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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 18 St. Edmunds Bingo
- May 27 "Last Friday Art Night" 6-8pm
- May 28 Free Family Movie Night—Peanut Movie: Big Dream 8pm
- May 29 Sunset Concert SWING West End Beach 6pm
- May 30 Memorial Day
- May 30 DIVA Ceremony 11am Water Tower
- June 4 3rd Annual Sunset Cruise Car Show 9am-4pm
- June 24 "Last Friday Art Night" 6-8pm
- June 26 Sunset Concert West End Beach (TBA)
- July 4 Fireworks Display 9pm Public Beach
- July 4 DIVA Ceremony 11am Water Tower
- July 5-19 Candidates Can Qualify for 2016 Municipal Election
- July 9 53rd Roy Martin Young Anglers Rodeo
- July 15-17 ADSFR
- July 29 "Last Friday Night Art" 6-8pm
- July 31 Sunset Concert West End Beach (TBA)
- August 23 DI Municipal Elections
- August 26 "Last Friday Art Night" 6-8pm
- August 28 Sunset Concert West End Beach
- Sept 5 Labor 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 June are scheduled for the 7th & 21st.

Memorial Day Weekend Activities: Something For Everyone!

Get the 2016 summer season off to a fun start right here on Dauphin Island as several family-friendly events are on tap for your enjoyment. The Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council will kick things off on Friday, May 27, with one of its popular Last Friday Art Nights from 6-8pm. Activities take place at the Gallery where you can shop for local art, see art demonstrations, enjoy food & drink and socialize with islanders and visitors alike. While there, don't forget to check out the Heritage Corner where you can take a step back in time as you browse through articles, artifacts and photographs from years gone by. On Saturday, May 28, join us at West End Beach for the first Free Family Movie Night of the season! Come on down a little early to get a good seat and view one of our spectacular island sunsets before the movie (Peanut Movie: Big Dream) starts at 8pm. As always, we recommend you bring beach chairs, blankets and bug spray (just in case) but please...NO pets, glass or grills. On Sunday, May 29, you'll want to return to West End Beach to catch the first Sunset Concert of the 2016 summer season! Join us as SWING takes the stage at 6pm to play and sing some of your favorite jazz classics as the evening closes with yet another colorful island sunset. Admission is \$5 per person (children 12 & under are free) and all proceeds will help fund the Little Red School House preservation project. Appropriately, we'll close out the holiday weekend on Memorial Day (Monday, May 30) by honoring our service men and women with a ceremony at Water Tower Plaza. The DI Veterans Association will host the patriotic event at 11am. 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). So make your plans to spend Memorial Day weekend here on the Sunset Capital of Alabama!

Sunset Cruise Car Show Rolling Into Town

Dozens of vintage and classic vehicles will converge here on Saturday, June 4 for the 3rd Annual Sunset Cruise Car Show. Headquartered at Green Park this year, the event will also include live music, "Swap Meet", Car Corral and more. Judging takes place from noon-2pm with the awards ceremony at 3pm. Be sure to purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win one of several care packages of Alabama Wild Shrimp (Grand prize includes a 50 liter Bayou Classic Cooler with 50 lbs shrimp, 2nd Prize 30 lbs shrimp and 3rd Prize 20 lbs shrimp) other prizes to be raffled off also. There will also be a 50/50 Split the pot. Car registration is \$20 and \$15 for multiple car entries. Add \$5 for day-of-event entries. Contact town hall for more info.



2016 Municipal Election Info You Need To Know

As the 2016 Municipal Election on August 23 draws near, candidates will be reaching out to island voters in a variety of ways to garner support. One of the most common approaches includes the distribution of political yard signs. While town officials encourage our citizens to get involved in the election process, you are also reminded that Sign Ordinance regulations govern the size, quantity and placement of such signs as follows; Not to exceed one sign per candidate per property and not to exceed three square feet per sign (approximate size of a traditional real estate sign). Political signs may not be displayed on a public rights-of-way or publicly owned site. Political signs may not be put on display sooner than forty-five days prior to the election. Signs must be removed within seventy-two hours after the polls close for that particular election and subsequent run-off elections or until their condition warrants removal or replacement, whichever comes first. Although emphasis is placed on the upcoming Municipal Elections in this article, political sign regulations pertain to ALL political elections including County, State and National races.

