

## First Friday Downtown Block Party

May 1, 6-9 p.m.

HowHop Entertainment District, corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. This month's musical guests: The Project! Great food trucks, Fly Llama beverages, and vendors!. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

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## Biloxi Shuckers Baseball



Keesler Federal Park, 105 Caillavet St. Gates open 65 minutes prior to the start of game. Ticket prices vary. Details: 228-233-3465, biloxishuckers.com

### May home games:

- May 5-10 VS Columbus Clingstones
- May 19-24, VS Birmingham Barons

**Pop UP-DOWNtown: DERBY DAY!** May 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., GE Ohr/Rue Magnolia. Join area retailers for a fun pre-party including: a "hat bar" with Dime Store Diva, Derby-themed drinks at The Greenhouse Biloxi, kids' arts & crafts and lawn games, ice cream from The Scoop, and KY Derby coverage. PLUS, a fun "Pony Race" with bets to benefit CASA of South Mississippi. Lawn chairs suggested. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

**City of Biloxi Parks & Recreation Summer Swimming Lessons Registration,** Biloxi Natatorium, 1384 Father Ryan Avenue. Biloxi residents, May 3, 8 a.m.-noon. Late registration and non-Biloxi residents, May 5, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration continues weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. until all classes are full. Fees for Biloxi residents: \$30 per class; Non-Biloxi residents: \$50 per class. Details: 225-435-6205

**7th Annual Officer Robert McKeithen Memorial Blood Drive,** May 5, Noon-6 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Give the gift of life in memory of a true community hero who gave his life in the line of duty. All donors will have hot, fresh pizza to enjoy courtesy of Papa John's. Details or to make an appointment: redcrossblood.org

**East Biloxi Senior Center Pottery Throwdown Reception,** May 7, 6 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. A 6-week-long pottery hand-building competition for senior citizens. The pottery pieces are on display at the Biloxi Visitors Center for the entire month of May. Details: 228-435-4192

**9th Annual Biloxi Lighthouse Artisan Festival,** May 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Lighthouse tours every 30 minutes, food trucks, arts & crafts vendors, and crafts for the kids. Free admission. Details: 228-374-3105



### Preserve Biloxi Presents "In Elvis' Footsteps: Biloxi 1956"

May 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Frank Gruich, Sr. Community Center, 591 Howard Avenue. Travel back 70 years to the Biloxi summer of 1956 and follow the steps of a young man who would become King of Rock 'n' Roll. Join a bus tour of famous sites of Elvis Presley's now legendary performances in Biloxi. Tour begins and ends at the Gruich Community Center. Event includes special guest speakers and Elvis-inspired refreshments. Free admission. Details and to make reservations: 228-435-6339

**The Gilded Gulf: Form & Décor,** May 16, 2 p.m., Biloxi Public Library, 580 Howard Ave. Event showcasing the interiors and exteriors of the Gilded Gulf with special guest, Jeff Rosenberg, Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area architectural historian. Details: 228-436-4613

**Billy Creel Memorial Gulf Coast Wooden & Classic Boat Show,** May 16-17, Schooner Pier Complex, 367 Beach Blvd. View and tour the beautiful collection of wooden and classic boats. Schooner sails every hour on the hour beginning at 11 a.m. (\$20), shrimp plates, full bar, music, demonstrations, exhibits, and contests. Admission: adults-\$8, students ages 13-18-\$3, and children 12 and younger-free. Details: 228-435-6320



**Bike Biloxi,** May 19, 6 p.m.; downtown ride. Begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., and ends with refreshments and food at a downtown restaurant at cyclists' expense. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

**2026 Pickleball Open Play & Exhibition Senior Health & Wellness Fair,** May 20, 9 a.m.-Noon, Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Event includes door prizes and free wellness exams. Details: ldavis@smpdd.com, 228-868-2311

**Main Street Book Club,** May 28, 5 p.m., Patio 44, 124 Main St. This month's selection is "Being Dead Is No Excuse" by Gayden Metcalfe. Details: 228-435-6339

## Stay in touch

**BNews:** Welcome to the 96th issue of BNews Monthly. It's a compendium of things you should know about your city: status reports on current and pending public works, and a calendar of community events covering the next 30 days.

