



# THE TOWN CRIER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 9th Free Family Movie at Rodeo Site (Dark) Dirty Dancing PG13

October 10th 5th Annual Art Trail 9am—4pm

October 10th 22nd Annual Colonial Isle Dauphin Ft Gaines

Oct 11th Mobile Big Band Society WEB 4pm

Oct 18th Bird Watching 101 Dauphin Island Gallery

October 23rd Free Family Movie Night at Water Tower (Dark) Fried Green Tomatoes PG13

October 30th Last Friday Art Night 6pm-8pm

October 30-31 32nd Annual Renaissance Fest Gatalop 32 Ft. Gaines

October 31 Trick or Treat in Green Park 5:30pm

November 1 Daylight Savings Time Begins

November 11th DIVA Veterans Day Ceremony at Water Tower 11am

November 21st St. Francis Bazaar 9am-2pm

November 27th Last Friday Art Night 6pm-8pm

## 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 October are scheduled for the 6th & 20th.

### Planning Commission Sets Public Hearings

Prior to its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, the Planning Commission will host two separate Public Hearings. At 5pm the Commission will receive comments on a proposed West End Overlay District impacting through lots (lots that extend from Bienville Blvd. to the West Surf Beach/shoreline) on the south side of Bienville Blvd. The measure would provide a reduced set back requirement on those lots from the Bienville Blvd. right-of-way. Over the years, erosion along that stretch of shoreline has forced some home owners to either construct or move their houses further to the north. The proposed Overlay District would allow structures to be placed within ten (10) feet of the rights-of-way on all through lots from near St. Dennis Street to Seneca Street rather than the current set-back requirement of 30 feet. At 5:15pm comments will be received on the requested re-subdivision of four lots into one. The properties involved in the request are located in Block E-I, Lots 10, 11, 27 & 28 located at the south end of Fort Louis Street and north side of Fort Mims Street, just east of Cadillac Square. If you are unable to attend the public hearings but would like to share your thoughts/concerns, please email them to [wsandaggar@townofdauphinisland.org](mailto:wsandaggar@townofdauphinisland.org), fax to (251) 861-2154 or mail/hand-deliver to Town of Dauphin Island, 1011 Bienville Blvd., Dauphin Island, AL 36528. Note: The regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will begin at 6pm.

### East End Restoration Project

Construction of the long awaited East End Restoration project is set to begin in early October and should be completed in less than four months. According to town engineers, reconfiguration of the existing offshore jetties/groins will be the first order of business. Additional rocks will be barged in from Kentucky to complete that phase of the project which should take no more than 30 days. A deep water dredge will begin pumping beach quality sand from a designated area southwest of the Sand Island Lighthouse in early November. The nearly one mile long shoreline within the project limits will receive up to 300,000 cubic yards of sand to both widen and elevate the existing beach. Weeks Marine, Inc. was awarded the contract by the town following a competitive bid process. The \$6,786,496 project will provide an increased level of protection for upland properties such as historic Fort Gaines, DI Sea Lab and the Bird Sanctuary while creating a more appealing and user friendly beach for residents and visitors alike. During construction, access to certain areas will be restricted to insure public safety. Please adhere to any and all postings and notices. Note: The town would again like to express its sincere appreciation to Governor Robert Bentley and his staff for helping make this project possible!

### Bienville Boulevard (East) Resurfacing Underway

With Labor Day behind us, work on the nearly \$500,000 resurfacing project on Bienville Blvd. is well under way. Contractors are busy applying a new layer of asphalt from the three-way stop to the end of town maintenance near DI Sea Lab. The Alabama Dept. of Transportation (ALDOT) has appropriated \$225,000 toward the effort as that stretch of roadway services the state-run ferry system and is part of the Coastal Connection Scenic By-way. Prior to the paving, a damaged drainage pipe under Bienville Blvd. (near Cadillac Square) was replaced to avoid damage to the new road surface. The resurfacing project should be completed within 30 days. Please drive carefully in this area during construction as heavy equipment will be in use.



### Improvements Coming To DI Airport?

On behalf of Mobile County, Volkert, Inc. is in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed project that involves repairing the existing seawall at the Jeremiah Denton Airport here on Dauphin Island. The seawall was originally constructed in 1963 and fatigue and weathering has led to a variety of issues including sink holes, scouring and erosion that have compromised the safety and stability of the runway and surrounding areas. Currently, two alternative repairs are on the table including Steel Sheet Pile and an Armor Stone Revetment. The final EA will be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for approval. No specific time frame for construction is available at this time.

