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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1 National Day of Prayer Noon at Town Hall
- May 3 Society for Creative Anachronism Ft. Gaines
- May 6 DIHAC Unveiling of Painted Oyster Sculpture 6-8pm
- May 16/17 Praise Fest Rodeo Site
- May 17 Island Mystics Crawfish Boil Cadillac Square
- May 26 Memorial Day Ceremony at Water Tower
- May 30 DIHAC Last Friday Art Night 6-8pm
- June 7 Sunset Cruise Car Show
- June 7 Art in the Park/ Nature Fest Cadillac Square
- July 4 Fireworks 9pm Public Beach
- July 4 Ceremony at Memorial Wall 11am
- July 12 52nd Roy Martin Young Anglers Rodeo
- July 18 Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo

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 May are scheduled for the 6th & 20th.

TOWN PARTNERS WITH SINGING RIVER HEALTH SYSTEM TO HOST HEALTH FAIR

Recognizing that the Alabama/Mississippi Gulf Coast is located in the heart of the "stroke belt", education and prevention for our collective communities and citizens is essential in lowering cardiovascular diseases (CVD). CVD, including heart disease and stroke, is the number one killer in each of these two states with mortality rates 12-19% higher than the national average. The health fair, entitled "Sailing Into Better Health", will be held at the rodeo site on Saturday, May 3 from 9AM-Noon and everyone is encouraged to attend. The event will offer a variety of screenings including blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose along with nutrition and proper diet info and a Kid's Corner...all for **FREE!** Participants will also be able to "Ask the Experts" as physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants will be on hand to answer your specific health related questions. Five quick & easy additional tests will also be available to identify your risk of heart attack, stroke and aneurysms for \$119 per person including: Carotid Artery Ultrasound (checks for build up of plaque and blockage in neck), Carotid Intima Media Thickness (identifies atherosclerosis/hardening of arteries), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Ultrasound (identifies enlargement of abdominal aorta), Peripheral Vascular Disease Screen (assesses circulation in upper and lower extremities) and Electrocardiogram (EKG). Individuals must sign up for these tests in advance, take approximately 15 minutes to administer and results will be reviewed by a local cardiologist and mailed to you within two weeks. Contact Cindy Carrigan at (251) 209-6662 or 209-6642 to sign up or ask questions. Please make plans to attend this important event...it could save your life!

DIVA TO HOST MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Members of the DI Veteran's Association will hold a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 26 at 11AM at the Memorial Walls located at Water Tower Plaza. Three plaques will be unveiled as part of the ceremony honoring Phillip Sterling (US Navy), Emile P. Brettel (US Air Force) and Mark E. Collier (US Army). All are invited to attend this annual event.





Inaugural "Sunset Cruise Car Show"



There will be some additional sights and sounds roaming throughout the island on June 7 when vintage and classic vehicles make their way here for the 1st Annual Sunset Cruise Car Show. Registration begins at 9AM and the event will conclude, you guessed it, at sunset. The Town is proud to announce that West End Beach will serve as its primary staging area for participants and their vehicles during the day. In addition, a DJ will be on site to supplement the natural beauty of the park and play your favorite oldies and classic hits while kids will find a variety of fun activities to keep them entertained as well. Other venues will include a "Swap Meet" at Green Park, Car Parade (route TBA), and awards presentations and live music at the rodeo site. Raffle tickets are available on a Chevy LS complete engine (valued at over \$5000) for \$10 each or 3 for \$25! Island businesses still have time to sponsor a trophy for \$100 and receive multiple promotional and advertising opportunities. Contact Town Hall for details. **Note: Art in the Park & Nature Festival, sponsored by the South Mobile County Tourism Authority, will take place in Cadillac Square on the same day. This popular event will showcase local and regional artists while focusing on the natural environment of our gulf coast region.**

EAST END SHORELINE RESTORATION PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Dauphin Island has scheduled a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 to receive comments on the proposed East End Shoreline Restoration Project. The meeting will be held at the Shelby Building (at Dauphin Island Sea Lab) at 7PM and everyone is invited to attend. This will be a good opportunity to learn more about the proposed placement of a permanent mean high tide line (in the project area), project design specifications, construction timeline and more. If you want your comments to be included in the official minutes of the meeting, please submit them in writing at the forum. Unable to attend? Simply submit your comments on line at ndavidson@townofdauphinisland.org or mail/hand deliver them to Town of Dauphin Island, 1011 Bienville Blvd., Dauphin Island, AL 36528.

ISLAND VOTING LOCATION CHANGES

The next time we go to the polls here on Dauphin Island it will be at a different site. The new location will be at the DI United Methodist Church Christ Life Center on Key Street. The Town extends its appreciation to church leaders for making their facility available to the community and also to those at DI Baptist Church for serving as the host site on election day for numerous years! A special "thanks" to Jim Hall for assisting with the voting site transfer.

TOWN TO HOST NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

In conjunction with the 63rd Annual National Day of Prayer, the Town of Dauphin Island has scheduled a ceremony on the front lawn of Town Hall (Council Chambers in the event of inclement weather) at noon on Thursday, May 1. Representatives from each of the island churches are expected to attend and share a special message or word of prayer. The theme for this year's event is "One Voice United In Prayer". All are encouraged to attend.