**Calendar:** Biloxi Downtown Services is responsible for the Community Calendar, a compendium of events open to the public in Biloxi. Deadline for publication citywide and online is the 10th of each month. Listing must include name of event, date, time, location, one- or two-sentence description, admission fee, phone number or web address. Email to Kay Miller, downtown services manager, kmiller@biloxi.ms.us.

**Bmail:** The city provides information about projects and events via email. Sign up at biloxi.ms.us/register.

**Advertising:** BNews and Bmail represent an advertising opportunity for civic-minded businesses and organizations. In your hands you are holding the only advertising medium that is delivered to every single home, business, apartment and PO Box in the city. For rates and info, email online@biloxi.ms.us or call 228-435-6336.

**B-Alert:** For text advisories on traffic and severe weather, follow on Facebook @cobiloxi/.

**Website:** The city's website, at biloxi.ms.us, is the comprehensive digest of city information. The website also has links to the city's Facebook and YouTube platforms.

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

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## Frequently Called Numbers

Area code is 228 unless otherwise noted.

- Animal Control . . . . . 392-0641
- Auto Tag/Property Tax Information . . . . . 435-8242
- Birth Certificates . . . . . 601-576-7960
- Building Permits . . . . . 435-6270
- Business Licenses . . . . . 435-6280
- Citizen services (streets, lights) . . . . . 435-6271
- City Council . . . . . 435-6257
- City Court . . . . . 435-6125
- Code Enforcement . . . . . 435-0841
- Drivers Licenses . . . . . 396-7400
- Emergency Police and Fire . . . . . 911
- Garbage Collection . . . . . 701-9086
- Housing Authority . . . . . 374-7771
- Human Resources . . . . . 435-6259
- Mayor's Office . . . . . 435-6254
- Museums Information . . . . . 435-6244
- Parks & Recreation . . . . . 388-7170
- Planning Commission . . . . . 435-6266
- Public Schools . . . . . 374-1810
- Streets and Drainage . . . . . 435-6271
- Visitor Info . . . . . 374-3105 or 1-800-BILOXI-3
- Water Service . . . . . 435-6236

## Blessing of the Fleet activities:

**Mass honoring deceased fishermen,** May 28, 6 p.m., St. Michael Church, 177 1st. St.

**Coronation of the Biloxi Shrimp King and Queen,** May 30, following 5 p.m. mass, Frank Gruich Community Center, 591 Howard Ave. 6 p.m.

**97th annual Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet Festival,** May 31, 10 a.m., Harrah's Great Lawn, 280 Beach Blvd., 12:30 p.m. Boat parade.

**Details:** [stmichaelchurchbiloxi.com](http://stmichaelchurchbiloxi.com)



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

- **BLT Summer Camp**  
June 15-26  
Ages 7-18

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

- **Arsenic & Old Lace,** May 1-3
- **Stage Stars, A Student Theatre Workshop,** May 25-29
- **Sleeping Beauty,** June 16-29

### Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library

2244 Beach Blvd., 228-388-4400, [www.visitbeauvoir.org](http://www.visitbeauvoir.org)

### Biloxi Excel By 5

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

- Community-based certification program to improve child's overall well-being by age 5. Call for monthly calendar of events.

### Biloxi Lighthouse & Visitors Center

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

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



### Biloxi Schooners

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

- Group charters available, up to 44 people
- Walk on Sails, minimum of 6 passengers, \$30/adult & \$15/child ages 3-12, check website for dates
- Reserve your space today to watch July 4th fireworks show aboard the schooner. Admission: \$45 adults; Children (ages 3-12) \$25

### Biloxi Shrimping Trip

693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, [www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com](http://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](mailto:museum@coastalmardigras.com)

- Open weekdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., open Saturdays by appointment

### Edgewater Mall

2600 Beach Blvd., 288-388-3424

- **American Red Cross Blood Drives**  
Give the Gift of Life! May 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and May 20, 1-6 p.m.



