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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 23 DI Regatta
- Apr 23 Gumbo Cook-off
11am-3pm
- Apr 23 St. Francis Arts & Crafts Festival 9am—4pm
- Apr 29 "Last Friday Art Night" 6-8pm
- Apr 30 West End Beach opens for 2016 Season
- May 5 National Day of Prayer Noon @ Town Hall
- May 14 & 15 Thunder on the Bay Ft Gaines
- May 27 "Last Friday Art Night" 6-8pm
- May 29 Sunset Concert SWING West End Beach
- May 30 Memorial Day
- May 30 DIVA Ceremony
11am Water Tower
- June 4 3rd Annual Sunset Cruise Car Show
- June 24 "Last Friday Art Night" 6-8pm
- June 26 Sunset Concert (TBA)
- July 4 Fireworks Display
9pm
- July 4 DIVA Ceremony
11am Water Tower
- July 9 53rd Roy Martin Young Anglers Rodeo
- July 15-17 ADSFR
- July 29 "Last Friday Night Art" 6-8pm
- July 31 Sunset Concert (TBA)

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 May are scheduled for the 3rd & 17th.

A Trio of Family Friendly Events Slated For Saturday, April 23!

Sponsored by the DI Chamber of Commerce, the 7th Annual Dauphin Island Gumbo Festival will take center stage as local and regional teams stir up a tasty batch of seafood gumbo to tempt your taste buds. Multiple teams will be located at several different locations throughout the island including Green Park, Island Resort Management, Isle Dauphine Club and Fins Bar. Park and ride the FREE trolley/shuttle service that will connect you with the "Gumbo Trail" and other events of the day! Tickets for the Gumbo Festival are \$10 (\$15 day of event) and the event will run from 11am-3pm. On Friday, April 22 you are invited to take part in FREE Cooking Demonstrations featuring fresh Gulf Seafood as follows; The First (Bank) 530pm, Mack N DD's Emporium 630pm and Pirate's Pleasure Bar & Grill 8pm. In addition to cooking demonstrations each venue will offer live music to complement the affair. The 14th Annual St. Francis Episcopal Church Arts & Crafts Festival will take place on church grounds from 9am-4pm. The popular event will feature more than 60 local and regional artists and you'll enjoy shopping for that one-of-a-kind piece for that special someone in your life. While there, don't forget to check out the delicious baked goods, homemade pickles, gumbo and the world famous Wimberly's Chicken Salad Sandwiches! Cap off the day by taking in the majestic beauty and pageantry of the 58th Annual Sailboat Regatta. Dozens of vessels will make the historic journey down Mobile Bay to Dauphin Island creating a colorful spectacle for all to see. Sailboats usually arrive at Aloe Bay around early to mid-afternoon where you can see them up close and personal. This year's event is sponsored by the Mobile Yacht Club. The free trolley/shuttle service will connect all three of these enjoyable events!

West End Beach Opening April 30th...Free Admission for Island Property Owners!

The town-owned West End Beach at the west end of Bienville Boulevard is set to open on Saturday, April 30 for the 2016 season. Once again, the popular site will offer clean air-conditioned restrooms, convenient parking, on-site vendors, lifeguards, waterslide and more. A variety of temporary job openings are available including security/night guards, gate attendants and lifeguards among others and space is also available for vendors on a first-come basis. If you are interested, please contact town hall at 861-5525. **The Town Council is pleased to announce that Dauphin Island property owners will now have free access to the park with a town-issued parking decal. These decals are available at the police department (24/7/365) and residents must provide proof of ownership. Have fun and stay safe!**

Fort Gaines To Host "Thunder on the Bay 2016"

Join the 6th Alabama Calvary and the Alabama Division of Re-enactors as they celebrate the 152nd anniversary of the Battle of Mobile Bay on Saturday, May 14 on the east end of Dauphin Island. You'll have a front row seat as this historic battle unfolds on land and sea at 2pm. A "surrender ceremony", similar to the one that took place in 1864, will occur on the grounds of Fort Gaines at 330pm and you'll be there to witness the events surrounding this momentous occasion. Numerous other re-enactments and activities are scheduled for Sunday, May 15 as well so check out the Park & Beach Board website for additional information. Note: Times subject to change.



