



# THE TOWN CRIER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 28 West End Beach, Coolrayz 5pm—8pm, Movie Night 8:30pm (featuring Family Comedy)
- June 29 West End Beach, Sunset Jazz Concert "Swing" 6:30pm
- July 4 Fireworks 9pm Public Beach
- July 4 DIVA Ceremony at Memorial Wall 11am
- July 12 52nd Young Anglers Rodeo
- July 17th—20th Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo,
- July 25th Last Friday Art Night, DI Heritage & Arts Council 6-8pm
- July 27th West End Beach Sunset Jazz Concert "Theodore Arthur, Jr Band" 6:30pm
- August 2-3 "150th Battle of Mobile Bay" Ft. Gaines
- August 9 Conde Cavalier Fishing Rodeo
- August 29th Last Friday Art Night, DI Heritage & Arts Council 6-8pm
- August 29/30 Seagrass Festival
- August 31 West End Beach Sunset Jazz Concert Mobile Bay Big Band @ 6:30pm

## 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 July are scheduled for the 1st & 15th.

### Island To Celebrate Independence Day!

The Fourth of July will be here before we know it and the Town of Dauphin Island is planning a spectacular fireworks display to celebrate our nation's birthday! Once again, the good folks at DI Park & Beach Board have offered use of the public beach (next to DI School) for the big show and we greatly appreciate the kind gesture. The pyrotechnics display will get underway at 9pm and everyone is invited to join in on the fun. Earlier in the day, the DI Veterans' Association will hold a public ceremony at the Memorial Walls located at Water Tower Plaza. Join them at 11am as they add three names to the Walls including C. Lawrence Trotter, William "Cecil" Moody and John Kochis and salute the brave men and women of all branches of the military who served, and continue to serve, our great country.

### Town's West End Beach To Host Multiple Events

We all know that West End Beach is a great place to spend a day lounging in the sun, taking a cool dip in gulf or sound waters or watching a magnificent sunset. We are also aware that it offers convenient parking, a waterslide, clean air conditioned restrooms, certified lifeguards and vendors providing a variety of items including food & beverages, sno-cones, rental chairs & umbrellas and more. Now, there are even more good reasons to plan a trip to this popular island oasis as the Town is sponsoring a number of activities and special events just for you! On Saturday, June 28 kids will get the VIP treatment as they will find numerous games and activities to test their skills including sack races, hula hoops, corn holes, volleyball and face painting...and it's all free! From 5-8pm the *CoolRayz Band* will take to the stage and entertain you with an array of songs sure to please the entire family. At 8:30pm settle in for a movie (Family Comedy TBA) right there on the beach to close out a full day of activities and relaxation. The following day (Sunday, June 29), we are pleased to present the second of four Sunset Jazz Concerts at West End Beach at 6:30pm. *Swing* (a Five Piece Band w/ vocalists) will blow you away as the setting sun provides a spectacular backdrop for the festivities. If you missed the first jazz concert...do yourself a favor and be here for this one! In association with the 81st Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, West End Beach will offer a triple-header of musical talent on Saturday, July 19. Starting at 3pm *The Chad Davidson Band* will take center stage to kick off the afternoon. At 5pm *Rondale and the KitKatz* are sure to keep things going while we finish off the evening in style with *The Mulligan Brothers* at 7pm! On Sunday, July 27 *The Theodore Arthur, Jr. Band* will get your toes to tappin' as they play your favorite jazz tunes "with a blues tint". The show will start at 6:30pm. Note: Admission at the park will be \$5 per vehicle (including passengers) and \$2 per person for walk-ins (children under 12 years of age are free) for all events starting at or after 5pm. Otherwise, normal fees apply. Please... no pets, glass or grills.



