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BNews Monthly



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Welcome to the November BNews



Welcome to the 102nd issue of BNews Monthly. While this marks a change in how BNews reaches you, I'm pleased that we can continue this publication in a new format.

Our Public Affairs team has given BNews a fresh look while keeping its purpose the same: providing timely, relevant information about the City of Biloxi and a community calendar to help residents stay informed and involved. Thank you to everyone who expressed a desire to keep BNews going. Your support is appreciated, and I'm glad we can continue sharing city news and information through our website, social media and printed copies available at city facilities.

Keeping residents informed is just one part of our commitment to serving the community. As we begin a new fiscal year, the city continues to work to provide the services residents expect and deserve. We work hard to maintain those services while making responsible decisions about our budget and resources. As costs continue to rise and the city adapts to changing needs, we will keep looking for ways to manage expenses and keep costs as reasonable as possible.

That commitment also includes making sure residents can continue to count on the services they need every day. The city's water services are now being managed through a contract with H2O Innovation, but residents should see little change in their day-to-day service. The same staff continues to serve customers, and existing water bill payment options remain available. Payments can still be made online, at the drop boxes, and at the Water Department office on Main Street. Questions and concerns should still be directed to the department at 228-435-6236.

I also want to remind residents that staying connected with the community means staying connected with City Hall. My door is always open, and if you have a question, concern, or suggestion, please reach out to me at mayor@biloxi.ms.us or call my office at 228-435-6254. Hearing from residents helps us better understand the needs of our community.

Thank you for your continued support of Biloxi and for helping us keep our community informed and connected.

Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich



STAY CONNECTED

Calendar Submissions: The deadline for calendar submissions is the 15th of each month. Each submission must include the event name, date, time, location and street address, a one- or two-sentence description, admission fee (if applicable), and a phone number or website for more information. Email submissions to Biloxi Public Affairs at online@biloxi.ms.us. Space is limited, and submission does not guarantee publication.

Bmail: Sign up to receive City of Biloxi news, project updates, and information about upcoming events delivered directly to your email. Register at biloxi.ms.us/register.

B-Alert: For text traffic and weather advisories, text BILOXI to 77295.

Website: Visit online at biloxi.ms.us. The website has links to the city's Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (X), and YouTube platforms.

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

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What's building in Biloxi?

Development continues across Biloxi, with new construction, business expansions, renovations, and residential projects contributing to the city's growth. From new developments to improvements to existing properties, projects are underway in neighborhoods and commercial areas throughout the city.

One notable project is the redevelopment of the historic Magnolia Hotel by Nicaud Restaurant Group, which is bringing the property back to hotel use. The existing building will house the main entrance, check-in area, bar, and restaurant. A new, elevated 16-room hotel building will be constructed south of the historic structure, with parking underneath. An elevated bridge from the second floor of the existing building will connect guests to the new rooms. Plans also include a courtyard surrounding the property's existing live oak tree, incorporating a historic feature into the renewed setting.

The projects listed below represent a range of work currently underway, from commercial construction and property improvements to new housing developments. Together, they offer a snapshot of the building activity taking place across Biloxi.

Currently Under Construction:

- **Sharkheads** – 716 Bach Blvd. – New Store
- **Mississippi State University Research and Technology Corporation** – MS Cyber and Technology Center – 236 Cyber Blvd.
- **Home 2 Suites Biloxi** – 612 Beach Blvd.
- **Hammered Harry's** – 160 5TH St. – Interior renovation
- **Barq's Building Renovation** – 838 Howard Ave. – Lacour's & Root Restaurant & Bar
- **Biloxi Public Schools** – 1610 Popp's Ferry Road – New Biloxi Upper Elementary
- **Popp's & Jam Lane Biloxi LLC** – 1951 Popp's Ferry Road Ste A, B, C – New gas station/convenient store - Interior build-out
- **Scooter's Coffee** – 1831 Popp's Ferry Road, Ste. A – Interior build-out
- **Yon Mei Fang** – 242 Beauvoir Road – New medical care facility – Chinese Acupuncture Clinic
- **Le Magnolia** (Former Magnolia Hotel & Fields restaurant) – 111 Rue Magnolia
- **Ardis Capital LLC** – 13080 Shriners Blvd.
- **RPM Pizza South LLC (Domino's)** – 1831 Popp's Ferry Rd C – Interior build-out
- **Memorial Hospital Biloxi** – 150 Reynoir St. – Renovations to 1st & 3rd floors
- **Smoothie King** – 310 Popp's Ferry Road, Ste. 100 – Interior remodel
- **Doubletree by Hilton** – 940 Beach Blvd. – Interior renovations
- **C F Gollott & Son Seafood Inc** – 598 Bayview Ave. – New metal building