Little Red School House Update

The planned project to relocate the historic Little Red School House to a town-owned property across the street from Town Hall continues. The latest step involves an environmental permit making its way through the Corps process. While we have no firm time frame as to when the project will be "green lighted", Town and Chamber officials remain committed to the effort to re-purpose the building as a museum and multi-purpose community facility.

Palms, Flowering Plants To Further Beautify Bienville

You may have noticed the recent transplanting of more than a dozen native palms from the rights-of-way near the Silver Pearl Gift Shop. The trees were planted in the Bienville median near Boardwalk Realty to enhance and beautify that stretch of roadway. An assortment of oleanders were planted in this area more than a year ago. Much of the cost associated with the transplanting of palms was funded through a \$1000 Good Roots Grant sponsored by the Alabama Power Foundation. In addition, Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries (DIBs) has once again partnered with the town by pledging \$500 to purchase Bottle Brush plants that will be scattered throughout the island community to add color while providing an important food source for native and migratory species. The Town of Dauphin Island expresses its sincere appreciation to Alabama Power Foundation and DIBs for these generous contributions!

To Spray or Not To Spray?

Mosquito season is once again upon us and once again conversations about the best way to control these annoying pests are...well, swarming. The Mobile County Health Department (MCHD) is responsible for Vector Control services both here on Dauphin Island and throughout Mobile County. In fact, the town actually pays an annual fee into the program based on our total population to help fund this effort. Although the agency employs a variety of tactics to control the population of mosquitoes, its preferred method is spraying. We've all seen the small white trucks driving through our neighborhoods emitting a nearly invisible vapor to attack the mosquitoes where they live. To access those traditional hard-to-reach areas, county officials take to the air using a specially equipped plane. But should we be spraying at all? Some suggest the environmental and health risks far outweigh the benefits cited by those who support spraying. Throw in a growing concern over the Zika Virus and the pro vs. anti spraying camps are abuzz with disagreement. Bottom Line: The town will continue to work with county officials to provide the highest and best level of protection for our citizens and visitors alike. In the meantime, you can contact Vector Control (MCHD) at 690-8124 to request spraying/non-spraying of your property and get additional information. All of us can help reduce the mosquito population by emptying containers such as flower pots, tires, trash cans/lids and more around the house. We can also protect ourselves by wearing light-colored loose fitting clothing, limiting outdoor activities during the early morning and evening hours and using repellants.

Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council - Update

DIHAC is planning a Summer Art Program for Dauphin Island School students beginning this summer (dates to be announced). The program will feature fun art activities and encouragement for young artists. If you are interested in working as a volunteer with the Summer Art Program, please contact Melinda Hollingsworth at MDHollingsworth79@gmail.com or call 205/527-2425. A four-week session of art classes by master artist Benno Kollegger will be held at Dauphin Island Gallery on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm, beginning June 2 and ending June 23. The classes will be for those with intermediate level art experience. The cost for the entire four-week session is \$100. Single classes may be available if the session is not sold out. Art medium and subject of the class will be announced. Space is very limited and advance registration is required. For registration details, call the Dauphin Island Gallery at 251/861-3300 or 251/490-0294.



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.

