices, narcotics, and weapons, track fugitives, and locate missing persons. The Biloxi Police Department currently has eight K9 teams working in various areas of expertise. Pictured is "Kenzo," a six-year-old Belgian Malinois that has been with the department for five years. He's sporting a ballistic vest donated by Brady's K9 Fund and wears it daily.

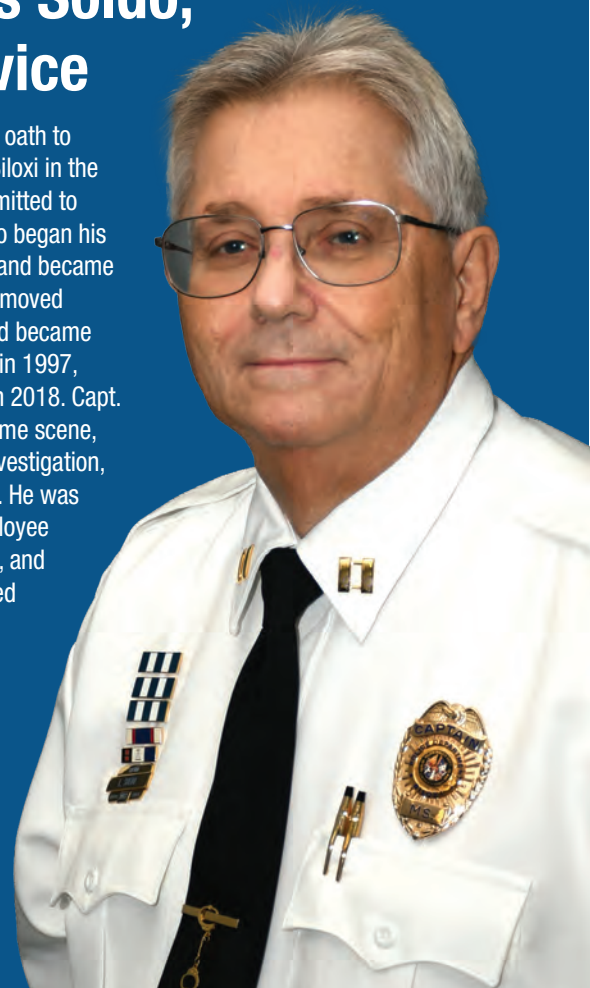


## Shrimp King & Queen 2023

The ceremonial blessing, given by Monsignor Dominick Fullam, marked the beginning of the shrimp fishing season on a beautiful Biloxi day. The first Blessing of the Fleet in Biloxi Bay was given in 1929 and now takes place annually in a colorful procession in the Mississippi Sound. Congratulations to our new Shrimp Queen for 2023, Miss Elizabeth Wetzel, and her King, Wally Gollott, pictured here on Charles Duhon's blessing boat, "My Sons."

## Captain Louis Soldo, A Life of Service

Capt. Louis Michael Soldo took an oath to protect and serve the citizens of Biloxi in the late seventies and remained committed to that oath for forty-five years. Soldo began his career as a Biloxi Auxiliary Officer and became a full-time Patrolman in 1983. He moved up in the ranks as a patrolman and became an Investigator in 1986, Sergeant in 1997, Lieutenant in 2008, and Captain in 2018. Capt. Soldo had extensive training in crime scene, evidence and property, juvenile investigation, DARE instruction, and much more. He was recognized multiple times as Employee of the Month, Officer of the Month, and Officer of the Quarter. His continued accomplishments earned him the Medal of Merit for his efforts during Hurricane Katrina. Soldo also received the Distinguished Service Medal on three additional occasions. The Biloxi Police Department and the City of Biloxi appreciate the dedication and service provided to the community by Capt. Louis Michael Soldo.





## Best Bets!

### Celebrate Independence Day with fireworks galore!

Nothing better than celebrating America's Independence with a baseball game and a Fireworks Extravaganza! And this year there are two fireworks shows to celebrate the Fourth of July. On Monday, July 3, the Biloxi Shuckers host an Independence Day Patriotic Fireworks Extravaganza at MGM Park after the Shuckers vs. Mississippi Braves game.

