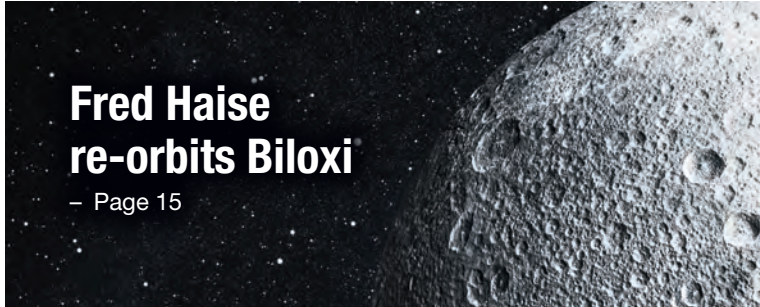


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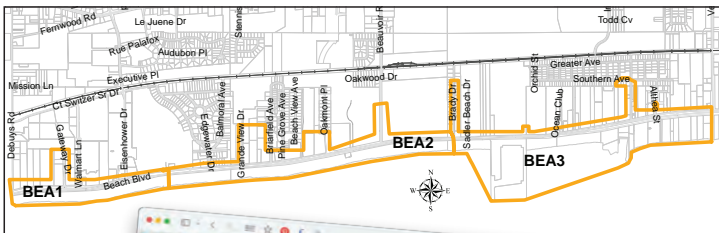
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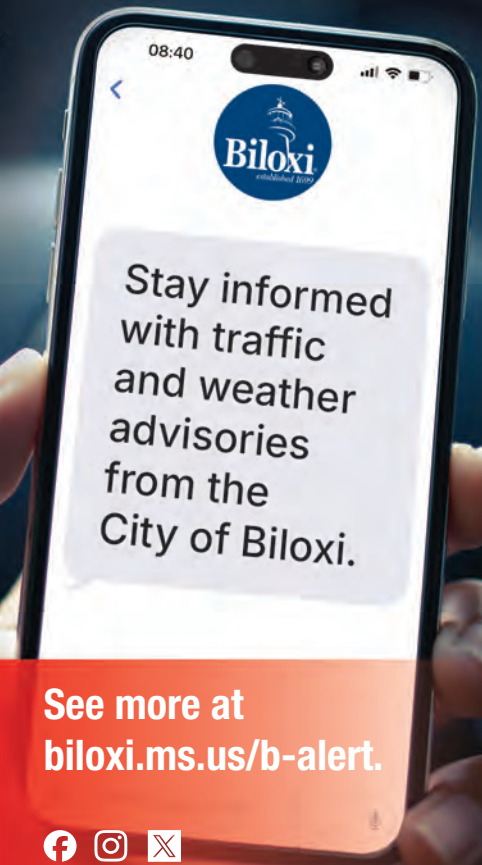
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Star Wars, Toy Story, Margaritaville, Saints Headline Month of Fun at Keesler Federal Park

Shuckers to play 13 games featuring baseball's top prospect in Biloxi during June



By Javik Blake
Biloxi Shuckers

The Biloxi Shuckers enter June set to host 13 games with baseball's new top prospect, Jesús Made, headlining the roster. The Shuckers will welcome the Montgomery Biscuits (Tampa Bay Rays), Columbus Clingstones (Atlanta Braves), and Chattanooga Lookouts (Cincinnati Reds) to Keesler Federal Park throughout the month. Make sure to visit the Corona Premier Tiki Bar, right field beach area, and Schooner's Splash Zone presented by Gulf Breeze Landscaping, with access included with your ticket!

On Wednesday, June 3, the Shuckers will celebrate youth baseball across the Coast, with over 3,000 players in attendance for Showtime Sports Night before competing in the Shuckers Gulf Coast Championship presented by the Biloxi Shuckers.

On Saturday, June 6, in a galaxy not so far away (a.k.a. Biloxi)... It's Star Wars night! The first 1,000 fans will also receive a Grogu Brewers and Star Wars-themed bobblehead presented by Colonial Trailways! Fans are also encouraged to dress in costumes for the night.

The Shuckers will also wear Star Wars-themed uniforms that will be auctioned off following the game. Proceeds from the auction will support Gulfport High School's Team Fusion Robotics Club, helping in their efforts to provide 3D-printed prosthetic limbs for amputees throughout Central and Latin America as part of the Step Forward project.

On Sunday, June 7, it's Schooner's birthday! Fans can join their favorite seagull and the world-famous ZOOperstars for a fun-filled night at the ballpark.

The fun continues on Thursday, June 18, with Margaritaville Night. The Shuckers will pay tribute to Jimmy Buffett with specialty jerseys, and fans can enjoy specialty food and drink options at the ballpark that night. Fans can also enjoy live music from the Bayou Troubadours at the Corona Premier Tiki Bar.

Friday, June 19, is Saints Hall of Fame Night at the ballpark, featuring specialty Saints-themed jerseys, the 2026 Saints Hall of Fame Class, and more! Saints alumni will also be on hand for autograph signings during the game.

With the World Cup in full swing, on Saturday, June 20, the Shuckers will host Soccer Night at the ballpark! The first 1,000 fans will receive a Shuckers-themed soccer jersey

presented by Coca-Cola.

On Sunday, June 21, the Shuckers will host Toy Story Jersey Night for Father's Day, complete with specialty jerseys, music, and more.

Daily specials also highlight the monthly calendar. Fans can enjoy specialty deals on Twofer Tuesdays, including 2-for-1 offers on merchandise, food, and drinks. The first 250 fans for every Tuesday home game will also receive a themed Shuckers t-shirt, with special designs on June 16, presented by Coca-Cola, and on June 30, presented by Daigle A/C and Heating. It's also Brew Crew Tuesday presented by Coors Light, where fans can purchase a 20-oz souvenir tumbler for \$13 with \$7 refills at the first and third-base Beer Gardens.

Wednesdays are Military Wednesdays, presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union. All military personnel can receive a \$3 discount on Dugout Box and Reserved Level tickets. Wednesdays are also Wild Card Wednesday with rotating food, drink, and retail deals throughout the season.

Thursdays are headlined by Tiki Thursdays presented by Coca-Cola, Kicker108, and PBR. Enjoy live music at the Corona Premier Tiki Bar, a pregame happy hour, and \$2 beers, hot dogs, and Coca-Cola products throughout the ballpark. Plus, fans can also cash in on almost 60% savings with the 'Tiki Thursday Deal', which includes a Reserved Level ticket and two drink vouchers for \$17 in advance and \$20 day of the game.

On Fridays, the Shuckers light up the skies over the ballpark with the best fireworks show in Minor League Baseball, which features different music, themes, and colors throughout the season. The Shuckers will also recognize and donate to local family-based organizations as part of their Heart of a Shucker Community Fund before the game.

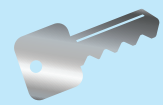
Every Saturday is now Giveaway Saturday, with different bobbleheads, t-shirts, hats, jerseys, and promotions during every Saturday home game.

The weekend continues with Family Sunday presented by Chicken Salad Chick. Kid-friendly events will be available, including pregame autographs and character appearances, and kids can run the bases and have a catch on the field after the game. Fans can purchase a Sunday Fun Day Package, which includes four tickets, hot dogs, chips, and drinks for just \$76, with each additional ticket only \$19.

► For more info: biloxishuckers.com

News & notes

Electrical code: The City of Biloxi has adopted the 2026 version of the National Electrical Code. The code can be viewed at the Biloxi Community Development office located at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.



Keyholders: Biloxi first responders are asking businesses

to update their keyholder information with Biloxi Dispatch at 228-392-0641. Maintaining current keyholder information on file is essential to allow immediate, non-destructive access to buildings during emergencies.

Ordinances: Did you know that the City of Biloxi ordinances are online? Visit biloxi.ms.us/ordinances to view current and recently adopted ordinances.

Park to pay at the stadium: A new paid parking system is now in effect at the

Keesler Federal Park parking garage. Visitors will be prompted to pay upon entry using the Premium Parking system, which was implemented in March. Signs at the entrance of the garage provide instructions for payment through the mobile app or by text message. Parking rates start at \$10.



B-Alert is back with a new number: Text BILOXI to 77295 for traffic and weather advisories.

We heard you! BNews stays in print

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent survey regarding the future mailing of BNews Monthly. Residents made their voices heard loud and clear, by mail, by phone, and through the online survey. More than 91 percent voted to continue receiving the newsletter by mail each month.

Based on the overwhelming response, BNews Monthly will continue to be mailed for the remainder of the current

BNews Monthly

municipal fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

As part of the annual budget process, the administration will make a recommendation regarding future funding for the publication. The City Council is expected to vote in September on the Fiscal Year 2027 budget, which covers Oct. 1, 2026, through Sept. 30, 2027.

