

## Mardi Gras 2008 Parades and Events

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Mardi Gras 2008 Parade Schedules for the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The 2009 schedule is located here

Please check our Event Schedule of all Events (here). It may contain updated information. Also be sure to visit GoGulfCoast.biz and their Mardi Gras page.

### 12th ANNUAL ORANGE GROVE KREWE OF KIDS PARADE

January 19

Floats, beads and lots of fun for the whole family! The parade will begin at Bel Air Elementary School @ 10531 Klein Road and end at the Winn Dixie Shopping Center at the intersection of Highway 49 & Dedeaux Road.

Times: 2pm

Location: Orange Grove Area (Klein Road & Dedeaux Road)

Phone: (228) 234-5336

### 33rd ANNUAL OCEAN SPRINGS 1/2" ELKS MARDI GRAS PARADE

January 19

Traditionally Mississippi's first parade of the season! Parade rolls through downtown Ocean Springs. Parade begins on East Beach by the site of the former Ocean Springs Yacht Club, continues through downtown Ocean Springs, and finishes at the Ocean Springs High School.

Times: 1pm

Location: Historic Downtown Ocean Springs

Phone: (228) 872-2501

### 5th ANNUAL LIZANA MARDI GRAS PARADE

January 19

Route: Parade begins at Lizana Elementary School at 15341 Lizana School Road, continues to Cable Bridge Road, North to Moran Road and finishing back at the school!

Times: 2pm

Location: See Parade Route Above

Phone: (228) 234-7992 or (228) 831-8730

Admission: Spectators Free

## KREWE OF SELENE AND ROYAL-T MARDI GRAS PARADE

January 25

Colorful floats roll from Burger King through the shopping center to Golf Club Drive and ending at the Country Club, Diamondhead.

Times: 6:30pm

Location: Diamondhead - Exit 16 North off I-10

Phone: (228) 255-7801

## 19th ANNUAL GAUTIER MENS CLUB MARDI GRAS PARADE

January 26

Parade begins at MS Gulf Coast Community College - Jackson County Campus on Highway 90 proceeds to Singing River Mall then ending back at college.

Times: 7pm

Location: Highway 90, Gautier

Phone: (228) 762-9265

## CITY OF BILOXIâ€™S 10th ANNUAL CHILDRENâ€™S WALKING PARADE

January 26

The theme for this yearâ€™s parade will be â€œCelebrating 100 years of Biloxi Mardi Gras,â€• From Biloxiâ€™s beginning as the Seafood Capital in the early 1900â€™s to the casino boom today, floats and costumes should represent every aspect of Biloxi.

Children are encouraged to use their creativity & imagination in the display of costumes & decorations of their wagons, bicycles, etc. Participation is open to all children 12 years old and under (children under the age of 9 years old must have an adult walking with them in the parade) Children may walk, ride bicycles, wagons, skateboards, scooters or roller-skate/roller blade. Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask and/or a costume! Strollers, bicycles and wagons can also be decorated as floats!

Parade will begin under the I-110 over pass on Howard Avenue and continue east on Howard thru the Vieux Marche Mall and turn south on Lameuse Street and end at the Biloxi Town Green.

Times: Parade begins at 10am

Phone: (228) 435-6339

## ORANGE GROVE CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION PARADE

January 26

Parade begins at Harrison Central 9th Grade proceeds North to Dedeaux Road then West to Highway 49 to Ashley Drive.

Times: 2pm

Location: Orange Grove Community, Gulfport

Phone: (228) 832-0079

## SECOND LINERS MARDI GRAS CLUB PARADE

January 26

Come enjoy the family fun atmosphere! The parade route starts at Nichols Elementary School and ends at DC Bush Park where the club sponsors a Mardi Gras Block Party with food & fun!

