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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 30 "Last Friday Art Night"
6-8pm Art Gallery

Oct 9 Two Sunset Concerts –
Crowned Jewelz 3:00pm
Roman Street 5:00pm

Oct 10 Columbus Day Town
Hall & Public Works Closed

Oct 13 DIHAC "Stirring the
Sand" 9am

Oct 15 TRI THE GULF
Triathlon - EXPECT TRAFFIC
DELAYS!

Oct 15 DI Art Trail 9am to 4 pm

Oct 28 "Last Friday Art Night"
6-8pm Art Gallery

Oct 29 33rd Annual Renaissance
Fest GATALOP Ft Gaines

Oct 31 Trick or Treat at Green
Park 5:30—8:30pm

Nov 7 Swearing-In Ceremony

Nov 11 Veterans Day Ceremony
10am Water Tower

Nov 11 Veterans Day Town Hall
& Public Works Closed

Nov 24 & 25 Thanksgiving
Town Hall & Public Works
Closed

Dec 2 28th Annual Christmas
Pageant 7pm

Dec 3 28th Annual Christmas
Parade 11am

Dec 3 32nd Annual Christmas
through the Ages Ft. Gaines



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 October are scheduled for the 4th & 18th.

2016 Sunset Concert Series to Offer Grand Finale!

What's better than an enjoyable Sunset Concert at West End Beach? Well...that would be TWO Sunset Concerts to close out the 2016 season! That's exactly what's on tap for you on Sunday, October 9 as the Crowned Jewelz (the group that was rained out on Labor Day weekend) and the always popular Roman Street will take to the stage at 3pm and 5pm respectively. Come early and take in both concerts for the price of one (\$5 per person age 13 and up) and help support our efforts to relocate and re-purpose the historic Little Red Schoolhouse. In addition to the fantastic music and glorious island sunset, you'll also want to sample some specially prepared dishes while there. The Town is pleased to partner with the Mobile Oyster Company (Cullan Duke) and James Beard Award Winning Chef Ryan Prewitt and his staff from Peche Seafood Grill in New Orleans as they serve up fresh Isle Dauphine Oysters (grown just offshore from West End Beach) on the half shell and other delicious fare. The two are donating their time, talent and food products to further support the school project and patrons who sample the tasty offerings are asked to make a contribution of their choice to this worthwhile cause. You won't want to miss this remarkable combination of music, fine cuisine and scenery all in one convenient location! As always, we encourage you to bring beach chairs, blankets, bug spray (just in case) and this time....your favorite beverage to enjoy with the food. Please...NO pets, glass or grills.

6th Annual Art Trail Set

Sponsored by the DI Chamber of Commerce, the 6th Annual DI Art Trail will be held on Saturday, October 15 from 9am-4pm and more than 50 local and regional artists are expected to participate in this popular event. Returning to the Art Trail this year is well known Ocean Springs artist Stig Marcussen, island artists Dena McKee, Earle & Nancy Connell, Sharon Johnston and Russ Voisin among others. Browse through an array of art including paintings, pottery, hand-made jewelry, "Funky Yard Art" and the whimsical "Hoochie Mama" series to name a few. Among the business locations participating in the Art Trail are Lighthouse Bakery & Gifts, Mack N' DD's Emporium, The Sand Box, Blu Revival Surf Shop, Gift Shops at both Fort Gaines and the Estuarium, Island Chevron, Skinner's Seafood and more! Organizers will once again provide free trolley service throughout the day to the ten Art Trail sites located around the island. One-of-a-kind art will be on sale providing you the perfect opportunity to purchase that select piece for that special someone in your life. Patrons will also want to pick up a Trail Map and have it stamped at each location to be eligible for some great prizes during the drawings at the end of the day. NO purchase necessary to participate! In addition, Trail Maps also include free discount coupons to island businesses!

On Your Mark, Get Set...Tri the Gulf!

The Mobile Bar Foundation and the Mobile Sports Authority will be hosting its first sanctioned triathlon on Saturday October 15 at 7AM here on Dauphin Island. Several hundred or more participants are expected to take part in the 1/3mile swim, 13.3 mile bike and 3.1 mile run. While the event will be headquartered at the Isle Dauphine complex, numerous island roads, portions of the bike trail and DI Bridge will be utilized during the triathlon. Although our police department personnel will be on duty to ensure pedestrian safety...EXPECT TRAFFIC DELAYS! "We are thrilled to be hosting this first-time triathlon on Dauphin Island and thank the Town of Dauphin Island and Dauphin Island Property Owners' Association for working with us to welcome this unique event to Mobile County" said Mobile County Probate Judge Don Davis, Event Committee Chairperson. For additional information, registration and/or to volunteer, check out the triathlon website at trithegulf.com.

