CORONAVIRUS UPDATE  Governor Kay Ivey recently extended the statewide order requiring individuals to wear face coverings/masks thru September when (a) within six feet of a person from another household, (b) inside indoor space open to the general public, (c) in a vehicle operated by a transportation service or (d) at an outdoor public space where ten or more people are gathered. In July, Governor Kay Ivey extended the “Safer at Home” order which included the reopening of all Alabama beaches and a greater number of businesses and other public places/venues. Under the order, restaurants are allowed to offer dine-in service (50% capacity) with proper spacing of tables/seating and other safety precautions. However, emphasis remains on social distancing (6 feet apart), staying at home (when you can), practicing good personal hygiene and wearing masks/face coverings when out in public. In addition, the Alabama Beverage Control Board voted unanimously to cut off on-premise alcohol sales at bars, restaurants and clubs at 11pm as of August 1, citing “a bar by definition is a congregation of people”. The order doesn’t require establishments to close at 11pm but simply stop selling alcohol at that time. Town Buildings (Town Hall, Police Dept. and Public Works) are once again allowing public access with restrictions as follows; No admittance to persons with flu-like symptoms or those having had a fever of more than 100.4 within the past 48 hours, limited number of people in lobby at any one time, face coverings required, and all individuals attending in-person meetings will have their temperatures checked prior to entry. The welcome center remains closed. We are however asking everyone to continue conducting business via phone, fax or email when possible. Public Meetings are going on as scheduled and we respectfully request your “attendance” be limited to Zoom and Facebook Live to limit in-person crowd size. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

So Long Sally  Like the proverbial visitor that never wants to leave, Hurricane Sally and her 100+ mph winds and surge meandered along our stretch of the Gulf coast for hours on end leaving in her wake a trail of downed trees and power lines, damaged homes and an all-night experience many of us will never forget. As usual, the island felt the effects of the storm well in advance of its actual landfall as power was lost around 5:30am the morning of the storm and nearly a half dozen vehicles were swamped with salt water and sand on the west end as waves pushed inland about the same time. Before long, ALDOT closed the causeway north of the DI Bridge as water and debris made the stretch of roadway too hazardous to cross. All of this taking place more than twelve hours before Sally would spend the night pummeling our barrier island community and many of our coastal neighbors. Not only was Sally a slow mover...make that a verrrry slow mover but it ramped up in intensity as it came ashore to a Category 2 storm catching some flat footed as forecasts were suggesting a weaker event. In fact, storms are sometimes quite unpredictable (eventual path and intensity) and those types can often lull residents and visitors into a false sense of security. For example, most models were taking the storm well west of our area the morning of the storm with suggested top wind speeds of 75-85mph. Instead, we experienced the western eye wall of the storm and it’s 100+ mph winds as it eventually made landfall in Gulf Shores. A good lesson in the need for early storm preparations and why you should make the decision to evacuate the island before storm conditions make that important decision for you! By sun up on September 16 it was apparent that Hurricane Sally had left her mark on our island paradise. Hundreds of trees down, numerous power poles and lines strewn across roadways, sand covering much of Bienville Blvd. west (and adjacent side streets) and homes damaged from one end of the island to the other. The one bright spot: no reported injuries! Following the storm, the causeway reopened to traffic in record time (thanks ALDOT), clean up crews were able to clear east end streets of downed trees in short order and power would be fully restored to the island just shy of being out for a full week (thanks Alabama Power). Although the broader recovery process will take time, much progress has already been accomplished on numerous fronts and that trend is likely to continue. Like the unwanted visitor, Sally is finally out of our hair but the vast impacts and lessons learned will live forever in our minds and throughout our community for years to come.

