

Best Bets!

Gathering on First Friday

Biloxi Main Street's monthly series, First Friday, returns this month on March 7 with entertainment and fun for the entire community!



The monthly series takes place on the first Friday of each month in the HowHop District located under the I-110 overpass at the corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard from 5 to 9 p.m. The event is open to the public and free to attend. This month, the Biloxi High Jazz Band will perform as well as the band Black Velvet. And, as always, there will be plenty of food to purchase and refreshing beverages from Fly Llama Brewing Company located at 186 Bohn St. Details: 228-435-6339

MSU, USM return to the stadium

The ever-popular Hancock Whitney Classic returns to Keesler Federal Park this month where some of college baseball's finest athletes will face off in a number of games. The ballpark on Caillavet Street is expected to have the stands roaring when Mississippi State Bulldogs and Southern Miss Golden Eagles take to the diamond. Mississippi State will face Old Dominion Monarch on Tuesday, March 11 at 6 p.m. and the Nicholls Colonels on Wednesday, March 12 at 5 p.m. Then, Southern Miss will face Nicholls on Tuesday, March 25 at 6:05 p.m. Gates open one hour before the first pitch. Admission for each game begins at \$21 per person. Visit the box office at the stadium or call 228-233-3465 for tickets.

Royal Story Hour, March 1, 11 a.m.-noon, Coastal Mardi Gras Museum, 792 A Howard Ave. Children ages 4-10 will be treated to story time led by the royalty of The Order of Dionysus. Crafting and dress up time to follow. Free admission. Details: 228-314-4747

Second Liner Mardi Gras Club Parade, March 1, Noon, Downtown. Parade begins and ends on Howard Avenue near the Biloxi Library. See the parade route on page 4. Witness dancers, royalty, floats, and throws. Details: 228-365-9070

Krewe of Neptune Mardi Gras Parade, March 1, 5:30 p.m., Downtown. Parade begins on Main Street at Esters and ends on Beach Blvd. at Porter. See the parade route on page 4. Features floats built in New Orleans, a dozen marching bands, and an abundance of throws. This year's theme: "Neptune After Dark". Details: Facebook@kreweofneptune, or at kreweofneptune.org

Gulf Coast Carnival Association Coronation Ball, March 3, 8 p.m., Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Witness the coronation of King d'Iberville and Queen Ixolib who will reign over Carnival for 2025! Admission is free but you must pick up a view card from the Biloxi Visitors Center or Biloxi City Hall. This year's theme: "In Search of Lost Legends." Details: msgcca.org, 228-432-8806

Gulf Coast Carnival Association Mardi Gras Parade, March 4, 1 p.m., Downtown. Parade begins on Main Street at Esters and ends on Beach Blvd. at Porter. See the parade route on page 4. Features floats, marching bands, GCCA royalty, and a number of private entry floats. This year's theme: "In search of Lost Legends." Details: msgcca.org

Coastcon, March 7-9, Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, 2350 Beach Blvd. Admission: pre-registration \$40, weekend membership \$55 at the door, Saturday only \$50, Friday or Sunday \$35. Sci-fi fans from across the south converge in Biloxi for an annual weekend of family friendly fun! Highlights include a charity auction, costume contest, games, workshops, displays, vendors, artists, and more. Details: 228-207-0266

First Friday, March 7, 5-9 p.m. HowHop Entertainment District, corner of Howard Ave. and Hopkins Blvd. First Friday returns to welcome you to the weekend! Live music from the Biloxi High Jazz Band and headliner, Black Velvet. Great food and refreshing Fly Llama beverages. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

Youth Sports Opening Ceremonies & Renovation Unveiling, March 8, 9 a.m. baseball fields & 10 a.m. softball fields, A.J. Holloway Sports Complex, 765 Wells Dr. Details: 228-388-7170

MLK Parade, March 8, 11 a.m., Downtown. Parade route: Dr. Frank G. Gruich Sr. Community Center, 591 Howard Ave. and travels west along MLK Blvd. to Reynoir, west on Howard and ends at Keesler Federal Park, 105 Caillavet St. Battle of the Bands event follows at the ballpark. Details: coastwidemlk1969@gmail.com, Facebook@MLKcoastwide