And on Tuesday, July 4 the waterfront will light up with a fireworks display that begins at 9 p.m. The annual spectacle, hosted by the Boom Boom Committee and sponsored by the City of Biloxi and Harrison County Board of Supervisors, will be visible from the beachfront between the Biloxi Lighthouse and the Biloxi Bay Bridge. Spectators can also take a ride aboard the Biloxi Schooner and watch the display from the Mississippi Sound. Tickets range from \$20 to \$40 and may be purchased from the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum.

### Annual Coastfest Car Show

The historical Beauvoir Shrine on Beach Boulevard will be filled with vehicles of all makes and models on Saturday, July 15 for the annual Coastfest Car Show. There will be over 20 classes with multiple trophies awarded. Participants should register between 8-10 a.m., judging is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the trophy presentation is at 2:30 p.m. Spectators must purchase a ticket to the grounds to view the vehicles. Details: 228-388-4400

**Independence Day Fireworks Extravaganza**, July 3, 105 Caillavet St., MGM Stadium. Celebrate Independence Day with the Biloxi Shuckers post-game firework extravaganza! Details: 228-233-3465



**Biloxi 4th of July Fireworks Display**, July 4, 9 p.m., visible from beachfront between the Biloxi Lighthouse eastward to the Biloxi Bay Bridge. A fireworks-free zone will be set up for spectators on the beach between the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor and Oak Street (be mindful of the Least Tern area). Free admission. Hosted by the City of Biloxi, the Boom Boom Committee, and the Harrison County Board of Supervisors.

**Premiere 2023 Summer Kid Series**, July 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27. Showtimes 10 & 11 a.m., 2600 Beach Blvd. Free showings on these dates: July 5 & 6, Paws of Fury, July 12 & 13, Sonic the Hedgehog 2, July 19 & 20, Lyle, Lyle Crocodile, July 26 & 27, Puss in Boots: The Last Wish. Details: <https://www.pccmovies.com/page/15992/News-2023-Summer-Kids>



**First Friday and Downtown Block Party**, July 7, 5- 9 p.m., Under the I-110 Overpass at the corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. Be patriotic with your red, white, and blue while enjoying food trucks, fun, and live entertainment. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

**The Salvation Army Kroc & Roll Sunset Run**, July 8, 6:30 p.m., Golden Nugget, 151 Beach Blvd. Run packets pick-up begins Friday, July 7, 5-8 p.m. at the Salvation Army Kroc Center, 575 Division St. Details: 228-207-1218 or [ramon.santiago@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:ramon.santiago@uss.salvationarmy.org)

**Beyond the Dazzle**, July 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum, 792-A Howard, Ave. This event is a reception and panel discussion featuring Mississippi Mardi Gras costume designers and seamstresses. The panel includes Jennifer "JC" Darlynn of JC Darlynn Designs, Sheila Gray and Angela Polite of Carnival Costumes, and Dixie Trosclair. Details: Anna Harris, 228-326-6765, [anna@coastalmardigras.com](mailto:anna@coastalmardigras.com)

**Immunization Fair for School-Aged Children**, July 12 & 14, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 140 St. John St., Lopez School. Returning students in Biloxi Schools and school-aged children from out-of-state schools registering for the first time in Mississippi schools can receive their immunization. Documents to bring: Insurance cards (if insured) photo ID, and shot record. Details: 228-297-6808 or 228-374-4991

**Biloxi Community Market Festival**, July 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Under the I-110 overpass at Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. Community market vendors, live entertainment, informational and demonstration booths, hourly giveaways, and themed activities. Food available to purchase. Details: 228-388-2443



**Biloxi Community Market  
FESTIVALS**



**Annual Coastfest Car Show**, July 15, Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd. All makes, models & years welcome! Over 20 classes with multiple trophies awarded. Registration: 8-10 a.m. Judging: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Trophy presentation: 2:30 p.m. Details 228-388-4400

**Craft Swap**, July 15, Noon-5 p.m., 2141 Popp's Ferry Road, Margaret S. Sherry Memorial Library. Take advantage of this free craft swap! Donate your unwanted craft supplies from June 5-July 8 and receive an early bird ticket to return on Saturday, July 15, 10 a.m.-noon. Details: 228-388-1633