2020-24 Administration Swearing-In / Meetings Set  Mayor Jeff Collier and newly-elected council members Gene Fox, Trey Alderman, Earle Connell, Rich Colberg and Clinton Collier will hit the ground running shortly after being sworn in on Monday, November 2. The council will gather at Town Hall for its Organizational Meeting at 5pm, Agenda Meeting at 545pm and Council Meeting at 630pm to conduct business at the group’s inaugural meeting. The swearing-in ceremony will be held at 4pm at the Little Red School House to accommodate a few more attendees. Face coverings will be required and temperature check administered prior to entry. FaceBook Live and Zoom will also be available for your convenience.
News From Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council  BEGINNER HANDBUILT POTTERY WORKSHOP. Professional potter LeaAyn Shurley with Moon Struck Pottery will lead a beginner handbuilt pottery workshop consisting of 4 classes. The classes are scheduled for 10 am to 12 pm on Monday of each week beginning October 26 and continuing November 2, November 9 and November 16, 2020. All classes will be held in the new Art Studio, next door to the Dauphin Island Gallery (in the Lighthouse building). You will learn pottery techniques such as coil, pinch and slab to design your individual creations. Projects for the workshop include a clay wall pocket and clay birdhouse. The class is limited to 6 students, and social distancing and face coverings will be required at all times. The cost of the workshop (all 4 classes) is $140 per person, including instruction, materials, glazing and firing. To reserve a place in the workshop, send an email to info@dauphinislandarts.org. DIHAC CLAY KIT PROGRAM is on-going and some wonderful pottery pieces have been created by Island residents and visitors! The clay kits are currently sold out and we are taking orders for pick up during the month of October. If you are interested in buying a clay kit, send an email to info@dauphinislandarts.org. NEW ARTISTS IN DAUPHIN ISLAND GALLERY. We welcome Monique McFarland and Steve Cole as our newest member artists in Dauphin Island Gallery! Monique creates wonderful art in oils, acrylics, and mixed media. Steve is an art photographer and his images of Island wildlife, marine life and landmarks are stunning. Our Guest Artist for October is Johanna Bush who is an art instructor in Grove Hill, AL. Johanna’s art is primarily in oil paintings. Visit the Gallery to see all this fantastic new art by these talented artists! THE NEEDS IN OUR SERVICE AREA are great and the pandemic has created a major setback for us. Please consider giving today and supporting our efforts, which include free children’s art education, the Dauphin Island Native American Festival, adult art classes, Last Friday Art Night (LFAN), and so much more! You can make a tax-deductible donation by mailing a check payable to DIHAC to P.O. Box 114, Dauphin Island, AL 36528, or donate through our website at www.dauphinislandarts.org. THERE IS A HEALING POWER TO ART, and we want to help bring that healing to our small part of the world. As we continue to practice safety measures to help in decreasing the spread of COVID-19, we are happy that the Dauphin Island Gallery is open to the public on its normal days and business hours - Thursday-Saturday, 10am-4pm, and Sunday, 12:30pm-4:30pm. DAUPHIN ISLAND HERITAGE AND ARTS COUNCIL is a charitable, non-profit organization, providing educational opportunities in the arts, and working to preserve our coastal heritage. Memberships, donations, and purchases at our Gallery help support our programs.

DOLLY PARTON’S IMAGINATION LIBRARY is available to ISLAND KIDS 0-4 years of age. Sign up to receive FREE age appropriate books delivered each month to your child until they reach the age of 5. Go to www.imaginationlibrary.com to register or download a form and mail it to Dauphin Island Foundation, Terri Kirkman, 1101 Bienville Blvd. Dauphin Island, AL 36528. The website also provides great parent resources, downloadable activity sheets, etc. Questions? Contact Terri Kirkman, tkirkman56@gmail.com

Council Approves Moratorium The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) recently confirmed the town will receive grant funding to (a) identify and map wetlands/wet properties on the island’s forested east end and (b) expand on the previously adopted Dune Protection Overlay District (DPOD) to include portions of the island’s west end. As environmental engineers gear up for the multi-year study, the town council took action to prevent additional seawalls/retaining walls from being built south of Bienville Blvd. and west of Pirates Cove Street until their work is complete. The resolution states in part, “this temporary moratorium is necessary to protect the island’s west end region while providing the necessary time to develop a Coastal Protection Overlay District (CPOD) for the purpose of identifying options available to maintain the health and stability of the island’s coastal resources”. A temporary moratorium will also assist the town as it considers all options to develop a sensitive habitat plan to protect beaches, dunes and critical habitats. The moratorium is in place for a period of six (6) months unless otherwise reduced or extended by the town council.