Thank you again for your participation and feedback.

- See the digital version of each BNews Monthly online at biloxi.ms.us.
- Pick up a copy of BNews Monthly at Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St., and at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd.
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Think ahead on evacuations, storm shelters

One of the toughest decisions that residents may have to make when a storm approaches is whether they should evacuate their property and possessions for either a local shelter or out-of-town accommodations.

Depending on the severity of the storm, that decision can be made for those in low-lying areas: Local authorities may order a mandatory evacuation.

In Harrison County, as many as 14 hurricane shelters can be activated in times of peril based on the number of people in vulnerable areas. A shelter should be refuge of last resort, but residents need to be aware of several factors if they are considering seeking refuge in a shelter.

The decision to open a shelter is usually based on the intensity of a storm and where it is expected to make landfall. Local Emergency Management leaders make the decision to open shelters in coordination with the American Red Cross, and the public is notified through the media.

The shelter sites can vary from year to year and storm to storm.

“The type of weather event, the direction of a storm and rising tides are just a couple of the factors that go into activating a shelter,” says Biloxi Fire Chief and Emergency Manager Nicholas Geiser. “The number and location of shelters that are needed to be activated during an event also have to be considered.”

If you think you may seek refuge in a shelter, some points to consider:

- Bring enough food and water for at least the first day.
- Bring your own blankets and other personal needs. Cots cannot be guaranteed.
- No pets at typical shelters (check with the local humane society); no firearms, alcohol or tobacco products are allowed.
- Public transit systems – buses and taxis – will stop operating when sustained winds reach 35 mph.
- If you have an infant, bring an adequate supply of diapers and formula.
- If you or a member of your family is on a special diet, bring the necessary food.
- If you are on prescription medication, try to have a two-week supply of medication.

If you're thinking about evacuating, be familiar with evacuation routes. Traffic may be delayed by bridges opening to marine traffic. Bridges, by the way, will not open for marine traffic when sustained winds reach 35 mph.

And, finally, if you encounter a flooded roadway - in times of peril or on a typical day, remember the oft-repeated advice:

“Turn around, don't drown.”

Storm & Flood Preparedness 2026

Names to remember – or forget – in 2026

Who's to say there's not another Camille, Katrina or even Zeta in the group? Which name will gain notoriety this year, or merely be lost to the ages? There's no telling at this point, which is why preparation is the key.

Those points notwithstanding, here's the lineup of storm names for the 2026 Hurricane Season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30:

Arthur	Hanna	Omar
Bertha	Isaias	Paulette
Cristobal	Josephine	Rene
Dolly	Kyle	Sally
Edouard	Leah	Teddy
Fay	Marco	Vicky
Gonzalo	Nana	Wilfred

Don't expect to see the names Katrina, Camille, Isidore, Gustav, Nate or a host of others used in the future. The World Meteorological Organization, which creates the list of names, has been known to

repeat a name after seven years, but the aforementioned Katrina and Co. have been deemed so deadly or costly they're retired, to avoid confusion or insensitivity.

And the common denominator among Katrina, Camille, Isidore, Gustav and Nate? They all caused damage in Biloxi.

By the way, if the list of names is exhausted this year, as it was in the record-setting 2020, names will be pulled from a supplemental list, not the Greek alphabet. The Greek alphabet, meteorologists said of the 2020 season, was confusing and a distraction.

The supplemental names:

Adria	Heath	Orlanda
Braylen	Isla	Pax
Caridad	Jacobus	Ronin
Deshawn	Kenzie	Sophie
Emery	Lucio	Tayshaun
Foster	Makayla	Viviana
Gemma	Nolan	Will

What you can expect to see when a storm threatens

This hurricane season, expect to see a regular flow of updates and information, all prepared by a coordinated team. This team includes the National Hurricane Center, the local National Weather Service office, and Emergency Management officials at the state, county, and city level. Here are some planning times to remember, recognizing each storm is unique:

- **Up to 5 days in advance** – The National Hurricane Center regularly issues Tropical Weather Outlooks, indicating any tropical disturbances and their probability of developing over the next 5 days. If a disturbance is forecast in our area, closely monitor the situation and be prepared to adjust normal activities.
- **3 or more days prior (72+ hours before arrival)** – When a storm has developed or is expected to develop, the National Hurricane Center will issue Tropical Cyclone Advisories every 6 hours. If Biloxi is in the probability cone, expect to receive guidance from local emergency management officials.
- **2 days prior (48 hours before arrival)** – When storm conditions are expected within 48 hours, the National Hurricane Center will issue a Tropical Storm Watch or a Hurricane Watch. At this point, local governments will usually announce any decisions on closures of government facilities, and could also issue orders for evacuation of one or more evacuation zones. Most local businesses will implement their business continuity plans, adjusting their services or operating hours.
- **1½ days prior (36 hours before arrival)** – When storm conditions are expected within 36 hours, the National Hurricane Center will issue a Tropical Storm Warning or a Hurricane Warning. At this point, local governments will usually announce any decisions on community shelters, and could also issue orders for a curfew. Many local businesses will close early for the safety of customers and employees. Everyone should complete storm prep activities, and should proceed to a safe location for protection from weather impacts.
- **What you can do now** – Don't wait until a tropical depression or hurricane is in the Gulf to begin preparing. There are steps you can take now. See the list on Page 9.
- **More info**
 - Sign up for B-Alert by texting **BILOXI** to **77295**. You'll get advisories via text messages.
 - To see evacuation zones and evacuation routes, see map on Page 9.
 - Information also will be available via city Bmail (sign up at biloxi.ms.us/bmail-sign-up/), and through a recorded message on the City of Biloxi Storm Info Line: 228-435-6300.

It's illegal to sweep lawn clippings into the street

Chances are, you've seen it done or even done it yourself: You cut your lawn, rake up the trimmings and pile them near the curb in front of your home. Or, you'll sweep the trimmings into the street, where you hope they'll be carried away by the wind.

These two scenarios result in one of the biggest causes of flooding in the city – blocked storm drains.

These careless or unthinking actions negate the millions of dollars in improvements that the

city is making citywide to drainage systems.

Piling leaves at the curb or sweeping trimmings into the street means that they will eventually find their way into the city's storm drains. Either bag the leaves for pickup or compost them. A stopped-up storm drain or ditch cannot carry run-off water as it is intended to do. When it rains, that water can flood streets, your property or your neighbor's property.

It's actually a violation of city ordinance to dump any material into storm drains, ditches,

culverts, streams or waterways (Sec. 9-1-15, Code of Ordinances, 1992).

If you see anyone dumping debris into storm drains, ditches, culverts or streams, please contact the Public Works Department at 228-435-6271, email bconnect@biloxi.ms.us, or report online at biloxi.ms.us/bconnect, or the Code Enforcement staff in the Community Development Department at 228-435-0841.

Be sure to get a building permit before construction

When you or a licensed contractor make repairs or alterations to your property, those repairs should be in compliance with established building codes. This ensures that

work is up to code and will be able to withstand most weather conditions.

To make sure that your plans are within code, a building permit must be obtained from the City of Biloxi Building Division before you build, alter, re-grade or fill on your property. New buildings in the floodplain must be protected from flood damage. Biloxi's building code requires that new buildings must be elevated to the base flood elevation, plus 1 foot.

The code also requires all additions and 'substantial' improvements or repairs from damage to a building be treated as new construction. A substantial improvement or repair is one in which the value of an addition, alteration, repair or reconstruction project exceeds 50 percent of the total value of the existing building.

Before you begin a project, contact the

Building Division at 228-435-6270 or online at building@biloxi.ms.us. Qualified staff can help make sure that your project complies with building codes. Biloxi is currently under the 2024 International Building Code and the 2026 National Electrical Code.

Contractors must have city license

Property owners are warned to beware of transient contractors who typically set up shop in the wake of disasters such as a major hurricane or tornado.

Ask to see the person's City of Biloxi license card, which is required to do business in this city.

Do not pay any money in advance. Do not sign any contracts. And do not pay any money until the work has been inspected and approved by a city inspector.

If you have any questions or concerns, call the Community Development Department at 228-435-6280.

A ride out of harm's way

The Coast Transit Authority will transport residents through its Hurricane Evacuation Transportation Program when a hurricane threatens the Coast.

Residents interested in the free transport should pre-register with CTA online at coasttransit.com or in person at the CTA office. Registration is easy! Info needed: Your name, address, phone number, and special needs.

Those signed up must also call CTA at 866-206-8843 to confirm transport assistance once an evacuation notice is issued.

