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UPCOMING EVENTS



December 23rd—January 3rd Town Hall & Public Works Dept will be closed

January 9th Krewe De La Dauphine Parade 1pm

January 16th Island Mystic Parade 1 pm

January 29 "Last Friday Night Art", DIHAC

January 30th A Day in the life of a Civil War Solider

February 9th Mardi Gras Day

February 13th 20th "Battle of Mobile Bay 5K Run, 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 January are scheduled for the 5th & 19th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Island Parades To Kick Off 2016 Mardi Gras Season

What better way to start a new year than with a couple of Mardi Gras parades right here on Dauphin Island! As usual, the Krewe de la Dauphine will throw the first beads and moon pies of the 2016 Mardi Gras season when the group rolls along Bienville Boulevard from DI Sea Lab to the condos just west of DI School on Saturday, January 9 at 1pm. According to parade organizers, this year's event will feature more than 50 units, including 12 floats, miniature horses, live music and much more. King "Peanut" and Queen Karen will reign over the 27th annual event with the theme "Broadway Nights" featuring floats such as "Cats", "Wizard of Oz" and many more of your favorites. Mayor Collier will serve as Grand Marshal. The Island Mystics parade will roll at 1pm on the following Saturday (January 16) and take the same route.

Town Announces Holiday Schedule

In observance of Christmas, Town Hall and the Public Works Dept. will be closed December 23-January 3. As in past years, a limited staff will be available during the Christmas and New Year holidays in order to maintain a minimum level of services. The dumpsters will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day but will be open on Saturday, December 26th and January 2nd. The Police Dept. will remain open during this time.

Got Numbers?

In order to support our local and off-island emergency responders, the Town of Dauphin Island requires house numbers be posted on all buildings. Numbers should be a minimum of 5" in height, be of a contrasting color to the background/structure and be visible from the street. Home owners are also encouraged to install 3" numbers on roadside mail boxes. The Town recently mailed courtesy letters to owners of property without proper numbers and we greatly appreciate your favorable response to comply with the ordinance in a timely fashion. We also extend our sincere apologies to those owners who were sent letters in error. The most important thing is that all properties be properly numbered so emergency personnel can reduce response times when every second counts!

Digital Message Board Nixed By Council

With a recent unanimous vote by the Town Council, motorists traveling onto the island will not be welcomed by an electronic message board after all. The council had looked into the idea of replacing the existing wooden "bulletin board" on LeMoyne Drive with a more modern message center. However, the group decided to scrap the \$20,000 notion and instead make modest improvements to the existing structure which is routinely used for posting upcoming community events.



2015 Christmas Pageant Winners Announced

Nearly three dozen young ladies participated in the 27th Annual Christmas Pageant on December 4 and the results were as follows: **Tiny Miss DI** (Age 2-4) Sydney Young, **Little Miss DI** (Age 5-8) Kamryn Curtis, **Sweet Miss DI** (Age 9-11) Cameron Curtis, **Junior Miss DI** (Age 12-14) Ashlin Lott and **Miss DI** (Age 15-18) Carly Alexander! Miss Congeniality winners included Sophie Ellen Caldwell (Little Miss), Lily Jones (Sweet Miss) and Dizney Kittrell (Junior Miss). As always we want to congratulate all of the winners and express our sincere appreciation to each of the participants for making this year's event a most memorable one. The Town greatly appreciates the generous support of our pageant sponsors including ACP Real Estate, Island Resort Management, Skinner's Seafood, Boardwalk Realty, Beachfront Rentals, Harbor House, Island Chevron, Treasure Trove, Crowder Gulf, JT'S Sunset Grill, South Mobile County Tourism, First Bank, Ships Services, Dauphin Island Real Estate, Mobile Bar Pilots, Gulf Breeze Motel, Mack N DD's, Dauphin Island Chamber of Commerce and Lighthouse Bakery. Finally, we offer our heartfelt thanks to pageant (and parade) Chairperson Mary Strickland for her dedication and steadfast support of this island tradition.

Planning Commission Sets Public Hearings, Sub-committee To Hold Workshop

The DI Planning Commission will hold two separate Public Hearings on January 12, 2016 prior to its regularly scheduled meeting at 6pm. At 5:40pm the Commission will receive comments on the proposed re-subdivision of 1019 Cadillac Avenue as the owner acquired 15 feet of the adjacent lot. At 5:50pm, citizens will have an opportunity to comment on a second re-subdivision request at 1102 Maldonado Street. Owner proposes to combine Lots 10 & 11 of Block WDN into one lot. The Planning Commission sub-committee will also hold a Workshop Meeting at 4pm at Town Hall as part of the group's ongoing work to implement portions of the Comprehensive Plan. The workshop is also open to the public.

Need A Last Minute Gift Idea?

By now, Santa is likely making final preparations for his annual whirlwind tour to distribute toys and other gifts to boys and girls all over the world. If you're needing a few last minute gifts for that special someone in your life---shop local! All of our locally-owned and operated businesses provide a variety of services to residents and visitors alike throughout the year. Let's keep them in mind this holiday season and support local business owners. In addition, the Town has a variety of specialty logoed items for sale and all proceeds go to support the relocation and re-purposing of the historic Little Red School House. Items include polo & T-shirts, straw hats & caps, beach towels & bags, frisbees, pens and much, much more. Your family and friends will certainly enjoy receiving such a unique gift idea this Christmas!

