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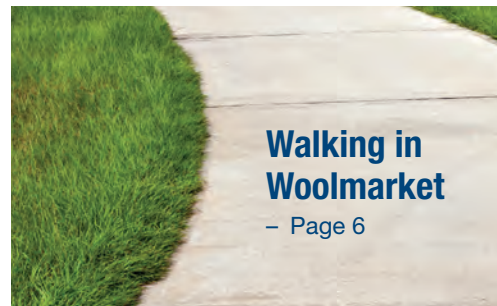
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# A Thousand Words



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*Cruise into  
Downtown  
Biloxi!*



**Wednesday, October 9**

- **Biloxi Block Party**  
Downtown Biloxi, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

See event details on the calendar page 17!



### Parking Plan:

- Parking areas will be parked in numerical order as they are reached during curbside parking
- Curbside parking (yellow) on Lamar St. will be backed in at 45 degrees (noses facing south)
- Curbside parking in all other yellow areas (Jackson, Howard, MLK and Main) will be nose to tail
- Overflow parking (green) will be Esters from Bus Station Parking entrance to Main (backed in at 45 degrees, noses facing east)
- No other parking will be police managed/parked
- Entry point for parking will be Reynoir at MLK
- Inside the Biloxi Block Party once the car is parked, it will be required to remain until the event has ended at 3 p.m.
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Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich

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*Congrats to our staff, students,  
parents and community!*

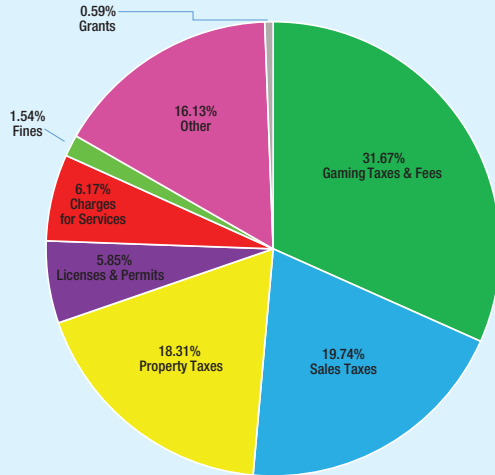


# Operating budget approved for new fiscal year

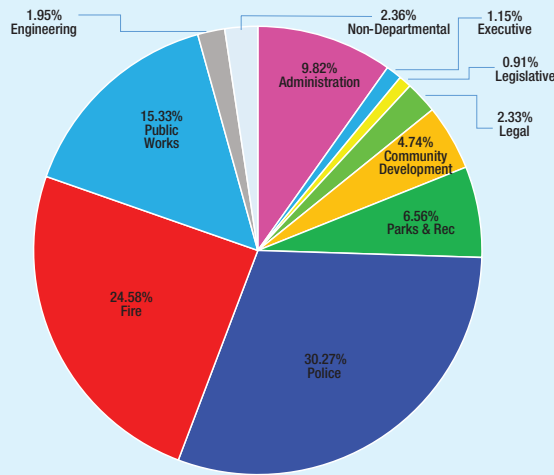
**Local Revenue – \$76,005,363.00**

**Local Expenditures – \$83,860,447.00**

General Fund Revenues FY 24/25



General Fund Expenditures FY 24/25



The new city budget goes into effect with the beginning of the Fiscal Year 2025 on Oct. 1.

The operation budget for the new year is estimated more than \$83 million. Operations include all city departments that provide public safety, road maintenance, building permits, code enforcement, project maintenance and project implementations, recreation facilities, water and sewer services, and community programs, just to

name a few.

City operations are funded by three primary revenue streams, gaming taxes, sales taxes, and property taxes.

One thing to keep in mind: the city budget is it is a living document. It's a piece of paper that is amended dozens of times throughout the year, based on unanticipated changes in revenue and unanticipated changes in expenditures.

## News & notes

**Splash pads:** The city's four splash pads have closed until Easter weekend, Saturday, April 20.



**Street lights:** See a street light out? Report it to Biloxi Public Works, Citizens Services Rep Craig Ross, 228-435-6271 or cross@biloxi.ms.us.

### Hurricane season:

Don't let your guard down just yet. Hurricane season runs through Nov. 1, and even torrential downpours can cause street flooding and other issues. Know how to prepare at [biloxi.ms.us/prepare](http://biloxi.ms.us/prepare).



**Face it:** The City of Biloxi's Facebook page reaches thousands! Like and follow the page at [facebook.com/cobiloxi](https://facebook.com/cobiloxi).

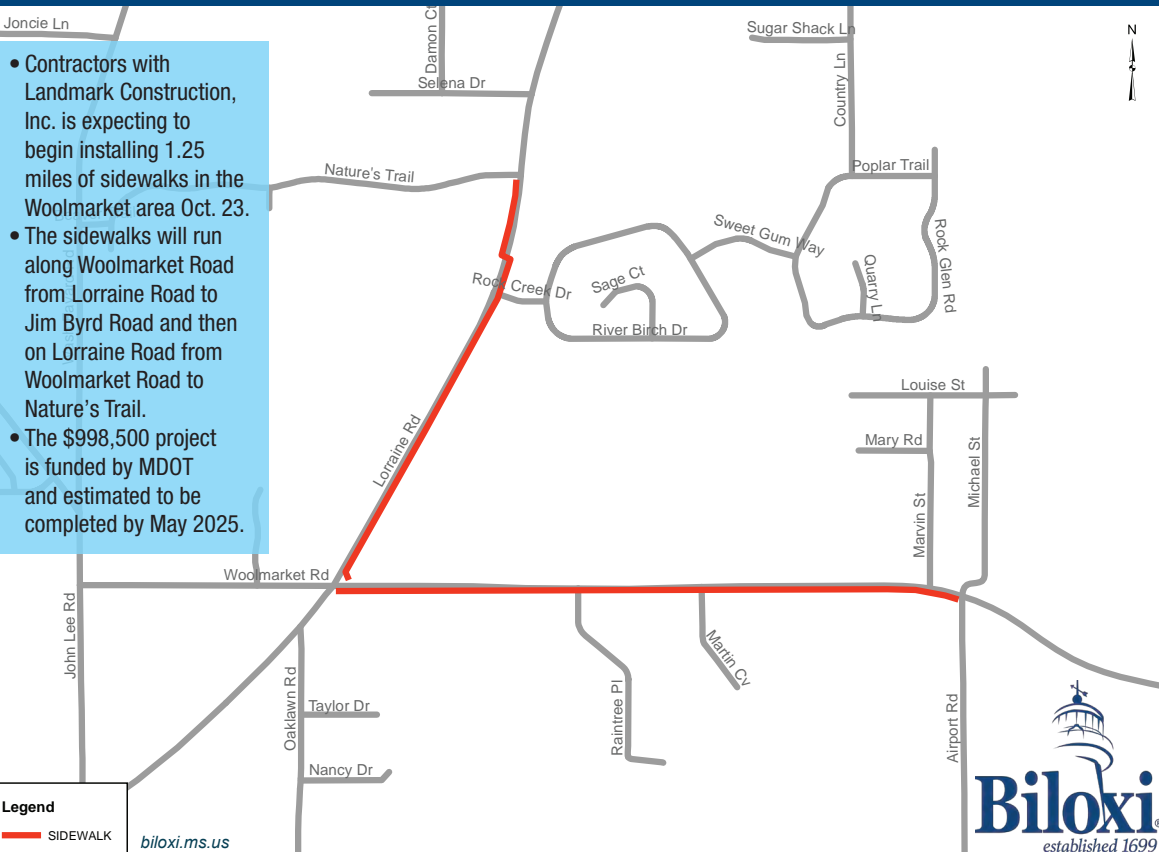
**Openings:** Looking for a career? The City of Biloxi has a number of job openings in the fields of public safety, parks and recreation, engineering, and public works. Details: Visit Human Resources online at [biloxi.ms.us](http://biloxi.ms.us) or call 228-435-6259.



**Street sweeping:** The city's engineering department posts the street sweeping schedule for the city monthly on the city's traffic page. Visit online at [biloxi.ms.us/traffic](http://biloxi.ms.us/traffic) to see the schedule.

## Woolmarket sidewalk project to begin this year

- Contractors with Landmark Construction, Inc. is expecting to begin installing 1.25 miles of sidewalks in the Woolmarket area Oct. 23.
- The sidewalks will run along Woolmarket Road from Lorraine Road to Jim Byrd Road and then on Lorraine Road from Woolmarket Road to Nature's Trail.
- The \$998,500 project is funded by MDOT and estimated to be completed by May 2025.