▶ Visit CTA online or call the office for program rules, shelter supplies, and any questions you may have: coasttransit.com/hurricane-evacuation-registration-form/.



Photo from Coast Transit Authority

Federal agencies encourage residents to use direct deposit

In those critical days after Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. Treasury Department worked with the Social Security Administration to get displaced Social Security and other federal benefit checks to recipients, as quickly as possible.

But those who already were using direct deposit had immediate access to their funds from virtually anywhere, thanks to ATMs and financial institution networks.

That's why the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Banks – through Go Direct – are urging Social Security check recipients who live along

the Gulf Coast to switch to direct deposit.

The recommendation, offered in light of devastating hurricanes, is aimed at ensuring citizens receive their federal benefits without disruption.

Go Direct makes it easy to sign up for direct deposit. People can sign up by calling the toll-free Go Direct helpline at (800) 333-1795 or by visiting www.GoDirect.gov to sign up online. To learn more about Go Direct, visit www.GoDirect.gov.

Stay tuned for more storm information

The National Weather Service monitors hurricane and storm activity, and issues official bulletins to local and regional TV and radio stations. Since television coverage may be interrupted by power outages, you should also have a battery-operated radio to follow emergency advisories. It is vital that you monitor these weather broadcasts, especially as a storm approaches.

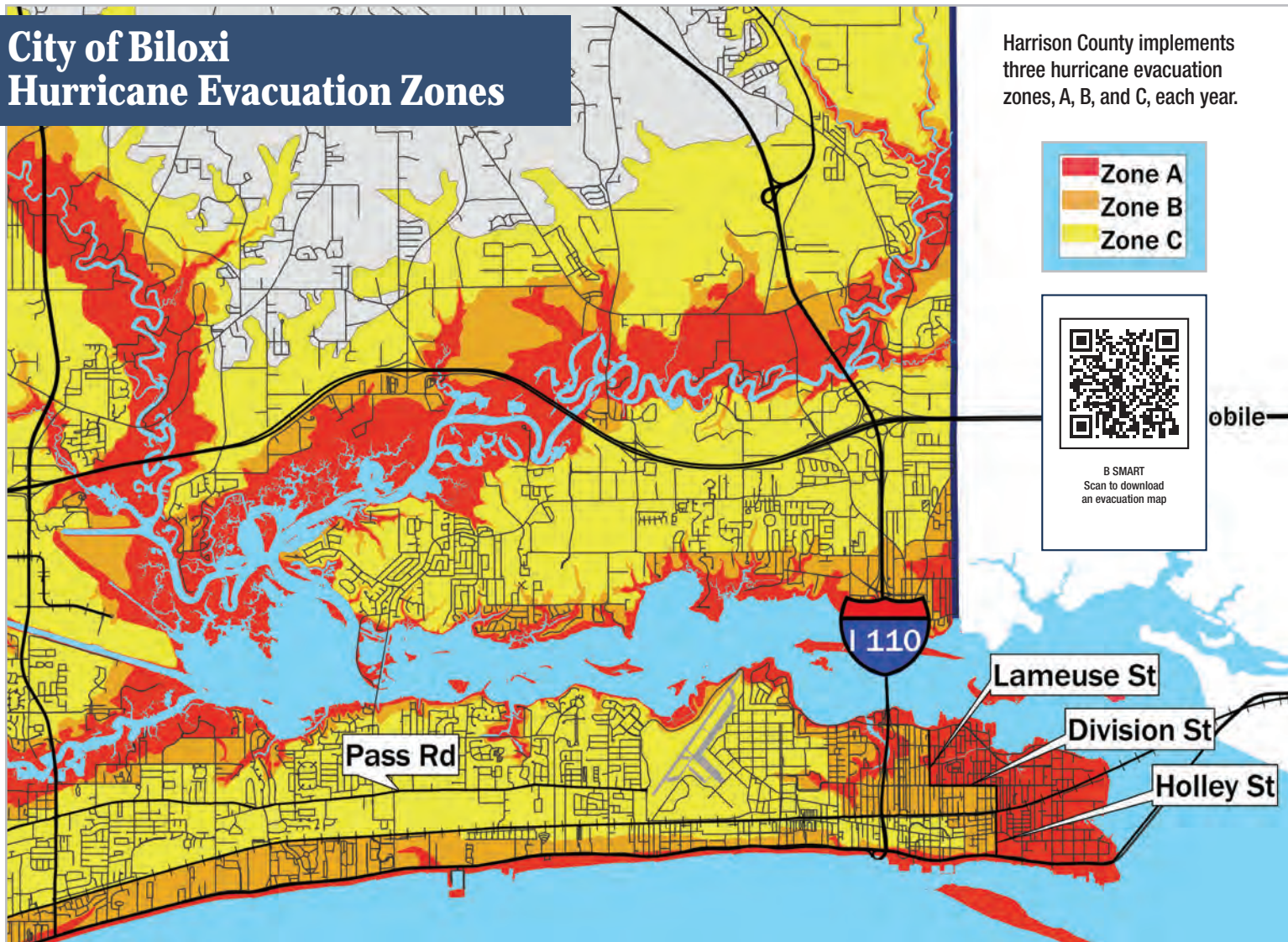
Additionally, the City of Biloxi relays vital information on a regular basis. The current temperature, conditions and forecast are displayed 24/7 at the top corner of the city's website at biloxi.ms.us.

Sign up to receive timely text alerts by texting BILOXI to 99411. Sign up for Bmail by visiting biloxi.ms.us/register.

At right of this section is a list of local outlets where you can obtain information.

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WQFX 1130	

City of Biloxi Hurricane Evacuation Zones



What to do and when to do it

Before a hurricane approaches or NOW

Plan an evacuation route.

- Review the evacuation route by clicking on the Evacuation Map link in the Storm and Flood Preparedness section of the city website. Determine the safest evacuation route for you. Be ready to drive 20 to 50 miles inland to locate a safe place.

Prepare a storm kit that includes the following items:

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- First-aid kit and manual
- Duct tape
- Emergency food and water (at least one gallon of water per person per day for three to seven days; non-perishable packaged or canned food and juices; paper plates and plastic utensils; cooking tools)
- Non-electric can opener
- Essential medicines
- Cash and credit cards
- Sturdy shoes

- Fully charged cell phone
- Store important papers in a waterproof container or resealable plastic bag. Among the important documents: insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.

Make arrangements for pets.

- Pets are not allowed in typical emergency shelters for health and space reasons. Contact your local humane society for information on local animal shelters.

Make sure that all family members know how to respond after a hurricane.

- Teach family members how and when to turn off gas, electricity, and water.
- Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1, police, or fire department and which radio station to tune to for emergency information.
- Protect your windows.
- Permanent shutters are the best protection. A lower cost approach is to put up plywood panels. Use 1/2 inch plywood – marine plywood is best – cut to fit

each window. Remember to mark which board fits which window. Pre-drill holes every 18 inches for screws. Do this long before the storm.

Trim back dead or weak branches from trees.

Check into flood insurance.

- You can find out about the National Flood Insurance Program through your local insurance agent or emergency management office. There is normally a 30-day waiting period before a new policy becomes effective. Homeowners policies do not cover damage from the flooding that accompanies a hurricane.

Develop an emergency communication plan.

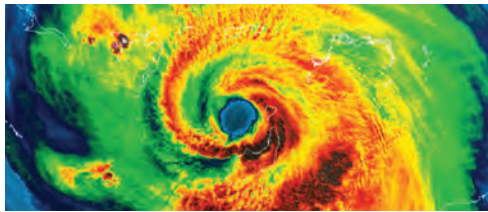
- In case family members are separated from one another during a disaster (a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school), have a plan for getting back together.
- Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the “family contact.” After a disaster, it’s often easier to call long distance. Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.

What to do and when to do it

DURING A HURRICANE WATCH

(A Hurricane Watch is issued when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24-36 hours.)

- Listen to a battery-operated radio or television for hurricane progress reports.
- Check emergency supplies.
- Fuel car.
- Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys, and garden tools and anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.
- Secure buildings by closing and boarding up windows. Remove outside antennas.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings. Open only when absolutely necessary and close quickly.
- Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs, bottles, and cooking utensils.
- Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home.
- Review evacuation plan.
- Moor boat securely or move it to a designated safe place.
- Take pre-storm pictures of house and contents.



