## **Best Bets!**

# First Friday ushers in a new season

The Biloxi Main Street monthly series,

First Friday, returns for the 2024 season. The festivities will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 1 under the I-110 overpass at the corner of Howard Avenue and



Hopkins Boulevard, now called the HowHop Creative District. The affair is free, open to the public, and will include live entertainment by Neon Kitty at 5 p.m. followed by Wolfy Grin at 7 p.m., and more! For more information, visit Biloxi Main Street on Facebook, online at mainstreetbiloxi.com, or call 228-435-6339.

# Mississippi State baseball returns to Biloxi

The Biloxi Shuckers team up with Hancock Whitney to bring the Hancock Whitney Classic once again to the Baseball Stadium on Caillavet Street. The Mississippi State Bulldogs will

headline the Classic with two games. On Tuesday,

BULLDOGS

March 12, the Bulldogs will face the University of South Alabama Jaguars at 6 p.m. Then on Wednesday, March 13, they will face the University of New Orleans Privateers at 5 p.m. Tickets begin at \$21 for students and Shuck Nation Members and \$23 for the general public. For ticket information, visit online at biloxishuckers.com, ticketmaster.com, or onsite at the stadium box office.

March of the Mayors – Extra Table Feeds, donations accepted through March 6. Biloxi is collecting one-pound bags of beans to benefit local food pantries. Donations accepted at city Fire Departments, City Hall, and the Biloxi Visitors Center. Drop-off times vary. The packing party will be Friday, March 8 at 9 a.m. at the Lyman Community Center, 13742 Highway 49, Gulfport where volunteers are needed. Details: 228-435-6339

**First Friday Block Party,** March 1, 5-9 p.m., HowHop Creative District, corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. The Biloxi Main Street March edition will usher in the 2024 First Friday season! Entertainment by Neon Kitty at 5 p.m. followed by Wolfy Grin at 7 p.m. Features food vendors and Fly Llama beverages. Details: 228-435-6339

**Spring Latino Festival,** March 2-3, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Blessed Seelos Catholic Church, 360 Lameuse St. Festival features authentic food, dancing, and music. Free admission. Details: 228-435-0007

**Comeallyee Ball,** March 2, 6 p.m.- midnight, Dr. Frank Gruich Sr. Community Center, 591 Howard Ave. Experience a night of Irish culture and celebration. Admission: \$50. Details: Hibernia Irish Society, celeste@dancel.com or HMSpres1978@gmail.com

**Biloxi State of the City Luncheon,** March 7, doors open at 11 a.m., program begins at 11:30 a.m. Beau Rivage Magnolia Ballroom, 875 Beach Blvd. Presented by Biloxi Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. Details or to purchase tickets online: www.biloxibayareachamber.org or call 228-435-6149

Hancock Whitney Classic 2024 Mississippi State Bulldogs, March 12-13, 6 p.m., Baseball Stadium, 105 Caillavet St. Mississippi State baseball returns to Biloxi! The Bulldogs will face the University of South Alabama on March 12 and the University of New Orleans on March 13. Gates open an hour before the first pitch for both games. Admission begins at \$21 per person. Ticket details: 228-233-3465 Opt 2

Taste of South Mississippi, March 14, 5:30-8 p.m., The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 575

Division St. A tasty tour of classic southern comfort food favorites from notable and award-winning restaurants. Silent auction. Childcare available for the first 40 to register. Admission: \$40. Details: 228-374-9110

Beau Rivage Celebrates 25 Years on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, March 15-16, and throughout 2024, 875 Beach Blvd. Birthday cake will be served on March 16 at 4 p.m. and there will be a choreographed 500 drone show at 9 p.m. in the skies over Beau Rivage with free public viewing along the beachfront and on the 6th floor parking garage. Details: www.beaurivage.com

St. Patrick's Day 5K Run, March 16, 9 a.m.-1 mile; 9:30 a.m.- 5K. Late registration begins at 8 a.m., Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Presented by Gulf Coast Running Club. Registration fees for runners/walkers; online registration available. Details: 228-380-7037, gulfcoastrunningclub.org

Grillin' On The Green, March 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Barbecue competition with 20 competitors vying for more than \$6,000 in cash and trophies! Continuous live entertainment featuring Rhythm & Rain at 10 a.m., Symone French & The Trouille Troupe at noon, and The Network at 3 p.m. BBQ Cookoff awards begin

## **Best Bet!**

## Get you some BBQ at Grillin' on the Green



The annual family-fun event Grillin' on the Green takes place Saturday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Grilling teams will compete with barbecue ribs, chicken, and brisket for \$6,000 in cash prizes. Dozens of arts and crafts vendors and live entertainment will be part of the Biloxi Main Street event. Oh, and don't forget to get your Grillin' on the Green T-shirt, which will be on sale at the event. Details: 228-435-6339

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

## Stay in touch

**BNews:** Welcome to the 70th 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.

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.