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You have received this letter because your property is in an area that has flooded several times. The City of **Biloxi** is concerned about repetitive flooding and has an active program to help you protect yourself and your structure from future flooding. Here are some things you can do:

1. **Check with the Building Division on the extent of past flooding in your area.** Our Floodplain Administrator can tell you about the causes of repetitive flooding, what the City is doing about it, and what would be an appropriate flood protection level. Our Building Inspectors can visit your property to discuss flood protection alternatives.
2. **Prepare for flooding by doing the following:**
  - Know how to shut off the electricity and gas to your house when a flood comes.
  - Make a list of emergency numbers and identify a safe place to go.
  - Make a household inventory, especially of contents.
  - Put insurance policies, valuable papers, medicine, etc. in a safe place.
  - Collect and put cleaning supplies, camera, waterproof boots, etc. in a handy place.
  - Develop a disaster response plan – See the Red Cross' website: [www.redcross.org/services/disaster/](http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/) for a copy of the brochure "Your Family Disaster Plan."
  - Get a copy of "Repairing Your Flooded Home" available within the Building Division.
3. **Consider some permanent flood protection measures.**
  - Mark your fuse or breaker box to show the circuits to the floodable areas. Turning off the power can reduce property damage and save lives.
  - Consider elevating your house above flood levels.
  - Check your house for water entry points.
  - Install a floor drain plug, standpipe, overhead sewer, or sewer backup valve to prevent sewer backup flooding.
  - More information can be found in the "Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to Protect Your House from Flooding" available in the Building Division or visit [www.fema.gov/hazards/floods/lib312.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/hazards/floods/lib312.shtm)
  - Be aware that some flood protection measures may need a building a permit and other flood protection measures may not be safe for your type of structure, so be sure to check with the Building Division.
4. **Visit the Building Division for information on financial assistance in terms of a flood insurance policy.**
  - Get a flood insurance policy – it will help pay for repairs after a flood and, in some cases, it will help pay the costs of elevating a substantially damaged building.
5. **Flood Insurance.**
  - Homeowner's insurance policies DO NOT cover damage from floods. However, because the City of **Biloxi** participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (**NFIP**), you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This flood insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even properties that have been flooded.
  - The City of **Biloxi** participates in the NFIPs Community Rating System (CRS) and is at a Class 6. Therefore, a 20% insurance premium reduction is applied to all NFIP flood policies in the City of Biloxi.
  - Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank for a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies only cover the building's structure and not the contents. Due to the flooding that happens in your area, there is usually more damage to the furniture and contents than there is to the structure. Be sure you have contents coverage.
  - Do not wait for the next flood to buy flood insurance protection. In most cases, there is a 30-day waiting period before the NFIP coverage takes effect.
  - Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

**Please contact our office for more information.**

Richard Stickler, CFM Floodplain Administrator  
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# 18th Annual OLD BILOXI CEMETERY TOUR *Artisans live on*

By Laurie Rosetti

In a world of soundbites, TikTok videos, and AI, everything fast-paced and artificial appears to be highly valued. Preserve Biloxi pauses to take an in-depth look at Biloxi artists and artisans who remind us of the value of that which is lasting, genuine, and carefully crafted with the annual Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour.

The 18th Annual Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour 2024 is entitled **“Crafters, Creators, and Artistic Makers.”** This year’s tour will take place on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 2-5 p.m. and repeat on Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 5-7 p.m. The Old Biloxi Cemetery is located at 1166 Irish Hill Drive. Parking is available in and around the cemetery, along Irish Hill, and in the adjacent parking lot of the Biloxi Elks Lodge.

“As always, the event is free to the public, but your donations are gratefully accepted and are used to preserve the oldest sections of this important, historic place,” stated Mandy Hornsby, Historic Administrator for the City of Biloxi.

Artists, potters, writers, craftsmen, and actors each start with nothing and create something. Where there wasn’t anything, now there is! It is remarkable when you stop to consider it; almost magical. And what does this magic do for the world, for our lives? It helps us see each other from a different perspective. It gives us empathy and helps us understand people, places, and periods of time. It is important to shed light on Biloxi’s creators; they’ve given us all so much and have improved our lives beyond measure.

#### At this year’s tour, you will meet:

- **Dusti Bonge (portrayed by June McGown)** – Mississippi’s first abstract expressionist; her work is still sold in New York art galleries.
- **Herbert Glavan (portrayed by Cree Cantrell)** – first-generation American, trawl and net maker
- **Manual Jalanivich (portrayed by Brennan Prince)** – potter, taught by George Ohr and Biloxi teacher, Mary Ethel Dismukes
- **Louise Mallard (portrayed by Kathe Newcomb)** – creative painter, writer, printmaker and actress

- **Carl Matthes/Erena Lopez (portrayed by Bill Collins and Brandy Mills)** – architect and visionary builder, together they built Biloxi’s first five-story building.

- **Boyce Montague (portrayed by Boyce Deaton)** – carpenter, cabinet-maker, furniture builder

- **Joe Moran (portrayed by Chet Landry)** – legendary boat builder and artist whose artwork is owned by two Presidents

- **Voyle Moran (portrayed by Mitchell Gruich, Jr.)** – craftsman and inventor

- **Salvador Navarro (portrayed by Bryan Rosetti)** – Mexican immigrant, painter, designer, decorator

- **Jane Wood Pringle (portrayed by Molly McCarroll)** – founding member of Biloxi Little Theatre and first president of the organization

- **Pleasant Reed (portrayed by Eric Funches)** – born a slave, he gained freedom and became a property owner who built his own home

- **William Woodward (portrayed by David Delk)** – professor of

art and architecture at Tulane University and a painter and etcher

The Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour is in its 18th year. Our cast, known as the “Not Ready for the Afterlife Players” is made up of little theater actors from the area and actual descendants of those being portrayed.

Event goers will enter the cemetery and find volunteers handing out programs with maps that will help them navigate this year’s twelve portrayals. The tour is self-guided and each actor will repeat performances for the entire length of the event. Attendees are encouraged to wear light clothing and comfortable walking shoes. Refreshments will be served on both days.

Preserve Biloxi is a collaborative organization dedicated to preserving Biloxi’s rich cultural history. It consists of these entities: City of Biloxi, Biloxi Main Street, Biloxi Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi Coast Historical and Genealogical Society, and Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area.



► See an archive of cemetery tours at [discover.biloxi.ms.us](https://discover.biloxi.ms.us)



# Small bets equal big payoffs for Downtown Biloxi

By Corey Christy  
Biloxi Main Street

Local organizations like Biloxi Main Street and The Greater Biloxi Economic Development Foundation have been investing time, money, and effort into small, incremental projects that are creating a sense of place for the downtown district.

These small steps are proving to be a great way to enhance the area. The two organizations have worked in concert with the city to complete several small projects, with more in the works. These efforts include new public art pieces, a clean-up incentive program, and a much-needed update to the sign welcoming visitors to downtown from the I-110 ramp at Bayview Avenue. These initiatives have led to increased traffic for downtown businesses and made the area more attractive to new ventures.

The Greater Biloxi Economic Development Foundation, whose mission states, "The purpose of the Foundation is to encourage, foster, and advance economic and community growth, and promote civic pride and awareness of the Greater Biloxi and Mississippi areas," has worked closely with the city to complete several small-scale projects over the past year.

Projects include partnering with Biloxi Main Street to hire Julia Reyes to paint a mural on the once unsightly utility panel on Howard Avenue, partnering with the Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce to provide matching funds for small business grants, repainting the curbing at Porter Avenue and Irish Hill, and collaborating with the city to update the "Welcome to Biloxi" sign at I-110 and Bayview Avenue.

The organization is also

partnering with Mississippi Power to launch a façade grant program in the near future.

Biloxi Main Street has also used these "small bets" to accomplish their mission "to preserve, revitalize, and promote the economic growth of downtown Biloxi, Mississippi." The organization has utilized proven strategies like public art, string lighting, and small business grants to make downtown a vibrant and appealing destination.

Main Street has several upcoming projects aimed at further enhancing the area. These include a trash pickup program (detailed in last month's edition of "Biloxi Pulse"), LED lighting under the I-110 bridge, rehabilitation of the alley next to The Greenhouse Biloxi, bicycle racks throughout downtown, and a wayfinding project for downtown Biloxi. Each of these projects will make the community cleaner and safer for residents while being more welcoming to visitors.

If you would like to get involved, both organizations are looking to grow their membership. For more information about The Greater Biloxi Economic Development Foundation, visit their website by scanning the QR code. More information about Biloxi

Main Street can be found at (<http://www.mainstreetbiloxi.com>). Membership not only allows you to have a positive effect on your community but also makes you eligible for grants and gives you a voice in upcoming projects.



*Join Now*



New sign on Bayview greeting visitors



Downtown utility panel revitalized

## CITY OF BILOXI PUBLIC NOTICE

### Cedar Lake Bridge Project Public Meeting Announcement

The City of Biloxi is currently conducting a study to assess potential solutions to known traffic and safety issues associated with the Cedar Lake Bridge on Cedar Lake Road. The City will host a Public Meeting in mid-November to present the project and request feedback. When available, details will be posted to the City of Biloxi Facebook page, local news outlets, and the November edition of BNews Monthly. The project public meeting will be open to all.

