



# THE TOWN CRIER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 3 West End Beach opens 10am—6pm
- Apr 4 Community Easter Egg Hunt - Cadillac Square 10am
- Apr 5 Easter Sunrise Service Ft Gaines 6:30am
- Apr 11 Discovery Day Dauphin Island Sea Lab
- Apr 11 Mobile Pops Concert 6pm
- Apr 18 St. Francis Arts & Crafts Festival
- Apr 19 Motorcycle Show, DI Elementary School 11am—3pm
- Apr 24 "Last Friday Art Night" DIHAC 6-8pm
- Apr 25 Sail Boat Regatta
- Apr 25 Gumbo Cookoff "Hits the Trail"
- Apr 26 "Sunday Sunset Concert" West End Beach
- May 2 Free Health Fair 9am—noon
- May 9 Island-Wide Clean up 9am—noon

## 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 April are scheduled for the 7th & 21st.

### Island Update

Keeping with tradition, April will shower the Dauphin Island community with a host of family-friendly events that you won't want to miss. With winter firmly in our proverbial rear-view mirror, thoughts turn to spending warm and relaxing days at the Town-owned West End Beach that will open for the 2015 season on Friday, April 3. Always a crowd favorite, West End Beach offers professional lifeguards, convenient parking, easy access to gulf and sound side waters, air-conditioned restrooms, vendors, waterslide and some of the most beautiful beaches on the island! Parking is \$3 per vehicle and admission is \$3 per person (children 12 and under are free). Please...No glass or pets allowed.

The 13th Annual St. Francis Episcopal Church Arts & Crafts Festival is set for Saturday, April 18 from 9am-4pm at the church located at 401 Key Street. Over 50 arts and crafts exhibitors will be on site offering pottery, paintings, jewelry, photography, handmade furniture, textiles, mixed media creations and more. Space is available for you to set up a table/booth to sell items as well. Proceeds from table/booth fees will go to support the mission of Wilmer Hall, a safe and growth-producing environment for children in need. In addition to the huge variety of fine arts and crafts, you'll want to bring your appetite as a delicious array of homemade foods will be on sale including Wimberly Hory's famous Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Seafood Gumbo and Sweet & Sour Pickles to eat in or take out. For more information please contact Cissy Napper at (318) 548-4376

Rev up your engines and cruise on by Dauphin Island Elementary School on Sunday, April 19 for the 19th Annual Motorcycle Show. Gates open at 11am at the school grounds where you'll find dozens of Vintage and Modern Classes of motorcycles on display. This event has become the largest fundraiser of the year and all proceeds go to support the DI School PTO. While on site, pick up some of the delicious homemade goodies that will be on sale and take a chance at one or more of the raffles that will be taking place throughout the afternoon. Motorcycle registration (\$8) begins at 1130am, judging at 115pm and awards ceremony is set for 245pm. For more info contact Carlos Forte 509-5451 or Jim Downey 666-0825. Rain date is Sunday, April 26. Admission is FREE!

### Public Meeting Set For East End Restoration Project

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) and State Lands will jointly sponsor a public meeting to receive comments on the proposed East End Restoration Project. The meeting will be held at the Shelby Center at DI Sea Lab on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 6PM and is open to the public. This forum is one of the last remaining required steps prior to Town representatives advertising for the actual construction. The project will place and shape approximately 300,000 cubic yards of dredged sand along the easternmost 9/10 mile of the island and includes realignment of the off-shore jetties to parallel the shoreline.



### **Chili & Wings Cook-Off Draws Big Crowd**

Kudos to Fins Bar (and Gene Fox) for sponsoring a very popular (and tasty) Chili & Wings Cook-Off on February 28 to support DI Elementary School and the Town's effort to relocate and re-purpose the historic "Little Red School House". By the time the last cup of chili and chicken wings were eaten, more than \$5000 had been raised by the event for these two worthwhile community causes! Thanks also to ExxonMobil, Dee's Paper Company, DI Chamber of Commerce, JB's Fun Jumps, Gotta-Go Portables and everyone who participated and helped make the event such an overwhelming success! Dare we do this again next year?

