

Best Bet!

Warm up with a run and ride

Lace up your shoes and air up the bicycle tires for two events taking place this month! On Friday, Jan. 6, the Salvation Army Kroc Center will host its annual



Frosty Kroc Run beginning at 8:30 a.m. Runners and walkers will have three options to choose from, 1 mile, 5K, and 10K, which will take participants from the Golden Nugget over the Biloxi Bay bridge and back. Fees range from \$15 to \$20. Visit online at krocmscoast.com for more details.

Then on Tuesday, Jan. 16, Biloxi Main Street will host its monthly community bicycle ride along the downtown streets. The ride begins at the



Biloxi Visitors Center, just north of the Biloxi Lighthouse, at 6 p.m. and travels downtown. Riders can stop at a restaurant of their choice before returning to the Visitors Center and racking their bikes. Since the ride will take place in the evening with no sunlight, cyclists should wear bright clothing and a helmet and have lights on their bicycles so that motorists will be able to see them. Details: Biloxi Main Street, 228-435-6339.

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

Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Events:

- **2024 NYE Party** featuring RaShad The Blues Kid and The Chitlins, 8 p.m., Ground Zero Blues Club, 814 Howard Ave.
- **New Year's Eve Celebration**, 7 p.m.-midnight, Margaritaville Resort & Family Entertainment Center, 195 Beach Blvd. 3 Balloon Drops, Half-price games, & Live DJ.
- **New Year's Eve Celebration**, 9 p.m., Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 777 Beach Blvd. Live music by After Party and Dr Doc Roc in Hard Rock Live. Live countdown country style in Road House 777.

Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade Registration, through Feb. 3, Downtown Biloxi parade open to ages 12 and younger. Details: 228-388-7170, biloxi.ms.us/pr



Twelfth Night Celebration Meets First Friday
Downtown,
Jan. 5, 5:30-9

p.m., Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. The reigning royal courts of 2023 will kick off the Mardi Gras celebrations by switching the lights at City Hall from Christmas to Mardi Gras. The event includes refreshments, a parade and GCCA King D'Iberville and Queen Ixolib, and reigning kings and queens of the Krewe of Athena, Les Cavaliers, Les Masquees, The Revelers, and Krewe of Sirens. First Friday Entertainment is The Bucktown All-Stars! Free admission. Details: museum@coastalmardigras.com



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The Second Liners Mardi Gras Parade

The Second Liners Club continues to support the community by providing youth- and family-friendly programs and activities throughout the year. And since 1995, when Mardi Gras time rolls around, it's the Second Liners' time to celebrate!



The annual Second Liners Mardi Gras parade will roll through Downtown Biloxi on Jan. 27 beginning at 1 p.m. For more details, visit online at biloxisecondliners.com.

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 68th 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.

BTV: Biloxi Television, city's municipal TV channel, is a mix of current events, local history and local flavor, and monthly updates. Visit online at biloxi.ms.us/btv, and on Sparklight Channel 56.

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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

Frosty Kroc Run, Jan. 6, 1M, 5K & 10K run, race begins at 8:30 a.m. Race travels from the end of the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino and over the Biloxi Bay Bridge. Details 228-207-1218, krocmscoast.com

A Tribute to Anita Baker & Friends, Jan. 13, 7 p.m., Café 871 Howard Ave. Soulful melodies tribute with live performances. Tickets: \$75 with dinner, \$45 without dinner. Details: 228-207-0143




Bike Biloxi, Jan. 16, 6 p.m.; downtown bike ride. Begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., and ends with refreshments and food at a downtown restaurant at cyclists' expense. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

Second Liners Mardi Gras Club Parade, Jan. 27, 1 p.m., The annual Second Liners Mardi Gras parade will roll through Downtown Biloxi on Jan. 27 beginning at 1 p.m. for more details, visit online at biloxisecondliners.com.


Main Street Book Club, Jan. 25, 5:30 p.m., One Thirty One Lameuse, 131 Lameuse St.

January's selection:
"The Boys From Biloxi" by John Grisham.
Details: 228-435-6339



Coming in February!

Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade, Feb. 3, 10 a.m., Downtown Biloxi. Open to ages 12 and younger. Parade travels from under the I-110 on Howard Ave. and ends at Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Theme for this year's parade is "Leaving you Spellbound" celebrating the wonders of the world. Registration forms available at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., and online at biloxi.ms.us. Late registration and sign-in, 9-9:45 a.m. at the parade starting point. Details: 228-388-7170.