- glass doors.
 - Keep a supply of flashlights and extra batteries handy. Avoid open flames, such as candles and kerosene lamps, as a source of light.
 - If power is lost, turn off or unplug major appliances to reduce power “surge” when electricity is restored.
- If officials indicate evacuation is necessary:
 - Leave as soon as possible. Avoid flooded roads and watch for washed-out bridges.
 - Secure your home by unplugging appliances and turning off electricity and the main water valve.
 - Tell someone outside of the storm area where you are going.
 - If time permits, and you live in an identified surge zone, elevate furniture to protect it from flooding or better yet, move it to a higher floor.
 - Take pre-assembled emergency supplies, warm protective clothing, blankets and sleeping bags to shelter.
 - Lock up home and leave.

DURING A HURRICANE WARNING

(A Hurricane Warning is issued when hurricane conditions – winds of 74 mph or greater, or dangerously high water and rough seas – are expected in 24 hours or less.)

- Listen constantly to a battery-operated radio or television for official instructions.
- If in a mobile home, check tie-downs and evacuate immediately.
- Bring outside pets inside and provide shelter for farm animals.
- Avoid elevators.
- If at home:
 - Stay inside, away from windows, skylights, and

AFTER THE STORM

- Stay tuned to local radio for information.
- Help injured or trapped persons.
- Give first aid where appropriate.
- Do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of further injury. Call for help.
- Return home only after authorities advise that it is safe to do so.

- Avoid loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company, police, or fire department.
- Enter your home with caution. Beware of snakes, insects, and animals driven to higher ground by flood water.
- Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry your home.
- Check refrigerated foods for spoilage; if electricity is off, keep refrigerator and freezer closed as much as possible.
- Take pictures of the damage, both of the house and its contents for insurance claims.
- Drive only if absolutely necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges. Refrain from sightseeing.
- Use telephone only for emergency calls.
- Inspecting utilities in a damaged home:
 - Check for gas leaks. If you smell gas or hear blowing or hissing noise, open a window and quickly leave the building. Turn off the gas at the outside main valve if you can and call the gas company from a neighbor’s home. If you turn off the gas for any reason, it must be turned back on by a professional.
 - Look for electrical system damage. If you see sparks or broken or frayed wires, or if you smell hot insulation, turn off the electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker. If you have to step in water to get to the fuse box or circuit breaker, call an electrician first for advice.
 - Check for sewage and water lines damage. If you suspect sewage lines are damaged avoid using the toilets and call a plumber. If water pipes are damaged, contact the water company and avoid the water from the tap. You can obtain safe water by melting ice cubes.
- Generally, utility companies restore services lost during major storm events first to public service providers, such as hospitals, water systems and public safety agencies.

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale

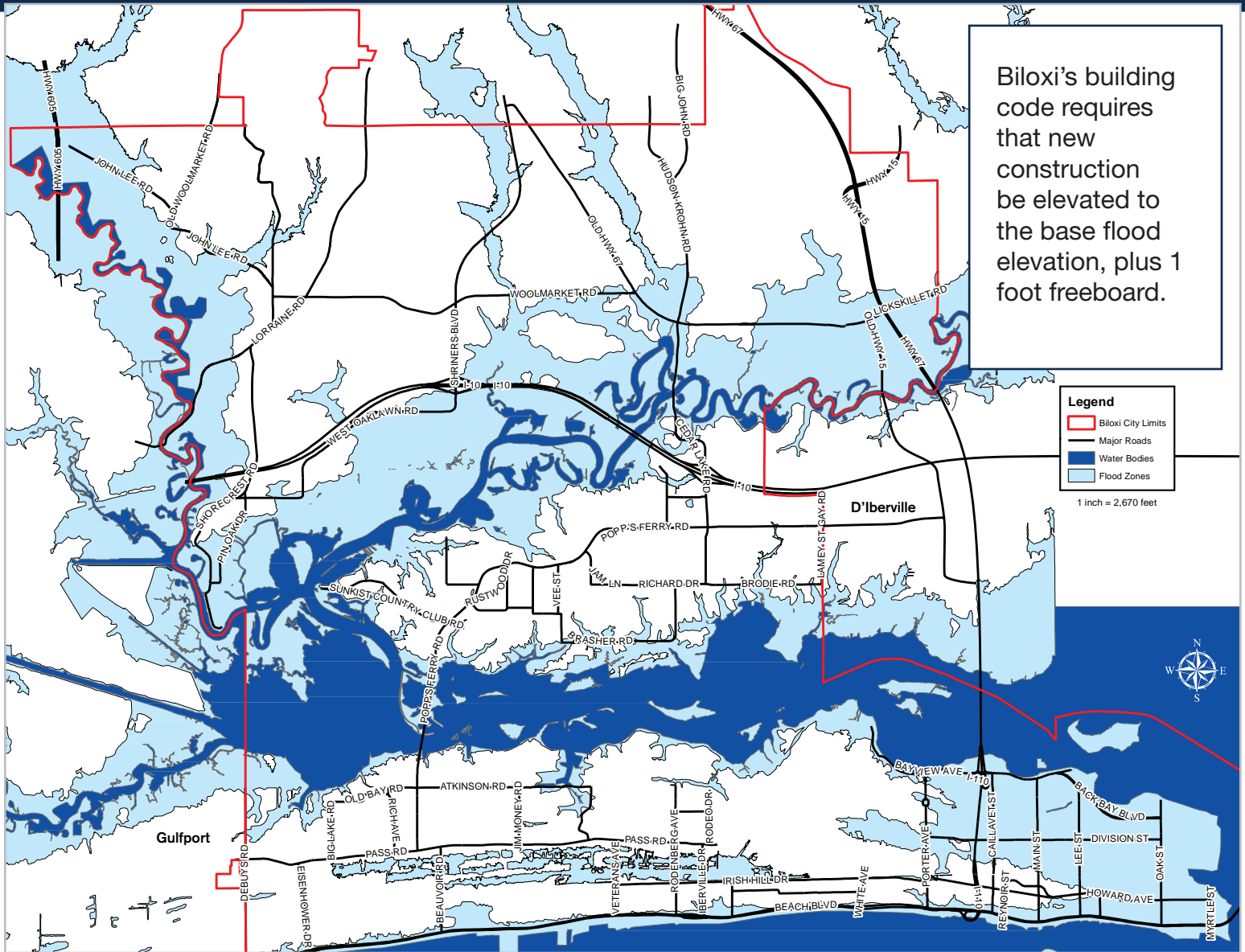
- 1** – 74-95 mph
- 2** – 96-110 mph
- 3** – 111-129 mph
- 4** – 130-156 mph
- 5** – greater than 156 mph

Spanish and Vietnamese translation available online.

Need More Info?

- To read FEMA’s answers to frequently asked questions about repairing significantly damaged properties in flood zones, visit biloxi.ms.us/storm.
- To read FEMA’s “Homebuilder’s Guide to Coastal Construction,” which provides technical guidance and recommendations concerning the construction of coastal residential, visit biloxi.ms.us/storm.
- Those with other questions can call the Community Development Department at 228-435-6280 or email building@biloxi.ms.us.

Flood Zones



A few words about this map

Much has been made and said about the federal government's current flood elevations, which went into effect in Biloxi in May 2009.

While much of the focus has been on the height of construction, this map shows the significant increase in the size of the flood zone.

For instance, nearly all of Point Cadet, the eastern tip of the Biloxi peninsula, is now in a flood zone, as is Eagle Point in north Biloxi.

Completed elevation certificates are available from the city's Community Development Department, 676 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

City flood services

Flood protection references are available at any Biloxi library. Flood maps may be viewed at the Biloxi Library on Howard Avenue. Flood maps and protection references are also available at the Building Division of the Biloxi Community Development Office on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Where to turn for help

The Community Development Department is here to help minimize the risk you face from storms and flooding. If you are having flooding problems, advice is available to help you resolve your flooding issues. Information such as flood depths and data history of flooding where available can also be provided by the Community Development Department. To make an appointment, contact Floodplain Manager Rick Stickler at 228-435-6270 or rstickler@biloxi.ms.us.

Flood Protection Assistance also is available from such sources as the American Red Cross, the Small Business Administration, FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, United Way, Salvation Army, Catholic Social and Community Services, Back Bay Mission, and Boat People SOS.

Ok, we're in June, the beginning of hurricane season, so here is more information to help you prepare for the storm season.

DURING A HURRICANE WATCH

Are you aware that your homeowners insurance does NOT cover floods? Only federal flood insurance reimburses you for flood damage to your property. You should consider buying flood insurance now.

Some homeowners may have been required to buy flood insurance when they obtained a mortgage or home-improvement loan. However, in many cases, these policies cover only the structure and not your possessions. You can protect your home and contents through the National Flood Insurance Program, in which the City of Biloxi participates.

Local insurance agents can sell a flood insurance policy separate from your homeowner or windstorm policy.

