



# THE TOWN CRIER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 23 West End Beach Concerts 3:30pm & 6pm
- May 23-24 Thunder on the Bay @ Ft Gaines
- May 24 West End Beach Concert 3:30pm & 6pm
- May 25 Memorial Day DIVA Ceremony 11am
- May 29 Last Friday Art Night 6-8pm
- June 6 Art in the Park & Nature Fest 9am-4pm
- June 6 2nd Annual Sunset Cruise Car Show @ Green Park
- June 21 Stripers Fishing Rodeo
- June 21 Father's Day
- June 26 DI Night @ Bay Bears Game 7:05pm
- July 4th Fireworks Display, Public Beach 9pm
- July 4 DIVA Memorial Ceremony 11am
- July 11 Roy Martin Young Anglers Rodeo
- July 17-19 Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo



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## 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 2nd & 16th.

### 2nd Annual Sunset Cruise Car Show

Dozens of vintage autos will make their way to the island on Saturday, June 6 as part of the 2nd Annual Sunset Cruise Car Show sponsored by the Town of Dauphin Island. Green Park will play host to this popular event that will include a Swap Meet, Car Corral, music (DJ William and Carla & the Sand Fleas) and more from 9am-3pm. A second venue will also be set up at West End Beach where the Mobile Bay Mustang Club will serve as hosts including good food, music and fun. An 18' car carrier (wooden deck and dove tail) valued at nearly \$2,000 will be raffled off and tickets are \$5 each. Car entry fees are \$20 (\$15 each for multi-car entries) and registration forms are available online at [townofdauphinisland.org](http://townofdauphinisland.org). Awards ceremony will take place at Green Park at 3pm with over 40 trophies to be handed out by our local business owners who served as sponsors again this year! Thank you.

### Art in the Park & Nature Fest

Also on June 6, the South Mobile County Tourism Authority will host its annual Art in the Park & Nature Fest under the majestic oaks at Cadillac Square from 9am-4pm. This event couples one-of-a-kind creations by fine artists and craftsmen from throughout the south, food & beverage vendors and nature exhibits all in one convenient location. Browse through an array of displays to find the perfect gift for that special someone in your life. Experience an up close and personal look (and touch!) at live native creatures provided by the DI Sea Lab Estuarium, Week's Bay "Watershed Wagon", Raptor Program, local bird enthusiasts and many more. This is truly a unique event where you'll want to bring the entire family!

### West End Beach Offers Music & Movies!

The 2015 Sunday Sunset Concerts are already underway and you'll definitely want to catch some of the upcoming acts including; Saturday, May 23 - Tropic Flyer (3:30pm) and Delta Reign (6pm), Sunday, May 24 - Leland Clay (3:30pm) and Gino Rosario & Groove Symphony (6pm), Sunday, June 14 - Lisa Mills (6:15pm) and Sunday, June 28 - Mobile Big Band Society (6:15pm). Regular park admission includes the 3:30pm concerts while a \$10 parking fee (includes all passengers) applies to the 6pm and 6:15pm scheduled events. All proceeds go to support the planned relocation and re-purposing of the historic "Little Red School House". Thursday nights will feature **FREE** Family Movies as follows; May 21- Up, May 28- The LEGO Movie, June 4- Paddington, June 11- Frozen, June 18- The Princess Bride and June 25- How To Train Your Dragon 2. All movies start at dark and are subject to change and weather conditions. All of these events are sponsored by the Town of Dauphin Island. Please...No pets, glass, grills or alcohol. Enjoy!



### Island-wide Clean-Up Successful

More than 50 volunteers took part in the annual Island-wide clean-up on May 9 which included Town rights-of-way, neighborhoods, beaches, area waterways and more. Many thanks to Chairperson Brandy Alexander for spearheading the effort to remove litter from our island community! Council Member Shirley Robinson coordinated a delightful and tasty post-event lunch including a variety of refreshments provided by the Town, Island BBQ, Island Rainbow and Pirate's Pleasure. To anyone and everyone involved...THANK YOU for helping keep Dauphin Island beautiful!

