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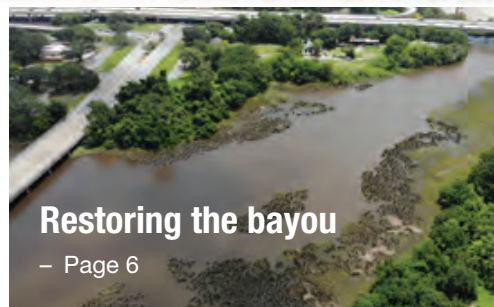
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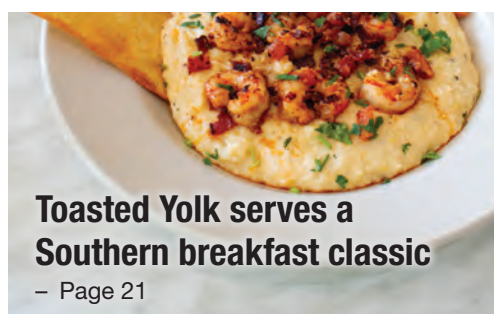
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# A Thousand Words

By John Majure

Nativity Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
Cathedral  
Tis the season  
for the warmth  
of fellowship



# HOLIDAYS AT BEAU RIVAGE



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Zaxby's soon to open on Pass Road



Rouses Supermarket under construction



Classy Chassis Car Wash soon to open on Pass Road



Progress continues at the Barq building with new windows

# Development flourishing in Biloxi

By Jerry Creel  
Community Development Director

We continue to be amazed and excited about the commercial and residential development that is flourishing in the City of Biloxi.

Development plans and projects are consistently being presented to the Community Development staff, the Development Review Committee, the Planning Commission, and the City Council for consideration and approval.

The following is a summary of the major Commercial and Residential projects that are either under construction, under review, or in some cases under discussion:

## Major Commercial Projects currently under construction

**include:** Rouses Market on Pass Road; Barq Building on Howard Avenue; Saenger Theatre; Zaxby's Restaurant on Pass Road; Classy Chassis Car Wash on Pass Road; Reef Convenient Store and Liquor Store on Beach Boulevard and Debuys Road; Climate Control Warehouse on Cedar Lake Road; gymnasium at Fatima Church; three tenant strip center on Jam Lane; convenient store at 1670 Beach Blvd.; and a mini golf course at Finishline Performance Karting on Beach Boulevard.

**Commercial projects under review include:** Renovations to the former Margaritaville structure located at 160 5th St.; a 55-room expansion to the White House Hotel; a new hotel, retail center, and condo development at Beach Boulevard and Gateway Drive; a new boutique hotel at Main and Water streets; two new

hotels on Iron Horse Drive. Other Hotels still moving forward include: Tullis Gardens Resort, Aqua Suites and Home 2 Suites by Hilton; convenient stores at Popp's Ferry and Jam Lane and Popp's Ferry and Tee Street; a multi-phase medical facility at Shriners Boulevard and North Oaklawn Road.; Saucier Family Restaurant on Woolmarket Road; Azteca Restaurant in the former Hooters building on Beach Boulevard; Two Dollar Tree Stores at Popp's Ferry and Pass Road; major improvements to A.J. Holloway Sports Complex; Take 5 oil change and car wash on Popp's Ferry; two boat and RV storage facilities on Old 67 and Hudson Krohn Road; grocery market on Division Street; a sanctuary event center on Camelia Street; a banquet hall at 163 Oak St.; Sheltered Courtyard for Fields

Restaurant; proposed completion of the E-Fitness planned unit development on Tribe Drive; restaurant proposals for the Redding House and the former Sal & Mookies Building; and a new entrance Road for MGCCC at Pass Road and Eula Street.

## Residential Development Projects that are either under construction or review

**include:** Anchors Landing (66 lots); The Preserve (209 lots); Hidden Springs Phases 2 & 3 (189 lots); Caillevet Cottages (8 homes); Point Breeze Phase 2 (17 lots); Point Breeze Phase 3 & 4 (105 lots); Coral Breeze (42 homes); Monarch Villas (25 homes); Christiano Boardwalk Homes (16); Holly Street Housing (16 – 10 Duplexes); Beach Vista Apartments (66 units); The Current Apartments (144 units); Petit Bois Townhomes (62); Maple Street Townhomes (29 homes); Debuys Road Townhomes (20).



Two of the eight Caillevet Cottages under construction





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# Keegan's Bayou Restoration

By E. Michael Leonard  
Chief Administrative Officer  
City of Biloxi

Keegan's Bayou is a tidal marsh habitat that is about a half mile in length and was originally one to five feet deep. It is located on the south side of the Biloxi Back Bay. It was once a popular place for fishing and duck hunting. Hardwood trees near its terminus, tidal brackish marsh, and tidal salt marsh make up its vegetation.

Years of illegal dumping and unregulated stormwater discharge into the bayou have compromised its ability to function effectively as a natural buffer to mitigate storm damage and decrease upland flooding and support marine and upland habitat. The bayou has become so shallow and restricted that it causes storm surge waters to back up into the Air Force Base resulting in upland flooding.

The Mississippi Legislature has approved a \$2.5 million project to restore the bayou including removal of debris, accumulated sediment, and invasive/non-native plant species. The project, funded through the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA), which is administered by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR), is pending final permitting and is expected to begin in early 2024.

The project involves restoring Keegan's Bayou. The "headwaters" or origin of the Bayou actually reaches into the heart of Keesler AFB. After leaving the Air Force Base, the bayou snakes along the south side of Division Street and then turns north and flows parallel to I-110 before entering the Back Bay.

Restoration activities include the removal of marine debris, accumulated sediment, and invasive/non-native plant species. The restoration activities will result in a reduction of nutrients being introduced into Back Bay, thus improving water quality. The sediment removal will result in stormwater control and hydrologic restoration. Environmentally appropriate measures to be taken include establishing marsh plants to slow down and disburse roadway runoff and stormwater discharged directly into the bayou to allow pollutants to settle before outfall into the bay.

