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 Monday-Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm



TOWN COUNCIL

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Clinton Collier



HURRICANE RE-ENTRY PASSES!

Be sure and check your hurricane re-entry passes to make sure they are current.

DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

Town Clerk Wanda Sandagger 861-5525 Ext 225 Bldg Official/Coastal Project Manager Corey Moore Ext 224 Cell No 251-234-7466 Code/Zoning Enforcement Don Herring Ext 229 251 861-2255 Asst. Superintendent Public Works Dept Sharron Yommer Ext 230 DUMPSTERS Fridays & Saturdays 7:00am until 2:30pm	Building Department Admin. Assistant, Business License/ Permit Clerk/Event Planner Deborah Gibson Ext 222 Court Clerk Stacy Mallon ext 221 Admin. Clerk /Magistrate Joyce Wentworth ext 227 Animal Control ext 230 Dauphin Island Police Dept. Chief of Police Chief Kym Claw 861-5523
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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 - Board meets at 6pm on the third Thursday of each month, except December, at the Isle Dauphine Club-house. For specific information call 861-3144.


Board of Adjustment Meetings-4th Monday of each month or as needed

DI Court-2nd Wednesday of each month **March 13, 2019 4pm**

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 Debbie Gibson at dgibson@townofdauphinisland.org. It's just that easy!

 THE TOWN CRIER Mayor Jeff Collier Council Members Wayne Strickland, Earle Connell, Shirley Robinson, Clinton Collier, Gene Fox	INCORPORATED 1988
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 22 Last Friday Art Night 6-8pm Dauphin Island Gallery
- Feb 23 Camellia Grafting Seminar DISL 9am-11am
- Feb 23 Rabies Clinic 1:30pm - 3:30pm Shots \$10.00
- Feb 23 Bluegrass Jam Welcome Center 130pm
- Feb 28 PUBLIC HEARING 5pm
- Mar 2 St. Jude Bike-A-Thon 8am
- Mar 5 Mardi Gras Day Town Hall & Public Works Dept. Closed
- Mar 9 WWII Living History Event Fort Gaines
- Mar 23 DIVA Chili Cook-off Pelican Pub at Noon
- Mar 30 DIHAC's Inaugural DI Native American Festival
- Apr 6 Town Plant Sale & Give-Away Green Park 9am-noon
- Apr 6 Discovery Day @ DISL
- Apr 6 Mobile Pops Concert 6pm Water Tower Plaza FREE!
- Apr 13 Town Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bunny Green Park 10am
- Apr 20 Community Easter Egg Hunt Cadillac Square 10am
- Apr 20 DI Gumbo Festival 11am-2pm
- Apr 21 Easter Sunrise Service
- Apr 27 St. Francis Episcopal Arts & Crafts Festival
- Apr 27-28 Thunder on the Bay

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. **Council Meetings for March are scheduled for the 5th and 19th.**

Planning Commission Sets Public Hearing The town's Planning Commission will host a public hearing on February 28 at 5pm at town hall to receive comments on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Two different items are on the agenda for possible inclusion in the Zoning Ordinance as follows: (1) Dune Overlay District and (2) Tree Ordinance. Both of these measures, if favorably recommended by the Planning Commission, will also require approval by the Town Council where yet another public hearing would be held. You may recall that efforts have been underway for some time to establish "best practices" to insure future construction on or adjacent to the island's main dune system is accomplished in the most responsible (dune friendly) manner. The Plan itself has already been incorporated into the town's Comprehensive Plan, a prerequisite for creating an Ordinance. In the meantime, a moratorium remains in place for any construction that would directly impact the dune system from the east end west to Pirates Cove Street. The second item proposes to incorporate the existing Tree Ordinance into the Zoning Ordinance which would, among other things, establish an additional review process by the Planning Commission of any future tree removal/mitigation issues. If you are unable to attend the public hearing or want to make sure your comments are included as part of the minutes, please submit them in writing to wsandagger@townofdauphinisland.org, fax (251)861-2154, or hand-deliver to town hall at 1011 Bienville Boulevard. Note: You can view a copy of the proposed changes by visiting the town's website or access a paper copy at town hall.

