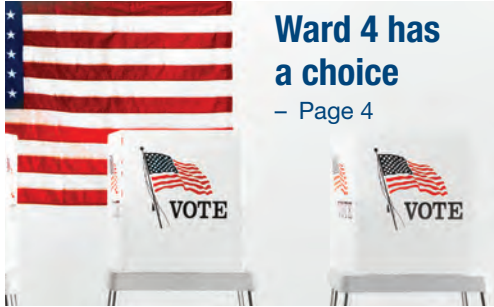


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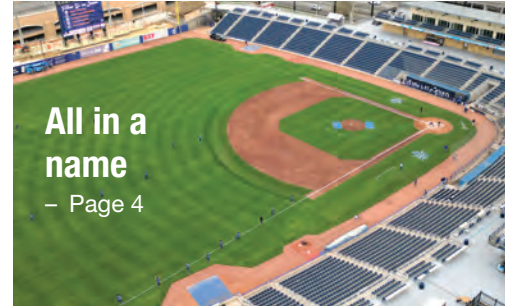
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Special election set for June 18 to fill Ward 4 seat

The Biloxi City Council has scheduled a special election for Tuesday, June 18 for Ward 4 residents. The special election is to fill the unexpired term of Ward 4 Council member Robert Deming III who resigned on May 7.

Here is the list of important dates in June.

- **June 8, 2024** – City Clerk’s Office open from 8 a.m.-noon for Absentee Voting
- **June 15, 2024** – City Clerk’s Office open from 8 a.m.-noon for Absentee Voting
- **June 18, 2024** – SPECIAL ELECTION DAY – WARD 4 – polls open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. – Margaret Sherry Library & Fire Station Complex – 2139 Popp’s Ferry Road
- **June 25, 2024** – Absentee Ballots returned by mail receipt deadline, 5 p.m. Absentee Ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day.
- **July 9, 2024** – SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF – WARD 4 (if necessary)

Info for candidates:

Those interested in qualifying as candidates for Ward 4 must be a registered elector of Ward 4, file a Qualifying Statement of Intent, and secure a petition of the signatures and names of at least 50 registered electors in Ward 4. Petitions are available on the Secretary of State’s website, sos.ms.gov; Municipal Clerk’s office, 140 Lameuse St, 2nd Floor; or by email request at sthacker@biloxi.ms.us. The deadline to submit a petition to qualify for the special election is 5 p.m., May 29 at the Municipal Clerk’s office.

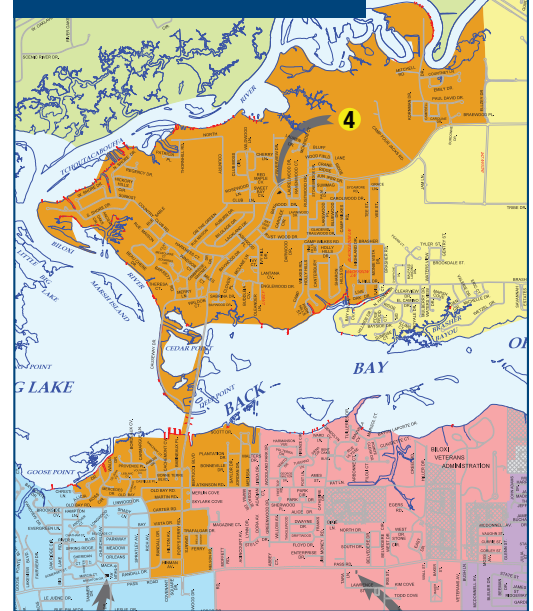
Registered voters:

You must be a registered voter in Ward 4 to vote in the Special Election. To be a registered voter, you must be at least 18 years of age by the date of the special election, and you must be a resident of Ward 4 for at least 30 days prior to the election date.

The voting location will be at Margaret Sherry Library & Fire Station Complex (Station No. 6), 2139 Popp’s Ferry Road

For more information on the special election or voting, contact Stacy Thacker, municipal clerk, at 228-435-6254 or email sthacker@biloxi.ms.us.

Ward 4 Map



The stadium gets a new name

It’s official! Keesler Federal Credit Union, who was awarded the naming rights to the stadium, has announced the new name of the ballpark on Caillavet Street. It is now the Keesler Federal Park.

“We are thrilled to make it official and add to the excitement of the Biloxi Shuckers’ new season and new owners,” Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich said. “We anticipate a great relationship with the credit union and look forward to all experiencing the Keesler Federal Park.”

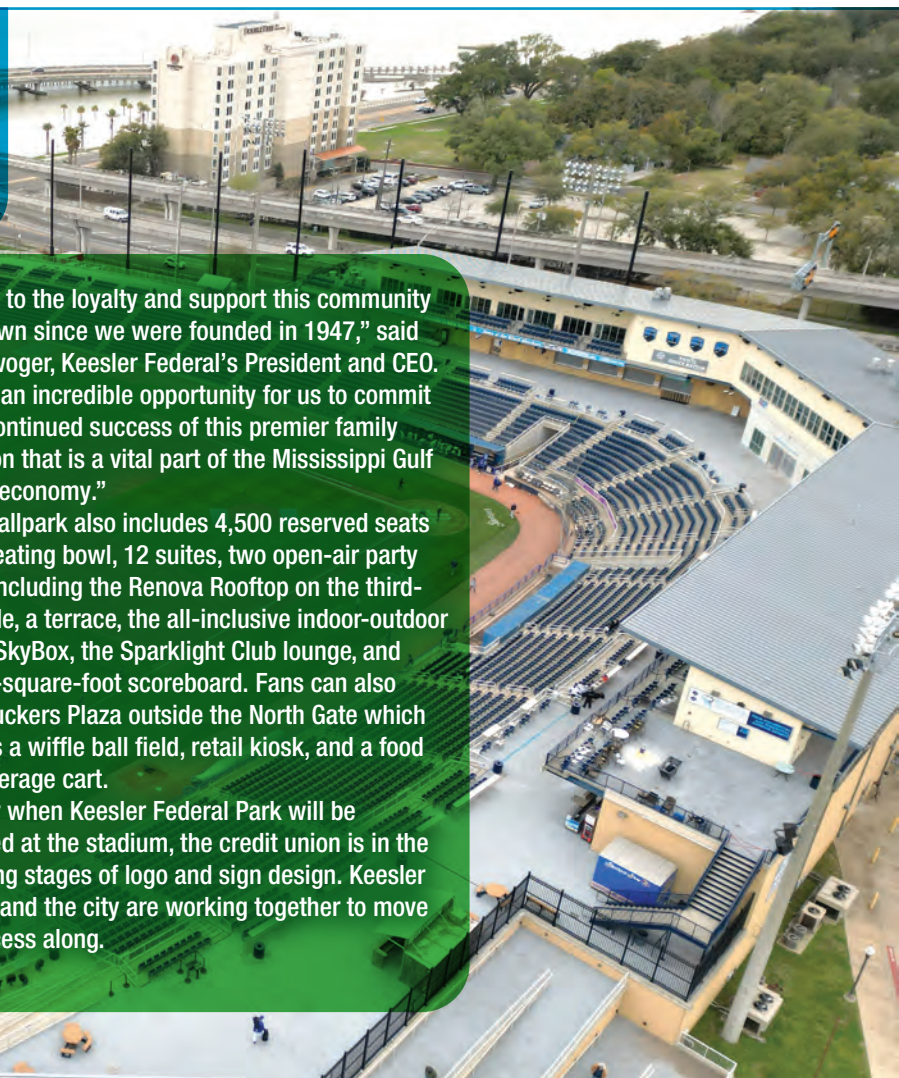
The ballpark recently went through renovations adding a beach and boardwalk area that features a Tiki Bar, a sand beach, and a splash pad, and has expanded the Shuckers Shop to a 1,466-square-foot facility housing Shucker items. Since it opened in 2015, the ballpark has welcomed hundreds of visitors each year to the park for Shuckers baseball as well as high school and college baseball games. Now, Keesler Federal is part of the team.

“Seeing the Keesler Federal name unveiled at the park will be a truly proud moment since the credit union has deep roots in Biloxi, and we owe our

success to the loyalty and support this community has shown since we were founded in 1947,” said Andy Swoger, Keesler Federal’s President and CEO. “This is an incredible opportunity for us to commit to the continued success of this premier family attraction that is a vital part of the Mississippi Gulf Coast’s economy.”

The ballpark also includes 4,500 reserved seats in the seating bowl, 12 suites, two open-air party decks, including the Renova Rooftop on the third-base side, a terrace, the all-inclusive indoor-outdoor Kloud7 SkyBox, the Sparklight Club lounge, and a 1,472-square-foot scoreboard. Fans can also visit Shuckers Plaza outside the North Gate which includes a wiffle ball field, retail kiosk, and a food and beverage cart.

As for when Keesler Federal Park will be displayed at the stadium, the credit union is in the beginning stages of logo and sign design. Keesler Federal and the city are working together to move the process along.





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Davis says farewell to Biloxi to serve as chief in Moss Point

Davis, a nearly 26-year veteran with the Biloxi Fire Department began his career in September 1998. With the department, he has served as Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Firefighter III, Fire Inspector, Fire Captain, Battalion Chief, and Deputy Chief of Training before being promoted to Assistant Chief in August 2021. He has also served as the department's chaplain since 2010.

"I would say I am most proud of the investments we have made in people of Biloxi," said Davis of his time with the department. "Whether it was supporting firefighters in acquiring certifications, recruiting new talent, seeking out the best emergency service provider for our citizens, or moving the department toward being a better reflection of our beautifully diverse city, every

move this administration has made has been people-centered and I am so grateful to have been a part of it."

Davis will continue to serve the citizens of Biloxi until June 3. He begins his leadership role with the Moss Point Fire Department on June 4 where he will be armed with decades of experience and service.

"I am most looking forward to ensuring the citizens of Moss Point receive the highest level of service, professionalism, and protection the fire department can offer," Davis said. "It has truly been an honor to serve the city and citizens of Biloxi and the Biloxi Fire Department while working within the command staff with Chief Nick Geiser."

John Wesley Small Sr. will become the next Biloxi Fire Assistant Chief on June 5.



Jason Earl Davis, who currently serves as the assistant chief of the Biloxi Fire Department, will part with Biloxi this month to begin a new chapter as the chief of the Moss Point Fire Department.

Least Terns are back:

Every spring, the Least Terns, the smallest of the tern species, migrate to lay eggs and raise their young on the Mississippi Gulf Coast beaches. Rope and signage mark their nesting areas. Please be mindful of these birds and keep your distance. Be respectful.



Floating docks ribbon cutting:

The City of Biloxi will host a ribbon cutting on June 5 at 4 p.m. for the completion of the new floating docks at the Point Cadet Marina (between the Golden Nugget and Margaritaville.) The event is open to the public.

USPS Stamps to be unveiled in Biloxi:

The U.S. Postal Service will release its latest collection, Carnival Nights stamps, at the South Mississippi Summer Fair on June 6 during a 6 p.m. ceremony at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center. The stamps celebrate the thrill and nostalgia of carnival nights.

Community Market Manager:

Tina Cowart, the market manager for the Community Market is retiring on June 14 after 34 years with the Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department. She served as the Market manager for more than 19 years.



The last day to submit a nomination for the Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2024 is June 7. Visit online at biloxi.ms.us/sportshalloffame for nomination forms.

Stay in the know on weather and traffic advisories in Biloxi. **B-Alert** Just text BILOXI to 99411.

Shuckers Ring in Summer with King Cakes, Drink Pitchers, and More!