## WHO WAS KEEGAN?

There was a Keegan family who came from Ireland and were in Biloxi by 1851. The patriarch Michael Keegan was born in Ireland around 1830 and died on December 25, 1875. The 1870 Census lists Michael Keegan as 40 years old with the occupation of "laborer."

His widow Catherine and most of his children lived in Biloxi for the rest of their lives. Catherine Keegan purchased a house at 801 Caillavet St. (now located around 343 Caillavet St.) in 1892. Sons James and John are buried in the old Biloxi cemetery.

The family probably lived closer to the Keegan Bayou before purchasing the Caillavet Street property, thus "Keegan's Bayou." The first mention in the newspaper using the name Keegan Bayou was in 1898.

Two of Michael Keegan's grandsons still live in Biloxi – John Allen Keegan and Francis Lee Keegan.

– Information gathered from the Biloxi Library

## News & notes

### First Friday Downtown

Biloxi is on hiatus for December but be on the lookout



for an extra special event in January featuring the "Buck Town Allstars." Details: 228-435-6339

**Bike Biloxi** is going on hiatus for December

because of the lack of daylight during ride.



Details: 228-435-6339

### City holiday closings

**for Christmas:** All non-emergency

municipal offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25, and Tuesday,

Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas. The Biloxi Visitors Center will close early on Christmas Eve and close on Christmas Day.



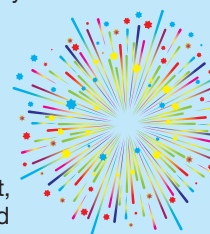
### City holiday closings

**for New Year's:** All non-emergency municipal offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 in observance of New Year's Day. The Biloxi Visitors Center will be open on New Year's Day.

**Fireworks:** It is unlawful to shoot fireworks within city limits except for on the Fourth of July 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.







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## Enjoy a safe holiday season

**The Biloxi Police Department reminds you to keep these safety tips in mind this holiday season.**

### At home

- Lock doors and windows when you leave home, even if you plan on being gone for a short time.
- Have a neighbor or family member watch your home and collect your newspapers and mail if you're going to be away overnight.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- Do not place boxes or shipping containers from recent purchases by the roadway for trash collection. Place evidence of new purchases in trash cans or plastic bags thus making it difficult for would-be thieves to shop from your neighborhood street.
- Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons, or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves.
- If you use lights on your Christmas tree ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed. Frayed or damaged wiring can cause a fire.
- Place your live Christmas tree in water or wet sand to keep it green.
- Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace.

### In your vehicle

- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.
- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.
- Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- Never leave your vehicle unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your vehicle. This creates temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in the vehicle, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.
- Be sure to locate your keys before going to your vehicle. Do not activate remote access until you are close enough to enter.

- Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag, and parcels. Do not put them down or on top of the vehicle to open the door.
- When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not approach your vehicle alone if there are suspicious people in the area.
- If necessary, ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

### At the ATM

- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a well-lighted occupied area like a mall, convenience store, or police station. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
- When using a drive-through ATM leave your vehicle in drive with your foot on the brake while completing your transaction.
- Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

### While shopping

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card and avoid carrying large amounts of cash when possible.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen, or misused.
- Membership in a credit card monitoring service is strongly recommended especially during the holiday season.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion.
- Do not make multiple trips to load your vehicle with multiple packages. This could draw the attention of criminals.
- During the holiday season "con artists" are working overtime and may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings. Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason.

► **See more holiday safety tips on the city's YouTube channel under Police and Fire**



# West Biloxi Library reopens with a fresh new look

The West Biloxi Library has closed the book on renovations and has opened a new chapter!

After months of repairs, painting, and shuffling around books, the library reopened its doors at 2047 Pass Road with a ribbon cutting on Nov. 13.

Approximately 30,000 books were boxed and relocated to climate-controlled storage for safekeeping during renovations. The Biloxi City Council approved funding earlier this year for the structure's maintenance and the doors closed to the public on Aug. 14.

Renovations included roof repairs and replacement of the air conditioning systems as well as the replacement of ceiling tiles



Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich joins others to cut the ribbon on a new chapter

and carpeting, and interior painting.

The dedicated library staff even pitched in and assisted with the project by packing up and moving the thousands of books.

They also got their hands dirty by painting some of the interior walls.

The West Biloxi library, one of four in the city, is back to filling the pages for so many by offering its free services to the public. Conveniently located to many residential areas, it is the busiest of the town's libraries.

The library was built in 1968 and received an addition in 1997.

It is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed on Sunday.

► For more information about the West Biloxi Library and the Harrison County Library System, visit online at [harrison.lib.ms.us](http://harrison.lib.ms.us).



## Annual Christmas Gulf Coast Public Safety Feed the Needy Program

Christmas Day meals, which will be delivered, must be requested by 10 a.m. on Friday, December 15.

**Interested?**  
Contact Biloxi Police Department, 228-385-3033

Want to volunteer or donate?  
Contact: D'Iberville Police Department, 228-396-4252  
or by mail at attn: Feed the Needy Program  
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## NEW YEAR'S EVE 2024 Drawings

**DECEMBER 31 | 1PM TO MIDNIGHT**  
\$500 DRAWING IN FREE SLOT OR TABLE PLAY EVERY 30 MINUTES  
**\$2,024 GRAND PRIZE AT MIDNIGHT**  
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# Stay fire smart during the holidays

Christmas trees are a holiday tradition for many, a tradition that is often accompanied by holiday decorations. The Biloxi Fire Department is asking residents to keep fire safety in mind while choosing a tree and decorating.

"Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious," said Biloxi Fire Chief Nick Geiser. "This can become more of an issue as time goes by and trees are not properly watered."

According to the National Fire Protection Association, Christmas trees spark an average of 150 home fires per year. As for the decorations, it is estimated that U.S. firefighters respond to

an average of nearly 800 home structure fires per year that begin with decorations, excluding Christmas trees.

