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A distinguished career continues

The Biloxi Police Department proudly announces the appointment of Grandver Everett as the city's new Assistant Police Chief, recognizing a career defined by service, leadership, and professional excellence.

Assistant Chief Everett brings seventeen years of law enforcement experience to his new role. Before beginning his career in policing, he served eight years in the United States Air Force, demonstrating an early commitment to public service and discipline that would shape his future in law enforcement.

Following his military service, Everett joined the Biloxi Police Department as a Patrol Officer and steadily rose through the ranks. Throughout his career, he has served in numerous critical roles, including Criminal Investigator, Recruiting Officer, Sergeant of Internal Affairs, Lieutenant of the Professional Standards and Training Unit, Captain over Operations Support, Public Information Officer, and Division Commander for the Criminal Investigations Division. His diverse leadership experience has provided him with a comprehensive understanding of departmental operations and community



engagement.

As an investigator, Assistant Chief Everett earned certification as a Child Forensic Examiner and completed the NITV Federal Services Certified Examiners Course. This advanced training enabled him to lead and enhance the department's Computerized Voice Stress Analysis program, further strengthening investigative capabilities.

His dedication and professionalism

have been recognized with numerous awards and commendations, including two Distinguished Service Medals. He has also been honored as both Officer of the Year and Investigator of the Year — distinctions that reflect his commitment to excellence and integrity.

Assistant Chief Everett is a graduate of Faulkner University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Human Resources Management. He also holds an Associate of Applied Science in Mental Health Services and an Associate of Applied Science in Aircraft Armament Systems Technology.

As Assistant Police Chief, Everett will continue to support the department's mission of safeguarding the community while fostering professionalism, accountability, and service. The City of Biloxi congratulates Assistant Chief Grandver Everett on this well-earned appointment and looks forward to his continued leadership in serving the citizens of Biloxi.

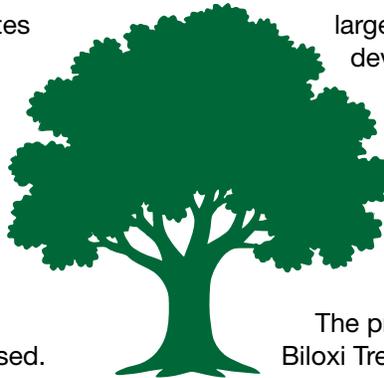
► For more about the Biloxi Police Department, visit online at biloxi.ms.us/departments/police-department/.

City looks to update tree ordinance

The City of Biloxi is reviewing proposed updates to its tree ordinance aimed at making the rules clearer, more practical, and effective for both homeowners and developers.

Under the current ordinance, homeowners face a lengthy process when removing trees on their property. The proposed changes streamline that process, making it easier for residents to manage their landscapes without unnecessary delays.

Commercial property rules are also being revised. Currently, developers are required to replace only two trees for each protected tree removed that is eight inches or greater in diameter. The new draft introduces a replacement chart based on tree diameter, ensuring that



larger trees are replaced proportionally and giving developers clear guidance on what is required.

"The goal is to make the tree ordinance understandable, user-friendly, and effective," said Jerry Creel, Biloxi Community Development Director. "We've also added definitions and clarified requirements to help both residents and businesses know exactly what is expected."

The proposed updates will first be reviewed by the Biloxi Tree Committee. If approved, the draft will move to the Biloxi Planning Commission for a public hearing and, finally, to the Biloxi City Council for final consideration.

Residents are encouraged to follow the process and provide input during public hearings.

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Spring is sprouting in Biloxi!

Spring is upon us, and in Biloxi, it's a season of growth – both in nature and across our city! From new businesses to major construction projects, there's a lot popping up around town.

We're excited to welcome new dining spots like 7 Brew, a drive-through coffee stand on Pass Road, and The Scoop, a specialty ice cream shop in Downtown, offering fresh choices



for residents and visitors alike. Meanwhile, the Biloxi Yacht Club has moved into the historic old library building on Lameuse Street, right across from Half Shell Oyster House. They even hosted one of their first gatherings on Mardi Gras Day!

Construction is also transforming Biloxi's landscape. The 100,000-square-foot Mississippi Cyber and Technology Center near White Avenue is shaping up to serve as a regional hub for cybersecurity and technology. Over on Beach Boulevard in East Biloxi, the former Church of the Redeemer site is becoming the new 102-room Home 2 Suites. On Pass Road, construction on the long-awaited Chick-fil-A is expected to break ground next month. The Popp's Ferry extension is moving along, with completion on track for the end of the year, improving traffic flow and connectivity for our community.

There are also a number of single and multi-family developments underway throughout the city. Last year, the city issued 271 building permits for new single-family houses.

Spring is a season of growth, and Biloxi is no exception. From innovative new businesses to major infrastructure projects, our city is moving forward, creating opportunities, and enhancing the quality of life for everyone who lives, works, and visits here.

Stay connected with city updates and watch as these exciting projects continue to take shape throughout the year. Look for more details next month with the State of the City edition of BNews Monthly, listing so many more things flourishing throughout the city.



E-Services: Visit online at biloxi.ms.us/e-services/ for a number of ways to connect online. You can pay your water bill, make municipal court payments, and search the Harrison County record database.

B-Alert: The City of Biloxi's text messaging system, known as B-Alert, has been down since late November. **B-Alert**

The City has moved to a new system for text messages and hopes to have it up and running next month. Stay tuned!

Traffic: Stay up to date on road closures throughout the city. Each weekday, the City of Biloxi Engineering Department posts updates on the Traffic page. Visit online at biloxi.ms.us/traffic or just click the traffic tab on the home page of the city's website.



Council Live: You can watch your elected leaders live, in action during the Biloxi City Council meetings. Just click the LIVE button on the top right of the city's website prior to the meeting to watch. Recorded versions are posted on the city's YouTube channel after each meeting. To see the meeting schedule, visit online at biloxi.ms.us and click on the city council tab. **LIVE**

Meetings: See more about Biloxi public meetings on page 19 of this newsletter. You can also visit online at biloxi.ms.us/publicmeetings.

Event to benefit Coast food pantries.

