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HURRICANE REMINDER:**Stay prepared.
Do not become complacent.**

We are in the midst of hurricane season and want to remind residents to not become complacent. Stay prepared.

“Over time, people tend to minimize the threat we face from storms and flooding,” says Biloxi Fire Chief Nicholas Geiser, who also serves as the city’s emergency manager. “Our continuing advice is this: Do not become complacent. People think about the big storms, such as Camille or Katrina, but it doesn’t take a catastrophic storm to cause loss of life or significant property damage. In fact, it doesn’t even have to be a hurricane. Torrential downpours can happen at any time, given our tropical climate.”

Here are some precautions you should take before, during, and after a storm.

Have a plan

Plan an evacuation route, prepare a storm kit, make arrangements for family, including pets and flood insurance, and develop an emergency communication plan.

Know your evacuation route

You need to know what route to take, how to get to where you need to go, and plan for an alternate route. Having an emergency evacuation plan can help get you and your family to safety and avoid getting stranded.

Visit the evacuation map link in the Storm and Flood Preparedness section of the city’s website at biloxi.ms.us/stormandflood, to determine the safest route. Be prepared to drive several miles inland to locate a safe place.

Prepare a storm kit

If you have not already done so, make a storm kit today.

Here are some essentials the kit should include:

- Water - at least one gallon of water per person per day for three to seven days
- Food - non-perishable packaged or canned food and juices. Don’t forget the paper products, utensils, and cooking tools



- First aid and medications. This should include a first-aid kit, prescription medications, and baby and pet supplies.
- Tools and emergency supplies - include items such as flashlights and extra batteries, duct tape, portable battery-operated radio, can opener, phone chargers, and cash and credit cards
- Clothes and bedding - include some sturdy shoes and warm blankets
- Store important documents like medical records, insurance paperwork, bank account numbers, and social security cards in a waterproof container or resealable plastic bag.

Make arrangements for family and pets

Make sure that each family member knows how to respond. Teach members how and when to turn off gas, electricity, and water. Teach children how and when to call 911, the police or fire departments, and which radio station to tune to for emergency information.

If you have a pet, make sure the place you are planning to stay allows pets. Many shelters do not. Contact your local humane society for information on local animal shelters.

Consider direct deposit for things like social

security checks or even paychecks. The U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve Banks urge Social Security check recipients who live along the Gulf Coast to use direct deposit to ensure immediate access to their benefits without disruption.

Prepare your home

Prepare your home by trimming back dead or weak branches from trees. Protect your windows with storm shutters or plywood boarding. For plywood, use ½ inch of wood cut to fit the window and predrill holes every 18 inches for screws.

Have flood insurance

Don’t forget about flood insurance. It is essential to check into before a storm. You can find out about the National Flood Insurance Program through your local insurance agent or emergency management office.

Develop an emergency communications plan

If a storm causes members to be separated from one another, it is important to communicate a plan for getting back together.

Designate a contact outside of your area – such as a relative or friend – to serve as the emergency contact. Make sure everyone knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person. That contact could be your connection to family and friends even if there is no way to contact each other.

Remember, a disaster can strike quickly, so be prepared. Those days and hours leading up to a storm can be an anxious and stressful time. Should you evacuate? Will the storm make landfall, and, if so, where and when? And the list goes on and on. We’ll certainly help communicate those answers with the best information. However, right now, we’ve given you a host of simple things you can do to be ready. Taking these steps also will take a good bit of the anxiety and stress from the situation. Let’s all be ready and prepared next time a storm threatens.

▶ For more information, visit online at biloxi.ms.us/stormandflood

▶ Sign up for B-Alert, the city’s messaging system for traffic and weather advisories. Text BILOXI to 99411.

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CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

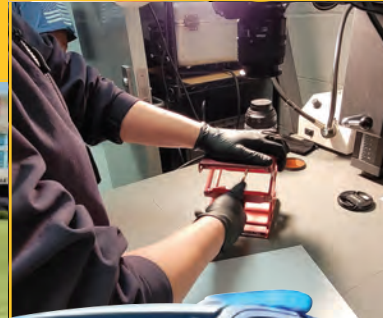
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Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center, 170 Porter Ave.

Classes are two hours, once a week on Wednesdays with some extra days built in for make-up days.





- Academy open to Harrison County residents, age 21 and older
- Limited to 25
- Application deadline: **Aug. 18, 2023**
- Applications available at Public Safety Center front desk and online at www.biloxi.ms.us/cpa
- Participants will be notified before class begins



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Forrest, Porter piers receive renovations

Two Back Bay piers, Forrest and Porter, have closed and are being rebuilt.

Crews with J.E. Borries, a firm that specializes in marine construction, began demolishing both piers in early July.

“The Forrest Avenue Pier has not been renovated in over twenty years,” Port Manager Larry Sablich said. “The entire structure was not sound so it was necessary for us to restrict public access and bring in contractors who specialize in marine construction to take on a job of this magnitude.”

The \$306,948 project includes the replacement of the decking, handrails, and pavilion. Work on the nearly 430-foot long by 6-foot-wide pier is expected to be completed by the end of July.

The boat launch will remain open during the work.

Once the Forrest Avenue Pier is rebuilt, crews will move over to the Porter Avenue North Pier and rebuild that pier which is nearly 115 feet long by 6 feet wide. That project will cost \$93,798 and is expected to be completed by the end of August.

Both projects are being funded by the city.

The public is asked to use the Old Ice Wharf pier, located on Bayview Avenue at Parker Street, while the projects take place.



Crews rebuilding the Forrest Avenue Pier in late July



More downtown parking coming soon!



The MGM Park parking garage will soon open to Biloxi Shuckers fans as well as the general public. The Beau Rivage recently transferred the rights of the garage to the City of Biloxi and, after some minor adjustments are made, the garage will open to the public. A small fee is expected to be charged in the future.

No opening date has been set. Visit online at biloxi.ms.us for updates.





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2023 STORM SEASON

The status:
Biloxi hasn't seen a threat during the 2023

Hurricane Season, but make no mistake, the peak of the season is almost here.

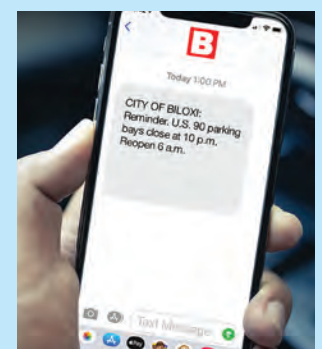


What you should be doing:

- Have a plan.
- Gather supplies and make a storm kit.
- Trim back dead or weak branches from trees.
- Check on flood insurance.
- Develop an emergency communications plan in case family members are separated
- Know your evacuation zone and route. Plan for alternate routes and travel time.
- Make arrangements for pets. Contact your local humane society for more info on shelters that accept pets.
- For details to make sure you are prepared before, during, and after a storm, visit biloxi.ms.us/stormandflood.