Anyone can get – and everyone should have – flood insurance. These policies are regulated by the federal government. Any agent can sell a policy and all agents must charge the same rates, which are set nationally. Your rates will not change even if you file a claim.

There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy becomes effective. Contact your insurance agent to determine what type of coverage you have.

LOWER FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUMS

The City of Biloxi is an active participant in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System, a voluntary incentive program designed to encourage local floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum federal requirements.

Flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect reduced flood risks that result from City actions to meet the three goals of the CRS:

1. Reduce flood losses,
2. Facilitate accurate insurance rating, and
3. Promote the awareness of flood insurance.

For CRS participating communities, flood insurance premium rates are discounted in increments of 5 percent. A Class 1 community would receive a 45 percent premium discount, while a Class 9 community would receive a 5 percent discount. The CRS rates are based four broad categories:

1. Public information,
2. Mapping and regulations,
3. Flood damage reduction, and
4. Flood preparedness.



In 2021, the City of Biloxi earned a Class 6 rating and continues to work actively to further lower it.

"The city takes a comprehensive approach in its efforts to reduce the risk of flooding," said Kristin Greger, Biloxi CRS coordinator. "Of course, we want to help property owners through lower insurance premiums, but our primary goals are to reduce risks to our residents and to minimize property damage from weather-related events."

For more information about Biloxi's CRS Program, contact Kristin Greger at 228-435-6270 or kgreger@biloxi.ms.us.

BUILDERS, THIS IS FOR YOU

All Biloxi-licensed contractors are required to participate in annual stormwater management training before being issued a building permit, in compliance with the Biloxi Stormwater Management Ordinance. This training is offered at no cost to the contractors, to be sure they have information about how to protect local water quality and, at the same time, minimize the risk of flood and stormwater runoff damage by properly maintaining their construction sites.

City building and code inspectors, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation crews are trained to improve the management of stormwater in the city by:

- enforcing construction site erosion and sediment control regulations;
- identifying and correcting illicit discharges, such as illegal dumping;

- implementing "good housekeeping" practices at city-owned facilities; and
- holding violators accountable for their actions.

The Biloxi stormwater management ordinance and related information are available on the city's website. Click on the Stormwater Management button on the Community Development page.

If you have questions about the training requirements or the city's comprehensive stormwater management plan, contact Kristin Greger in the Community Development Department at kgreger@biloxi.ms.us or at 228-435-6280.

DO WHAT YOU CAN

There are some steps that you can take now to prepare your property against flooding.

One option may be "retrofitting," which is altering your home to eliminate or reduce flood damage.

A few things to consider:

- Elevate your building so that flood waters do not enter or reach any susceptible portions.
- Construct barriers out of fill or concrete between your building and flood waters.
- "Dry flood proof" your non-residential building, which entails making walls and flooring watertight so water cannot enter.
- "Wet flood proof" your non-residential building, which entails modifying the structure and relocating contents to lessen the damage caused by any flood waters that enter your structure.
- Sandbagging is a short-term measure that can also be helpful.

CHECK THAT LICENSE

The City of Biloxi is home to many reputable, licensed building contractors who are qualified to make repairs for you. However, after each storm, a number of transient contractors sets up temporary shop in our community.

Before signing any contract or paying any money for repair work, you should ask to see the person's City of Biloxi license.

If you have any doubts or questions, contact the Building Division at 228-435-6270 or online at building@biloxi.ms.us to ensure that the individual is licensed to operate in the City of Biloxi.

Know the flood zones of Biloxi? See page 11

Risk Rating 2.0: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

By Stephen Deal & Tracie Sempier
Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant
Consortium

Storm season is just around the corner and one of the most concrete actions residents can take to protect their property from the damaging effects of hurricanes

Now is the time to look at your flood insurance policy and ask your insurance agent questions about Risk Rating 2.0.

is to purchase flood insurance. On October 1, 2021 a significant change was made to federal flood insurance as a new pricing methodology was introduced known as Risk Rating 2.0.¹

With the newly implemented Risk Rating 2.0, the

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) incorporates new technology from the private insurance industry and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) mapping data to provide a unique flood risk profile for an individual property.² This will ensure that any rates increases or decreases are uniform

and equitable.

With improved technology, FEMA is able to incorporate private sector data sets and catastrophe models to create an individual risk profile for a property.

Under the old system, property risk was assessed primarily on a property's flood zone, the height of its lowest floor above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) and its foundation type.

Under Risk Rating 2.0, a property's flood risk is assessed on a number of distinct variables. These variables include the property's flood risk rating, distance to the flooding source, number of floors, the replacement value and its lowest adjacent grade (LAG), which is defined as the lowest point of ground level immediately next to a building.³

Property owners who are interested in learning what their rates would be under Risk Rating 2.0 should consult their insurance agent who will guide property owners through the basic information needed to get a complete and accurate risk rating.

Although Risk Rating 2.0 will bring about a number of changes, there are some program features that will remain

the same. FEMA will continue to provide discounts for pre-FIRM subsidized and newly mapped properties. Communities that participate in the Community Rating System (CRS) will continue to receive insurance discounts.

Further, the CRS discount will now apply to all residents, not just residents in the special flood hazard area. However this discount does not apply until the full risk rate is achieved.⁴ Also, existing policyholders are still able to transfer their flood insurance discounts to a new owner with the sale of their property.

Risk Rating 2.0 is being implemented in phases and all policies renewing on or after April 1, 2022 will be subject to the new Risk Rating 2.0 rating methodology. Now is the time to look at your flood insurance policy and ask your insurance agent questions about how Risk Rating 2.0 may or may not affect your premium rate. Don't let storm season catch you off guard, be proactive in learning more about how to protect your property.

For more information, contact your local insurance agent.

1 Federal Emergency Management Agency, Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action, (April 1, 2022) <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/risk-rating#:~:text=Risk%20Rating%202.0%20enables%20FEMA,models%20and%20evolving%20actuarial%20science>.

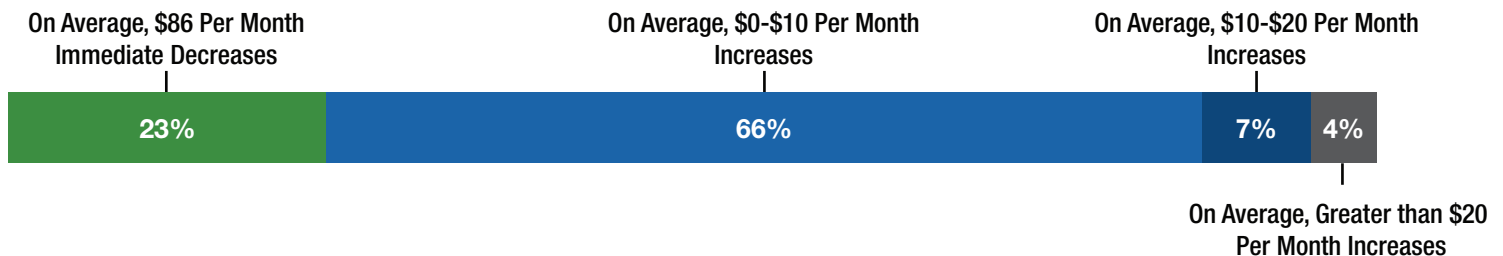
2 Federal Emergency Management Agency, Risk Rating 2.0 is Equity in Action, (April 2021) https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_rr-2.0-equity-action_0.pdf.

3 Federal Emergency Management Agency, Lowest Adjacent Grade, (March 5, 2020) <https://www.fema.gov/node/404804>.

4 Schwalls Consulting LLC, Risk Rating 2.0: General Information & FAQ, (December 8, 2021)

Under the **current rating methodology** policyholders on average see **premium increase** of \$8 per month.

Under the **new pricing system**, 96% of current policyholders will see either an **immediate decrease** or **\$20 or less month increase** in their premiums. (Figure 1 Bar Graph)



IT'S HURRICANE SEASON – ARE YOUR TREES READY?

By Susan Peterson
Chairperson, City of Biloxi Tree Committee

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, our Highway 90 median was left with hundreds of live oak trees which had been overwhelmed by the saltwater storm surge. By 2007, we knew that dozens would not survive. At that point, a number of artists had already envisioned works of art depicting birds and marine life representing the Gulf Coast. They got to work and left us with a legacy which has become a trademark



Tree sculpture at the Biloxi Visitors Center

of our coast. Most prolific among the artists doing work in Biloxi were Dayton Scoggins of Mississippi and Marlin Miller from Florida.

If you have been here for a while, you probably have noticed that many of those carvings have begun to age and, in some cases, fallen down. Biloxi wasn't going to let that happen on our beaches, so in 2025 the city commissioned an effort to coat and preserve the sculptures. From me, personally, THANK YOU. They will now be with us for years to come.