Drop off 1 lb. bags of beans to one of the collection locations through Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

All donations will be distributed to food pantries across the Coast.

Collection locations:

- Biloxi City Hall – 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Biloxi Visitors Center – 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center – 6 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Biloxi Fire Stations – 6 a.m.-7 p.m.



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Changes ahead for senior water rates



Beginning April 1, the City of Biloxi will implement updates to its current senior water and sewer discount program.

Currently, 2,631 of Biloxi's 15,328 water customers receive a senior discount rate that allows residents age 65 and older to qualify regardless of income level. Due to state requirements, the City must transition to a new discount structure.

Under the new policy, senior citizens may qualify for a 25 percent discount on regular water and sewer rates if they meet the following criteria for a "qualified household":

- The principal residence of the household is a senior citizen
- Either the applicant or spouse is age 65 or older
- The household annual income is

\$45,150 or less

- The total assessed value of land and improvements of the primary residence under \$125,000, as determined by the Harrison County Tax Assessor
- This new classification ensures assistance is directed to residents based on financial need and property value.

What residents age 65 and older can do

Residents currently receiving the senior rate were mailed a notification letter in late February regarding the upcoming changes. To continue receiving a discounted rate after April 1, eligible residents must apply for the new rates. The new senior citizen rates will go into effect in the next billing cycle after approval by the Water Department.

Residents who wish to receive the new discounted rate must apply at the City of Biloxi Water Department located at 195 Reynoir Street. Applications may also be requested by mail or email by contacting the department at biloxiwater@biloxi.ms.us or by calling 228-435-6240.

Anyone with questions or needing assistance is encouraged to contact the Water Department.

A copy of the ordinance change may be viewed online at biloxi.ms.us/ordinances.

This rate was approved by the Biloxi City Council during the January 27, 2026 meeting. To see more, including meeting recordings and meeting agendas, visit online at biloxi.ms.us and click on City Council or the City Council Agenda tabs on the home page.

City newsletter to end monthly mailing

After nearly eight years of monthly mail delivery, BNews Monthly, the City of Biloxi's award-winning community newsletter, will be available online exclusively after its April 2026 issue. However, four times a year, the city will publish and mail a newsletter that will include mandated information.

Since its launch in June 2018, BNews has been mailed citywide to nearly 26,000 Biloxi postal customers, providing Biloxi's nearly 50,000 residents with updates on city projects, a calendar of community events, the status of Katrina infrastructure work, public safety updates, and community news.

In an effort to reduce printing and postage costs as part of ongoing budget management efforts, the newsletter

will be provided online each month, with issues mailed only in April, June, September, and December. These issues will include such information as storm and flood preparedness, the Water Quality Report, flood insurance and stormwater management reminders, and other information required to be distributed by mail.

Residents can still access the newsletter each month on the City of Biloxi's website at biloxi.ms.us/bnews and through the City's official social media channels, where it is already published and shared regularly.



LAWN CARE

Caring for landscaping and lawns on property that is miles from any water body may seem little to do with water pollution but many of them drain pollution. Soils, yard wastes, overwatering, and chemicals become part of the urban runoff mix that winds its way through streets, gutters and storm drains before entering our rivers, bays and gulf.

Contact the City of Biloxi Stormwater Management at 228-435-6280 or stormwater@biloxi.ms.us

Fertilizing & Pesticides

- Use fertilizers sparingly and don't apply before a heavy rainfall.
- Before adding fertilizer, have your soil tested so you apply only what is needed.
- Nutrients from fertilizers promote algae blooms and excessive plant growth, which depletes oxygen, making it unavailable to fish and other aquatic life.
- Consider leaving lawn clippings on your lawn as a natural fertilizer.
- Pesticides and herbicides don't just kill garden pests, they also harm beneficial insects, aquatic plants and fish that live in our waterways.
- Read all labels and apply according to the directions.

Watering

- Avoid overwatering. Don't let water run out into the street.
- Use efficient irrigation methods such as soaker hoses and microsprinklers.

- If you have a spray head sprinkler system, consider adjusting your water method to a cycle and soak. Instead of watering for 15 minutes straight, breakup the session into 5 minute intervals allowing water to soak in before the next application.

Yard Waste

- Yard waste such as leaves and grass are pollutants in our waterways because during decomposition they absorb oxygen needed by fish and aquatic animals.
- Never blow or sweep grass or lawn clippings into the streets for storm drains. They should be swept, bagged and disposed of properly. Not only are they pollutants in the waterways but they clog storm drain systems causing flooding.
- Consider recycling your yard wastes by starting a compost pile.

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Mike Guerrero Returns as manager, College and High School baseball returns to the Coast



Keesler Federal Park set to host high school, college baseball as part of Battle at the Beach and Hancock Whitney Classic

By Javik Blake
Biloxi Shuckers

College and high school baseball seasons have officially started, and with the calendar turning to March, the start of the Biloxi Shuckers season is under a month away! The Shuckers will begin their season on Friday, April 3, against the Rocket City Trash Pandas before their home opener on Tuesday, April 7, against the Pensacola Blue Wahoos. Currently, the 2026 Shuckers are at Spring Training, preparing for a season that includes the return of longtime manager Mike Guerrero. Before the start of the Shuckers season, Keesler Federal Park will host eight games, including two college games during the Hancock Whitney Classic.

MIKE GUERRERO RETURNS AS SHUCKERS MANAGER FOR 2026

Guerrero enters his ninth season in Biloxi and 27th as a manager in Minor League Baseball. After reaching 1,400 career wins during the 2023 season, Guerrero needs 55 wins during the 2026 season to reach 1,500. His 1,445 wins are the sixth-most among active managers in Minor League Baseball. Guerrero owns a 492-449 (.523) record with the Shuckers and is the winningest manager in franchise history. During his tenure with the Shuckers, he has managed 71 of the 82 former Shuckers who have gone on to make their MLB debuts, including Corbin Burnes, Freddy Peralta, Jackson Chourio, Josh Hader and Brice Turang. In 2018 and 2019, he helped the Shuckers become the first Brewers

Double-A affiliate to reach the championship series in back-to-back years since the 2006 and 2007 Huntsville Stars. Guerrero has also been named the 2018 Southern League Manager of the Year, 2013 Mike Coolbaugh Award winner, 2009 Florida State League Manager of the Year and 2001 Dominican Summer League Manager of the Year.