Firefighters are asking that when you choose your

tree, make sure it is fresh and that the limbs are still flexible so that it still has moisture. Also, make sure to water the Christmas tree every day so that it does not dry out.

Once you get the tree home, set up the tree at least three feet from the

fireplace or any other heat source. Make sure to use indoor tree lights, preferably LED lights, which produce no heat, and turn the tree lights off before going to bed or before leaving the house.

"When decorating your tree with holiday lights, you want to be careful," said Biloxi Deputy Fire Chief Caleb Hudson. "Look at them. Make sure there are no cuts or tears in the strings of lights."

Strings of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections could be a fire hazard and should be replaced before using them.

"You also want to make sure you use only the number of strings

recommended by the manufacturer when connecting the lights together," Deputy Chief Hudson added. When it comes to wiring, these safety measures also apply to outdoor decorations.

Biloxi firefighters also ask that you turn off the lights on the tree when you leave the house or go to bed.

Added Geiser: 'As always, make sure that you have a working smoke detector and fire extinguishers to help stay fire smart during the holidays.'



## Other holiday reminders

### Trash/recycling:

**Christmas schedule:** Waste Management and Pelican will not run on Christmas Day. All routes will run one day behind (Monday, runs on Tuesday; Tuesday runs on Wednesday; Wednesday runs on Thursday; Thursday runs on Friday; and Friday runs on Saturday.)

**New Year's Day schedule:** Waste Management and Pelican will not run on New Year's Day. The same schedule as the week of Christmas will be followed. (See above)

### Christmas Cardboard Recycle Event:

The annual event will take place in Biloxi on Saturday, Dec. 30 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Edgewater Mall south side parking lot by Starbucks.



## Coast Transit Authority holiday schedule:

**Christmas schedule:** There will be no bus service on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Regular bus service will resume on Tuesday, December 26. CTA offices will close at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, and reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 8 p.m.

**New Year's Eve schedule:** All fixed route buses will run a regular Sunday schedule.

**New Year's Day schedule:** All fixed route buses will run a regular Sunday schedule. Regular bus service will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 2. The CTA office will close at 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 29, and reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

**For more information, contact CTA at 228-896-8080.**



# Get set to ring in the holiday season with the Shuckers!



**The Shuckers are set to ring in the Holiday season with appearances, sales, and Mississippi State baseball!**

By Javik Blake  
Biloxi Shuckers

The Biloxi Shuckers are set to ring in the holiday season this December! Just like Santa and his elves, the Shuckers front office is busy preparing for an incredible 2024 season. Throughout December, the Shuckers and Schooner will make appearances at various community events, have special holiday discounts for fans, and more!



The Shuckers have also announced two additional college games for the spring with the 2024 Hancock Whitney Classic, and tickets are on sale now!

Starting Saturday, December 2 with the Grand Bay Christmas Parade, Schooner and the Shuckers will help ring in the holiday season across the Coast. Schooner will also make appearances at various schools across the Coast.

The Shuckers will be volunteering with Military One Coast, supporting the Biloxi National Cemetery Wreath ceremony and Coffee with a Veteran.

The Shuckers front office is also hard at work making sure Shuckers' Santa is set to go for the holiday season. He'll be traveling down from the North Pole this December for appearances around town and possibly even MGM Park! Stay tuned to the Shuckers' social media pages for more information regarding locations, dates and times.

The Shuckers Shop will also be open throughout the holiday for those shopping for the perfect gift for the Shucker fans in your life. The store will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Wednesday, December 20. Fans can also purchase gifts online at [shuckers.milbstore.com](https://shuckers.milbstore.com).

During the holiday season, fans who spend \$50, will get 10% off, \$75 gets fans 15% off and fans will receive 20% off with any orders of at least \$100. The holiday sale runs from

December 1 to 12.

The Shuckers have also announced that Mississippi State will return to Biloxi for the 2024 Hancock Whitney Classic on March 12 and 13 against the University of South Alabama and the University of New Orleans.

Mississippi State has previously played at MGM Park in 2020 and 2022 against Texas Tech. The Bulldogs returned to MGM Park in 2023 and took on Louisiana and Nicholls during the Hancock Whitney Classic.

Tickets start at \$21 for students and Shuck Nation Members in the reserved level, and \$23 for the general public. Suites are also available for the game through the Biloxi Shuckers Sales Department. Fans are encouraged to get their tickets in advance as prices will increase on the day of the game.

The Shuckers have also officially announced their first pitch times for all 69 home games in 2024. Fans can get tickets for 2024 Shuck Nation Memberships with a \$100 deposit by emailing the Shuckers Sales Department or by calling (228) 233-3465. Members will gain early entry to games through an exclusive Shuck Nation Gate and earn additional perks with a membership.

► 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.

▼ Schooner poses with young fans during the previous season



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



# Building the Sixth-Generation Learning Environment

By Senior Airman Trenten Walters  
81st Training Wing Public Affairs

As the Second Air Force begins efforts to modernize and transform the Air Force's basic and technical training to keep pace with modern-day, near-peer competitors, the Numbered Air Force will incorporate human performance aspects into its plans to optimize an Airman's success in training and for the rest of their lives.

"Human performance factors are critical to enhance learning ability," said Maj. Gen. Michele Edmondson, Second Air Force Commander. "We want to make lasting impacts on an Airman's lifestyle that carry on throughout their Air Force careers."

The NAF, which oversees basic military and technical training for 93% of the Air Force, is focused on building what it calls, the "Sixth-Generation Learning Environment," which will move Air Force training past a one-size-fits-all concept to an environment where Airmen have access to information at all times, incorporates new technologies, and puts the trainee at the center of the education process rather than an instructor.

An essential pillar of this effort will be the enhancement of each Airman's potential to not only learn the competencies of their career field but to be the best person they can be to meet future challenges.

"Airmen who are properly trained, educated, and developed will accelerate change and out-think and out-perform our adversaries," said Edmondson. "Airmen are our most valuable advantage in today's great fierce competition."

