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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9th Mardi Gras Day—Town Hall & Street Dept Closed

February 13th 20th "Battle of Mobile Bay 5K Run, Ft. Gaines

February 14th Valentines Day

February 26th "Last Friday Art Night"

February 27th "Wings-Chili Cook-Off" Fins

February 27th, Rabies Clinic Town Hall 1:30pm-3:30pm

March 5 & 6th "Colonies of the Gulf Coast" Ft. Gaines

March 5th St. Jude Bike-A-Thon

March 17th, St. Patrick's Day

March 19th Town Easter Egg Hunt, Green Park 10am

March 25th "Last Friday Art Night"

March 26th Community Easter Egg Hunt, Cadillac Square

March 27th Easter Sunrise Service, Ft Gaines 6:30AM

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 February are scheduled for the 2nd & 16th.

2016 Election Cycle Begins March 1

In addition to the Presidential Election, 2016 will also include a number of county, state and municipal races throughout the year. The State of Alabama Republican and Democratic Primary election will be Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Once again, voting on Dauphin Island will be held in the United Methodist Church Christ Life Center on Key Street from 7 am to 7 pm. As required in State Primary elections, all registered voters must declare if they wish to vote in either the Republican or the Democratic Primary...voters can't vote in both. Island poll workers also remind you to bring a photo ID which should match the voter's resident address and the list provided by the Mobile County Registrar's Office. Voter registration and absentee ballot information for the March 1 elections are available through our local Probate Court offices in Mobile.

Rabies Clinic Scheduled

Town officials have scheduled a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, February 27. The service will be provided at Town Hall from 130-330pm at a cost of \$10 per shot (one year protection). As always, we appreciate Dr. Branch visiting our island community to assist with this effort.

Fort Gaines To Host Events

The 20th Annual Battle of Mobile Bay 5K Run, sponsored by the Port City Pacers, will get underway with a cannon blast at 9am on Saturday, February 13. Runners (and walkers) will travel a course that winds through east end neighborhoods and returns to the finish line located near historic Fort Gaines. Recognized as one of the most popular races of its type, the Mobile Bay 5K Run attracts some 300 participants each year and proceeds will support preservation efforts to restore the aging structure. On March 5-6, the 26th Annual Colonies of the Gulf Coast will allow you to explore life on "Isle dauphine" in the 1700-1800's as a French, British and Spanish soldier. See drills, cannon firings, authentic camping, open hearth cooking, basket weaving and more. Get up close and personal as our resident blacksmith demonstrates his craft but be careful...you never know when a pirate might show up! Join us on the Great Lawn inside historic Fort Gaines this Easter for a traditional Sunrise Service at 630am. Admission is free and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for seating. Easter Sunday is March 27. Volunteers will gather on April 2 to participate in the Civil War Trust - Park Day 2016. Attendees will take part in making needed repairs to this important monument honoring the brave soldiers who fought and sacrificed during the American Civil War. Organizers encourage all interested parties to pre-register at the fort, via FaceBook (fb.com/fortgaines) or by calling 861-6992.

Planning Commission Sub-Committee Workshop

The Planning Commission Sub-Committee Workshop scheduled for January 12 has been re-scheduled for Monday, January 25 at 1pm at Town Hall. The workshop is open to the public.



KDLL, Island Mystics Parades

With the traditional kick-off of the Mardi Gras season coming extra early this year, town public works crews faced a unique challenge...removing all of the Christmas decorations before strands of beads and Moon Pies were tossed from passing floats. Kudos to our hard-working staff for accomplishing the time-sensitive feat and congratulations to Krewe de la Dauphine and Island Mystics for another successful pair of parades. The town would also like to extend a heart-felt "thank you" to Mobile County Sheriff Sam Cochran, Mayor Sandy Stimpson and Mobile Police Chief James Barber for supplying additional equipment and manpower to assist our Police Dept. during the parades. We greatly appreciate your generous support to insure Mardi Gras celebrations here on Dauphin Island remain safe and family-friendly!

"Little Red Schoolhouse" Update

As construction nears completion on the new building at DI School, town officials continue discussions with the DI Foundation and DI Chamber representatives on the eventual placement of the historic structure. While the Foundation has generously offered a lot it owns just west of the Welcome Center, a town-owned lot across from Town Hall is also being surveyed as a potential site. You may recall that plans called for demolition of the 80+ year old building following completion of the new annex. However, our collective goal is to preserve, relocate and re-purpose the "Little Red Schoolhouse" as a combination museum and community complex.

Hippity, Hoppity...Easter's On Its Way!

With Easter Sunday coming a bit early this year, the Bunny Rabbit is already making plans to visit Dauphin Island at the Town's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19 at 10am. Boys and girls are encouraged to bring their favorite baskets and join in on the fun under the majestic oaks at Green Park. A Community Egg Hunt will be held at Cadillac Square the following Saturday (March 26). NOTE: Easter Sunrise Service will take place at Ft. Gaines at 6:30AM on Sunday, March 27.

Sunset Capital of Alabama® Mdse On Sale at Town Hall

Didn't get everything you wanted for Christmas? That's ok. The Town of Dauphin Island has a generous supply of specialty items that are sure to please. Adorned with the new Sunset Capital of Alabama® logo, these unique and colorful items make great gifts for that special someone in your life. Choose from an assortment of shirts, hats, towels, bags and much more at Town Hall during regular business hours. All items are priced to sell and proceeds go to support the relocation and re-purposing of the historic Little Red School House.