Biloxi Little Theatre
220 Lee St., 228-432-8543,
www.4blt.org
• **Mississippi Goddamn**
Jan. 26-28 & Feb. 2-4



Center Stage
2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258
centerstagebiloxi.com
• **Mark Twain Stand-Up**
Jan. 12-14 & 19-21



Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library
2244 Beach Blvd., 228-388-4400, www.visitbeauvoir.org

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
- **Infinity Space Day,** Jan. 18, 10 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

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 Trip

693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com

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

Biloxi Tour Train

Biloxi Lighthouse Park parking lot, south of Biloxi Visitors Center, traffic light #40, 228-374-8687, www.biloxitourtrain.com

- Call in advance for tour availability

Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum

792 Howard Ave., 228-314-4747, museum@coastalmardigras.com

- Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., closed Sundays and Mondays

Harrison County East Biloxi Senior Center

461 Parker St., 228-435-4192, co.harrison.ms.us/departments/senior/services

- Open 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Kroc Center, MS Gulf Coast, The Salvation Army

575 Division St., 228-207-1218, krocmscoast.com

- **Blood Drive**, Jan. 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Frosty Kroc Run**, Jan. 6, 8:30 a.m. Adults \$20; Youth: \$15
- **Pottery Workshop**, Jan. 13, 9-11 a.m. Members \$35, Guests \$45
- **Paint Your Own Ceramic Pieces**, Jan. 20 & 27, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

115 1st Street, 228-435-6320, www.maritimemuseum.org

- Open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

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

- Check the website for events and studio classes at OOMA!

West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum

1046 Howard Ave., 228-435-6119, 228-435-6200, www.biloxi.ms.us

- Historic 1937 firehouse open Saturdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment

Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606

- **Friday Bingo**, Jan. 5, 12, 19 & 26. Doors open at 5 p.m.; Early Bird games at 6:30 p.m.; regular games at 7 p.m. Cash payouts. Concessions available. Kitchen open until 8 p.m.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

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

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027

- **Steak Night**, Jan. 12, 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

- No meeting scheduled for January

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Monday Bingo

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Monday Bingo**, Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. 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

870 Howard Ave.

- **Biloxi Bingo Mania**, Tuesday nights behind Nativity Cathedral; 871 Esters Blvd. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; early bird games at 6:30 p.m.; regular games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Nativity BVM Catholic Elementary School. Details: 228-374-6472

Lagniappe**Charles R. Hegwood****Biloxi Community Market**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 a.m.-2 p.m. under the I-110 overpass on the corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. Details: Tina Cowart at 228-388-2443.

City of Biloxi Senior Program

Activities for ages 55 and older weekdays at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center and the East Biloxi Senior Citizen Center. Details: Gwen Johnson, 228-388-2494, seniors@biloxi.ms.us.

Biloxi Libraries

- Biloxi Library, 580 Howard Ave., 228-436-3095
- Margaret Sherry Library, 2141 Popp's Ferry Road, 228-388-1633
- West Biloxi Library, 2047 Pass Road, 228-388-5696
- Woolmarket Library, 13034 Kayleigh Cove, 228-354-9464

For more information, call the Harrison County Library System at 228-436-3095.

Biloxi Main Street

Promoting, preserving, revitalizing and enhancing the economic growth of the downtown Main Street district. Details and membership: 228-435-6339, mainstreetbiloxi.com

**City of Biloxi Public Meetings**

- **Architectural Review Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second and fourth Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Biloxi City Council:** Regularly scheduled meetings: first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. and the third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.; City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-435-6257.
- **Biloxi Civil Service Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m.; City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-435-6259
- **Biloxi Planning Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: first and third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Development Review Committee:** Regularly scheduled meetings: Wednesdays at 9 a.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Tree Committee:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m.; Biloxi Community Development auditorium, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31  New Year's Eve Events Ground Zero Blues Club Margaritaville Hard Rock	1 Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	2 Community Market MS Sea Wolves MS Coast Coliseum Blood Drive Kroc Center Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	3 Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade Registration LAST DAY MS Sea Wolves/ Public Ice Skating MS Coast Coliseum	4 Community Market	5 Seafood Dinners/ Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge MS Sea Wolves/ Public Ice Skating MS Coast Coliseum Twelfth Night Celebration Meets First Friday Biloxi City Hall	6 Frosty Kroc Run Golden Nugget Casino Biloxi Bay Bridge Public Ice Skating MS Coast Coliseum
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