### Summer Excursions Available at DI Sea Lab

An eco-adventure that will delight the whole family is available at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. These hands-on field experiences offer family fun and environmental education as you explore the salt marshes, beaches and forest of the barrier island. Space is limited and reservations are recommended. You'll get your hands dirty and your feet wet, but you'll love the entire experience as our award-winning educators guide you through the different fascinating habitats of Dauphin Island. Participants will immerse themselves in the field and use a variety of instruments (provided) to examine the plants and animals of the Gulf Coast. Cost is \$12 per person. Children 18 and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Excursions will depart from the Estuarium at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab at 9:45am and return at 12:15pm on excursion days. Admission to the Estuarium is not included in the excursion cost. Dates for the Salt Marsh Excursions are: June 10; July 2; July 22 and July 30. Dates for the Beach, Dune and Forest Excursions are June 4; June 18; June 23; and July 14. Call [\(251\) 861-2141 x7545](tel:2518612141x7545) or email [summerexcursions@disl.org](mailto:summerexcursions@disl.org). Visit [http://www.disl.org/adventures\\_tours\\_and\\_talks](http://www.disl.org/adventures_tours_and_talks) for more information on each excursion and what to bring. All dates are subject to change, based on participation and weather.

### National Day of Prayer Ceremony Held

Island residents gathered on the front lawn of Town Hall on May 7 in observance of the annual National Day of Prayer ceremony. The theme of this year's event was "Lord, hear our cry" and we want to express our sincere appreciation to Rev. Cecil Jackson (DI United Methodist Church), Father Leo Guadalquiver (St. Edmunds Catholic Church) and Mrs. Lee Schansberg (DI Baptist Church) for participating in the uplifting program.

### Paving Project Delayed

The resurfacing project planned for Bienville Boulevard east (3-way stop to end of town maintenance) will be delayed until after Labor Day as the contractor is unable to complete the work prior to Memorial Day. Hosea Weaver and Sons, the successful bidder on the nearly \$500,000 project, will reschedule the work in cooperation with Town engineers to avoid the busy summer season ahead. The Alabama Dept. of Transportation will fund \$225,000 toward the total cost as the roadway services the state run ferry system and is part of the Coastal Scenic By-way.

### Health Fair Provides Critical Services

Many thanks to Singing River Health System for sponsoring the 2015 Health Fair here on Dauphin Island! More than 100 individuals made their way over to the rodeo site on May 2 to take advantage of a myriad of free health screenings, healthy cooking demonstrations and consult with physicians. Some also opted for the package of five paid tests that could help detect heart disease and stroke risks. Our own Cindy Carrigan served as Chairperson for the health fair which offered more than 20 venues. We greatly appreciate her support and the 55 Singing River employees that volunteered their time and talent in bringing these potentially life-saving services to our community and its citizens!

### New Decorative Banners Installed

Although you should always keep your eyes on the road while driving...hopefully you may have noticed the new banners that were recently mounted on street lights along Lemoyne Drive and Bienville Blvd. The banners are yet another component of the ongoing branding and marketing campaign for our island community and include catch phrases such as "Wet A Hook", "Bike to the Beach", "Coast thru History", "Savor the Sunsets" and "Flock to the Shore". Colorful artwork depicts classic island scenes such as a Red Snapper, bicycle resting against sand fencing, historic Sand Island Lighthouse, colorful sunset and a Blue Heron. Which one is your favorite?

### DIVA To Host Memorial Day Ceremony

The DI Veterans Association (DIVA) will hold a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 25 at 11AM at Water Tower Plaza and you are encouraged to attend. Four deceased island veterans will be honored by having their names added to the Memorial Walls as follows; Billy J. Golson (US Navy), Scott L. Greene (US Navy), Caroline M. Hall (US Air Force) and Johnnie H. Peters (US Army). Please plan to join us for this patriotic gathering as our local veterans recognize the dedicated service of military personnel and the many sacrifices they and their families have endured in support of this great nation.