St. Jude Bike-a-Thon

Island youngsters are encouraged to tighten their chains and air up those tires as the DI Woman's Club will host the annual St. Jude Bike-a-Thon on Saturday, March 5 at 8am. Registration (morning of race) will be located at the DI Water & Sewer office on Alabama Street and participants will be raising money to support the tremendous charity work provided by St. Jude. As always, motorists are asked to avoid the area south of the Water Tower (if possible) or otherwise exercise extreme caution during this event. Please contact co-chairs Joanne Sprinkle (861-3212) and Cissy Napper (318-548-4376) for additional info.

Annual DIVA Chili Cook-Off Set

The Dauphin Island Veterans Association will host its annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, April 2 (rain date April 9) at Pelican Pub. Doors open at noon and the group will be accepting \$5 donations for you to sample a variety of tasty chili dishes made fresh by local and regional teams. Team entry forms are available at the Pelican Pub. Call 861-7180 for more info.



West Surf Beach Transferred To DIPOA

The slender stretch of gulf front shoreline between Pirate's Cove Street and the west end of Bienville Boulevard is once again under ownership and control of the Dauphin Island Property Owners' Association. In an effort to improve odds for an island-wide shoreline restoration project, the DIPOA relinquished ownership of the parcel to the Town for a period of seven years. At that time, our congressional delegation suggested increased public access to beaches was essential to securing federal dollars for such a project...although they also noted that alone would not insure success. However, the change of ownership will likely bring few changes to the area in general as existing parking, access points and signage are expected to remain in place. One primary change involves trash collection and routine maintenance of the West Surf Beach which now rests with the DIPOA. The town will continue to enforce parking regulations along the 30+ side streets south of Bienville Boulevard.

There's A New Entity In Town

Communities south of I-10 in southwest Alabama have a new friend in town that is poised to provide much needed assistance to local governments and unincorporated areas. The South Mobile County Community Development Corporation was created to help identify specific needs, match those needs with resource options and then provide support for grant development and project management. Areas of support will range from Community Development, Economic Prosperity and Environmental Resiliency among others. The entity is led by a seven member board which includes island resident Carolyn Wood as Dauphin Island's representative. We wish the group all the best as communities throughout south Mobile County have much to offer.

Motorcycle Shows Revs Up-DI Fundraiser

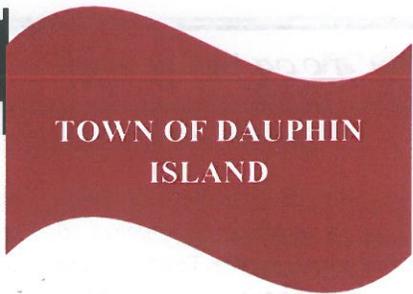
The annual Motorcycle Show at Dauphin Island School is set for Sunday, April 3. This event is the largest fundraiser for the school generating half of the annual proceeds that support DI Elementary students. Dozens of vintage and classic motorcycles take part in the competition and you are invited to check out the show. You can also support the cause through cash donations, donations of raffle items and/or food & drinks. Contact PTO President Chasity Hall at 680-4223 for more info.

DIHAC

Plans for the inaugural "Coastal Alabama Storytelling Festival" are being finalized. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2016, and will feature local storytellers, professional storyteller Dolores Hydock, professional music historian Bobby Horton, and others. Tickets are \$15 (children age 10 and younger will be admitted free) and will go on sale February 1 through Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.com) and at Island locations to be announced. The Art Club at Dauphin Island Elementary School, an after-school program created in cooperation with DIHAC, has resumed for a winter term. Dauphin Island Gallery artists and volunteers share their time and talents to teach the students and guide them through art projects. The program is funded by donations to DIHAC. If you are interested in donating to support the Art Club program, please send an email to DauphinIslandArts@gmail.com. The ever-popular "Last Friday Art Night" will also resume this month. Join friends, neighbors and Island visitors at the Dauphin Island Gallery (918 Bienville Blvd.) on Friday, January 29th from 6 to 8 pm, to socialize, view and shop for local art, enjoy food and drinks, experience an art demonstration, and browse the Heritage Gallery. A donation of \$5 per person is requested to help cover expenses.

Drainage Work Planned

You may recall the extensive drainage repairs that were recently accomplished near Cadillac Square when an aging underground pipe was replaced, causing a section of Bienville Blvd. to be excavated. Well, a similar project is now planned near the Bienville Blvd. and Lackland intersection, just west of Town Hall. Once again, contractors will cut through all four lanes of Bienville Blvd in order to remove and replace the deteriorating concrete pipes that were installed in the 1950's. During construction, traffic may be re-routed so please proceed with caution when travelling in the area.



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DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

**Town Clerk
Wanda Sandagger**

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Public Works Superintendent/Bldg Official/Coastal Project Manager

Corey Moore Ext 224
Cell No 234-7466

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

Stacy T. Mallon ext 221

Admin. Clerk /Magistrate

Joyce Wentworth ext 227

Animal Control ext 230

Chief of Police

Chief Kym Claw 861-5523

TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor

Jeff Collier

Council Members

Stephen Denmark

Mary Thompson

Earle Connell

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. Domenic Carlucci can be reached at 871-307-9573, email him at domignite@yahoo.com or visit DIPOA website.

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

DI Court—2nd Wednesday of each month **Feb 10 @ 4:00pm**

DI Traffic School **Feb 3 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!