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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 1 New Years Day
- Jan 17 Krewe De La Dauphine Mardi Gras Parade—1pm
- Jan 30 Last Friday Art Night 6—8pm
- Feb 14 Battle of Mobile Bay 5K Race
- Feb 17 Mardi Gras Day
- Mar 7 St. Judes Bike A Thon
- Mar 28 Town Easter Egg Hunt -Green Park 10 am
- Apr 4 Community Easter Egg Hunt - Cadillac Square
- Apr 5 Motorcycle Show Dauphin Island Elementary School
- Apr 18 Discovery Day Dauphin Island Sea Lab
- Apr 25 Sail Boat Regatta
- Apr 25 Gumbo Fest



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 January are scheduled for the 6th & 20th.

Mardi Gras...Dauphin Island Style!

The streets of Dauphin Island will once again be lined with thousands of parade-goers in search of beads, stuffed animals, moon pies and other trinkets on Saturday, January 17 as the Krewe de la Dauphine kicks off the 2015 Mardi Gras season. The parade will start at 1pm near the DI Sea Lab and travel west along Bienville Boulevard to the DI School. This year's theme is "KDLV Visits the Great Outdoors" with over 60 units in the parade! Eleven floats will showcase various outdoor activities such as hunting, boating and fishing to name a few. The Island Mystics will not parade this year but plans are already underway to roll again in 2016! Have an enjoyable and safe Mardi Gras!

Council Sets Public Meeting To Discuss West End Parking

The Town Council will hold a public informational meeting on Wednesday, January 21 at 6pm to discuss potential changes to the existing parking regulations on the island's west end. The primary focus of the review will be on the two-lane portion of Bienville Boulevard and adjacent side streets as town leaders look for ways to improve on the current system in advance of the 2015 spring and summer seasons. Residents and property owners in these areas are encouraged to attend the meeting and share your thoughts and ideas on these matters. Current regulations prohibit parking along Bienville Blvd. and offer a variety of parking opportunities on designated side streets.

Billy Goat Hole Concession Stand Available

The Town of Dauphin Island is soliciting proposals from all interested parties to rent the concession stand at Billy Goat Hole. In addition to a required minimum bid of \$9600 annually (with accompanying bond) plus utilities, individuals should include a sample menu, estimated hours of operation and any other pertinent information that could be helpful to the selection committee. The restroom portion of the facility will remain the responsibility of the town including utilities, cleaning/maintenance, paper products, etc. A "walk through" of the building is scheduled for January 13, 2015 at 10:00 am and all interested parties are encouraged to attend. Deadline for submittal of proposals is January 20, 2015 at 3:00pm. For additional information please contact Town Hall.



Office Assistant And Public Works Dept. Positions Open

The town is accepting applications until 2pm on Tuesday, January 20 for an Office Assistant position at Town Hall. Duties will include (but not be limited to) filing, answering phone, assisting existing staff and other duties as necessary. Accounting experience is a plus. Please contact Town Clerk Wanda Sandagger regarding any questions or additional information. The Public Works Dept. is also accepting applications for a Public Service Worker I position. Contact Public Works Supt. Corey Moore for details.

Leash Law

The town would like to remind all pet owners that the entire island (including Sand/Pelican Island) is covered by a Leash Law which requires dogs be kept on a leash at ALL times or otherwise properly restrained. We have received a number of reports lately of dogs running loose (especially on area beaches) although many times they are accompanied by the owner. Regardless, this is a violation of the Leash Law and individuals should refrain from such activities.

Town Receives Corps Permit

The East End Restoration project took one giant step forward recently as the town received the required permit from the Corps of Engineers. Remaining items needed prior to construction include securing easements from the abutting property owners and a public meeting (TBA) held by the Alabama Dept. of Environmental Management (ADEM) and State Lands officials. The \$5 million beach nourishment project will add sand to the easternmost mile of the island shoreline while realigning the existing offshore rock jetties south of Fort Gaines. Work is expected to be completed by the fall of 2015 barring any unforeseen delays.

2014 Christmas Pageant Winners

Twenty seven young ladies participated in the 26th Annual Dauphin Island Christmas Pageant and all of the contestants did an excellent job during the competition. The Town would like to thank Mary Strickland for serving as pageant coordinator as well as the following who supported the event in various ways; St. Edmunds Catholic Church, Lighthouse Bakery, South Mobile County Tourism Authority, DI Real Estate, Beachfront Rentals, ACP Real Estate, Alabama Realty, Crowder Gulf, Hallie Brown Builders, Cooley Construction, Marti's, Gulf Breeze Motel, Public Works Dept., parents, judges and other volunteers! Winners of the pageant will represent the Dauphin Island community at numerous events throughout the 2015 calendar year. Congratulations to: (Age 2-4) Tiny Miss Dauphin Island— Isabella McLemore, (Age 5-8) Little Miss Dauphin Island — Brenleigh Imel, (Age 9-11) Sweet Miss Dauphin Island—Grayce Colf, (Age 12-14) Junior Miss Dauphin Island—Carrie Wagner & (Age 15-18) Miss Dauphin Island—Ana-Kate Curtiss.