Every Airman begins their journey in basic training, where the initial building blocks of resilience, perseverance, self-control, and teamwork are instilled through stressful events preparing them to be physically and mentally



Attendees of the Technical Training 101 visit Tech Expo booths at Keesler Air Force Base, Oct. 25, 2023. TT 101 was held at Keesler to educate Second Air Force wing leaders about technical training innovations across the Numbered Air Force.

U.S. Air Force photo by Andrew Young

► 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.

resilient.

"Human performance is a variety of disciplines that encompass the mind, body, and soul," said Col Joseph Lopez, Second Air Force, Director of Special Warfare Training. "It's the holistic care and development of our young Airmen, and so the idea is we're investing in humans to be better Airmen, better suited to handle stress, operate independently or autonomously in order to meet the demands of the unknown."

Optimizing Airmen's performance involves different factors including nutrition, sleep hygiene, stress tolerance, and resilience.

Second Air Force is working toward deliberately infusing and reinforcing these foundational skills into technical training curriculums, Airmanship 200, and throughout the development lifecycle of Airmen.

"We put together an operational planning team that tied in representatives across Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Nineteenth Air Force, Second Air Force, Special Warfare Training Wing, 81st Training Wing, and 82nd Training Wing to evaluate how everyone is getting after human performance," said Lopez. "We're enhancing the learning environment by using the human performance tools to optimize an Airman's performance beginning at the foundation of their Air Force experience." The goal is to develop empowered Airmen who are adaptable and ready for any challenges to come.

"We are setting the foundation to produce Airmen who can think critically and possess the soft skills of complex decision-making in a war-of-attrition environment, sustaining operations long-term, and enduring physical and mental challenges," said Lopez. "Preparation of curriculum and practice equals confidence, which equals competent Airmen for the future fight."

## Biloxi Soccer soars above challenges

By Ronnie Seymour  
Athletic Specialist  
City of Biloxi

Biloxi soccer is off and running under the lights of our A.J. Holloway Sports Complex with more than 500 boys and girls on teams participating in our recreation league. The Biloxi Soccer Organization, a sports board under the Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department, has worked around the massive construction project taking place at the complex and has successfully been able to offer a schedule allowing ages U6-U14 boys and girls to play soccer in Biloxi.

The BSO Board of Directors along with the Parks and Recreation Department are working side by side to ensure that every kid participating has the best experience possible.

We all strive to make sure our children of Biloxi accomplish three things while playing sports in our city: 1) Have fun, 2) Learn the sport they're playing, and 3) Want to come back to play for our city's programs.

This year, the Biloxi School Athletic Department has granted the soccer league the opportunity to host the city championships at the BHS Stadium. The games will be played on December 13 and 14 on the turf just like our school soccer teams have been so fortunate to do.

The Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department expresses gratitude to Daniel Fish, BSO President, and his board of directors for their countless hours of volunteering to continue to make this league one of the best in our city. WELL DONE BSO!!

► Youngsters on the soccer field at the A.J. Holloway Complex



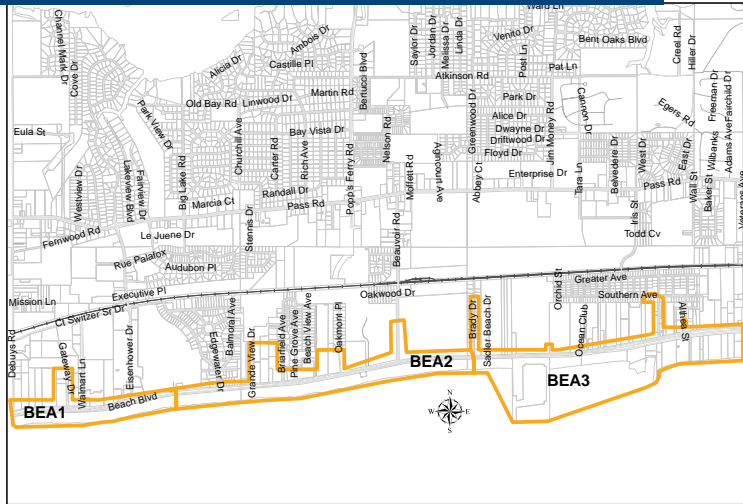
► See more about Biloxi sports online at [biloxi.ms.us/pr](http://biloxi.ms.us/pr)  
Watch the Keesler update daily at 7:45 a.m.,



# The infrastructure work in Biloxi

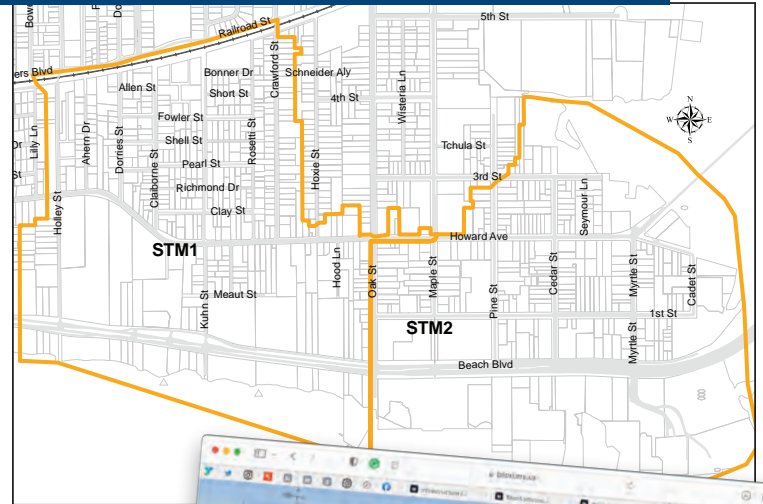
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- \$41.5 million, 900-day project install new water, sewer, and drainage lines
- Work began Jan. 4, 2021