Questions? Contact Cara Wagner,  
[cwagner@cypressei.com](mailto:cwagner@cypressei.com), 228-224-5946.





# Shuckers Announce 2025 Schedule, Shuck Nation Memberships, and Grand Slam Jam



Shuckers fans have  
all eyes on the ball.

## Music kicks off the off-season at Keesler Federal Park

By Javik Blake  
Biloxi Shuckers

As the 2024 season concludes for the Biloxi Shuckers, the staff and front office are already hard at work crafting the ballpark experience for 2025! With the Shuckers finishing out the 2024 season in September, it's time to look ahead to 2025.

### 2024 GRAND SLAM JAM

First up in the offseason is the 2024 Grand Slam Jam, set to be held at the ballpark on October 5. The all-day music festival at the ballpark features country and blues acts such as Chapel Hart, Tab Benoit, Tim Dugger, Taj Farrant, Rockin' Dopsie Jr., Bonerama, Leilani Kilgore, and Amanda Shaw. Tickets begin at \$65 for the festival, which will run from noon until 10 p.m. and can be purchased online or at the Biloxi Shuckers Box Office.

### 2025 Shuckers schedule

The Shuckers, in conjunction with Minor League Baseball, also announced the team's 2025 home schedule in early August, which features 69 games at Keesler Federal Park during the Shuckers 10th anniversary season. The Shuckers will begin their 2025 home slate against the newest Southern League team, the Columbus Clingstones (Atlanta Braves), on Tuesday, April 8. The Mississippi Braves will move to Columbus, Georgia, at the end of the 2024 season, remaining as the Atlanta Braves Double-A affiliate.

As with the 2024 schedule, the Shuckers will play every team at Keesler Federal Park, including multiple homestands against divisional rivals Columbus, the Pensacola Blue Wahoos (Miami Marlins) and the Montgomery Biscuits (Tampa Bay Rays). The Shuckers will also host at least one series against North Division opponents, including the Tennessee Smokies (Chicago Cubs), Birmingham Barons (Chicago White Sox), Chattanooga Lookouts (Cincinnati Reds), and Rocket City Trash Pandas (Los Angeles Angels).

Marquee matchups at home include Mother's Day on Sunday, May 11, against the Pensacola Blue Wahoos, Memorial Day Weekend on May 24-25 against the Tennessee Smokies, and the Shuckers Independence Day Extravaganza on Friday, July 4, against Pensacola. The Shuckers will also host a Labor Day game on Monday, September 1, against Pensacola. The Shuckers will have two homestands of at least nine games in 2025, including between July 4-13 against Pensacola and Birmingham and August 12-24 against Columbus and Chattanooga.

### 2025 SHUCK NATION MEMBERSHIPS

Fans can also receive up to 50% off day-of-game prices with a Shuck Nation Membership and tickets to all 70 Shuckers' home games, including the team's preseason exhibition game in 2025 and 69 regular season home games. A Full Shuck Nation

Membership starts at \$630 for the Reserved Level, with options for the Home Plate Box, Dugout Box, Sparklight Club, and Kloud7 SkyBox. Fans can also purchase a Half-Shell Membership, which includes 35 tickets and starts at \$350. A Shuck Nation Membership for the Sparklight Club and Kloud7 SkyBox is only available for full-season purchase. As part of Shuck Nation, fans receive the following perks:

- Flexible tickets that allow fans to exchange dates and quantities as needed
- Unique ballpark experiences exclusive to Shuck Nation Members, such as taking batting practice or watching fireworks from the field
- VIP Access to Shuck Nation events and socials
- Receive \$100 off a private suite rental for a Sunday-Thursday home game
- Preseason Shuck Nation gift exclusive to members
- Refillable mug with \$3 Coca-Cola beverages for every home game, \$2 beer specials for select games
- Exclusive invitation to Meet the Shuckers before the season
- Gain special access to pre-game workouts on select game days during the season
- First right of refusal for Shuckers playoff tickets

For more information, fans are encouraged to contact the Shuckers sales team at 228-233-3465 or email the team at [sales@biloxishuckers.com](mailto:sales@biloxishuckers.com).

► For more info: [biloxishuckers.com](https://biloxishuckers.com)

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



# New approach to readiness: AI-powered religious affairs training

By Airman 1st Class Kurstyn Canida  
81st Training Wing Public Affairs

The 81st Training Group is embracing innovative training methods to better prepare its Religious Affairs students for the challenges they may face in the field. Previously six weeks long, the expanded eight-week Religious Affairs course is utilizing virtual reality to give students hands-on experience in crisis intervention and counseling.

"This career field is unique, in that it's very people-oriented," said Tech. Sgt. Alfred Perkins, 335th Training Squadron religious affairs instructor. "It is very feelings oriented, where we're dealing with people that are sometimes in the darkest place they have ever been and are looking for our help."

Before implementing VR training, the Religious Affairs course depended on instructors to act out crisis scenarios for students. This hands-on approach allowed learners to practice their counseling and intervention skills, with the instructors playing the role of individuals in distress; however, this method relies on the instructors' acting abilities and the inherent relationship between the student and teacher.

The introduction of artificial intelligence-powered VR has transformed this training model.

Students can now interact with fully customizable AI avatars within a simulated environment, allowing them to navigate complex situations without the presence of a familiar instructor. This detachment forces the students to quickly build trust and rapport, mirroring the challenges they may face when responding



U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Alfred Perkins, 335th Training Squadron religious affairs instructor, utilizes virtual reality to simulate crisis intervention. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kurstyn Canida

to a crisis for the first time in the field. By practicing with these AI-driven personas, which can exhibit a wide range of emotions and backstories, the Airmen gain invaluable experience that better prepares them for the realities they will encounter operationally.

"It can be challenging to interact with people and know how to approach those in distress," said Perkins. "Us using virtual reality training is going to give us the upper hand at understanding the types of crises that we can handle and give students the opportunity to practice before it's real world."

The Religious Affairs course's transition to VR training represents a significant step forward in preparing Airmen for the high-stress, people-oriented work they will encounter in the field. This allows the learners to hone their crisis intervention skills, build trust with individuals in distress, and gain confidence in their ability to provide effective support - all before facing these challenges for the first time in a real-world setting.

Recognizing the broader applications of this technology, Perkins believes virtual reality training could be leveraged to enhance preparedness across multiple career fields.

"I think that we're going to have the opportunity to do a lot of cross-talk with other career fields and share how we can make it better for everybody," said Perkins. As the Air Force continues to cultivate a culture of continuous improvement, the integration of VR is proving to be a valuable tool for developing the next generation of versatile, mission-ready service members.

► See more photos at [www.keesler.af.mil](http://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](http://biloxi.ms.us/btv)

## Nominate today!



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SPORTS HALL OF FAME



### Nominee criteria:

- Must be retired at least three years if an athlete/competitor, or have completed at least 15 years of service as a coach or supporter of Biloxi athletics.
- Must have demonstrated good citizenship both in school and after leaving school.
- Must have contributed to the betterment of athletics in the Biloxi as a player, coach, or any supporting role of superior accomplishment.

**Application available online at [biloxi.ms.us/sportshalloffame](http://biloxi.ms.us/sportshalloffame).**

**Deadline:** Friday, June 6, 2025

**Details:** Biloxi Parks & Recreation, 228-388-7170

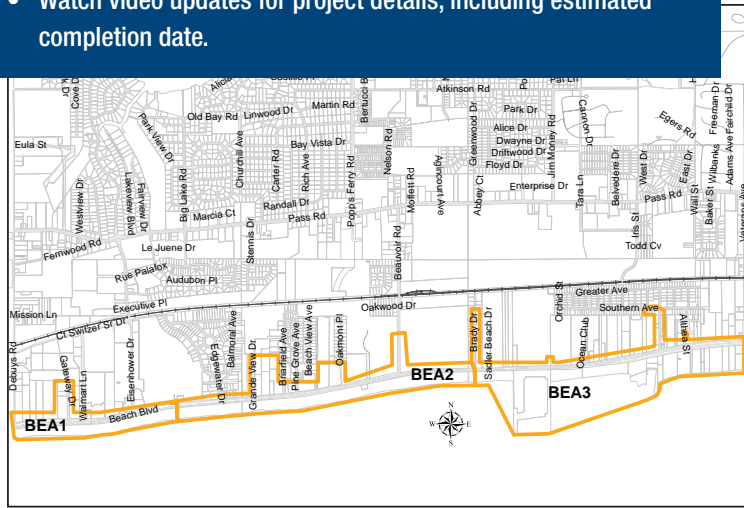


# The infrastructure work in Biloxi

## Project: BEA1, 2, & 3

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

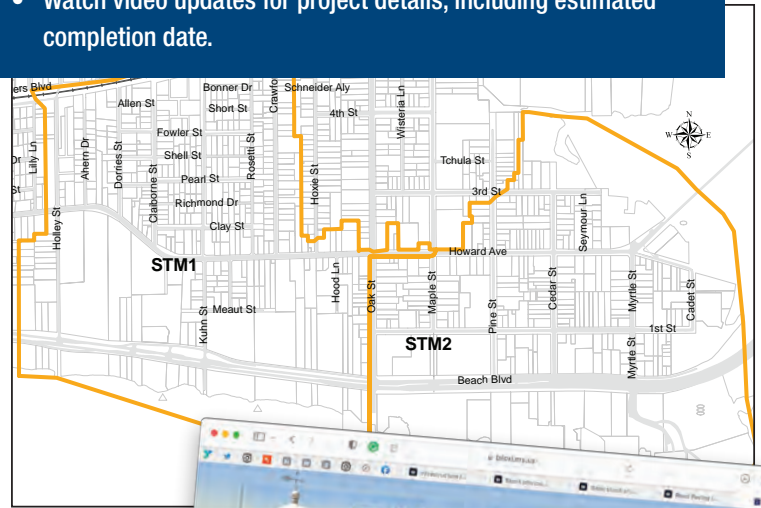
- Installation of new water, sewer, drainage
- Work began June 2022
- Watch video updates for project details, including estimated completion date.