BATTLE AT THE BEACH RETURNS TO KEESLER FEDERAL PARK

The tournament features six games over three days, featuring some of the top talent on the Coast. Games will take place on Friday, March 6, Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March 13, including a rivalry matchup between Biloxi and D'Iberville on March 6 at 7:30 p.m. Matchups also include 2025 Class 6A State Finalist George County against Hernando on March 12 at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are available now for \$10. All seating is general admission. Gates open one hour prior to first pitch for all games. Tickets from other Battle at the Beach venues will not grant access to games at Keesler Federal Park.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS SET TO RETURN TO BILOXI

The Biloxi Shuckers have announced that the Mississippi State Bulldogs will return to Biloxi for the 2026 Hancock Whitney Classic on Tuesday, March 10, against the Tulane Green Wave. It marks the fifth consecutive season and eighth season total that the Bulldogs have visited Keesler Federal Park. Tulane previously visited Keesler Federal Park during the 2016 season with a game against

Southern Miss.

GOLDEN EAGLES SOAR TO KEESLER FEDERAL PARK

The Southern Miss Golden Eagles will face the Nicholls Colonels at Keesler Federal Park on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. as part of the Hancock Whitney Classic. Gates will open at 5:00 p.m. The teams previously met at Keesler Federal Park in 2017, 2024 and 2025.

SHUCKERS ANNOUNCE 2026 THEME NIGHTS AND GIVEAWAYS

The Biloxi Shuckers have announced their premium giveaways and theme nights for the 2026 season, with the home opener scheduled for Tuesday, April 7.

Premium nights include Top Gun Night on May 9, Bluey and Bingo Day on May 10, SpongeBob Night on May 24, Margaritaville Night on June 18, Soccer Night on June 20 and the team's Independence Day Fireworks Extravaganza on July 3 and 4.

After the All-Star Break, the Shuckers will host their annual Fight Like A Shucker Night on August 14, Paw Patrol Night on August 16 and Marvel Night on August 29.

The Shuckers will also transform into a brand-new alternate identity on April 25 with a mystery-team-themed Hawaiian shirt, May 23 with a mystery-team-themed bucket hat presented by the Beau Rivage and a themed water bottle giveaway for the first 1,500 fans presented by the Beau Rivage on August 15.

► For more info: 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.

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In business, they say it's one of the keys to success: Location, location, location.

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Sometimes it might seem like a prudent idea to put that pile of trash in the empty lot across the street, to make it easier for the city to pick it up, maybe.

The fact is, if you put the trash at the curb immediately in front of your house, it will be picked up

much quicker. Typically the same week! Not so if you put it on a vacant lot. That's because vacant lots are not covered by the weekly trash pickup. That means an extra pick up, a special trip, which will take longer.

City contractors actually make three stops at your house every week. Garbage, recycling and trash.

Just bring it all out to the curb, **your curb**, and we'll get it right away! It really is all about location, location, location.

And if we all do our part, it's a beautiful thing!



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biloxi.ms.us/beautification

A PRIVATE GROVE IN BILOXI

By Susan R. Peterson,
Chairperson, City of Biloxi Tree Committee

Who wouldn't love to own a private grove of live oak trees? Bell Kessler does, and hers sits right in the heart of Biloxi.

After a life of pursuing "other people's interests," Bell and her sister decided to follow their passions and opened the Piece by Piece Quilt Shop on Howard Avenue (1030 W Howard Ave.) near the Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center. She purchased the small shop several years ago after outgrowing their original shop up the street.

After surveying the property, Bell was concerned parking would be a problem. She asked some questions and found out that the shop also came with a small parking area directly across the street. It was perfect, and included several mature live oaks, plus a southern magnolia tree.

Bell got to work planning and preparing her new work environment for business. The parking area was overgrown and needed cleaning. First on the list was to hire a small local landscaping company to help her transform the property into a suitable addition to the business. This included professionally trimming the trees, allowing their natural beauty to shine. Then her creativity took over. To protect the tree roots on the property, she installed stone pavers. True to her passion, the pavers are arranged in varying colors to resemble an old-fashioned patchwork quilt. It's gorgeous. To complement the pavers, Bell and her daughter, Cathy decorate the property in recognition of all the important holidays we celebrate – of course, that includes Mardi Gras.

Back to the trees. Individually, each is beautiful, but packed so



tightly, none sits as a stand-alone Majestic Tree. As a group, however, they are very special. Each is over 100 years old and is registered with the city. Bell learned about the City of Biloxi registration process by attending our tree registration workshop this past March. Afterwards, she immediately got to work and registered them with the help of her Tree Committee ward representative, Jamie Tamburo. The first step was to apply to the Mississippi chapter of the Société des Arbres to identify them as "Majestic Trees." With that certification in hand, she and I then completed the application for the city to earn its recognition. Bell's efforts were recognized, along with fourteen other Biloxi live oaks, as City of Biloxi Majestic Trees at a City of Biloxi Council Meeting this past January.

The grove also carries special meaning. It sits alongside the site of the former Lopez Elementary School. Therefore, when Bell applied to the Société des Arbres, she affectionately called them the Lopez School Trees. Each of the trees is named after

children who, in the past, attended Lopez. Bell is now busy working on making new name plaques to identify each of the trees.

So, the next time you find yourself on Howard Avenue, take a moment and pull into Bell's parking lot, immediately across from the Piece by Piece Quilt Shop. Stand beneath the canopy, and you'll be reminded of the quiet beauty and history woven throughout the landscape. Better yet, drop in to the quilt shop and let Bell share some of her stories with you.

► Check out the City of Biloxi Tree Committee web page for more information on how to register your "protected trees." - online at biloxi.ms.us/treecommittee/.