### **Mobile Jaycees Make Life-Saving Contributions to Island**

The Town recently completed negotiations with the Mobile Jaycees in preparation for the 2015 Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo and those talks resulted (in part) in the community receiving three (3) Automated External Defibrillators (AED's). The two groups have made an effort to work together in a more cooperative fashion over the past few years when it comes to hosting this annual and historic event. The Town greatly appreciates the generous contribution that will provide potential life-saving equipment to residents and visitors alike.

### **Town Launches New Website**

The Town of Dauphin Island is proud to announce its new official website and encourages you to take a look! The new site was made possible through a \$500,000 BP Gulf Seafood and Tourism Promotional Grant the Town received over a year ago. While it has taken an extended period of time to create the final product, most agree it was worth the wait. The new site is very user friendly, offers a webcam (thanks to a generous partnership with The Inn at Dauphin Island) where visitors can view fantastic island sunsets, promotes island businesses, links to a host of island entities, showcases upcoming events, provides easy access to important municipal documents and much, much more. Please take a few minutes to check out the site and give us your feedback.

### **Community Easter Sunrise Service**

Historic Fort Gaines will once again host Easter Sunrise Service here on Dauphin Island and you are invited to attend. The service will begin at 6:30am and admission is free to the public. You are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and/or blanket.

### **Mobile Pops Schedules Spring Concert**

Join your friends at Water Tower Plaza on Saturday, April 11 for an elegant evening under the stars when the Mobile Pops presents its first Spring Starbright Concert of the season! This FREE concert starts at 6PM and is made possible through generous contributions by the Town, DI Chamber and DI Foundation. Musical selections will include a Tribute to Judy Garland, The Genius of Ray Charles, Clarinet Candy, Duke Ellington Custer, Circus Days and many more of your favorites. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair and/or blanket and picnic basket. Fun for the entire family!

### **National Day of Prayer**

The Front Lawn at Town Hall will play host to the 2015 National Day of Prayer ceremony on Thursday, May 7 at noon and everyone is invited to attend. Clergy representing Island churches will offer words of prayer, reflection and healing during this annual event. Please join us for this 15-20 minute ceremony.

### **West End Beach to Host "Sunday Sunset Concerts" in 2015**

In 2014, Town Officials supported a series of "Sunset Jazz Concerts" at West End Beach and the events proved to be quite popular among residents and visitors alike. This year, the events will get a new name, "Sunday Sunset Concerts", but will continue to offer a variety of musical talents for your enjoyment. The first concert in 2015 is set for Sunday, April 26 at 6:00pm and will feature "John Milham and Friends" playing jazz and blues standards. Admission is \$10 per vehicle (including passengers) and proceeds support the project to relocate and re-purpose the historic Little Red Schoolhouse. Concerts are also scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, June 28 and throughout the summer and fall. More details to come!

### East End Resurfacing Project Update

The Town is moving forward with the required advertising for bids on the proposed resurfacing of a section of Bienville Boulevard. If approved, work would take place on this busy stretch of roadway from the three-way stop to the Billy Goat Hole Boat Ramp area. The Alabama Dept. of Transportation has agreed to provide matching funds to assist with the overall cost of the project as Bienville Boulevard (east) services the Mobile Bay Ferry and is part of the Alabama Coastal Connection Scenic By-way. Once a contractor is secured, the paving project will be on a fast track so we can finish the work prior to the busy boating and fishing season. We will keep you posted on the progress of this project.

