

Biloxi Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 • 10 a.m.

The City of Biloxi, Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum, and Gulf Coast Carnival Association invite all children ages 12 and younger to participate in the Biloxi Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 10 a.m. Participants may walk, bike, skate, or be pushed/pulled in strollers and wagons. (No motorized vehicles will be allowed.)

The theme of the parade is "Leaving You Spellbound." Children and families are encouraged to be creative – dress in costume and decorate their bikes, wagons,

etc. depicting the theme, which celebrates how you feel when you are left spellbound about famous places you have seen. Examples: Gulf Coast sunsets, Eiffel Tower, Taj Mahal, Voodoo, Houdini/magic, and the Egyptian Pyramids.

Applications will be distributed through all Biloxi schools or can be picked up at the Biloxi Visitors Center, Biloxi Parks & Recreation Office and Recreation Centers, Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum, and Gulf Coast Carnival Office, or downloaded from the City of Biloxi website, biloxi.ms.us.

Applications must to be returned to the child's school or the Parks & Recreation Department, 377 Hiller Drive, Biloxi, MS 39530 by Wednesday, January 31, 2024. For more information, please call the Parks & Recreation Department at 228-388-7170.

This is not a school sponsored event.



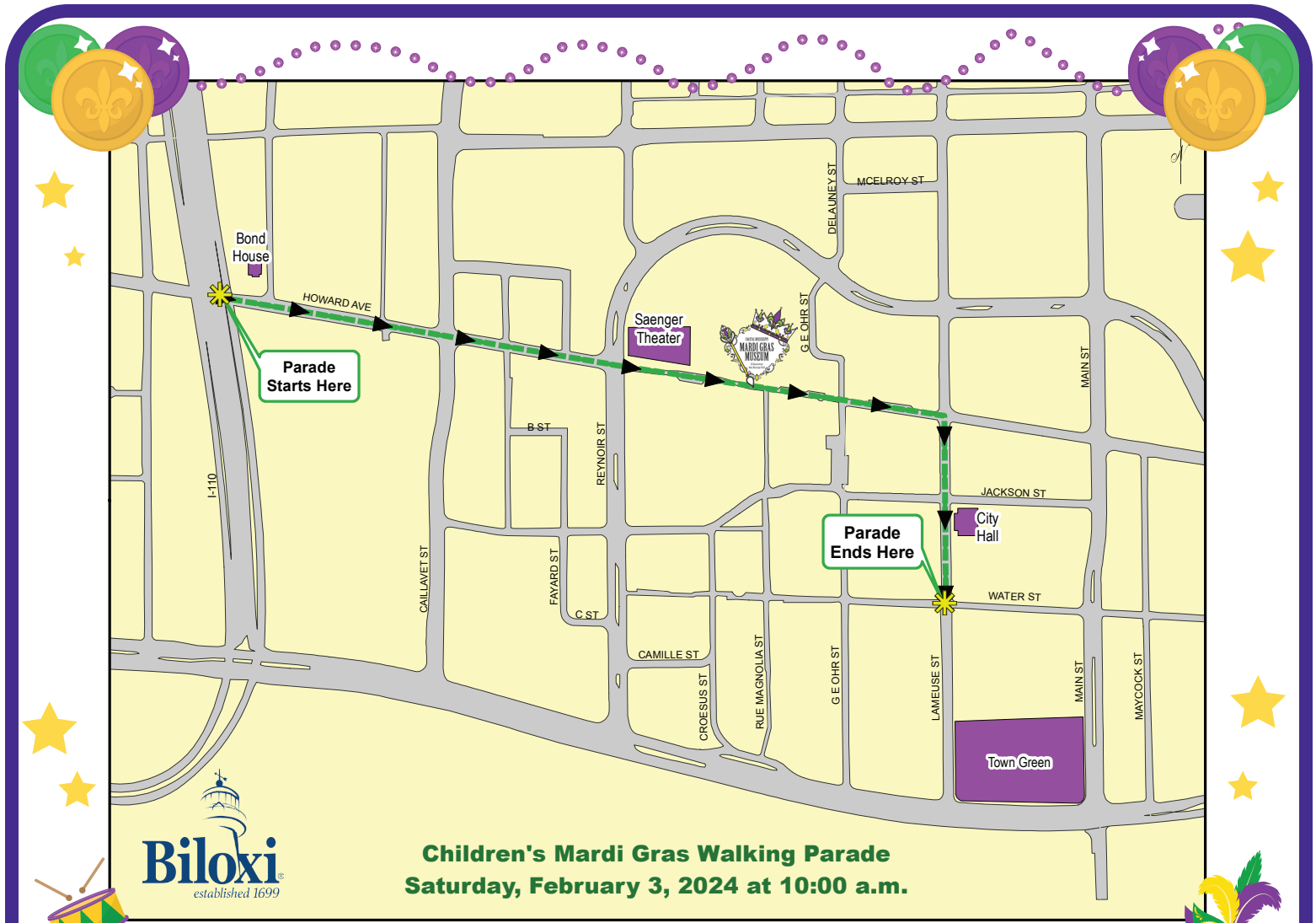
Parade will begin at 10 a.m. under the I-110 overpass on Howard Avenue. It will continue east on Howard to Lameuse Street and turn south ending at City Hall, 140 Lameuse St., where there will be a celebration including an opportunity to meet the 2023 Gulf Coast Carnival Association King and Queen, a costume and float contest, refreshments, and Mardi Gras art activities. Sign-in and late registration will be at parade start from 9-9:45 a.m. A bag of throws will be available for the children. Children are encouraged to bring additional throws. Parents and guardians are welcomed to walk with their children. Children 9 years of age and younger are required to have a parent/guardian walk with them.

Costume and Float Contest Rules

- Registration for the contests will take place at the end of the parade
- Costumes and floats are judged on originality, personality, and adherence to theme "Leaving You Spellbound"
- Costumes are judged by age groups: Birth to 2 years old, 3 to 5 years old and 6 to 12 years old
- Floats will be divided by size for judging: Small Format any float under 4-foot tall and 4-foot long and Large Format any float over 4-foot tall or 4-foot long.



Please note: Due to safety concerns, motorized vehicles will not be allowed to participate in the parade or contest. This includes battery-powered children's cars and motorcycles. In the event of rain, the parade is canceled. No pets (other than service animals) are allowed in parade or at post-parade celebration.



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An application must be filled-out completely for each child. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ School/Group: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone Number: _____ Alternate Number: _____

My Child will (check one):

Walk Bike Scooter Skateboard Wagon Float Other : _____

(No Motorized Vehicles Allowed)

Parental Consent:

My child _____ has my permission to participate in the Biloxi Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade on Saturday, February 3, 2024. I understand that all children must be checked in at the parade forming area by an adult and picked up by that same adult immediately after the parade and children under the age of 9 years old must have an adult walking with them. I recognize that there are certain risks to participating in the parade and that the parade sponsors are only for reasonable supervision. I understand that the parade sponsors do not assume liability extending beyond that point.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

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