



# THE TOWN CRIER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 2-4 11th Annual Alabama Coastal Bird Fest
- Oct 11 Annual Colonial Isle Dauphine—Ft Gaines
- Oct 11 Annual DI Art Trail
- Oct 17 Flu Clinic, 9am until 1pm Council Chambers
- Oct 24-25 31st Annual Renaissance Fest -Gatalop 31 @ Ft. Gaines
- Oct 31 7th Annual Trick or Treat at Green Park 5:30pm—8:30PM
- Oct 31 Last Friday Art Night DI Heritage & Arts Council 6pm
- Nov 1 Seafood, Science & Celebrity
- Nov 2 James Beard "Sunday Supper Gulf Coast" Ft. Gaines
- Nov 7 DIVA Annual Benefit Auction
- Nov 11 Veterans' Day Celebration at Memorial Wall 11am
- Nov 15 9am to 4 pm St. Francis Annual Bazaar and "Bring Your Own Yard Sale"
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day

## THE "OFFICIAL" NEWS OF DAUPHIN ISLAND

In an effort to keep the citizens of Dauphin Island better informed, the Mayor and Town Council are pleased to distribute The Town Crier on a monthly basis. Our goal is to highlight council meetings and other newsworthy events. This is not intended as a substitute for attending public meetings. Council Meetings are usually held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 PM. Agenda meetings are usually held on the Monday before each council meeting at 5 PM and are open to the public. The council meetings for October are scheduled for the 7th & 21st.

## ROMAN STREET CONCERT RESCHEDULED

Due to the threat of inclement weather on Sept 28, organizers opted to reschedule the fifth Sunset Jazz Concert at West End Beach featuring Roman Street. Proceeds from this event will go toward the Town's effort to take ownership, relocate and re-purpose the historic Little Red Schoolhouse. School Board officials suggest a new replacement building will be completed by the start of the 2015-16 school year. The concert will be held on Sunday, October 5 at 5:30pm and admission is \$5 per person. Children 12 & under are Free! A variety of items will be offered for sale at the concert including a new commemorative DI School ornament. T-shirts, water bottles, cookbooks and more. Make your plans to join us for a wonderful evening of music and a spectacular sunset while supporting our efforts to preserve a unique piece of island history.

## ZONING ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

As work continues on proposed changes to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, the Town Council will host another Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 7 at 6pm. The regular Town Council meeting will be held at 7pm. In the meantime, residents and property owners are encouraged to review the latest revisions that were made following input received at previous meetings and workshops. All of this is part of the ongoing efforts to implement recent revisions to the Town Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the latest Zoning Ordinance can be reviewed at Town Hall and an electronic copy can be emailed to you by contacting Wanda Sandagger at [wsandagger@townofdauphinisland.org](mailto:wsandagger@townofdauphinisland.org). An updated Island zoning map is also available on the Town's website for your convenience.

## DI ART TRAIL

The 4th Annual Dauphin Island Art Trail, sponsored by the DI Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Saturday, October 11 from 9am-4pm and this year's event will be even bigger than the previous three according to organizers. Over 50 local and regional artists will be scattered throughout the island at 17 different venues for your viewing and shopping pleasure. As always, you'll want to pick up one of the Trail Maps at any of the participating locations and make sure you get it stamped at ten of the sites to be eligible for prize drawings including fishing & kayak trips, condo packages, artwork, cash, gift certificates and much more. Get all 17 location stamps for a special bonus! To make your visit a more relaxing and convenient one, the Chamber is pleased to offer a free trolley service through the "Old Shell Trolley Company". A variety of artwork including paintings, woodworking, sculptures, handmade



jewelry, photography and "Funky Yard Art" are just a sampling of the many works you'll find at this year's event. See talents such as Comic Book Artist Steven Butler, Stig Marcussen, Linda Scott, Benno Kolleger and many more as you tour Dauphin Island in search of that one-of-a-kind piece for that special someone in your life. For additional information please visit [www.dauphinislandchamber.com](http://www.dauphinislandchamber.com) or call 861-2473.