Controlled Burn Planned For Audubon Bird Sanctuary

The Dauphin Island Park and Beach Board (DIPBB) is working with the Alabama Forestry Commission to implement a controlled burn within the Audubon Bird Sanctuary. This burn is scheduled to occur sometime between now and the end of February 2015. This window of opportunity allows officials the flexibility to select a time that coincides with optimal weather conditions for the actual burn. The DIPBB will be closing the Sanctuary to the public as the Forestry Commission installs additional firebreaks and implements the controlled burn. DIPBB will be providing additional public notices on its Facebook page (www.facebook.com/DIPBB) while their website (www.dauphinisland.org) will have additional information about efforts to protect and create a safe, healthy, and more productive forestry.

Invasive Species/Habitat Preservation Workshop Set

Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant and DI Park & Beach Board have teamed up to host a FREE workshop on "Invasive Species and Habitat Preservation on Dauphin Island". The event will be held at the Shelby Center at DI Sea Lab on Wednesday, January 21 from 11:30am-3:00pm and includes lunch. Speakers include Dr. Mark LaSalle, Director of the Pascagoula River Audubon Center, Dr. Chester Figiel, US Fish & Wildlife Service and Walter Ernest, Pelican Coast Conservancy. For additional info please contact Catherine Janasie at cjanasie@olemiss.edu.

Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council Seeks Input

The Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council (the 10-member Committee of which Mayor Collier is a member) is seeking input on its draft solicitation for the RESTORE Act Center of Excellence Research Grant Program. The AGCRC intends to solicit proposals from nongovernmental entities and consortia in the Gulf Coast Region (including public and private institutions of higher education) to serve as the State of Alabama's Center of Excellence as defined in Section 1605 of the RESTORE Act. You can view the draft document at www.restorealabama.org/documents and submit your comments on line at agcrc@dcnr.alabama.gov. The AGCRC initially selected the Dauphin Island Sea Lab to serve as the Center of Excellence but subsequent Treasury regulations and criteria require a new process prior to selection. Please take a moment to view the documents and offer your comments. On another note, the AGCRC recently announced it will accept "Economic" project (and associated planning needs) applications for its first round of funding. The group anticipates receiving approximately \$55 million in oil spill related funds within the first two quarters of 2015.

Bienville Blvd. Medians To Receive Facelift

The Town's Public Works Dept. does an extraordinary job all year long keeping our island clean and making improvements to roads and rights-of-way. Recent efforts are focused on medians along Bienville Blvd. from approximately Albright Drive on the east end to Pirate's Cove Street on the west end. You've probably noticed some newly planted oleanders (donated by Flowerwood Nursery in Mobile) along with the pruning of existing palms and assorted trees that are already making a positive impact. The work also includes closing several "cut through" crossings (including the one in front of Town Hall) to enhance the overall aesthetics of the medians while improving traffic and pedestrian safety. While we understand these closings will create some , the end product will be worth it.

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Work To Continue

Now that the holidays are behind us, members of the Planning Commission along with South Alabama Regional Planning Commission representatives will continue efforts to implement the Town's Comprehensive Plan. You may recall a number of meetings and public hearings taking place in mid to late 2014 which ultimately led to a revised plan being approved by the Town Council. Changes included the addition of a Working Waterfront District, Central Business District and Village District while owners of unimproved waterfront properties (north side of the Island) are now allowed to construct boat piers/lifts/docks prior to the construction of a "primary structure" just to name a few. The focus of the Committee will now shift primarily to the Island's West End (approx from Pirate's Cove street west) to address some of the needs on this portion of the island. Residents/property owners in the effected area are encouraged to consider serving on the Committee during this phase of the process. If you are interested please contact Wanda Sandagger at wsandaggertownofdauphinisland.org or (251)861-5525 and have your name added to the list of potential volunteers.

Last Friday Art Night Continues

Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council will host its Last Friday Art Night™ on Friday, January 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Island Heritage and Art Gallery, 1008 Alabama Avenue (directly behind Town Hall). 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. For more information, send an email to DauphinIslandArts@gmail.com, or call 251/490-0294.

School Preservation Project to Receive Grant

State Senator Bill Hightower attended the Town Council meeting on January 6 and announced the Town would receive a \$5000 grant to help with the costs to relocate and re-purpose the historic Little Red Schoolhouse! The Mayor (on behalf of the Council) expressed his sincere appreciation to Senator Hightower for his continued support of this special project as well as the entire Dauphin Island community.

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TOWN COUNCIL

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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 or visit DI-POA website.

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

DI Court—2nd Wednesday of each month **January 14 @ 4:00pm**

DI Traffic School **February 4 @ 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)