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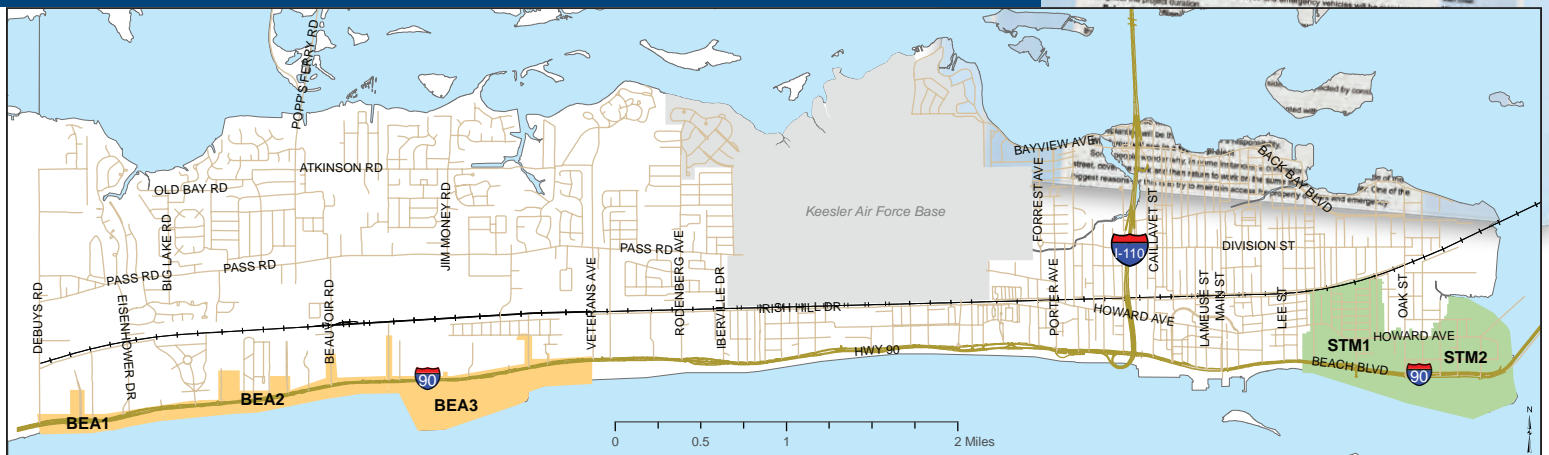
- \$32 million, 1,080-day project to install new water, sewer, and drainage lines
- Work began July 2022



- See detailed maps and monthly update videos online at [biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/](https://biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/).



## Areawide map of infrastructure work





# Random Notes



## TIME CAPSULE:



## Classic for Christmas

Who wouldn't be merry to find a 1956 Chevy Bel Air sports coup under the tree for Christmas? This image is of the showroom floor of Dee's Chevrolet that was located at 200 block of Main Street with a gift-giving hint for the holidays. Back in 1956, this car retailed for \$1,795.00. It's worth a great deal more now!

Photograph courtesy of the Dee's Collection at the Local History and Genealogy Department.



## Biloxi Officer awarded KFCU Officer of the Year



Biloxi Police Officer Reuben Sabio received the Keesler Federal Credit Union First Responder of the Year Award on Oct. 14 at the Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center. Officer Sabio joined the Biloxi Police Department as a patrolman in 2007 and entered the Community Relations Division in 2016. He also served as a Biloxi Police D.A.R.E. instructor until retiring at the end of 2022.

Officer Sabio continues to serve his fellow officers today as the Biloxi Police Department Chaplain.

◀ Officer Reuben Sabio and Police Chief John Miller

## The Biloxi icon turns 90

Biloxi's hometown hero, Fred Haise, celebrated his 90th birthday on Nov. 15. Haise, a Biloxi native who grew up on Back Bay, brought tremendous pride to his hometown, state, nation, and, frankly, to the entire world as the Apollo 13 lunar module pilot. Fred is one of only 24 people to have flown to the moon and back, and his achievements are recognized in an exhibit at the Biloxi Visitors Center.

- ▶ Fred Haise exhibit at the Biloxi Visitors Center
- ▼ Lunar rock sample in the Fred Haise exhibit



▲ Celebrating with friends and family in Texas



## Hoppin' on Howard

Downtown Biloxi has become a lively destination in recent years with the opening of new businesses and special events happening year-round.

You may have noticed some colorful columns at the I-110 underpass on Howard Avenue. This is the popular location of the monthly First Friday event, the bi-weekly Charles R. Hegwood Community Market, and the planned location for the new HowHop, where Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard intersect, hence the name.

This area has become a gathering spot for all ages, a center for creative art, a place for kids to play, a spot for adults to enjoy a craft beer, and live entertainment. And recently pickleball courts have been added to the lineup of HowHop features.

The future is bright where Howard and Hopkins intersect and it's where art and entertainment come to light!

▼ New pickleball courts with removable nets



▲ Local artist Julia Reyes  
▼ Colorful banners by Julia Reyes







# Holiday Open House

**Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023**

**10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**Biloxi Visitors Center • 1050 Beach Boulevard**

Local artists and craftsmen will be showing and selling their creations at the Biloxi Visitors Center.

Admission is free.

Don't miss this excellent opportunity for special, last-minute Christmas gifts!

***FREE pictures with Santa! 12-4 p.m.***



[biloxi.ms.us](http://biloxi.ms.us) •  

**Join us for the Lighthouse Lighting on Thursday, Nov. 30, 5:30-7 p.m.**



## Best Bets!

### Christmas on the Water weekend

The Christmas on the Water festivities kicks off on Friday, Dec. 1 with the annual Children's Parade at 6 p.m. Kindergarten to fourth graders will ride on hay wagons through downtown to the Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. At the Town Green, Christmas decorations will be lit, and Santa will be waiting to talk with the children. Then on Saturday, Dec. 2, the Annual Christmas in the City takes place along the Rue Magnolia area from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 100 vendors will be selling their wares and Christmas carols will be sung by local choirs. The centerpiece of the weekend takes place on Saturday at 6 p.m. with the parade of decorated boats cruising along the waterfront followed by a fireworks show. This Biloxi tradition dates back to 1986. It has grown to an impressive holiday family weekend that attracts locals and visitors. Visit [biloxi.ms.us](http://biloxi.ms.us), call 228-435-6339, or 228-432-2563.