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Students: Welcome to the 2023-24 school year

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time – new beginnings, new teachers and Friday Night Lights right around the corner! To provide a more significant break in the fall, we have adjusted our calendar to start school a week earlier and we couldn't be more excited to welcome everyone back to campus to begin the 2023-24 school year in the Indian Nation.

In the Biloxi Public School District, our vision is Excellence From All... For All. With a strong focus on academics, athletics, and fine arts, Biloxi's children are growing as students and citizens while accomplishing the highest goals. Our highly qualified teaching force, top-notch technology, and rigorous curriculum ensure that our students have the resources to be successful. Early education is the key to student success and we are proud to say we have expanded our PreK program to include 10 classrooms, serving 200 children. Because of these efforts and the support of the Biloxi community, we remain an A District and one of the top school districts in the state.

Another example of our commitment to student success is our impressive Career & Technical Education Center (formerly known as Vo-tech), offering courses in culinary arts, construction, automotive services, health sciences, child development, engineering, business/marketing, and many more. Through our CTE, our students can graduate with the skills and certifications to successfully enter the workforce.

There is a lot of buzz around Biloxi Athletics these days. This year, we have 11 District Championships and 11 programs advancing to

the state playoffs in their sport! With 18 sports offered in our district, students have every opportunity to get involved. We have recently installed interactive lighting systems at our football, baseball, and softball fields as well as our indoor sports arena, enhancing the game day experience for our student-athletes and fans.



In Biloxi Schools, we know the Fine Arts are so important to creating a well-rounded student. We are pleased to offer marching band, orchestra, strings, piano lab, art, show choir, concert choir, and theatre. Our commitment to the arts hasn't gone unnoticed – we've been recognized as a "Best Community for Music Education" by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation for the 10th consecutive time! The Biloxi Public School District was selected for this award due to the outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, and community leaders who have made music education part of a well-rounded curriculum. Designations are only given to school districts that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education.

A huge factor in the continued success of the Biloxi Public School District is the support we receive from our community. Because of the partnerships we have throughout Biloxi, we are able to provide the very best education possible to the children of our city. We thank you for that support and we encourage you to keep it up!

To learn more about our events and activities, please visit our website at biloxischools.net and follow us on Facebook at Biloxi Public Schools. Thank you for the role you play in our success and thank you all for being a part of the Indian Nation!

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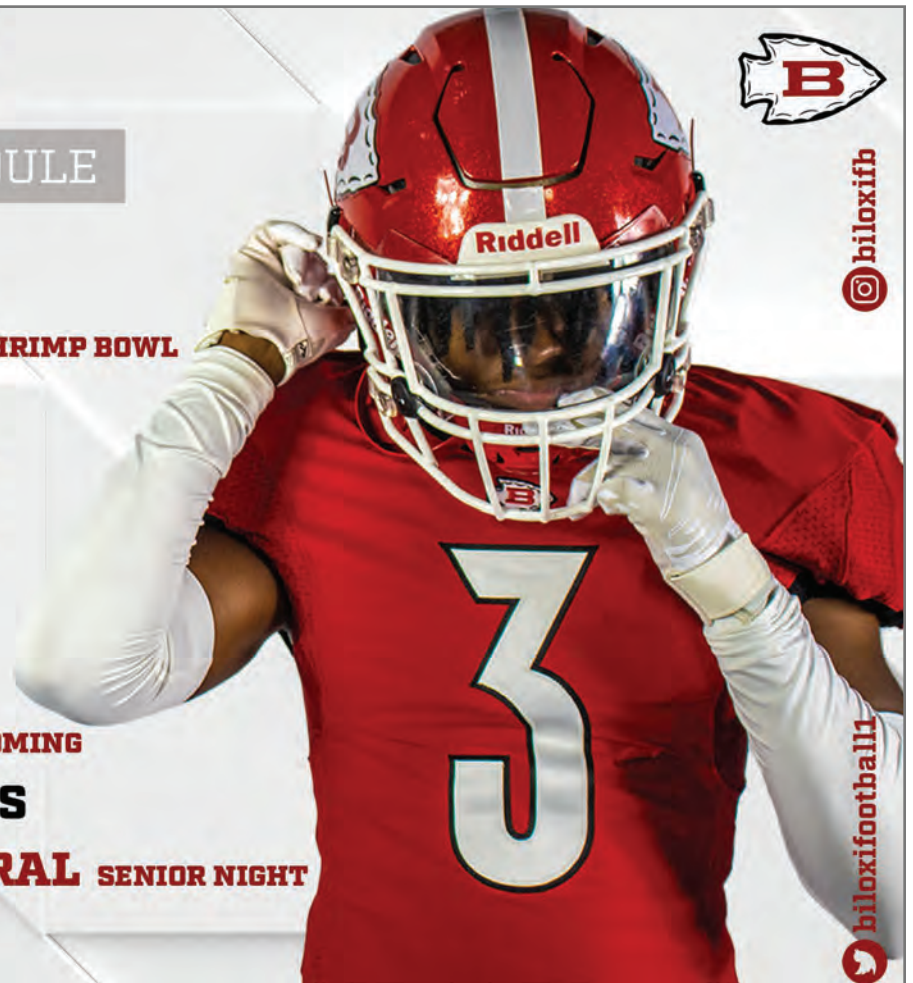


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2023 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- 8.18 GAUTIER JAMBOREE**
- 8.25 STONE COUNTY SHRIMP BOWL**
- 9.1 AT MERIDIAN**
- 9.8 GEORGE COUNTY**
- 9.15 AT HATTIESBURG**
- 9.22 PASCAGOULA**
- 10.6 AT GULFPORT**
- 10.13 ST. MARTIN HOMECOMING**
- 10.20 AT OCEAN SPRINGS**
- 10.27 HARRISON CENTRAL SENIOR NIGHT**
- 11.2 AT D'IBERVILLE**



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Get Ready, Get Set, Play Ball!



Jeferson Quero
Photo by Joshua Sumrall



Fans having fun at a game.
Photo by Biloxi Shuckers

Visit MGM Park for fun all August long with the Shuckers

By Javik Blake

As summer break starts to wind down, there's still plenty of time to get to MGM Park and splash in on the best baseball and fun on the Coast! The Biloxi Shuckers continue their season, and enter August right in the thick of a playoff hunt as they look to make the Southern League postseason for the first time since 2019.