## Project: STM1 & 2

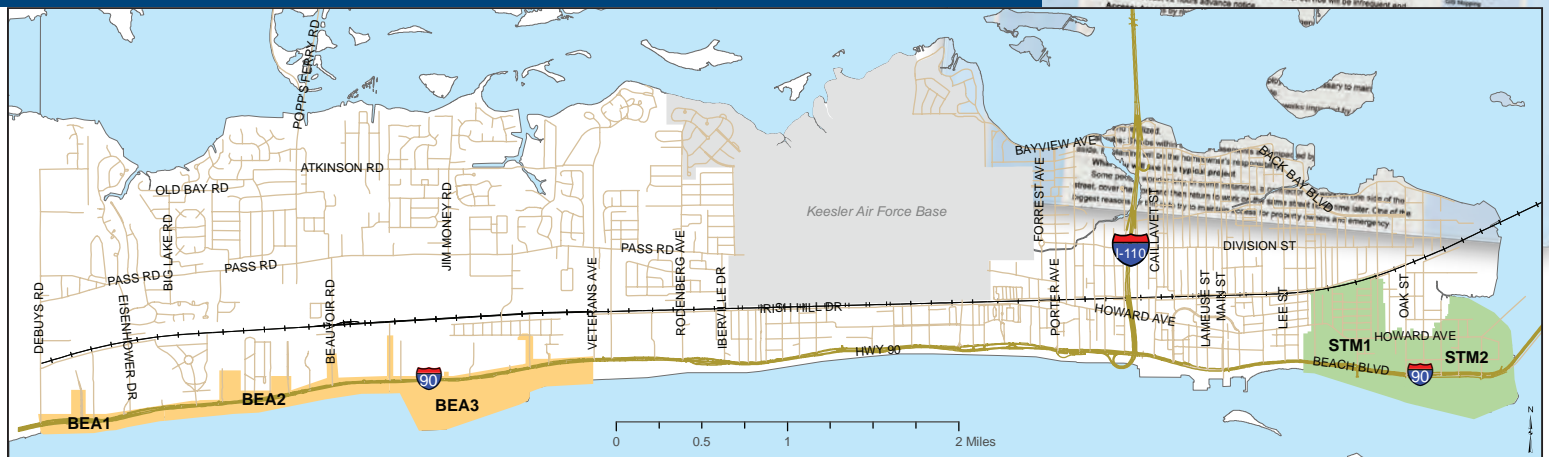
Between Holley Street & Point Cadet, south of CSX railroad  
(Contractors: Necaise Brothers Construction)

- 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/](http://biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/).

## Areawide map of infrastructure work





# Random Notes



## TIME CAPSULE:



This 1975 aerial photo focuses on the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor, the Santa Maria Del Mar Apartment Building – now Hotel Legends, and the old Biloxi Hospital that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. In the distance is a glimpse of the old Biloxi Central High School located where the Biloxi Library and Civic Center are today on Howard Avenue.

It's amazing how much Biloxi has changed in the past few decades.

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

## Name of the game

It's official! The stadium now displays its new name, Keesler Federal Park.

A ribbon-cutting celebrating the renaming of Keesler Federal Park was held last month, followed by a game and a fireworks show to close out the evening. Keesler Federal Credit Union, who was awarded the naming rights to the stadium, announced the new name of the ballpark back in June. The wheels were put in motion for the new Keesler Federal Park signage that is now in place.

They are ready to be an active part of the team.

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 providing all your favorite Shucker items.



The Biloxi Chamber and the Biloxi Bay Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored the official ribbon cutting on the steps of Keesler Federal Park.



Melinda Repperger, Senior Manager of the Audubon Delta Coastal Stewardship Program, poses with the new sign at Biloxi Small Craft Harbor.

## Bird-friendly boating

There's a new sign posted at the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor, 679 Beach Blvd., reminding boaters to use caution when encountering local birds. While enjoying the local waterways, it is important to remember that this is home to many protected species.

Audubon Delta's mission is to protect coastal birds and their habitats so they monitor and protect waterbird species that use the beaches and barrier islands. Recently, the program partnered on a "Bird-Friendly Boating" sign project with the National Park Service to help raise awareness for the birds using the barrier islands.

The sign highlights practices to help protect migratory and nesting birds, clearly identifies Gulf Islands National Seashore islands, and reminds the public of simple rules to follow while enjoying the islands.

The Bird Stewardship and Enhanced Monitoring in MS Project is funded by the Mississippi Trustee Implementation Group through the Natural Resource Damages Assessment funding stream as a result of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.







## Stepping up for Tunnels to Towers

Many members of the Biloxi Police and Fire Departments participated in the annual Tunnels to Towers event, honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice during 911. And some Biloxi firefighters made the run and climb in their firefighter gear.

The Tunnels to Towers Foundation honors military and first responders who make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country. The annual Tunnels to Towers 5K run takes place every year all over the country, including Biloxi. This run starts in the Margaritaville parking lot and makes its way over the Biloxi Bay Bridge then back to Margaritaville where participants can climb 110 steps, symbolic of the 110 floors in the World Trade Center.

▲ Biloxi Fire Department flew the American Flag from one of the new ladder trucks at the Tunnel to Towers 5K on Beach Boulevard.



▲ Biloxi Police officers ran in support while the others kept all runners safe as they made their way over the Biloxi Bay Bridge.

▼ Biloxi Fire Department created a team of support with some making the run in their firefighter gear.



## OCTOBER TRIVIA Cemetery Facts

By Jane Shambra

**Who originally owned the land where the Biloxi cemetery is now?** Louis Fayard (1758-1830). On Nov. 27, 1844, the Fayard heirs legally deeded approximately six acres of the then-existing cemetery to the Village of Biloxi.

**What happens in the Biloxi Cemetery at the end of October each year?** Families prepare their families' gravesites for All Saints Day (Nov. 1) by cleaning and adding flowers.

**Why are many tombs built above ground?** The high water level under in-ground burials can sometimes inundate the burial sites, causing caskets to rise to the surface. Above-ground tombs also allow more space for multiple burials.

**What purposes did short-wrought iron fences around plots serve?** These little fences ideally prevented animals from disturbing the burials and provided a boundary line for the family's site.

**The address of our old Biloxi cemetery is 1166 Irish Hill Drive. What was the previous name of Irish Hill Drive?** Cemetery Road.

**Where did the bricks come from that make up the short red brick fence along the roadway by the cemetery?** Bricks were recycled from the old City Hall that once sat at the intersection of Main and Howard Avenue when it was demolished in the 1960s. The fence is made from some of those bricks.

**What is the gray threadlike vegetation dangling from old oak trees?** Spanish moss. It is an air plant that derives all its nourishment from the air and is part of the bromeliad family, related to the pineapple plant.

**What are some older uses for Spanish moss back in the day?** Mattresses, insulation, mulch, and decorations.

**Can Spanish moss produce flowers?** Yes, in the springtime. Tiny flowers, which actually have a pleasant scent, bloom in the spring and early summer.

**Where can you find the oldest burials in the Biloxi Cemetery?** The oldest interments are in the southernmost portion of the land near Beach Boulevard.

**What famous Cat Island settler is buried in the Biloxi cemetery?** Juan de Cuevas – Hero of Cat Island during the War of 1812.

**Are there any local publications that might list burials in the Biloxi Cemetery?** Yes, in 2002, the Mississippi Coast Historical and Genealogical Society published *The Biloxi Cemetery*, which lists burials from the early 1800s through 1960. This book is available for viewing at the Biloxi Library Local History & Genealogy Department.