Council Swearing-In Ceremony and Organizational Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend the Swearing-In Ceremony for the 2016-20 Mayor and Town Council on Monday, November 7 at 5pm at Town Hall. Light refreshments will be provided. An Organizational Meeting will be held after the ceremony at 6pm and the public is invited to attend. Please make plans to join us for this special evening!



Fort Gaines to Host Festival

Hosted by the Society of Creative Anachronism, the Barony of Osprey will present "Life in the Middle Ages" at historic Fort Gaines on Saturday, October 29. Billed as the 33rd Annual Renaissance Festival—GATALOP 33, the event will feature Knights in Armor as they storm the castle, melees and sieges and blacksmith demonstrations. You'll also have a chance to visit with Lords, Ladies, Artists and Medieval Merchants while you're there! For additional information visit www.dauphinisland.org or call 861-6992.

All's Swell Surf Contest

Wax up those boards and get ready to "hang ten" at the Annual All's Swell Surf Contest at West End Beach. Sponsored by Blu Revival Surf Shop the event will be held on October 30 (alternate dates 11/5 or 11/12, surf permitting) at West End Beach. Heats start at 9am (Sunrise Service offered at 7:30am) with registration from 8—8:45am. Entry fee per Division is \$25.00. While admission is free, organizers respectfully request a \$5.00 donation per vehicle to support the Little Red School House relocation and renovation project. For more information visit our event page on Facebook, email blurevival@gmail.com or call 228-806-1958. Hope to see you there!

13th Annual Alabama Coastal Birdfest

Billed as a Birding and Nature Festival, the 13th Annual Alabama Coastal Birdfest is scheduled for October 5-8 and showcases great bird and nature watching spots throughout Mobile and Baldwin counties, including Dauphin Island. Birdfest is an enjoyable and educational adventure no matter your level of birding experience. Several workshops are available this year at 5 Rivers including; Hummingbirds (Oct. 5, 2-4pm \$15), Basics of Birding (Oct 5, 2-4pm, \$15) and Bird & Nature Photo Workshop (Oct 7, 2-5pm, \$20). In addition, a number of boat and bus tours are available to unique and remote locations for you to explore. For more information visit www.alabamacoastalbirdfest.com or call 251-625-0814.

Fall Bazaar To Be Paired With Island Wide Yard Sale

St. Frances Episcopal Church ECW, will host its Annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 12 from 9am-2pm. Featuring a variety of home made delights to purchase and stock for the holidays, this popular event will offer seafood gumbo, pickles, cakes, cheese straws, and other assorted tasty treats. Don't miss Wimberly Hory's delicious chicken salad sandwiches while you're there! In addition, a "White Elephant Sale" will be held on church grounds and you can join in on the fun by bringing a table and chairs. Spaces are \$15 each and are on a first come basis. For more info contact Daena Meyers at 251-391-4558 or Joan Smith 861-2551. On the same day, St. Edmunds Ladies Altar Society will sponsor an Island-Wide Yard Sale from 8am-2pm. Check out the church grounds as a variety of items will be on sale. Then venture throughout the island in search of (signs will be in place) more treasures at numerous homes and neighborhoods.

Trick or Treat at Green Park

Ghosts and goblins will converge on Green Park for our annual Trick or Treat festivities from 5:30—8:30pm. Island residents are encouraged to bring a table and chairs to hand out goodies to all the youngsters on Halloween night. Always a fun and memorable time!

Volunteers needed to plant sea oats

The Town of Dauphin Island recently received a grant from the 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. Additional information will be forthcoming. In the meantime please contact info@joinACF.org for more details.

Congressman Byrne to attend DIVA Veterans Day Event

The Dauphin Island Veterans Association is proud to announce Congressman Bradley Byrne will be the featured guest speaker at the Veterans Day Ceremony to be held on November 11! To better accommodate the Congressman's schedule, start time has been moved to 10am (rather than 11am) and the ceremony will be held at Water Tower Plaza. In addition, Police Chief Kym Claw will pay tribute to the Native American Code Talkers who played a major role for the U.S. during 20th Century conflicts such as World War I and II. Join our local veterans for what should be a patriotic and solemn ceremony to honor our Nation's vets.

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.



Town Council Agenda Meeting Change of Date

Due to our regularly scheduled Agenda Meeting falling on Halloween, the Town Council voted to move that meeting to November 1 at 6pm. The Council Meeting will follow at 7pm.