### FREE Family Movie Nights Continue in Different Venues

The final two Free Family Movie Nights of the 2015 season are scheduled for Friday, October 9 and Friday, October 23 at dusk and you are invited to join in on the fun. First up is Dirty Dancing (PG13) which will be shown at the rodeo site while Fried Green Tomatoes (PG13) will follow at the Water Tower Plaza. The town expresses its appreciation to the Mobile Jaycees and DI Water & Sewer Authority for allowing use of their respective properties. Movie patrons are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and bug spray (just in case). See you at the movies!

### Comprehensive Plan Implementation Process Continues

Some of you may recall the multitude of meetings and public hearings that took place last year as part of the ongoing Comprehensive Plan Implementation process. Believe it or not, that work is continuing as members of the town's Planning Committee works to address issues of importance as identified by residents and property owners of the Dauphin Island community. In addition to the proposed West End Overlay District (see article on front page of this issue of the Crier), the group finds itself looking for ways to better protect the primary dunes that stretch from the east end to the public beach, reviewing options to improve public parking throughout the island (with emphasis on rental properties) and much more. As the Committee focuses on these matters, members of the community have suggested revisions to the existing Noise Ordinance are needed while also recommending a new Illumination (Lighting) Ordinance be developed. If you are interested in working on these two items please contact town hall and leave your name and contact information with Mary Strickland. The public will have ample opportunity to comment on any and/or all of the work products coming out of this process before such items are voted on by the town council.

### Mayor To Attend National Summit

Mayor Collier will represent the Dauphin Island community in Hampton, NH in late October as part of the *Rising Tides 2015 - Protecting the Future of America's Coastlines* National Summit. The three-day event is limited to 35 elected officials from throughout the country and summit participants will focus on the impacts of coastal flooding and identify ways to reduce future risks. Summit organizers will provide travel and lodging, keeping the direct cost to the town at a minimum.

### 5th Annual Dauphin Island Art Trail

Sponsored by the DI Chamber of Commerce, the 5th Annual Art Trail will be held on Saturday, October 10 from 9am-4pm. This years event will feature 10 locations and more than 40 local and regional artists such as Stig Marcussen, Dena McKee, Sue Cox, Linda Scott, Russ Voisin, Margie Delcambre, Sharon Johnston, Phillip Levin MD, Steve & Deb Garst and many more! A FREE trolley service will be available to make your visit a safe and convenient one while you shop for that one-of-a-kind piece for that special someone in your life. Don't forget to pick up a Trail Map at any stop and have it stamped at all 10 locations to be eligible for a variety of great prizes! For more info check out the Chamber website at [www.dauphinislandchamber.com](http://www.dauphinislandchamber.com) or call 861-5524.

### Trick or Treat at Green Park!

The Town of Dauphin Island is proud to sponsor the annual Trick or Treat in Green Park again this year on Saturday, October 31 starting at 5:30pm. As always, residents and property owners are encouraged to bring a folding table and chair to hand out goodies to all the ghosts and goblins that are sure to be out on Halloween. Please contact Mary Strickland at 861-5525 X222 for more info.

### Veterans Day Ceremony Planned

The Dauphin Island Veterans Association (DIVA) will hold a Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11 at 11am at Water Tower Plaza and you are invited to attend. In preparation for this annual event, the group has been busy making renovations to the Memorial Walls by replacing the glass plaques with bronze colored aluminum plaques and refinishing the walls. DIVA would like to return the glass plaques (bearing the names of deceased veterans) to family members and/or friends of the deceased individuals. You are asked to contact Dave Connolly (861-3054) or Terry Barnard (861-2371) to arrange for pick up. Note: The Annual Veterans Benefit Auction will be held at the Pelican Pub on Friday, November 13 at 5pm and which provides needed funds for DIVA sponsored events and activities. Donated items may be dropped off at the Pub on Thursday, November 12 after 2pm.

### St. Francis Fall Bazaar

The annual St. Francis Episcopal Church Fall Bazaar is scheduled for November 21 from 9am-2pm and you are encouraged to take part in the "Bring Your Own" White Elephant Sale! Bring your own table, chair and items to sell. Space on the church grounds is available for \$15. While you're there, stock up your pantry or freezer with delicious baked goods, casseroles, pickles, and Wimberly Hory's Famous Chicken Salad. For more information please call 861-2552. The church is located at 401 Key Street.