Mowing Suspended: It's "For the Birds"! Mowing grass & native wildflowers eliminates a vital food source that arriving migrant birds have depended on for thousands of years. The Town of Dauphin Island in partnership with the Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries (DIBS) are implementing the "We're All About The Birds" project and here's what it means. Mowing will be suspended along certain streets on the island to allow native wildflowers to grow and provide that essential source of foods for these migrants after their 600 mile non-stop journey across the Gulf. Streets within the project areas include Forney Johnston (south of Bienville) east to Audubon and south to Admiral Semmes, the east side of Grant Street and the north shoulder of Fort Charlotte. In addition to these streets, the front lawn of Town Hall will also go without mowing as it contains one of the most sought after plants by visiting birds such as Indigo & Painted Buntings and other migrants: Lyreleaf Sage. Mowers are scheduled to return to these areas by early May but homeowners are free to mow in front of their residences if they prefer not to participate OR they can go a step further, and not mow their own yards! If a homeowner is interested in participating, a member of DIBS will be glad to come out and check your yard for these plants. Call 861-BIRD (2473) for further information.



Spring Plant Sale/Give-Away Set The town will sponsor its annual Spring Plant Sale & Give-Away on Saturday, April 6 from 9am-noon in front of Green Park and everyone is invited to attend. Multiple vendors will be on site selling a variety of trees, flowering plants, shrubs, sea oats and much more. Our local Master Gardeners will also be on hand to provide you with important information to make sure your plants thrive after planting. As always, Dauphin Island residents and property owners (with proper ID) will be able to take home FREE plants on a first-come basis. The plant give-away program is made possible through the town's Environmental Mitigation Fund.



7th Annual St. Francis Episcopal Church Arts & Crafts Festival With over 50 artists setting up their wares and the church women selling their famous chicken salad, baked goods, pickles, soups & casseroles, Saturday, April 27 (9am-4pm) will certainly be a day to remember! The annual fundraiser provides support to a variety of charitable organizations including Feed the Need, Wilmer Hall, Penelope House, SOMI, Victory Health Partners and Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy in Mobile. Come and enjoy the fun and it's all for a good cause. For info or questions contact Cissy Napper at (318)548-4376.

DI Baptist Church Activities DI Baptist Church is hosting a variety of activities during the month of March and YOU are invited to join in on the fun and fellowship. Events include; **March 11** Joyful Generation Lunch (11am) Open to everyone age 50 and over, join us for lunch and an interesting talk about the majestic sea turtles. **March 15** Free Family Movie Night (6pm) featuring "God's Not Dead". Free popcorn and bottled water provided. All welcome. **March 24** Community Potluck Lunch (1215pm) - Come join us for lunch and visit with friends or make new ones. We will provide the beverages so bring a friend and a dish (or two) to share. Everyone welcome!

DIVA Chili Cook-Off The Dauphin Island Veterans Association (DIVA) will hold its Annual Benefit Chili Cook-off on Saturday, March 23 (Rain Date: March 30) at noon at the Pelican Pub west parking area, 1102 DeSoto Avenue. Team members who would like to participate may obtain entry forms at the Pelican Pub. The teams should consist of no more than three members, have an appropriate name and must prepare their chili on-site (participants may prep ingredients off-site). Teams should prepare at least three gallons of chili to distribute to "tasters" attending the event. Registration fee is \$20.00 per team (\$15.00 if paid by March 10). Mail check/money order to DIVA, P.O. Box 1058, Dauphin Island, Alabama 36528 or give the completed registration form and payment to the on-duty Pelican Pub bartender. Call 861-7180 (Pub) or Dave Connolly (861-3054) for additional information/questions. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams. A donation of \$5 per taster is respectfully requested by DI-VA. **Note:** The next DIVA Memorial Wall ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 27 at 11 AM at Water Tower Plaza. At that time, the name of US Army veteran Claude (John) Gaspard, Sr. will be added to the Memorial Wall. Mr. Gaspard was born on May 29, 1931, passed on March 16, 2018 and served active duty during the Korean War.

BINGO! at St. Edmund Church Dust off those daubers and get ready to holler "BINGO!" every Wednesday night at St. Edmund Parish Hall starting at 6pm. Win cash prizes including a \$500 progressive jackpot. Always a fun time with friends and family. Refreshments available including hot dogs, snacks and beverages. For more information or to volunteer please contact John & Connie Roan at 861-8088. All proceeds support various Dauphin Island causes. See you there!