#### Contact:

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### **Frequently Called Numbers**

Area code is 228 unless otherwise noted.
• Animal Control
Auto Tag/Property Tax Information 435-8242
• Birth Certificates 601-576-7960
• Building Permits
• Business Licenses
• Citizen services (streets, lights) 435-6271
• City Council
• City Court
• Code Enforcement
• Drivers Licenses
Emergency Police and Fire 911
Garbage Collection 701-9086
• Housing Authority
• Human Resources
• Mayor's Office
Museums Information 435-6244
• Parks & Recreation
Planning Commission 435-6266
• Public Schools
• Streets and Drainage 435-6271
• Visitor Info 374-3105 or 1-800-BILOXI-3
• Water Service

at 2:45 p.m. Event includes more than 75 arts, crafts, and specialty foods vendors. The annual Hibernia Society St. Patrick's Day Parade will flow around the festival at 2 p.m. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

Annual Hibernia Society St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 16, 2 p.m., Downtown Biloxi (see parade route on page 4). Parade features bands, flag bearers, bagpipers, a horse-drawn carriage, the Grand Marshall and Colleen, and colorful floats. Free admission. Details: https:// hiberniamarchingsociety.com/home

2nd Annual Irish Malarkey Party, March 16, 2 p.m., 140 Lameuse St. across from Biloxi City Hall. Presented by the Hibernia Irish Society and features music, food, and vendors. Details: hiberniamarchingsociety.com

City of Biloxi Extravaganza, March 16, 2 p.m., Woolmarket Elementary School, 12513 John Lee Road. Games, Easter egg hunt. Details: 228-388-7170



Bike Biloxi, March 19, 6 p.m., downtown 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

Egg-ceptional Egg Hunt, March 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Popp's Ferry Recreation Area, 2150 Popp's Ferry Road. Easter egg hunt open to all ages with physical and mental disabilities. Lunch will be provided. Games and pictures with the Easter Bunny will also be part of the event. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170, programs@biloxi.ms.us

Easter EGGstravaganza, March 23, 8:30 a.m., Salvation Army Kroc Center, 575 Division St. Breakfast with Bunny, summer camp open house and registration, aqua egg hunt, outdoor egg hunt, and more. Free admission. Details: KrocMSCoast.org

Hop the Trail to Bunny Land, March 23, 10-11:45 a.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Presented by Excel By 5. Free admission. Details: excelby5.com

Biloxi Chamber Breakfast With the Mayor, March 26, 8-9 a.m., Merit Health Biloxi, 150 Reynoir St. Admission: Free for chamber members; \$20 for prospective members. Details and registration: www.mscoastchamber.com

Main Street Book Club, March 28, 5:30 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. This month's book is "The Root of All Evil: A Clara and Iris Mystery" by local author, Kim Carter, who will be present for the book discussion and a book signing! Light refreshments will be served. Free admission. Details and to RSVP: 228-435-6339

8th Annual Gulf Coast Oyster Cook-Off & Festival, March 29-30, 3-9 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, Point Cadet Pavilion, 100 Cadet St. Event features car, truck, jeep, and bike show, vendors, live entertainment and the oyster cook-off. Admission fees vary. Details: www.clearvisionent.net

Annual Biloxi Chamber Craft Beer Fest, March 30, 4-7 p.m., Baseball Stadium, 105 Caillavet St. Live music, cigar lounge, homebrews, food and more! Must be 21 to attend. Admission: VIP registration is \$75; VIP DD registration is \$25; Gate Admission is \$50. Details: 228-604-0014, www.mscoastchamber.com



#### **Biloxi Little Theatre**

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

• Pride and Prejudice March 8-10 & 15-17

#### **Center Stage**

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

• The Play That Goes Wrong Through March 3

#### Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library

2244 Beach Blvd., 228-388-4400, www.visitbeauvoir.org

• Buggin' The Beach, Annual VW Charity Car Show, March 23, 9 a.m. Free admission for spectators