On and off the field, there are plenty of opportunities for fun at the ballpark. The Shuckers are set to play 12 games at MGM Park in August, including home stands against the Tennessee Smokies and the Pensacola Blue Wahoos, the affiliates for the Chicago Cubs and Miami Marlins.

In July, the Shuckers welcomed in some of their biggest crowds of the year, including a sellout on July 3 against the Mississippi Braves. That night, the Shuckers announced their Heart of a Shucker Community Fund, designed to give back to the Gulf Coast.

The fund, announced in partnership with the Gulf Coast Community Fund, allows the Shuckers to make meaningful contributions to enhance the Gulf Coast community that the team calls home. The fund, the first created in Shuckers franchise history, aims to support the local Gulf Coast community and beyond through meaningful contributions, partnerships, and exposure. The Shuckers will honor and donate to a

local community organization during each of their remaining homestands.

The Shuckers will also be revving up their engines on August 8 for Motorsports Night, featuring various race cars and drivers from the Gulf Coast and a Coastal-themed t-shirt giveaway for the first 250 fans through the gates presented by The Peoples Bank. They'll also host Bark in the Park on Aug. 9, where owners and their four-legged friends can spend a night on the right field berm for \$8.

On Aug. 12, the Shuckers will celebrate local Olympian Brittney Reese with a special bobblehead presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union.

On Tuesday, Aug. 22, the Shuckers will award the first 250 fans through the gates at 5:30 p.m. with a "Day of the Dead" themed t-shirt presented by Wellcare.

On Aug. 23, the Shuckers will host a College Fair Night! Fans can tune into the Shuckers' social media closer to date for a list of colleges in attendance.

On the field, the Shuckers will have plenty of top prospects to root for, including Tyler Black, Jeferson Quero, Jackson Chourio, and Carlos Rodriguez! In July, Jeferson and Jackson both had the opportunity to play in the 2023 SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game in Seattle, which showcased the best

prospects across Minor League Baseball.

Daily specials also highlight the monthly calendar. Tuesdays are T-Shirt Tuesday for the first 250 fans and its Brew Crew Tuesday presented by F.E.B. 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 Wednesday 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 then can 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 and Coors Light. 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 show on the Coast!

The weekend continues with Shuck Yeah Saturdays and Fun Day Sundays with pregame player autographs, postgame catch on the field, and a poster giveaway presented by Mele Printing. On top of it all, kids can run the bases after every game presented by Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Mississippi!

► For more info: 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.

BILOXI Shuckers

August 2023

- AUG 8** T-Shirt Giveaway + Motor Sports Night
Coastal-Themed T-Shirt Giveaway presented by The Peoples Bank
Brew Crew Beer Specials presented by F.E.B. Distributing
- AUG 9** Military Wednesday + Bark in the Park
presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union
Bring your pup to the park with you!
- AUG 10** Thirsty Thursday, and it's *Gulfport Night*
\$2 Yuengling, \$2 Hot Dogs, \$2 Sodas + \$4 Miller Lite
presented by Yuengling, Coca-Cola + Kicker 108
- AUG 11** Fireworks Friday
- AUG 12** Brittney Reese Bobblehead Giveaway on Women In Sports Night
presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union
- AUG 13** Fun Day Sunday + Team Poster Giveaway
including Pre-Game Player Autographs and Post-Game Catch On The Field presented by Mele Printing
- AUG 22** T-Shirt Giveaway + Brew Crew Tuesday
Day of the Dead T-Shirt Giveaway presented by Wellcare
Brew Crew Beer Specials presented by F.E.B. Distributing
- AUG 23** Military Wednesday + College Fair Night
presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union
- AUG 24** Thirsty Thursday, and it's *D'Iberville Night*
\$2 Yuengling, \$2 Hot Dogs, \$2 Sodas + \$4 Miller Lite
presented by Yuengling, Coca-Cola + Kicker 108
- AUG 25** Fireworks Friday
- AUG 26** Shuck Yeah Saturday
- AUG 27** Fun Day Sunday + Team Poster Giveaway
including Pre-Game Player Autographs and Post-Game Catch On The Field presented by Mele Printing

On Deck in September

- SEPT 12** Strike Out The Stigma T-Shirt Giveaway
presented by Gulfport Behavioral Health System
Brew Crew Beer Specials presented by F.E.B. Distributing
- SEPT 13** Military Wednesday + Bark in the Park
presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union
- SEPT 14** Thirsty Thursday
\$2 Yuengling, \$2 Hot Dogs, \$2 Sodas + \$4 Miller Lite
presented by Yuengling, Coca-Cola + Kicker 108
- SEPT 15** First Responders + Frontline Workers Night on Fireworks Friday
presented by Waste Pro
- SEPT 16** Shuck Yeah Saturday
- SEPT 17** Fan Appreciation Night

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Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2023

Each year the City of Biloxi inducts members into its Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame and this year, 10 new members will be recognized during a ceremony at the Biloxi Civic Center on August 27 at 3 p.m.

The inductees include retired athletes, coaches, and Biloxi athletics supporters of superior accomplishment who have each contributed to the betterment of athletics in the City of Biloxi. The inductees are chosen based on, but not limited to, statistical performance, individual achievement, leadership, citizenship, and community service. The number of inductees each year is solely the discretion of the selection committee.

To nominate some for the Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame, visit online at biloxi.ms.us/sportshalloffame.

Here is the Class of 2023



Melvin Brown

Football and track player for Biloxi High and the University of Mississippi. In high school, Melvin Brown was an outstanding running back who was one of the first to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. He was the Most Valuable Player at the 1978 Shrimp Bowl. In track, Brown played in the Big 8 Championships, District 8 Championships, and Biloxi Relay Championships. He received a scholarship to Ole Miss where he was a football letterman playing as a running back and a cornerback. In 1983, Brown was drafted in the 10th round by the Minnesota Vikings.



Stanley Dellenger Jr.

Football, basketball, and track player at Notre Dame High School and the University of Southern Mississippi, and football and track coach at Central Catholic High School, Pope John Paul II and Holy Cross in Louisiana and Mercy Cross High School, St. Stanislaus College, and St. Patrick Catholic High School in Mississippi. Stanley Dellenger Jr. was a four-year letterman in football, basketball, and track and signed a football scholarship to USM. During his coaching career, Dellenger's players won 40 gold medals and 68 All-State selections in track and football; the 2009 St. Stanislaus football team was named state champions; and while coaching at St. Patrick, the boys track team won the State Track Championships, and was named runner up in State Track Championships, and the girls track team won three State Track Championships.