Camellia Grafting Seminar Offered On February 23, the Volunteer Gardeners will be holding a Camellia Grafting Seminar on Dauphin Island. The program is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. The seminar will take place from 9am-11am at the DI Sea Lab Administration Building and there will be ample parking and signage directing attendees to the proper location. The President of the Camellia Society will be on hand to serve as guest speaker. The event promises to be a rewarding learning experience for those interested in the care and grafting of camellias....the native, beautiful blooms of Alabama!

DI Sea Lab News & Info The Estuarium welcomes two nurse sharks to the exhibits in March. Make plans to help us welcome our new friends on March 16 with fun for the entire family. Keep your mind active and your educational skills sharp by becoming a docent/volunteer at the Estuarium at The Sea Lab. The docent/volunteers meet and greet Estuarium visitors, making their visit memorable and educational. Learn the ropes from our world-class marine educators on Saturday, March 9. Pre-registration for the training is encouraged by March 6. Don McKee presents a Boardwalk Talk about birds on March 6. Bring your binoculars and get a few tips on birdwatching! Jamie Amato will present the March 20 Boardwalk Talk on Living Shorelines. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, April 6 for The Sea Lab's Discovery Day! Learn more about all of these events at disl.org.

Bluegrass Jams For a toe-tapping good time stop by the Museum/Welcome Center on the next 5-6 Saturdays from 130-330pm and enjoy FREE live music! The Bluegrass Jams continue to grow in popularity and are a great time to hang out with friends or make new ones. Know how to play an instrument? Bring it on down and help the group make some noise! Always a fun time.

Hurricane Michael Clean Up Nearly Complete Contractors have successfully completed the majority of work associated with damages caused by Hurricane Michael. Sand has been removed from the rights-of-way and returned to the beachfront and drainage swales were restored along area roadways. Final repairs will be made at West End Beach within the next few weeks and that will pretty much close the books for us on the latest devastating storm to impact the Gulf coast region. Let's hope 2019 offers a kinder, gentler summer season.

Events at Historic Fort Gaines Come and experience a day in the life of a WWII Soldier at a Living History event on Saturday, March 9 from 9am -5pm. Get up close and personal as they perform drills, and demonstrate authentic camping and blacksmithing. On April 27-28 you're invited to celebrate the upcoming 155th anniversary of the Battle of Mobile Bay, sponsored by the 6th Alabama Cavalry and the Alabama Division of Re-enactors. A mock Battle of Mobile Bay will take place at 2pm on Saturday with a Surrender Ceremony at 330pm. A Tactical will get underway at 1pm on Sunday. Battle times subject to change. For more info call 861-6992.

Tree Planting Complete Twelve mature Cypress Trees were recently planted in the Bienville Blvd. median between Cadillac Square and the DI School as part of the Alabama Power Foundation grant awarded to the town. The trees will enhance aesthetics along this stretch of roadway while providing refuge for resident and migratory birds. The town expresses its sincere appreciation to Alabama Power Foundation for providing a \$1000 grant to make this worthwhile project possible!

ART DOES IT Please join us in celebrating our artist-run gallery on monthly "Second Sundays with the Arts" featuring March's Artist Couple Susan and Philip Waldrop and their show "Unseen Senses" Sunday, March 10, 3-5 pm. Have "fun with mud" during our monthly first Wednesdays "Beginner's Handbuilding Ceramics Class" with ADI artist Julie Day, starting March 6th, 10am-1pm. Each session is \$25.00/ person and includes materials and firing. Space limited to 15 people. Call Julie (251)377-0054 to reserve your space. Interested in "brushing-up" your skills in painting? Join DI painter Margie Delcambre for weekly Monday painting classes 10am-1pm. Please bring your own supplies. \$10.00/session. Calling all young artists--join us for our monthly Youth Arts Club led by ADI artists. The next meet is Monday, Mar. 11 at 4-5:30 pm. Free to all youths. Art supplies provided through the generosity of the St. Edmund Men's Club. The ADI gallery, located at 1101 Bienville Blvd. next to the DI Town Hall, is open Thursday and Friday 12-6pm, Saturday, 10am-4pm and is home to many local and seasonal artists. For more information regarding exhibition opportunities and arts instruction, please contact Regina Kollegger (251)214-6485, regina@artdoesit.com or visit our Facebook page @artdoesit. ADI is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit.

St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon The Dauphin Island Woman's Club is hosting the annual St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon on Saturday, March 2 from 8am-11am and children of all ages are encouraged to participate in support of this worthwhile cause. Headquartered at the Water & Sewer Office on Alabama Street, registration and money collection gets underway at 8am, bike ride begins at 830am and the event concludes at 11am with prizes awarded for most laps and most money raised. If you don't want to ride your bike, just collect your donations and bring them to the event that morning. Let's spend the day having fun while helping others!

