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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 1 Seafood, Science & Celebrity—Estuarium
- Nov 2 James Beard "Sunday Supper Gulf Coast" - Ft. Gaines
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Celebration at Memorial Wall 11am
- Nov 14 DIVA Annual Benefit Auction
- Nov 15 9am to 4 pm St. Francis Annual Bazaar and "Bring Your Own Yard Sale"
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day
- Dec 5 26th Annual Christmas Pageant 7pm
- Dec 6 30th Annual Christmas through the Ages—Ft. Gaines
- Dec 6 26th Annual Christmas Parade 11am
- Dec 22—Jan 4 Town Hall/ Public Works closed for holidays
- Dec 25 Christmas 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 November are scheduled for the 4th & 18th.

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES GALORE!

Trick or Treaters are going to need a lot of stamina and a little bit of speed to take in all of the festivities on Dauphin Island this Halloween. The Town will host its traditional Trick or Treat in Green Park from 5:30pm—8:30pm. As, always residents and business owners are encouraged to bring a table and chairs to hand out goodies to the dozens of ghosts and goblins that will be out and about. You can also decorate your table/area to make the event even more festive. Don't forget to stop by the Art Gallery behind Town Hall for a very special Last Friday Art Night celebration! Join in the fun from 5:30pm—8pm as they host a Halloween Costume Contest while showcasing local art, music, food, refreshments and good company! Last, but not least, be sure and visit the good folks at DI United Methodist Church as they always go the extra mile to make Halloween a memorable occasion for our island youth. This year the church is sponsoring a Halloween Trail from 6—7:30pm. Be sure and bring an extra big bag this Halloween as you'll likely need it with all of the activities that are planned on Oct 31. Have a fun and safe Halloween!

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 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 are limited for this event and are available at the locations and outlets listed previously in this article. Bon appétit!

Town Council Approves 2014-15 Christmas/New Year's Holiday Schedule

The Town Council has approved the holiday schedule for Town Hall and the Public Works Department for Christmas and New Year's Day. These offices will be closed starting on Monday, December 22, 2014 and re-opening on Monday, January 5, 2015. However, during this period a reduced staff will be on call to perform required tasks and respond to any emergency situations that may arise.

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. A plaque will be added to the Memorial Wall honoring longtime island resident James L. Early (US Army) who passed away on September 1, 2014 as part of the ceremony.

TOWN PLANNING FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & PARADE

Although the calendar still says 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 PLANS "OPEN HOUSE" AT 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. Members of the Dauphin Island Woman's Club have graciously offered to assist with this first-time event.

East End Restoration Project Update

The nearly one mile long shoreline restoration project planned for the east end of the island is still on track to be constructed despite a number of delays that surfaced during the ongoing Corps permit process. Town officials are pleased to announce that all Alabama Historical Commission concerns have been resolved and focus has now shifted to required easements with abutting property owners to the project site. Once these matters are resolved, State Lands and ADEM officials will schedule a public hearing (TBA) here on Dauphin Island to provide property owners and citizens an additional opportunity for questions and comments about the project. The restoration project will involve placement of beach quality materials from the southeastern tip of the island through the bird sanctuary. In addition, existing offshore groins currently situated perpendicular to the island shoreline will be reoriented to a more parallel alignment.

Salt Creek Park Improvements

Town officials are pleased to announce some recent additions and improvements at Salt Creek Park. You may have noticed a colorful new playground set is in place and a separate swing set will also be installed soon. We encourage you to check out the new equipment and give us your feedback. Hopefully, our youngest islanders will approve!

Get Out and VOTE!!!

The mid-term elections will be held on Tuesday, November 4 and all registered voters on Dauphin Island are encouraged to get out and cast your ballots. A number of important races (Congressman, Governor, State Senator, etc.) and several Constitutional Amendments are on the ballot making this an even more important opportunity to participate. Voting will be held at the DI United Methodist Church Christ Life Center from 7am-7pm. Please take a few minutes that day and VOTE!

DI SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE T-SHIRTS

The Town Council, as part of the ongoing effort to relocate and re-purpose the Little Red Schoolhouse, presented students and faculty at Dauphin Island Elementary with a "Save the School" t-shirt at a ceremony recently on school grounds. Mayor Collier reminded those in attendance of School Board plans to construct a new facility in time for the 2015-2016 school year and the Town's goal of preserving a significant part of the island's unique heritage.

St. Francis Episcopal Church Annual Fall Bazaar

St. Francis Episcopal Church will hold its annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 15th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The St. Francis ECW will have a variety of frozen and fresh baked goodies for purchase to help stock your freezers and pantries for the upcoming holidays - gumbo, casseroles, cakes, pies and other delights. Wimberly Hory's famous chicken salad sandwiches are not to be missed! Proceeds from food sales will help support charitable causes. The Fall Bazaar will also include the White Elephant Sale again this year. If you have items you would like to sell, just gather them up, bring a table and chairs and find a spot on the St. Francis lawn. No registration or reservations - so get there early for a good spot. The cost is \$15 per table. What you do not sell you are asked to please take home with you. No pets please. For more information, call 251/861-2552.

Acrylics Art Classes at Dauphin Island Heritage and Art Gallery

Acrylics art classes are being offered to the public at Dauphin Island Heritage and Art Gallery from 10 a.m. - noon on the first and third Thursdays of November (November 6 and 20). Join artist and art instructor Benno Kollegger for this laid-back fun painting class! Space is limited to 12 per class and the cost is \$10 per person / per class. All proceeds from the classes are donated to help support the Gallery. No painting or art experience required...just bring your imagination, your supplies and your friends! Table easels will be provided. The Gallery is located at 1008 Alabama Avenue (behind Town Hall). For more information, call 251/861-3300 or 251/490-0294, or email dauphinislandarts@gmail.com.

Zoning Ordinance Revisions Continue

Members of the Planning Commission and Town Council continue to massage proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance following multiple public meetings which produced a healthy dialog and constructive feedback from property owners and residents alike. The latest recommended changes have been submitted to the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission in order to develop a clean, up-to-date version of the Ordinance and associated maps. Once these documents are returned to the Town the public will have additional opportunity to review same prior to a final vote by the Town Council (TBA). Recent changes primarily involve proposed Working Waterfront & Village Districts where boundaries have been scaled down from earlier versions to better reflect public sentiment. The parcel of DIPOA property at the Isle Dauphine complex (property includes existing clubhouse buildings and parking lot) has been removed from the current proposed Zoning Ordinance changes to allow for more research on the matter. Bed & Breakfast (BB) uses, with specific operational guidelines, are also being reviewed for current residential zoned parcels.

DIVA Auction Rescheduled

The Dauphin Island Veterans' Association has rescheduled its annual auction fundraiser for November 14 at 7pm. As always, the event will take place at the Pelican Pub and any donations of "treasures" and other items can be dropped off at the Pub after 3pm on Thursday, November 13 or anytime on the day of the auction. Island resident Pruitt Woodall will serve as guest auctioneer with proceeds going to support veteran related activities on the island and other special donations such as the State of Alabama Spanish Fort Veterans Cemetery. For additional information please contact the Pelican Pub at 861-7180.

Happy Thanksgiving!

On behalf of the Town Council and our entire staff...best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy and blessed Thanksgiving!

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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 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)