FT. GAINES TO HOST RE-ENACTMENTS

The Society for Creative Anachronism will invade historic Ft. Gaines on May 3 and you'll want to be in the middle of the action!! A variety of events are on tap including a Rapier Tournament, Tavern Brawl, Heavy Weapons Competition, Knighting of Lord Barthelemy of Illyria, Arts & Sciences of the Middle Ages and more. Contact Ft. Gaines at 861-6992 for additional info.

DI STUDENT WINS ALABAMA SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR

Carly Alexander, 7th grader at Phillips Preparatory School, placed first at the 2014 Alabama Science and Engineering Fair in the Environmental Category (Junior Division) with her project "Building Beaches". She studied the erosional rates due to normal wave action on four different beach compositions including fine sand, coarse sand, pea gravel and layered beach profiles of pea gravel over sand. To assist with her experiment, she constructed a mini wave flume to conduct a total of 48 tests which showed that as sediment size increased, erosional rates decreased. Carly received five special awards as follows: American Meteorological Society/Best in Show; Association For Women Geoscientists/Best in Show; Junior Scholarship to Gulf Island Journey/Runner-Up; Selected to Compete at Broadcom Masters and Invited to Compete in the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge. She is also our 2014 Jr. Miss Dauphin Island. Congratulations Carly...and Good Luck on future events!



TOWN SUBMITS PROJECTS FOR FUNDING

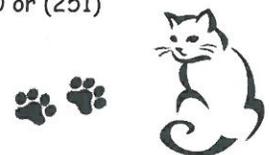
The Town recently submitted seven different "projects" for funding consideration as part of a National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF) request for proposals to restore and rehabilitate certain damages caused by the BP oil spill disaster of 2010. The list of Town projects included: (1) West End Shoreline Restoration (This submittal actually includes three different levels of restoration), (2) Filling of West End "borrow pits" (These pits/holes were dug along the north side of the island to build protective berms on the south side of the west end in the wake of the oil spill), (3) "Delta Cost" associated with improved by-passing of dredged sands from the Mobile Ship Channel, (4) Aloe Bay economic development project, (5) Storm Water improvements / Habitat Enhancement near central portion of island, (6) Engineering design review of proposed West End Restoration project(s) and (7) Environmental (and Economic) benefit evaluation associated with West End Shoreline Restoration project. This is a competitive process as numerous other projects were submitted by towns and agencies throughout the Alabama Gulf Coast region. You can view all of the projects in their entirety by visiting www.alabamacoastalrestoration.org.

PRAISEFEST 2014 INFO

Christ N Us Ministry, in cooperation with DI United Methodist Church, is pleased to present Praisefest 2014 on Saturday & Sunday, May 16 & 17 at the rodeo site on Dauphin Island. Gates open at 5pm daily and tickets are \$7.50 per day or \$12.50 for a two day pass. The Friday evening entertainment line up includes; By The Fire, David Wright, Not My Own, Eternal Emcee and Solider of the King. Saturday activities will begin at DIUMC (11am-3:30pm) with FREE Southern Gospel/Bluegrass Music, inflatables for kids and more. Food & beverage will be available on site and the church grounds will offer a perfect setting for an old-fashioned family picnic! On Saturday evening activities will return to the rodeo site where you'll be entertained by Hanover Square, Josh Bounds, Epic Light, Katie Danielle, CrossTie Rock and Brandon Sanders. Tickets are available online at www.praisefest2013.webs.com, at the gate or at the Mobile Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF will receive a portion of ticket sales from their office.) For additional information call (251) 327-3047.

DAUPHIN ISLAND CAT ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The Dauphin Island Cat Association (DICA) formed in January 2014 and has continued the good work started by the Cat Coalition several years ago. The primary goal of the Association is to help control the feral/free roaming cat population on the island through a trap, neuter/spay and release program. Since January, DICA and its volunteers have processed 58 cats through the program and the effort is ongoing. In addition to being spayed/neutered, the animals are tested for terminal and/or contagious diseases (if positive they are not returned) and given rabies vaccinations good for three years. While the Association has targeted highly populated areas of the island thus far, organizers encourage residents and business owners who may be experiencing problems with feral/free roaming cats to contact them at (251) 895-5970 or (251) 861-2448. DICA volunteers will gladly work with you to address your specific needs. The DI Cat Association is a non-profit organization and appreciates any and all contributions.



DAUPHIN ISLAND HERITAGE & ARTS COUNCIL TO HOST—"UNVEIL THE OYSTER TRAIL"

Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council, in cooperation with the Alabama Seafood Marketing Commission, will host "Unveil the Oyster Trail" on Tuesday, May 6, from 6 -8 p.m. at Island Heritage and Art Gallery, 1008 Alabama Avenue (directly behind Town Hall). The two most recent additions to The Oyster Trail, a project of The Mobile Bay Oyster Gardening Program, to be unveiled at the event are "Bountiful Harvest" by Dauphin Island artist Margie Delcambre, and "Oyster Farming" by artist Rick Tino. A reception will follow the unveiling and the public is invited to attend free of charge. For more information, send an email to DauphinIslandArts@gmail.com, or call 251/490-0294.

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TOWN MEETINGS CORNER

Agenda Meetings 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 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. Laura Martin can be reached at Islandgirl@LMA.com or visit DIPOA website.

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

DI Court—2nd Wednesday of each month **May 14 @ 4:00pm**

DI Traffic School **May 7 @ 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 location Authority's Office, 908 Alabama Ave. (861-2362)