Biloxi set for 14 home games during June, including Shuck Cancer and Father's Day

With the calendar flipping to June, warm weather and Biloxi Shuckers baseball have arrived for the summer months! With plenty of attractions at the ballpark, including the newly named Corona Premier Tiki Bar, the Biloxi Shuckers is ready to become your summer destination! The Shuckers will play 14 games at home during June, including between May 28 and June 2 against the Pensacola Blue Wahoos, June 11-16 against the Tennessee Smokies, and June 25-30 against Pensacola.

At the ballpark, the brand-new Schooner's Splash Zone presented by Gulf Breeze Landscaping provides the perfect environment for the kids to play and cool off during the summer months and the beach area is perfect for fans of all ages! The Splash Zone features over 20 different ground sprays and a slide!

Before entering the ballpark, Shuckers Plaza is complete with a wiffle ball field, a retail kiosk, and a food and beverage cart! Wiffle ball bats and balls are free for fans to use prior to Shuckers home games.

On June 1, the Shuckers will host their annual Marvel's Defenders of the Diamond Night with specialty Marvel-themed jerseys that will be up for auction following the game and Captain America will be in attendance!

The Shuckers will also have a special T-Shirt Tuesday on June 11 with a Schooner-themed T-Shirt presented by Martin's Potato Rolls for the first 250 fans.

On Friday, June 14, the Shuckers will host their annual Shuck Cancer Night at the ballpark with specialty jerseys designed by local artist, Julia Reyes. The jerseys will be available for auction after the game with proceeds going to benefit the American Cancer Society.

The next night, June 15, the Biloxi King Cakes return for a special Shuck Yeah Saturday. The first 1,000 fans will also receive a special King Cakes-branded plush pillow! Prior to the game, the Shuckers will host a youth Pitch, Hit and Run competition for kids on the Coast as part of Play Ball Weekend across Minor League and Major League Baseball.



Biloxi Shuckers play as the Biloxi King Cakes this season. Players Freddy Zamora (left) and Jose Acosta (right) sport the team's alternate identity jerseys at a recent game.

On Sunday, June 16, the Shuckers will celebrate Father's Day with a Shuckers Drink Pitcher for the first 500 fans presented by Daigle's A/C and Heating LLC!

On Tuesday, June 25, the Biloxi Beach Chickens will make their second appearance of the season as the Shuckers pay homage to the fun-loving seagulls (i.e. beach chickens) that inhabit the Coast's beaches!

To finish out the month, the Shuckers will hand out a King Cakes Mini Statue to the first 500 fans presented by Coca-Cola on Sunday, June 30 as the Shuckers transform into the Biloxi King Cakes!

► For more info: biloxishuckers.com

► Javik Blake is the Media Relations Manager and voice of the Biloxi Shuckers. See "Shuckers Insider" daily on BTW at 6:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.



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- JUNE 11** T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY + BREW CREW TUESDAY
SCHOONER T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY
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- JUNE 12** MILITARY WEDNESDAY + BARK IN THE PARK
PRESENTED BY KEESLER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
- JUNE 13** THIRSTY THURSDAY
PRESENTED BY PBR, COCA-COLA + KICKER 108
\$2 PBR, \$2 COCA-COLA, \$2 HOT DOGS & \$4 DRAFT BEER SPECIALS
- JUNE 14** SHUCK CANCER NIGHT ON FIREWORKS FRIDAY
JERSEY AUCTION BENEFITING THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
- JUNE 11** BILOXI KING CAKES PLUSH PILLOW GIVEAWAY 
- JUNE 12** FUN DAY SUNDAY, FATHER'S DAY & DRINK PITCHER GIVEAWAY
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PRE-GAME PLAYERS AUTOGRAPHS & POSTER GIVEAWAY PRESENTED BY MELE PRINTING, PLUS POST-GAME CATCH ON THE FIELD
- JUNE 25** BEACH CHICKENS T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY 
- JUNE 26** MILITARY WEDNESDAY + BARK IN THE PARK
PRESENTED BY KEESLER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
- JUNE 27** THIRSTY THURSDAY
PRESENTED BY PBR, COCA-COLA + KICKER 108
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- JUNE 28** SPARKLIGHT GIVEAWAY NIGHT ON FIREWORKS FRIDAY
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- JUNE 29** MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT
- JUNE 30** BILOXI KING CAKES MINI STATUE GIVEAWAY ON FUN DAY SUNDAY
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Think ahead on evacuations, storm shelters

One of the toughest decisions that residents may have to make when a storm approaches is whether they should evacuate their property and possessions for either a local shelter or out-of-town accommodations.

Depending on the severity of the storm, that decision can be made for those in low-lying areas: Local authorities may order a mandatory evacuation.

In Harrison County, as many as 14 hurricane shelters can be activated in times of peril based on the number of people in vulnerable areas. A shelter should be refuge of last resort, but residents need to be aware of several factors if they are considering seeking refuge in a shelter.

The decision to open a shelter is usually based on the intensity of a storm and where it is expected to make landfall. Local Emergency Management leaders make the decision to open shelters in coordination with the American Red Cross, and the public is notified through the media.

The shelter sites can vary from year to year and storm to storm.

“The type of weather event, the direction of a storm and rising tides are just a couple of the factors that go into activating a shelter,” says Biloxi Fire Chief and Emergency Manager Nicholas Geiser. “The number and location of shelters that are needed to be activated during an event also have to be considered.”

If you think you may seek refuge in a shelter, some points to consider:

- Bring enough food and water for at least the first day.
- Bring your own blankets and other personal needs. Cots cannot be guaranteed.
- No pets at typical shelters (check with the local humane society); no firearms, alcohol or tobacco products are allowed.
- Public transit systems – buses and taxis – will stop operating when sustained winds reach 35 mph.
- If you have an infant, bring an adequate supply of diapers and formula.
- If you or a member of your family is on a special diet, bring the necessary food.
- If you are on prescription medication, try to have a two-week supply of medication.

If you’re thinking about evacuating, be familiar with evacuation routes. Traffic may be delayed by bridges opening to marine traffic. Bridges, by the way, will not open for marine traffic when sustained winds reach 35 mph.

And, finally, if you encounter a flooded roadway - in times of peril or on a typical day, remember the oft-repeated advice:

“Turn around, don’t drown.”

Storm & Flood Preparedness 2024

Names to remember – or forget – in 2024

Who’s to say there’s not another Camille, Katrina or even Zeta in the group? Which name will gain notoriety this year, or merely be lost to the ages? There’s no telling at this point, which is why preparation is the key.

Those points notwithstanding, here’s the lineup of storm names for the 2024 Hurricane Season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30:

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| Alberto | Helene | Oscar |
| Beryl | Isaac | Patty |
| Chris | Joyce | Rafael |
| Debby | Kirk | Sara |
| Ernesto | Leslie | Tony |
| Francine | Milton | Valerie |
| Gordon | Nadine | William |

Don’t expect to see the names Katrina, Camille, Isidore, Gustav, Nate or a host of others used in the future. The World Meteorological Organization, which creates the list of names, has been known to

repeat a name after seven years, but the aforementioned Katrina and Co. have been deemed so deadly or costly they’re retired, to avoid confusion or insensitivity.

And the common denominator among Katrina, Camille, Isidore, Gustav and Nate? They all caused damage in Biloxi.

By the way, if the list of names is exhausted this year, as it was in the record-setting 2020, names will be pulled from a supplemental list, not the Greek alphabet. The Greek alphabet, meteorologists said of the 2020 season, was confusing and a distraction.

The supplemental names:

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| Adria | Heath | Orlanda |
| Braylen | Isla | Pax |
| Caridad | Jacobus | Ronin |
| Deshawn | Kenzie | Sophie |
| Emery | Lucio | Tayshaun |
| Foster | Makayla | Viviana |
| Gemma | Nolan | Will |

What you can expect to see when a storm threatens

This hurricane season, expect to see a regular flow of updates and information, all prepared by a coordinated team. This team includes the National Hurricane Center, the local National Weather Service office, and Emergency Management officials at the state, county, and city level. Here are some planning times to remember, recognizing each storm is unique:

- **Up to 5 days in advance** – The National Hurricane Center regularly issues Tropical Weather Outlooks, indicating any tropical disturbances and their probability of developing over the next 5 days. If a disturbance is forecast in our area, closely monitor the situation and be prepared to adjust normal activities.
- **3 or more days prior (72+ hours before arrival)** – When a storm has developed or is expected to develop, the National Hurricane Center will issue Tropical Cyclone Advisories every 6 hours. If Biloxi is in the probability cone, expect to receive guidance from local emergency management officials.
- **2 days prior (48 hours before arrival)** – When storm conditions are expected within 48 hours, the National Hurricane Center will issue a Tropical Storm Watch or a Hurricane Watch. At this point, local governments will usually announce any decisions on closures of government facilities, and could also issue orders for evacuation of one or more evacuation zones. Most local businesses will implement their business continuity plans, adjusting their services or operating hours.
- **1½ days prior (36 hours before arrival)** – When storm conditions are expected within 36 hours, the National Hurricane Center will issue a Tropical Storm Warning or a Hurricane Warning. At this point, local governments will usually announce any decisions on community shelters, and could also issue orders for a curfew. Many local businesses will close early for the safety of customers and employees. Everyone should complete storm prep activities, and should proceed to a safe location for protection from weather impacts.
- **What you can do now** – Don’t wait until a tropical depression or hurricane is in the Gulf to begin preparing. There are steps you can take now. See the list on Page 10.
- **More info**
 - Sign up for B-Alert by texting BILOXI to 99411. You’ll get advisories via text messages.
 - To see evacuation zones and evacuation routes, see map on Page 10.
 - Information also will be available via city Bmail (sign up at biloxi.ms.us), and through a recorded message on the City of Biloxi Storm Info Line: 228-435-6300.

It's illegal to sweep lawn clippings into the street

Chances are, you've seen it done or even done it yourself: You cut your lawn, rake up the trimmings and pile them near the curb in front of your home. Or, you'll sweep the trimmings into the street, where you hope they'll be carried away by the wind.

These two scenarios result in one of the biggest causes of flooding in the city – blocked storm drains.

These careless or unthinking actions negate the millions of dollars in improvements that the

city is making citywide to drainage systems.

Piling leaves at the curb or sweeping trimmings into the street means that they will eventually find their way into the city's storm drains. Either bag the leaves for pickup or compost them. A stopped-up storm drain or ditch cannot carry run-off water as it is intended to do. When it rains, that water can flood streets, your property or your neighbor's property.

It's actually a violation of city ordinance to dump any material into storm drains, ditches,

culverts, streams or waterways (Sec. 9-1-15, Code of Ordinances, 1992).

If you see anyone dumping debris into storm drains, ditches, culverts or streams, please contact the Public Works Department at 228-435-6271, or email Craig Ross, the citizens service representative at cross@biloxi.ms.us, or the Code Enforcement staff in the Community Development Department at 228-435-0841.

Be sure to get a building permit before construction

When you or a licensed contractor make repairs or alterations to your property, those repairs should be in compliance with established building codes. This ensures that

work is up to code and will be able to withstand most weather conditions.

To make sure that your plans are within code, a building permit must be obtained from the City of Biloxi Building Division before you build, alter, re-grade or fill on your property. New buildings in the floodplain must be protected from flood damage. Biloxi's building code requires that new buildings must be elevated to the base flood elevation, plus 1 foot.