East End Restoration Update

The rock jetty portion of the East End Restoration project is complete. In the meantime, the dredge contractor has recently revised the schedule involving sand placement to start shortly after the Christmas holiday. Equipment, including miles of pipeline, is expected to arrive on the island in the coming days in preparation for the transport and placement of approximately 300,000 cubic yards of beach quality sand. The project will enhance nearly one mile of shoreline from the extreme east end of the island and extending west through the bird sanctuary. Once again, we remind you to proceed with caution if you venture into the work zone (whether on land or in the water) as heavy equipment will be in use.

Fort Gaines To Host Annual Events

You and your family can take part in the annual "Day in the Life of a Civil War Soldier" at historic Fort Gaines on Saturday, January 30. See open hearth cooking, drilling & blacksmith demonstrations, rifle firing and more. Mingle with re-enactors dressed in period garb while you step back in time. Oh... and don't be alarmed if the large cannons should fire during your visit! On Saturday, February 13 lace up your running (or walking) shoes and take part in the 20th Annual Battle of Mobile Bay 5K Race. Sponsored by the Port City Pacers, the race will begin promptly at 9am near Fort Gaines and the course will wind through east end neighborhoods before returning to the finish line also near Fort Gaines. Race proceeds will benefit preservation efforts at the historic site and more than 300 racers are expected to participate in this popular event.



DI Sea Lab Selected Alabama's Center of Excellence

The Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council (AGCRC) met recently at 5 Rivers and unanimously approved the Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium (aka: DI Sea Lab) to serve the State of Alabama as its Center of Excellence. As Dauphin Island's representative on the 10-member Board, Mayor Collier had the privilege of introducing the motion that recognized the importance of continued monitoring and research following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster and identifies the DI Sea Lab as the lead agent for this effort. The mission of the Center of Excellence states in part that it will "provide state, local and federal officials, and interested citizens, access to the findings of innovative research performed in the following priority areas (1) Coastal and deltaic sustainability, restoration and protection, including solutions and technology that allow citizens to live in a safe and sustainable manner in a coastal delta in the Gulf Coast Region, (2) Coastal fisheries and wildlife ecosystem research and monitoring in the Gulf Coast Region, (3) Sustainable and resilient growth, economic and commercial development in the Gulf of Mexico and (4) Comprehensive observation, monitoring, and mapping of the Gulf of Mexico. The DI Sea Lab will develop and implement a competitive grant program that builds on 44 years of existing, proven, MESC grant administrative processes that will produce innovative research and provide data-driven recommendations for developing communities that are more resilient. Congratulations to Dr. John Valentine and his entire staff at DI Sea Lab for this well earned designation!

Used Town Banners For Sale

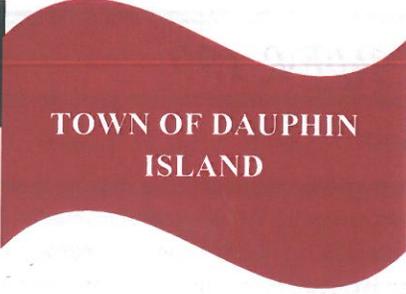
Shortly after the town was designated as the "Sunset Capital of Alabama", an aggressive marketing and advertising campaign helped spread the newly-acquired recognition. This included banners that you likely recall seeing attached to street lights along Lemoyne Drive and Bienville Boulevard. You might also recall those particular banners tended to fade not long after they were exposed to the harsh coastal elements. Since that time the manufacturer has provided replacement banners (using a different material/dye) at no cost to the town and the new ones will be displayed in early 2016. Now back to the original banners. We've had several individuals offer to purchase one or more of the original banners and the council recently agreed to accept a \$20 donation (per banner) with proceeds going to support the DI School relocation and re-purposing effort. The banners are approximately 28" X 60", made of a canvas-like material and contain various designs/sayings such as Red Snapper--Wet a Hook, Heron-Flock to the Shore, Bicycle--Bike to the Beach, Lighthouse-Coast thru History, Sunset scene-Savor the Sunsets. The banners will be available at town hall on a first come basis.

DIHAC Happenings:

Dauphin Island Gallery is THE place to be on the last Friday night of each month from January through October! Join friends and neighbors at Last Friday Art Night on January 29, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. At LFAN, you can shop for local art, experience art demonstrations, browse the Heritage Gallery, enjoy food and refreshments and socialize. Come join the fun! In mid-January, DI Gallery artists will continue providing free art classes to DI Elementary School students at the newly-formed and highly successful "Art Club". There will be a student art contest in May and the public will be invited. DIHAC's "Art in Public Places" program is off and running, with local art displayed at the Isle Dauphine Club Supper Club and Islanders Restaurant. Holiday Isle will be the next venue for the program.

Kudos DI Chamber

Water Tower Plaza is all decked out for the holidays. In addition to a nativity scene and trees dressed with white lights, the site also includes a traditional Christmas Tree adorned with sand dollars and blue bulbs compliments of the DI Chamber of Commerce. The tree lighting ceremony on December 12 drew a large crowd of spectators and Santa Claus was on hand to speak with all the boys and girls. Little ones were even treated to a rare sight here on Dauphin Island...."snow"! Many thanks to ALL who helped create and install the decorations and our sincere appreciation to the good folks at DI Water & Sewer for allowing use of the site. Merry Christmas to one and all!



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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
 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 Jan 13 @ 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!