Biloxi Pulse

Spotlight on Small Businesses of Downtown Biloxi: Broussard's Barber Shop

Laurie Rosetti, Biloxi Main Street
and City of Biloxi Downtown Services

Located at 158 G.E. Ohr Street, just south of Howard Avenue, Broussard's Barber Shop has quickly become a cornerstone of Downtown Biloxi since opening its doors in 2021. Blending traditional barbering with modern style, this full-service shop offers more than just haircuts – it provides an experience rooted in professionalism, precision, and genuine hospitality.

Owner Lauren Broussard brought her vision to life with a clear goal: bring back the classic barbershop experience with a modern, welcoming twist. In just a few short years, that vision has translated into impressive success. The shop's steady growth reflects the growth of downtown and the strong relationships built within the community.

Broussard's Barber Shop offers a wide range of services, including classic cuts, modern styles, beard trims, hot towel shaves, and grooming for men and boys. Every service is delivered with attention to detail and a commitment to helping clients look and feel their best. The knowledgeable and experienced staff includes Lauren Broussard (owner), Lexie Forrest, and Erica Davidson.

What sets Broussard's apart is its strong customer loyalty. Many clients return regularly, appreciating not only the skilled craftsmanship but also the friendly, familiar environment. It's the kind of place where conversations



flow easily, neighbors connect, and new customers quickly feel like longtime friends. Speaking of familiar, the building housing Broussard's is enjoying its second incarnation as a barbershop. Your fathers and grandfathers may remember it as the spot where Gabe's Barbershop did business for many years.

Being located in the vibrant downtown district has played a significant role in the shop's growth. Foot traffic, nearby businesses, and community events all contribute to the energy surrounding the shop. In turn, Broussard's Barber Shop contributes to the ongoing

revitalization of Downtown Biloxi, proving that small businesses are truly the heartbeat of the area.

Lauren's dedication, entrepreneurial spirit, and commitment to excellence embody what makes downtown special. By investing in her craft and her community, this 18-year barber has created more than a barbershop – she has built a destination that reflects pride in both service and city. Lauren says, "Downtown Biloxi has heart. Being here means being part of a community of small business owners who truly support one another. We get to serve locals, welcome visitors, and be part of the growth happening around us. I'm so proud to be in the center of it all."

Broussard's Barber Shop stands as a shining example of local success. Stop by, say hello, and experience firsthand why this hometown business has become a staple of Biloxi's downtown scene.

CITY OF BILOXI Public Service Announcement

The Mayor and City Council are in the initial planning stages of developing an Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program to assist lower-income Biloxi residents. Funding for the trial program is anticipated to be allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the City of Biloxi's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement in Program Year 2026 (PY2026), which runs October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.

To ensure the housing assistance program complies with applicable federal, state, and local regulations and policies, as well as incorporates input from HUD and the public, the program planning process will take time.

Final approval will be required by the Mayor and City Council in addition to HUD, and is contingent upon approval of continued federal funding to HUD. This means the earliest applications could be made available to residents will be after October 1, 2026.

In the interim, the City asks that residents interested in the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program please be patient and monitor the City of Biloxi website and social media accounts for additional information as it becomes available.

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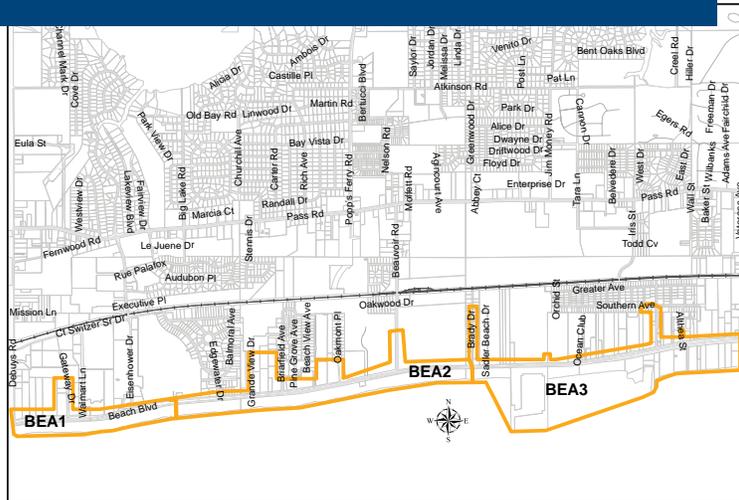


Infrastructure work in Biloxi

Project: BEA1, 2, & 3

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

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



Areawide map of infrastructure work

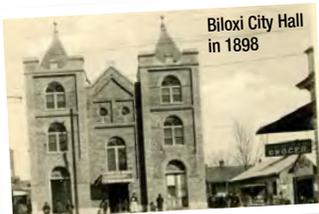


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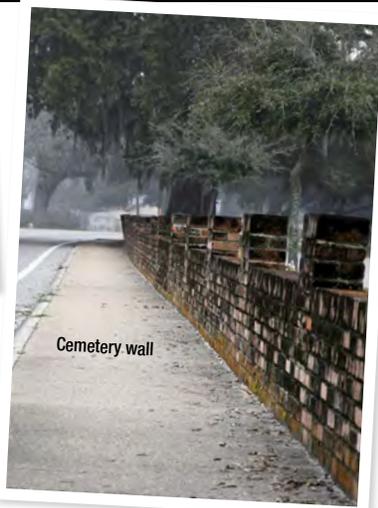
TIME CAPSULE:



Biloxi City Hall
in 1898



Bay Vista
Fire Station



Cemetery wall

The journey of Biloxi City Hall bricks

In the heart of Biloxi, the old City Hall once stood as a bustling hub of activity at Howard Avenue and Main Street. For over 72 years, the iconic building served as a landmark, a center of commerce, and a political gathering place. But as time passed, the building fell into disuse, and was eventually dismantled. However, its legacy lives on through the thousands of bricks that once held it together.

These bricks, far from being discarded, found new life in various projects across the city. They became integral to the living history of Biloxi, repurposed to serve the community in creative and practical ways. Some of the bricks were used to construct the Bay Vista Fire Station on Pass Road in West Biloxi, which was completed in 1968. Others were transformed into barbecue pits and pavilions at Hiller Park, where they contributed to recreational spaces for residents and visitors.