Hancock Whitney Classic Mississippi State Bulldogs, March 11-12, 6 p.m., Keesler Federal Park, 105 Caillavet St. Mississippi State baseball returns to Biloxi! The Bulldogs will face Old Dominion Monarch on Tuesday at 6 p.m. and the Nicholls Colonels on Wednesday at 5 p.m. Gates open an hour before the first pitch for both games. Admission begins at \$21 per person. Ticket details: 228-233-3465

Mississippi Senior Games Opening Ceremony, March 14, 5-8 p.m., Dr. Frank G. Gruich Sr. Community Center, 591 Howard Ave. Open to athletes and their guests. Visit online at msseniorgames.com for a list of events. Details: 228-388-7170

St. Patrick's Day 5K Run, March 15, 9 a.m.-1 mile; 9:30 a.m.-5K. Late registration begins at 8 a.m., Point Cadet Plaza, 121 Cadet St. Presented by Gulf Coast Running Club. Registration fees for runners/walkers; online registration available. Details: 228-380-7037, gulfcoastrunningclub.org

3rd Annual Irish Malarkey Party, March 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 140 Lameuse St., across from Biloxi City Hall. Presented by the Hibernia Irish Society and features stilt walkers, jugglers, hula hoopers, music, food, vendors, and more. Details: hiberniamarchingsociety.com

Biloxi Main Street presents Clover & Kilts Fest, March 15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Have a great GREEN time enjoying Irish Dancers at 10 a.m., live music by Blarney Coast at 10:15 a.m., Rhythm & Rain at noon, and The Network at 3 p.m. Vendors and food trucks serving BBQ and a variety of cuisine; Best Legs in a Kilt Contest and Lucky Leprechaun Costume Contest, and Best Irish Beard Contest. Details: 228-435-6339

Annual Hibernia Society St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 15, 2 p.m., Downtown. Parade begins

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 82nd 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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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

at Esters and Main and ends at Esters and Caillavet. See parade route on page 16. Parade features bands, flag bearers, bagpipers, a horse-drawn carriage, the Grand Marshall and Colleen and colorful floats. Free admission. Details: hiberniamarchingsociety.com

Bike Biloxi, March 18, 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

Seniors Health Fair and Fruit Market, March 18, 10 a.m., Harrison County East Biloxi Senior Center, 461 Parker St. Event features health vendors and fruit for attendees. Free admission for ages 60 and older. Details: 228-435-4192

State of the City Luncheon, March 20, doors open at 11 a.m., program begins at 11:30 a.m., Beau Rivage Magnolia Ballroom. Admission \$60. Details: Biloxi Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, 228-435-6149

Breakfast With the Mayor, March 25, 8 a.m., Memorial Hospital Biloxi (formerly Merit Health), 150 Reynoir St. Admission is free for Biloxi Chamber members, \$25 for potential members. Register at mscoastchamber.com. Details: 228-604-0014

Annual Taste of South Mississippi, March 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m., The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 575 Division St. A tasty tour of classic southern comfort food favorites from notable and award-winning restaurants. Silent auction. Admission: \$40. Details: 228-207-1218

Hancock Whitney Classic Southern Miss Baseball, March 25, 6:05 p.m., Keesler Federal Park, 105 Caillavet St., Southern Miss baseball returns to Biloxi! The Golden Eagles will face Nicholls. Gates open one hour before the first pitch. Admission begins at \$21 per person. Ticket details: 228-233-3465

Main Street Book Club, March 27, 5:30 p.m., Patio 44, 124 Main Street. March's selection: "Lies He Told Me" by James Patterson. Free admission, drinks/dinner is at participants' expense. Details: 228-435-6339

Biloxi Chamber 7th Annual Craft Beer Fest, March 29, 4-7 p.m., Keesler Federal Park, 105 Caillavet St. Live music, cigar lounge, homebrews, food and more! Must be 21 to attend. Admission VIP registration \$75; VIPDD registration \$25; Gate Admission \$50. Details 228-604-0014 or mscoastchamber.com

