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DIVA Sets Annual Benefit Auction

On Saturday, November 12 the DI Veterans Association will hold its annual benefit auction at 7PM at Pelican Pub. The auction serves as the primary DIVA funding source to support community projects such as the Water Tower Flag Pole, "Freedom" (Bald Eagle statue at the DIVA Memorials Walls) and "Patriot" (Fallen Soldier monument located at Town Hall). We cordially invite all island residents to attend this lively and often humorous event led by Dauphin Island's own Pruitt Woodall as auctioneer! Donation of auction items are encouraged and "treasures" can be dropped off at the Pelican Pub from 10am-5pm on the day of event. For more info contact David Connolly at 861-3054 or 861-7180.

Fireworks Show Rescheduled

It's taken some time but the fireworks show that was rained out on Labor Day weekend has been rescheduled for the Sunday before Memorial Day 2017. Specific times and additional details will be provided closer to that date.

"Tri the Gulf" Gets High Marks

The first triathlon to be held on Dauphin Island was a big success according to race officials with the Mobile Bar Foundation. More than 300 participants competed in the 1/3 mile swim, 13.3 mile bike ride and 3.1 mile run which was headquartered at the Isle Dauphine complex. Many thanks to the Alabama Dept. of Transportation, Mobile County Sheriff's Dept., Infirmary Health Systems (presenting sponsor), the DI Police Dept., DI Public Works Dept., and DI Fire & Rescue among others for making the inaugural triathlon such a success! Parties involved with the race will gather in a few weeks to review all aspects of the triathlon to improve future events.

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. 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!

Trick or Treat at Green Park and Halloween Family Fun Night at DIUMC

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! In addition, the DI United Methodist Church will host a Halloween Family Fun Night from 6-7:30pm that night as well. Youngsters can expect to find lots of food, fun and candy so be sure to stop by!

Volunteers needed to plant sea oats

The Town of Dauphin Island recently received a grant from 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. The Town contracted with the Alabama Coastal Foundation to coordinate and manage the project/grant. For more info or to volunteer visit www.joinACF.org.

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. More than \$3200 has been raised to date!

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.



Town Council Agenda Change

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.

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.

West End Beach Open

Although regular operations at West End Beach are officially closed for the 2016 season, the public beach will remain open through the off season on a 24/7 basis. The town is pleased to offer free access to this popular site that provides convenient access to gulf and sound side waters and is one of the best locations on the island to view our spectacular sunsets. Enjoy!

News from Dauphin Island Heritage & Arts Council

DIHAC will host a "Taste of Dauphin Island" to be held in the Dauphin Island Sea Lab Estuarium, on Thursday, December 1, 6:30 - 9 pm. The "Taste" will showcase Island cuisine and provide the opportunity for you to sample the best food on the Island! The event will feature a great line up of Island restaurants, including JT's Sunset Grill, Pirates Bar & Grill, Islanders Restaurant and the Sea Lab Cafeteria. Other highlights of the event will be grand prize drawings for fabulous works of art, live music and liquid refreshments. All this for a donation of \$40 per person, \$75 per couple! Tickets will be available beginning Friday, October 28 at the Dauphin Island Gallery and other locations to be announced. All proceeds will support DIHAC's programs including Dauphin Island Gallery, Art Club and Summer Art Camp for students at Dauphin Island Elementary School. DIHAC is a 501(c)3 tax exempt charitable organization and your donations are much appreciated. For more information, call 251/490-0294 or send an email to DauphinIslandArts@gmail.com. The final "Last Friday Art Night" of the year will be held on October 28 from 6 - 8 pm at the DI Gallery. It's Halloween!! So come in "family-friendly" costume and enter our costume contest. This month's event also features an art demonstration by Juli Day and music by Ramblin' Bob. Shop for local art, browse the Heritage Gallery, enjoy food and drink, and socialize with friends and visitors. The event is open to the public and a donation of \$5 per person is requested to help cover expenses. The Art Club at DI Elementary School, a free arts program sponsored by DIHAC in cooperation with school officials and faculty, is continuing with 30 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.

American Heritage Girls Troop AL8617

Troop Leader Greer Ladnier is proud to announce that there is a new group for girls on Dauphin Island! American Heritage Girls is the premier national character development organization for girls ages 5-18 that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement. The troop will learn life skills, earn badges, serve their community, and enjoy outdoor activities such as camping. If you would like more information about the troop please call 251-786-4213.

DI Sea Lab Happenings

The DI Sea Lab Foundation, in conjunction with Regions Bank, is hosting its annual Marine Environmental Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, November 1 from 1130AM-1PM at the Battle House Hotel in downtown Mobile. Featured speaker for the event is Dr. Sylvia Earle, one of the world's most celebrated underwater explorers. Cost is \$50 per person and reservations are available by calling 251-605-6624 or visiting online at sealabfoundation.org. Join us in November at The Estuarium for our bi-monthly Boardwalk Talks. Emily Seubert will host the November 2 talk and Josh Goff will present on November 16. Boardwalk Talks begin at 11:15 a.m. and offers the public a chance to engage with the experts at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab on science topics as wide-ranging as climate change, habitat restoration, hypoxia, sea level change, salt marshes and more. University Programs hosts its final two seminars of 2016. Dr. Megan La Peyre from Louisiana State University will present her talk, "Where's the Reef? The Challenge of Restoration in a Variable Environment" on Thursday, October 27 at 11 a.m. Then on Thursday, November 10 at 11 a.m. Dr. Paige Ferguson with the University of Alabama will wrap up the 2016 seminar series. For more info contact the Sea Lab at 861-2141.

Town and Chamber Schedule Christmas Activities

Christmas will be here before we know it and representatives with the Town and Chamber of Commerce are already making plans to celebrate the season here on Dauphin Island. The Town will be hosting the 28th Annual Miss Dauphin Island Pageant on Friday, December 2 at 7pm and the Christmas Parade will roll on Saturday, December 3 at 11am. Contact Mary Strickland 861-5525 Ext 222 for more info on these events. The Chamber of Commerce will host a Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 10 at 5pm at Water Tower Plaza. Last year's event was such a huge success the group has decided to make it an annual tradition. Mark your calendar and join us for all of these holiday season festivities!



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