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## **City of Gulf Shores announces 43rd Annual Mardi Gras Parade Revised route from Highway 59 to East Beach Boulevard (Highway 182)**

Gulf Shores, Ala – The City of Gulf Shores is excited to announce the return of the traditional Mardi Gras Parade, which will take place on Fat Tuesday, March 1, at 10 a.m. This year, the parade will begin at the intersection of Highway 59 and East Beach Boulevard (Highway 182) and will travel along East Beach Boulevard to the Gulf State Park Pier Road. A map of the new parade route can be found online at [www.gulfshoresal.gov/MardiGras](http://www.gulfshoresal.gov/MardiGras).

The City of Gulf Shores would like to make all residents and visitors aware of the following traffic flow modifications related to the Mardi Gras Parade:

### **6 a.m.**

- West Gulf Place beach access and parking lot will be closed. Parking will **only** be available for parade participants and float setup.

### **8 a.m.**

- West Beach Boulevard (Highway 182 west) will be closed between Highway 59 and West 3<sup>rd</sup> street for the staging of the parade.

### **9:45 a.m.**

- Access to West Beach Boulevard and East Beach Boulevard (Highway 182) via Highway 59 will be closed.
- Access to East Beach Boulevard via East 1<sup>st</sup>, East 2<sup>nd</sup> and East 4<sup>th</sup> street will be closed.
- Traffic headed westbound on East Beach Boulevard near the Gulf State Park Pier will be diverted to State Park Road (Highway 135) for access to Highway 59.

### **11:30 a.m.**

- All normal traffic conditions should resume.

If you would like to participate in the 43rd Annual Mardi Gras Parade, please visit [www.gulfshoresAL.gov/MardiGras](http://www.gulfshoresAL.gov/MardiGras) to fill out an application. All applications are due by Monday, February 21, at 5 p.m.

If severe weather moves in and the parade is canceled, there will be no make-up date. For more information, contact our Special Events team at 251-968-1171 or visit [www.gulfshoresal.gov/MardiGras](http://www.gulfshoresal.gov/MardiGras).

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***About the City of Gulf Shores:** The City of Gulf Shores is Alabama's SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH™ community dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents, guests and businesses. Located on Alabama's beautiful coast of the Gulf of Mexico, the City strives to be a desirable place to live, work, retire and visit through cultivating a safe, clean, and family-friendly atmosphere. Learn more about the City of Gulf Shores at [www.gulfshoresal.gov](http://www.gulfshoresal.gov).*