Lionel Fayard

Baseball and football player at Central Junior High, Biloxi High School, and University of Southern Mississippi. Lionel Fayard was a three-year starter and played both offensive and defensive lines. In high school, Fayard was part of the All-Star team. He received a scholarship to the USM. There, Fayard was a three-year starter from 1968 to 1970. Fayard is a member of the USM Hall of Fame.



Lawrence Love

Football and track player at Biloxi High School and Southern Illinois University. Lawrence Love ran track in high school where he achieved a number of school and state records. In 1972 and 1973, Love attained the school and state records in the 120 high hurdles and the 180 low hurdles. Love went on to play football at Southern Illinois University where he received a NCAA scholarship and took 7th in the nation kickoff return.



Tommy Lyons

Baseball player with Notre Dame High School, Cleveland Indians, New Orleans All-American Team, and the University of Mississippi from 1969 to 1977. In 1972, while at Notre Dame, Tommy Lyons' ERA was .52 with a batting average of .583. He was awarded the most valuable trophy for the New Orleans All-American Team. That same year, Lyons was drafted by the Cleveland Indians in the 18th round of MLB Amateur Draft. Lyons was a fast right-handed pitcher, named Catalyst Player of the Month, and received a baseball grant-in-aid scholarship with the University of Mississippi.



Al Pickich

Football player at Biloxi High and Mississippi College and coach at D'Iberville High, Mississippi College, and Biloxi High. Al Pickich was a three-year letterman in football at Biloxi High where he played offensive and defensive lines. Named All-Big Eight and played in the Mississippi High School All-Star Game. Played All-Big Eight and Mississippi High School All-Star Game. Al Pickich received the 1978 Pat Patterson Award and a full football scholarship to Mississippi College where he played offensive line for four years. During his time at MC, Pickich and his team made the semi-finals for Division 2 National Championships in 1979 and he played All Gulf South Conference Division 2 in 1981 and 1982. Pickich was awarded the Mississippi State Player of the Week in 1982. Pickich coached football at Mississippi College, D'Iberville and Biloxi High Schools, and swimming and golf at Biloxi High. Under Coach Pickich, weight lifting and CrossFit training was added to the swim program and teams won State Championships in 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004. Under Coach Pickich, girls golf teams won championships in 2016 and runner-up in 2011, 2012, and 2013.



Harold Sablich Jr.

Baseball and football player for Notre Dame High School. Harold Sablich played baseball, growing up, hitting home runs on the diamond at Savarro Park. In the eighth grade, Sablich pitched for varsity (12 grade) and hit several home runs over the railroad tracks at Lee Street baseball field. Sablich played football while in high school. From the late 1950s to 1966, Sablich's name appeared in the newspaper nearly 300 times for his outstanding feats in sports.



Johnny "Ray" Smith

Football and track and field player at M.F. Nichols and Biloxi High Schools. While at M. F. Nichols, Johnny "Ray" Smith was named All-American player and Most Valuable Player in football, and in track and field, Smith received the honor of MVP. While at Biloxi High, Smith played track and field and was named MVP and received the Booster Club Award and first place in the 440-yard relay at the Pas Point Jaycee Invitational. He also broke the record for the 220-yard dash, 440, and 880 relay. Smith received a partial scholarship to MVSU.



George L. Sumrall Jr.

Football and baseball player for Biloxi High School and the University of Southern Mississippi. George Sumrall excelled in baseball as a little league All-Star player and pitcher in 1957. Sumrall's passion for sports led him to play at Biloxi High School from 1959-1962 where he was a four-sport letterman. Sumrall played as a football halfback in the 1961 Shrimp Bowl, All-Star football team, and pitcher on the Biloxi High School baseball team. Sumrall won a football scholarship in 1962 to play at the USM. In 1965-1966, he was a starter and a letterman. He also played baseball at USM from 1965 to 1967 where Sumrall lead the team in battering average and home runs.



Tommy Williams

Baseball, basketball, and football player and coach. Tommy Williams played high school baseball, basketball, and football at Newton High School in Newton, Mississippi. He was a four-year letterman in baseball where he played in the 1953 State Championships. Williams was also a three-year letterman in basketball and a three-year letterman in football where he received the All-Choctaw Honor in 1954-1955. Williams played baseball at East Central Junior High in Decatur, Miss., and at the University of Southern Mississippi as well as semi-pro throughout Mississippi and Alabama. Williams coached sports in 7th, 8th, and 9th grades at Central High, Michele Middle School, Fernwood, and Mercy Cross schools in Biloxi as well as Pee-Wee football, baseball, and basketball.

Keesler's take on 6th Gen Learning

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

In line with Second Air Force, the 81st Training Wing is transforming the way technical training students learn with 6th Generation Learning, incorporating advanced classrooms and remote education.

A 6th Generation Learning environment takes a multifaceted approach to how Airmen, both officer and enlisted, are trained inside and outside of the classroom.

"We are taking a more holistic approach of how we can be faster and better," said Dr. Lynn Soots, 81st Training Group training administrator. "We want to make sure we are training to the highest quality we can."

Second Air Force is phasing out traditional instructor lead learning and transitioning to student-centered learning. The 81st TRG is accomplishing this by introducing the T4 Learning Environment.

"In the T4 Learning Environment, which stands for Teach, Technology, Tailor, and



At Keesler Air Force Base, technical training students learn with 6th Generation Learning, incorporating advanced classrooms and remote education.

U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Trenten Walters

Traverse, we look at how we can train in ways that are more agile, flexible, and adaptable," said Soots.

"Traverse is the most important point because that's what happens after the classroom, giving students the opportunity to study and hone their skills outside of classroom time."

Students will have access to tablets, simulators, and even apps on their personal devices to further increase their skills and knowledge outside of the classroom, increasing

the capability of our multi-capable Airmen.

"What the Airmen have already available to them in their lives is very quick; technology is very quick; information is very quick. To ask students to suddenly reverse their ways of learning is taking them out of their element," said Soots. "How we fight is not going to be just boots on the ground anymore, it's being a commanding force in cyber, space, and information. To maintain our dominant

power, we need to train with the future in mind. We need to tap into the best quality of education we possibly can."

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Two tanker pumper trucks that now belong to the Greenville Fire Department

Biloxi finds new home for aging fire trucks

The Greenville Fire Department was in Biloxi recently to take delivery of two aging Biloxi Fire trucks.

Biloxi Asst. Chief Jason Davis met with firefighters of the Greenville Fire Department in mid-July to hand off the keys and to do a walk around before they hit the highway to their new home.