New gas station under construction on Popp's Ferry



Le Magnolia Hotel rendering



New Sharkheads rendering

New Multi-Family Under Construction:

- **The Retreat (Former E Fit)** - 1735 Tribe Drive
- **The Current Apartments** – 2068 Beach Blvd. (144 units)
- **Briarfield Apartments** – Briarfield Avenue
- **New Apartment Complex Benachi** – 1040-A Park Court N
- **Cristiano Boardwalk** – South side of Beach Blvd., west of Veterans Ave.
- **Bay Breeze Townhomes** – Maple Street (29 Units)
- **Kingsley Ridge Subdivision** – South side of Popp's Ferry Road, west of the Cedar Lake intersection (219 Residential Lots, 2 Commercial Lots)
- **Crystal Bay Subdivision** – Brodie Road (70 Lots)
- **Belle La Vie Parkway Subdivision** – North of Belle La Vie Parkway (2 New Phases- 245 Lots)
- **Hawk Creek – Phase 2** – West Oaklawn Road– (49 lots)
- **Baycrest Subdivision** – Wetzel Drive (11 Lots)
- **Cornerstone Subdivision** (Former Beauvoir School site, Lawrence Street (102 Lots)
- **The Preserve** – Off Shriners Blvd.



Scooter's Coffee now open on Popp's Ferry



New Sharkheads under construction at Lameuse and Beach Blvd.

Cooking up a safe Thanksgiving

By Christian Dubuisson
City of Biloxi Public Affairs Intern

This Thanksgiving, the Biloxi Fire Department wants everyone to have a safe, enjoyable holiday filled with family, fun, and most importantly, good food. According to the National Fire Prevention Association, cooking is the leading cause of home fires, and Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires. To help prevent any incidents, here are some things to always stay aware of.

Before You Cook

Always make sure your cooking equipment, such as your stove, oven, and grill, is up to date and working properly. Be aware of your surroundings and ensure that nothing flammable, like paper towels, aerosol sprays, or dishcloths, is near the cooking surface. Keep a working fire extinguisher on hand and be aware of the different methods for different types of fires. Keep children away from the stove and make sure the cooking area is not crowded.

While You Cook

While you're cooking, you may have multiple dishes going at once, so it is important to always be aware of everything on the stove or in the oven. If something catches fire in the oven, do not open the door. The lack of oxygen will put the fire out. Make sure your vent is on and operational. Be mindful of controlling flames and flare-ups when grilling. Do not try to put out fires with salt or flour; it will only make things worse. Always stay near your pan, be aware of your surroundings, and make sure handles are turned inward so no one accidentally grabs or bumps them. Open windows if something burns and creates smoke.

After You Cook

Double-check that everything is turned off and that there is nothing left in the oven or on the stove. Never dump grease down the drain. Pour it into a sealable, non-breakable container and throw it away. Ensure all dishes and cookware are put away and not left on surfaces that could still be hot. Make sure any meat is cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees so that it is safe to eat.

Deep Frying

Deep frying the turkey has grown in popularity in recent years, so it is important to know the safest way to do it. Cook outside, away from anything flammable and away from children and pets. Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and dry; any moisture could cause a fire. Do not overfill your pot to prevent boil-over. Turn the burner off right before you slowly lower the turkey into the oil. Keep safety gear close by and ready to use.

Thanksgiving is a time when families come together, and with more people in the home, it is more important than ever to be prepared and aware of your cooking process. By following these cooking fire safety tips, you can ensure that you put a bountiful Thanksgiving feast on the table while minimizing the risks and dangers that come with preparing a holiday meal.

Staying warm and aware

As cooler temperatures arrive in Biloxi, residents are preparing for fall gatherings, holiday meals, and seasonal yardwork. While autumn offers time to enjoy family and friends, it's also a good time to take precautions around the home, outdoors, and in the community to help keep the season safe and enjoyable.

The City of Biloxi encourages residents to take a few simple precautions to protect their homes, families, and neighborhoods throughout the season.