The code also requires all additions and 'substantial' improvements or repairs from damage to a building be treated as new construction. A substantial improvement or repair is one in which the value of an addition, alteration, repair or reconstruction project exceeds 50 percent of the total value of the existing building.

Before you begin a project, contact the Building Division at 228-435-6270 or online at building@biloxi.ms.us. Qualified staff can help make sure that your project complies with building codes. Biloxi is currently under the 2021 International Building Code and the 2023 National Electrical Code.

Contractors must have city license

Property owners are warned to beware of transient contractors who typically set up shop in the wake of disasters such as a major hurricane or tornado.

Ask to see the person's City of Biloxi license card, which is required to do business in this city.

Do not pay any money in advance. Do not sign any contracts. And do not pay any money until the work has been inspected and approved by a city inspector.

If you have any questions or concerns, call the Community Development Department at 228-435-6280.

A ride out of harm's way

Coast Transit is ready to assist needy residents when an evacuation order is issued. If you need evacuation transportation, known as "Demand Response," it's free, but you must register to get a ride to a local shelter. Call CTA at 228-896-8080. Registration is easy: Your name, address, phone number and any special needs. You'll get all of the info you need.



Federal agencies encourage residents to use direct deposit

In those critical days after Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. Treasury Department worked with the Social Security Administration to get displaced Social Security and other federal benefit checks to recipients, as quickly as possible.

But those who already were using direct deposit had immediate access to their funds from virtually anywhere, thanks to ATMs and financial institution networks.

That's why the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Banks – through Go Direct – are urging Social Security check recipients who live along

the Gulf Coast to switch to direct deposit.

The recommendation, offered in light of devastating hurricanes, is aimed at ensuring citizens receive their federal benefits without disruption.

Go Direct makes it easy to sign up for direct deposit. People can sign up by calling the toll-free Go Direct helpline at (800) 333-1795 or by visiting www.GoDirect.gov to sign up online. To learn more about Go Direct, visit www.GoDirect.gov.

Stay tuned for more storm information

The National Weather Service monitors hurricane and storm activity, and issues official bulletins to local and regional TV and radio stations. Since television coverage may be interrupted by power outages, you should also have a battery-operated radio to follow emergency advisories. It is vital that you monitor these weather broadcasts, especially as a storm approaches.

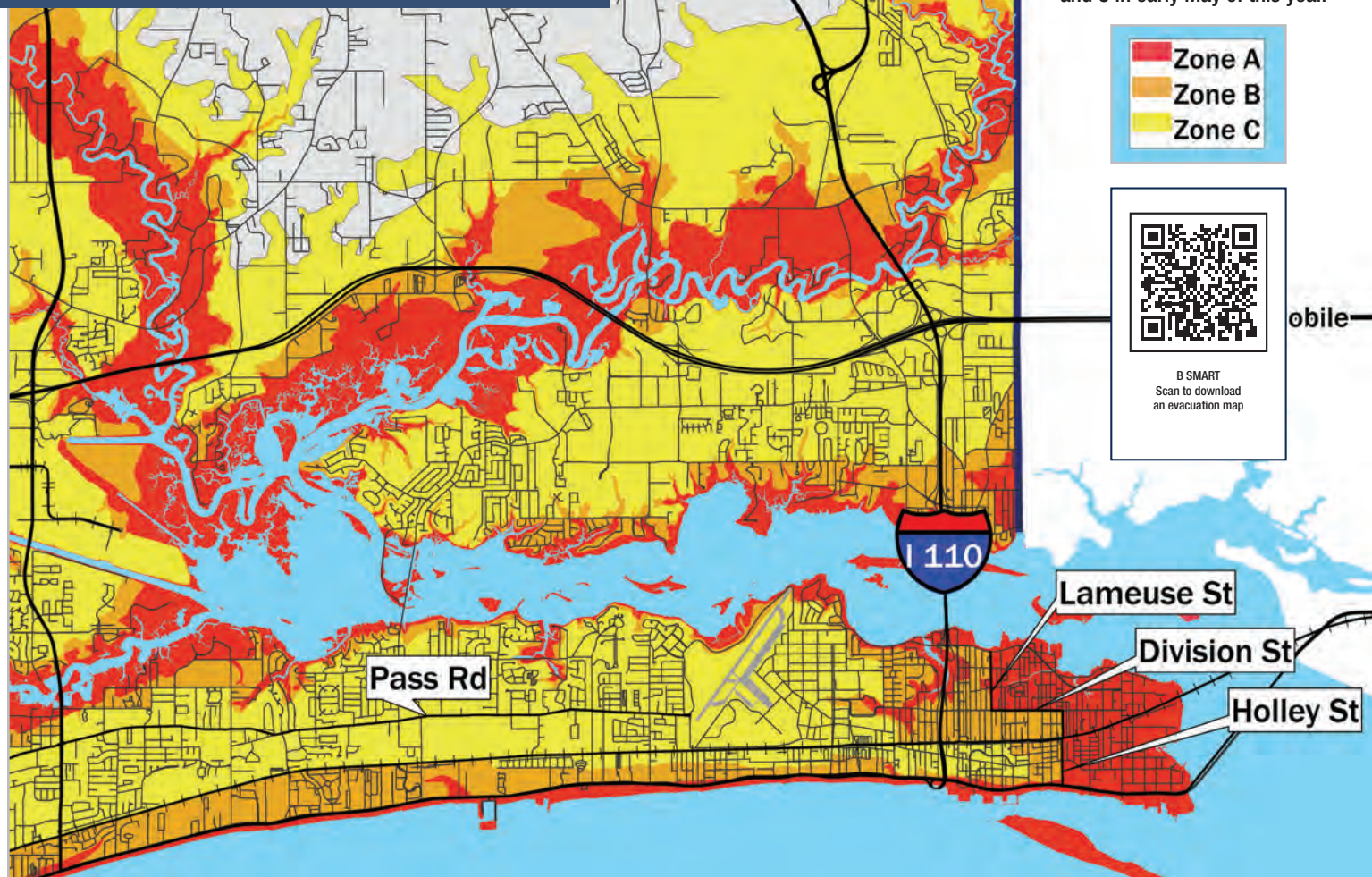
Additionally, the City of Biloxi relays vital information on a regular basis. The current temperature, conditions and forecast are displayed 24/7 at the top corner of the city's website at biloxi.ms.us.

Sign up to receive timely text alerts by texting BILOXI to 99411. Sign up for the Bmail by visiting biloxi.ms.us/register.

At right of this section is a list of local outlets where you can obtain information.

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| WBUV 104.9 | The Weather Channel |
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City of Biloxi Hurricane Evacuation Zones



What to do and when to do it

Before a hurricane approaches or NOW

Plan an evacuation route.

- Review the evacuation route by clicking on the Evacuation Map link in the Storm and Flood Preparedness section of the city website. Determine the safest evacuation route for you. Be ready to drive 20 to 50 miles inland to locate a safe place.

Prepare a storm kit that includes the following items:

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- First-aid kit and manual
- Duct tape
- Emergency food and water (at least one gallon of water per person per day for three to seven days; non-perishable packaged or canned food and juices; paper plates and plastic utensils; cooking tools)
- Non-electric can opener
- Essential medicines
- Cash and credit cards
- Sturdy shoes

- Fully charged cell phone
- Store important papers in a waterproof container or resealable plastic bag. Among the important documents: insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.

Make arrangements for pets.

- Pets are not allowed in typical emergency shelters for health and space reasons. Contact your local humane society for information on local animal shelters.

Make sure that all family members know how to respond after a hurricane.

- Teach family members how and when to turn off gas, electricity, and water.
- Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1, police, or fire department and which radio station to tune to for emergency information.
- Protect your windows.
- Permanent shutters are the best protection. A lower cost approach is to put up plywood panels. Use 1/2 inch plywood – marine plywood is best – cut to fit

each window. Remember to mark which board fits which window. Pre-drill holes every 18 inches for screws. Do this long before the storm.

Trim back dead or weak branches from trees.

Check into flood insurance.

- You can find out about the National Flood Insurance Program through your local insurance agent or emergency management office. There is normally a 30-day waiting period before a new policy becomes effective. Homeowners policies do not cover damage from the flooding that accompanies a hurricane.

Develop an emergency communication plan.

- In case family members are separated from one another during a disaster (a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school), have a plan for getting back together.
- Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.

See more Storm & Flood Preparedness info in BNews Monthly each month of hurricane season.

What to do and when to do it

DURING A HURRICANE WATCH

(A Hurricane Watch is issued when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24-36 hours.)

- Listen to a battery-operated radio or television for hurricane progress reports.
- Check emergency supplies.
- Fuel car.
- Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys, and garden tools and anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.
- Secure buildings by closing and boarding up windows. Remove outside antennas.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings. Open only when absolutely necessary and close quickly.
- Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs, bottles, and cooking utensils.
- Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home.
- Review evacuation plan.
- Moor boat securely or move it to a designated safe place.
- Take pre-storm pictures of house and contents.



- glass doors.
 - Keep a supply of flashlights and extra batteries handy. Avoid open flames, such as candles and kerosene lamps, as a source of light.
 - If power is lost, turn off or unplug major appliances to reduce power “surge” when electricity is restored.
- If officials indicate evacuation is necessary:
 - Leave as soon as possible. Avoid flooded roads and watch for washed-out bridges.
 - Secure your home by unplugging appliances and turning off electricity and the main water valve.
 - Tell someone outside of the storm area where you are going.
 - If time permits, and you live in an identified surge zone, elevate furniture to protect it from flooding or better yet, move it to a higher floor.
 - Take pre-assembled emergency supplies, warm protective clothing, blankets and sleeping bags to shelter.
 - Lock up home and leave.

DURING A HURRICANE WARNING

(A Hurricane Warning is issued when hurricane conditions – winds of 74 mph or greater, or dangerously high water and rough seas – are expected in 24 hours or less.)

- Listen constantly to a battery-operated radio or television for official instructions.
- If in a mobile home, check tie-downs and evacuate immediately.
- Bring outside pets inside and provide shelter for farm animals.
- Avoid elevators.
- If at home:
 - Stay inside, away from windows, skylights, and

AFTER THE STORM

- Stay tuned to local radio for information.
- Help injured or trapped persons.
- Give first aid where appropriate.
- Do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of further injury. Call for help.
- Return home only after authorities advise that it is safe to do so.

- Avoid loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company, police, or fire department.
- Enter your home with caution. Beware of snakes, insects, and animals driven to higher ground by flood water.
- Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry your home.
- Check refrigerated foods for spoilage; if electricity is off, keep refrigerator and freezer closed as much as possible.
- Take pictures of the damage, both of the house and its contents for insurance claims.
- Drive only if absolutely necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges. Refrain from sightseeing.
- Use telephone only for emergency calls.
- Inspecting utilities in a damaged home:
 - Check for gas leaks. If you smell gas or hear blowing or hissing noise, open a window and quickly leave the building. Turn off the gas at the outside main valve if you can and call the gas company from a neighbor’s home. If you turn off the gas for any reason, it must be turned back on by a professional.
 - Look for electrical system damage. If you see sparks or broken or frayed wires, or if you smell hot insulation, turn off the electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker. If you have to step in water to get to the fuse box or circuit breaker, call an electrician first for advice.
 - Check for sewage and water lines damage. If you suspect sewage lines are damaged avoid using the toilets and call a plumber. If water pipes are damaged, contact the water company and avoid the water from the tap. You can obtain safe water by melting ice cubes.
- Generally, utility companies restore services lost during major storm events first to public service providers, such as hospitals, water systems and public safety agencies.