Greenville Fire Department, located in central Mississippi just miles from Rolling Fork, serves their city and supports the surrounding community where these trucks will be utilized. The tanker pumper trucks hold up to 1000 gallons of water, allowing firefighters to fight fires in rural areas without hydrant access.

“Volunteer firefighters often serve our rural communities with limited equipment

resources, Greenville Fire Chief Ruben Brown said. “The large capacity of water that can be transported with these pumper trucks will provide those areas much better protection.”

Earlier this year, the Biloxi Fire Department visited the Greenville area after a powerful tornado devastated the nearby community of Rolling Fork in late March. Firefighters were able to see and hear firsthand what the communities needed. And since the city recently purchased three new state-of-the-art trucks for nearly \$1.7 million, it put the department in a position to offer the aging pumpers a new life.

“We are happy that we have the opportunity to transfer a truck to a department in need,” Biloxi Fire Chief Nick Geiser said. “The truck is no longer

being used by the department and is not needed. We were also able to provide the Greenville Fire Department with a second truck for \$25,000.”

Biloxi remembers well the outpouring of support following Hurricane Katrina. With the recent severe weather experienced in that area of our state, this is another way for Biloxi to assist other Mississippians in their time of need.

Added Fire Chief Brown: “On behalf of the City of Greenville, I sincerely thank Biloxi Fire Chief Nick Geiser, Asst. Fire Chief Jason Davis, Mayor Gilich, and the Biloxi City Council for making this transfer of equipment possible. It will definitely assist in the life-saving efforts of our community. “



Main Street Railroad crossing work wrapping up

By the end of July, contractors had upgraded drainage at the Main Street railroad crossing as well as added a retaining wall. Initial road work was also completed. Sidewalks and asphalt work are next.

The reopening of the crossing to traffic is expected by the end of the month.

The infrastructure work in Biloxi

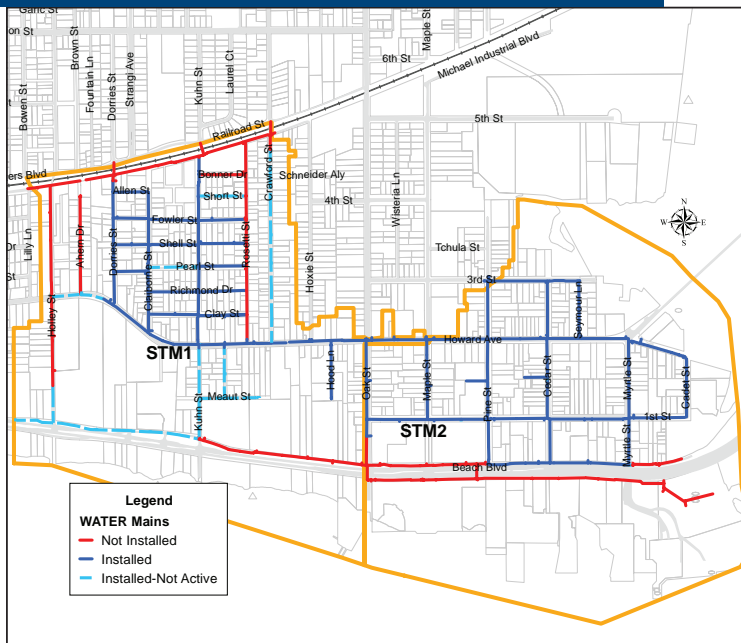
Pages 14 and 15 contain maps that show the status of the city's two major infrastructure projects now underway. The information on these maps is compiled by the city's Engineering Department, based on reports from contractors and inspectors at each site. See detailed maps and video online at biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/.

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.

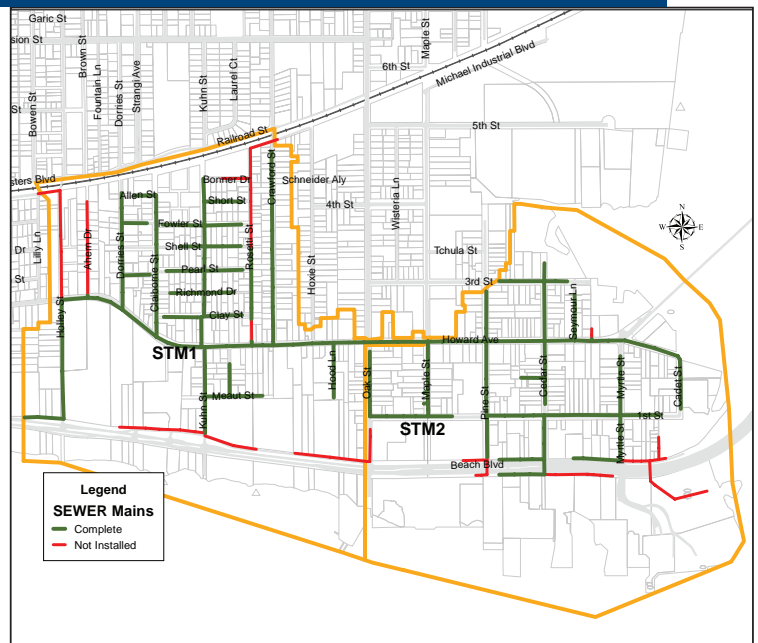
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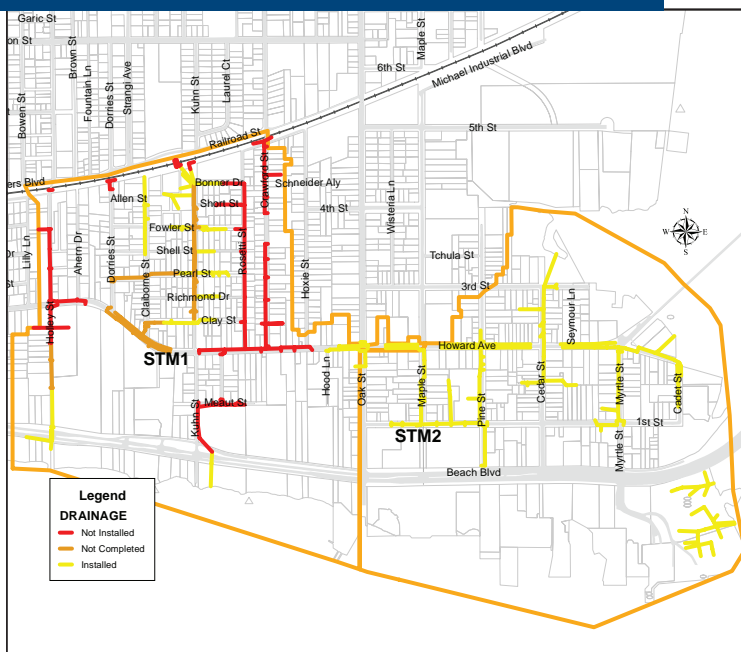
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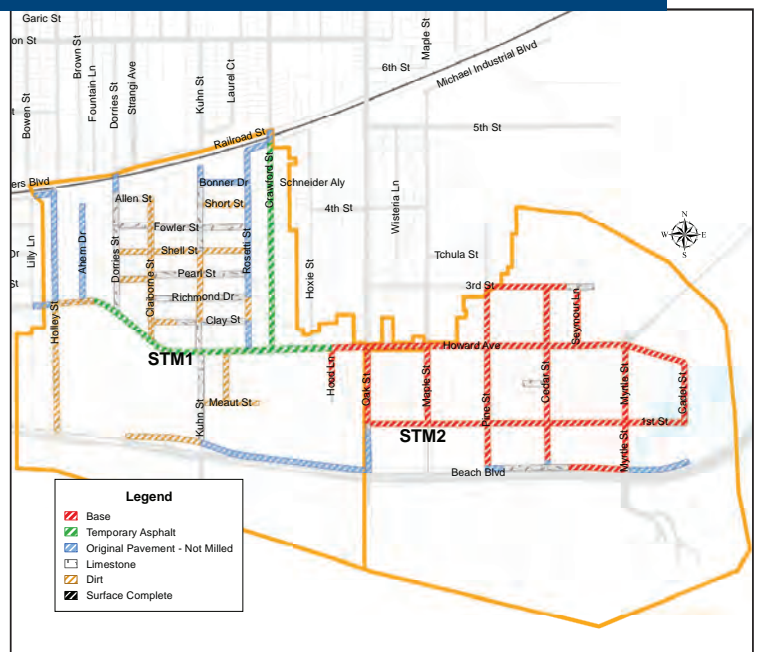
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Necaise Brothers Construction Pavement