#### Biloxi Excel By 5

Lopez School, 140 St. John Ave., 228-297-6808

• Community-based certification program to improve child's overall well-being by age 5

#### **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 for adults, \$15 for 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

#### **KAFB Farmer's Market**

625 Marina Dr. 228-377-2821, BOS.81FSS.Vandenburg@us.af.mil

• First Friday of each month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Marina Park (open to those with base access)

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

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

- Taste of South Mississippi 2024, March 14, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Admission: \$40
- St. Paddy's Pedal on the Patio, March 21, 5:30 p.m. Festive spin class! Free admission for members, \$10 for guests
- Easter Eggstravaganza, March 23, 8:30 a.m. Free admission
- Painting and Pastries, March 23, 1-3 p.m. Ages 13 and up. Admission: \$35 for members, \$45 for quests

#### Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

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

- Hours of operation: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Sunday, noon 4 p.m.
- Art Exhibit "Along Beach Blvd Revisited" by Herb Wiley, through the month of March
- Sea-n-Sail Adventure Camp 2024, June 3-7, 10-14, 17-21 (ages 6-8 only), 24-28 and July 8-12, 15-19, 22-26. Book early to reserve your preferred week. Price: \$275 per child/week (deposit of \$50 required at registration). 20% discount for 3+ children in family. Details: www. maritimemuseum.org

#### **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, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 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

• Karaoke with Kenny, Fridays at 7 p.m.

#### Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027

- Steak Night, March 9, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold by 7:15 p.m. \$20. Dine-in or carry-out. Details: 228-392-9345
- Ladies of Joppa Shrine Indoor Yard Sale, March 2, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Free admission. Open to the public

#### **Our Lady of Fatima Parish Monday Bingo**

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

Monday Bingo, March 4, 11, 18, and 25. Doors open at 5 p.m., Early Bird games at 6:30 p.m., regular games at 7 p.m. Details: 228-388-3887

#### Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society

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

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

• 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
25	26	27 Community Market	28	29 Community Market	1 Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society	2 Indoor Yard Sale Joppa Shrine
March of the Mayors Donations Various Locations	March of the Mayors Donations Various Locations	March of the Mayors Donations Various Locations  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	March of the Mayors Donations Various Locations	MS Sea Wolves MS Coast Coliseum  March of the Mayors Donations Various Locations	Friday Bingo - Biloxi Elks Lodge First Friday - HowHop Creative District  MS Sea Wolves MS Coast Coliseum  The Play That Goes Wrong Center Stage Tattoo Festival - IP Casino March of the Mayors  CoastCon - MS Coast Coliseum Kevin James - Beau Rivage	Spring Latino Festival Blessed Seeios Catholic Church Comeallyee Ball Dr. Frank Gruich Sr. Community Center
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Center Stage	Our Lady of Fatima	Nativity Cathedral  Community	13	14 Community	Hard Rock  Karaoke with Kenny	MS Coast Coliseum  St. Pat's Day 5k,
Boat Show MS Coast Coliseum		Market  Hancock Whitney	Hancock Whitney	Market	Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge  Beau Rivage Celebrates 25 Years – Beau Rivage	Grillin' on the Green Hibernia Parade, & Irish Malarkey Party City Hall/Town Green/Downtown Beau Rivage Celebrates 25 Years – Beau Rivage City of Biloxi Extravaganza
Pride & Prejudice Biloxi Little Theatre  MS Sea Wolves MS Coast Coliseum	Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	Classic Baseball Stadium  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	Classic Baseball Stadium	Taste of South Mississippi Kroc Center	Pride & Prejudice Biloxi Little Theatre	Woolmarket Elementary School Pride & Prejudice Biloxi Little Theatre Monster Jam MS Coast Coliseum Matt Matthews – IP Casino
17	18	Community Market	20	Community Market	Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society	Hop the Trail to Bunnyland Biloxi Town Green
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Popp's Ferry Recreation Area	Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral		Billy vs. Elton Hard Rock		
24	25	26 Community Market	27	28 Community Market	Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society	30
24		Biloxi Breakfast with the Mayor Merit Health Biloxi		Main Street Book Club Biloxi Visitors Center	Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge Oyster Cookoff & Festival Point Cadet Pavilion	Oyster Cookoff & Festival Point Cadet Pavilion Biloxi Chamber
31			Ministry with Gary Newman			Craft Beer Fest Baseball Stadium
	Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	Hard Rock Live			Little River Band IP Casino