



## THE TOWN CRIER

Mayor Jeff Collier

Council Members Mary Thompson, Earle Connell,  
Shirley Robinson, Clinton Collier, Gene Fox

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 19 Sea Oats Planting East End—9am
- Nov 19 BB Gun Turkey Shoot 11AM
- Nov 24 & 25 Thanksgiving Holidays Town Hall & Public Works Closed
- Dec 1 Taste of Dauphin Island
- Dec 2 28th Annual Christmas Pageant 7pm St. Edmunds Church Hall
- Dec 3 28th Annual Christmas Parade 11am
- Dec 7 Bingo at St Edmunds 6pm
- Dec 10 32nd Annual Christmas through the Ages Ft. Gaines
- Dec 10 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony-Water Tower 5pm
- Dec 17-18 Free admission at Estuarium
- Dec 23— Jan 2 Town Hall & Public Works Closed
- Jan 16 Martin Luther King Jr./ Robert E. Lee Day Town Hall & Public Works Closed
- Jan 28 Krewe De La Dauphine 1pm
- Feb 4 Island Mystics 1pm
- Feb 25 Rabies Clinic 1:30pm—4:00pm



### 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. However, 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 December are scheduled for the 6th & 20th.

#### 2016-20 Mayor, Town Council Sworn In

The Town of Dauphin Island installed a new Mayor & Town Council at a swearing-in ceremony on Monday, November 7, 2016. Retired Judge Edward B. "Teddy" McDermott delivered the oaths of office to Mayor Jeff Collier, Councilmember Place 1 Gene Fox, Councilmember Place 2 Mary Thompson, Councilmember Place 3 Earle Connell, Councilmember Place 4 Shirley Robinson and Councilmember Place 5 Clinton Collier in front of a packed house at the Council Chambers. An Organizational Meeting was held later that evening and action items included (but not limited to); Election of Councilmember Shirley Robinson as Mayor Pro Tempore, Re-appointment of certain administrative officers and employees such as Town Clerk, Chief of Police, Town Attorney and Town Judge and Establishment/appointment of Council Liaison positions including Advertising/Public Relations/Special Events/Parks and Recreation (Fox/Connell), Budget/Finance (Thompson/J. Collier), Building Inspection/Permits/Business License/Zoning Enforcement (C. Collier/Connell), Police Dept./Public Safety (Thompson/Robinson), Public Works (C. Collier/Fox), and Municipal Court/Administration (Robinson/J. Collier). The Mayor and Town Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Judge McDermott, the DI Woman's Club for providing delicious finger foods for all in attendance and to Mack & Dr. Joy Russell for serving as our event photographers! In addition, we also would like to recognize outgoing Councilmember Steve Denmark for his eight (8) years of dedicated service to the Dauphin Island community!

#### BB Gun Turkey Shoot Aims To Support DI School

Billing it as a Family Fun Day, members of the Guy T. Smith Masonic Lodge #883 are adding a different wrinkle to what we've come to identify as a traditional Turkey Shoot. The only guns allowed at this competition are BB Guns. Two age divisions (Age 10-15 & Age 16 & up) will test their skills for a variety of prizes including a Red Ryder Daisy BB Gun, Turkey, Ham and Giant Hershey Bar! The event will be held on the vacant lot at the corner of Bienville Blvd. and Penalver St. on Saturday, November 19 with the first shot fired at 11am. Proceeds will help support the NASA Explorers Program via a DI Elementary School Astronomy Club. For more information contact Tom Rogers at [Tj.rogers15@gmail.com](mailto:Tj.rogers15@gmail.com) or (256) 426-6560.

#### Christmas Pageant, Parade, Tree Lighting Info

The 28th Annual Dauphin Island Christmas Pageant will be held on Friday, December 2 at 7pm at St. Edmunds Church Hall. As always, the popular event is open to girls age 2-18 who reside full time on Dauphin Island or attend Dauphin Island School. Age Group Divisions are as follows: Tiny Miss DI - Age 2-4, Little Miss DI - Age 5-8, Sweet Miss DI - Age 9-11, Junior Miss DI - Age 12-14 and Miss DI - Age 15-18. Applications are available at Town Hall and must be returned NO LATER than November 28, 2016 at 4pm. All participants will be invited to ride in the Christmas Parade on the following day! For additional information please contact Mary Strickland at 861-5525 Ext. 222. On Saturday, December 3 at 11am the Annual Christmas Parade will travel along Bienville Boulevard from Cadillac Square to the Dauphin Island School and you're invited to join in on the fun! Join us and Old St. Nick for a traditional Christmas Parade to usher in the holiday season. Finally, the DI Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 10 at 5pm at Water Tower Plaza. Last year's event was such a huge success the group has decided to make it an annual tradition. Refreshments will be provided and youngsters are invited to come play in the "Snow"! Mark your calendars and join us for all of these holiday season festivities!