Roads to be paved as of July 15, 2023



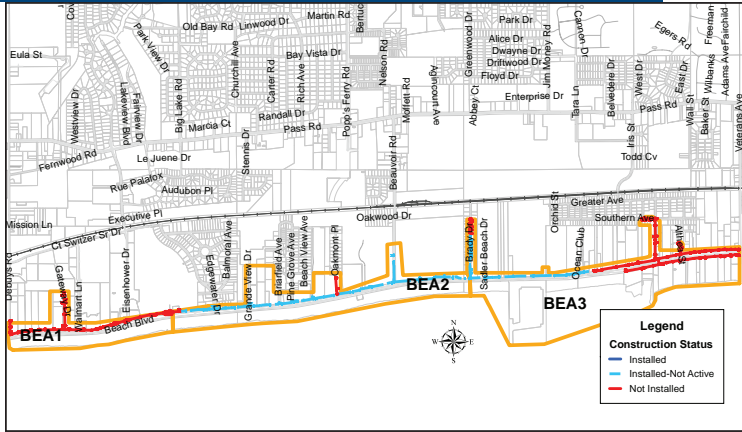
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(Combined maps)

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.

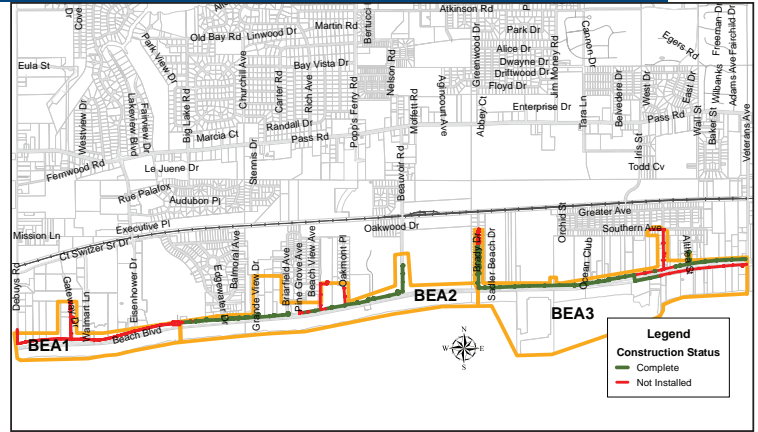
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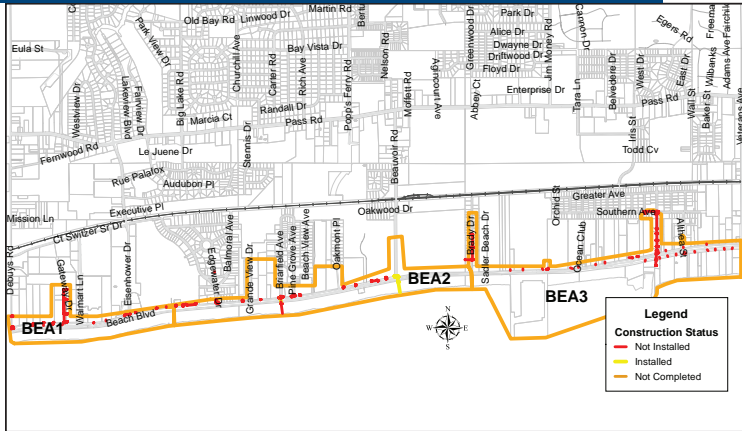
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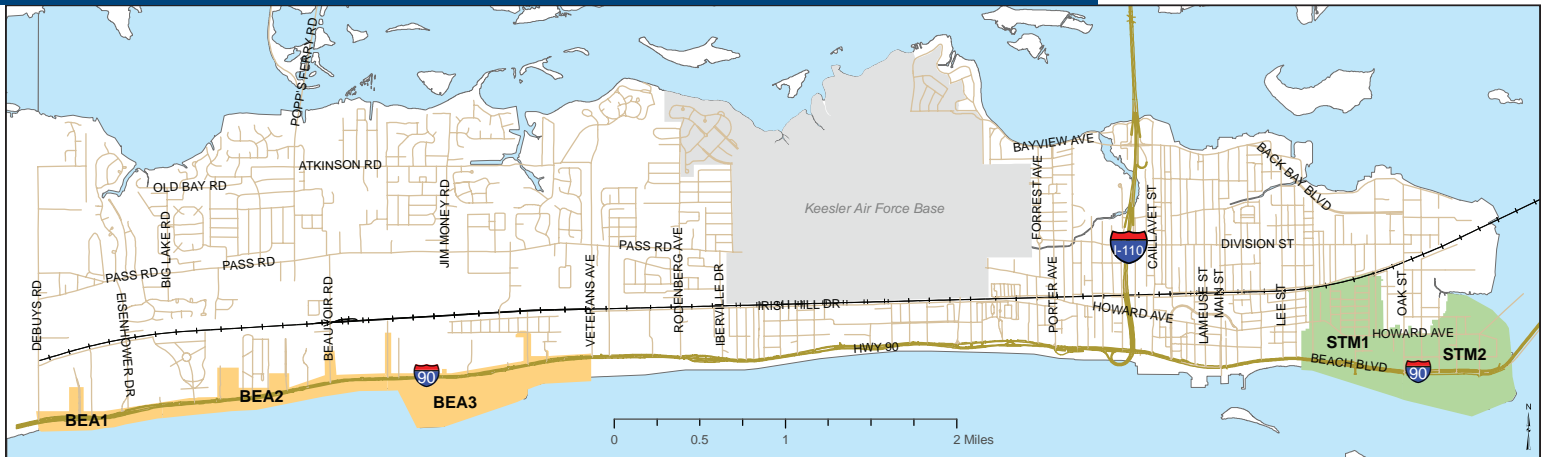