### Planning Commission Schedules Public Hearing

As part of the ongoing process to implement portions of the revised Comprehensive Plan, the Planning Commission will host a Public Hearing ("Open House" format) on Tuesday, July 8 from 430-630pm at Town Hall. Town officials, Planning Commission Members and South Alabama Regional Planning Commission representatives will be on hand to receive comments and answer questions. Substantial changes to the Zoning Ordinance are being proposed and you are encouraged to stop by **anytime** during the two-hour forum to get informed and share your thoughts. Some proposed changes include the creation of a Village District which, among other things, would allow for mixed use development in that area, a Working Waterfront District that would support and encourage water oriented commercial development and a Central Business District. A general summary of the major changes being proposed and an amended copy of the Zoning Ordinance are available for review at Town Hall and on the Town website ([www.townofdauphinisland.org](http://www.townofdauphinisland.org)),

### And The Winner Is...

USA Today recently completed its annual poll to determine the "Best Island in the United States" and our very own Dauphin Island came in at No. 7! The Reader's Choice Award went to Puerto Rico while our island community ranked one better than Kauai, Hawaii and two ahead of Hilton Head, South Carolina. Thanks to all who took time to cast your votes (daily) on line and helped Dauphin Island gain national exposure in the process. Apparently, we're not the only ones who enjoys this little piece of paradise!

### Battle of Mobile Bay...Plus 150 Years

History will repeat itself on Saturday & Sunday, August 2-3 as the famous Battle of Mobile Bay will be re-created right before your very eyes. The entire family will definitely want to experience this re-enactment complete with land and sea battles. On Saturday, witness the Naval Battle (1pm) in the waters between Fort Gaines and Fort Morgan as it did 150 years earlier. At 230pm Stories of Matthew Brady, a famous Civil War photographer, will be shared inside the historic walls of Fort Gaines. On Sunday, join re-enactors for a Civil War period church service at 10am and hear Stories of Col. Charles Anderson, Commander of Fort Gaines, at 1030am. The siege and surrender of Fort Gaines will play out at noon and 1pm respectively and you'll have a front row seat for all the action! Additional activities such as blacksmith demonstrations, military drills and cannon firings will take place throughout the entire weekend along with live music by the Kracker Dan Band.

### DI Airport To Receive New Name

The Mobile County Commission met in regular session on June 19 and approved the renaming of the Dauphin Island Airport (owned and operated by Mobile County) to the Jeremiah A. Denton Airport. As a US Navy Aviator, Mr. Denton became a POW for nearly eight years when his plane went down in North Vietnam. During a 1966 televised press conference, in which he was forced to participate as an American POW by his captors, he repeatedly blinked his eyes in Morse Code to spell the word T-O-R-T-U-R-E. Denton later became a Rear Admiral in the US Navy and US Senator for Alabama in 1982.

### DIHAC PRESENTS "STIRRING THE SAND"

The Heritage Committee of the Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council announces the next in its popular "Stirring the Sand" storytelling series, featuring stories and remembrances of Old Dauphin Island as told by its native residents. The event will be held on Wednesday, July 15th at 6 p.m., at the Dauphin Island Little Red School House. Ann Collins, who has become known as the "Turtle Rider" based on an article that appeared in the Mobile Press-Register in 2012, will be the featured storyteller. The event will also be a fundraiser for the DI Little Red School House project and donations will be accepted and appreciated.

### COUNCIL SELECTS NEW CLERK

Longtime Town Employee Wanda Sandagger assumed the position of Town Clerk effective June 23, 2014 following the recent retirement of former Town Clerk Nannette Davidson. Wanda has been employed by the Town for 21 years and is well positioned to serve in this new capacity. Join us for light refreshments at 6pm on Tuesday, July 1 (prior to Council Meeting) as we recognize her accomplishments and congratulate her on becoming Town Clerk!

### The Estuarium at DI Sea Lab to Host Coastal America Art Exhibit

The Estuarium at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab will be hosting the 2014 Coastal America Partnership Art Contest winners from July 16 to September 17. One of these winning artworks was produced locally by Haylie Gullitch, a rising third-grader from Mobile's Covenant Christian School. Her drawing, "Wonderful Ocean," will now be displayed nationally in this travelling art exhibit. The purpose of the contest is to use art to provide a visual expression and a deeper understanding of the link between our impact on the ocean and its critical importance to humanity, as described in the Essential Principles of Ocean Literacy. The goal is to help students and adults gain a better understanding of this connection through the crafting of art and photography and to then use those creations to help the general public better understand the relationship between people and the ocean. Ms. Gullitch's art teacher from Covenant Christian School, Karen Marrero, stated, "Allowing students to document their scientific observations and discoveries through art can lead to deeper understanding, resulting in a truer learning process. This will in turn serve to improve their critical thinking skills and creativity." For more information on the Coastal America Art Contest, visit [http://coastalamerica.gov/artcontest\\_winners.html](http://coastalamerica.gov/artcontest_winners.html).