Town To Host "National Day of Prayer" Ceremony

The Town of Dauphin Island is pleased to announce it will host a ceremony on the front lawn of town hall in recognition of the National Day of Prayer. Join town officials and island ministers/pastors as we gather to pray for our country, the Dauphin island community and our fellow man. The 15-20 minute ceremony will take place on May 5 at noon and we look forward to seeing you there.

2016 Municipal Election Info You Need To Know

The Town of Dauphin Island will hold Municipal Elections this summer and we are pleased to share some important information with our residents. Mayor and all five Council seats will be on the ballot on August 23 and any required run-offs will be held on October 4. Candidates seeking office may register/qualify (\$50 Fee) from July 5-19 at Town Hall and must meet the following minimum requirements; 18 years of age, reside in community for at least 90 days prior to election, US Citizen, Registered Voter on Dauphin Island. Note: Elected officials of Dauphin Island are subject to random drug/alcohol testing along with entire staff. Council Members receive \$400 monthly and the Mayor's salary will be \$50,000 annually (currently \$1200 monthly) beginning with the newly elected council to be seated in November 2016. Individuals who need to register to vote can do so in a number of ways; when applying for or renewing a State of Alabama Driver's License or non-driver ID, at state and local government offices when applying or recertifying for Aid to Dependent Children, SNAP, TANF, Food Stamps, WIC, Medicaid or Rehabilitation Services, at Public Libraries, at Armed Forces recruiting stations, at Board of Registrars (in Mobile County), by mail-in form available at Probate Judge and License Commissioner offices, colleges, universities, public schools or libraries (mail-in forms are also available by calling the Office of Secretary of State (Elections Division) at 1-800-274-8683 OR by mail-in form downloaded from the Secretary of State's website at alabamavotes.gov. Voter registration is CLOSED during the 14 days prior to any election (and on election day). Additional information will be provided as we get closer to election time.

DIPOA Annual Meeting Change of Venue

The annual meeting of the DI Property Owners Association will be held on Saturday, May 14 at 11am at the DI United Methodist Church Christ Life Center on Key Street. Please make note of this change of venue.

Sunset Concerts Return May 29!

The popular Sunset Concerts at West End Beach are slated to kick off the 2016 season on May 29, Memorial Day weekend! Join us as SWING takes the stage (Time TBA) to play some of your favorite jazz classics as the evening closes with yet another spectacular Dauphin Island sunset. The group hails from Mobile and includes instrumentalists and vocalists that will knock your socks off! Admission is \$5 per person (children 12 and under Free) all proceeds will help fund the preservation and re-purposing of the historic Little Red School House. As usual, you are reminded to bring a beach chair, blanket, sunscreen and bug spray (just in case). Please...NO pets, grills or glass. Additional Sunset Concerts are scheduled for June 26, July 31, August 14 and September 7 and September 25 or Oct 2 TBA.

Sunset Cruise Car Show Coming To Town

Sponsored by the Town of Dauphin Island, the 3rd Annual Sunset Cruise Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 4 and you are invited to check out the impressive array of vintage automobiles that will be competing for top honors in the show. Green Park will serve as the official staging area that will include live music, Car Corral, food vendors and Swap Meet. Island businesses are invited to sponsor a trophy and/or participate in the "Poker Run" to generate maximum exposure for your establishment while supporting this family friendly event. Contact Town Hall for more information. Car registration is \$20 per single vehicle entry (\$15 each for multiple car entries). Add \$5 per entry for day-of-event registration.

Billy Goat Hole Concession Stand Improvements

As summer approaches and ferry traffic increases, Billy Goat Hole will once again be a hot bed of activity. To better accommodate the high volume of pedestrians that utilize the Concession Stand/Public Restrooms, town officials recently awarded a bid to install a handicap lift (funded nearly in full by the Alabama Department of Transportation) and paid to have a concrete slab poured under the elevated structure. In addition, two picnic tables will soon be installed for residents and visitors alike to enjoy a snack or take shelter from the elements. Finally, efforts by our Public Works staff to maximize available parking areas by clearing underbrush and trimming trees have proven to be quite successful.