Clear leaves and keep storm drains open

Fallen leaves can make sidewalks slippery, obstruct visibility, and contribute to drainage problems during heavy rain. Residents should keep leaves, grass clippings, and other yard debris out of streets, gutters, and storm drains.

Never sweep, blow, rake, or dump leaves into street drains. Leaves can clog drainage systems, slow stormwater flow, and contribute to localized street flooding. Bag or contain yard waste for proper disposal, follow City collection guidelines, or compost or mulch leaves for landscape use.

When cleaning up outdoors, wear sturdy, slip-resistant shoes and eye protection when operating powered equipment. Keep children and pets away from equipment, and remain alert to passing traffic when working near streets.

Check burn bans before burning

Burn bans are restrictions on outdoor burning during drought or wildfire conditions. The Harrison County Board of Supervisors normally requests burn bans, and the Mississippi Forestry Commission approves the requests. Burning leaves and yard debris can produce heavy smoke, reduce visibility on nearby roads, and cause fires to spread quickly, particularly during dry or windy conditions.

Before burning outdoors, check for current Mississippi burn bans and applicable local restrictions. Never assume burning is permitted simply because temperatures have cooled. To find out if a burn ban is in effect for your area, visit the Mississippi Forestry Commission at mfc.ms.gov/burninginfo. You may also call the Biloxi Fire Department at 228-435-6200.

When outdoor burning is legally permitted, never leave a fire unattended and keep it away from buildings, vehicles, and dry vegetation. The safest option is to use approved yard-waste collection or disposal methods. If a fire escapes its intended area or threatens a structure, move to safety and call 911.

Prepare your home for cooler weather

Fall is a good time to check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and inspect heating equipment. Keep space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn, plug them directly into wall outlets, and never leave them unattended or operating while everyone is asleep.

Have fireplaces and chimneys inspected as needed before use. Place ashes in a covered metal container outdoors, away from buildings and combustible materials, since ashes can remain hot long after a fire appears extinguished.

Never operate generators or fuel-burning equipment indoors or in garages. Keep generators outdoors and well away from doors, windows, and vents to prevent dangerous carbon monoxide buildup.

Stay safe on the roads and outdoors

Shorter days mean reduced visibility during morning and evening commutes. Drivers should watch for pedestrians, bicyclists, children, and yardwork crews, especially near neighborhoods and school zones. Keep walkways clear, maintain outdoor lighting, and wear reflective clothing when walking after dark.

As Biloxi enters the fall and holiday season, a little preparation can help prevent emergencies. By cooking responsibly, disposing of yard waste properly, keeping storm drains clear, and following current burn restrictions, residents can help keep their homes, streets, and neighborhoods safe.



Moving to the Future: City of Biloxi Tree Committee's Role

By Susan Peterson
Chairperson, City of Biloxi Tree Committee

As the Ward 4 Tree Committee Representative and currently the Chairperson of the City of Biloxi Tree Committee, I thought I would share some information about the Tree Committee that I get questions about all the time and add some updates.

I would like to begin with the purpose of the City of Biloxi Tree Committee, which you will find on the City of Biloxi's website. I'll also share additional information to help residents better understand the committee's role and responsibilities.

Residents are welcome at our meetings. We have a Public Comment section built into each of our meeting agendas, providing an opportunity to share questions, concerns, and input.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and have a tree-related question or concern, you may reach your committee representative through the Community Development Director, Jerry Creel, by calling 228-435-6280 or emailing jcreel@biloxi.ms.us, or contacting your councilmember. All of us will be happy to assist.

The City of Biloxi Tree Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Biloxi Community Development Conference Room, 676 Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. Meetings are open to the public, and residents are welcome to volunteer for subcommittees that support the committee's work.

The Tree Committee is an appointed board of the City of Biloxi, with a representative of each of Biloxi's seven wards serving a three-year term.

The purpose of the Tree Committee is to promote the preservation and replenishment of historic, protected trees – Bald Cypress, Live Oaks, and Southern Magnolias – as well as native trees. The committee also promotes conservation, groundwater recharge, which slows stormwater runoff; oxygen regeneration; and noise abatement.

Protecting our natural heritage will make Biloxi healthier, safer, and a more beautiful place to live, work, and play for everyone. The committee is charged with using its best efforts to balance public goals with public needs for economic development while respecting the rights of individuals to develop their property in a meaningful yet responsible way.