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale

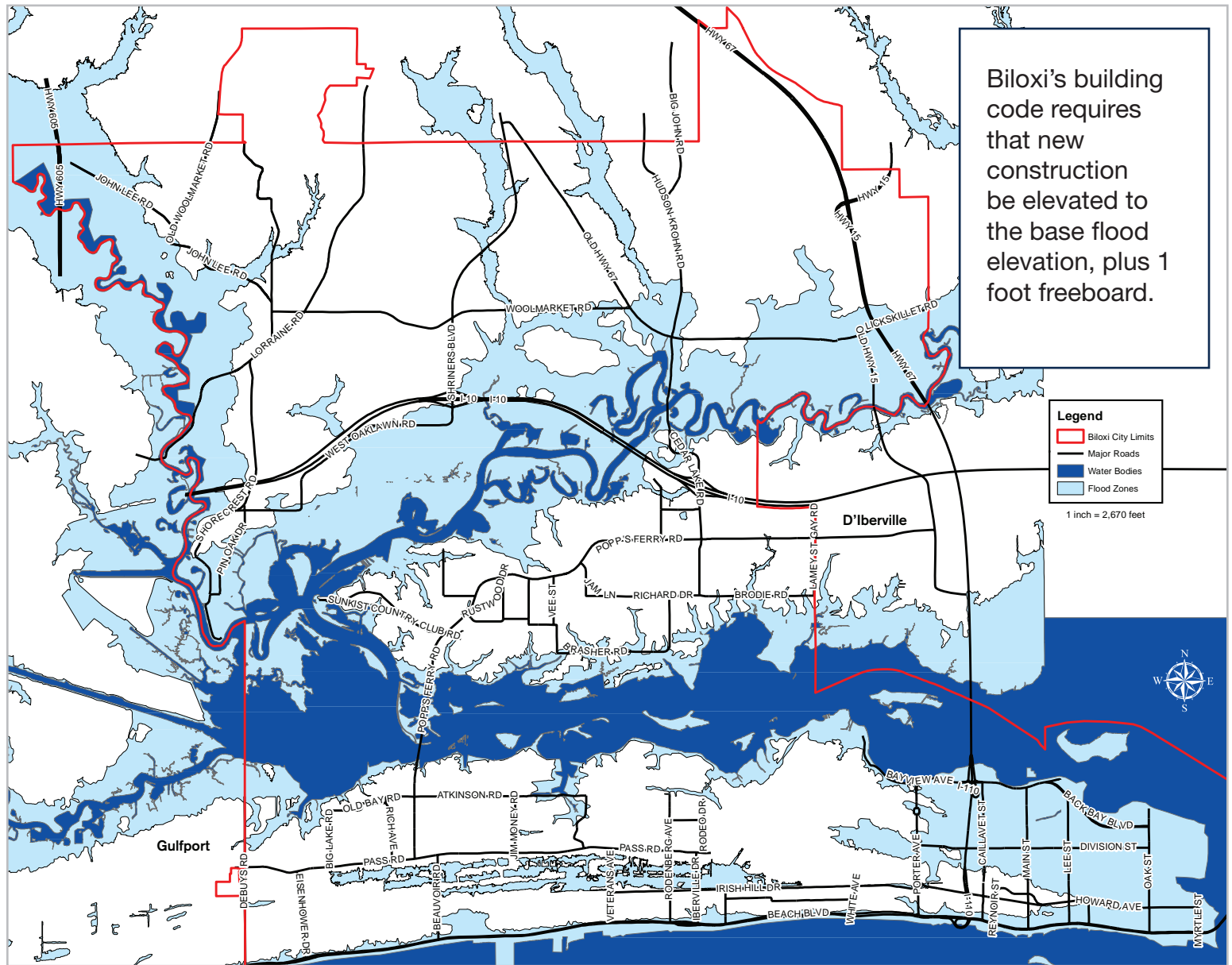
- 1** – 74-95 mph
- 2** – 96-110 mph
- 3** – 111-130 mph
- 4** – 131-155 mph
- 5** – greater than 155 mph

Spanish and Vietnamese translation available online.

Need More Info?

- To read FEMA’s answers to frequently asked questions about repairing significantly damaged properties in flood zones, visit biloxi.ms.us/storm.
- To read FEMA’s “Homebuilder’s Guide to Coastal Construction,” which provides technical guidance and recommendations concerning the construction of coastal residential, visit biloxi.ms.us/storm.
- Those with other questions can call the Community Development Department at 228-435-6280 or email building@biloxi.ms.us.

Flood Zones



A few words about this map

Much has been made and said about the federal government's current flood elevations, which went into effect in Biloxi in May 2009. While much of the focus has been on the height of construction, this map shows the significant increase in the size of the flood zone. For instance, nearly all of Point Cadet, the eastern tip of the Biloxi peninsula, is now in a flood zone, as is Eagle Point in north Biloxi.

Completed elevation certificates are available from the city's Community Development Department.

Where to turn for help

The Community Development Department is here to help minimize the risk you face from storms and flooding. If you are having flooding problems, advice is available to help you resolve your flooding issues. To make an appointment, contact Floodplain Manager Rick Stickler at 228-435-6270 or rstickler@biloxi.ms.us.

Flood Protection Assistance also is available from such sources as the American Red Cross, the Small Business Administration, FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, United Way, Salvation Army, Catholic Social and Community Services, and Back Bay Mission.

Ok, we're in June, the beginning of hurricane season, so here is more information to help you prepare for the storm season.

DURING A HURRICANE WATCH

Are you aware that your homeowners insurance does NOT cover floods? Only federal flood insurance reimburses you for flood damage to your property. You should consider buying flood insurance now.

Some homeowners may have been required to buy flood insurance when they obtained a mortgage or home-improvement loan. However, in many cases, these policies cover only the structure and not your possessions. You can protect your home and contents through the National Flood Insurance Program, in which the City of Biloxi participates.

Local insurance agents can sell a flood insurance policy separate from your homeowner or windstorm policy.

Anyone can get – and everyone should have – flood insurance. These policies are regulated by the federal government. Any agent can sell a policy and all agents must charge the same rates, which are set nationally. Your rates will not change even if you file a claim.

There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy becomes effective. Contact your insurance agent to determine what type of coverage you have.

LOWER FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUMS

The City of Biloxi is an active participant in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System, a voluntary incentive program designed to encourage local floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum federal requirements.

Flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect reduced flood risks that result from City actions to meet the three goals of the CRS:

1. Reduce flood losses,
2. Facilitate accurate insurance rating, and
3. Promote the awareness of flood insurance.

For CRS participating communities, flood insurance premium rates are discounted in increments of 5 percent. A Class 1 community would receive a 45 percent premium discount, while a Class 9 community would receive a 5 percent discount. The CRS rates are based four broad categories:

1. Public information,
2. Mapping and regulations,
3. Flood damage reduction, and
4. Flood preparedness.



In 2021, the City of Biloxi earned a Class 6 rating and continues to work actively to further lower it.

"The city takes a comprehensive approach in its efforts to reduce the risk of flooding," said Kristin Greger, Biloxi CRS coordinator. "Of course, we want to help property owners through lower insurance premiums, but our primary goals are to reduce risks to our residents and to minimize property damage from weather-related events."

For more information about Biloxi's CRS Program, contact Kristin Greger at 228-435-6270 or kgreger@biloxi.ms.us.

BUILDERS, THIS IS FOR YOU

All Biloxi-licensed contractors are required to participate in annual stormwater management training before being issued a building permit, in compliance with the Biloxi Stormwater Management Ordinance. This training is offered at no cost to the contractors, to be sure they have information about how to protect local water quality and, at the same time, minimize the risk of flood and stormwater runoff damage by properly maintaining their construction sites.

City building and code inspectors, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation crews are trained to improve the management of stormwater in the city by:

- enforcing construction site erosion and sediment control regulations;
- identifying and correcting illicit discharges, such as illegal dumping;
- implementing "good housekeeping" practices at city-owned facilities; and

- holding violators accountable for their actions. The Biloxi stormwater management ordinance and related information are available on the city's website. Click on the Stormwater Management button on the Community Development page.

If you have questions about the training requirements or the city's comprehensive stormwater management plan, contact Kristin Greger in the Community Development Department at kgreger@biloxi.ms.us or at 228-435-6280.

DO WHAT YOU CAN

There are some steps that you can take now to prepare your property against flooding.

One option may be "retrofitting," which is altering your home to eliminate or reduce flood damage.

A few things to consider:

- Elevate your building so that flood waters do not enter or reach any susceptible portions.
- Construct barriers out of fill or concrete between your building and flood waters.
- "Dry flood proof" your non-residential building, which entails making walls and flooring watertight so water cannot enter.
- "Wet flood proof" your non-residential building, which entails modifying the structure and relocating contents to lessen the damage caused by any flood waters that enter your structure.
- Sandbagging is a short-term measure that can also be helpful.

CHECK THAT LICENSE

The City of Biloxi is home to many reputable, licensed building contractors who are qualified to make repairs for you. However, after each storm, a number of transient contractors sets up temporary shop in our community.

Before signing any contract or paying any money for repair work, you should ask to see the person's City of Biloxi license.

If you have any doubts or questions, contact the Building Division at 228-435-6270 or online at building@biloxi.ms.us to ensure that the individual is licensed to operate in the City of Biloxi.

Know the flood zones of Biloxi? See page 12

Risk Rating 2.0: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

By Stephen Deal & Tracie Sempier
Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant
Consortium

Storm season is just around the corner and one of the most concrete actions residents can take to protect their property from the damaging effects of hurricanes

Now is the time to look at your flood insurance policy and ask your insurance agent questions about Risk Rating 2.0.

is to purchase flood insurance. On October 1, 2021 a significant change was made to federal flood insurance as a new pricing methodology was introduced known as Risk Rating 2.0.¹

With the newly implemented Risk Rating 2.0, the Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA) incorporates new technology from the private insurance industry and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) mapping data to provide a unique flood risk profile for an individual property.² This will ensure that any rates increases or decreases are uniform

and equitable.

With improved technology, FEMA is able to incorporate private sector data sets and catastrophe models to create an individual risk profile for a property.

Under the old system, property risk was assessed primarily on a property's flood zone, the height of its lowest floor above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) and its foundation type.

Under Risk Rating 2.0, a property's flood risk is assessed on a number of distinct variables. These variables include the property's flood risk rating, distance to the flooding source, number of floors, the replacement value and its lowest adjacent grade (LAG), which is defined as the lowest point of ground level immediately next to a building.³

Property owners who are interested in learning what their rates would be under Risk Rating 2.0 should consult their insurance agent who will guide property owners through the basic information needed to get a complete and accurate risk rating.

Although Risk Rating 2.0 will bring about a number of changes, there are some program features that will remain

the same. FEMA will continue to provide discounts for pre-FIRM subsidized and newly mapped properties. Communities that participate in the Community Rating System (CRS) will continue to receive insurance discounts.

Further, the CRS discount will now apply to all residents, not just residents in the special flood hazard area. However this discount does not apply until the full risk rate is achieved.⁴ Also, existing policyholders are still able to transfer their flood insurance discounts to a new owner with the sale of their property.

Risk Rating 2.0 is being implemented in phases and all policies renewing on or after April 1, 2022 will be subject to the new Risk Rating 2.0 rating methodology. Now is the time to look at your flood insurance policy and ask your insurance agent questions about how Risk Rating 2.0 may or may not affect your premium rate. Don't let storm season catch you off guard, be proactive in learning more about how to protect your property.