### 2nd Annual Rodeo Music Festival Planned

The Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo will be here before we know it and plans are already underway to (once again) incorporate a music festival with this historic four day event. In addition to the Mobile Jaycees who'll kick-off the 2nd Annual Rodeo Music Festival with a live band following the Liar's Contest on July 16, the Town will also sponsor several musical acts around the Island. Business owners are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity by sponsoring an act to help us create an island-wide festival while attracting additional customers into your establishments. The planning committee is recruiting sponsors to provide some matching funds to help offset the cost of these bands. Once all acts and venues are confirmed (in 2014 there were 21 acts and 14 venues) the Town will assist with advertising and promoting the entire schedule of events through various media outlets.

### DIHAC Happenings

Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council will host its Last Friday Art Night™ on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m. at Dauphin Island Heritage and Art Center, 1008 Alabama Avenue (directly behind Town Hall). The theme for the event is "Looking South" with a special art exhibit and art demonstrations by Ainsley McNeely as Featured Artist. This popular Island event offers shopping for local art, socializing with friends and neighbors, 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. It's a great opportunity to feel like a local! Admission is free and \$5 donations are encouraged to help cover expenses.

### Dauphin Island Gallery is Relocating and Expanding!

DIHAC announces the upcoming relocation and expansion of the Dauphin Island Heritage and Art Gallery from its current location behind Town Hall to 918 Bienville Boulevard on the Island. The new location is a former gift shop and is easily recognized by its distinctive red and white lighthouse design. DIHAC is taking applications for new artists who live in South Mobile County and are interested in showing and selling their work in the Gallery's new location. If interested in applying, call 251/490-0294 or send an email to [DauphinIslandArts@gmail.com](mailto:DauphinIslandArts@gmail.com). The tentative opening date in the Gallery's new location is June 4, 2015

### Take me out to the Ball Game!

The DI Chamber of Commerce has partnered the Mobile Bay Bears to host "Dauphin Island Night" at Hank Aaron Stadium on Friday, June 26. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Blu Revival Surf Shop, The First (Bank), DI Sea Lab Estuarium, ACP Real Estate and the Welcome Center. One lucky island youngster will be chosen to throw out the "first pitch" before our Bay Bears take on Chattanooga at 7:05pm. Let's all go out to the Ball Game!

### Ft. Gaines to host "Thunder on the Bay"

The well preserved ramparts of Fort Gaines have guarded the entrance to Mobile Bay for more than 150 years. Now a fascinating historic site, the Fort stands at the eastern tip of Dauphin Island where it commands panoramic views of the bay and Gulf of Mexico. The event "Thunder on the Bay" highlights Fort Gaines' integral role in the Battle of Mobile Bay. Experience a living history weekend for the entire family as Federal and Confederate soldiers exchange artillery fire and infantry sharp shooting during this 151st Commemoration. Activities begin on May 23 at 9am and conclude May 24 at 5pm. Cost is \$8/adults and \$4/children. For more info call 861-6992 or visit <http://dauphinisland.org/fortgaines/>.

### July 4 Festivities

Join us as we celebrate our Nation's birthday this July 4 with a variety of activities for the entire family. First, the DI Veterans Association will hold a patriotic ceremony to honor former and current members of the military. The event will take place at 11am at Water Tower Plaza and all are encouraged to attend. A spectacular fireworks display will light up the night sky starting at 9pm at the public beach next to DI School. The Town expresses its appreciation to DI Park & Beach Board for allowing use of its site once again this year. Finally, negotiations are ongoing to bring the Mobile Pops to the island as part of the July 4 festivities. More info to come.

### Health Tips...that could save your life!

As a result of the recent health fair on the island, the Town is pleased to include a monthly article in the Crier that will offer important health tips for you and your family. **STROKE WARNING SIGNS:** \*SUDDEN numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body \*SUDDEN confusion, trouble speaking or understanding \*SUDDEN trouble seeing out of one or both eyes \*SUDDEN trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination \*SUDDEN severe and/or unusual headache. If you experience one or more of these signs CALL 911 immediately. The quicker you get help the better!

## DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

### TOWN OF DAUPHIN ISLAND

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



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### TOWN COUNCIL

#### Mayor

Jeff Collier

#### Council Members

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861-5525 Ext 225

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Corey Moore Ext 224

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#### Building Department Admin. Assistant

#### Business License/ Permit Clerk/Event Planner/ 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 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](mailto: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 **June 10th @ 4:00pm****

**DI Traffic School **August 5th @ 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!