Visit biloxi.ms.us/treecommittee for Tree Committee agendas, minutes, reports, recommendations, the updated Land Development Ordinance's Tree Committee provisions, the City's ward map, tree permit application, and Majestic Tree Program information. The updated LDO's were approved by the Tree Committee, Planning Commission, and City Council following six months of revisions.

One initiative highlighted on the webpage is Biloxi's Majestic Tree Program, which provides an additional layer of protection for registered trees. To participate, trees must first be registered with the Société des Arbres. For assistance with applications, contact your ward representative.

Several exciting tree projects are ahead for Biloxi! The committee has been awarded a state grant of up to $50,000 to plant native trees on city-owned properties, with no matching funds required. Plantings will help control soil erosion and enhance landscaping and beautification. Mississippi Forestry Commission Urban and Community Partnership Coordinator Loren Erickson has worked with the Community Development director, contracted arborist Brad Manus, and Tree Committee members. Formal announcements about the grant will be handled by the City once details are finalized.

Additionally, more than 20 native Mississippi trees, primarily live oaks, are expected to be planted in coordination with the Mississippi Coastal Land Trust. Individuals and groups donated the trees in support of the effort, including some in memory of two Biloxi residents.

The Tree Committee unanimously approved a request to use protected-tree mitigation funds to plant additional live oaks at Eagle Point Park, Popp's Ferry Dog Park and Sherman Canaan docks. The request has been forwarded to Community Development and must go through the mayor before City Council approval. These funds are held in a separate account and require council approval for disbursement.

Another protected live oak is planned for Eagle Point Park, with a developer responsible for the cost as part of a tree owed to the City of Biloxi.

Watch for upcoming Arbor Day announcements. If you have suggestions for future tree articles or are interested in planting a "Memory Tree," please feel free to contact me through Community Development or your council member.

Christmas in the City returns December 5

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

It's early November, but here at Biloxi Main Street, we are in December mode! We are readying for Christmas in the City!

There is much to be done between now and Saturday, December 5! The merchants of downtown and the local vendors are preparing to make your Christmas gift-giving a snap. Not only will you find unique gifts, but you will have a holly-jolly time at this beloved event, now in its 22nd year.

Festivities kick off at 10 a.m. The epicenter of the festival is at Jackson Street and Rue Magnolia. With over 100 vendors, delicious food, and our $100 giveaway every hour of the festival, you'll soak up the holiday spirit. As always, Santa Claus will be available for holiday photos with the kids (and with the kids-at-heart too). But the star of our show is the Slavonian Ladies Auxiliary's scrumptious Pusharates! Pusharates are a delectable Slavonian pastry and a beloved Biloxi Christmas tradition. Christmas In The City is your first chance to enjoy this sought-after treat.

Every Christmas celebration needs great holiday music to set the stage. Biloxi Main Street showcases local choirs during Christmas In The City. Spending the first Saturday in December each year listening to the voices of our children, friends, and neighbors singing all our favorite holiday songs truly puts us in the Christmas spirit.

Please join us on Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. to herald in the most wonderful time of the year!



Downtown merchants with Santa and the Grinch

IN THE **KNOW**

THANKSGIVING CLOSURES
All non-emergency offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

COAST TRANSIT OFFICE CLOSURE
The CTA office will close on Wednesday, November 25 at 3 p.m., and remain closed until Monday, November 30.

COAST TRANSIT THANKSGIVING ROUTES
Thursday, November 26, CTA will operate on a Sunday schedule. Regular service will resume Friday, Nov. 27.

TRASH/RECYCLING SCHEDULE
All solid waste, recycling, and yard waste routes will not run on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 26. Thursday's routes will run Friday, and Friday's routes will run Saturday. See more: https://hcua-ms.us/ and on Facebook

BILOXI LIGHTHOUSE
The Biloxi Lighthouse has reopened for tours following recent renovations, including a fresh coat of paint, new flooring in the lantern room and other improvements. Tours are offered daily from 9 to 10 a.m., weather permitting, for $5 per adult, $2 for ages 6 to 11, and free for ages five and younger.