For more information, contact your local insurance agent.

1 Federal Emergency Management Agency, Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action, (April 1, 2022) <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/risk-rating#:~:text=Risk%20Rating%202.0%20enables%20FEMA,models%20and%20evolving%20actuarial%20science>.

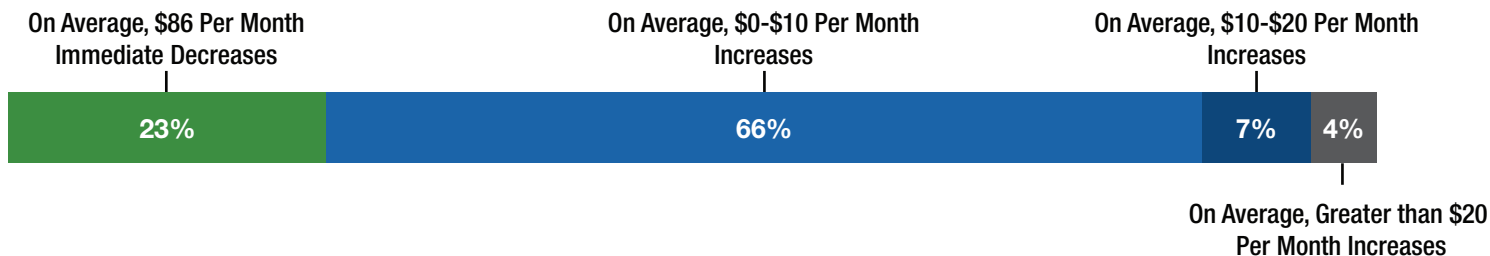
2 Federal Emergency Management Agency, Risk Rating 2.0 is Equity in Action, (April 2021) https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_rr-2.0-equity-action_0.pdf.

3 Federal Emergency Management Agency, Lowest Adjacent Grade, (March 5, 2020) <https://www.fema.gov/node/404804>.

4 Schwalls Consulting LLC, Risk Rating 2.0: General Information & FAQ, (December 8, 2021)

Under the **current rating methodology** policyholders on average see **premium increase** of \$8 per month.

Under the **new pricing system**, 96% of current policyholders will see either an **immediate decrease** or **\$20 or less month increase** in their premiums. (Figure 1 Bar Graph)



Biloxi Main Street, revitalizing and enhancing downtown

By Corey Christy
Biloxi Main Street

Biloxi Main Street has been the driving force behind the revitalization of downtown in 2024, creating the perfect environment for residents and small businesses in Biloxi. Main Street’s mission is to be the catalyst in promoting, preserving, revitalizing, and enhancing the economic growth of the downtown Biloxi area.

Main Street has added several amenities to the area, with plans for more following the receipt of several grants.

The amenities include an 18-hole disc golf course and a DIY skate park in the HowHop Creative District under the I-110, as well as new fish-shaped bike racks along Howard Avenue. In addition to these completed projects, work will soon begin on several new murals, and the alleyway along G E Ohr Street will undergo a makeover.

Funding has been flowing in and will lead to even bigger projects later in 2024. Main Street received grants from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, the Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant, and ARPA, totaling just under \$700,000. These funds will be used to bring more art and much-needed lighting to the HowHop Creative District.

Kay Miller, Main Street Biloxi executive director



Fish-shaped bike racks on Howard Avenue.

stated, “You can feel the energy and excitement in Downtown Biloxi! There is activity everywhere, and people want to be here! That is what Main Street’s mission is, to create a place where people will keep coming back!”

If you would like to become a Biloxi Main Street partner and help the organization continue its efforts to build downtown, please visit mainstreetbiloxi.com and click the Biloxi Main Street Partners link.

CITY OF BILOXI PUBLIC NOTICE

2024 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan Combined Notice Of Public Hearing, Draft Availability & 30-Day Comment Period

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced the City of Biloxi will receive a \$403,868.00 2024 CDBG Entitlement Grant allocation and, based on previous years’ resources, the City anticipates generating program income of \$175,784.00 for 2024 activities.

The City of Biloxi has scheduled a second public hearing regarding development of the 2024 CDBG Action Plan at 5:00 p.m., on **Tuesday, June 25, 2024**, in the Biloxi Community Development Auditorium, at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, to give Biloxi citizens and other interested stakeholders opportunity to:

- Present oral or written input about City housing, non-housing community development and supportive public services needs; and
- Participate in developing and implementing the 2024 CDBG Action Plan, a component of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Citizens are urged to attend, particularly low, very low, extremely low income and public housing residents, minorities, and those with mobility, visual, and hearing impediments. Those who wish to participate but may be hindered by disabilities or are non-English speaking are urged to call the Biloxi Federal Programs Office at 228-435-6269 at least three (3) days prior to June 25, 2024 so reasonable arrangements can be made.



On Wednesday, June 26, 2024, a Public Review Draft of the 2024 CDBG Action Plan will be posted on the City’s website biloxi.ms.us. Hard copies will be available for review at:

- Biloxi City Hall 140 Lameuse Street
- Biloxi Community Development . . . 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
- All Biloxi Library Branches
- Biloxi Housing Authority 330 Benachi Avenue

Written comments will be received during a 30-day comment period beginning Wednesday, June 26, 2024 and must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2024. They may be delivered to the Biloxi Federal Programs Office located at 214-A Delauney Street; emailed to spickich@biloxi.ms.us; or mailed to the Federal Programs Office P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533.

Information about Biloxi’s CDBG Program also can be found at biloxi.ms.us/cdbg

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Preventing crime on base

The 81st Security Forces Squadron now has another avenue to assist in preventing crime for those living on base at Keesler Air Force Base.

Anyone living on base who wants to report a base housing issue or complaint to the Crime Prevention Office may now do so by simply scanning the QR Code available to anyone on base to use.

Once the code is scanned, you will be directed to a page that asks three simple questions to be answered: What housing area are you located in?; What is the situation, problem, issue, or complaint you would like the Crime Prevention Office to be aware of?; and, If you would like to be contacted about this concern, please enter your name, email, and phone. Once the fields are filled in, click submit for the information to be reviewed by the Crime Prevention Office.

Contact information should be submitted for those wanting an update or further information concerning the report.

For more details, contact the 81 SFS Crime Prevention Managers at 228-376-6626 or 81SFS.CPO.STOP@us.af.mil.

► See more photos at 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 at biloxi.ms.us/btv

81st Security Forces Squadron Crime Prevention Office

Another avenue to report non-emergency
Base Housing issues or suggestions.

Each report will be reviewed by the Crime Prevention Office.

Scan the QR Code to report your
Base Housing issue or suggestion.

If you would like an update or
further information concerning
your report please provide
contact information.



If you have an emergency to report please call 911 or
Base Defense Operations Center (BDOC) at (228) 377-3040



Questions or concerns may be addressed to
81 SFS Crime Prevention Managers at
(228) 376-6626 or 81SFS.CPO.STOP@us.af.mil.



Biloxi Natatorium

1384 Father Ryan Ave., Biloxi

For more information,
contact the Biloxi Natatorium
at 228-435-6205.

Summer competitive swim team for ages 18 and younger

Registration ends May 30

(Fees apply)

Practice

- Monday, June 3-Thursday, June 27 – 3:30-5 p.m., weekdays
(Times may vary based on BEST practice)

*Practice days subject to change.

Meets

4 p.m. warm-ups, 5 p.m. start time, with the exception of championships.

- Tuesday, June 4 at Biloxi or Diamondhead (TBA)
- Tuesday, June 11 at Gulfport Rec
- Tuesday, June 18 Home vs. Ocean Springs YMCA
- Tuesday, June 25 at Bayou Bluff Tennis Club in Gulfport

Championships

- June 29 at Biloxi Natatorium (Time TBD)

Banquet

- End of season awards banquet will be determined
at a later date.

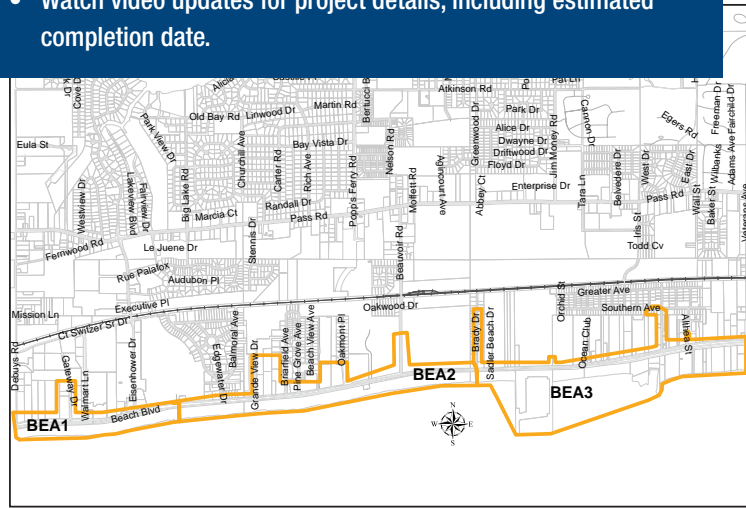


The infrastructure work in Biloxi

Project: BEA1, 2, & 3

Adjacent to Beach Blvd. from Debuids Road to Veterans Avenue
(Contractors: Necaise Brothers Construction)

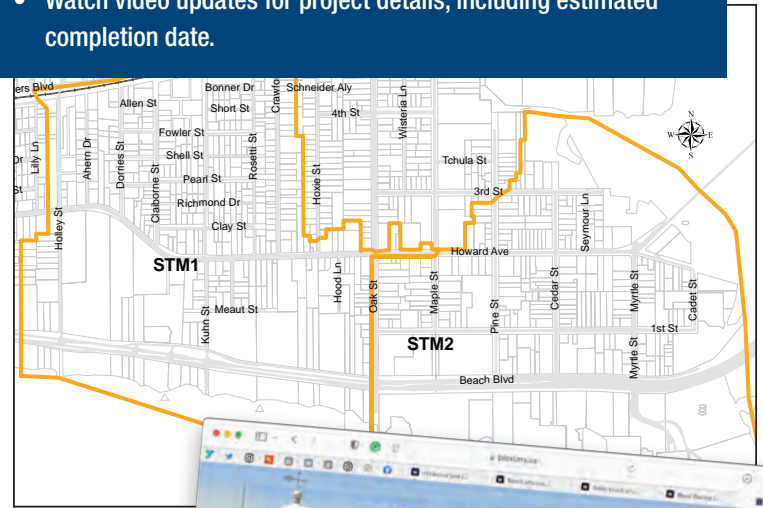
- Installation of new water, sewer, drainage
- Work began June 2022
- Watch video updates for project details, including estimated completion date.