The bricks also found their way into the city's cemeteries, forming columns and fences that blend utility with aesthetic appeal. Not all of the bricks remained visible, however. Some were repurposed for underground infrastructure, such as manholes and catch basins, while others were used to provide a veneer for the water works department caretaker's house on Irish Hill. The dismantling process was not without its casualties, as some bricks were damaged during their descent from the three-story structure. Yet, the majority of the 125,000 bricks, valued at \$7,500, found meaningful new roles.

The old City Hall's bricks symbolize resilience and resourcefulness, embodying the spirit of Biloxi. From pavilions to parks, fire stations to cemeteries, these bricks continue to serve the community, preserving the memory of a bygone era while supporting the city's growth and development. The story of these bricks is a testament to the enduring legacy of a building that once stood as the heart of Biloxi.

From the soul to the sea

The Ole Biloxi Café, located on West Howard Avenue in Biloxi, is the latest venture from the Redwine family, known across Mississippi for their savory seafood and slow-simmered Southern favorites. Their other locations include Pope Country Café in Pope, MS, and Biloxi Country Café in St. Martin. Now, they bring that same homestyle flavor to Biloxi's historic Howard Avenue corridor.

Walking into Ole Biloxi Café feels less like stepping into a restaurant and more like walking through Grandma's front door. Inside, guests will find a warm, relaxed atmosphere filled with coastal charm and the comforting aroma of scratch-made Southern favorites. The menu blends hearty country classics with fresh Gulf seafood, reflecting both family tradition and Biloxi's rich maritime heritage. More than just a restaurant, Ole Biloxi Café is designed to be a gathering place in the heart of Downtown Biloxi where neighbors meet, families connect, and visitors get a true taste of the Coast.



From the soul to the sea, the Ole Biloxi Café has set a welcoming table in Biloxi.

A creative eye for the future





MARCH TRIVIA Islands all around us



By Jane Shambra

What was the original name of Deer Island?

In 1699, Biloxi's nearest offshore island was once called "Isle-Aux Chevreuils," named because of the abundance of deer that once inhabited that island.

When did Deer Island become incorporated into the City of Biloxi? It was finally annexed into the City of Biloxi in 1999.

Historically, for what is Deer Island remembered? It is rich in native American history and pirate lore.

Where is Goat Island in Biloxi. Goat Island is located in Biloxi's Bay, just west of the I-110. It is part of the City of Biloxi.

Where is Biloxi's Big Island? This island is located in Biloxi's corporate limits and can be spotted just east of the I-110 in Biloxi's Back Bay. It was once called Gorenflo Island. In 2023 Big Island was renamed Gollott Island in honor of Senator Tommy Gollott.

How far is Ship Island from Biloxi? It is located approximately 11 miles south of Biloxi.

What was the original French name given to this island? In 1699, it was first known as "Isle de Surgere," named after the French Count who first spotted the island. In 1702 Monsieur D'Iberville renamed it "Isle-Aux Vaisseaux," or "Ship Island," a more fitting title for the large island which first greeted large sailing ships from France.

Where was the famous Isle of Caprice? This famous resort was once located about 12 miles south of Biloxi's shoreline.

What was its original name? Dog Key Island was its original name and could be spotted on maps between Ship and Horn Island.

What happened to the Isle of Caprice? This island, once famous as a lively resort, eroded, and by the summer of 1932, it completely disappeared into the water.

Where is Cedar Lake island and how did it get its name. Once called the community of Vennie, this 43-acre Cedar Lake Island is located on the Tchoutacabouffa River in the City of Biloxi. It is rich in wildlife and beautiful foliage, and was once occupied by a thriving saw mill.

How did Cat Island get its name? Monsieur D'Iberville and his explorers named this island "Isle-aux-Chats" because of the great number of cats found there. Those cats were actually resident raccoons who thrived on a diet of oysters which were plentiful along its shores.

After years of showcasing the vibrant creativity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Gallery 782 Co-Art is opening an exciting new chapter with its relocation to 1001 Howard Avenue in Downtown Biloxi.

Founded in March 2009, Gallery 782 was inspired by a simple yet powerful mission: supporting the creativity of local artists. The gallery first opened in the historic Old Spanish House at 782 Water Street, the address that inspired its name. While the charming space helped build a loyal following, the limited room made it difficult to showcase new artists as interest grew.

A decade later, the cooperative relocated to 773 Jackson Street, providing more exhibition space but offering less retail visibility. Now, Gallery 782 is making a strategic move to a spacious retail location along the busy, historic West Howard Avenue corridor.



The new home at 1001 Howard Avenue features easy-access parking and places the gallery in the heart of a thriving commercial district, surrounded by retail shops and established restaurants. With increased visibility and steady foot traffic, the move positions Gallery

782 for continued growth and expanded community engagement.

St. Patrick's
DOWNtown popUP Party

Friday, March 13, 5-9 p.m. • City Hall Plaza

ACROSS FROM BILOXI CITY HALL, 140 LAMEUSE ST.

Be sure to wear your "green" to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Music by The Network. • Poker Run with Great Prizes!
Free admission. • Details: 228-435-6339



Easter Extravaganza
in Biloxi

Saturday, March 28, 2026 • 2-4 p.m.

Egg Hunt begins at 3 p.m.

**Popp's Ferry Recreation Complex
2150 Popp's Ferry Road**

**Bring your own Easter basket/bag
for the Egg Hunt.**

Games, and an Egg Hunt!

**Easter Bunny will be on site for
pictures. Bring your camera!**

For all children, ages infant to 11.
Parents are not allowed on
hunting fields during the Egg Hunt.
Volunteers will assist children.

For more info, call the Parks
& Recreation Department at
228-388-7170 or email
programs@biloxi.ms.us.

**Special Needs
Egg~ceptional
Egg Hunt**

Sunday, March 29, 2026

11 a.m.-1 p.m. • Hunt begins at noon.

**Popp's Ferry Recreation Complex
2150 Popp's Ferry Road • (Under Pavilion)**

- Play games & take pictures with the Easter Bunny!
- Bring your own Easter basket/bag for the Egg Hunt.
- Lunch provided after the Egg Hunt!