### Parading for Christmas

Parades are a major feature of celebrations along the Gulf Coast, especially at Christmas. Here's the lineup: Children's Walking Parade on Friday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. in Downtown, Christmas boat parade on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. in the Mississippi Sound, Woolmarket Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. in the Woolmarket community, and Ward 2 Christmas parade on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2:30 p.m. in East Biloxi. Check out the calendar entries for more details.

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

**Lighting of the Biloxi Lighthouse**, Nov. 30, 5:30 p.m., south of the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich and Santa will turn on the Lighthouse Christmas lights. Nativity Elementary School choir will perform. Refreshments served. Free admission. Details: 228-374-3105

**Annual Children's Christmas Parade and Lighting of the Town Green**, Dec. 1, 6-8 p.m., Downtown. Annual parade featuring children in grades K to 4th riding in hay wagons from Frank Gruich Center, 591 Howard Ave., to Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Parade followed by festivities including lighting of the Christmas tree, Santa, and hot coco and cookies. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170

**Wreaths for Biloxi National Ceremony**, Dec. 1, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. to prepare the wreaths. Dec. 2, 11 a.m., wreath ceremony; 234 Coolidge Ave. Volunteers needed. Details: [facebook.com/WreathforBNC/](https://facebook.com/WreathforBNC/)

**Breakfast with Santa**, Dec. 2, 8-10 a.m., Half Shell Oyster House, 125 Lameuse St. \$5 pancake plates. Details and tickets: [www.nativitybvm.org/breakfast-with-santa](http://www.nativitybvm.org/breakfast-with-santa)

**19th Annual Christmas In The City**, Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 140 Lameuse St., Howard Avenue, G.E. Street, Jackson Street, Rue Magnolia, and Water Street areas. Features local choir performances, entertainers, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus (10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.), pusharates (a Croatian holiday treat) near Mary Mahoney's back door on Water St., arts and crafts vendors, and hourly drawings for \$100 cash! Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

**Christmas on the Water**, Dec. 2, 6 p.m. Mississippi Sound. Boats parade in full holiday décor, with a fireworks show following the parade. Best viewing locations along Beach Boulevard between the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor and Casino Row. Details: 228-617-3112 or 228-432-2563

**Christmas on the Water Aboard the Biloxi Schooner**, Dec. 2, 4:30 p.m. departure, Biloxi Schooner Pier, 367 Beach Blvd. Presented by the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum. Guests may bring food and refreshments; ice is provided. Excursion returns to dock by 8 p.m. Admission: \$45 for adults, \$25 for children, ages 3-12. Details and to purchase tickets: 228-435-6320

**Children's Mardi Gras Christmas**, Dec. 3, 2-4 p.m. Mary Mahoney's, 138 Rue Magnolia. Gulf Coast Carnival Association presents Photos with Santa and SCCA CXV Royalty. Admission charged. Details: 228-432-8806

**Coffee with a Veteran**, Dec. 5, 8-9:30 a.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Details: 228-604-0014

**2nd Annual Stroll for Autism Fundraiser**, Dec. 8, 7 p.m., Dr. Frank Gruich Community Center, 591 Howard Ave. Sponsorship opportunities available. BYOB affair. Setups available. Food available for purchase. Details: 228-218-1687

**The Singing Christmas Tree**, Dec. 8, 7 p.m.; Dec. 9, 6 p.m.; & Dec. 10, 6 p.m., First Baptist Church, 1560 Popp's Ferry Road. A 30-foot interactive tree and more than 200 cast featuring drama, singers, and orchestra. Free admission. Details: [www.fbcbiloxi.org/singingchristmastree](http://www.fbcbiloxi.org/singingchristmastree)

**Breakfast with Santa**, Dec. 9, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Donal M. Snyder Center, 2520 Pass Road. Buffet-style breakfast, 5"x7" photo with Santa included. Open to children and adults. Must pre-purchase tickets; <https://buytickets.at/enchantedrentals/1027233>. Details: 228-274-4447

**Come Learn with Santa**, Dec. 9, 9:45 -11:15 a.m., 140 St. John Ave., Lopez School. Event open to children ages 5 and younger and includes pictures with Santa, creating holiday crafts, and decorating Christmas cookies. Details: 228-297-6808, [susanhunt@biloxischools.net](mailto:susanhunt@biloxischools.net)





# Stay in touch

**BNews:** Welcome to the 67th 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.

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**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



**Annual Woolmarket Ward 7 Christmas Parade,** Dec. 9, 2 p.m. Parade begins on Shortcut Road at Woolmarket Road and ends at Woolmarket Elementary School, 12513 John Lee Road. See Santa Claus and decorate the Christmas tree at the Woolmarket Elementary gym. Hot Chocolate and cookies provided. Details: 228-861-5422 or Councilman Nathan Barrett at 228-263-3000

**Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum Holiday Open House,** Dec. 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 115 1st St. Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy a tour through the museum, and shop with local vendors for art and treats! Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Door prizes! Free admission. Details: 228-435-6320

**Mississippi Gulf Coast Marathon,** Dec. 9-10, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., Beach Boulevard from Pass Christian to Biloxi. Coastal running fest showcases the local culture with a beautiful beachside run. Kick off the weekend at the Runner Village at Margaritaville Resort on Friday Dec. 8. Registration prices vary from \$25 to \$155. Details: www.mississippigulfcoastmarathon.com

**Concerts on the Causeway,** Dec. 13, 6-8 p.m., Popp's Ferry Causeway Park, 560 Causeway Dr. Entertainment and food. This month's proceeds will benefit the Mental Health Association. Pet-friendly; bring lawn chairs: no outside coolers allowed. Details: Facebook, "Concerts on the Causeway"

**Senior's Christmas Luncheon,** Dec. 15, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Open to ages 50 and older. D.J.; door prizes. Free admission. Details and to RSVP: 228-388-7170