Project: STM1 & 2

Between Holley Street & Point Cadet, south of CSX railroad
(Contractors: Necaise Brothers Construction)

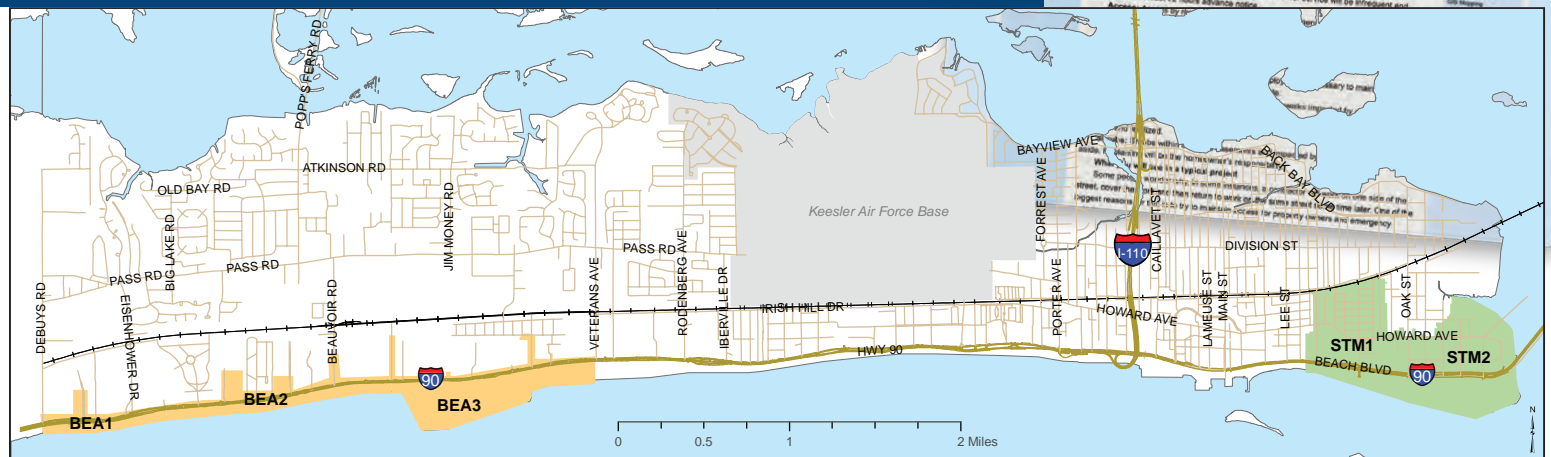
- Installation of new water, sewer, drainage
- Work began Jan. 4, 2021
- Watch video updates for project details, including estimated completion date.



► See monthly update maps and videos online at biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/.



Areawide map of infrastructure work



Random Notes



TIME CAPSULE:



Wild West Biloxi

At the western end of the city once stood a popular tourist attraction known as the Eight Flags Deer Ranch. It featured a petting zoo where visitors could hand feed tame deer and goats, and a bird vaudeville theatre that included a dancing chicken!

In the back of this park-like setting was the Six Gun Junction, a replica of a western town with can-can girls and hourly staged shootouts. It wasn't uncommon for a cowboy to tumble off the roof to the ground during a shootout!

This attraction was a big hit for tourists and locals from 1962 to 1984. The attraction closed in 1984.

Photograph courtesy of the Chauncey Hinman Collection at Local History and Genealogy.



▲ D.J. Vanas, Nora Abbou, Mayor Gilich, Kim Vanas Buchanan, and Wesley Buchanan

Biloxi celebrity visits City Hall

Internationally acclaimed speaker and bestselling author D.J. Vanas dropped by to visit Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich and tour City Hall in late May.

With friends in tow, Vanas was excited to speak with the Mayor and showcase the city he grew up to his companions.

You may remember Vanas from when he welcomed Biloxi High School students on opening day last year. The auditorium was standing room only when Vanas, a Native American member of the Ottawa Tribe of Michigan, spoke and received a proclamation from Mayor Gilich honoring all of his achievements.

D.J. captivates audiences by introducing them to the Native American warrior spirit. The tribal principles that led the first cultures in America can be applied today to lead organizations with courage, find clarity in chaos, and serve at their best regardless of circumstances.



D.J. Vanas speaking at Biloxi High School last year.

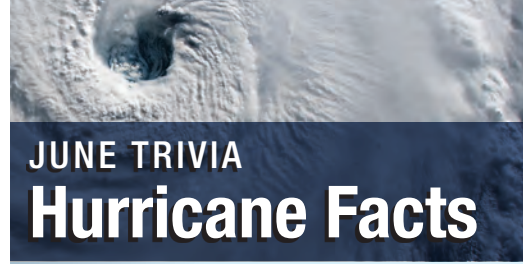


▲ Hurricane Camille Memorial at the Episcopal Church of Redeemer site.

Preserving the memory

The Camille Memorial, constructed in 2004 at the historic Episcopal Church of Redeemer site, pays tribute to people who lost their lives in Hurricane Camille. The hurricane killed 172 people in Mississippi and 256 across the United States, and the monument records every name.

The church property recently sold, creating the need to relocate the memorial to preserve the memory of those lost in the storm, and the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum has offered a place for the memorial on its property. With the help of a \$15,000 grant from the Mississippi Gulf Coast Heritage Foundation, they hope to soon find a contractor to move the monument.



JUNE TRIVIA Hurricane Facts

By Jane Shambra

What dates are designated by NOAA for hurricane season? June 1 through November 30

What is the center of a hurricane called? The eye

At what level of wind intensity does a storm become a hurricane? 74 mph

How many categories of hurricane wind intensity are identified by the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale? Five

How strong were the winds in Hurricane Katrina? According to the National Weather Service, Katrina reached a category 5 status of 175 mph.

How high was the tidal surge in Biloxi during Hurricane Katrina? Standing high water levels were measured to about 18 feet above ground level, the highest being along Beach Boulevard.

Where in Biloxi can you see high water markers for Hurricane Katrina? Inside the Biloxi lighthouse; the pole situated adjacent to the Katrina Memorial on the Biloxi Town Green; and, a pole adjacent to the Biloxi Visitors Center, just to mention a few.

Where can you find a tiled mosaic rendering related to Hurricane Katrina? On the Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd.

For many years hurricanes were identified by the year of their strike. When did that change? In 1953, hurricanes were named solely after women. In 1979, the Atlantic region storms used both male and female names.

What agency is tasked with naming the hurricane lists each year? The World Meteorological Organization

What happens if they run out of names on the hurricane list? They have an additional list of names.

Can you name a popular weather instrument in downtown Biloxi that is not electrical and is very old? The Weather Witch/Weather Vane perched atop Elzey's Hardware Store on Howard Avenue. It has been flying high since the building was built, around 1900.

How do we know that hurricanes were pestering Biloxi when D'Iberville and Bienville landed on our Coast in 1699? Monsieur D'Iberville wrote about the wrath of the storms in his famous "D'Iberville's Gulf Journals."

Which Biloxi historian and preservationist is fondly remembered as the Director of Biloxi's civil defense Department during Hurricane Camille (1969)? Julia Cook Guice (1928- 2013), Her husband Wade Guice (1927-1996) is remembered as Harrison County's Civil Defense Director.



▲ Left to right: Palmer Toche, Kamaurie Thomas, Caryana Meeks, Madison Lockwood, Mayor Gilich, John Paul Mattina, Reece Catchot, and Carter McLendon. Cole Martin is absent from the picture.

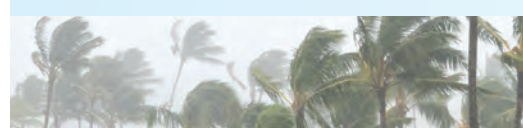
Mayor's Youth Council

The inaugural class of Mayor Gilich's Youth Council has concluded!

Eight eleventh graders from Biloxi High, St. Patrick's, and D'Iberville High attended six sessions where they learned about the city government, city operations, and city facilities and how they connect and service the citizens of Biloxi.

The attentive group toured city hall, checked out a fire truck or two, timed firefighters in gearing up, found out what type of fingerprints they have, watched some robots at the police department, learned how large traffic lights really are, and... add something from the PW session.

Those interested in attending the next session can look for the applications at the beginning of the next school year.



City of Biloxi and Movers and Shakers Social Club, Inc. present

JUNETEENTH

Weekend Celebration



FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024

John Henry Beck Park, 671 Division St.

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Tip-Off 5:30 p.m. • \$500 cash prize for 1st place team!

Spades Tournament

5:30 p.m.

\$200 cash prize for 1st place team!



SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

Unity Walk/Run

John Henry Beck Park, 671 Division St.

• 7 a.m. – Walk-up registration begins

• 8:30 a.m. – Walk/Run begins

Juneteenth Celebration

Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. • 3-9 p.m.

For more information, contact
Parks & Recreation
at 228-388-7170
or email cbell@biloxi.ms.us

Essay Contest

Ages 11-13 and 14-18 • Deadline: June 7, 2024, 4 p.m.

CASH PRIZES: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place



ARE YOU READY?

FIND OUT

Hurricane preparedness outreach

Hear from a host of disaster-preparation
and response authorities with how-to-advice

- Daily on BTV in June at 8 a.m., 2 p.m., and 8 p.m.
- Anytime on the city's YouTube page



Video program to educate and remind residents about the precautions they should take before, during, and after a storm.

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

Visit online at biloxi.ms.us



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For B-Alerts, text BILOXI to 99411



Best Bets!

Biloxi Shuckers Baseball

105 Caillavet St., Admission prices start at \$9 for standing room tickets, all other tickets start at \$15. Details: 228-233-3465, biloxishuckers.com



- **VS Pensacola Blue Wahoos**, June 1-2, Saturday 6:05, and 5:05 p.m. Sunday
- **VS Tennessee Smokies**, June 11-16, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 6:05 p.m. Saturday, and 5:05 p.m. Sunday
- **VS Pensacola Blue Wahoos**, June 25-30, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 6:05 p.m. Saturday, and 5:05 p.m. Sunday



Fresh finds and fresh entertainment

The annual Biloxi Community Market Festival returns this month on Thursday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. Along with the usual array of food, produce, baked goods, and plant vendors, the festival will feature live music, specialty vendors, and games and prizes. There will also be arts and crafts vendors and other specialty vendors. So mark your calendar to visit the event and enjoy some leisure time in downtown while shopping for ingredients for your next culinary masterpiece, or maybe some fresh additions to your garden! Details: 228-388-7170, biloxi.ms.us/pr

Summer Reading Program 2024, May 28-July 13. Each branch of the Harrison County Library System will sponsor special events and activities for all ages. Free admission. Details: <http://harrison.lib.ms.us>

Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Billfish Classic, June 3-9, 119 Beach Blvd. Hundreds of anglers converge on the Mississippi Gulf Coast to compete for over \$2,000,000 in cash and prizes. Scales open Friday and Saturday at 3 p.m. Awards ceremony Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the Golden Nugget. Free admission for spectators. Details: www.mgcbc.com

Unveiling of the 2024 Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet poster, introduction of Shrimp Queen Contestants, June 5, 6 p.m. St. Michaels Parish Life Center, 177 1st St. Details: 228-435-5578



First Friday Downtown Block Party, June 7, 5-9 p.m., HowHop Creative District, corner of Howard Avenue & Hopkins Boulevard, (932 Howard Ave). Entertainment by Six String Andrew with Test Drive at 5 p.m., and The Chitlins at 7 p.m. Food trucks, arts & craft vendors, and Fly Llama beverages are part of the event. NO COOLERS. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

KAFB Stride into Pride, June 7, 7 a.m., Triangle Track. Pride Month color run open to all military and civilians. Details: 228-377-3844 or erica.craft.1@us.af.mil or kalyn.anderson@us.af.mil

KAFB Diversity Fair, June 13, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., BBEC Ballroom 2nd floor. Sharing culture, heritage, and diverse backgrounds with others. Details: izabela.a.villalonga.mil@health.mil or olivia.raines@us.af.mil 228-377-8874

Biloxi Community Market Festival, June 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., under I-110 overpass on Howard Avenue at the corner of Howard and Hopkins. Live music, specialty vendors, games and prizes, and food vendors. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170



Splashin' the Coast, June 13-16, various times, Biloxi Natatorium, 1384 Father Ryan Ave. Large swim meet, 12 teams from the South East with more 500 swimmers, including the Biloxi Elite Swim Team. Event open to spectators for free. Details: 228-435-6205



Rooting for the Kids 2024 Gala, June 15, 7 p.m., Beau Rivage, 875 Beach Blvd. The Gala will take place in the Magnolia Ballroom and includes a silent auction, split the pot, Louis Vuitton purse raffle, and entertainment

by Unfazed Show Band. All proceeds benefit the service projects of the Junior Auxiliary of Biloxi-Ocean Springs. Details: jabos2024.givesmart.com

Juneteenth Weekend Celebration

June 14-15, downtown. Events presented by the City of Biloxi and the Movers and Shakers Social Club, Inc. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170 or email programs@biloxi.ms.us



- **3 on 3 Basketball Tournament & Spades Tournament**, June 14, 5:30 p.m. John Henry Beck Park, 671 Division St. A limited number of teams will be accepted. Cash prizes. Deadline to enter is June 12. Details: 228-239-8805
- **Unity Walk/Run, Saturday, June 15**, John Henry Beck Park, 671 Division St. 7-8 a.m. walk-up registration; 8:30 a.m. event begins: First 50 receive a T-shirt
- **Juneteenth Celebration, Saturday, June 15**, 3-9 p.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Vendors booths, food booths, children's area. Live entertainment.