## Stay in touch

**BNews:** Welcome to the 62nd 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.

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**Website:** The city's website, at [biloxi.ms.us](http://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



**Musicians with a Mission,** July 16, Noon-6 p.m., 814 Howard Ave. Back Bay Mission's annual fundraiser.

Music by: The Chitlins, Hank Berumen, and Royal Horses. Food and drinks available from Ground Zero's award-winning chef. Proceeds benefit programs at Back Bay Missions. Details and tickets: [www.groundzerobiloxi.com/event-details/musicians-with-a-mission](http://www.groundzerobiloxi.com/event-details/musicians-with-a-mission)

**Bike Biloxi,** July 18, 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 recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

**Japanese Manga,** July 19, 3:30 p.m., 2141 Popp's Ferry Road, Margaret S. Sherry Memorial Library. This event will talk about Japanese Manga and participants will make a simple flipbook. Free admission. Details: Kiyomi. [ogawa1@gmail.com](mailto:ogawa1@gmail.com)

**Don't Worry Be Happy,** July 21, 7-10 p.m., 578 Howard Ave., Biloxi Civic Center. The Mental Health Association of South MS presents *Don't Worry Be Happy!* Help raise awareness and funds for community programs. VIP Party at 6 p.m. Event includes awards, honorees, food tasting, mixology contest, games, silent/live auction & fun! Tropical-themed. Details: <https://us.givergy.com/DontWorryBeHappy>

**Back to School Screening,** July 22, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., 2600 Beach Blvd., Edgewater Mall. Join Rotary Club of Edgewater at a free Children's Health Fair. Eye/Vision screening, dental screening, height & weight check, and immunizations. Lots of fun and games! The first 300 registered school-age children will receive a tote bag filled with school supplies after completing screenings.



**Main Street Book Club,** July 27, 5:30 p.m., 1036 Howard Ave., Empanola Biloxi on Howard. The July book is "Lessons In Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. Details: Biloxi Main Street 228-435-6339

**Biloxi Night at The Ball Park,** July 27, 6:35 p.m., MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St. Details: [www.biloxishuckers.com](http://www.biloxishuckers.com)

**Downtown Biloxi Sidewalk Saturday,** July 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rue Magnolia to Howard Avenue. Sales, specials, and fun! Details: [DowntownbiloxiMS@gmail.com](mailto:DowntownbiloxiMS@gmail.com) or 228-697-3180



**Biloxi Little Theatre**  
220 Lee St., 228-432-8543,  
[www.4blt.org](http://www.4blt.org)  
• **I Am Frankenstein,**  
July 13-16

## Best Bet!



## Biloxi Shuckers Baseball

MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St. Admission prices begin at \$8. Details: 228-233-3465

### Home games

- VS. Mississippi Braves, July 1-3
- VS. Rocket City Trash Pandas, July 14-15
- VS. Birmingham Barons, July 25-30

See the full schedule, individual and Shuck Nation tickets, and promotions at [biloxishuckers.com](http://biloxishuckers.com). Tickets start as low as \$8.

### Center Stage

2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258  
[centerstagebiloxi.com](http://centerstagebiloxi.com)  
• **Let's Misbehave, A Cabaret Dinner Show**  
July 26-28 & August 3-6

### Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library

2244 Beach Blvd., 228-388-4400, [www.visitbeauvoir.org](http://www.visitbeauvoir.org)

### Biloxi Lighthouse & Visitors Center

1050 Beach Blvd., 228-374-3105, [biloxi.ms.us](http://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
- Ride aboard the Biloxi Schooner for July 4th and enjoy the fireworks!! 7-9:30 p.m. \$40.00 Adults & \$20.00 Children (3-12)

**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 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Marina Park, July 28

**Kroc Center, MS Gulf Coast, The Salvation Army**

575 Division St., 228-207-1218

- **The Salvation Army Kroc & Roll Sunset Run**, July 8, 6:30 p.m., Golden Nugget 151 Beach Blvd.