Fortunately, most of our trees are far enough inland to avoid the effects of saltwater storm surge, but they are still susceptible to damage from the high winds a hurricane or tropical storm can bring. Many of the native trees along our coast are considered "survivors," or at least "wind resistant." Live oaks and bald cypress are among the strongest survivors, while

most other oaks and magnolias are categorized as wind resistant. That leaves many of our local trees in the "victim" category, like pines, pecans, cottonwoods, and hickories.

Regardless, proper tree care can help protect your trees from damage.

The strongest hurricane-driven, damaging winds will arrive from the east to south east based on the counter-clockwise rotation of storms. Even smaller storms – remember Zeta – can cause significant damage to your dwelling and trees.

So, take the time and walk your property looking for trees, that, if fell, would damage buildings, vehicles and other structures on your property. If you find "victim trees" or even "survivors"/"wind-resistant" trees which are damaged/diseased and need attention, contact a professional tree service or certified arborist to provide advice on trimming or removal. An expertly maintained property will serve you well into the future.

Some trees will require city approval prior to removal. The City of Biloxi specifically exempts pecan trees and pine trees from requiring a permit for their removal. Similarly, the water oak was recently added to the list of exempt species for the same reason: They are fast-growing, weak-wooded, and have a shallow root system.

Want to dig deeper?

Visit LSUAGCenter.com: Search "Choosing Trees for Hurricane Resistance." Also, visit City of Biloxi's official web page, biloxi.ms.us, and scroll to bottom of the page; see a list of topics, like pay water bill, boil water, etc.; Scroll to the right and find "The Katrina Sculptures." Lots of great photos and information is listed there.

Biloxi Main Street and / Sparklight

Beautify Biloxi



- ✓ Pick up trash Downtown
- ✓ Use blue trash bags from dispensers
- ✓ Follow instructions on dispensers
- ✓ Receive Downtown Gift Card
Limit 2 Gift Cards per person, per month.

Trash Bag Dispenser Locations:

- Biloxi Community Market
- West side of Burger Burger
- Under I-110 south side of Howard Ave.
- Biloxi Town Green
- West side of Redding House in parking lot
- Skate Park on Hopkins Blvd.
- Under I-110 on Division St., north side
- Under I-110 on Division St., south side

Details:

228-348-1832
mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us

Scan to check out Biloxi Main Street on Facebook



Random Notes



TIME CAPSULE:



A young Andrew “FoFo” Gilich lived next door to where Elvis stayed during his visits to Biloxi. When word got out that Elvis was staying in town, folks would come by wanting a picture with him.

“When he was in town, I would go tap on the window or bang on the back door and get him out,” Mayor Gilich recalled. “All the girls in the neighborhood would come and take pictures.”

◀ Young “FoFo,” Linda (Gabrich) Bourgeois, and Elvis Presley pose for a picture back in 1955.

Musical footsteps

Biloxi’s rich history took center stage once again last month as the City of Biloxi and the Preserve Biloxi Committee celebrated the 70th anniversary of Elvis Presley’s unforgettable summer on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

This year’s special event, “Walk in Elvis’ Footsteps,” gave attendees a unique opportunity to relive the King of Rock ‘n’ Roll’s time on the Coast through a guided bus tour of the locations where he performed before his meteoric rise to fame.

The tour’s first stop was the original Slavonian Lodge site at Myrtle Street and East 1st Street, where Elvis performed in June 1955. Although the original lodge was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, a historic marker now stands in its place, preserving the memory of one of Biloxi’s notable cultural locations.

Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich welcomed the tour group at the site, sharing enlarged photographs and personal memories of meeting a young Elvis during the mid-1950s. His stories offered attendees a glimpse into the excitement surrounding Elvis’ early appearances along the Coast.

After visiting several historic locations, the celebration continued at the Dr. Frank Gruich Sr. Community Center on Howard Avenue. Guests enjoyed firsthand stories and eyewitness accounts from community members who shared personal memories and connections to Elvis and his time in Biloxi.

From legendary music history to treasured local memories, Biloxi continues to celebrate the people, places, and moments that have helped shape the city’s remarkable 327-year story.



JUNE TRIVIA: Weather Wise It’s That Season Again!

By Jane Shambra

When is hurricane season this year? The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. Keep in mind that bad storms can also show up in Biloxi beyond these dates.

What were the previous dates for hurricane season? In 1935, the season was set from June 15 through November 15 to match up with a special telegraph line connecting the various centers of the U.S. Weather Bureau. In 1964 and 1965, the season was adjusted to run from June 1 to November 30. They have remained the same since.

What is the eye of a hurricane? It is the center of the storm where weather is relatively calm, and the sun can actually be seen peaking through the sky. No strong winds are present in the eye.

What years did they name storms after women? In 1954, the National Weather Bureau chose women’s names for hurricanes. In 1955, the first hurricane assigned female names included Alice, Barbara, Carol, and Hazel.

When did they begin naming storms for both men and women? In 1979, the National Weather Service and the World Meteorological Organization began alternating male and female names.

Will there ever be another hurricane named Katrina? No. Notorious storms’ names have been retired permanently. There are about 100 retired names, including Katrina, Camille, Hugo, Andrew, Beryl, Betsy, and Ida, which have been deleted from all future hurricane name listings.

Which four letters of the alphabet are not assigned for Atlantic Hurricane names? Hurricanes formed in the Atlantic Ocean will not see hurricane names beginning with letters Q, U, X, Y, or Z.

When was FEMA organized, and what is an acronym for? FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) was created via Executive Order by President Jimmy Carter in 1979, giving the agency the dual mission of emergency management as well as civil defense.

When was MEMA organized? MEMA (Mississippi Emergency Management Agency) was established on May 9, 1980. It succeeded the Mississippi Civil Defense Council and was established as a statewide agency.

Which branch of the service performs the tasks of the hurricane hunters? The 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron of the Air Force Reserve serves the Hurricane Hunters and is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense. The Hurricane Hunters have been flying into tropical storms and hurricanes since 1944.

What is the Saffir-Simpson scale? This scale has been established to assign categories for the strength of storms and hurricanes. Category 1 hurricanes have sustained winds from 74 – 95 miles per hour. Category 5 is considered a major hurricane with winds of 157 miles per hour and higher.

Where can you see markings of how high the water rose throughout recorded hurricane history in Biloxi? Inside the Biloxi lighthouse, there are markings for many of Biloxi’s high-water marks for hurricanes, including hurricanes Katrina and Camille.

How much damage did the Biloxi Lighthouse receive during Hurricane Katrina? In 2005, the winds and tidal surge during Hurricane Katrina toppled many bricks inside the lining of the Biloxi Lighthouse and broke many of its windows. Its electrical system was destroyed, as well. After restoration, it was reopened in March 2010.

Has any hurricane ever toppled the Biloxi Lighthouse? No. Our Lighthouse continues to be a symbol of strength and resilience. In 2009, the United States Postal Service issued a special First Class 44-cent stamp depicting the Biloxi Lighthouse.

First Friday Downtown Block Party June 5, 6-9 p.m.

HowHop Creative District, corner of Howard Ave. & Hopkins Blvd. (932 Howard Ave). Entertainment by Howlin' Grace. Food trucks, arts & craft vendors, Fly Llama beverages, and FUN! NO COOLERS PLEASE!
Free admission.
Details: 228-435-6339



Juneteenth Celebration

June 19- 20, presented by the City of Biloxi and the Movers and Shakers Social Club, Inc. Free admission.

- **3 on 3 Basketball Tournament**, Friday, June 19, 5:30 p.m., John Henry Beck Park, 671 Division St. A limited number of teams, cash prizes. Deadline to enter is June 10. Details: 228-365-5714
- **Juneteenth Celebration**, Saturday, June 20, 4-9 p.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Vendor booths, food booths, and a children's area. Live entertainment featuring Koast Connect at 4 p.m., Honoree Presentation at 5 p.m., DJ Freddie J at 6 p.m., and Bass, Rhythms, and Grooves at 7 p.m.