# HALLOWEEN EVENTS in Biloxi

**Oct. 18**

*Boo on the Rue*

5-8 p.m., Rue Magnolia, Downtown Biloxi

**Oct. 18, 19, 25, & 26**

*Halloween Scare at Haunted House #13*

6-9 p.m., Biloxi Fire Museum, 1046 Howard Ave.

**Oct. 19**

*66th Annual Nativity BVM School Halloween Carnival*

11 a.m.-7 p.m., 1046 Beach Blvd.

**Oct. 19**

*Halloween Trunk or Treat at Eagle Point Park*

6 p.m., 10207 Eagle Point Circle

**Oct. 20 & 22**

*18th Annual Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour*

2-5 p.m. (Oct. 20), 5-7 p.m. (Oct. 22), 1066 Irish Hill Drive

**Oct. 24**

*Senior Halloween Bash*

9 a.m.-2 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave.

**Oct. 25**

*Special Needs Halloween Costume Ball*

6-9 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road

**Oct. 26**

*Kroctober Fest*

11 a.m.-2 p.m., MS Kroc Center, 575 Division St.

**Oct. 26**

*Halloween on Howard*

5-6:30 p.m., Howard Avenue from MLK Jr. Blvd., and west to Porter Avenue

**View pages 17-18 for event details**





## Best Bets!

### Music festival at the Park

On Saturday, Oct. 5, the inaugural Biloxi's Grand Slam Jam Music Festival will take place from noon to 10 p.m. at Keesler Federal Park, 105 Caillavet St. The Biloxi Shuckers and Ground Zero Blues Club Biloxi present the 2024 Grand Slam Jam Music Festival.

This all-day celebration promises to be a highlight for



Biloxi and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, with an incredible lineup of country and blues talent, including Chapel Hart, Tab Benoit, Tim Dugger, and more. With two stages set up at first and third base, fans will enjoy back-to-back performances. Along with the stellar performances, attendees can relax at the Corona Premier Tiki Bar or let the kids enjoy the fun at Schooner's Splash Zone. Details: [shuckers.info/grandslamjam](http://shuckers.info/grandslamjam)



### Beachfront Fall Festival

The City of Biloxi will host its annual Fall Festival at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors and residents are invited to stop by the center and enjoy a pumpkin patch, partake in pumpkin decorating, shop with local vendors, play games, create some crafts, and win some door prizes! Food will be available for purchase. The festival is free to attend. Details: 228-374-3105

**Harrison County East Biloxi Community Senior Center Craft Fair**, Oct. 4, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 461 Parker St. Fall & Christmas décor, handmade pottery, and painted ceramics, BBQ pork sandwich plates, baked items, a cake walk, healthcare vendors, and door prizes. Free admission. All proceeds benefit the center. Details: 228-435-4192



**First Friday Downtown Biloxi**, Oct. 4, 5:30-9:30 p.m., HowHop Creative District (under the I-110 near 932 Howard Ave.) Food trucks, fun, and live entertainment by Biloxi Bacon at 5:30-7 p.m. and The Network at 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

**Fall Festival**, Oct. 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Pumpkin patch, pumpkin decorating, vendor booths, games & crafts, and door prizes! Food available for purchase. Free admission. Details: 228-374-3105

**Skatin' The Coast**, Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 205 Hopkins Blvd. Skateboarders are invited to enjoy, music, a contest, lessons, raffles, and food! Details: [www.gulfcoastskateparksassociation.org](http://www.gulfcoastskateparksassociation.org)

**Walk to End Alzheimer's**, Oct. 5, 8:15 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. walk start, Point Cadet Plaza, 121 Cadet St. Details: 601-720-2525, or [tmroddy@alz.org](mailto:tmroddy@alz.org)

**Biloxi's Grand Slam Jam**, Oct. 5, noon-10 p.m., Keesler Federal Park, 105 Caillavet St. Music by Chapel Hart, Tab Benoit, Tim Dugger, and more. Details: [shuckers.info/grandslamjam](http://shuckers.info/grandslamjam)

**Biloxi Block Party, Cruisin' The Coast**, Oct. 9, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Lameuse and nearby streets. Downtown car show and block party with live entertainment and awards. Performances beginning at 8:30 a.m. across from Biloxi City Hall. Free admission. Details: Biloxi Block Party info- 228-435-6339. For other Cruisin' the Coast Events- [www.cruisinthecoast.com](http://www.cruisinthecoast.com)

**Biloxi Bacon Deep Fried Southern Soul**, Oct. 10, 7 p.m. Ground Zero Blues Club, 814 Howard Ave. Local Biloxi Band performs. Details and tickets: [www.groundzerbiloxi.com](http://www.groundzerbiloxi.com)

**Old Biloxi Cemetery Cleanup**, Oct. 11, 9 a.m.-noon, 1066 Irish Hill Dr. Public invited to their family and ancestor's gravesites to make the cemetery look its best. Groups, families, and individuals invited to spruce up the property! Details: 228-435-6339

**Bike Biloxi**, Oct. 15, 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. Wear your favorite Super Hero's shirt! Helmets and lights recommended. Details 228-435-6339

**Greenhouse Biloxi Art Reception**, Oct. 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Greenhouse Biloxi, 152 G.E. Ohr St. Art opening for Tara Thompson. View the new art display and enjoy complimentary snacks. Details: 228-327-0579

**38th Annual Fall Muster**, Oct. 18-20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd. Experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the Civil War era with presentations and more. General admission: \$7-\$13, free for age five and younger. Details: 228-388-4400

**Boo on the Rue**, Oct. 18, 5-8 p.m., Rue Magnolia. Family and fur-friendly outdoor Halloween Party. Halloween costumes encouraged. Costume contest, adult, kid, pet prizes, entertainment, and a chili cook-off. Pets must be on leash. Details: Biloxi Bay Area Chamber, 228-435-6149

**Halloween Scare at Haunted House #13**, Oct. 18-19 & 25-26, 6-9 p.m., Biloxi Fire Museum, 1046 Howard Ave. Visit if you dare for a Halloween Scare at Haunted Fire House #13. Admission: \$10 per person: \$5 for children under 8 years old. Details: 228-435-6119

**Annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup**, Oct. 19, 8-10 a.m., locations in Biloxi to clean include, West Beach Boardwalk and Lighthouse area. To volunteer, online: <http://coastalcleanup.extension.msstate.edu/events/annual-mississippi-coastal-cleanup-event>

**66th Annual Nativity BVM School Halloween Carnival**, Oct. 19, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., 1046 Beach Blvd. Join Nativity BVM for lots of games, presentations, and a costume contest. This is a fun, family-friendly

## Best Bet!

### Fresh Fall Festival

As the weather begins to cool down and the fall leaves blow, market vendors will be in abundance on Howard Avenue under the I-110 for the Charles Hegwood Community Market Festival. The festival will take place on Thursday, Oct. 24. From 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and include music, vendors, and door prizes. This event is free to attend and is hosted by the Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department. Details 228-388-7170



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



Stay in touch

**BNews:** Welcome to the 77th issue of BNews Monthly. It's a compendium of things you should know about your city: status reports on current and pending public works, and a calendar of community events covering the next 30 days.

**Calendar:** Biloxi Downtown Services is responsible for the Community Calendar, a compendium of events open to the public in Biloxi. Deadline for publication citywide and online is the 10th of each month. Listing must include name of event, date, time, location, one- or two-sentence description, admission fee, phone number or web address. Email to Kay Miller, downtown services manager, kmiller@biloxi.ms.us.

**Bmail:** The city provides information about projects and events via email. Sign up at biloxi.ms.us/register.

**Advertising:** BNews and Bmail represent an advertising opportunity for civic-minded businesses and organizations. In your hands you are holding the only advertising medium that is delivered to every single home, business, apartment and PO Box in the city. For rates and info, email online@biloxi.ms.us or call 228-435-6336.

**B-Alert:** For text advisories on traffic and severe weather, text BILOXI to 99411.

**Website:** The city's website, at biloxi.ms.us, is the comprehensive digest of city information. The website also has links to the city's Facebook and YouTube platforms.

