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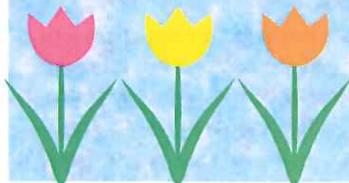
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 26 Community Easter Egg Hunt Cadillac Sq 10am
- March 27 Easter Sunrise Service Ft Gaines 6:30am
- Apr 2 Storytelling Festival 9:30am-5pm
- Apr 2 DIVA Chili Cook-off, Pelican Pub-Noon
- Apr 2 Civil War Trust - Park Day Ft. Gaines
- Apr 2 Sunset Bridge Run
- Apr 3 Motorcycle Show, Fins 11am-3pm
- Apr 9 Discovery Day, Sea Lab 10am-2pm
- Apr 9 Pops Concert Water Tower 6:30pm
- Apr 23 DI Regatta
- Apr 23 Gumbo Cook-off
- Apr 23 St. Francis Arts & Crafts Festival 9am—4pm
- Apr 29 "Last Friday Art Night"
- Apr 30 West End Beach opens for 2016 Season
- May 5 National Day of Prayer Noon
- May 14 & 15 Thunder on the Bay Ft Gaines
- May 14 Seafood, Science & Celebrity (Tentative)
- May 27 "Last Friday Art Night"
- May 29 Sunset Concert TBA
- May 30 Memorial Day



## 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 April are scheduled for the 5th & 19th.

### Trio of Bills Could Impact Island

Local state representatives have introduced at least three Bills that, if passed, could positively impact the Dauphin Island community and much of south Mobile County. SB 160 (Hightower) / HB 173 (Sessions) is being proposed in response to the Mississippi Coastal Improvement Plan (MsCIP) which identifies beach quality sand in Alabama waters (west of Dauphin Island) as a potential source for restoration work proposed for that state. Should this occur, the Bill would direct a significant portion of the proceeds (estimated at nearly \$60 Million) from the sale of sand be used for waterway and shoreline maintenance measures in coastal Mobile County. HB 236 (Sessions) establishes a policy regarding the disposal of beach quality dredged materials in state waters. Such legislation could have meaningful impacts to our barrier island community by requiring sand dredged routinely from the Mobile Ship Channel be placed in a more beneficial/near shore location rather than in the current site that is located nearly five miles south of the island's east end. With or without the proposed plan to deepen and widen the existing ship channel, improved placement of dredged materials could provide a new and permanent source of beach quality sand that would nourish and stabilize the island for future generations. Finally, legislators in Mobile and Baldwin County have joined forces in an attempt to redirect a significant portion of the state's BP settlement funds for road and bridge improvements throughout coastal Alabama. Included in the package are funds to complete Hwy. 98 (aka "Bloody 98") from west Mobile to the Mississippi state line, extension of the Baldwin County Beach Express from I-10 to I-65 and the Rangeline Road Extension from Laurendine Road to near Bayley's Corner. The Rangeline Road project would eliminate the existing "zig-zag" at Laurendine while providing a safer more direct route to and from the southernmost portions of Mobile County. In addition to the road improvements, the legislation would also establish a nearly \$50 million fund to strengthen/retrofit coastal Alabama homes and reduce insurance premiums. The Town wholeheartedly supports these measures and extends its sincere appreciation to Senator Hightower and Representative Sessions for spearheading these major efforts that would benefit Dauphin Island and all of south Mobile County for years to come!

### West End Beach Opening Soon...Free Admission for Island Property Owners!

Spring has sprung along the gulf coast and folks are already hitting the beach in search of "fun in the sun". 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!**

### 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.



### Annual DIVA Chili Cook-Off Set, Group To Erect New Memorial

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. Proceeds from the 2016 Chili Cook-Off will support DIVA's plan to erect a "fallen soldier" statue on the front lawn of Town Hall. The statue will be dedicated to "SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN" who gave their all in the service of our nation and will belong to ALL Dauphin Island citizens. Please consider making a contribution to DIVA and help make this possible!

### Sunset Bridge Run To Include High Rise

The 2016 Sunset Bridge Run on Saturday, April 2 at 530pm, sponsored by the South Mobile County Tourism Authority, will offer participants a unique experience---a course that includes traversing the more than 80 foot high rise section spanning the Intracoastal Waterway! While many of us routinely cross the bridge in our personal vehicles, participants in the 4-Mile run/walk will experience the panoramic view from a different perspective...on foot. Participants will gather at the rodeo site and be shuttled to the north end of the bridge where the race begins. For those seeking less of a challenge, the event also offers a traditional 5K run/walk (approx. 3 miles) that begins at the rodeo site, travels north to near the high rise and returns. Registration: Via mail (must be postmarked by March 28), in person at McCoy Outdoor or Run-N-Tri in Mobile or Running Wild in Fairhope until noon on March 22 or online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) until midnight on March 30. Race day registration is also available at the rodeo site from 3:45-4:45pm. Adults \$25, Children (12 & under) \$15. Add \$5 for day of race registration. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event contact Lynne Brown Gatlin at 251-408-2162. NOTE: Bridge traffic will experience delays during this event. Please plan your travels accordingly.

### Motorcycle Show Revs Up-DI Fundraiser

Due to the ongoing construction at DI School, event organizers have decided to move the Annual Motorcycle Show to the vacant lot just east of Fins Bar this year. This annual fundraiser supports DI Elementary School and will take place on Sunday, April 3 from 11 am—3 pm. Dozens of vintage and modern motorcycles compete for top honors and you are invited to check out the show. You can also support the cause through cash contributions, donation of raffle items and/or food & beverage. Contact PTO President Chasity Hall at 680-4223 for more information.