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Areawide map of infrastructure work



▶ See the monthly infrastructure video report at biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi.

Random Notes



TIME CAPSULE:

Buried Treasure



Love em or hate em, oysters have always been a treasure on the gulf coast. Harvesting them the old-fashioned way was hard work, but a boatload of seafood treasure resulted. Pictured is a Biloxi man using oyster tongs on the Mississippi Sound with the Biloxi Lighthouse in the background. Oysters were often gathered using this method throughout the history of the Gulf Coast.

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

Two Stars Better than One

At a recent speaking event, Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich met one of our local celebrities, Miss Black Harrison County, Emmalee Winston Herring. The Biloxi Chamber sponsored the Breakfast with Mayor event last month at the Hard Rock Casino, which opened to a full house. Business leaders, city council members, and state representatives were in attendance to see the recent past, active present, and promising future of Biloxi. The Mayor had the opportunity to take questions and suggestions from the audience, who provided a warm welcome.



Miss Black Harrison County, Emmalee Winston Herring with Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich

Biloxi Police Officer awarded D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year

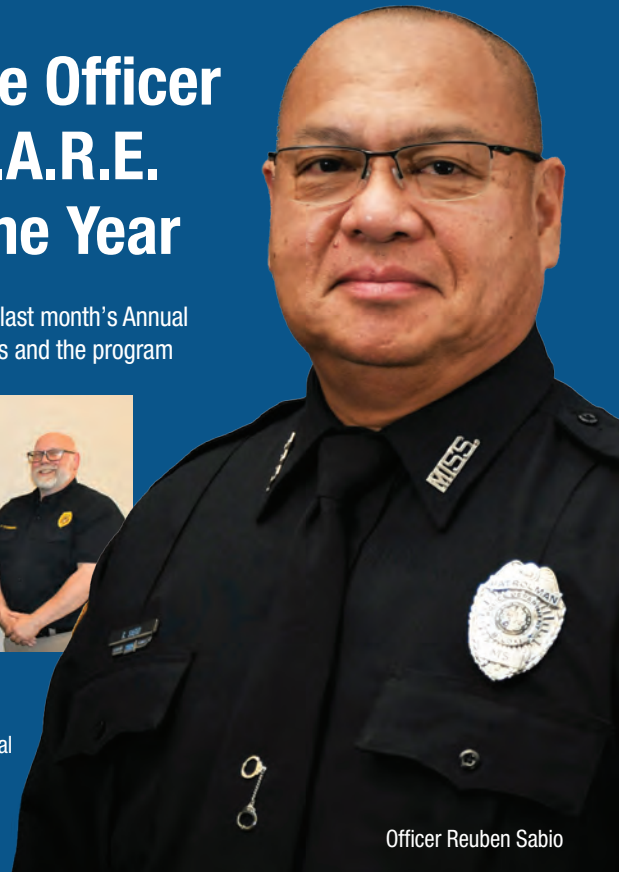
Biloxi Police Officer Reuben Sabio received the Mississippi D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year Award at last month's Annual D.A.R.E. Conference held on the coast. Officer Sabio was selected for his dedication to his students and the program curriculum. Officer Sabio joined the Biloxi Police Department as a patrolman in 2007 and entered the Community Relations Division in 2016. After D.A.R.E. instructor training, he taught students in upper elementary and middle school year after year while continuing his daily duties as a police officer.

"The opportunity to help guide students in making wise and healthy choices, despite peer pressures and negative influence, has been rewarding," stated Sabio. "Connecting with those students and seeing the positive results of this program has been a highlight of my police career."

Sabio retired at the end of 2022 but continues to serve his fellow officers as the Biloxi Police Department Chaplain.



Chief John Miller, Officer Reuben Sabio, Asst. Chief Chris DeBack, Capt. Thomas Goldsworthy of the Biloxi Police Department at the M.S. Annual D.A.R.E. Conference



Officer Reuben Sabio

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.

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

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

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

Biloxi Shrimping Trip693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com

- Sunset cruises, fishing trips, and three shrimping trips daily

Biloxi Tour TrainBiloxi 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 Center461 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 Market625 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 Museum115 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 Art386 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 Museum1046 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 ProgramActivities 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 StreetPromoting, 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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BTV August Schedule

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

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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!" BR Prime, Beau Rivage
7:30 a.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
7:45 a.m.	Keesler Update (15 min)
8 a.m.	Special presentation, "Camille: The original monster storm" (1 hr)
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)
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8 p.m.	Special presentation, "Camille: The original monster storm" (1 hr)
9 p.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (2 hours)
Midnight	National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)

Remembering the monster storm

Katrina became the new gold standard, no doubt, when the storm made landfall Aug. 29, 2005, but Mississippi filmmaker Rex Jones wanted to make sure the original monster storm, Camille, got appropriate due in 2019, when the killer storm's 50th anniversary rolled around.



All this month, the anniversary months of Camille and Katrina, the city's municipal TV channel, BTV, will be airing a replay of Jones's "Camille: The original monster storm." The hour-long documentary airs at 8 a.m., 8 p.m., and 2 each afternoon throughout August.

Camille ranks as the second-most intense hurricane to strike the continental United States, claiming the lives of 256 individuals and causing more than \$1 billion in damage.



A twist on a summer favorite

Watermelons are one of summer's most popular fruits, and this month on "Biloxi Cooks!," the chef at BR Prime, the "quintessential American steakhouse" at the Beau Rivage, prepares a Tomato Watermelon Salad.

Videographer Renny Sherman visited the waterfront resort and toured the modern glam restaurant to put together this month's episode.