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

**Contact:**  
Cecilia Dobbs Walton, Public Affairs Manager  
cdobbswalton@biloxi.ms.us  
John Majure, Public Affairs Specialist  
jmajure@biloxi.ms.us

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

event open to the public. Details: nbvmcarnivalchair@gmail.com

**4th Annual Gulf Coast Shrimp Cook-Off & Festival,** Oct. 19, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Point Cadet Plaza, 121 Cadet St. All you can eat "Gulf Shrimp. Tickets: \$30 per person until 4 p.m. Includes Broncos & Mustangs Car Show. Details: www.clearvisionent.net or 228-860-5015

**Halloween Trunk or Treat at Eagle Point Park,** Oct. 19, 6 p.m., 10207 Eagle Point Circle. Biloxi Parks & Recreation event. Activities begin at 6 p.m. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170

**5th Annual Harley Half Marathon,** Oct. 19-20, Golden Nugget Casino, 151 Beach Blvd. 5K Run/Competitive Walk, Saturday and Half Marathon, Sunday. Medals given and T-shirts for first 300 registered. DJ Blayze will be providing entertainment! Details: facebook.com/harleyhalfmarathon or 251-980-1045

**18th Annual Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour,** Oct. 20, 2-5 p.m. and Oct. 22, 5-7 p.m. 1066 Irish Hill Dr. Self-guided, continuously performed portrayals with 13 characters and 12 stops. This year's theme: "Crafters, Creators & Artistic Makers." Free admission. Donations welcome. Details: 228-435-6339

**Charles Hegwood Community Market Festival,** Oct. 24, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., on Howard Avenue under the I-110. Music, vendors, & door prizes. Details: 228-388-7170

**Main Street Book Club,** Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m., Pisano's Pizza Place, 193 Porter Ave. The Book Club selection for October is "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides. Public is welcome. Details: 228-435-6339

**Senior Halloween Bash,** Oct. 24, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Open to ages 55 and older. Wear your best costume! Vendors. Hosted by Harrison County & City of Biloxi. Details: 228-388-7170

**Biloxi High School Homecoming Parade,** Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m., Downtown Biloxi

**Special Needs Halloween Costume Ball,** Oct. 25, 6-9 p.m. Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Open to all ages with physical and mental disabilities. Includes costume contest, music, and food. Security provided. Free admission: Details and to RSVP: 228-388-7170

**Llamapalooza,** Oct. 26, 1 p.m.-until sundown, 186 Bohn St., Fly Llama Brewing. The 4th Annual Llamapalooza event includes art vendors, food trucks, special beer! Karate Kids, Biloxi Bacon & Unfazed Show Band. Free-Family-Friendly event! Details: 228-207-7757

**Kroctober Fest,** Oct. 26, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., MS Kroc Center, 575 Division St. Salvation Army Kroc Center celebrates with a community-wide event for all ages! Featuring trunk or treating, a costume contest, bounce houses, a vendor fair, food trucks, & much more! Free admission. Details: https://krocmscoast.org/KrocMSCoast/events/kroctober-fest-2024

**Moonlight Masquerade,** Oct. 26, 7-11 p.m., White Pillars, 1696 Beach Blvd., Admission: \$85. Food, live performers, and live music from Symone French, two free signature cocktails, a costume contest, and online silent auction. Costume or cocktail attire required. Presented by and benefiting the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence. Details: gccfn.org/MM24

**Halloween on Howard,** Oct. 26, 5-6:30 p.m. Drive-thru trick or treating event. Vehicles enter Howard Avenue from MLK Jr. Boulevard and travel west to Porter Avenue while trick or treating from their vehicle. Best decorated vehicle wins a prize! Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170

**2nd Annual Fall Foam Fest,** Oct. 26-27, 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Face painting, bounce house, obstacle course, food trucks, craft vendors, petting zoo, music, trick or treating 3:30-5:30 p.m., and costume contest at 2 p.m. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$5 bracelets for bounce houses and foam pits. Presented by Gulf Coast Foam Party. Details: 228-364-3441

**Dusty's All-Star Circus,** Oct. 29 & 30, 4:30 p.m. & 7 p.m., Donal Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. A modern adaption of the classic American Circus featuring a variety of world-renowned artists. Details: 800-756-8048, www.dustycircus.com



**Biloxi Little Theatre**  
220 Lee St., 228-432-8543  
www.4blt.org  
• **The Rocky Horror Picture Show**  
Oct. 26

**Center Stage**  
2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258  
centerstagebiloxi.com  
• **A Midsummer Night's Dream**  
Oct. 15-18 (Children's Show)

**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  
• **Fall Festival,** Oct 5; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**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.



**Biloxi Shrimping Trip**

693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, [www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com](http://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](http://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 weekdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., open Saturdays by appointment

**Edgewater Mall**

2600 Beach Blvd., 228-388-3424

- **Gulf Coast Artist Unlimited Art Show**, Oct. 4-6
- **105.9 presents final drawdown for Taylor Swift tickets**, Oct. 19, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Sanderson Sisters from Hocus Pocus walking, singing & dancing around the mall**, Oct. 26, 12-3 p.m.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive**, Oct. 28, 1-6 p.m.

**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 • **Craft Fair**, Oct. 4, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.,

**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, [krocscoast.com](http://krocscoast.com) • Visit online for more info on all special events.

- **Family Craft**, Oct. 12, 9 a.m., ages 2-12, Fee: \$5
- **Party in Pink Zumbathon**, Oct. 19; 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Tickets the door, \$15
- **Kroctober Fest 2024**, Oct. 26; 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free admission
- **Music and Movement**, Oct. 26; 9 a.m., Ages 1-4, Fee: \$15 per child

**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 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m.
- **\$10,000 Museum Drawdown**: Sept. 6, includes open bar, buffet, silent auction. Tickets are \$100 and admit two people.

**Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art**

386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, [www.georgeohr.org](http://www.georgeohr.org)

- **Encore Classical Music and Dinner Series: Classical Shindig**, Oct. 26, 5:30 p.m., \$65
- 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](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**, Oct. 4, 11, & 25. 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

- **Four-Man Golf Scramble**, Oct 5, \$200 per 4-man team. Details: 228-547-7260 or 228-669-1840
- **Steak Night**, Oct. 11, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold at 7:15 p.m. \$20, dine-in or carry-out, 228-392-9345
- **Trunk or Treat**, Oct. 12, 2 p.m.
- **Haunted Trail**, Oct. 25-26 6 p.m.

**Leggett Memorial UMC**

1410 Beach Blvd., 228-331-0761

- **Trunk or Treat**, Oct. 26, 4-6 p.m., rain or shine. Free admission

**Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society**

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

- **Ghost Stories & Haunted Houses**, (Costumes Welcome) Oct. 27, 2-4 p.m.

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Monday Bingo**

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Monday Bingo**, Oct. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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 conference room, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> Community Market	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Community Market	<b>4</b> Dinner & Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge First Friday – HowHop Artist Unlimited Art Show Edgewater Mall KAFB Farmers Market Marina Park Senior Craft Fair 461 Parker Street Lance Burton Beau Rivage	<b>5</b> Fall Festival Biloxi Visitors Center Skatin' The Coast 205 Hopkins Blvd. Walk to End Alzheimer's Point Cadet Plaza Artist Unlimited Art Show Edgewater Mall Biloxi's Grand Slam Jam Keesler Federal Park Four-Man Golf Scramble Joppa Shrine
<b>6</b> Artist Unlimited Art Show Edgewater Mall	<b>7</b> Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	<b>8</b> Community Market  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	<b>9</b> Biloxi Block Party Cruisin' The Coast Downtown Biloxi Concerts on the Causeway Popp's Ferry Causeway Britishmania Beatles Tribute Beau Rivage	<b>10</b> Community Market  Biloxi Collector Car Auction MS Coast Coliseum  Biloxi Bacon Deep Fried Southern Soul Ground Zero Blues Club	<b>11</b> Dinner & Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge Steak Night – Joppa Shrine  Old Biloxi Cemetery Cleanup 1066 Irish Hill Drive  The Beach Boys Beau Rivage	<b>12</b> Family Craft Kroc Center  Trunk or Treat Joppa Shrine  Brandon Bennett IP Casino  The Beach Boys Beau Rivage
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	<b>15</b> Community Market  Bike Biloxi Downtown Biloxi  A Midsummer Night's Dream Center Stage  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	<b>16</b> A Midsummer Night's Dream Center Stage	<b>17</b> Community Market  Art Reception Greenhouse Biloxi  A Midsummer Night's Dream Center Stage	<b>18</b> Dinner & Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Boo on the Rue Rue Magnolia Fall Muster Beauvoir – (Oct. 18-20) Haunted House #13 Biloxi Fire Museum (Oct. 18-19) A Midsummer Night's Dream Center Stage Inkin' The Coast MS Coast Coliseum Tracy Lawrence – Hard Rock	<b>19</b> MS Coastal Cleanup West Beach Boardwalk/ Lighthouse area Nativity Carnival 1046 Beach Blvd. Haunted House #13 Biloxi Fire Museum (Oct. 18-19) Shrimp Cook-off/Festival Point Cadet Plaza Trunk or Treat – Eagle Point Park Harley Half Marathon Golden Nugget Casino Drawdown/Swift Tickets Edgewater Mall Stephen Percy – IP Casino
<b>20</b> Harley Half Marathon Golden Nugget Casino  Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour 1066 Irish Hill Drive  Fall Muster Beauvoir (Oct. 18-20)	<b>21</b> Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	<b>22</b> Community Market  Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour 1066 Irish Hill Drive  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Community Market Festival  Main Street Book Club Biloxi Visitors Center Seniors Halloween Bash – Biloxi Civic Center BHS Homecoming Parade Downtown Biloxi Halloween Spectacular Biloxi Civic Center	<b>25</b> Dinner & Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge Special Needs Halloween Costume Ball Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center Haunted Trail Joppa Shrine Halloween Scare at Haunted House #13 Biloxi Fire Museum (Oct. 25-26)	<b>26</b> Llamapalooza Sea Wolves – Coliseum Kroctober Fest – Kroc Center Moonlight Masquerade Halloween on Howard Fall Foam Fest – Biloxi Town Green Music & Dinner– OOMA Trunk or Treat Leggett Memorial UMS Rocky Horror Picture Show – BLT Sanderson Sisters – Mall Haunted Trail – Joppa Shrine Barenaked Ladies – Beau Rivage
<b>27</b> Fall Foam Fest Biloxi Town Green  Ghost Stories and Haunted House Historical & Genealogical Society	<b>28</b> Red Cross Blood Drive Edgewater Mall  Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	<b>29</b> Community Market  Dusty's All-Star Circus Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	<b>30</b> Dusty's All-Star Circus Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center	<b>31</b> Community Market  <b>Happy Halloween!</b> 	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>