Job Openings Movie Nights at West End Beach will be here before we know it and the town is looking to hire someone to manage those events. The 2019 series will include some two dozen movie nights that primarily take place on Thursday and Friday evenings during the summer months. Tasks include setting up the inflatable screen and associated equipment, showing the movie, packing up after the show and communicating/sharing announcements with attendees. This is a contract position and pay is \$50 per movie shown. Job applications are being accepted at town hall through March 29 at 4pm. *Note: FREE Family Movie Nights are sponsored by Greer's Markets!* Other job opportunities include shuttle drivers and West End Beach staff. For more info on these positions please contact Town Clerk Wanda Sandagger.

Nothing But Net! Driving past the basketball court next to Salt Creek Park, Chris Morton (Owner, Mon Louis Island Marine Construction) happened to notice the nets on the goals were in less than optimum condition and he took action to do something about it. In fact, he recently stopped by town hall to drop off two brand new replacement nets and has plans to donate a few basketballs in the near future. The town expresses its sincere thanks to Chris for his generous contribution to improve *Collier Court* for residents and visitors alike!

News from Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council (DIHAC) Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 30, for DIHAC's inaugural Dauphin Island Native American Festival at historic Fort Gaines! The event will feature living historians, storytellers, hands-on demonstrations of Native American arts and crafts such as pottery, finger weaving and basket weaving, and much more. For more information, visit DIHAC's website at www.DauphinIslandArts.org, send an email to info@dauphinislandarts.org, follow DIHAC's Facebook page or call (251)861-3300. DIHAC's Art Program at Dauphin Island School resumes in March with second-graders studying the life and art of Georgia O'Keefe. As part of the artist study, the students will create a tribute work in the style of the artist. A student art show at the school is being planned and details will be announced later. Join us at Dauphin Island Gallery (the Lighthouse Building) on Friday, March 15, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, for the first in a series of fun and exciting classes we call "Coastal Cooking" (including a bit of "cuisine" heritage education), with Teresa Ridgeway, owner of Dinner's Ready! The first lesson will be gumbo and space is very limited! You get to eat the food you cook but...**FIRST YOU MAKE A ROUX!!** Last Friday Art Night, an Island tradition, will be held on February 22, 6-8 pm at Dauphin Island Gallery. Join friends and neighbors at LFAN and enjoy local art and heritage, music, food and socializing, along with an art demo by John Halliday, a popular Member Artist in the Gallery. This month's LFAN is also the opening reception for a special art exhibit featuring work by Janet Hinton, Guest Artist for March. In addition, we proudly welcome Bekki Ludlam and Hunter Cobb as new Member Artists in The Gallery! Come to LFAN and see all the amazing new art and meet these talented artists! Cocktails and Canvases and Creative Monday resume in March and details will be announced later. If you would like to be added to our email list to receive event notices, please let us know by sending an email to info@dauphinislandarts.org.

Hippity, Hoppity, Easter's On Its Way! The Easter Bunny will be at Green Park on Saturday, April 13 at 10am as children of all ages participate in the town's annual Easter Egg Hunt! Youngsters are encouraged to bring their favorite basket (or some other container) to collect colorful eggs filled with a variety of goodies. Parents will also want to take a memorable photo or two of their child with the Easter Bunny during the event. The Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held the following Saturday, April 20 at Cadillac Square. Have an enjoyable Easter holiday weekend! **NOTE:** Easter Sunrise Service will be held on the Great Lawn inside historic Fort Gaines at 6am on Sunday, April 21. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

DI Gumbo Festival Sponsored by the DI Chamber of Commerce, the annual Gumbo Festival will be held on Saturday, April 20 from 11am-2pm at the rodeo site. Tickets are \$10 each. Children age 10 & under receive free admission. Enjoy delicious gumbo, cooking demonstrations, live music and more! Proceeds will fund an on-island cause. For more info check out the Dauphin Island Gumbo Festival Facebook page.

Mobile Pops Concert Water Tower Plaza is the place to be on Saturday, April 6 at 6pm to enjoy the refreshing sounds of the Mobile Pops. Sponsored by the Town, Chamber and Foundation. Admission is FREE! Please bring chairs and blankets for seating.