### Island-wide Music Festival Added To 2014 ADSFR

We're going to try something a bit different this July when the 81st Annual Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo comes to town...a music festival! Locals and visitors will definitely want to traverse the island in order to check out their favorite bands and/or genres throughout the four day event. The following list of entertainment is made possible through a sponsorship by the Town in cooperation with the Mobile Jaycees and Island businesses (schedule subject to change): **Thursday, July 17 Rodeo Stage** (Note: Liar's Contest @ 6pm); Rollin' in the Hay (8pm), **Pelican Pub**; Ken & Marilyn (9pm), **The Deep End**; Markus Fox (10pm). **Friday, July 18 Rodeo Stage**; Garrett Howell & Friends (6-8pm), **Pelican Pub**; Markus Fox (11am-1230pm) & Carla and the Sand Fleas (9-11pm), **The Deep End**; Ryan Balthrop (10pm), **Mack & DD's Emporium**; Leland Clay (4-530pm), **DI Heritage & Arts Gallery**; Jake Burford (TBA), **Water Tower Plaza**; Delta Reign (5-8pm), **Isle Dauphine**; Ryan Balthrop (6-8pm) & Modern El Dorados (8-10pm), **Saturday, July 19 Rodeo Stage**; Jake Burford (4-6pm) & Markus Fox (6-8pm), **Pelican Pub**; Perry Wall Project (11am-1pm), **The Deep End**; Disciples of the Crow (10pm), **Billy Goat Hole Concession Stand**; Garrett Howell & Friends (11am-1230pm) & Mitch Rencher/Steel Pan (2-330pm), **West End Beach**; Chad Davidson Band (3-430pm), Rondale and the KitKatz (5-630pm) & The Mulligan Brothers (7pm), **Island Resort Management**; Carla and the Sand Fleas (3-5pm), **Lighthouse Bakery**; Mitch Rencher/Steel Pan (10-1130am), **Blu Revival Surf Shop**; Mitch Rencher/Steel Pan (noon-130pm), Garrett Howell & Friends (2-3pm) & Ryan Balthrop (3-430pm), **DI Baptist Church**; Joshua Bounds/The McCrays/Soldier for the King/James Horne/Breaking Chains/Divine Purpose/Cross Tie Rock/Katie Danielle/Just For Today (noon-7pm), **Sunday, July 20 Rodeo Stage**; Carla and the Sand Fleas (3-5pm), **Islanders Restaurant**; Jazz (11am-1230pm), **Isle Dauphine**; Bruce Williams (2-330pm). Enjoy!

### UPDATE: DI LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE

The DI Little Red School House Committee (including representatives of Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council and the Town of Dauphin Island) is "off and running" in the campaign to preserve the Dauphin Island Little Red School House. The building must be relocated as soon as construction of the new Dauphin Island Elementary School is complete, projected to be in late Fall 2015. Subcommittees for the school project are now being formed and there are many volunteer opportunities available, such as writing grant applications and helping with fundraising events. One such event will be a raffle to be held at the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo on July 18-20. If you would like to be involved in the community-wide effort to preserve the Little Red School House, contact Kathryn Carver at 251/490-0294 or send an email to [DauphinIslandArts@gmail.com](mailto:DauphinIslandArts@gmail.com), Shirley Robinson 251/861-2007 or 251-656-7085, [srobinson@townofdauphinisland.org](mailto:srobinson@townofdauphinisland.org).

### DI EMT RECOGNIZED FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Frances Collier was recently recognized by the Board of Directors of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) for achieving 20 consecutive years as a Nationally Registered EMT. This distinction is an honor held by few EMT's and we know you join us in congratulating her on this accomplishment! To maintain this elite status, she completed the most comprehensive recertification program for EMT's in America. Prior to working with the Town, Frances worked for Newman's Ambulance Service and served as a volunteer with the Alabama Port Fire Dept. for the past 20 years.

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Clinton Collier

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

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

**DI Court—2nd Wednesday of each month **July 9th @ 4:00pm****

**DI Traffic School **August 6th @ 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. (861-2363)**