

# Ready to roll.

## Your guide to Mardi Gras parades taking place in Biloxi



### Biloxi Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade Saturday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.

The City of Biloxi, Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum, and the Gulf Coast Carnival Association will host the annual Biloxi Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade in Downtown Biloxi.

Event is open to ages 12 and younger who will walk, bike, skate, or be pushed or pulled in strollers and wagons downtown! No motorized vehicles will be allowed.

The theme is "Pop" for Pop Art.

The parade will be followed by a costume and float contest. More information is available online at [biloxi.ms.us/pr](http://biloxi.ms.us/pr).



### Second Liners Mardi Gras Club Parade Saturday, Feb. 14, Noon

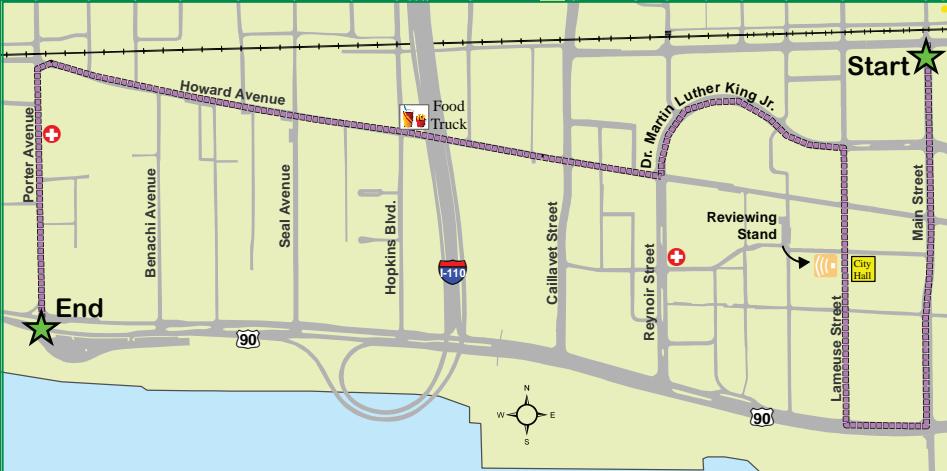
The Second Liners Mardi Gras Club will host its annual parade along Howard Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The parade will begin and end on Bellman Street.

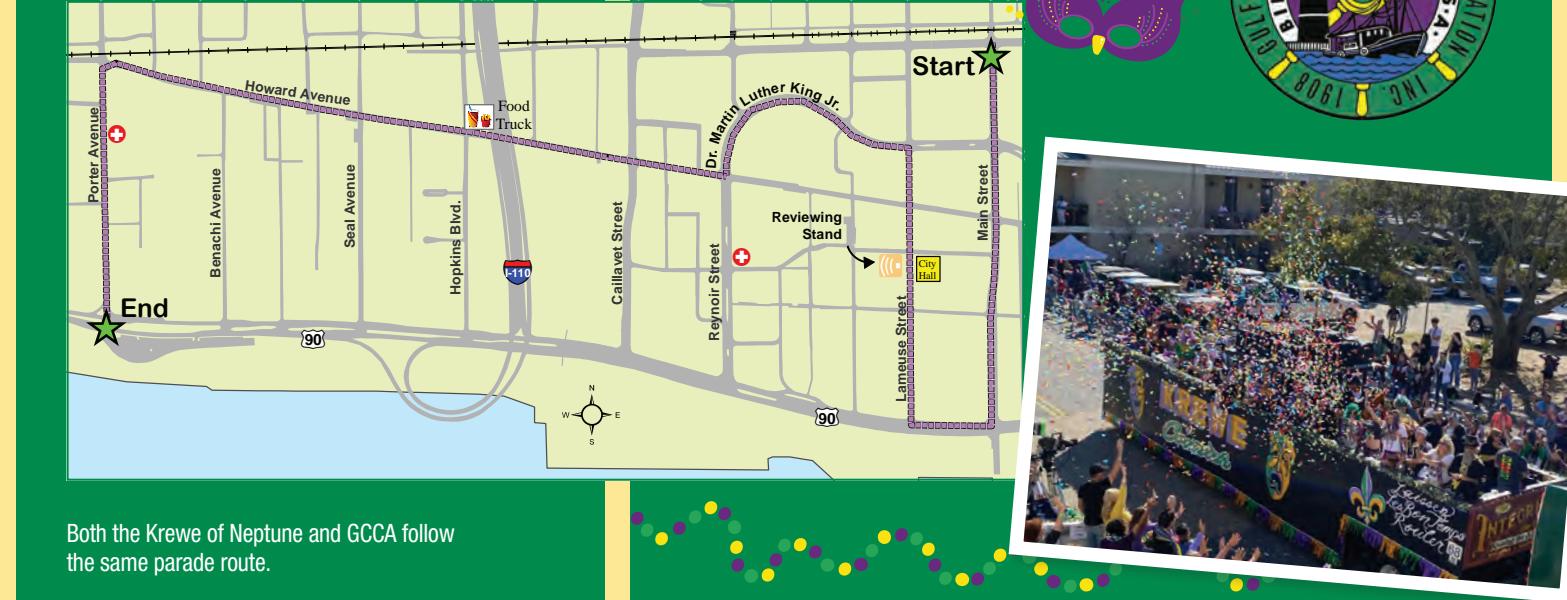
### Krewe of Neptune Saturday, Feb. 14, 5:30 p.m.