Island Entities Adding Amenities

Kudos to the DI Sea Lab, DI Property Owners' Association and DI Park & Beach Board for investing in the Dauphin Island community. If you've ventured down to the east end of the island lately you may have noticed a unique addition in front of the Shelby Building. Positioned conveniently by the hiking and biking trail is a bicycle repair station and air pump. So, if you're out and about and your bike develops a problem, just pull into the self-serve repair station and you'll be back on the road in no time. Next time you're over at the Isle Dauphine complex check out the brand new boardwalk. A team of volunteers joined forces to construct the walkway in short order, making your next trip to the beach a more convenient one. Penalver Park (behind Fins bar) is sporting a new state-of-the-art kayak launch, thanks to an effort by the DI Park & Beach Board. The site offers easy access to Salt Creek, Bayou Heron and similar areas that are very attractive to individuals who prefer non-motorized vessels. Many thanks to these entities for helping create a more user friendly barrier island community!

DI Veterans Association News

The DI Veterans Association will host its annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 30 at 11am at Water Tower Plaza and all are welcome and encouraged to attend this solemn and patriotic event. In addition to the traditional program, the names of three Dauphin Island veterans will be added to the Memorial Walls including; Joseph W. Lersch (USCG), M. Lyna Foster (USMM) and Avery M. Sprinkle (US Army). Join DIVA as it pays tribute to those who served and continue to serve our great nation. In other DIVA news, the group is excited to announce it will be erecting a Fallen Soldier statue on the front lawn of Town Hall in the coming weeks. Thanks to the generosity of numerous contributors, DIVA has collected ample funds to purchase the statue, base, memorial plaque and six service emblems to complete the project. A dedication ceremony will be held at the site of the new memorial (TBA).

Clean The Beach

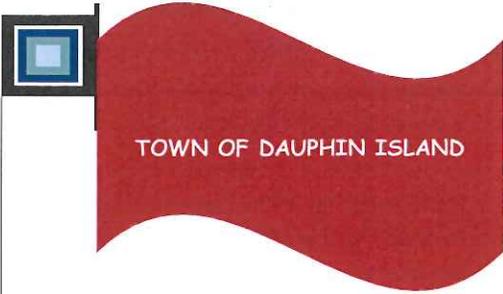
Kick-Off meeting Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6:00pm. Clean the Beach is a non-profit group that helps keep the beach free of trash and debris. Plastic bags are of our main concern because many sea creatures, such as sea turtles, are tempted to eat them since they look like jellyfish. Anything left on the beach overnight during the nesting season for sea turtles adds obstacles for and makes it difficult for the female turtles to lay their eggs. We are going to send out groups every week to clean the beach and we welcome new members to join our team. For more information contact: KATLYN GIBBS (251) 533-2312, CARLY ALEXANDER (601) 618-8822, MADELYN GIBBS (251) 861-2506, EMAIL: cleanthebeachDI@gmail.com

Beautification Project Eyed

The Town of Dauphin Island recently submitted an application for a Tree Grant through the Alabama Power Company Good Roots Program. If successful, the \$1000 grant will be used in part to transplant approximately ten (10) native palms currently located within the rights-of-way across from the public beach. The Sabal Palms will be planted in the Bienville median just west of the condos. In addition to the palms, DI Bird Sanctuaries has generously offered to partner with the Town to purchase Bottlebrush plants to add color while providing critical habitat for a variety of bird species. Ornamental grasses and sago palms will also be incorporated into the finished project. Work is expected to take place in the next couple of months and the project should be completed within 3-5 days.

Important Message If You Own A Rental Home or Condo

If you or someone you know owns a house or condo that is rented, state and local regulations require the collection and remittance of lodging taxes on a monthly basis. In addition, all such rental property owners must also maintain a Town of Dauphin Island business license. Lodging taxes are required to be collected on all short term rentals (6 months or less) and revenue officials are more aggressively cracking down on violators. If you own rental property on Dauphin Island, please contact our staff at town hall and they will be happy to assist you with getting your home/condo properly registered and compliant with state and local regulations.



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



DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

Town Clerk
Wanda Sandagger
861-5525 Ext 225

**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



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 - 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 **May 11th @ 4:00pm**

DI Traffic School **June 1 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!