Times: 1pm

Location: Parade starts at Nichols Elementary,  
590 Division Street, Biloxi

Phone: (228) 209-8113

Admission: Spectators Free

## CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION OF LONG BEACH MARDI GRAS PARADE

January 27

Parade begins at the Long Beach High School on Cleveland Avenue to Railroad Street to Jeff Davis Avenue to 2nd Street to Cleveland Avenue but Instead of turning East on 5th Street from Jeff Davis, the route will continue South on Jeff Davis to Highway 90 then East on Highway 90 to Cleveland and North on Cleveland returning to Long Beach High School.

Times: Parade begins at 2pm

Location: Long Beach

Phone: (228) 343-3972

Admission: Spectators Free

## KREWE OF NEREIDS MARDI GRAS PARADE

January 27

The Krewe of Nereids was organized in 1966 by a group of outstanding Waveland, Mississippi business and professional women, and now includes in its membership ladies not only from the Bay St. Louis - Waveland area, but from the entire coastal region and beyond!

This year marks the Krewe's 41st anniversary! The parade route begins at the intersection of Highway 603 and Highway 90. Rolling east in the west bound lane of Highway 90 to the city limits of Bay St. Louis and then making a u-turn to head west in the east bound lane and ending at Waveland Avenue!

Times: 1pm

Location: Highway 90, Waveland

Phone: (228) 586-2505 or (228) 806-6471

Admission: Spectators Free

### CELEBRATION OF MARDI GRAS 1/2" KREWE OF RIVER CITY

February 2

Join us for a Mardi Gras fun-filled affair! The parade will begin at the Southgate Shopping Center and the parade will run down Main Street to the Riverfront! There will be a King & Queen's reception following parade!

Times: Parade begins at 3pm

Location: Downtown Moss Point

Phone: (228) 475-7887

Admission: Spectators Free

### JACKSON COUNTY CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION MARDI GRAS PARADE

February 2

Family Fun for everyone! Parade begins at Pascagoula High School on Tucker then proceeds South to Ingalls Avenue, West to Pascagoula Street, North to Jackson Avenue, East to Market Street and South back to the stadium.

Times: 1pm

Location: Downtown Pascagoula

Phone: (228) 497-3269

Admission: Spectators Free

### KREWE OF DIAMONDHEAD MARDI GRAS PARADE

February 2

Approximately 30 units with mostly elaborately decorated golf carts unload beads, stuffed animals, candy and other Carnival treats to scores of outstretched hands! Parade begins at the Community Center and winds its way towards the Country Club!.

Times: 12 Noon

Location: Diamondhead, Exit 16 North I-10

Phone: (228) 255-6922

Admission: Spectators Free

## KREWE OF GEMINI MARDI GRAS DAY PARADE

February 2

Parade route through downtown Gulfport! Parade starts at 19th Street and goes towards Highway 49 pass Hancock Bank & downtown Gulfport!

Times: 2pm

Location: Downtown Gulfport

Phone: (228) 831-0446 or (228) 297-0377

Admission: Spectators Free

## MISSISSIPPI COAST JAZZ SOCIETY MARDI GRAS BALL

February 3

Jazz Society members are hosting their annual Mardi Gras Ball with three different bands performing for your listening and dancing pleasure! Cash Bar available. Bring your own snacks. Those attending in a ball gown or tux will put their names in the "hat" for the crowning of King & Queen! Come out and celebrate a "jazzzy" Mardi Gras! Dress is casual or formal!

Times: 3pm to 6pm

Location: American Legion & Elks Lodge, 12010 Klein Road, Gulfport

Phone: (228) 392-4177 or (228) 897-2330

Admission: \$6 per person

## NORTH BAY AREA MARDI GRAS ASSOCIATION PARADE

February 3

This parade begins at St. Martin Community Center rolls down Lemoyne Blvd to Central Avenue to Rodriguez Street to Automall Parkway and back up to Central Avenue.

Times: 1:30pm

Location: D'Iberville Area

Phone: (228) 875-4538

ST. PAUL'S CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION PARADE  
"PASS CHRISTIAN MARDI GRAS PARADE"

February 3

This parade will roll on Highway 90 starting at the west side of the Pass Christian Harbor going east to Seal Avenue, then west to Henderson Avenue then back to the Pass Christian Harbor! Some consider this parade to be the "best" of Mardi Gras.