# Btv October Schedule

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

Morning	
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 the Beau Rivage Buffet
7:30 a.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
7:45 a.m.	Keesler Update (15 min)
8 a.m.	Special presentation: 2023 Biloxi Cemetery Tour
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 the Beau Rivage Buffet
1:30 p.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
1:45 p.m.	Keesler Update (15 min)
2 p.m.	Special presentation: 2023 Biloxi Cemetery Tour
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Midnight	National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)



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

## Reliving the past

Prepare to take a step back in time with Preserve Biloxi's Annual Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour. Every October the organization puts together a cast of gravesite reenactors for the annual self-guided cemetery tour. And, throughout October you can take a look back at the 2023 Cemetery Tour.

The theme of this year's tour is "Crafters, Creators, & Artistic Makers" featuring artists and crafters ranging from performance arts to visual disciplines and handcrafted skills from Biloxi back in the day.

Then later this month, the 2024 Old Biloxi Cemetery will air on BTV. The tour takes place at the cemetery on Oct. 20 and 22 and the recording will air after the live performances conclude on Oct. 22. See page 9 for details on this year's public tour.

You can watch replays of the 2023 tour, and later this month the 2024 tour, each day at 8 a.m., 2 p.m., and 8 p.m. on BTV.

You can also see replays online on the city's YouTube channel.

## Dishes in multiples

Asian-style grilling headlines this month on "Biloxi Cooks!" when Beau Rivage Chef Abby Chase heats up the grill with some hot cuisine.

The Beau Rivage Buffet features live cooking stations and over 30 newly added selections, and this month the Buffet comes to life right in front of your eyes when Chef Abby Chase prepares Shrimp Lo-Mein and Chicken Lo-Mein.

Check out the October episode of Biloxi Cooks! It airs at 7 a.m., 1 p.m., and 7 p.m. daily throughout the month on BTV.

And, watch it anytime on the city's YouTube channel.

## This month's recipe:

### Shrimp Lo-Mein and Chicken Lo-Mein

Beau Rivage Buffet

(Makes 2 servings)

#### Shrimp Lo-Mein Ingredients:

- 5 - 16/26 tail on shrimp
- Sesame Oil 2TBS
- Asian cut Bell Peppers yellow, green, red ½ cup each
- Asian cut Yellow Onions ½ cup
- Crush Garlic 1TBS
- Broccoli ½ cup
- Egg Noodles 1Cup
- Teriyaki Sauce ½ cup
- S&P TT

#### Shrimp Lo-Mein Instructions:

- Sear shrimp in hot pan with sesame oil
- Add all Asian veks let cook
- Add broccoli, let garlic cook down
- Add Egg noodles then Teriyaki Sauce
- Cook for about 2 minutes
- Add S & P at the end

#### Chicken Lo-Mein Ingredients:

- Slice Chicken Breast ½ cup
- Sesame Oil 2TBS
- Asian cut Bell Peppers yellow, green, red ½ cup each
- Asian cut Yellow Onions ½ cup
- Crush Garlic 1TBS
- Zucchini ½ cup
- Broccoli ½ cup
- Egg Noodles 1Cup
- Szechuan Sauce ½ cup
- S&P TT

#### Chicken Lo-Mein Instructions:

- Sear Chicken in hot pan with sesame oil until golden brown
- Add all Asian veks, let cook
- Add zucchini, broccoli, let garlic cook down
- Add Egg noodles then Szechuan Sauce
- Cook for about 2 minutes
- Add S & P at the end

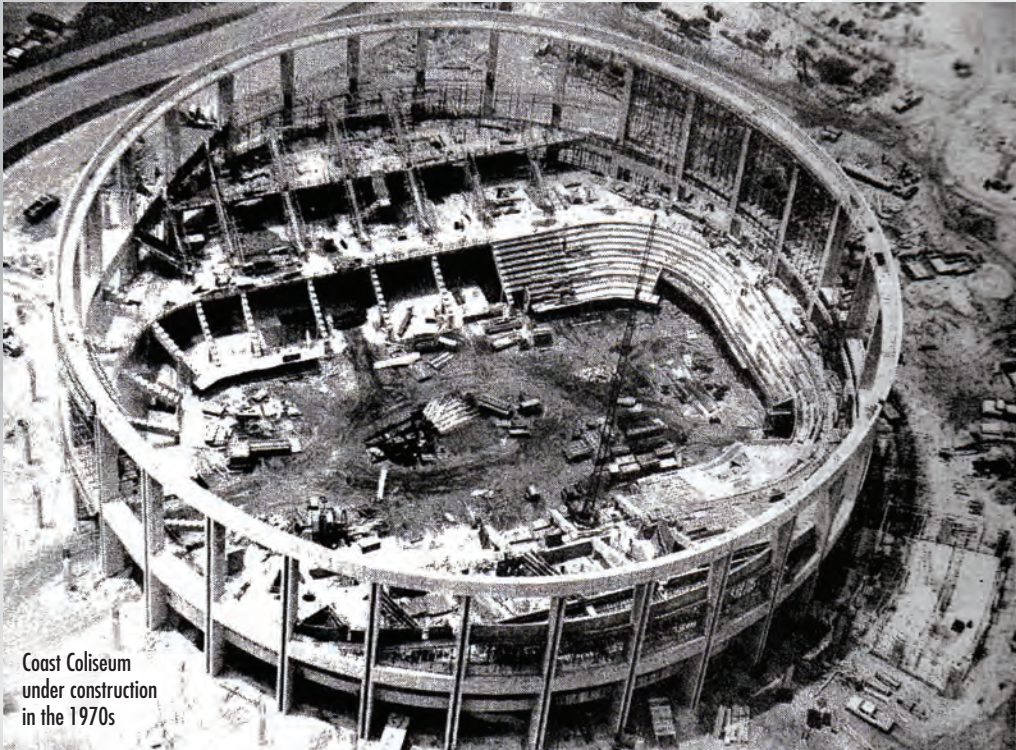




# Biloxi's Historical Oddities

BY JANE SHAMBRA

The reports in Biloxi's fascinating history books would not be complete without the inclusion of the unusual tales that come to life during the autumn days of wonder when leaves fall and a chill can be found in the air.



Coast Coliseum under construction in the 1970s

## GHOSTS OF THE COLISEUM

A few years ago, the network series "Ghost Hunters" visited Biloxi in pursuit of reported sightings of ghostly figures, unexplained noises, and unusual occurrences within the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center. Numerous production crew members traveled from afar to investigate. Even though no photos could be captured of "the unexplained," tales of several apparitions have been seen within that facility through the years.

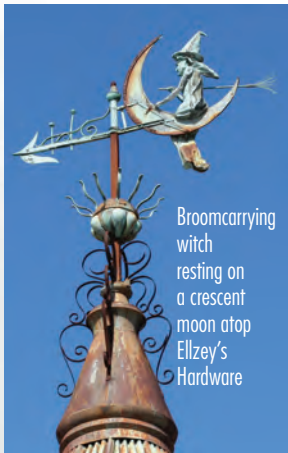
One tale is related to the spirit of a young girl who perished under the bluff by the sandy

area of the Mississippi Sound in 1909. She disappeared while playing in the area and was found later. She was the daughter of a Beauvoir area worker and was buried somewhere in a small unmarked orphanage cemetery under the land where the Coliseum is built.

During the construction of the Coliseum in the 1970s, there were reports of the discovery of some abandoned grave sites. When confronted with this finding, workers would not confirm the report, and the case was closed. Could this little girl be a part of the unexplained apparitions? No one knows for sure.

## WEATHER WITCH

One of the most curious architectural features in Downtown Biloxi is the famous weather witch weather vane. The Peoples Bank erected the bank oh so many years ago. Today, she is still perched atop Ellzey's hardware store and has resided there since the building was constructed over a hundred years ago. This unique wonder was attached to that building when it was built in 1897. Indeed, she is strong and has endured hurricanes and the salty air of the Gulf. She flies atop the southern roof of the building and is fearless during our hurricanes.