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Signs of a cleaner, greener city

We all love our city, and we all want it to be the best it can be, to look the best it can. It's a team effort. We thank the first formal members of our city's adoption program. These are signs of things to come. It's all part of the proposed Comprehensive Beautification Plan, a framework for teamwork. See where you fit in. We'd love to hear from you. biloxi.ms.us/beautification

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Keep Biloxi Beautiful
A continuing project of the Biloxi Beautification Commission, and, well, all of us.
biloxi.ms.us/beautification

Community Spotlight



Parks and Rec. hosted an old school senior bash.



Public Works on the streets cleaning up after Hurricane Isaias.



Mayor Gilich passing out treats at Halloween on Howard.



A massive turnout for the city's Cruisin' the Coast block party.



The city welcomed the new Chick-fil-A with a ribbon cutting.



Biloxi Fire Department gathered to honor fallen heroes.

SEE MORE

Interested in coaching? Email sports@biloxi.ms.us for details.

BILOXI

•YOUTH LEAGUE•

BASKETBALL



For ages 6-12

Registration: Nov. 7 and Nov. 14, 9 a.m.-Noon
Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center
2520 Pass Road, Biloxi

Open to Biloxi and Non-Biloxi residents

- Boys and Girls welcome. League is coed.
- Fees for Biloxi Residents:
  - $50 for one child
  - $90 for two children
  - $120 for three children
- Fees for Non-Biloxi Residents:
  - $70 per child
- Games begin in January.

For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 228-388-7170, email sports@biloxi.ms.us, or visit online at biloxi.ms.us.

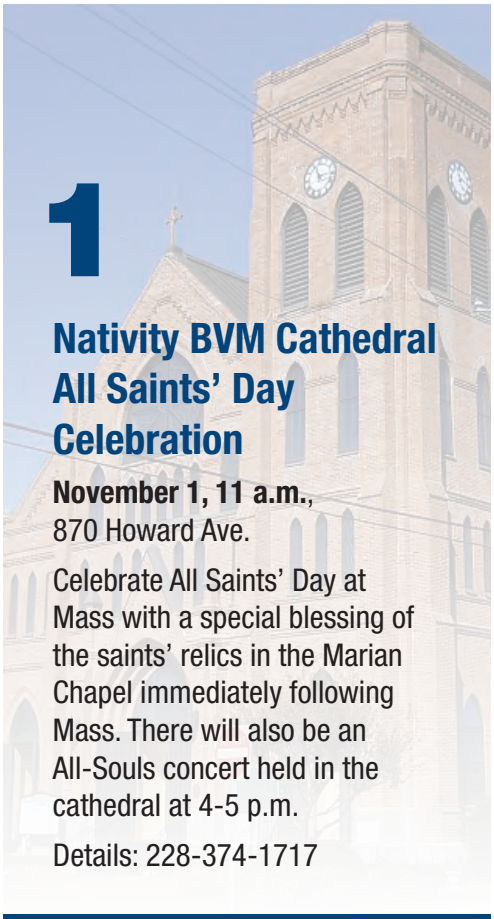
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COMMUNITY **CALENDAR**

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1

Nativity BVM Cathedral All Saints' Day Celebration

November 1, 11 a.m., 870 Howard Ave.

Celebrate All Saints' Day at Mass with a special blessing of the saints' relics in the Marian Chapel immediately following Mass. There will also be an All-Souls concert held in the cathedral at 4-5 p.m.

Details: 228-374-1717

5

Ward 7 Meeting

November 5, 5:30 p.m., Woolmarket Community Center, 13034 Kayleigh Cove.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Hosted by Councilmember David Shoemaker.

Details: biloxi.ms.us/citycouncil

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Popp's Ferry Elementary School Community Helpers Parade

November 13, 8:30 a.m.,

Popp's Ferry Elementary School, 364 Nelson Road.

Features a parade with public service vehicles such as police cars, fire trucks, public works, SWAT, drainage crews, and more! Participating vehicles line up by 8:15 a.m. along Agincourt.

Details: 228-596-1883, wendy.lally@biloxischools.net

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Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum's Christmas Open House

November 21, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., 115 1st St.

Shop with local vendors sharing their creations of art, crafts, jewelry, candies, breads, and more! Fun for the family - visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus, tour the museum, and win door prizes!

Details: maritimemuseum.org, 228-435-6320

13-15

Peter Pan Goes Wrong

November 13-15 & 19-22, Biloxi Little Theatre, 220 Lee St.

