



## Best Bets!

### Biloxi Shuckers Baseball

Keesler Federal Credit Union Park, 105 Caillavet St., Admission prices begin at \$15.



Details: 228-233-3465

- **VS Mississippi Braves**, July 1-3, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 6:05 p.m. Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday
- **VS Montgomery Biscuits**, July 19-21, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 6:05 p.m. Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday
- **VS Rocket City Trash Pandas**, July 30-Aug. 4, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 6:05 p.m. Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday

### 95th Annual Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet

Experience a Coast tradition on Sunday, July 7 with the annual Blessing of the Fleet. At 11:30 a.m. in the Biloxi channel, witness the blessing of commercial shrimping and fishing vessels as



well as pleasure craft with the wreath dropped south of Harrah's Great Lawn, 280 Beach Blvd. The wreath drop is in honor of deceased fishermen and seafood workers signaling the beginning of the event. This majestic spectacle harkens back to ancient times in European fishing villages. The custom was brought to Biloxi by immigrants who settled here at the turn of the twentieth century. It has been celebrated since 1929, making it the oldest festival in the city and one of the oldest in the State of Mississippi. The best viewing location is Harrah's Great Lawn with an admission of \$5. The Blessing is presented by St. Michael Catholic Church, City of Biloxi, and Harrison County. Details: 228-435-5578

**Independence Day Fireworks Extravaganza**, July 4, 9 p.m., visible from beachfront areas between Biloxi Lighthouse and Biloxi Bay Bridge. The annual spectacle is hosted by the Boom Boom Committee and sponsored by the City of Biloxi and Harrison County Board of Supervisors. The radio broadcast will be on 97.9 CPR. Free admission.

**Take a Fireworks Cruise Aboard a Biloxi Schooner**, July 4, 7-9:30 p.m., Schooner Pier, 367 Beach Blvd. Admission: \$40 per adult; \$20 for children (ages 3-12). Details: 228-435-6320, schooner@maritimemuseum.org.



**First Friday Block Party**, July 5, 5-9 p.m., HowHop Creative District, corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. Live music with two bands performing at 5 and 7 p.m. Food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, and Fly Llama beverages. Details: 228-435-6339

**Coronation of the Biloxi Shrimp King and Queen**, July 6, 6 p.m., Croatian Cultural Center (Slavonian Lodge), 159 Maple St. View this culturally significant ceremony which is part of the Blessing of the Fleet weekend. See young women of the community represent the Biloxi seafood industry and their ancestral ties to the bounty of the Gulf of Mexico, the cornerstone on which Biloxi was built. Free Admission. Details: <https://stmichaelchurchbiloxi.com/blessing-of-the-fleet>

**95th Annual Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet**, July 7, Biloxi Channel with wreath drop at 11:30 a.m. south of Harrah's Great Lawn, 280 Beach Blvd. Witness the blessing of commercial shrimping and fishing vessels as well as pleasure craft along

with the wreath drop in honor of deceased fishermen and seafood workers. Best viewing location is Harrah's Great Lawn for \$5. Presented by St. Michael Catholic Church, City of Biloxi, and Harrison County. Details: 228-435-5578



**Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet Shrimp Festival**, July 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Harrah's Great Lawn, 280 Beach Blvd. Live music, arts and crafts vendors, and boiled shrimp. The 2024 Blessing of the Fleet poster and T-shirt will be available for purchase. Admission: \$5. Details: 228-435-5578

**9th Annual Immunization Fair For School-Aged Children**, July 12 & 15, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Lopez School, 140 St. John St. Immunization fair open to returning students in Biloxi schools and school-aged children from out-of-state schools registering for the first time in Mississippi schools. Document required: insurance card (if insured), photo ID, shot records. Details: 228-297-6808, 228-374-4991, 228-374-1810

## Best Bet!

### Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet Shrimp Festival

Witness the Blessing event while enjoying the live music, arts and crafts vendors, and delicious boiled shrimp with all the trimmings during the Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet Shrimp Festival on Sunday, July 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Harrah's Great Lawn, 280 Beach Blvd. During the event, now set at a new location, the 2024 Blessing of the Fleet poster and T-shirt will be available for purchase. The opening band will be Mike Halat and Company at 10 a.m. and then, nationally acclaimed singing group Chapel Hart will take the stage at 2 p.m. Admission: \$5. Details: 228-435-5578



## Stay in touch

**BNews:** Welcome to the 74th 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.

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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

**George Ohr's 167th Birthday Bash,** July 13, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art, 386 Beach Blvd. Craft vendors, kids' activities, food trucks, and music. Free Admission. Details: 228-374-5547



**Bike Biloxi,** July 16, 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

## Main Street Book Club

July 25, 5:30 p.m., One Thirty One Lameuse, 131 Lameuse St.