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The Pass Parade will start at 1:00 PM at the corner of Davis Avenue and Second Street. It will proceed South to HWY 90. The Reviewing Stand will be at the corner of Market Street and HWY 90. The parade will proceed to Church Street (instead of Henderson Avenue). Turn North on Church to Second Street and turn East on Second and end at Davis and Second Street.

Times: 1pm

Location: Pass Christian

Phone: (228) 452-4643

GULF COAST CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION CORONATION BALL

February 4

King D'Iberville and Queen Ixolib crowned to reign over Mardi Gras 2008. Maids, dukes, and past royalty are presented!.

Times: 8pm - 1am

Location: Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center

Phone: (228) 432-8806

GULF COAST CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION MARDI GRAS PARADE

February 5

Gulf Coast Carnival Association traces its roots back to 1908 and Biloxi's first Mardi Gras parade, which included 17 floats, 150 flambeau carriers, the new 12-piece Herald Newspaper Band, a grand marshal, the mayor and the councilmen. The monarchs were the first King Dâ€™Iberville and Queen Ixolib. Eight years later, The Biloxi Carnival and Literary Association was incorporated. Its purpose: "to promote the study of literature and particularly Greek mythology; to give an annual carnival and street pageant in the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, by artistic floats representing Greek mythology and historic events."

In 1929, the Biloxi celebration expanded to include other Coast cities, and around 1949 the Biloxi Carnival and Literary Association became the Gulf Coast Carnival Association. Biloxi's Mardi Gras has been celebrated every year except for war and Depression years. Today the Carnival Association continues the tradition begun over 100 years ago, with King Dâ€™Iberville and Queen Ixolib reigning over the parade in Biloxi on Fat Tuesday!

Times: 1pm

Location: Downtown Biloxi

Phone: (228) 432-8806

#### KREWE OF GEMINI MARDI GRAS NIGHT PARADE

February 5

See all of the wonderful sights of Mardi Gras during this unique night parade that is complete with colorful costumes, floats, and other interesting Mardi Gras themed items! Participating are some 60 floats meaning Fun for the whole family!

Times: 6pm

Location: Downtown Gulfport

Phone: (228) 831-0446 or (228) 297-0377

Admission: Spectators Free

#### KREWE OF NEPTUNE MARDI GRAS PARADE

February 5

The Krewe of Neptune was founded in 1981 with a charter membership of 150 members. The Krewe of Neptune is patterned after the old-line New Orleans krewes and was based on secrecy. The "Bal Masque" is held with all members wearing some form of mask and no members' names are ever announced. The only names listed in the program are the female members of the court, the maids and queen. The tradition holds that in earlier times, the businessmen of New Orleans were not able to frolic and celebrate in fear of losing business. For this reason, masks were worn and names were never announced!

The Krewe of Neptuneâ€™s first parade was held on Mardi Gras Day in 1983 on the streets of downtown Biloxi. The organization is divided into smaller krewes with a Line Lieutenant in charge of each krewe. Each of these krewes represents something different pertaining to the theme of the ball.

Times: Parade begins immediately after Gulf Coast Carnival Parade

Location: Main Street, Biloxi

Phone: (228) 436-4381

## KREWE OF REAL PEOPLE MARDI GRAS PARADE

February 5

The Krewe of Real People parades through downtown Bay St. Louis. It's the Gulf Coast only predominantly African-American Krewe and this parade is one of the Bayâ€™s BEST- attended by locals & visitors alike! This year marks the 26th Anniversary of the Krewe of Real People! Parade route is down Main Street, turns on to 2nd Street on to Union Street continuing to Blaize Avenue in front of the Historic Depot!.

Times: 1pm

Location: Downtown Bay St. Louis

Phone: (228) 467-2247 or (228) 493-3827

Admission: Spectators Free