Fire & Rescue Receives a New Brush Truck

On July 17th, Dauphin Island Fire and Rescue took ownership of a 2003 Ford F-350 pickup provided through a grant by the Department of Defense Firefighter Protection Program administered by the Alabama Forestry Commission. In a separate grant from the Alabama Forestry Commission, DIFR was able to equip the truck with a pump and a 200 gallon tank. Now known as Brush 3, its primary tasks include fighting woods fires and providing cover for special events where a fire engine is too cumbersome. DIFR appreciates the continued support from our local, state and federal partners which, in turn, enhances our ability to provide emergency services to our island community.

Election Day 2016

Make plans to vote in the upcoming Presidential Election on Tuesday, November 8 from 7am to 7pm at the Christ Life Center on Key Street. Please bring voter registration card and photo ID to ensure a smooth and speedy trip to the polls.

Dauphin Island Sea Lab presents National Estuaries Week

National Estuaries Week begins this Saturday. Nationwide, Restore America's Estuaries partners with organizations like the Dauphin Island Sea Lab and the National Estuary Program to shine a spotlight on the importance of our estuaries. Estuaries, like Mobile Bay, are where freshwater meets saltwater. Our estuaries are economically and environmentally important for many reasons, not the least of which, they serve as a nursery habitat for many commercially and recreationally important fish and shellfish, such as oysters, shrimp and red snapper. It is important for us to be good stewards and protect this vital part of our community. For National Estuaries Week, the Discovery Hall Programs at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab will offer a deeper look at the pieces of our estuary puzzle. Join us on Saturday, September 24 at The Estuarium of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for an educational treat. Learn about the animals living in our estuary, the dangers they face, and why it is important to help protect their habitat. Booths and presentations will showcase DISL research and guests will be treated to half price admission for the event. Also, on Wednesday, September 21, Marine Educator Greg Graeber will host The Estuarium's Boardwalk Talk, 'Sharks of the Mobile Bay Estuary.' For more information on National Estuaries Week, reach out to Angela Levins, PR Director, at 251-591-1165 or at alevins@disl.org.

News from Dauphin Island Heritage & Arts Council

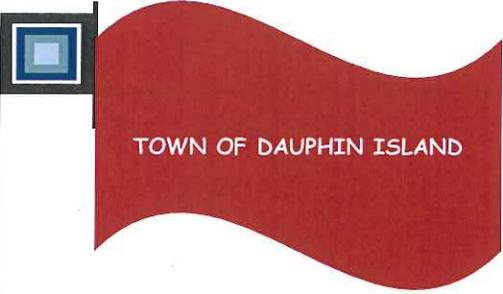
The Art Club at DI Elementary School, a free arts program sponsored by DIHAC in cooperation with school officials and faculty, resumed on September 13 with 26 students enrolled in the program. Art Club meets on Tuesdays from 3:15 - 4:30 pm at the school. If you're interested in volunteering to help with Art Club, call or text DIHAC's school program coordinator, Melinda Hollingsworth at 205/527-2425. No arts experience or skill is required. DIHAC's Heritage Committee, chaired by Georgia Mallon, will present "Stirring the Sand" on Thursday, October 13, from 9 - 11 am in the open space adjacent to the DI Gallery at 918 Bienville Blvd. The event features life-long and long-term area residents telling stories of their life experiences growing up on Old Dauphin Island. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket. The event is free and open to the public. Donations to support DIHAC's heritage programs will be accepted and much appreciated. "Last Friday Art Night" continues on September 30 from 6 - 8 pm at the DI Gallery. This month's event features an art demonstration by Margie Delcambre and music by singer/songwriter Brenda Bledsoe. Come join in this Island tradition and shop for local art, browse the Heritage Gallery, enjoy food, drink, music, art and socializing with friends and visitors. The event is open to the public and a donation of \$5 per person is requested to help cover expenses.

Volunteers Weather the Storm

The 29th Annual Alabama Coastal Clean-up on Saturday, September 17 was a wet one but more than 400 dedicated volunteers made their way to the registration table at Cadillac Square according to Zone Captain Caitlin Wessel. By noon, the group had scoured island shorelines in search of litter and other items of debris. Many thanks to everyone who helped "Get the Trash out of the Splash!"

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



Sunset Capital of Alabama™

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
Stacey Mallon Ext 221

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

**ADEM Burn Ban In Effect May 1
- November 1**

The annual burn ban imposed by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) is in effect as of May 1 and extends until November 1 for twelve Alabama counties including Mobile County. The burn ban was established to minimize air quality impacts in critical months. Illegal open burning can result in ADEM imposing a fine to the responsible party. Questions regarding open burning regulations may be directed to ADEM at (334) 271-7879 or 7869.

TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor

Jeff Collier

Council Members

Mary Thompson

Earle Connell

Shirley Robinson

Clinton Collier

Stephen Denmark



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 **October 12th @ 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!