Details & ticket info: 228-432-8543, 4blt.org

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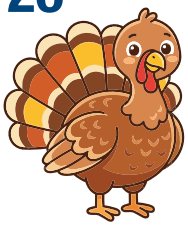
Special Needs & Family Thanksgiving Dinner

November 22, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road.

Open to all ages with physical and mental disabilities. Event includes games, food, and more.

Details: 228-388-7170, rstewart@biloxi.ms.us

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 **All Saints' Day Celebration** Nativity BVM	**2** **Bingo** Our Lady of Fatima	**3** **Community Market** Howard and Hopkins **Bingo** Nativity BVM	**4** **Her Table Women's Luncheon** Kroc Center	**5** **Community Market** Howard and Hopkins **Ward 7 Meeting** Woolmarket Community Center	**6** **Brantley Gilbert** Coast Coliseum **O'Jay's Tribute** Ground Zero **Dinner and Karaoke** Fleur de Lis Society	**7** **Tiger Rock Martial Arts** Coast Coliseum **OG Cola** Hard Rock **Sebastian Bach with Slaughter** IP
8	**9** **Bingo** Our Lady of Fatima	**10** **Community Market** Howard and Hopkins **Bingo** Nativity BVM	**11** **Fantasy Jam Band Scramble** Ground Zero **Veterans Day**	**12** **Community Market** Howard and Hopkins **Comedy & Blues Night** Ground Zero	**13** **Christmas City** Coast Coliseum **Sheetz Dance Convention** Coast Coliseum **Peter Pan Gone Wrong** Biloxi Little Theatre **Sam Darnold & Jon Koft Band** Ground Zero **The Stray Cats** - Beau Rivage **Sensory-Friendly Swim** -Kroc Center **Tab Benoit** - Hard Rock **Community Helpers Parade** Popp's Ferry Elementary **Steak Night** - Joppa Shrine **Dinner & Karaoke** -Fleur de Lis Society	**14** **Christmas City** Coast Coliseum **Sheetz Dance Convention** Coast Coliseum **United in Blue Convention** Coast Coliseum **Peter Pan Gone Wrong** Biloxi Little Theatre **Tommy Castro & The Painkillers** Ground Zero **Beatles vs. Stones** -Saenger Theatre **Shaan** - Beau Rivage **Matt Mathews** - IP
15 **Christmas City** Coast Coliseum **Sheetz Dance Convention and Competition** Coast Coliseum **Peter Pan Gone Wrong** Biloxi Little Theatre	**16** **Bingo** Our Lady of Fatima	**17** **Community Market** Howard and Hopkins **Bingo** Nativity BVM	**18**	**19** **Community Market** Howard and Hopkins **Peter Pan Gone Wrong** Biloxi Little Theatre **Disney on Ice** Coast Coliseum **OOMA After Hours** Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art	**20** **Disney on Ice** Coast Coliseum **Selwyn Birchwood** Ground Zero **Island Fights 101** Hard Rock **Lucky Duck Pool Party** Kroc Center **Peter Pan Gone Wrong** Biloxi Little Theatre **Dinner and Karaoke** Fleur de Lis Society	**21** **Disney on Ice** Coast Coliseum **Jamell Richardson** Ground Zero **Gary Allen** Beau Rivage **Peter Pan Gone Wrong** Biloxi Little Theatre **Christmas Open House** Maritime & Seafood Museum
22 **Disney on Ice** Coast Coliseum **Cerebral Palsy Fundraiser** Ground Zero **Peter Pan Gone Wrong** Biloxi Little Theatre **Special Needs & Family Thanksgiving Dinner** Donal M. Snyder Community Center	**23** **Bingo** Our Lady of Fatima	**24** **Community Market** Howard and Hopkins **Bingo** Nativity BVM	**25** **Asian Concert** IP	**26**  **Happy Thanksgiving!**	**27** **Charge to Eden** Coast Coliseum **The Oak Ridge Boys Christmas Tour** Beau Rivage **Dinner and Karaoke** Fleur de Lis Society	**28** **Bonerama** Ground Zero **A Southern Nutcracker** IP
29	**30** **Bingo** Our Lady of Fatima	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**

Beau Rivage - 875 Beach Blvd.
Coast Coliseum - 2350 Beach Blvd.
Edgewater Mall - 2600 Beach Blvd.
Fleur de Lis Society - 182 Howard Ave.
Hard Rock - 777 Beach Blvd.
IP Casino - 850 Bayview Ave.
Kroc Center - 575 Division St.
Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art - 386 Beach Blvd.
Saenger Theatre - 170 Reynoir St.