"Biloxi Cooks!" airs daily on BTV at 7 a.m., 1 p.m., and 7 p.m.



This month's recipe:

Tomato Watermelon Salad

BR Prime, Beau Rivage
875 Beach Blvd.

Salad ingredients

- 5 Each Heirloom Tomatoes cut into 1 ½ inch chunks
- 1 Each Small Watermelon cut into 1 ½ inch chunks
- 1 Tsp Sea Salt
- 1 Tsp Sugar
- 2 Tbls Chopped Fresh Mint
- ¼ Cup Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 2 Tbls Calamansi Vinegar
- 1 Recipe Spicy Tahini Sauce
- 3 Tbls Pistachios

Instructions for the salad

Combine cubed tomatoes and watermelon in large, nonreactive bowl and toss gently to combine. Add sugar and salt and let stand 5 to 10 minutes while you prepare the dressing. Whisk together oil and vinegar and season with salt and pepper to taste. Toss the watermelon and tomatoes with the dressing. Top with Spicy Tahini Sauce, fresh mint, and pistachios.

Spicy Tahini Sauce Ingredients

- 2 Tbls Coriander
- 2 Tsp Cumin
- 1 Each Jalapeno
- 12 Cloves Garlic
- ½ Cup Fresh Squeezed Lemon Juice
- 1 Cup Tahini
- ½ Cup Mint
- ½ Cup Cilantro
- TT TT Salt & Pepper

Instructions for the sauce

Combine all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth. Adjust consistency with water.



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

THREE FIRES

By Paige Gutierrez

Biloxi Community Center, 1966

On August 20, 1966, *The Daily Herald* reported that "The Biloxi Community Center, a large wood frame building which served many years as the USO Center, was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. The loss was estimated at \$160,000. Fire broke out in the southeast corner of the building on the south side of Highway 90 at Main Street about 4 p.m., and within a short while, the entire roof had collapsed.

All units from the Biloxi fire department, along with units from Pascagoula, Ocean Springs, d'Iberville, Gulfport and Keesler AFB, were able to do little to control the blaze which roared through the structure... flames reached as high as 50 feet and a cloud of black smoke trailed across the city over the Bay of Biloxi, blown by a south wind. 'We had five lines on the front of the building at one time and it didn't faze the fire,' said Bn. Chief Vearl Parker, one of the firemen in charge."

The large building burned down in about an hour and a half. Among items lost in the fire were uniforms for Colt and Pony League baseball teams and Peewee football teams, as well as musical instruments owned by The Outrage, a teen-age band scheduled to play for a dance at the community center that evening. Firefighters worked into the night to prevent the fire's spread to nearby buildings and the many cypress trees near the site. Source: *The Daily Herald*.



↳ Biloxi's multipurpose USO building was dedicated in March 1942 "for wartime use as a recreation center for members of the armed forces." Its auditorium had a seating capacity of 3,000, and the dance floor was said to be the largest in Mississippi. The building was serving as Biloxi's Community Center when it burned in 1966. Source: *The Daily Herald*, *Keesler News*. Photo by Army Air Force Technical Training Command.



↳ The USO building (upper right of photo) was designed and positioned to take advantage of its waterfront location, with a 100 ft by 14 ft screened porch overlooking the small craft harbor and the Mississippi Sound. The Biloxi Yacht club is seen in upper left of photo. Source: *Keesler News*.



↳ On late Friday afternoon August 19, 1966, the Biloxi Community Center, formerly the USO building, was destroyed in an intense fire. Photo likely taken from Biloxi Yacht Club. Source: *The Daily Herald*.



↳ The Buck Theatre was catty-corner to Biloxi City Hall at Lameuse and Jackson Streets.



↳ Buck Theatre on fire, Mardi Gras night, 1966. Photo: *The Daily Herald*.



Buck Theatre, Mardi Gras Night Parade, 1966

On February 23, 1966, *The Daily Herald* reported on the prior evening's unexpected Mardi Gras drama: "The Buck Theatre was gutted by flames Tuesday night in Biloxi in a fire that broke out as the Mardi Gras parade was passing. Two other buildings were destroyed in the fire which was fought by units from four Coast cities and Keesler Air Force Base in addition to the Biloxi equipment. The blaze broke out during the height of the gala night parade, climax of the day of merriment." The Queen's float had already passed the Buck Theatre at the corner of Lameuse and Jackson Streets when the fire was reported at 8:50 p.m. The two units immediately behind the Queen's float – the Sacred Heart Girls High School band and the Duke's float – were sent east on Jackson Street as firefighters cleared Lameuse Street. Other parade units were turned west at a safer distance from the fire, on Water Street. After the blaze was brought under control, firemen and civilians worked through the night fighting hotspots. By Ash Wednesday morning, the fire was out. Source: *The Daily Herald*

↳ The 1966 Mardi Gras night parade detoured west on Water Street, to avoid rolling past three burning buildings, including the Buck Theatre, a block to the north. The old Biloxi Library is in background, left. Source: *The Daily Herald*. Photo: Biloxi Library Local History and Genealogy Collection.

Accomo Hotel and Restaurant, 1972

A Mississippi Blues Trail marker for Biloxi's central Main Street reads as follows: "The Mississippi Coast, long a destination for pleasure seekers, tourists, and gamblers, as well as maritime workers and armed services personnel, developed a flourishing nightlife during the segregation era. While most venues were reserved for whites, this stretch of Main Street catered to the African American trade, and especially during the boom years during and after World War II, dozens of clubs and cafes here rocked to the sounds of blues, jazz, and rhythm & blues."

A part of this history was lost in a fire on November 22, 1972. *The Daily Herald* reported that "Biloxi's oldest Negro hotel, the Accomo Hotel and Restaurant, was gutted by an early morning fire today. The hotel, located at 744 Main St. and a mecca for some of the nation's foremost Negro bands during and immediately following World War II, was gutted and virtually destroyed within 45 minutes after the fire had broken out. The hotel was originally a nightclub, known as the Paradise Gardens. Later, it was converted into a rooming house and finally into a hotel." Famous entertainers who appeared at the hotel included blues, rhythm & blues, and rock & roll greats Fats Domino, Guitar Slim, Chuck Willis, Johnny Otis and others.

The fire was attributed to a faulty space heater. Source: *The Daily Herald*.



↳ Nationally known New Orleans piano player and singer Fats Domino was among many well-known musicians who performed in clubs on Main Street in Biloxi. *The Daily Herald*. Photo: Britannica.

↳ Mississippi Blues Commission's Blues Trail historic marker for Main Street, Biloxi.

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