**There will be sensory friendly games and a quiet place
available for those in need.**

**All physically and mentally challenged
children/adults and their parents
are invited to attend.**

Volunteers will assist with children.

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State of the City Luncheon

March 19

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



March of the Mayors to benefit Coast food pantries, donations accepted through March 4. Biloxi is collecting one-pound bags of dried beans! Please bring your donation to one of the following locations: Biloxi City Hall, Biloxi Visitors Center, Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, or any Biloxi Fire Station (7 a.m.-7 p.m.). Details: 228-435-6339



First Friday Downtown Biloxi, March 6, 6-9 p.m., HowHop Entertainment District, corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. First Fridays return in a BIG way with super showband Meet The Press! Great food trucks, Fly Llama beverages, and vendors! Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

COASTCON 48, March 6-8, Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Step into a weekend of adventure, imagination, and fandom. Join fans from across the south for panels, workshops, gaming, cosplay, vendors, art, and celebration at Mississippi's longest-running and largest science fiction, fantasy, and gaming convention. Details: www.coastcon.org

Hancock Whitney Classic: Mississippi State VS Tulane, March 10, and USM VS Nichols, March 17; 6:05 p.m. Keesler Federal Park, 105 Caillavet St., Admission: tickets start at \$24 for students and season ticket members; \$26 for the public. Tickets are available at the box office and online. Details: Biloxi Shuckers Facebook event pages

Pop UP-DOWntown, March 13, 5-9 p.m. City Hall Plaza, across from Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Be sure to wear your "green" to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Music by The Network. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339



St. Patrick's Day 5K, March 14, 8 a.m., Point Cadet Plaza, 121 Cadet St. Register online at runsignup.com. Late registration, 8-9 a.m., day of event. Details, including registration fees: gulfoastrunningclub.org.

Breakfast With the Mayor, March 17, doors open at 7:30 a.m., program begins at 8 a.m., Memorial Hospital Biloxi Cafeteria, 150 Reynoir St. Admission: Chamber members are complimentary, others \$20. Details: 228-601-0014



Bike Biloxi, March 17, 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

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Main Street Book Club, March 26, 5 p.m., Jacked Up Coffee Bar, 999 Howard Ave. This month's selection is "Fontaine" by local author Linda Barnes. The author will be with us for a lively discussion. The book is available at the Biloxi Visitors Center gift shop and on Amazon. Details: 228-435-6339



Taste of South Mississippi, March 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sample dishes from our region's top restaurants while sipping, socializing, and bidding in a lively silent auction. This event benefits the center's scholarship fund. Tickets: \$40. Details: 228-207-1218, Krocmscoast.com

8th Annual Biloxi Chamber Craft Beer Fest, March 28, 5-8 p.m., Keesler Federal Park, 105 Caillavet St. Sample many local craft beers, plus more! Must be 21 to attend. Tickets \$25 and up. Details: mscoastchamber.com



The Biloxi Breakers Ice Hockey

MS Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Admission begins at \$14 per person. Details: 228-594-3708

- VS Baton Rouge Zydeco March 27 & 28, 7 p.m.

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 94th 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, follow on Facebook @cobiloxi/.

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.

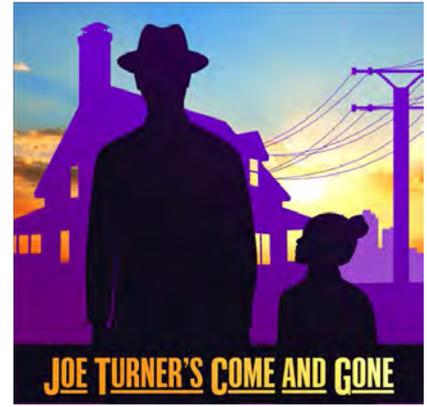
BTV: Biloxi Television, city's municipal TV channel, is a mix of current events, local history and local flavor, and monthly updates. Visit online at biloxi.ms.us/btv, and on Sparklight Channel 56.

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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



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

- **Wait Until Dark**
March 6-8 & 13-15
- **Ragtime**
coming April 2026

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

- **Joe Turner's Come & Gone**
through March 8
- **Auditions for Arsenic and Old Lace**
March 1

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. Call for monthly calendar of events.

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
- **Gift shop,** featuring products from local artists



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

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

- **The Easter Bunny** on location for visits and photos! March 7-April 4
- **Red Cross Blood Drive,** March 16, Noon-6 p.m.

Harrison County East Biloxi Senior Center
461 Parker St., 228-435-4192, co.harrison.ms.us/departments/senior/services

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

KAFB Farmer's Market

625 Marina Dr., 228-376-2821, BOS.81FSS.Vandenburg@us.af.mil

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

Kroc Center, MS Gulf Coast, The Salvation Army

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

- **Taste of South Mississippi**, March 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sample dishes from our region's top restaurants while sipping, socializing, and bidding in a lively silent auction. This event benefits the center's scholarship fund. Tickets: \$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.

- **"Copper Meets Coast"** art exhibit opening, now through March 31, Moran Gallery on 3rd floor.
- **Painting Class with artist Jason Pittman**, March 14, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost: \$100 per seat. Includes complimentary mimosas and brunch.
- **Sea-N-Sail Adventure Camp 2026 registration** is now open. Forms can be found at www.maritimemuseum.org. Camp Session (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) June 1-5, 8-12, 15-19 (6-8 years old only), 22-26. July 6-10, 13-17, 20-24. Cost \$275 per child per week. Deposit of \$50 per child required at time of registration. Discount of 20% for 3+ children in family.

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, www.georgeohr.org

- **OOMA After Hours**, March 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Check the website for events and studio classes at OOMA!

West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum

1046 Howard Ave., 228-435-6119, 228-435-6200, www.biloxi.ms.us

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

Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606

- **Friday Bingo**, March 6, 13, 20, and 27. 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

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

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027

- **Steak Night**, March 13, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold 7:15 p.m. **\$25 (new price)**, dine-in or carry-out. 228-392-9345
- **Dance**, March 21, 7-10 p.m. (lessons begin at 6 p.m.), \$10 per person
- **Military Collectible Show**, Friday, March 27, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: \$7

Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society

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

- For organization, event, and meeting details: 228-438-4636

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Monday Bingo

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Monday Bingo**, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. 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 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. on the corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. Details: Biloxi Parks & Rec., 228-388-7170

City of Biloxi Senior Program

Activities for ages 55 and older weekdays at: Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center and East Biloxi Senior Citizen Center.