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

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 73rd 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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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

SGC Summit Grappling Championships, June 15, doors open at noon, first match at 1 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Open to ages 8 and older. Belts and prizes given. Admission charged. Details: summitgrappling.tv

Church Yard Sale, June 15, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (Rain or Shine), Leggett Memorial United Methodist, 1410 Beach Blvd. Details: 228-331-0761



Bike Biloxi, June 18, 6 p.m., downtown bike ride. Begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., and ends with refreshments and food at a downtown restaurant at cyclists' expense. Helmets and lights are recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

Annual Scrapin the Coast, June 21-23, Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Hundreds of hot rods show off on the Mississippi Coast. Event includes a car and truck show, vendors, live bands, competitions, corn hole tournament, burnout contests, stereo competitions, and more. Admission charged. Details: www.scrapinthe coast.com



Main Street Book Club

June 27, 5:30 p.m., Jacked-Up Coffee Bar, 999 Howard Ave.

June's Book of the Month: "Fool Me Once"
 by Harlan Covan. Participation is free.
 Details: 228-435-6339, email: Lrosetti@biloxi.ms.us



Senior Patriotic Dance "Salute to the Military"

June 28, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Wear your patriotic attire! Music, food, and door prizes. Event open to ages 55 and older. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170, programs@biloxi.ms.us



Biloxi Little Theatre

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

- **Auditions: The Outsiders,** June 1-3
- **Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike,** June 1-2 & 7-9
- **Adventures on Stage Acting Camp: Space Pirates,** June 10

Center Stage

2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258

- **Alice in Wonderland,** June 18-21

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

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.

- Group charters available, up to 44 people
- Walk on Sails, minimum of 6 passengers, \$30/adult & \$15/child ages 3-12, check website for dates. (book now for the 4th of July fireworks sail)

Biloxi Shrimping Trip

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

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

Visit online for more info on all special events

- **Partner Yoga**, June 15, 10-11:30 a.m. Live music & door prizes, Members \$5; Guest \$10

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.
- **Sea-n-Sail Adventure Camp 2024**, Ages 6-12, 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 a 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**, June 7, 14, 21, & 28. Doors open at 4 p.m.; Card sales at 5:30 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 at 6 p.m.
- **Karaoke with Kenny**, Fridays at 7 p.m.

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027

- **Steak Night**, June 14, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold by 7:15 p.m.; \$20. Dine-in or carry-out. Details 228-392-9345

Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society

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

- **Meeting and Show and Tell**, June 9, 2-4 p.m.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Monday Bingo

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Monday Bingo**, June 3, 10, 17, & 24. Doors open at 5 p.m.; Early birds at 6:30 p.m.; regular games at 7 p.m.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Bingo

870 Howard Ave., 228-374-1717

- **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: **first**

New Meeting Detail

Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.; Biloxi Community Development auditorium, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266

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| <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28 Community Market</p> <p>Summer Reading Program (all month) Harrison County Library System</p> <p>Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30 Community Market</p> | <p>31 Seafood Dinner & Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society</p> <p>Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge</p> | <p>1 Auditions: The Outsiders Biloxi Little Theatre</p> <p>Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike Biloxi Little Theatre</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Wahoos Keesler Federal Park</p> <p>Nate Bargatze MS Coast Coliseum</p> <p>Happy Together Tour IP Casino</p> |
| <p>2</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Wahoos Keesler Federal Park</p> <p>Auditions: The Outsiders Biloxi Little Theatre</p> <p>Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike Biloxi Little Theatre</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Billfish Classic Golden Nugget</p> <p>Auditions: The Outsiders Biloxi Little Theatre</p> <p>Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima</p> | <p>4 Community Market</p> <p>Billfish Classic Golden Nugget</p> <p>Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Billfish Classic Golden Nugget</p> <p>Blessing of the Fleet Poster Unveiling/ Intro to Shrimp Queen Contestants St. Michael's Parish Life Center</p> | <p>6 Community Market</p> <p>Billfish Classic Golden Nugget</p> | <p>7 Seafood Dinner & Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society</p> <p>Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge</p> <p>Billfish Classic – Golden Nugget</p> <p>First Friday – HowHop</p> <p>KAFB Stride into Pride Track Triangle</p> <p>Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike – BLT</p> <p>KAFB Farmers Market</p> <p>Femmes of Rock – Hard Rock</p> <p>38 Special – Beau Rivage</p> | <p>8 Billfish Classic Golden Nugget</p> <p>Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike Biloxi Little Theatre</p> <p>Biloxi Blues MS Coast Coliseum</p> |
| <p>9</p> <p>Billfish Classic Golden Nugget</p> <p>Historical Genealogical Society Meeting/ Show & Tell Dr. Frank Gruich Sr. Community Center</p> <p>Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike Biloxi Little Theatre</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Adventures on Stage Acting Camp: Space Pirates Biloxi Little Theatre</p> <p>Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima</p> | <p>11 Community Market</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Smokies Keesler Federal Park</p> <p>Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Smokies Keesler Federal Park</p> | <p>13 Community Market Festival</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Smokies Keesler Federal Park</p> <p>KAFB Diversity Fair BBEC Ballroom 2nd Floor</p> <p>Splashin' The Coast Biloxi Natatorium</p> <p>Tim McGraw MS Coast Coliseum</p> | <p>14 Seafood Dinner & Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society</p> <p>Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge</p> <p>Steak Night – Joppa Shrine</p> <p>Juneteenth Basketball and Spades Tournaments John Henry Beck Park</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Smokies Keesler Federal Park</p> <p>Splashin' The Coast Biloxi Natatorium</p> | <p>15 SGC Grappling Championships Biloxi Civic Center</p> <p>Church Yard Sale Leggett Memorial United Methodist</p> <p>Splashin' The Coast Biloxi Natatorium</p> <p>Kids Gala – Beau Rivage</p> <p>Juneteenth Walk/Run and Celebration – John Henry Beck Park/Town Green</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Smokies Keesler Federal Park</p> |
| <p>16</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Smokies Keesler Federal Park</p> <p>Splashin' The Coast Biloxi Natatorium</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima</p> | <p>18 Community Market</p> <p>Bike Biloxi Downtown Biloxi</p> <p>Alice in Wonderland Center Stage</p> <p>Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Alice in Wonderland Center Stage</p> | <p>20 Community Market</p> <p>Alice in Wonderland Center Stage</p> | <p>21 Karaoke with Kenny & Dinner Fleur de Lis Society</p> <p>Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge</p> <p>Alice in Wonderland Center Stage</p> <p>Footloose Beau Rivage</p> <p>Scrapin The Coast MS Coast Coliseum</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Ginuwine IP Casino</p> <p>Footloose Beau Rivage</p> <p>Scrapin The Coast MS Coast Coliseum</p> |
| <p>23</p> <p>Scrapin The Coast MS Coast Coliseum</p> <p>Footloose Beau Rivage</p> <p>30</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Wahoos Keesler Federal Park</p> <p>Footloose Beau Rivage</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Footloose Beau Rivage</p> <p>Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima</p> | <p>25 Community Market</p> <p>Footloose Beau Rivage</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Wahoos Keesler Federal Park</p> <p>Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Footloose Beau Rivage</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Wahoos Keesler Federal Park</p> | <p>27 Community Market</p> <p>Footloose Beau Rivage</p> <p>Main Street Book Club Jacked Up Coffee Bar</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Wahoos Keesler Federal Park</p> <p>On The Border Hard Rock</p> | <p>28 Seafood Dinner & Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society</p> <p>Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge</p> <p>Senior Patriotic Dance "Salute to the Military" Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Wahoos Keesler Federal Park</p> <p>Footloose – Beau Rivage</p> | <p>29</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Wahoos Keesler Federal Park</p> <p>Queensryche IP Casino</p> <p>Footloose – Beau Rivage</p> |

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

| Morning | |
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| 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 Biloxi Fire Station No. 1 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min) |
| 7:45 a.m. | Keesler Update (15 min) |
| 8 a.m. | "R U Ready?" 2024 |
| 9 a.m. | City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (3 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 Biloxi Fire Station No. 1 |
| 1:30 p.m. | Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min) |
| 1:45 p.m. | Keesler Update (15 min) |
| 2 p.m. | "R U Ready?" 2024 |
| 3 p.m. | City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (3 hours) |
| Evening | |
| 6 p.m. | "Down in Biloxi," by Rockin' Ray Fournier (4 min) |
| 6:04 p.m. | Inside BTV |
| 6:10 p.m. | Infrastructure report (5 min) |
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| 7:45 p.m. | Keesler Update |
| 8 p.m. | "R U Ready?" 2024 |
| 9 p.m. | City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (3 hours) |
| Midnight | National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min) |



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

R U Ready for hurricane season?

Hurricane season is here (June 1 through Nov. 30), and a host of disaster preparation and response authorities offer how-to advice in the 2024 edition of "R U Ready?"

The program airs at 8 a.m., 2 p.m., and 8 p.m. in June on BTV.

Replays of past "R U Ready?" events will also replay throughout the month on BTV.

Cooking at the firehouse continues

This month, we head over to Biloxi Fire Station No. 1 to visit with firefighters for the June episode of "Biloxi Cooks!" Biloxi Firefighter III Sergio Acosta, along with other firefighters, prepares Latin cuisine with a homemade twist.

See the latest episode of "Biloxi Cooks!" airing daily in June on BTV at 7 a.m., 1 p.m., and 7 p.m. and on Demand on the city's YouTube channel.

This month's recipe:

Homemade tortillas with marinated shredded chicken and mango salsa, and Cuban espresso

By Biloxi Firefighter III Sergio Acosta along with other Biloxi Firefighters

Tortillas Ingredients:

- 4 cups corn flour
- 3 cups warm water
- 1 teaspoon salt

Tortillas Instructions:

1. In mixing bowl, combine corn, flour, and salt.
2. Slowly add warm water to mixture, and mix well until a dough forms. The dough should be soft and not too sticky.
3. Divide dough into equal-sized balls.
4. Preheat a griddle or skillet over medium-high heat.
5. Place a ball of dough between two pieces of parchment paper or plastic wrap. Using a tortilla press or a flat-bottomed heavy object, flatten the dough into a thin round tortilla.
6. Carefully peel off top layer of parchment paper or plastic wrap, then flip tortilla onto your hand and peel off other layer.
7. Place tortilla on hot griddle and cook for about 1-2 minutes on each side, or until lightly browned and cooked through.
8. Repeat with remaining dough balls to make more tortillas.
9. Keep the cooked tortillas warm by wrapping them in a clean kitchen towel or cloth while you finish cooking the rest.