### FT. GAINES TO HOST EVENTS

Fort Gaines will be hosting two of its more popular events of the year during the month of October. On Saturday, October 11 the 21st Annual Colonial Isle Dauphine will thrill the entire family with live re-enactments. Watch as a blacksmith demonstrates his trade and surround yourself in the history and pageantry of years gone by. On October 24-25 the 31st Annual Renaissance Festival GATALOP 31, hosted by the Society of Creative Anachronism, will present Life in the Middle Ages. You will see Knights in Armor as they storm the castle, view melees and sieges and visit with Lords, Ladies, Artists and Medieval Merchants. Fun for the entire family! For more information please contact the Fort at 861-6992 or check out the website at [www.dauphinisland.org](http://www.dauphinisland.org).

### FLU SHOT CLINIC

As winter approaches so does flu season. Fortunately, you will have an opportunity to protect yourself from this annual threat as the Town of Dauphin Island has teamed up with the Mobile County Health Department to offer a Flu Clinic at Town Hall on Friday, October 17 from 9am-1pm. Flu shots are \$15 and you are encouraged to bring your Medicaid and/or Medicare Card. Don't let the flu bug get you down this winter...protect yourself with a flu vaccine. You'll be glad you did.

### ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH SCHEDULES ANNUAL BAZAAR

Always a local favorite, the Annual Fall Bazaar at St. Francis Episcopal Church mixes great food, arts & crafts and a yard sale all at one convenient location. The event is set for Saturday, November 15 from 9am-4pm on the church grounds at 401 Key Street. In addition to a delicious array of baked goods and casseroles for sale, you can join in the fun by bringing a table and setting up your own "yard sale" for a modest fee of \$15. Space is available on a first-come first-served basis! For more information contact Joan Smith at 861-2552.

### SAND ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

**NOTE: The following article was submitted by Capt. Hal Pierce, US Navy (Retired) and member of the Alabama Lighthouse Association.** We began work on lighthouses in 1971 when the coast guard threatened to demolish it. We rescued it and went right to work on it with Navy Seabees and all kinds of people. It didn't take us long to connect up with Warren Lee and the Sand Island Lighthouse bunch who were working on the restoration of Sand Island Lighthouse. We became well known for our work and got some national publicity. One day the United States Dept. of Interior came to us wanting to divest Sand Island Lighthouse. We went to the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC), a natural move. We brought a team from the commission, led by Director Larry Oaks, to Sand Island Light to inspect the facility. To our amazement, the AHC refused to take custody of the landmark. There we were holding the bag. To make a long but great story short, the Town of Dauphin Island stepped up and said "We want that Lighthouse, that is our Lighthouse" and they got it. The Dept. of Interior required that the Island lease the lighthouse to the association on a full maintenance lease which we did. Making the Town of Dauphin Island and the Alabama Lighthouse Association a team dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the historic landmark. This relationship has worked like a dream. More than one million dollars has gone into that lighthouse and many more millions to come. Dauphin Island folks should take pride in the courage and vision of their city and people like Mary Thompson, Peter Tanner, Pat Edwards, Mayor Collier and others.

Now the first thing seen by the thousands of vessels who come to Alabama is that big American Flag that flies from Sand Island Lighthouse. My sincere compliments to the citizens of Dauphin Island for their leadership and pride in their emblem, Sand Island Lighthouse. Go Navy, Hal.



### TRICK OR TREAT AT GREEN PARK

Green Park will be filled with ghosts and goblins on Halloween night as the Town hosts the 7th Annual Trick or Treat in the Park. As always, residents and business owners are encouraged to bring a table and chair to hand out candy and other goodies to our island youth from 5:30pm–8:30pm. You can also decorate your table/area to make the event even more festive. Make plans to join your friends and neighbors for this unique and fun night.

### VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY SET

Members of the Dauphin Island Veterans' Association will host a Veterans' Day Ceremony on Nov 11, 2014 at 11am. The event will take place at Water Tower Plaza near the Memorial Walls and everyone is invited to attend. Additional info will be provided in the November issue of the Town Crier.