### Town Sponsors Island-wide Clean-Up

In association with the 2015 "Don't Drop It On Alabama" campaign, the Town of Dauphin Island will be sponsoring an island-wide clean-up on Saturday, May 9 from 8am-noon and you are invited and encouraged to help us rid our community of litter. Island resident Brandy Alexander has agreed to serve as Chairperson of the event that will focus on removing trash and other debris from town rights-of-way in neighborhoods throughout the entire island. The island will be divided into approximately ten zones and volunteers are needed from each area to help coordinate the clean-up in those neighborhoods. Depending on the number of volunteers, we would also like to scour area shorelines in order to make sure our beaches are free of trash as we begin yet another summer season here on Dauphin Island. In addition, the Town will provide lite lunch refreshments for volunteers following the clean-up. In the meantime, please contact Town Hall to add your name to the growing list of volunteers that will come together for the good of our island community!

### Discovery Day at Dauphin Island Sea Lab

On Saturday, April 11 from 10AM-2PM the Dauphin Island Sea Lab will once again host the ever popular Discovery Day and you are invited to attend. This fun-filled family event offers a variety of environmentally-themed children's activities along with an open house at the Research Facilities where the public can interact with marine scientists and graduate students to explore ongoing research projects. Admission at the Estuarium is FREE to all children and the Estuarium gift shop will offer a 15% discount on all items throughout the day. Learn about our marine world, boating safety, hurricane preparedness, alternative energy and much, much more! For more info contact the Sea Lab at 861-2141 or visit [www.disl.org](http://www.disl.org).

### Town Installs New Benches, Trash Receptacles

Have you noticed the new benches and trash receptacles that were recently installed throughout the island? They were purchased through a grant (and a generous contribution from an individual who wishes to remain anonymous) as part of the island shuttle service. While most were installed at designated shuttle stops, many of them also serve the bike trail, Green Park, West End Beach, east end/Sea Lab and other areas that attract pedestrians. In addition to enhancing convenience for residents and visitors alike, the new products also create a more aesthetically pleasing environment here on the island. The Town expresses its sincere appreciation for the generous contribution.

### DIHAC Celebrates Spring with "Wings and Sails"

Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council will usher in spring by celebrating annual events that make the Island unique. DIHAC will host its Last Friday Art Night™ on Friday, April 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Dauphin Island Heritage and Art Center, 1008 Alabama Avenue (directly behind Town Hall). The theme for the event is "Wings and Sails" to spotlight spring bird migratory season and the 57th annual Dauphin Island Sailboat Regatta on April 24-26. The Art Gallery will feature fine art and crafts by local artists such as Janie Zetsch, Margie Delcambre, Kirsten Mallon, Perry Zirlott, Joyce Zirlott, Deb Jones, Kathy Jones and Russ Voisin. This popular Island event offers shopping for local art, socializing with friends and neighbors, and enjoying art demonstrations, food, beverages and music. Hear stories of Old Dauphin Island and check out the official scrapbook of the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, vintage photos and other memorabilia in the Heritage Gallery. Admission is free and donations are encouraged and appreciated.

Art classes with Benno and Regina Kolleger continue on Saturday, April 4 and Saturday, April 18, at 1:00 p.m. on the Gallery porch. Whether you are a seasoned artist or just want to try your hand at painting, come check out this laid back class. Some supplies are furnished. The cost is \$10 per class per person as a donation to the Art Center. Many thanks to Benno and Regina for generously donating their time and talents for the classes. For more information, contact Kathy Jones at [kdj1121@bellsouth.net](mailto:kdj1121@bellsouth.net) or 205/305-9142.

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Joyce Wentworth ext 227

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Chief Kym Claw 861-5523

### TOWN COUNCIL

#### **Mayor**

Jeff Collier

#### **Council Members**

Stephen Denmark

Mary Thompson

Philip Patronas

Shirley Robinson

Clinton Collier

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

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

**DI Court—2nd Wednesday of each month **April 15 @ 4:00pm****

**DI Traffic School **April 8 @ 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 at the Authority Office, 908 Alabama Ave. (861-2363)**