### "Sunday Sunset Concert" at West End Beach

Even though the summer of 2015 is officially over, you still have one more opportunity to enjoy a Sunday Sunset Concert at West End Beach. Featuring The Mobile Big Band Society, the concert will begin at 4pm on October 11 and conclude with a classic island sunset. Parking is \$10 per vehicle (passengers included) and all proceeds will support the Little Red School House relocation and re-purposing project. Patrons are encouraged to bring beach chairs, blankets and bug spray (just in case) but please...No pets, glass or grills. Note: This is the final Sunday Sunset Concert of the 2015 season.

### Fort Gaines To Host Annual Events

Surround yourself in history at Fort Gaines this fall as the site will play host to two popular events. On October 10, the 22nd Annual Colonial Isle Dauphine will offer visitors an up close and personal look at life in that era. Explore the grounds while hearing stories of days gone by watch live re-enactments and see the resident blacksmith practicing his trade. On October 30-31, enjoy living history for the entire family at the 32nd Annual Renaissance Festival - GATALOP 32. See knights in armor as they storm the castle, view melees and sieges while visiting Lords, Ladies, Artists and Medieval Merchants. For additional info view the website at [www.dauphinisland.org](http://www.dauphinisland.org) or call 861-6992.

### Last Friday Art Night

DIHAC's Last Friday Art Night is THE place to be on September 25th from 6-8 p.m. at the Dauphin Island Gallery, 918 Bienville Boulevard. This month's event will feature the art of Dauphin Island School students and the R&B music of Mella Fella, featuring Chris Fella. Join friends, neighbors and visitors and enjoy local art, music, food, refreshments and socializing. Browse the Heritage Gallery and experience "Old Dauphin Island" through vintage photos and artifacts. LFAN is free and open to the public. Donations are welcomed and appreciated.

### Bird Watching 101

Did you ever see a bird in your backyard and think "Wow! That's a beauty...wonder what it's called"? The Island is within one of the most significant bird migratory flyways in the world, making birds part of the Island's rich heritage. Each fall and spring, bird enthusiasts come from everywhere to view a wonderful variety of migratory birds as they stop on the Island to rest up for the remaining journey. To provide an opportunity to learn more about these fine feathered friends, DIHAC is sponsoring "Bird Watching 101" to be held on Sunday, October 18, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Join bird expert, Andrew Haffenden, and other experienced "birders" to learn more about birds, where to find them and how to identify them. Space is limited to 50 people, ages 13 and over. Tickets are \$10 each and proceeds will be used to cover materials and supplies. The first 30 to register will be included in guided bird tours on Island beaches and in the Audubon Bird Sanctuary. To register and purchase tickets, come by the Dauphin Island Gallery, 918 Bienville Boulevard, Thurs - Sat 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 251/490-0294 or email [DauphinIslandArts@gmail.com](mailto:DauphinIslandArts@gmail.com).

### Reminder About House Numbers

Although Ordinance 65 has been on the books for more than six years, we routinely like to remind all home and business owners that structures are required to have a house number posted in a highly visible area. The primary reason behind such a measure is to enhance response times of our emergency personnel. A situation that could mean the difference between life and death. For the safety of your family and those of your neighbors, please take a moment to make sure your numbers are properly installed and in compliance with the ordinance. This includes numbers that are a minimum of 5" in height (3" on mail boxes), contain a reflective surface or are in a contrasting color to the background surface and (probably the most important part) are visible from the street! Our first responders do an excellent job for us here on the island but they need our help to insure their response times remain short. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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Monday-Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm



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**DEPARTMENTAL LISTING**

**Town Clerk  
Wanda Sandagger**

861-5525 Ext 225

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Official**

Corey Moore Ext 224

Cell No 234-7466

**Building Department Admin.  
Assistant**

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Magistrate**

Mary S. Strickland Ext 222

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**Admin. Clerk /Magistrate**

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**Animal Control** ext 230

**Chief of Police**

Chief Kym Claw 861-5523

**TOWN COUNCIL**

**Mayor**

Jeff Collier

**Council Members**

Stephen Denmark

Mary Thompson

Philip Patronas

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](mailto: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 Oct 14th @ 4:00pm

DI Traffic School October 7th @ 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)

**\*\*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](mailto:mstrickland@townofdauphinisland.org). It's just that easy!