### DIPOA...Calling All Property Owners!

Did you know that you are automatically a member of the Dauphin Island Property Owners' Association by virtue of owning property on the island? If you are a property owner and do not receive the monthly email meeting reminders or recaps from the DIPOA office, WE NEED YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION! Please go to the website, [dipoa.org](http://dipoa.org), and complete the registration form on the home page or contact Denise at (251) 861-3144 or [office@dipoa.org](mailto:office@dipoa.org).

### East End Restoration Project Complete

Dredge crews made quick work of the nearly one mile long shoreline restoration project on the extreme east end of the island. In less than two weeks more than 300,000 cubic yards of sand were transported by pipeline from the Sand Island Beneficial Use Area some five miles south of the island. As the mixture of sand and water flowed from the 30" pipe, multiple bulldozers pushed and shaped the material into the engineered template that has significantly changed the contour of this badly eroded stretch of shoreline. Accompanying rock jetties were constructed in late 2015 and offer a layer of protection for sand placed in the lee of the structures as well as critical upland properties. Again, we greatly appreciate Governor Bentley's support of this project and look forward to him attending a "ribbon cutting" ceremony at the new beach some time in the near future.

### Discovery Day at the Sea Lab

The annual Discovery Day at Dauphin Island Sea Lab is set for Saturday, April 9 from 10am-2pm and you are invited to attend. Discovery Day showcases the various components of the Sea Lab including the popular Estuarium, Research Facilities and the research vessel Alabama Discovery to name a few. Touch tanks, arts & crafts and interactive exhibits create an amazing learning experience for all ages. Marine scientists and graduate students will be on hand to answer questions and share their ongoing research projects. Discovery Day is FREE, except for reduced adult admission to the Estuarium. For more info call 861-2141 or visit [www.disl.org](http://www.disl.org).



### DI Heritage & Arts Council Announces Storytelling Festival

The Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council announces its inaugural Storytelling Festival on Saturday, April 2 from 930am-5pm at the Gallery grounds on Bienville Boulevard. Join us as DI and south Mobile County residents give first-hand accounts of growing up in the 1930s and 1940s on a barrier island with no bridge, view cultural demonstrations and savor traditional "roots" music all in one convenient walkable location. Local storytellers including Henry T. ("Junior") Wright and John Gaspard will be joining professional storytellers like Delores Hydock of Birmingham, Alabama, for a fun-filled and memorable day here on Dauphin Island. Ms. Hydock will perform excerpts from diaries kept by a young woman during the Civil War. Accompanying her will be nationally known music historian Bobby Horton, noted for his musical work with Ken Burns' PBS "Civil War" series. Horton will add Civil War camp songs and other period and original tunes to further illustrate Alabama's Civil War life. Deborah Boykin, Director of Community Arts and Folklorist with the Alabama State Council on the Arts, will serve as interviewer for some of the local storytellers. Crafters will be on hand to share their expertise and the culture of coastal life handed down for generations including boat building, net weaving, and net casting along with demonstrations of oystering, shrimping and crabbing. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the DI Welcome Center, DIHAC Gallery and online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). Children 10 & under are free.

### Fort Gaines To Host Events

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](http://fb.com/fortgaines)) or by calling 861-6992. Come celebrate the up-coming 152nd Battle of Mobile Bay sponsored by the 6th Alabama Calvary and the Alabama Division of Re-enactors on May 14-15. Witness the Battle of Mobile Bay at 2pm on Saturday and the surrender ceremony at 3:30pm. Additional activities will take place throughout the weekend.

### Arts & Crafts, Gumbo Cook-Off and Regatta...All In One Day!

The island will be busy on Saturday, April 23 as three popular events will be taking place throughout the day. St. Francis Episcopal Church will host its 14th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival from 9am-4pm on church grounds. More than 50 local and regional artists will be selling one-of-a-kind pieces while the women of the church will be serving up a variety of delicious foods including seafood gumbo, baked goods and chicken salad to name just a few. The annual fundraiser provides support for the local Feed The Need, Wilmer Hall, Victory Health Partners and Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy in Mobile. For additional information contact Cissy Napper at 318-548-4376. The DI Chamber of Commerce will tempt your taste buds at the annual Gumbo Cook-Off "Hits the Trail" from 11am-2pm as teams vie for top honors in this savory competition. As usual, multiple venues throughout the island (TBA) will feature several or more teams each and all will be connected by a free shuttle service. Tickets will be on sale soon at selected island businesses and other locations. Cap off the day by taking in the majestic beauty and pageantry of the DI Regatta. Dozens of vessels will make the annual journey down Mobile Bay creating a unique and colorful spectacle for all to see. Numerous vantage points offer fantastic views of the historic event or you can see them up close and personal when they anchor in Aloe Bay. Mark your calendars for April 23, 2016 and head on down to the island for a terrific trio of events for the entire family.

### 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.

### Mobile Pops Concert

The Mobile Pops will perform at Water Tower Plaza on Saturday, April 9 at 630pm. Music selections for the evening will showcase creations by John Williams including Star Wars, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Superman and the march from the movie 1941 among others. Concert attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket. The event is FREE to the public.

### "KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN"

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at the Bayou La Batre Senior Center, 12745 Padgett Switch Road, Irvington, AL 36544 9am until 12:00. Free vision screening, free blood pressure and blood sugar checks. Talks about "Macular Degeneration and Diabetic Eye Disease", "Glaucoma: The Silent Thief" and Living with Low Vision". Call 251-476-4744 to ensure seating and information.



TOWN OF DAUPHIN ISLAND

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## 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 (Closed on  
Good Friday, Mar 25)

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 **April 13th @ 4:00pm**

DI Traffic School **Apr 6th 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!