BTV November Schedule

Sparklight 56 or at biloxi.ms.us/btv

MORNING	
6 a.m.	"Down in Biloxi," by Rockin' Ray Fournier (4 min)
6:15 a.m.	Shuckers Insider (New videos during baseball season)
7 a.m.	"Biloxi Cooks!"
7:30 a.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
8 a.m.	"R U Ready?"
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)
1 p.m.	"Biloxi Cooks!"
1:30 p.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
2 p.m.	"R U Ready?"
3 p.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (3 hours)
EVENING	
6 p.m.	"Down in Biloxi," by Rockin' Ray Fournier (4 min)
6:15 p.m.	Shuckers Insider (New videos during baseball season)
7 p.m.	"Biloxi Cooks!" Flatheads and Bottom Feeders
7:30 p.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
8 p.m.	"R U Ready?"
9 p.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (3 hours)
Midnight	National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)

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

PROGRAMS, MUSEUMS, AND MORE

City of Biloxi Senior Program: Open to ages 55 and older, weekdays at: Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center and East Biloxi Senior Citizen Center. Details: Biloxi Parks & Rec., biloxi.ms.us/pr, 228-388-7170.

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.

Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library, 2244 Beach Blvd., 228-388-4400, www.visitbeauvoir.org. Tours 7 days a week, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Biloxi Excel by 5, Lopez School, 140 St. John Ave., 228-297-6808 Community-based certification program to improve children's overall well-being by age 5.

Biloxi Main Street, 932 W. Howard Ave., 228-435-6339, mainstreetbiloxi.com.

Biloxi Schooners, 367 Beach Blvd., 228-435-6320, schooner@maritimemuseum.org. Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Group charters available for up to 44 people. Walk-on sails, minimum of 6 passengers, $30/adult and $20/child ages 3-12. Check the website for dates.

Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum, 792 Howard Ave., 228-314-4747, museum@coastalmardigras.com. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

East Biloxi Seniors, Dr. Frank Gruich Sr. Community Center, 591 Howard Ave., angela@eastbiloxiseniors.com, 228-861-6087. Monthly luncheons held on the third Thursday of each month at Noon. Open to ages 55 and older. (None scheduled this month.)

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., Mon-Fri.

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.

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

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club), 182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472.

Joppa Shrine, 13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027.

Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society, Dr. Frank Gruich Sr. Community Center, 591 Howard Ave. (2nd floor). Details: Jane Shambra, mscoasthistory1699@gmail.com, 228-324-3418.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 870 Howard Ave., 228-374-1717.

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's November Celebration of Flowers and Food

By Jane Shambra

As hurricane season winds down, Biloxians begin to breathe a little easier and look forward to the season ahead. The Atlantic hurricane season officially ends Nov. 30, but in Biloxi, there are other ways to celebrate the changing season, with fresh flowers and good food. It's a tradition that always has been and always will be part of who we are.



Map of New Biloxi

Back in time

In 1844, Mr. Louis Fayard deeded the Biloxi Cemetery property to the Town of Biloxi, although burials were recorded as far back as 1841. Given the cemetery's very close proximity to the early 18th-century settlement of New Biloxi, it is very likely that many more individuals were interred on that section of town. Back in the day, grave markers were carved and constructed of wood. Over time, the older ones have disappeared.

Celebrating those before us

November 1 marks the celebration of All Saints' Day, known in French as "La Toussaint", a Christian holiday honoring all the saints that dates back to the 600s in Europe and was brought to the Coast by European settlers.

In Biloxi, the tradition is reflected in the annual observance at the Old Biloxi Cemetery, where families gather to honor and remember their loved ones. This outdoor activity is much like spring cleaning. Potted plants, flower arrangements, and even little angel decorations are added to grave sites, providing an honorable and festive atmosphere for the anticipated All Saints' Day.

On November 1, 1905, the Biloxi Daily Herald newspaper reported: "Many visitors walked through the avenues of the city of the dead or sat before some tombs in silent prayer and contemplation".

While the terms graveyard and cemetery are often used interchangeably, there is a distinction. A graveyard is generally a small burial ground associated with a church or other place of worship, while a cemetery is typically a burial ground managed by a municipality.