Broomcarrying witch resting on a crescent moon atop Ellzey's Hardware

## GARGOYLE

Alongside our historic weather witch there once sat a famous gargoyle. Gargoyles are dragon-like creatures established thousands of years ago in ancient architecture. Their original purpose was to redirect rainwater off a roof and ward off evil from penetrating the area.

After Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Gargoyle received much damage. He became a challenge to piece together. He was discovered to have been constructed of many unusual materials. Mary Ott Davidson, a notable local sculptor, was able to repair the iconic Biloxi gargoyle, which now resides safely inside The Peoples Bank Building on Howard Ave and Lameuse Street.

Ms. Davidson, a Biloxi native, is also credited with the creation of our Fred Haise statue by the Biloxi Lighthouse, as well as the D'Iberville statue erected in 1999 during Biloxi's celebration of the tricentennial.



Roof dragon, once the witch's companion, now resides inside The Peoples Bank

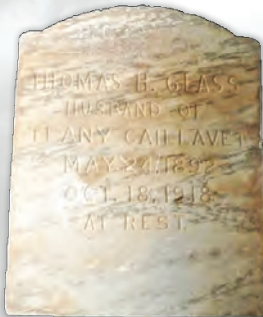
## BONES UNDER THE BANK

In the 1980s, there once stood a federal building on the square block bounded by Howard, Main, Lameuse, and Martin Luther King Blvd. During its construction in 1982, workers discovered many bones and casket pieces, suggesting that an old cemetery from the 1700s might be under the surface. Investigators were summoned, and the official report released by the Biloxi Police Department concluded that these were merely remnants of an old dairy farm in the area.

That federal building was demolished in 2018. Near that spot, a more modern three-story Community Bank Building opened in May 2022. There were no discoveries of bones or any other unusual objects during the erection of the new structure.

## TOMBSTONE IN THE STADIUM

In prior years, Biloxi High School football games were played at Yankee Stadium, where the KROC Center now stands. After Hurricane Katrina, the old stadium needed to be demolished to prepare for the present facility. Contractors were terrified to find an old tombstone stored within the walls of the old sports structure. Could someone be buried underneath? The answer is simple. The Glass family were caretakers of Yankee Stadium. Thomas Glass died unexpectedly in the early 1900s. The family kept the original stone with them for decades. Mr. Glass rests at peace in the Biloxi City Cemetery, with a newer tombstone marking his gravesite.



## TRAVELING TOMBSTONE OF CITY HALL

After Hurricane Katrina, a tombstone with the name Jules J. Bache was discovered in Hiller Park, not anywhere near a cemetery. City workers were instructed to deliver it to City Hall for safekeeping until a family member could claim the little monument.

Meanwhile, City Hall underwent a renovation to correct the storm damage. After that job was completed, city workers were tasked with repositioning desks and other items in the building. One day, someone remembered that the mystery stone needed to be tucked away again for safekeeping. But it could not be located! In a panic, employees searched every nook and corner but had no luck. After a casual conversation with the movers who had stored the desks and other furniture from the building, a thorough investigation revealed that indeed the tombstone was left as an orphan in one of the moving trucks and had traveled across the country far, far away. Luckily, the stone was relocated without damage and returned to City Hall intact.



The former Howard Memorial Hospital on Back Bay, now the DMR building

## HAUNTED HOSPITAL

Tales of past Biloxi mysteries could not leave out the popular stories of the two little girls who visited severely ill patients in the old Biloxi Howard Memorial Hospital, now the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. The stories are retold again and again, originating from hospital patients and medical care workers, with the details all the same.

Years ago, two little girls, always giggling and cheerful, would appear at the bedside of very sick patients. They were estimated to be about seven years old. They were said to be responsible for elevators acting up, thermostats bringing room temperatures to wintery conditions, and doors suddenly slamming shut. These unusual visitations were reported to hospital staff, who eventually realized the youngsters were unreal. No one knows who the girls might have been or where they went once the facility closed.

## UFOs in Biloxi

A few years ago, the reports from Project Blue Book were released to the public. This included the description of unusual unexplained sightings in the United States sky from 1947-1969. The original documentation is housed in the National Archives.

During this period, there were several reports of unusual sightings by individuals in Biloxi. Even though these occurrences did not appear in the newspaper headlines, the facts are fascinating. Project Blue Book documented sightings by observers, some of which included drawings of what they saw. However, none showed conclusive evidence of UFOs visiting Biloxi. It is interesting to note that formal observational reports were collected and evaluated. They are merely eyewitness accounts accompanied by suggested explanations of sightings.

## GHOST OF HOWARD AVENUE

Within the last few years, there have been reports of an unusual visitor strolling through downtown on Howard Avenue. He is described by all as a tall, older man dressed in a gray coat. He appears and disappears at will, never speaking. Business owners have reported issues with lights going off and on and coffee cups relocated to other parts of their offices. No one is certain of who he might be, although there is a rumor that he is linked to a murder in the 1970s.



THERE ARE MANY MORE MYSTERIOUS CHAPTERS in Biloxi's FASCINATING HISTORY. This is just a SAMPLE.



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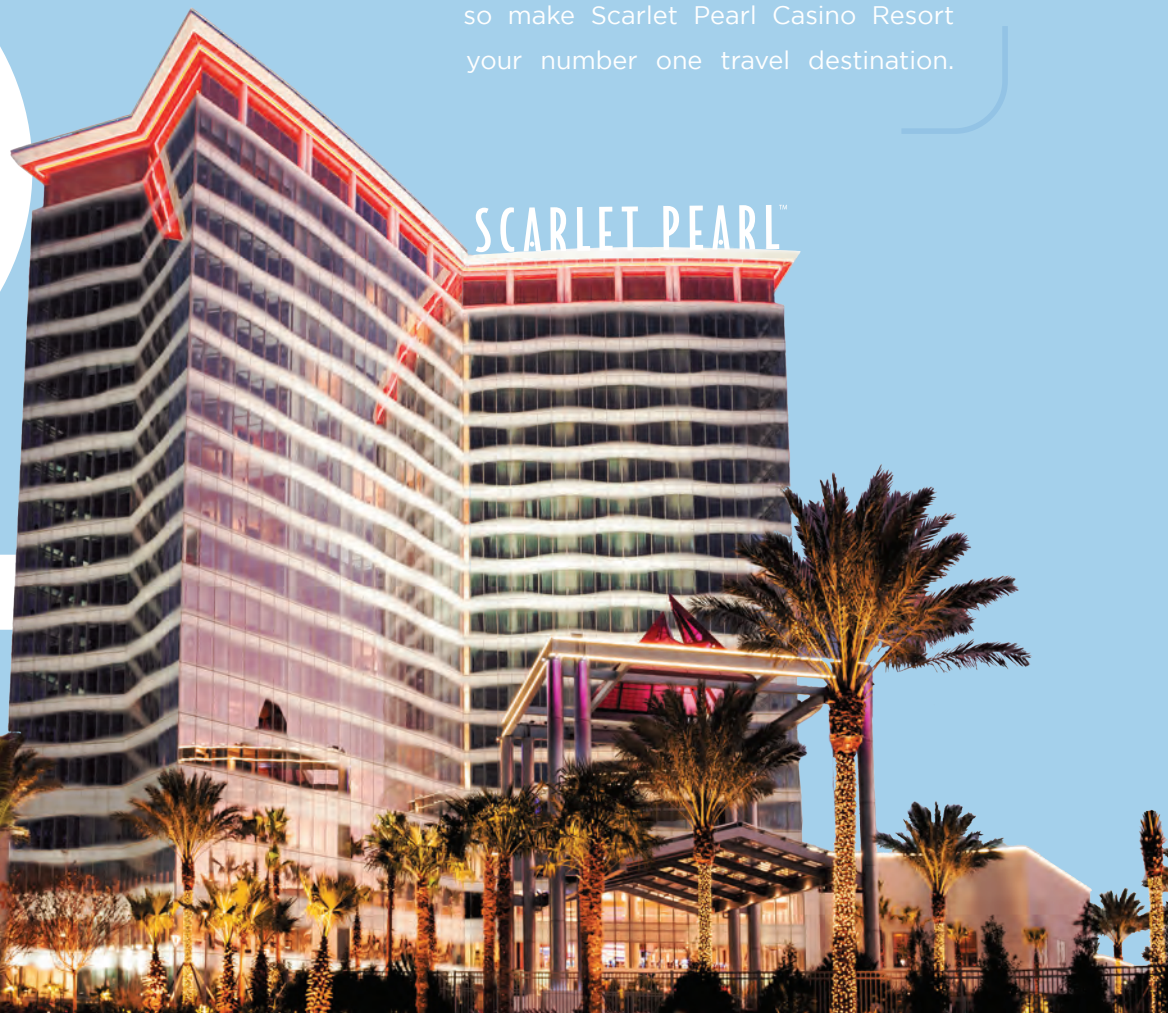
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