Details: Biloxi Parks & Rec., 228-388-7170

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 economic growth of downtown.

Details and membership: 228-435-6339, mainstreetbiloxi.com

**City of Biloxi Public Meetings**biloxi.ms.us/publicmeetings

- **Architectural Review Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second and fourth Thursday of the month, 8:30 a.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266
- **Biloxi Beautification Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings on first and third Wednesday of month, 11 a.m., City Council room, Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: biloxi.ms.us/beautification
- **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
1 AUDITIONS FOR Arsenic and Old Lace Center Stage March for Mayors Donations Come & Gone Center Stage The Price is Right Beau Rivage	2 March for Mayors Donations Come & Gone Center Stage Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	3 Community Market March for Mayors Donations Trivia Night Fly Llama Brewing Come & Gone Center Stage Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	4 March for Mayors Donations Trivia Night Altered Reality Brewing Come & Gone Center Stage	5 Community Market Biloxi Fun Run Altered Reality Brewing Come & Gone Center Stage	6 Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge Farmers Market Marina Park First Friday HowHop Creative District Come & Gone Center Stage Wait Until Dark – BLT COASTCON 48 MS Coast Coliseum	7 Easter Bunny Arrives Edgewater Mall Come & Gone Center Stage Wait Until Dark – BLT Cheap Trick Beau Rivage Mike Epps MS Coast Coliseum COASTCON 48 MS Coast Coliseum
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BTV March Schedule

Sparklight 56 or at 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!" Irish Feast
7:30 a.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
7:45 a.m.	Keesler Update (15 min)
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!" Irish Feast
1:30 p.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
1:45 p.m.	Keesler Update (15 min)
3 p.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (3 hours)
Evening	
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7:45 p.m.	Keesler Update
9 p.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (3 hours)
Midnight	National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)



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

"Biloxi Cooks!": Feasts for eyes

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, "Biloxi Cooks!" turns its attention to a classic Irish fare. Connoisseur Renny Sherman prepares an Irish meal in this month's encore presentation of the 2021 episode, "Irish Feast." Timeless and full of flavor, it's the perfect pick for March.

You can see the program each day at 7 a.m., 7 p.m., and 1 in the afternoon. Erin go bragh!



This month's recipe:



St. Patrick's Day Feast

Ingredients:

- 2 Groebel's Corned Beef Briskets (Flats)
- 1 bottle of beer
- 2 cabbage heads
- 3 lbs potatoes, peeled and mashed
- 1 pint of sour cream
- 2 cups of milk
- 8 oz block of cream cheese
- 1 pkg Durkee/French's Fried Onions
- 1 pkg Hormel Bacon Pieces
- 8 oz Mozzarella cheese
- Apple Cider Vinegar
- Ground cloves
- Salt
- Pepper

Instructions:

Beef

- Place Corned Beef brisket in a roasting pan, fat side up. Sprinkle contents of seasoning packet on top of beef. Pour beer into pan until just below top of beef.
- Seal pan tightly with aluminum foil.
- Place in 325 degree oven
- Cook time – 6 hours, but at end of 2 hours, then 4 hours, open

cover and remove 1/2 of liquid surrounding beef. Add liquid to cabbage.

Cabbage

- Cut cabbage into desired size pieces. Wash and add to tall pot. Add enough water to cover cabbage. Add tablespoon of vinegar, 1/2 teaspoon of ground cloves and tablespoon of salt.
- Simmer cabbage until tender adding beef braising liquid for seasoning.

Potatoes

- Peel, boil and mash potatoes when done. Note: Instant potatoes will work, follow instructions on box.
- Add milk, cream cheese, and sour cream and whip until creamy. Add French's Onions and Hormel Bacon Pieces. Mix well; add salt and pepper to taste.
- Put potatoes in baking dish, top with Mozzarella cheese and bake alone for 45 minutes at 325 degrees.

Signs and curiosities near our streets

By Jane Shambra

Biloxi’s history, both the past and recent, isn’t found only in newspapers, textbooks, and websites. By traveling through the streets of our city, we are able to learn a plethora of amazing factoids about Biloxi. Whether you’re walking, jogging, bicycling, skating, or simply riding in a vehicle, a watchful journey along our streets can reveal many interesting and unexpected places and moments that bring history to life.



Creole Cottage along Rue Magnolia



Bicentennial mosaic in downtown

Mosaics

Biloxi has two significant mosaic art displays in its downtown area. The oldest is that of the tricentennial mosaic located at 136 G. E. Ohr Street. It was constructed as a community project by the Biloxi 1999 Tricentennial Commission and commemorates 300 years of the city’s history. Its vibrant imagery represents Biloxi’s journey, beginning with the massive wooden boats that voyaged to our area near our iconic lighthouse.

Originally installed beside the former Biloxi Library and Cultural Center (c. 1977), the mosaic is still intact and is a survivor of Hurricane Katrina that hit Biloxi in 2005.

The second Biloxi downtown mosaic is located on Biloxi’s Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. It was created as a memorial that depicts the wrath of Katrina’s super-high-water waves.

Shutters

Old homes and businesses once had real functional shutters for their windows and doors. Often made of sturdy cypress, they were fastened on hinges and could be closed when the threat of a hurricane loomed nearby, protecting exposed windows and doors from flying debris.

Old photos of Downtown Biloxi homes often show this architectural feature. Amazingly, the historic 1800s Creole Cottage on Rue Magnolia (known today as the popular Dime Store Diva Boutique) and the City of Biloxi’s Old Brick House on Bayview Avenue still exhibit these sturdy shutters. Since Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the use of functional window shutters has returned to local architectural designs.

Cornerstones

Cornerstones can be identified as rectangular or square plaques securely affixed to the front area of a building. They are traditionally made of sturdy metal. In a simplified format, each relates pertinent details about the construction

of its structure, such as the year it was erected, who the builder was, and the then-current governmental officials who contributed to its successful opening.

