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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Ribbon cutting for Downtown Ocean Springs tour offered by Biloxi Tour Company**

(Ocean Springs, MS) – The Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce – Main Street – Tourism Bureau will host a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, August 13 at 3 p.m. at the historic L&N Depot Plaza commemorating the new downtown Ocean Springs tour. Public is welcome.

Beginning this month, visitors as well as locals can hop aboard an air conditioned 19 passenger bus to tour the sites and the shopping scene in Ocean Springs through the “Historical Biloxi and Old Town Ocean Springs Tour”.

Located at the Small Craft Harbor in Biloxi, the Biloxi Tour Company offers tours at various times throughout the year from Biloxi to Ocean Springs.

“Our community has been asking for just this,” says Margaret Miller, executive director of the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce – Main Street – Tourism Bureau. “This joint venture is a great partnership bringing visitors through both Biloxi and Ocean Springs allowing individuals to get a chance to see some of the historical and art sites but will also get a chance to shop and eat in downtown. This is tourism and it will benefit our businesses both downtown and around town.”

When the tour bus travels across the Biloxi Bay Bridge, individuals will be taken to historic downtown where they can walk under majestic oak trees, eat at one of numerous restaurants, and shop at many of the town’s boutiques. With every admission, guests will be given a “Pelican Pound” worth \$5.00 to spend at any participating shop or restaurant.

The Historical Biloxi and Old Town Ocean Springs Tour departs from the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor on Monday through Saturday at 11:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Admission is \$16 per adult and \$11 per child.

For more information on this tour combining Biloxi and Ocean Springs, visit online at [www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com](http://www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com).

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