Flower power

Flowers are an essential part of the celebration of life. In the early days of Biloxi, Native Americans taught the early settlers about the usefulness of specific flowers, including medicinal and culinary uses, as well as which to avoid. The early settlers even utilized colorful flowers in dyeing their fabric to design hand-sewn attire.

Mum's the word

Today, retailers all offer the festive chrysanthemum plant, one of the most popular tombstone adornments. We recognize them as "mums," and these hardy fall potted mini-bushes are available in fall colors as well as in pink and white.

Biloxi Cemetery Association

On November 15, 1894, members from several associations and churches met in Biloxi for the purpose of forming the organization of "The Biloxi Cemetery Association". Its goal was the improvement of the Biloxi cemetery and maintenance of a section of this property.

Col. E. W. Morrill was its first president. A board of trustees consisting of one delegate from each church and society was appointed to be included.

Federal help at the Biloxi Cemetery

In October 1938, the Biloxi Cemetery underwent a $17,000 WPA (Works Progress Administration) project and was managed by City Commissioner F. A. Tucei. It funded employment as well as the "filling in of the ravine" located in the middle of the cemetery. Both the north and south sides of the cemetery were cleaned up. This project emphasized the general beautification and further development of the Biloxi Cemetery.

Thinking about Fall food

When we turn the page of the Biloxi November calendar, the first thing we look for is "turkey day". Thanksgiving Day was established as a federal holiday in the United States in 1941 and can occur as early as the 22nd and as late as the 28th. It is also a holiday for non-emergency municipal workers and for most other government employees and schools.

Biloxi cuisine before Thanksgiving

The first name for the tiny village of Biloxi in 1721 was "New Biloxi". It is interesting to learn what they ate here before the days of turkey and cranberry sauce. Voyagers often kept journals, writing about what they saw, ate, and experienced during the infancy of our city. Biloxians didn't always have tasty oven-roasted turkey. It is interesting to learn what our first colonial settlers ate before the days of the Pilgrims. Certainly, there are no cookbooks reflecting the cuisine of that time. Life was simple, then. Flour was the ingredient of choice, but it was only available from the barrels that traveled with them from France. One journal writer called it "manna from heaven"

They learned to love the Native American food: sagamite (i.e., Indian flour stored in little pouches), which was ground-up corn cooked over a campfire with water and lard (animal grease).

Of course, seafood was always in abundance, too. In the 1700s, residents also survived on beans and peas and a little salt meat. They also enjoyed fresh fruit, such as pineapple, watermelon, and wild grapes. Pecans and figs were in abundance then. Even raccoons and pigeons were said to be part of their diet! One of the most unusual antique "fruit" trees is the osage orange tree. Only a few are said to remain alive from years gone by, and only one remains in Biloxi. This tree does not produce fruit for humans, even though it is quite colorful and resembles an orange. It is useful for food for wild animals, and Native Americans utilized different parts of the tree for medicine, dyes, rope, weapons, and bows.


Osage orange tree

The 1700s drink menu was limited: fresh water, wine, and eau de vie. Eau de vie was consumed in small doses and was a sort of sweet fruit brandy.

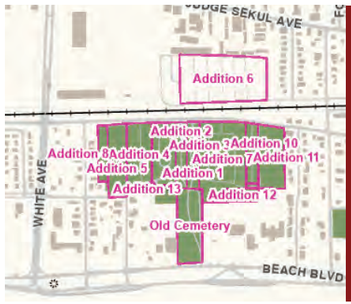
Imagine, if only they had experienced the heavenly taste of Biloxi's Barq's Root Beer!




Planning for a cemetery clean up



Old Biloxi Cemetery draped in moss and fall colors



Fun Facts

Did you know that in the 1890s the Biloxi Cemetery was once called Cedar Hill? It was likely named because of its comparatively high elevation and its abundance of cedar trees.

In 1967, 30,000 bricks salvaged from the old City Hall on Main Street were used to construct the brick fencing for the Biloxi Cemetery on Irish Hill Drive.



LEFT: Old Biloxi Cemetery map and grave search online at biloxi.ms.us/resources/cemetery/ RIGHT: Old Biloxi Cemetery entrance. Photo by John Majure.

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Area code is 228 unless otherwise noted.

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- 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

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

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