### Town Adopts 2016 Holiday Schedule

Town Hall and the Public Works Department will be closed on November 24-25 for Thanksgiving and December 23-January 2 in observance of Christmas and New Years. As in past years, limited staff will be available during the Christmas/New Year holiday period in order to maintain a minimum level of services. The Police Department will continue to operate 24/7 during all posted holidays.

### 32nd Annual "Christmas Through the Ages"

Experience a Christmas of "Days Gone By" at historic Fort Gaines on Saturday, December 10. This event is a living history day for the entire family. Come and visit with soldiers and their families dressed in period garb (circa 1700-1900) as they celebrate a non-commercial Christmas. Visiting children will have a chance to make seashell ornaments and other unique decorations. For additional information please contact 861-6992.

### Looking For Unique Christmas Gifts? Shop Local!

With Christmas just around the corner we encourage all of our island residents to patronize local businesses this holiday season. Not only will you find some one-of-a-kind gift ideas right here on Dauphin Island, you'll also be supporting island business owners that provide a variety of services all year long and are an integral part of our community. In addition, the Town of Dauphin Island has an assortment of "Sunset Capital of Alabama" logoed items for sale including shirts, hats, towels, bags, pens and much more. Just stop by town hall during regular business hours to see what we have to offer. All proceeds from the sale of these items will support the ongoing effort to relocate and re-purpose the historic Little Red Schoolhouse.

### DI Sea Lab Offers Holiday Perks To Island Residents

The Estuarium at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab is once again offering Free Admission to Dauphin Island residents on Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18 in recognition of the holiday season. Residents will also receive a 15% discount at the Estuarium Gift Shop - a perfect time and place to find that special something for everyone on your list! Residents must present ID or utility bill as proof of residence. Estuarium hours: Saturday, 9am to 5pm. Sunday, 1pm to 5pm. Call 866-403-4409 for more details. Happy Holidays from the Dauphin Island Sea Lab!

### Volunteers Needed To Plant Sea Oats

The Town of Dauphin Island recently received a grant from Alabama Coastal Area Management Program that will help stabilize and protect upland portions of the East End Restoration Project. Grant funds will primarily be used to purchase sea oats and sand fencing that will enhance the project by jump-starting the native colonization process. The scheduled work day is set for Saturday, November 19 at 8am. Volunteers will receive special training and instructions along with snacks and beverages. The Town contracted with the Alabama Coastal Foundation to coordinate and manage the project/grant. For more info or to volunteer visit [www.joinACF.org](http://www.joinACF.org).

### New Community Basketball Court Eyed

Town officials and representatives with the DI United Methodist Church have teamed up on a project that would create a new basketball court on town property next to Salt Creek Park. Construction of a full court could cost upwards of \$10,000 and both groups have pledged financial resources while reaching out to property and business owners for additional support. Contributions can be made to the Town of Dauphin Island. More than \$3450 has been raised to date!

### BINGO To Resume December 7

The Men of St. Edmunds are pleased to announce BINGO will resume on Wednesday, December 7 at 6pm following a brief break! Join them and many of your friends for more than a dozen games. You just might win big!



### Little Red Schoolhouse Project Moving Forward

Site prep work for placement of the Little Red Schoolhouse is nearly complete on the lot across from Town Hall and foundation work is underway. The Town again wants to thank the DI Chamber for partnering with us on this worthwhile community project. While no specific date is set for the actual relocation of the historic structure, we anticipate the move to take place prior to the end of the year. Fundraising efforts are continuing in order to help cover costs associated with needed repairs once the building is moved to its new location.

### Training Exercises Cause Stir - Notification Protocol Enhanced

For some time, various branches of the military have opted to use Dauphin Island for certain training exercises. Several have taken place over the past few months and included a variety of amphibious equipment, aircraft and personnel. During a recent nighttime exercise a number of residents and visitors were caught by surprise when the mock assault took place. Traditionally, our Police Dept. and other island entities/agencies are notified of planned events but were instructed not to publicize that information. The primary reason was to enhance safety by reducing the amount of onlookers that could interfere with operations. On the other hand, residents and visitors expressed concern over not being informed of such an event. In order to address concerns on both sides of the issue, Mayor Collier reached out to military officials and received approval to distribute a public service announcement in advance of future activities. The Town will publicize the info via mass email, Town website, Facebook page and Channel 41. However, it is essential that the public remains out of the general area prior to and during the training operations! The Town has assured military reps that it supports the US Military and will continue to work with them to achieve excellence while protecting the local community.