This month's book is "The Lost Bookshop" by Evie Woods. Details and to RSVP: 228-435-6339



## Christmas In July

July 26-27, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., July 28, noon-6 p.m., Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd. Specialty vendors. Free Admission. Details: 228-860-5015



**Don't Worry Be Happy,** July 27, 7-10 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. The Mental Health Association of South MS presents Don't Worry Be Happy! to help raise awareness and funds for community programs. Event includes awards, honorees, food tasting, mixology contest, games, a silent auction, and fun. Details: <https://msmentalhealth.org/event/dont-worry-be-happy-2024/>



**Biloxi Little Theatre**  
220 Lee St., 228-432-8543, www.4blt.org  
• **The Outsiders,** July 25-28

**Center Stage**  
2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258  
centerstagebiloxi.com  
• **Sweeny Todd,** July 18-28

## 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

- 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 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)
- Group charters available, up to 44 people
- **Fireworks Cruise,** July 4, 7-9:30 p.m. Admission: \$40 per adult, \$20 per child (ages 3-12)

### 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](mailto:museum@coastalmardigras.com)

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

**Harrison County East Biloxi Senior Center**461 Parker St., 228-435-4192, [co.harrison.ms.us/departments/senior/services](http://co.harrison.ms.us/departments/senior/services)

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

**KAFB Farmer's Market**625 Marina Dr. 228-377-2821, [BOS.81FSS.Vandenburg@us.af.mil](mailto: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](http://krocmscoast.com)

Visit online for more info on all special events.

- **Kroc & Roll Sunset Run**, July 6, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy the beautiful sunset as you run or walk over the Biloxi Bay Bridge. Event begins at the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino.

**Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum**115 1st Street, 228-435-6320, [www.maritimemuseum.org](http://www.maritimemuseum.org)

- Hours of operation: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m.
- **Biloxi Schooner Sails for 4th of July Fireworks**, July 4, 7-9:30 p.m. Admission: \$40 per adult and \$20 per child (ages 3-12)
- **Sea-n-Sail Adventure Camp 2024**, July 8-12, 15-19, 22-26. Call to check availability. Price: \$275 per child/week (deposit of \$50 required at registration). 20% discount for 3+ children in family. Registration forms can be found at [www.maritimemuseum.org](http://www.maritimemuseum.org)

**Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art**386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, [www.georgeohr.org](http://www.georgeohr.org)

- Check the website for events and studio classes at OOMA!
- **George Ohr's 167th Birthday Bash!** July 13, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. [www.georgeohr.org/event/birthday\\_bash](http://www.georgeohr.org/event/birthday_bash)

**West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum**1046 Howard Ave., 228-435-6119, 228-435-6200, [www.biloxi.ms.us](http://www.biloxi.ms.us)

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

**Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi**

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606

- **Friday Bingo**, July 5, 12, 19 & 26. 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

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

**Joppa Shrine**

13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027

- **Steak Night**, July 12, 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**

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

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Monday Bingo**

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Monday Bingo**, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. 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: Cheryl Bell at 228-388-7170.

**City of Biloxi Senior Program**Activities for ages 55 and older weekdays at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center and the East Biloxi Senior Citizen Center. Details: Gwen Johnson, 228-388-2494, [seniors@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:seniors@biloxi.ms.us).**Biloxi Libraries**

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

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

**Biloxi Main Street**Promoting, preserving, revitalizing and enhancing the economic growth of the downtown Main Street district. Details and membership: 228-435-6339, [mainstreetbiloxi.com](http://mainstreetbiloxi.com)**City of Biloxi Public Meetings**

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

- **Tree Committee:** Regularly scheduled meetings: **first**

**Wednesday 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
30	1 Shuckers vs. Braves Keesler Federal Park  Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	2 <b>Community Market</b>  Shuckers vs. Braves Keesler Federal Park  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	3 Shuckers vs. Braves Keesler Federal Park	4  Independence Day Fireworks Extravaganza Biloxi Beachfront Fireworks Schooner Cruise Schooner Pier	5 Seafood Dinner & Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society  Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge  First Friday – HowHop  KAFB Farmers Market	6  Shrimp King & Queen Coronation Croatian Cultural Center  Kroc & Roll Sunset Run Biloxi Bay Bridge
7 Blessing of the Fleet and Biloxi Blessing Shrimp Festival Biloxi Channel & Harrah's Great Lawn	8  Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	9 <b>Community Market</b>  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	10	11 <b>Community Market</b>	12 Seafood Dinner & Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge  Steak Night – Joppa Shrine  Immunization Fair for School-Aged Children Lopez School	13  George Ohr's 167th Birthday Bash Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art  Girl Named Tom IP Casino
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