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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 30th Last Friday Art Night
- June 3 Primary Election
- June 5 DI School Meeting at 6pm
- June 7 Sunset Cruise Car Show
- June 7 Art in the Park/ Nature Fest Cadillac Square
- June 29 Sunset Jazz @ West End Beach
- July 4 Fireworks 9pm Public Beach
- July 4 Ceremony at Memorial Wall 11am
- July 12 52nd Roy Martin Young Anglers Rodeo
- July 17th—20th Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo
- August 2-3 "150th Battle of Mobile Bay" Ft. Gaines
- August 9 Conde Cavalier Fishing Rodeo
- August 29/30 Seagrass Festival
- August 31 Sunset Jazz @ West End Beach
- September 1 Labor 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 June are scheduled for the 3rd & 17th.

"SUNSET CRUISE CAR SHOW" SET TO REV THINGS UP ON JUNE 7

There will be some additional sights and sounds rolling throughout the island on June 7 when vintage and classic vehicles of all makes and models arrive for the inaugural Sunset Cruise Car Show. Registration begins at 9am and will conclude with an awards ceremony and concert by "Carla and the Sand Fleas" starting at 5pm at the rodeo site. The Town is pleased to sponsor this event and provide the West End Beach as its primary staging area for participants and their vehicles throughout the day. Members of the Mobile Bay Mustang Club will be on site to assist with parking/spectator safety and provide a DJ to play your favorite oldies and classic hits. In addition, games and other fun activities will be available for youngsters of all ages. Other venues will include a "Swap Meet" at Green Park, DJ at the Estuarium, Car Parade at 3pm (parade will begin at Pirates Cove Street and travel east along Bienville Blvd. and terminate at the rodeo site), music/food & beverages/kids activities throughout the day at the rodeo site and much more. The DI School PTO will be sponsoring a 50/50 raffle (1/2 of the money goes to the school and 1/2 goes to the winner of the raffle) and tickets will be on sale for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. A Chevy LS complete engine (valued at over \$5,000) will also be raffled off that same day and those tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Nearly 40 local business owners and/or individuals stepped forward to sponsor a trophy that they will get to award to the owner of their favorite car during the awards ceremony. The Town greatly appreciates the outpouring of support from the many generous contributors like these. As you can imagine, hosting such a large one-day event requires a considerable amount of volunteers. If you'd like to help us out please contact Mary Strickland at Town Hall.

ART IN THE PARK & NATURE FEST

In addition to the Car Show on June 7, you'll definitely want to include a stop at Cadillac Square that day to take part in the "Arts in the Park & Nature Fest". Sponsored by the South Mobile County Tourism Authority, this event will feature the creations of fine artists and craftsmen from the throughout the south as well as food vendors and of course, nature events. The festival will display art in one half of the park and animal exhibits and environmental presentations in the other. There will be scheduled "Raptor Programs" throughout the day, as well as tents of live local animals on display, native plants, a "hands on" exhibit from the DI Sea Lab Estuarium, bird identification by local birders, the "Watershed Wagon" from Week's Bay and much more. This event will be held from 9am-4pm and admission is FREE!

PRIMARY ELECTIONS SET FOR JUNE 3

Polls will be open on Tuesday, June 3rd from 7am until 7 pm for the Democrat and Republican Primaries. For this election you will be required to (1) declare a party affiliation and (2) show a picture ID in order to vote. Don't forget we now have a new voting location—Dauphin Island United Methodist Church Christ Life Center on Key Street. Any run-offs will be scheduled for June 15th. Please vote!



CELEBRATE JULY 4 HERE ON DAUPHIN ISLAND

Independence Day 2014 will be here before we know it and plans are underway for the annual fireworks display on Friday, July 4! Sponsored by the Town of Dauphin Island, this year's event will take place at the public beach next to DI School at 9pm. Owned and operated by the DI Park & Beach Board, this site offers convenient parking and an overall great setting for viewing the pyrotechnics display from multiple vantage points. The Town appreciates the Board's willingness to partner on such an enjoyable and family friendly event! The DI Veteran's Association will gather at Water Tower Plaza at 11am to host a ceremony honoring the brave men and women of our armed services and you are invited to attend. In addition, a plaque will be added to the wall in memory of C. Lawrence Trotter, Sr. (US Navy.) The event is open to the public.

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU MIX MUSIC WITH A FISHING RODEO?

Just two short weeks after the last fireworks explode, the island will be gearing up for the 81st Annual Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. This year's event will be held on July 18-20 and is expected to attract over 3000 anglers to area waters. But this year we will be adding yet another new twist to this historic competition...music! Sure, there will be a great band on hand to take the stage once the Liars Contest wraps up on Thursday, July 17...but that's just the proverbial tip of the iceberg. Dauphin Island's own Gene Fox will serve as Rodeo President this year and the Mobile Jaycees are partnering with the Town to create an island-wide music festival throughout the entire rodeo weekend. A variety of musical groups and genres will be on tap at local businesses, parks and West End Beach just to name a few. A full schedule of bands/acts will be available soon but you can go ahead and make plans to dance the days and nights away this rodeo. And don't forget...the Young Anglers Tournament is set for Saturday, July 12.