Dozens of decorated and illuminated floats, along with marching bands, and others will wind through downtown streets for the annual nighttime parade.

This year's Krewe of Neptune theme is "Neptune Conquers Love."



Both the Krewe of Neptune and GCCA follow the same parade route.



### Gulf Coast Carnival Association Mardi Gras Parade Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1 p.m.

The annual Fat Tuesday parade, often including 100 or more floats, marching bands, police units, fire trucks, and more, will parade downtown Biloxi.

The Gulf Coast Carnival Association begins with dance performances on Lamuese Street in front of Biloxi City Hall, and includes the toasting of the King and Queen with Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich.

This year's GCCA theme is "Pop" for Pop Art.



## Mardi Gras tips to keep in mind:

- No street parking in parade routes.
- Do not block traffic. If an officer is directing traffic, follow instructions.
- Obey posted speed limits and traffic signs.
- Park only in marked areas, no parking in the median or on sidewalks. Respect private property.
- No riding on tailgates, bumpers, roofs or hoods of vehicles.
- No glass containers; no underage drinking allowed.
- No animals allowed in any event area.
- No littering.
- Amplified sound is allowed only by permit.
- For safety, only cross roadways at designated locations such as a corner or crosswalk.
- Do not obstruct boardwalks or sidewalks; pedestrians only.
- Do not move or go around officially placed barricades.
- All service drives on U.S. 90 close at 10 p.m. unless posted otherwise. Vehicles not removed are subject to being towed.
- A helmet must be worn by all operators and passengers on a motorcycle.
- ATVs, UTVs, or any other unlicensed vehicle are not allowed on the roadway, on the beach, or on sidewalks or boardwalks unless being operated as an emergency vehicle.
- Licensed low-speed vehicles (such as golf carts) allowed only on designated roadways unless registered as a parade participant.

## The traffic plan

- The area of Howard Avenue at Bellman Street will be closed on Saturday, February 14 beginning at 9 a.m. for the staging of the Second Liners Mardi Gras Club Parade. The remaining parade route will close at 11:30 a.m. until the parade ends.
- Traffic cones will be placed on eastbound Beach Boulevard from Porter Avenue to Caillavet Street beginning Saturday, Feb. 14 at 9 a.m.
- The Neptune Parade route will close Saturday, February 14 at 4:30 p.m. eastbound Beach Boulevard will be reduced to one lane at 6:30 p.m. between Porter Avenue and Caillavet Street for float return.
- Southbound I-110 will be diverted to Division Street at 6:30 p.m. and reopen at approximately 8:30 p.m. to help clear Beach Boulevard.
- The Gulf Coast Carnival Association Parade route will close at noon on Tuesday, February 17. Southbound I-110 will be diverted to Division Street beginning at 2 p.m.
- Eastbound Beach Boulevard will be reduced to one lane at 2:30 p.m. between Porter Avenue and Lee Street for float return.