Dauphin Island Sea Lab offers summer adventures to all ages

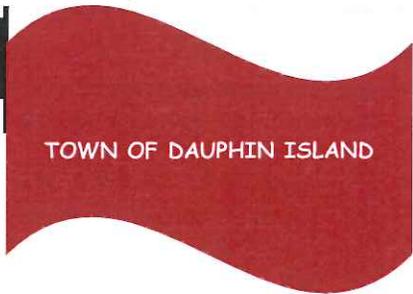
Adventure awaits you at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab this summer. Excursions for everyone and summer camps for school-aged children deliver more than just another day at the beach. Plus, the Estuarium, our public aquarium, is open seven days a week. The Estuarium at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab hosts two types of **excursions** a variety of days during the summer. **Salt Marsh:** Learn why the coastal wetlands are critical to our estuary system during our Salt Marsh excursion. Participants will be transported to the Dauphin Island salt marsh to collect samples such as crabs, snails and fish with seine nets, yabby pumps and sieve boxes. Don't worry about getting dirty on this trip, we do have showers and a changing area available. (Due to the sharp shells, pointy plants and other potential dangers, this trip is not recommended for pre-school children.) **Beach Dune and Maritime Forest:** Have you ever wondered why you're told to stay off the dunes at the beach? During our Beach Dune and Maritime Forest excursion, you'll learn about the dynamic dune system, its fascinating plants and animals, and how the Indians and colonists benefited from the flora and fauna. Make sure to wear a pair of walking shoes you don't mind getting wet. Excursions are \$12 a person and children 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited and reservations are recommended. Learn more about summer excursions at summerexcursions@disl.org. The Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Discovery Hall Programs also hosts three types of **day camps** during the summer. **Oceans Alive! (Ages 5-8)** The Gulf of Mexico offers a wealth of material for developing minds and curious senses. The half-day adventure combines a beach walk with arts and crafts for a lesson in marine biology and ecology. **BIO Blitz (Ages 8-10)** Campers will spend the day as Barrier Island Observers with an expedition across the diverse habitats of Dauphin Island. They will document their findings on the beach, in the salt marsh and in the maritime forest with the help of various creative mediums. Space is limited to 15 participants. **Dauphin Island Survivor (Ages 10-13)** Become a Dauphin Island Survivor by learning how to live off the land. Campers will go crabbing and fishing using various methods, and then get an inside look at the catch of the day. Space is limited to 15 campers. Learn more about the Day Camp options at alevins@disl.org

Keep an Eye Out for Turtles...and the Turtle Team!

May is upon us, and for sea turtles, this means nesting season! Sea turtles throughout the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic coast typically lay nests from May through August, and volunteers work tirelessly to find, mark, and support these nests in an effort to bring the turtles back from their endangered and threatened statuses. In Alabama, that means "Share the Beach" is back on the job! Share the Beach has volunteer teams covering every stretch of beach across that state's southern border. Volunteers are up early patrolling beaches looking for tell-tale "crawls", the marks left in the sand by a female turtle coming onto the beach to nest. When crawls are found, volunteers leap into action to determine if a nest is present. And if so, they mark and protect the nest so it can be closely monitored throughout incubation and hatching. Keep an eye out when enjoying your morning coffee on the porch. If you see volunteers out in their signature bright green shirts, give them a wave! Or feel free to join them and chat a bit about the program and what they might be up to that morning. We also have a UTV that patrols the longer stretches of beach from the condos to the west end. Promise we're not out joy-riding! Sometimes volunteers may need to come up onto beachfront property, and even under houses. We will only do this when there is a crawl or nest that requires our attention, and do our best not to disturb any homeowners or vacationers that are present. Our Fish & Wildlife permit allows us this access, and volunteers will never abuse this privilege. We'll be doing our best to keep the island updated on their nesting residents throughout the season, so check back for updates, or visit www.sharethebeach.com for more information about the program!

BINGO Returns to the Island!

Dust off your daubers and get ready to yell "BINGO" as the Men of St. Edmund (Catholic Church) offer weekly games at the church hall. Starting Wednesday, May 18 at 6pm, join your friends and neighbors for an evening of fun and cash prizes each week while supporting island charitable organizations and causes such as DIUMC Feed the Need, D I School, D I Veterans Association, St. Edmund Church and more.



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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



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 **June 8 @ 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!