**Special Needs Christmas Dance,** Dec. 15, 5-8 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Open to all ages with physical and mental disabilities and includes food and door prizes. Bring a gift worth no more than \$10 to be given to the Biloxi Police Department. Details: 228-388-7170

**Biloxi Visitors Center Holiday Open House,** Dec. 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Dozens of artists and craftsmen show and sell their wares for last-minute Christmas shoppers. Photos with Santa noon-4 p.m.; children's activities; and door prizes. Free admission. Details: 228-374-3105

**City of Biloxi Ward 2 Christmas Parade,** Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m. Parade begins at O'Reilly Park, 431 Division St., and ends at John Henry Beck Park, 671 Division St. Register for parade through Dec. 13th. Details: cbell@biloxi.ms.us or 228-388-7170

**The Knights of Columbus Christmas Blood Drive,** Dec. 17, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, 2090 Pass Road. Donors are urged to go to //RedCrossBlood.org/ RapidPass to preregister.



**Biloxi Little Theatre**  
220 Lee St., 228-432-8543,  
www.4blt.org  
• **What the Elf?** Dec. 10, 11, 15, & 16

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

## Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library

2244 Beach Blvd., 228-388-4400, www.visitbeauvoir.org  
• **Lying of the Wreaths to Honor Our Fallen,** Dec. 2, 2 p.m.  
• **Christmas Encampment,** Dec. 2, 6-9 p.m.; Admission: \$5-10

## Biloxi Excel by 5

Lopez School, 140 St. John Ave., 228-297-6808, susan.hunt@biloxi.schools.net  
• Community-based certification program to improve child's overall well-being by age 5.  
• **Come Learn with Santa,** Dec. 9, 9:45 a.m.

## 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  
• **Holiday Open House,** Dec. 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Biloxi Schooners

367 Beach Blvd., 228-435-6320, schooner@maritimemuseum.org. Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
• Group charters available, up to 44 people



**Biloxi Shrimping Trip**

693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, [www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com](http://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](http://www.biloxitourtrain.com) • Call in advance for tour availability

**Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum**

792 Howard Ave., 228-314-4747, [museum@coastalmardigras.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:melissa.wedel.civ@health.mil)

- **Dec. 15**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Marina Park

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

575 Division St., 228-207-1218, [Krocmscoast.com](http://Krocmscoast.com)

- **Breakfast with Santa**, Dec. 2, 8-11 a.m. Admission: \$5

**Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum**

115 1st Street, 228-435-6320, [www.maritimemuseum.org](http://www.maritimemuseum.org)

- Open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m.
- **Christmas Open House**, Dec. 9, 10-4 a.m. Free admission

**Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art**

386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, [www.georgeohr.org](http://www.georgeohr.org)

- Check the website for events and studio classes at OOMA!
- **Make your own Ceramic Christmas Tree**, Dec. 1, 6-8 p.m.; Admission: \$45
- **Holiday Art Camp**, Dec. 18-20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; ages 6-12: Admission: \$135

**West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum**

1046 Howard Ave., 228-435-6119, 228-435-6200, [www.biloxi.ms.us](http://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**, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. 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, 6 p.m.
- **Karaoke with Kenny**, Fridays at 7 p.m.

**Joppa Shrine**

13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027

- **Steak Night**, Dec. 8, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold by 7:15 p.m. \$20. Dine-in or for carry-out. Details, 228-392-9345

**Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society**

591 Howard Ave. (2nd floor), Frank Gruich Community Center, 228-396-1543

- **Christmas Party and meeting**, Dec. 2, 1-3 p.m.

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Bingo**

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Bingo**, Dec. 4, 11, & 18. Doors open at 5 p.m., early birds at 6:30 p.m., regular games at 7 p.m. Details: 228-388-3887

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

- **Dec. 2, 3 p.m.**, "Advent Service of Reflections" Choral Program

- **Dec. 17, 4 p.m.**, Annual "Nativity Cathedral Christmas Concert"

- **Dec. 21, 7 p.m.**, Annual "Christmas Caroling at Cathedral Square"

- **Dec. 24, 10:30 p.m.**, Annual "Christmas Eve Pre-Service of Carols & Music"

- **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](mailto: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](http://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
				Community Market  Lighting of the Biloxi Lighthouse Biloxi Visitors Center	1 Seafood Dinners/ Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge Children's Parade/ Lighting of the Town Green Downtown Biloxi  Ceramic Trees Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art	2 Breakfast with Santa Half Shell Oyster House/ Kroc Center Christmas in the City Downtown Biloxi  Christmas on the Water Mississippi Sound Historic/Geneology Society Christmas Party—Frank Gruich Center Advent Service—Nativity BVM Wreath Ceremonies Biloxi National Cemetery/Beauvoir Christmas Encampment Beauvoir
3 Children's Mardi Gras Christmas May Mahoney's  The Nutcracker Beau Rivage	4   Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	5 Community Market  Coffee with a Veteran Biloxi Visitors Center  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	6	7 Community Market	8 Seafood Dinners/ Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge Steak Night – Joppa Shrine Singing Christmas Tree First Baptist Church Stroll for Autism Dr. Frank Gruich Community Center Leann Rimes – Beau Rivage John Mulaney MS Coast Coliseum	9 Come Learn with Santa – Lopez School Woolmarket Ward 7 Christmas Parade Shortcut Road to Woolmarket Elem. Singing Christmas Tree First Baptist Church Holiday Open House – Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum MS Gulf Coast Marathon 5k / Maragitaville Tom Segura – Beau Rivage Hardy – MS Coast Coliseum
10 MS Gulf Coast Marathon 26.2 / Pass Christian to Biloxi  What the Elf? Biloxi Little Theatre  Singing Christmas Tree First Baptist Church	11  What the Elf? Biloxi Little Theatre  Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	12 Community Market  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	13  Concerts on the Causeway Popp's Ferry Causeway Park	14 Community Market	15 Seafood Dinners/ Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge What the Elf? – Biloxi Little Theatre KAFB Farmers Market Seniors Christmas Luncheon AND Special Needs Christmas Dance Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center Tribute to Styx – Hard Rock Brandon Bennett – IP Finding Christmas – Beau Rivage	16  Holiday Open House Biloxi Visitors Center  What the Elf? Biloxi Little Theatre  Finding Christmas Beau Rivage
17 Finding Christmas Beau Rivage Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Our Lady of Fatima Christmas Concert Nativity BVM Ward 2 Christmas Parade O'Reilly Park to John Henry Beck Park	18  Holiday Art Camp Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art  Finding Christmas Beau Rivage  Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	19 Community Market  Holiday Art Camp Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art  Finding Christmas Beau Rivage  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	20  Holiday Art Camp Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art  Finding Christmas Beau Rivage	21 Community Market  Christmas Caroling at Cathedral Service Nativity BVM  Finding Christmas Beau Rivage	22 Seafood Dinners/ Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society  Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge  Finding Christmas Beau Rivage	23  NCAA College Basketball USM vs. Ole Miss MS Coast Coliseum  Finding Christmas Beau Rivage
24  Christmas Eve Carols & Music Nativity BVM	25  	26 Community Market  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	27	28 Community Market	29 Seafood Dinners/ Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society  Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge	30
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# December Schedule