Details: 228-388-7170 or email moversandshakers2022@gmail.com

Summer Reading Program 2026, May 26-July 2. Each branch of the Harrison County Library System will sponsor fun summer reading programs. Free admission. Details: harrison.lib.ms.us/calendar

Biloxi Public Schools Free Summer Meals, June 1-July 2, Monday through Friday, located at Gorenflo Elementary, Biloxi Upper Elementary, Popp's Ferry Elementary, and Biloxi High schools. Free breakfast from 8:15-9:15 a.m. at elementary schools. Breakfast at BHS from 7-9:15 a.m. & lunch from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Served to children 18 & under. Parents' meals are available for purchase for breakfast & lunch. Details: biloxischools.net

Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Billfish Classic, June 1-7, 119 Beach Blvd. Hundreds of anglers converge on the Mississippi Gulf Coast to compete for cash and prizes valued at over \$1.5 million. Scales open Friday and Saturday at 3 p.m. Awards ceremony Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the Golden Nugget. Spectator admission is free. Details: www.mgcbc.com or info@mgcbc.com

Gulf Coast Skate Parks Champions Tour-Biloxi Skate Fest, June 13, 12-8 p.m., HowHop Creative District 205 Hopkins Blvd. Prizes, live music, food trucks, and vendors. Details: <https://www.gulfcoastskateparksassociation.org/events>

Bike Biloxi, June 16, 6 p.m., downtown bike 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 are recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

Meet the Author, June 19, 1-3 p.m., Biloxi Library, 580 Howard Ave. Meet Author Linda Schaefer and hear about her new book "Interior Life of a Wondering Soul." Details: facebook.com/biloxilibrary

Once Upon A Gala, June 20, 7 p.m., Magnolia Ballroom at Beau Rivage, 875 Beach Blvd. Split the pot and live entertainment. All proceeds directly benefit the service projects of the Junior Auxiliary of Biloxi-Ocean Springs. Details: jabos2024.givesmart.com

Senior Bingo & Ice Cream Social, June 25, 1-3 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room at Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170

Scrapin the Coast, June 26-28, Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Hundreds of hot rods show off on the Mississippi Coast. Event features a car and truck show, vendors, live bands, competitions, corn hole tournament, burnout contests, wild bikini contest, and a stereo competition. Admission charged. Details: www.scrapinthecoast.com

Main Street Book Club, June 26, 5:30 p.m., One Thirty-One Lameuse, 131 Lameuse St. June's Book of the Month: "The Missing Pages" by Alyson Richman. Participation is free. Details: 228-435-6339, email: Lrosetti@biloxi.ms.us

Dedication of Fred Haise Landing and Moonwalk, June 27, 1 p.m., south of Biloxi Lighthouse. Includes a brief program and remarks by Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise. Details: Biloxi Beautification Commission, biloxi.ms.us/beautification

See the calendar grid for Shuckers game dates!



Coming in July:

Stars, Stripes and Seafood: honoring Biloxi's Seafood Founding Fathers, An American 250 Celebration, July 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum, 115 1st St. Enjoy re-enactments from "The Five Founding Fathers of the Seafood Industry." Refreshments served. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6254

Red, White, and Biloxi: An American 250 Celebration, July 4, 5-9:30 p.m. Biloxi Town Green 710 Beach Blvd. Family-friendly celebration honoring the nation's heritage with music, history, entertainment, and fireworks. Patriotic music, a dramatic presentation at 7 p.m., Unfazed Show & Band at 9 p.m., vendors, food trucks, and fireworks. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 97th 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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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

Coming in July:

July 4, Baseball fans, mark your calendars for the Biloxi Shuckers Independence Day Fireworks Extravaganza! Gates open at 5:30 pm, and all military personnel receive discounted admission. After enjoying an exciting game, stay for the post-game fireworks that light up the night sky.



July 4, The Boom Boom Committee Fireworks show begins at 9 p.m. and is set to patriotic music, broadcast on BOB 105.9. The fireworks are launched from a barge near Deer Island, with the best viewing spots ranging from the Biloxi Lighthouse to the Biloxi Bay Bridge. Additionally, a fireworks-free zone is available for spectators.



Biloxi Little Theatre
220 Lee St., 228-432-8543
www.4blt.org
• **Noises Off**
June 5-7 & June 12-14

Center Stage
2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258
centerstagebiloxi.com
• **Sleeping Beauty**
June 16-19

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

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
- Reserve your space today to watch July 4th fireworks show aboard the schooner. Admission: \$45 adults; Children \$25 (ages 3-12)

Biloxi Shrimping Trip

693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com

Biloxi Tour Train

Biloxi Lighthouse Park parking lot, south of Biloxi Visitors Center, traffic light #40, 228-374-8687, 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., 288-388-3424

- **Gulf Coast Artist Unlimited Summer Art Show**, June 5-7
- **Blue Pup Meet & Greet**, June 13, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Media for Red Cross Blood Drive**, June 16-17, 12- 6 p.m.
- **Blood Drive**, June 22, 1-6 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

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.

- **View the elegant and vibrant works of local artist Linda K. Fayard.** June 1-30. **Opening reception** is June 9, 5:30-7 p.m., meet the artist, tour the museum, and enjoy light refreshments. Located in the Joe Moran Gallery on the 3rd Floor of the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum.
- **Sea-n-Sail Adventure Camp 2026 Registration** - Open to students ages 6-12 years. Seven weeks to choose from in June and July; \$275 per week.

MS Senior Games: (Events held throughout the year)

Open to registered participants age 50 and older at various locations throughout the coast. Spectators welcome. www.ms seniorgames.com

Biloxi events in June:

- **Cornhole**, June 18, 9 a.m., Dr. Frank G. Gruich Community Center, 591 Howard Ave.

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

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

- **Mud Daubers Summer Art Camp**, June 15-19. Open to ages 6 to 9; \$100-\$250
- **Mud Daubers Summer Art Camp**, June 22-26. Open to ages 10 to 14; \$100-\$250
- **Mud Daubers Summer Art Camp**, July 6-10. Open to ages 10 to 14; \$100-\$250
- **Many workshops available.** Visit online for details and to sign up.

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**, June 5, 12, 19, & 26. Doors open at 4 p.m.; card sales at 5:30 p.m., Early Bird games at 6:30 p.m.; regular games at 7 p.m. Cash payouts. Concessions available. Kitchen open until 8 p.m.

Biloxi Yacht Club

124 Lameuse St, 228-374-6344, sailing@biloxiyachtclub.org

- **Summer Sailing Camp:** Session 1, June 1-12; Session 2, June 15-26; Session 3, July 6-17: Racing Session, July 20-24. Space is limited. Must sign up.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

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

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027

- **Steak Night**, June 12, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold 7:15 p.m. \$25, dine-in or carry-out. 228-392-9345
- **Great Galleon Gathering (Pirate Event)**, June 6. Details: 228-238-2866

Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society

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

- **Guest Speaker, Russell Barnes with Coastal Boat Building**, June 14, 2-4 p.m., Details: 228-438-4636

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Monday Bingo

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Monday Bingo**, June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. Doors open at 5 p.m., Early birds at 6:30 p.m., regular games at 7 p.m.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Bingo

870 Howard Ave., 228-374-1717

- **Biloxi Bingo Mania**, Tuesday nights behind Nativity Cathedral; 871 Esters Blvd. Doors open 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
31	1	2 Community Market Trivia Night Fly Llama Brewing MS Gulf Coast Billfish Classic Shuckers vs Biscuits Keesler Federal Park Shinedown –Coliseum Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	3 Trivia Night Altered Reality Brewing MS Gulf Coast Billfish Classic Point Cadet Shuckers vs Biscuits Keesler Federal Park	4 Community Market Biloxi Fun Run Altered Reality Brewing MS Gulf Coast Billfish Classic Point Cadet Shuckers vs Biscuits Keesler Federal Park	5 Dinner & Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge Farmers Market – Marina Park First Friday – HowHop Noises Off – BLT MSGC Billfish Classic Shuckers vs Biscuits Keesler Federal Park Artist Unlimited Art Show Edgewater Mall Riverdance – Beau Rivage	6 Great Galleon Gathering – Joppa Shrine MS Gulf Coast Billfish Classic – Point Cadet Noises Off –BLT Shuckers vs Biscuits Everclear – Hard Rock Artist Unlimited Art Show Edgewater Mall The Homecoming Biloxi Saenger Riverdance – Beau Rivage
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BTV June 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!" Cooking with the Crew
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!" Cooking with the Crew
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)
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Midnight	National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)



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

Cooking with the Crew

This month's "Biloxi Cooks!" features favorite recipes from City of Biloxi employees who generously shared some of their most-loved dishes. From family reunions and neighborhood gatherings to the upcoming America 250 celebration, these crowd-pleasing recipes are perfect for bringing people together around the table. "Biloxi Cooks!" airs at 7 a.m., 1 p.m., and 7 p.m. daily throughout June. The presentation may also be seen online on the city's YouTube channel.

Here's one of the recipes featured in this month's episode of "Biloxi Cooks!"



