

Best Bets!

Showcasing the visual arts

The Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art, 386 Beach Blvd., will exhibit the work of nine artists from the South on Thursday, Aug. 17 as part of the South Arts Southern Prize event. The group art exhibition will take place at the museum from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and include a reception, light refreshments, and live entertainment by Jake's Jazz Trio. The free event will showcase a diverse collection of sculptures, drawings, installation art, paintings, and mixed media for program fellows.



The artists, or fellows, are part of the Southern Arts Southern Prize and State Fellowship, a state-specific prize awarded to artists whose work reflects the best of the visual arts in the South. During the event finalist and prize winners will be chosen. Details: 228-374-5547, <https://georgeohr.org/event/southernarts/>

Shopping Downtown on Saturday

Downtown businesses participate in Sidewalk Saturdays on the last Saturday of the month in the areas of G E Ohr Street, Jackson Street, and Rue Magnolia.

Businesses offer complimentary services, discounted shopping, delicious samples, and featured art exhibits from each of the participating businesses.

The event includes sidewalk chalk competitions and live entertainment. Details: 228-697-3180



First FRIDAY

First Friday Downtown Block Party, Aug. 4, 5-9 p.m., Under the I-110 Overpass at the corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard, 923 Howard Ave. Entertainment begins at 5 p.m. and The Network will take the stage at 7 p.m. Food vendors include The Biloxi Rotary Club (gilling hamburgers); Empanola of Biloxi; Frankie Faye's; and Mannatime. Trivia contest for prizes. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

Gallery 782 Artists Reception, Aug. 4, 5-8 p.m., 769 Jackson St. August's show is entitled, "Menagerie," by featured artists Cindy Cochran and Sylvia Skrmetta. Refreshments served. Free admission. Details: 228-436-7782

Biloxi Soccer Organization Registration, Aug. 5, 9 a.m.-Noon, Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Open to ages 5-14. Season plays earlier because of field upgrades taking place early 2024. Fees range from \$30 to \$75. Applications available at biloxisoccer.net. Details: 228-388-7170, sports@biloxi.ms.us



City of Biloxi Football & Cheer Registration, Aug. 5 & 12, 9 a.m.-Noon, Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Flag Football open to ages 5-8; Tackle Football open to ages 9-12; Cheerleading open to ages 6-12. Fees range from \$30 to \$75. Details: 228-388-7170, sports@biloxi.ms.us.

Gulf Coast 811 Day Block Party, Aug. 11, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Dr. Frank G. Gruich Community Center, 591 Howard Ave. Join CenterPoint Energy in celebrating 811 Day. The event includes a blood drive, games, music, food, and giveaways. Free admission. Blood drive details: 1-800-733-2767

Historic Homes Inside & Out, Aug 12, 1 p.m., Biloxi Public Library, 580 Howard Ave. Learn about historic properties unique to the coast and how to research home histories using the Local History and Genealogy Department collection. Details: www.harrisonlib.ms.us or 228-435-4613



Bike Biloxi, Aug. 15, 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

South Arts Southern Prize & State Fellowship for Visual Arts Opening Reception, Aug. 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art, 386 Beach Blvd. Group show at the museum with the highest quality artistic work being created in the American South. Free to attend. Details: 228-374-5547, <https://georgeohr.org/event/southernarts/>

3rd Annual Citizen's Police Academy Application Deadline, Aug. 18, Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center, 170 Porter Ave. Academy open to residents throughout Harrison County. Must be age 21 and older, complete an application, and pass a background check to attend. Academy takes place once a week from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Aug. 23, 2023-Jan. 17, 2024. Details: biloxi.ms.us/cpa, tgoldsworthy@biloxi.ms.us

Biloxi Fire Museum Fish Fry Fundraiser, Aug. 19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Biloxi Fire Museum, 1046 Howard Ave. Sponsored by the Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society to benefit Fire Museum. Sides include: potato salad, baked beans, & bread. \$10 per fish plate. Free tours of the museum and a society meeting will also be part of the event. Details: Tim Wallis, 228-396-1543. For preorders, call Joe Boney at 228-331-5055.



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

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 63rd 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

Main Street Book Club, Aug. 24, 5:30 p.m., One Thirty One, 131 Lameuse St. Book of the Month: "Southern Lady Code" by Helen Ellis. Participation is free. Details: 228-435-6339, or email: Lrosetti@biloxi.ms.us



Sidewalk Saturdays Downtown Biloxi, August 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Downtown Biloxi, G E Ohr Street, Jackson Street, and Rue Magnolia. Business sales and specials, vendors, entertainment, and fun. Free admission. Details: 228-697-3180

Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Ceremony, Aug. 27, 3 p.m. Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Inductee event. Attendees must RSVP by Aug. 18. Details: 228-388-7170



American Red Cross 18th Annual Katrina Blood Drive "Gulf Coast Strong," Aug 28-30.

- Aug. 28, noon-7 p.m.; Aug. 29, 1-7 p.m. - Edgewater Mall (Old Champs outside of Belk and Shoe Dept.), 2900 Beach Blvd.
- Aug. 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Merit Biloxi (Harville Room), 150 Reynoir St.

All presenting donors will receive a commemorative T-shirt while supplies last. Details or to schedule your appointment: 1-800-733-2767



Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum's Heritage Hall of Fame 2023 nominations deadline, Aug. 31. Nominate individuals who have shown dedication to honoring the tradition of the maritime and seafood industry on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Forms available online at www.maritimemuseum.org. Details: 228-435-6320



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

- **Kinky Boots**
Sept. 1-3 & 8-10

Best Bet!



Biloxi Shuckers Baseball



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

- Home games**
- VS Tennessee Smokies, Aug. 8-13, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 6:05 p.m. Saturday; and 1:05 p.m. Sunday
 - VS Pensacola Blue Wahoos, Aug. 22-27, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 6:05 p.m. Saturday; and 1:05 p.m. Sunday

See the full schedule, individual and Shuck Nation tickets, and promotions at biloxishuckers.com. Tickets as low as \$8.

City of Biloxi Senior Citizens Program field trip
Details: biloxi.ms.us/pr

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

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

- **Let's Misbehave, A Cabaret Dinner Show** – Aug. 3-6

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, **August 25**

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.
- **\$10,000 Museum Drawdown:** Sept. 6, includes open bar, buffet, silent auction. Tickets are \$100 and admit two people
- **Museum Heritage Hall of Fame accepting applications.** Deadline: August 31.
Application: www.maritimemuseum.org or front desk

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, www.georgeohr.org

- **Date Night Wheel,** Aug. 11, 18, 25, 6-8 p.m., \$40
- **Large Ceramic Planter Pottery Class,** Aug. 19, 1-3 p.m., \$45
- **Cheese, Crackers, and Fig Leaves!** Create your own fig leaf dish, Aug. 19, 6-8 p.m., \$45
- 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,** August 4, 11, 18 & 25. 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.
- **Sunday Charity Bingo,** None scheduled

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,** Aug. 19, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold 7:15 p.m. \$20, dine-in or carry-out

Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society

- **Meeting & fundraiser,** Aug. 19, 11 a.m., Biloxi Fire Museum, 1046 Howard Ave.
Details: 228-396-1543

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Bingo

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Bingo,** Monday nights in Parish Hall, 315 Tara Lane; doors open at 5 p.m., Early birds at 6:30 p.m., regular games at 7 p.m. Details: 228-388-3887

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

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