Biloxi’s City Hall and The People’s Bank on Lameuse Street, and even our post office on Main Street, all exhibit cornerstone plaques.

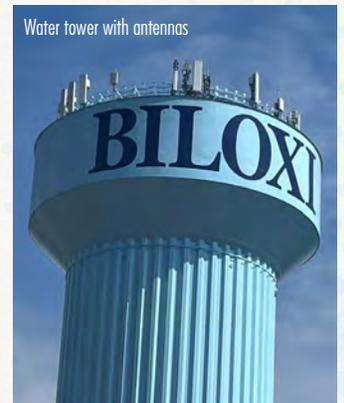


Cornerstone marker at Biloxi City Hall

Water towers

Some of the tallest, free-standing structures in the city include water towers. Older versions have appeared on historical Biloxi postcards. Their purpose is to collect quality water from the ground, creating water pressure for homes, businesses, and fire prevention uses. While riding through Biloxi, you can easily spot these huge, blue water towers with BILOXI clearly imprinted on their tanks. Biloxi has excellent water and proudly prints the results of its findings, which can also be viewed online from 2003 through 2025. The results can be found at biloxi.ms.us/waterquality.

This City has about 24 deep water wells and 11 water tanks (seven elevated high above the ground).



Water tower with antennas



Iberville statue and the lighthouse

While gazing at these massive metal formations, take a closer look! Have you ever noticed the little sticks pointing skyward atop these massive water towers? They are actually antennas for telecommunications services. This adaptation to modern communication is the perfect option for companies to provide the best signals with the points of transmission highest above the ground.

Historical statues

Biloxi has several historical statues of people reflecting its history through time. Standing next to the Biloxi Visitors Center is the metal statue of Monsieur D'iberville, the founder of our area. He faces south toward the Gulf, tall and resolute, as if he is reflecting on his accomplishments and the arduous three-month journey from France, while keeping a sharp eye for impending weather conditions.

Just south of the Visitors Center is the statue of Fred Haise, Biloxi's native son and heroic Apollo 13 astronaut. This April will mark the 56th anniversary of the Apollo 13 journey into space.

Continue eastward to the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum at Point Cadet, the Biloxi Golden Fisherman can be found. This statue was dedicated in 2018 and is representative of Biloxi's hard-working men and women of the seafood industry. The current statue replaces the original Golden Fisherman statue, which was demolished by Hurricane Katrina.

Each of these three statues is accompanied by a plaque identifying the artist and explaining its historical significance.

Gone but not forgotten

Even though Biloxi has endured the devastation of unimaginable hurricanes, the memory of many lost historic structures lives on. Freestanding metal plaques now mark the sites where these buildings once stood, engraved with basic details, preserving their



▲ Tullis-Toledano House that once stood along Hwy. 90

▶ Tullis-Toledano House historical marker



stories for future generations. Many can be found on Hwy. 90 between Main and Oak Streets.

One example is the Tullis-Toledano Manor, a stately red-brick, two-story home built in the mid-1800s. Originally constructed as a private residence, it later became a tourist attraction and city event center before being destroyed by the force of Hurricane Katrina.

The Historical Marker Database of this and other markers throughout the region can be researched and viewed at hmdb.org.

Shrimp signs

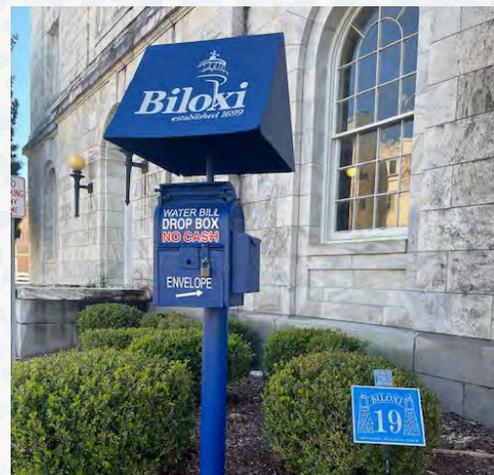
Have you ever noticed the small, round, blue numbered signs attached to traffic light poles and wondered what they mean? Installed in 2014, these markers were created as a tourist wayfinding system. Originally, there were about 78 in all placed along Hwy. 90 throughout the Gulf Coast in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson counties. Their purpose was to guide visitors to locate local attractions, restaurants, and casinos.



Initially, paper maps were printed. Now, these featured shrimp signs can be accessed through the My Gulf Coast app on smartphones.

Biloxi's little mailbox

A curious little feature can be found at the northwest corner of Biloxi's City Hall. There's a very old, but well-kept, miniature mailbox that still serves as an alternate drop box for water bill payments. Although it doesn't serve as an official U.S. Postal Service mailbox, it stands as a historical reminder that our very own City Hall was originally constructed as a post office, a federal courthouse, and a customs house



Water bill mailbox at Biloxi City Hall

almost 120 years ago.

A keen eye will detect a small blue numbered QR code at ground level below this mini mailbox. A quick scan with a smartphone will reveal a new adventure in Downtown Biloxi. Several of these markers are scattered throughout the area, and each numbered location reveals a chapter in the Discover Biloxi walking pilgrimage.

A measurement back in time

A little round metal insignia still peeks through the cement on the porch of City Hall. In 1955, when the building still served as a federal facility, this U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey benchmark was installed as part of a nationwide surveying program. These permanent markers provided fixed reference points whereby land surveyors could establish the correct elevations for properties. It also posts a warning for anyone tampering with it.



U.S. Coast & Geodetic marker at Biloxi City Hall

Murals in Downtown Biloxi

In recent years, the history of Biloxi has been described, not in a textbook form, but rather in artistic renderings. While voyaging through the city, one can spot about 40 colorful murals, which are painted (with permissions in place) on the sides of buildings. Guided by Main Street Biloxi, this public art project has successfully commissioned talented artists to convey renderings of Biloxi's history through time. A map of Downtown Biloxi Murals can be accessed at mainstreetbiloxi.com and biloxi.ms.us/residents/major-projects.

With warmer weather coming our way, consider planning a little tour of Biloxi's unique, informative spots!

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