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!" at Toasted Yolk
7:30 a.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
7:45 a.m.	Keesler Update (15 min)
8 a.m.	Special presentation: Replays of Christmas parades
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!" at Toasted Yolk
1:30 p.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
1:45 p.m.	Keesler Update (15 min)
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Midnight	National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)



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

## See BTV replays of Christmas parades

Four Christmas parades will roll in Biloxi in December, and you can look to see replays on BTV at 8 a.m., 2 p.m., and 8 p.m. a day or two after the parade.

The holiday parades are the special presentation for BTV in December, where the program lineup also includes replays of Biloxi City Council meetings and Biloxi A to Z, and updates from Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi Shuckers, and Biloxi Public Schools.

Here's the lineup of parades, and look to see them on BTV a day or two afterward:

- Children's Walking Parade, Friday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. in Downtown.
- Christmas boat parade, Saturday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. in Biloxi channel.
- Woolmarket Christmas parade, Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m.
- Ward 2 Christmas parade, Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2:30 p.m. in East Biloxi.

Check out the Community Calendar for details on each parade, and, remember, see the replays of each parade a day or two afterward, at 8 a.m., 2 p.m., and 8 p.m. on BTV.

## "Biloxi Cooks!" gets toasted

This month's episode of "Biloxi Cooks!" features one of the newest restaurants in Downtown Biloxi, the Toasted Yolk Café.

Located north of MGM Park and in the heart of downtown, the Toasted Yolk Café opened its doors in June. The restaurant offers both a breakfast and lunch menu and indoor and outdoor seating. It is open Monday-Sunday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Check out this month's episode of "Biloxi Cooks!" from the Toasted Yolk on BTV at 7 a.m., 1 p.m., and 7 p.m. daily throughout December.

## This month's recipe:

### Shrimp & Grits

The Toasted Yolk Café  
906 Howard Ave.

#### Cheese Grits

##### Ingredients:

- 1 Cup Grits
- 2 Cup Water
- 2 Cup Milk
- Salt and Pepper to taste
- 1 Cup American Cheese, Shredded

##### Instructions:

Add water, milk, salt, and pepper to a pot. Bring to a boil, then add grits. Cook for 5 minutes, remove from heat, and add cheese.

### Shrimp

##### Ingredients:

- 8 Each Shrimp
- 1 Tablespoon Blackened Seasoning
- ¼ Cup Bacon, Chopped
- ¼ Cup Tomatoes, Diced
- 1 Tablespoon Garlic, Minced
- 1 Ounce Lemon Juice
- 1 Tablespoon Butter
- 1 Tablespoon Cilantro

##### Instructions:

Season shrimp with blackened seasoning. Sauté shrimp, bacon, garlic, and tomatoes until fully cooked. Deglaze with lemon juice. Finish with butter. Pour over cheese grits and garnish with cilantro.







# Reynoir Street Downtown

By Paige Gutierrez



▮ Biloxi’s popular City Park, on corner of Reynoir Street, across from the depot, early twentieth century. L&N Railroad initiated building the park as an amenity for train travelers and locals. The original arched Biloxi sign in this photo is now at Biloxi Town Green. Photo: MDAH Randazzo Collection.

▮ Reynoir Street in the 1940s, looking north toward the train station. Kennedy and Chiapella hotels with balconies, visible in distance, center. Photo: Biloxi Library Local History and Genealogy Collection.



▮ Hotel Chiapella, as viewed from the City Park on the west side of Reynoir Street, early twentieth century. The Kennedy Hotel is adjacent to the left. Photo: MDAH Randazzo Collection.

• The L&N depot, built in 1901, stood just west of where Reynoir Street crossed the railroad tracks. The Kennedy Hotel is visible on the left in photo. Photo: Biloxi Historical Society.

Reynoir Street, one of Biloxi’s oldest, stretches from beachfront to bay, with many neighborhoods and stories along its length. These photos capture a lost section of Reynoir Street, between the train depot and Howard Avenue, before urban renewal and other forces destroyed part of the original two-lane street and adjacent downtown neighborhood. This part of Reynoir Street, convenient to both the railroad station and busy Howard Avenue, blossomed during the era of train travel, with a city park, two hotels, the Saenger Theatre, and other businesses and residences.



▮ Corner of Reynoir Street and Howard Avenue, looking east, with W. V. Joyce Department Store on corner, late 1950s. Both streets are paved in brick, with old streetcar tracks remaining. Photo: Pat Byrd Collection.



▮ Reynoir Street downtown had two lanes with businesses and residences on both sides, prior to 1970s urban renewal. This photo looks north from corner of Howard Avenue, with Barq building on right, and the Saenger Theatre’s sign above sidewalk. The Barq Building and the Saenger escaped the wrecking balls of urban renewal. Photo: Pat Byrd Collection.



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