TOWN CLERK NANNETTE DAVIDSON RETIRING

After 19 years of dedicated service with the Town of Dauphin Island, Town Clerk Nannette Davidson is retiring effective June 5, 2014. During her tenure with the Town, Nannette served in numerous capacities including Planning Commission Secretary, Accountant, Court Magistrate, Assistant Town Clerk and subsequently assumed the role of Town Clerk in 2008. While we will miss her presence and vast knowledge at Town Hall, we also know you join us in wishing her the very best as she enters retirement. You are cordially invited to attend a retirement reception honoring Nannette on June 5 at 2pm at Town Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

TOWN SPONSORS 2014 DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMEN

The Town of Dauphin Island and South Mobile County Tourism Authority have co-sponsored the 2014 Distinguished Young Women competition (formerly America's Junior Miss) as a States Club Sponsor and recently received confirmation that our assigned contestant is Reyna Bergstrom. Ms. Bergstrom resides in North Dakota, presided as Homecoming Queen at her high school and enjoys swimming and playing the piano. Her other interests include painting, photography, biking reading and cooking to name just a few. Participants will arrive at Mobile Regional Airport on June 15 (530-630pm) and you are encouraged to be on hand to welcome them to our region. The girls and their host families will visit Dauphin Island during their two week stay in Mobile for the annual sand sculpting contest, an event that is usually a favorite among all participants.

LOCAL ROTC TO HOST BRIDGE RUN

The Theodore High School ROTC will hold its annual DI Bridge Run on Saturday, May 31 at 9am. Participants will travel north to south across the bridge and DI Police will be on hand to ensure traffic and pedestrian safety during the approximately one hour event. Motorists should expect minor delays so plan your travels accordingly.

RE-ENTRY PASSES

Hurricane season is once again upon us and residents and property owners alike are encouraged to take all necessary precautions to protect life and property if our stretch of the gulf coast is threatened this summer. In addition, we also encourage you to check your hurricane re-entry pass to make sure it is current. Passes can be purchased at Town Hall during normal business hours. Full time resident passes are good for five (5) years (\$5 each), part-time residents two (2) years and renters/workers one (1) year.



DAUPHIN ISLAND CAT ASSOCIATION REPORT

The DI Cat Association volunteers continue their efforts to help reduce the feral/free roaming cat population here on the island. An ongoing TNR (Trap, Neuter/Spay and Release) program continues to see success and the group is actively working with residents and business owners on specific needs in targeted areas. A yard sale was held at Lighthouse Bakery during the Gumbo Cook-Off and yielded over \$600 in contributions to DICA. Organizers encourage ALL pet owners to do their part by having their animals spayed/neutered. If you need assistance with feral/free roaming cats in and around your home or business, please contact Patricia (895-5907) or Jennifer (614-315-3733) at your earliest convenience. Humane trappings are usually scheduled on Wednesday and Sunday evenings to coincide with Vet availability.

PARKING PERMITS

As the summer season heats up and crowds travel to the island on a daily basis to enjoy the many island amenities, parking availability will be stressed throughout our community. Areas along the west end are routinely pushed to the limits primarily due to the limited amount of available space. That situation is further challenged in order to provide public parking and parking by permit only accommodations. Parking permits are issued at the Police Dept. (24/7) and are available to residents & property owners (and their guests) and renters with residents & property owners being eligible for "permanent" permits and renters & guests receiving "temporary" passes to coincide with the length of their stays. Proper identification and/or rental agreements are required and permits are free.

PLANS UNDERWAY TO PRESERVE THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE— PUBLIC MEETING JUNE 5

The Town of Dauphin Island and Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council (DIHAC) have reached an agreement to work together to preserve, restore and repurpose the Island's Little Red School House for future generations to enjoy as a heritage and arts center. A community-wide informational meeting regarding collective efforts to achieve those goals will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at 6 p.m. at the Little Red School House, located at 1501 Bienville Boulevard. Tours of the school will be offered following the meeting and light refreshments will be served.

The Town and DIHAC have a number of fundraising projects in the works to fund the preservation, restoration and repurposing of the school building. These projects include a "Sip and See", featuring vintage photos, historic artifacts and other memorabilia shared by Island families and others, to be held in July at the Little Red School House and other locations. Detailed plans for this event will be announced at a later date.

TOWN SPONSORS "SUNSET JAZZ SERIES" AT WEST END BEACH

If you missed the first of four Sunset Jazz Concerts at West End Beach on Memorial Day weekend, you still have three more opportunities to make sure that doesn't happen again! A crowd of more than 200 were on hand to enjoy an evening of great music, wonderful weather and a fantastic Dauphin Island sunset. The remaining events will be held on the last Sunday of each of the next three months (June 29, July 27 & August 31) starting at approximately 6:30pm (Note: Start times may vary due to scheduled time of sunset). Vendors will be on hand to provide beverages, snacks and rental chairs but attendees are allowed to bring in those items as well. Prohibited items include glass, beach umbrellas and pets. Parking is \$5 (including occupants) and bike/walk-ins are \$2 per person. Watch for additional details as the event draws near.

DAUPHIN ISLAND SHUTTLE SERVICE

The Dauphin Island shuttle service runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00am until 4:30pm. Fees are \$1.00 per person, .50 for senior citizens, children under 13 are free. The route covers much of the island including Lemoyne, Bienville Blvd and Orleans Drive. Passengers can access the shuttles at designated stops or by simply standing road side and waving as the shuttle approaches.

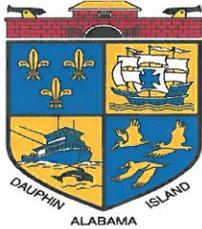
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TOWN MEETINGS CORNER

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 **June 11 @ 4:00pm**

DI Traffic School **June 4 @ 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)