This month's recipe:

Grilled or Smoked Wings

These wings will be a hit at your July 4th Celebration

Recipe from Renny Sherman, City of Biloxi Videographer/The Ad Group

Ingredients – Marinade:

- 2 Cups Franks Original Hot Sauce
- ¼ Cup Lemon Juice
- ¼ Cup Olive Oil
- 2 Tbs of Your Favorite Spice Mixture

Preparation:

1. Prepare the marinade mixing all the ingredients
2. Cut chicken wings into flats and drums (discard the tips of the wings or save them to make chicken stock)
3. Place the wing pieces in a sealable 1-gallon plastic bag
4. Pour the marinade over the wings, seal the bag and massage the wings to be sure the marinade thoroughly covers all the wings
5. Place the wings in the refrigerator for 2-3 hours

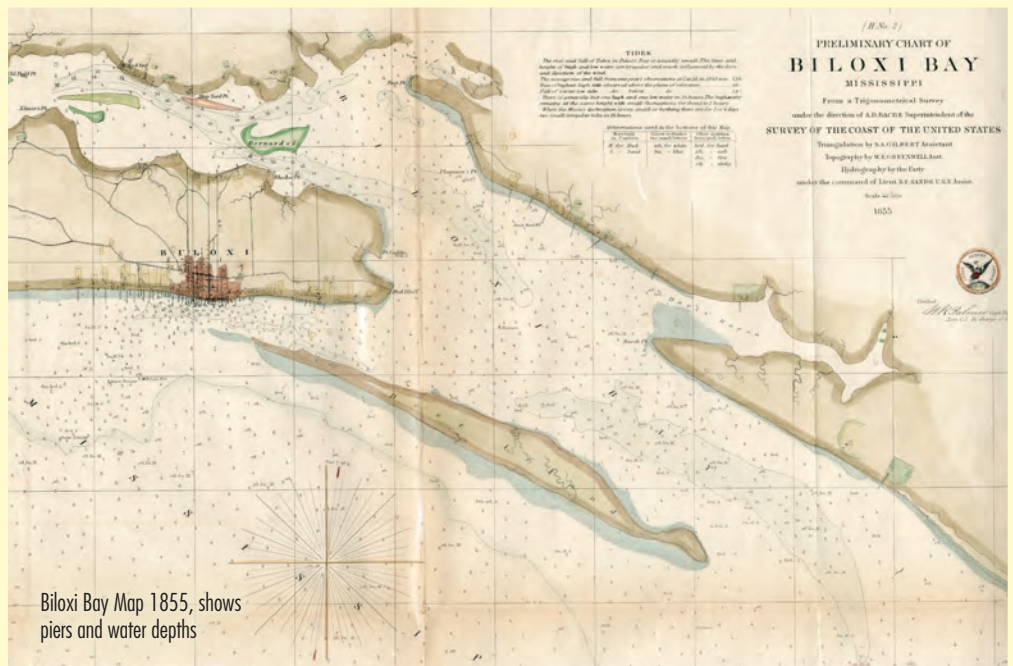
Cooking:

- Grill or smoke the wings
- Grill the wings at a higher temperature or smoke them longer at a lower temperature
- Cook them on indirect heat for 45 minutes at 325 degrees with either Hickory or Mesquite Chips to provide a nice smoky flavor

Serving:

- Blue cheese or Ranch dressing and celery sticks

"PIERING" INTO BILOXI'S PAST Summertime Fun



By Jane Shambra

Swimming to the Isle

The opening of the Isle of Caprice in the 1920s introduced an extended interest in the waters of the Mississippi Sound. Not only did Biloxi's southern waters provide a place for fishing, boating, and transportation, but they also introduced memorable events. Swimming marathons lured skilled swimmers from afar for fantastic competitive opportunities.

In the mid-1920s, swimming marathons to the Isle of Caprice commenced at Biloxi's famous Wachenfeld and Hagan piers. At that time, it was the longest aquatic competitive event in the Gulf waters. This 14-mile swimathon drew participants from far and wide.

For those who did not partake in the long competition, there was a famous Chute-the-Chute water slide. This aquatic masterpiece provided a unique opportunity. There were no ramps and elevators. Brave folks had to climb a wooden ladder to the top, where they were rewarded with a breathtaking view of all of Biloxi. From there, gravity propelled the riders along a fast and fun trip downward into the waters of the Sound.

The famous Wachenfeld and Hagan diving and swimming piers were destroyed in the wrath of the Hurricane of 1947. What's there today? That location was approximately on the southern tip of Reynoir Street, where Beau Rivage is today. Beau Rivage has recently been lauded as one of the best hotel pools in Biloxi.

What is a chute-the-chute?

A simple definition of a chute-the-chute is a very tall, steep slide usually ending in a pool of water.

Biloxi postcards from 1927 share a snippet from the past by featuring the water slide. However, they were not invented in Biloxi. In the 1880s, J. P. Newburg is credited with designing the very first chute-the-chute attraction in the United States on a bluff in Rock Island, Illinois.

Recent historical slides in Biloxi

Several decades ago, Biloxi had its own on-land water slide. It wasn't called a chute-the-chute. Locals remember it as Slippery Sam's Water Park. It was located on the north side of Hwy. 90 on the Biloxi Strip across from Magic Golf. It had a triple waterslide, a speed slide, and a kiddie pool. It was open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, and an all-day pass cost about \$11.

It was sold to a developer just before Hurricane Katrina. Today, a keen eye can still spot the remnants of the "hill" where Slippery Sam's once stood as the Finishline Performance Karting, a state-of-the-art outdoor Go-Kart racing complex, now sits.

Today

Today, you can still find sliding and swimming opportunities in Biloxi. The Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department offers slides in most of its parks. For a cooling water adventure, there are four splash pads located throughout the City. The Aquatics Division manages two indoor swimming pools: the Biloxi Natatorium on Father Ryan Avenue and the Donal Snyder Community Center on Pass Road. Swim lessons, lifeguarding classes, swim teams and meets, and memberships are just a few of our modern-day features. See more online at biloxi.ms.us/pr.

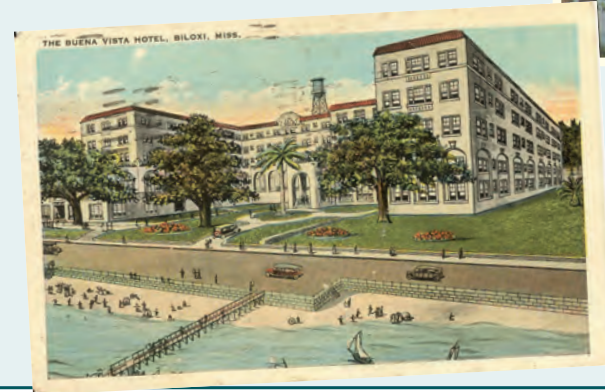
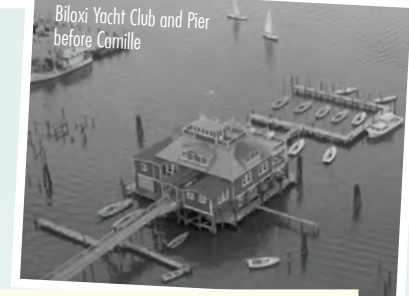
The Salvation Army Kroc Center, located on Division Street in East Biloxi, also offers an indoor pool and waterslide. This multi-purpose facility was built after Hurricane Katrina and opened to the public in September 2011. That location was originally the site of Biloxi's memorable Yankee Stadium, where the heart and soul of Biloxi's sports and other musical events took place "Back in the Day." See more online at <https://krocmscoast.org/KrocMSCoast/aquatics>.

Lagniappe:

Did you know that Biloxians visited another nearby island that is no longer here? Hidden deep within the city's history is the story of the Presque Isle.

In the 1920s, there was a tiny island on a sand dune south of Hwy. 90 and east of Rodenberg Avenue, approximately south of where Southern Memorial Park cemetery is today. It stretched nearly a half-mile. Presque Isle was its informal name; the French translation of this small island means "peninsula" or "almost an island." It wasn't occupied, but we know that it was close enough to the shoreline to entertain an electric trolley car stop, hunting grounds, and a place to have picnics. It was forested by oak and pine trees. Visitors traveled to that location by horse and buggy. There were reports of a lagoon as well as busy alligators. In time, beachside businesses filled in the remaining spots where Presque Island once stood. Today, we remember that area in history as "the strip."

But what happened to it? It disappeared for good when construction began for the seawall. You can "visit" Preque Isle and explore many other historic Biloxi landmarks through the city's virtual guide, Discover Biloxi: "Essence of Biloxi: Driving and Bicycling Trail." The online publication offers a fascinating look into Biloxi's rich coastal history and can be viewed at discover.biloxi.ms.us.



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