Summer Camp Registration, Woolmarket School, March 29, 9 a.m.-noon, Woolmarket Elementary School, 12513 John Lee Road. City of Biloxi Summer Playground Program open to ages 5 to 12 with limited spots available. Registration and weekly fees apply. Visit online at biloxi.ms.us/pr. Details: 228-388-7170

Woolmarket Extravaganza, March 29, 2-4 p.m., Woolmarket Elementary School Grounds, 12513 John Lee Road. Open to ages 11 and younger and features an egg hunt (at 3 p.m.), games, refreshments, and the Easter Bunny. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170



Biloxi Little Theatre
220 Lee St., 228-432-8543
www.4blt.org
• **Calendar Girls**
March 14-16 & 21-23

Center Stage
2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258
centerstagebiloxi.com
• **Misery**
April 24-May 4

Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library

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

- **30th Annual Buggin' the Beach VW Charity Car Show,** March 22. Admission: pre-registration \$25, day of show \$30, free for spectators

Biloxi Excel By 5

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

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

Biloxi Lighthouse & Visitors Center

1050 Beach Blvd., 228-374-3105, biloxi.ms.us. Open daily, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

- **Lighthouse tours daily,** 9-10 a.m., weather permitting. Admission: \$5 for ages 12 and older; \$2 for ages 6-11; free for ages 5 and younger

Biloxi Schooners

367 Beach Blvd., 228-435-6320, schooner@maritimemuseum.org. Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

- Group charters available, up to 44 people
- Walk on Sails, minimum of 6 passengers, \$30/adult & \$20/child ages 3-12, check website for dates

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, biloxitourtrain.com • Call in advance for tour availability

Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum

792 Howard Ave., 228-314-4747, museum@coastalmardigras.com
 • Open weekdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., open Saturdays by appointment

Edgewater Mall

2600 Beach Blvd., 228-388-3424
 • **Spring Into Spring Arts & Crafts Show**, March 14-16, free admission
 • **Easter Bunny visits the Mall**, March 22-April 19, Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Free admission; fees for photos

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
 • **Bingocize – A Fun Fall-Prevention Workshop**, presented by SMPDD and Mississippi Department of Health; Tuesdays & Thursdays through March 13, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Free admission. To register, call Sara Miller 228-435-4192

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
 • **Annual Taste of South Mississippi**, March 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Admission \$40

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.
 • **Coastal Charm Art Exhibit by Denise McHugh**, March 1-31, 3rd Floor, Joe Moran Art Gallery
 • **Sea-n-Sail Adventure Camp 2025 Registration. Now open.** Camp for students ages 6-12 years, seven weeks to choose from in June and July; \$275 per week. Registration forms on website 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!
 • **Pinch Pot Bunnies Family Class**, March 4, 6-8 p.m. Admission: \$45
 • **Date Night Wheel**, March 7, 21, Admission: \$45

West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum

1046 Howard Ave., 228-435-6119, 228-435-6200, www.biloxi.ms.us
 • Historic 1937 firehouse open Saturdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment

Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606
 • **Friday Bingo**, March 7, 14, 21, and 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.

Biloxi Yacht Club

386 Beach Blvd (In the Ohr-O’Keefe Museum of Art), 228-374-6344
 • **Karaoke at Biloxi Yacht Club**, Wear your Mardi Gras costume one last time, March 8, 5-9 p.m. Two-drink minimum, no cover charge. Costume not required.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472
 • **Karaoke with Kenny**, Fridays at 7 p.m.

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027
 • **Steak Night**, March 14, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold at 7:15 p.m. \$20, dine-in or carry out. 228-392-9345
 • **Dance Your Legs Off**, March 15; 7-11 p.m. Admission \$10 per person
 • **Ladies of Joppa Shrine Indoor Yard Sale**, March 29; 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Free admission. Details: 228-324-2555

Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society

591 Howard Ave. (2nd floor) • Details: 228-438-4636

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Monday Bingo

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887
 • **Monday Bingo**, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 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. (Call for holiday hours) Details: 228-374-1717

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.

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

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