### SEAFOOD, SCIENCE & CELEBRITY AND JAMES BEARD DINNER

As summer gives way to fall here along the Alabama Gulf Coast... arguably the best time of year to enjoy Dauphin Island, you'll find plenty of opportunities to do just that in the coming months. Mark your calendars for November 1 & 2 as the South Mobile County Tourism Authority has put together a double helping of culinary deliciousness for your indulgence. On Saturday, November 1 the 4th Annual Seafood, Science & Celebrity Gala will take place at the Estuarium at DI Sea Lab from 4-8pm. Dozens of the region's most popular chefs and representatives from local breweries will be on hand to stir up a delightful evening of fine foods and beverages to tempt your taste buds. Featuring a variety of local seafood, the gala will set the tone for an evening of classic southern hospitality and charm while you sample creative dishes, beverages and enjoy live music. Jesse Keith Whitley, son of country music stars Lorrie Morgan and Keith Whitley, and his wife Ashlee Hewitt, will fill the evening air with music and song to add to this festive occasion. The Estuarium provides a fitting and unique backdrop for this annual event which sells out every year. Tickets (\$75) for the 2014 Seafood, Science and Celebrity Gala are limited so stop by any branch of The First bank, ACP Real Estate or order on line via the South Mobile County Tourism Authority website! On Sunday, November 2 activities shift to historic Fort Gaines with a Friend's of James Beard Benefit Dinner. With the help of host chefs Chris Hastings and Rob McDaniel and the Alabama Seafood Marketing Commission, a celebrity crew of James Beard award-winning and nominated chefs from across the region will come together to cook up a scrumptious sea-to-fork seated dinner with an emphasis on fresh, local seafood. The event will take place inside the Fort's open air kitchen and raise funds to help support the James Beard Foundation's Culinary Scholarship Program, a not-for-profit organization. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served from noon-2pm and the seated dinner is set for 2-4pm. Tickets (\$150) are limited for this event and are available at the locations and outlets listed previously in this article. Bon appétit!

### TOWN PLANNING FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & PARADE

Although we just turned our calendars to October, the holiday season will be here before we know it. That's why plans are already underway for the 26th Annual Christmas Pageant and Parade scheduled for Friday, December 5 & 6 respectively. Applications for the Christmas Pageant are available at Town Hall and the young ladies of our island have until November 20 to sign up. Once again the pageant will be held at St. Edmunds Parish Hall at 7pm and everyone is invited to join in the fun. The Christmas Parade will take place the following day at 11am and travel from Cadillac Square to DI School. Individuals, clubs and groups interested in joining the parade or wanting to volunteer to help should contact Mary Strickland at Town Hall.

### TOWN TO SHOWCASE RENTAL HOUSE

The Town of Dauphin Island owns and operates a rental house on Sam Houston Street (north) on the West End of the island and you'll have an opportunity to stop in for a visit on Wednesday, November 12 from 5:00-7:00pm. The open house will give residents and property owners a chance to check out the facility and enjoy some tasty snacks and drinks while you're there. Mark your calendar and join us for this first time event.

### COUNCIL TO AMEND NUISANCE ORDINANCE?

Earlier this summer a group of pines were infected by beetles that systematically killed otherwise healthy trees. Recognizing the importance of trees on a barrier island and witnessing the devastating effects these pests can inflict, the Town felt it needed a way to address similar threats in the future. Town attorneys have recommended such authority could best come from a revised Nuisance Ordinance 33. In it, they have included language to cover trees with infectious diseases, insect problems or otherwise create an imminent danger to the health, safety or welfare of the general public. The Council is set to vote on this issue at its next regular meeting.

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**TOWN COUNCIL**

**Mayor**

Jeff Collier

**Council Members**

Stephen Denmark

Mary Thompson

Philip Patronas

Shirley Robinson

Clinton Collier

**TOWN MEETINGS CORNER**

**Agenda Meetings on Mondays prior to Council Meetings at 5:00pm**

**Town Council Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm**

**Planning Commission Meetings-2nd Tuesday of each month 6:00 PM**

**Property Owners' Assoc. Meetings - Pres. Jennifer Turner can be reached at 626-0673, email her at [tomyquazar@gmail.com](mailto:tomyquazar@gmail.com) or visit DI-POA website.**

**Board of Adjustment Meetings—4th Tuesday of each month or as needed**

**DI Court—2nd Wednesday of each month **November 12th @ 4:00pm****

**DI Traffic School **November 5th @ 5:30pm in Council Chambers****

**DI Park & Beach Board Meeting-call 861-3607 for date & time**

**DI Water & Sewer Authority Meetings—3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00am at the Authority Office, 908 Alabama Ave. (861-2363)**