### Dauphin Island Heritage & Arts Council

Please join us for a "Taste of Dauphin Island" being held on Thursday, December 1, from 6:30 - 9 pm at The Estuarium at Dauphin Island Sea Lab. The event will showcase Island cuisine by Billy Goat Concessions, Dority's Grill, I R Italian, Islanders Restaurant, JT's Sunset Grill, May's Cafe at the Sea Lab, Miguel's Beach 'n Baja, and Pirate's Bar & Grill. Enjoy tasting great food, including crab and corn bisque, gumbo, mini-crab cakes, jambalaya, Cuban pork tacos, chicken and cheese enchiladas, shrimp scampi, steak bites, Oysters Dauphine, bread pudding and many other delectable dishes, along with wine and beer. Then vote for your favorite restaurant to win the "People's Choice Award". You'll also be eligible to win wonderful works of art created and donated by Gallery artists Frank Ledbetter, Perry Zirlott, Benno Kollegger, Regina Kollegger and Joe Sheffield. Live music by Lee Yankee will round out a delightful evening in the fascinating environment of The Estuarium. Proceeds will benefit DIHAC and its programs, including the DI Gallery, Art Club and Summer Art Camp for students at DI Elementary School, "Stirring the Sand" live storytelling and others. The event is sponsored in part by the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, the participating restaurants, and Greer's Old Bay Market. Tickets are \$40 and available on line at <http://www.DauphinIslandArts.com>, or in person at the DI Gallery, The Estuarium Gift Shop, the DI Welcome Center and The First Bank, DI. For more information, call 251/861-3300.

### Governor Bentley Announces \$63 Million For Gulf Restoration Projects In Alabama

"The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) has approved six Alabama projects that address high-priority conservation needs, including the acquisition and restoration of significant coastal habitats in key focal areas, and the continuation of fisheries monitoring" according to a press release by the Office of Governor Robert Bentley on November 15, 2016. Among those projects is the Dauphin Island Conservation Acquisition (approx. \$3.5 million) which includes "approximately eight acres of remaining undeveloped beachfront (1,200 linear feet) on a mid-island section of Dauphin Island. This primary barrier island provides important nesting, loafing, stopover, and foraging habitats for a variety of coastal birds, shorebirds, neo-tropical migrants, and other avian species, as well as nesting habitat for endangered sea turtles. In addition to the acquisition, funding is included to design and construct a dune walkover and fencing to protect habitat while allowing limited and appropriate public access". The actual site is located at Bienville Blvd. and Pirate's Cove Street. This project is made possible through a grant from the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund. The Town expresses its sincere appreciation to Governor Bentley, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Nature Conservancy for assisting us with the grant application process!



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**Public Works Superintendent/  
Bldg Official/Coastal Project  
Manager**  
Corey Moore Ext 224  
Cell No 234-7466  
**Zoning Official**  
Louise Carrubba  
251-406-3596  
**DUMPSTERS**  
Fridays & Saturdays  
7:00am until 2:30pm  
**Building Department Admin.  
Assistant, Business License/  
Permit Clerk/Event Planner**  
Mary S. Strickland Ext 222

**Court Clerk**  
Stacey Mallon ext 221  
**Admin. Clerk /Magistrate**  
Joyce Wentworth ext 227  
**Animal Control** ext 230  
**Chief of Police**  
Chief Kym Claw 861-5523

**TOWN COUNCIL**  
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**HURRICANE RE-ENTRY PASSES!**  
Be sure and check your hurricane  
re-entry passes to make sure  
they are current.

**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 - Board meets at 6pm on the third  
Thursday of each month, except December, at the Isle Dauphine Club-  
house. For specific information call Office Manager Denise Maul at 861  
-3144.  
Board of Adjustment Meetings-4th Tuesday of each month or as  
needed  
DI Court-2nd Wednesday of each month **December 14 @ 4:00pm**  
DI Traffic School **December 7th at 4pm 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)  
**\*\*ARE YOU SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE TOWN EMAILS?** In order  
to keep our property owners, citizens and visitors better informed,  
the Town maintains a mass email list for the prompt and convenient  
distribution of upcoming events and matters of importance to our  
community. If you are not already on the list please contact Mary  
Strickland at mstrickland@townofdauphinisland.org. It's just that  
easy!