**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**, July 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**, Fridays at 6 p.m.
- **Karaoke with Kenny**, Fridays at 7 p.m.

**Joppa Shrine**

13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027

- **Steak Night**, July 14, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold 7:15 p.m. \$20, dine-in or carry out

**Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society** 228-396-1543**Mississippi Coast Mustang Club** www.mscoastmustangclub.com

- **2nd Saturday Super Cruise In**, July 8, Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd.

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Bingo**

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Monday Bingo**, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 – Doors open at 5 p.m., Early birds at 6:30 p.m., regular games at 7 p.m.

**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Bingo**

- **Biloxi Bingo Mania**, Tuesday nights behind Nativity Cathedral; 871 Esters Blvd. 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

**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
						<div>1</div> <div>Shuckers vs. Braves MGM Park</div> <div>Ashanti IP Casino</div>
<div>2</div> <div>Shuckers vs. Braves MGM Park</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Shuckers vs. Braves MGM Park</div> <div>Fireworks Extravaganza MGM Park</div> <div>Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Biloxi's Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Biloxi Lighthouse to Biloxi Bay Bridge</div> <div>Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Summer Kids Series Premiere Cinemas</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Community Market</div> <div>Summer Kids Series Premiere Cinemas</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Seafood Dinners/ Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society</div> <div>Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge</div> <div>First Friday &amp; Downtown Block Party Under I-110 on Howard Ave.</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Kroc &amp; Roll Sunset Run Golden Nugget</div> <div>Super Saturday Cruise In Edgewater Mall</div>
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<div>30</div> <div>Shuckers vs. Barons MGM Park</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima</div>					



Sparklight 56; Uverse 99 (follow prompts) or at [biloxi.ms.us/btv](http://biloxi.ms.us/btv)

Morning	
6 a.m.	"Down in Biloxi," by Rockin' Ray Fournier (4 min)
6:04 a.m.	Inside BTV
6:10 a.m.	Infrastructure report (5 min)
6:15 a.m.	Shuckers Insider
6:30 a.m.	Biloxi Public Schools (15 min)
7 a.m.	"Biloxi Cooks!" Crawfish done right!
7:30 a.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
7:45 a.m.	Keesler Update (15 min)
8 a.m.	R U Ready, 2023
9 a.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (2 hours)
Afternoon	
Noon	A vintage vignette: "America's Riviera," B&W, 1950s travelogue (9 min)
12:10 p.m.	A vintage vignette: "America's Riviera," 1960s travelogue (14 min)
12:25 p.m.	Biloxi Public Schools (15 min)
1 p.m.	"Biloxi Cooks!" Crawfish done right!
1:30 p.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
1:45 p.m.	Keesler Update (15 min)
2 p.m.	R U Ready, 2023
3 p.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (2 hours)
Evening	
6 p.m.	"Down in Biloxi," by Rockin' Ray Fournier (4 min)
6:04 p.m.	Inside BTV
6:10 p.m.	Infrastructure report (5 min)
6:15 p.m.	Shuckers Insider
6:30 p.m.	Biloxi Public Schools (15 min)
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9 p.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (2 hours)
Midnight	National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)



You can view individual programs on the city's YouTube channel.

## Crawfish done right!

Cooking crawfish the right way makes all the difference in the world. Sean Desporte, whose family name is synonymous with seafood in Biloxi, has advice on how to boil crawfish for your summer gatherings in this month's replay episode of "Biloxi Cooks!"

Desporte, owner of Desporte Seafood on Caillavet Street, walks even the novice through the steps in a program that airs daily at 7 a.m., 7 p.m. and 1 p.m., throughout July.



### This month's recipe:

#### How to prepare, boil crawfish

##### General info:

Buy your crawfish live right before you plan to boil for the best results. You will need about 3 to 5 pounds per guest, if they are the main course of the meal.

##### Pot:

Your boiling pot should hold two quarts of liquid for every pound of crawfish you're boiling. Of course, have a gas or propane burner big enough to hold your pot of choice and an ice chest large enough to hold your crawfish.

##### Clean the crawfish:

Clean the crawfish thoroughly by rinsing them in fresh cool water. Use an ice chest.