**Harrison County East Biloxi Senior Center**

461 Parker St., 228-435-4192, [co.harrison.ms.us/departments/senior/services](http://co.harrison.ms.us/departments/senior/services)

- Open 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
- **East Biloxi Senior Center Pottery Throwdown Reception**, May 7, 6 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. A 6-week-long pottery hand-building competition for the senior citizens, which culminates with a reception. The pottery pieces are on display at the Biloxi Visitors Center for the entire month of May.

**KAFB Farmer's Market**

625 Marina Dr., 228-376-2821, [BOS.81FSS.Vandenburg@us.af.mil](mailto: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](http://krocmscoast.com)

**Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum**

115 1st Street, 228-435-6320, [www.maritimemuseum.org](http://www.maritimemuseum.org)

Hours of operation: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

- **Sea-N-Sail Adventure Camp 2026 registration is now open.** Forms can be found at [www.maritimemuseum.org](http://www.maritimemuseum.org). Camp Session (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) June 1-5, 8-12, 15-19 (6-8 years old only), 22-26. July 6-10, 13-17, 20-24. Cost \$275 per child per week. Deposit of \$50 per child required at time of registration. 20% discount for 3+ children in family
- **"Coastal Grace: Light and Life on the Gulf Coast"** by Linda Kimble Fayard, Through June 30 – view the elegant and vibrant works on display in the Joe Moran Gallery on the 3rd floor of the museum. Pieces are available for purchase.

**Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art**

386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, [www.georgeohr.org](http://www.georgeohr.org)

- **Pine Needle Basket Workshop**, May 8, 1-4 p.m. Admission: \$60
- **Reception for Artist-in-Residence, Jarred Partridge**, May 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum**

1046 Howard Ave., 228-435-6119, 228-435-6200, [www.biloxi.ms.us](http://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**, May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Doors open at 4 p.m.; card sales at 5:30 p.m., Early Bird games at 6:30 p.m.; regular games at 7 p.m. Cash payouts. Concessions available. Kitchen open until 8 p.m.

**Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)**

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

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

**Joppa Shrine**

13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027

- **Steak Night**, May 8, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold 7:15 p.m. \$25, dine-in or carry-out. 228-392-9345
- **Harrison County Gem & Mineral Show**, May 16 & 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society**

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

- Call for membership and meeting details. Details: 228-438-4636

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Monday Bingo**

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Monday Bingo**, May 4, 11, 18, and 25. 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](http://mainstreetbiloxi.com)

**City of Biloxi Public Meetings**

[biloxi.ms.us/publicmeetings](http://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](http://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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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Community Market</b>  Trivia Night Fly Llama Brewing  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	<b>29</b>  Trivia Night Altered Reality Brewing	<b>30</b> <b>Community Market</b>  Biloxi Fun Run Altered Reality Brewing	<b>1</b> Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society  Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge Farmers Market – Marina Park First Friday – HowHop  Arsenic & Old Lace Center Stage	<b>2</b>  Pop-UP-DOWNTOWN DERBY DAY GE Ohr/Rue Magnolia  Arsenic & Old Lace Center Stage  Kathleen Madigan Beau Rivage
<b>3</b>  Swimming Lessons Registration Biloxi Natatorium  Arsenic & Old Lace Center Stage	<b>4</b>  Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	<b>5</b> <b>Community Market</b>  McKeithen Blood Drive Biloxi Visitors Center Trivia Night – Fly Llama Shuckers vs Clingstones Swimming Lessons Late Registration Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	<b>6</b>  Trivia Night Altered Reality Brewing  Shuckers vs Clingstones Keesler Federal Park	<b>7</b> <b>Community Market</b>  Biloxi Fun Run Altered Reality Brewing Pottery Throwdown Reception Biloxi Visitors Center  Shuckers vs Clingstones Keesler Federal Park	<b>8</b> Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society  Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge Steak Night – Joppa Shrine Pine Needle Basket Workshop Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art  Shuckers vs Clingstones Keesler Federal Park  Chicago Beau Rivage	<b>9</b>  Lighthouse Artisan Festival Biloxi Visitors Center  Shuckers vs Clingstones Keesler Federal Park  CPR Fest MS Coast Coliseum
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