Mango Pico de Gallo Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 oz. can of diced mangoes
- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 2-3 Roma Tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 2 jalapeño peppers, seeded and finely chopped
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- Juice of 2-3 limes
- Salt and pepper to taste

Mango Pico de Gallo Instructions:

1. In mixing bowl, combine diced mangoes, tomatoes, chopped red onion, jalapeño pepper, and cilantro.
2. Squeeze lime juice over mango mixture and gently toss to combine.
3. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Adjust lime juice, salt, and pepper as needed.
4. Cover bowl and refrigerate mango Pico de Gallo for at least 30 minutes to allow flavors to meld together.
5. Give salsa a final stir before serving.

Guacamole Ingredients:

- 4 ripe avocados
- 1/2 cup diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 jalapeño peppers, seeded and finely chopped
- Juice of 2-3 limes
- Salt and pepper to taste

Guacamole Instructions:

1. Cut avocados in half, remove pits, and scoop flesh into a mixing bowl.
2. Mash the avocados with a fork or potato masher until you reach your desired consistency.
3. Add diced tomatoes, red onion, cilantro, and jalapeño peppers to mashed avocados.
4. Squeeze lime juice over guacamole mixture and gently fold to combine.
5. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Adjust lime juice, salt, and pepper as needed.
6. Cover bowl and refrigerate guacamole for at least 30 minutes to allow flavors to meld together.
7. Give guacamole a final stir before serving.

Chicken Thigh Ingredients:

- 3 lbs boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup crushed tomatoes + 1 tablespoon of sugar
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1 teaspoon of adobo seasoning
- Salt to taste
- Corn or flour tortillas, for serving
- Toppings of your choice (such as shredded cheese, sour cream, etc.)

Chicken Thigh Instructions:

1. In slow cooker, combine chicken broth, honey, soy sauce, crushed tomatoes + sugar, garlic, ginger, taco seasoning mix, black pepper, paprika, cayenne pepper (if using), adobo seasoning, and salt. Mix well to combine.
2. Add chicken thighs to slow cooker, ensuring they are coated with sauce.
3. Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours or on high for 3-4 hours, or until chicken is tender and easily shredded with a fork.
4. Once chicken is cooked, shred it using two forks right in slow cooker and mix it with sauce.
5. Taste and adjust seasoning if needed.



BILOXI'S ARCHITECTURE Through the Ages

By Jane Shambra

Biloxi's architectural styles have changed quite a bit through the centuries. Here's an interesting look at the variations.

As Hurricane season commences this month, we often wonder as we travel along the highways and byways of Biloxi, "What was there before." Structures have come and gone through Biloxi's long and storied history; and, it's interesting to note how hurricanes and storms have impacted our ever-changing architecture and how events have prompted builders to establish more durable structures, both for habitation and business purposes.

Plant-based housing

The first hint of construction during the early days of Biloxi can be seen in the popular drawing of New Biloxi in 1720. With no floor plans in place, Biloxi's earliest French settlers had to immediately create instant architecture upon arriving on our shores. Simple structures were erected with palmetto leaves and bamboo sticks providing immediate shelter from the weather and pesky insects. These huts could be immediately replaced or improved upon, if necessary.



Huts of the earlier settlers

Bousillage houses

By 1800, structures were sturdier and built utilizing better materials. Walls were made using mud and dried Spanish moss, connected to post boards which were several feet apart. This building design proved to be longer lasting. One such house was located on Porter Avenue north of our present-day Visitors Center. It survived the test of time and was finally dismantled in the latter 1930s.

Houses of wood

With the coast's rich abundance of nearby forested areas, houses and structures made of wood became the most popular option for construction materials.



George E. Ohr wooden pottery building in the 1800s

Brick structures

In the late 1800s, downtown Biloxi suffered major fires that destroyed an abundance of wooden structures. Even George E. Ohr suffered a disastrous blow at his downtown Biloxi pottery.

After the fires, larger buildings were built utilizing brick instead of wood. Examples of brick construction around that time included the old Biloxi City Hall (that once stood at the corner of Main and Howard Avenue), the Masonic Lodge on Main Street, the Elks Lodge (that once stood on Lameuse Street), and many popular hotels back in the day. As time went on, more and more downtown buildings were constructed utilizing bricks, including the shopping district on Howard Avenue.

Homes for Seafood Factory Workers

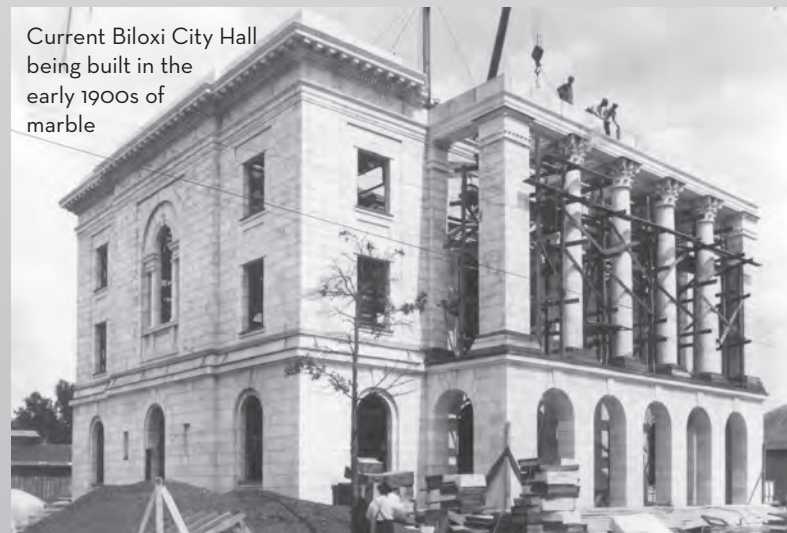
In the early 1900s, Biloxi was crowned as the Seafood Capital of the World. Factory workers and their families arrived from other areas including Slavonia, Cajun French Louisiana, and even Baltimore, MS to earn a living in our seafood factories at Point Cadet. The drastic increase in population meant more housing was in demand. Some factory workers were provided a place to live, but those structures were simple and not permanent.



Simple homes were built for factory workers in the early 1900s

Marble palace

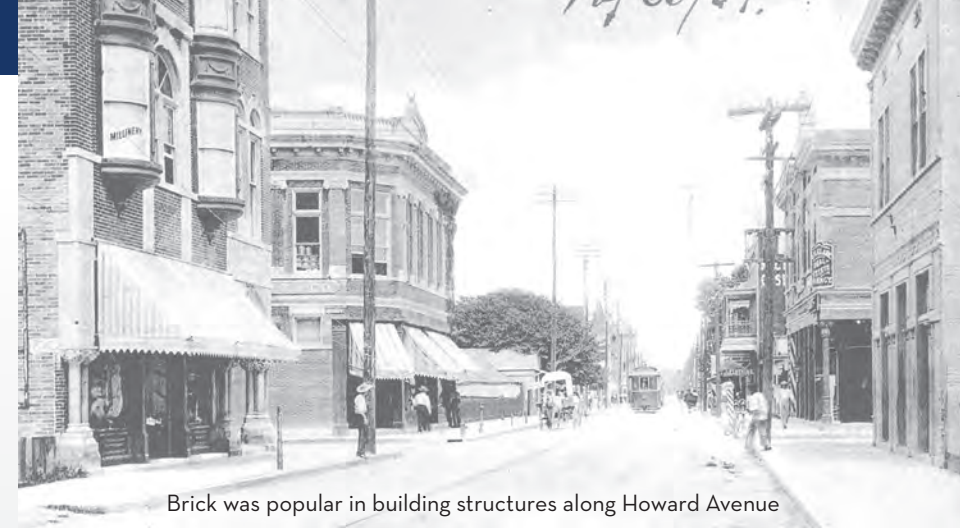
Marble construction was a special exception to traditional building. Our present City Hall, originally constructed by the Federal Government for use as a customs house and post office, was built in the early 1900s. It is truly "solid as a rock" and still standing. It has weathered many storms including Hurricanes Camille and Katrina. Today, the building houses the Mayor's office, city council office, and the Biloxi City Administration Department.



Current Biloxi City Hall being built in the early 1900s of marble



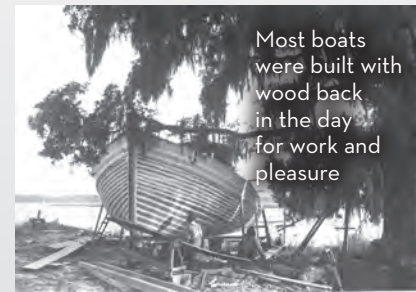
Early 18th century home in Biloxi with lower walls made of clay and moss if needed



Brick was popular in building structures along Howard Avenue

Boat building

A significant type of historical Biloxi construction includes the wooden boats utilized for both work and pleasure. Many boat construction sites could be found along Biloxi's shoreline peninsula. Boats had many different features and were constructed for many purposes: the seafood industry, travel, racing, and leisure activities. One excellent example of sloop (boat) construction can still be seen today at the Biloxi Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum. The restored "Nydia" was originally built by Biloxian William Nels Johnson utilizing oak and cypress planks. The "Nydia" can be seen in person at the museum or from afar through the windows as it glows at night like a "ship in a bottle."



Most boats were built with wood back in the day for work and pleasure

Piers along the beach

Long ago, each home and seafood factory situated along Beach Boulevard had a pier jutting from the water's edge of its property. Piers were originally constructed of wood and served many purposes: recreation, fishing, docking for boats, and moonlight strolls. Older maps of Biloxi acknowledged the presence of a pier with a little line jutting out into the Mississippi Sound. These were walkable piers and vehicles did not utilize them.

Seafood factories depended on piers for successful business operations. Fishermen would dock alongside piers to transport their catches to adjacent factories for processing. Rough storm waters and accompanying winds have demolished countless piers through the years.



Piers along Point Cadet back in the day

Building codes

With the loss of so many structures brought on by the wrath of recent hurricanes, Biloxi adopted more stringent building codes. These regulations assist builders in their endeavor to construct and/or substantially improve their properties, resulting in more durable projects, whether for business or residential purposes. Today, the City of Biloxi abides by the latest version of the International Building and Fire Codes. FEMA guidelines regulate matters relating to meeting the Base Flood Elevation, as required by flood codes.

Victorian houses

Many Victorian homes once lined the beach. Wealthy businessmen often chose Biloxi for their summer or retirement homes. The Wood Brothers, (A. Baldwin Wood, an engineer, and Ralph Wood, an executive in the sugar processing industry) purchased two significant historical wooden Victorian mansions along today's Beach Boulevard just east of Bellman Street. Hurricanes Camille and Katrina were the culprits of the demise of these iconic mansions. Historical markers at those two locations are reminders of what used to be.



Many piers were once built along the waterfront for recreation

For further Reading: Various styles of Biloxi's architecture are highlighted in the printed publication: "Buildings of Biloxi: An Architectural Survey," published by the City of Biloxi in 1979, 2000, and again in 2010. The 2010 edition notes which of the highlighted properties were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. This unique resource includes an historical Biloxi timeline of events, photos, brief descriptions of architectural features, and some simple floor plans.

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