##### The boil:

Use a boil that's packed with spices that are found in the best Cajun cuisines such as chili powder, red pepper and garlic.

##### The actual boiling:

1. Fill your pot halfway with water, just enough to cover the crawfish you'll be adding in step 4.
2. Add a good seafood boil and make sure to stir to combine.
3. Light your burner and wait for the water to begin boiling.
4. Add the crawfish once the water is rapidly boiling, then cover them with a lid. Wait for the water to return to a boil.
5. Let them boil for no more than 3 minutes. They'll continue to cook as you remove them and season in next few steps.
6. Sprinkle a light layer of seafood boil into your clean ice chest. Add your boiled crawfish and then add another layer of seasoning on top. Make sure that you do it in increments, typically 1 pound of seasoning for every 15 pounds of crawfish.
7. Close your ice chest and shake it to thoroughly mix everything together.
8. Keep the ice chest closed for around 15 minutes and let the flavors mix together/settle.
9. Serve.





# Our trees

By Paige Gutierrez

☛ Photo of the live oak on the Tullis property, under which the Biloxi Tree Association first met in 1938. Source: Biloxi Library Local History and Genealogy Collection.



**Protecting trees in the 1930s**

On June 5, 1938, the Biloxi Tree Association held its first meeting, under a tree. Fifty Biloxi political and civic leaders sat beneath the mossy canopy of a giant, ancient live oak on the East Beach property of Mr. and Mrs. Garner Tullis. The purpose of the Tree Association was to preserve existing trees and to plant more. Its creation was prompted in part by the ongoing challenge of saving oaks, cypress, and other native trees when widening Highway 90. Within a month the club’s membership would grow to 267 people.

*The Daily Herald* reported that speakers at the initial meeting included Biloxi Mayor Louis Braun, who “said that in his travels over the United States he had found nothing to compare with Biloxi’s trees, especially the live oaks.

He said some of the fine trees had been removed, but that Biloxi now knows that a highway can be built around a tree and that tree saved.”

A year later the Tree Association would organize the Biloxi branch of the Live Oak Society, a group founded in 1935 at the Southwestern Louisiana Institute in Lafayette. Those live oaks believed to be one hundred years or older were designated as members and would hopefully receive special protection from damage and destruction. The Society’s constitution stated that “the Live Oak is one of God’s creatures that has been keeping quiet for a long time, just standing there contemplating the situation without having much to say, but only increasing in size, beauty, strength and firmness, day by day, without getting the attention and appreciation that it merits.”

**Our greatest asset, distinctly our own**

Both the Tree Association and the Live Oak Society shared the belief that “our trees” were Biloxi’s “greatest asset,” one which distinguished Biloxi and other Mississippi coast towns from other coastal areas that did not have large beautiful trees near the shore.

*The Daily Herald* editors agreed. In June 1938, the editors endorsed the Biloxi Tree Association, writing that “forestry and tree preservation return a great material value in addition to the pleasure they give. The wooded shore on this Coast is a tremendous asset. In it we have just pride. Visitors enjoy the great Spanish oaks; the travelers are thankful for the trees along the highways... let us leave the beauty we now enjoy for the enjoyment of those who come after us.”

Source: *The Daily Herald*

☛ The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, corner of Highway 90 and Bellman Street, was a landmark known for its history, its design, and its trees. The large limb in the foreground has a “ring in the oak.” Photo from MDAH Randazzo Collection.

☛ Postcard of oaks with Spanish moss arching over Benachi Avenue, early twentieth century. Photo from MDAH.



☛ Biloxi Community House on north side of Highway 90, east of Main Street. Its park-like grounds included oak trees with abundant Spanish moss. Photo from MSU Lampton Collection.



☛ Naval Reserve Park on the shore of Back Bay on the Biloxi peninsula, late 1930s. Before the United States government gave the property to the City of Biloxi for recreation in 1906, it was part of a Naval Live Oak Reservation, helping to assure availability of the live oak’s superior lumber in the days of wooden warships. The tree-filled park and its fishing pier were well-used by locals and tourists. The park became part of Keesler Field in 1941. Sources: KAFB, National Park Service.



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