2020....The Spookiest Halloween Ever? Although the town has canceled Trick or Treat in Green Park this year due to ongoing concerns with Covid-19, youngsters throughout the island will still have a unique opportunity to receive tasty treats as part of our “Boo Your Yard” project! Here’s how it works. Children age 12 & under residing on Dauphin Island are encouraged to send an email to mgoodwin@townofdauphinisland.org no later than noon on October 16 and submit their name (include the names and ages of all kids 12 & under in each household), address and any special instructions on where to leave the treats. Otherwise, treats will be delivered to your front doorsteps. Town staff will drop off bags of goodies to all registered children on the evening of Friday, October 30 so kids will wake up to an assortment of treats (no tricks!) on Halloween morning. Happy Halloween!

Miss Dauphin Island’s Online Halloween Costume Contest Our 2019 Pageant winners are hosting an online Halloween Costume Contest. To enter please join the Facebook group Miss Dauphin Island’s Halloween Costume Contest and submit a picture of your costume and your age by the end of the night on Halloween. Contest is for Island residents ages 18 and under. There will be 5 winners based on age group: Tiny Treaters 4 & under, Little Treaters 5-8, Sweet Treaters 9-11, Junior Treaters 12-14, Senior Treaters 15-18. Winners will receive a special Halloween Goodie Bag!

Island Wide Yard Sale The Saint Edmund Altar Society (SEAS) will sponsor the popular island wide yard sale on Saturday, October 17 from 8am-2pm and, as usual, you’re invited to buy and/or sell that day! Applications are available on the front porch of the Little Red Schoolhouse (Welcome Center) or you can email connieroo66@gmail.com for a form. A $5 fee gets your yard sale added to the maps that will be distributed the morning of the event. Completed forms and fee should be mailed to Connie Roon PO Box 133 Dauphin Island, AL 36528. Proceeds support St. Edmund by the Sea parish.
Arts of Dauphin Island Since Sally decided to roar through our beautiful island on September 16th our gallery has been closed. We will reopen on Thursday, October 1st. We will be cancelling our children’s art classes until further notice. Our adult art classes will resume on Monday October 5th from 10:00am to 1:00pm. $10.00 per person, all supplies furnished. On Thursday, October 15th starting at 6:00pm until 8:00pm come join us for a “Paint Pouring Party” here at the gallery. The cost is $30.00 per person with all materials provided. Class will be limited to 10 people. BYOB! You can preregister for either of these classes by calling Margie Delambre at 251-402-0266 or Marsha Barnett at 251-401-0230. This class will be observing social distancing along with required masks and disinfecting practices. Are you an artist or know of an artist that would like to join Arts of Dauphin Island? Would you like to be a volunteer? Let us know by contacting Margie Delambre or Marsha Barnett. Arts of Dauphin Island is located at 1101 Bienville Boulevard. We are open for business Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 11:00am and 5:00pm. Follow us on Facebook or our web page Arts of Dauphin Island.org.

Who Ya Gonna Call? Public Safety Director Troy Gorlott reminds you to call 911 for all emergency medical or fire related issues. Calling 911 instead of the Police Dept. will actually enhance the response time for these particular services. This is the most efficient way of getting you the help you need as quickly as possible! For police or other similar matters you are encouraged to call the Police Dept. directly at 861-5523. Our emergency responders also recommend that all property owners make sure house numbers are properly installed and visible from the street. Such actions can help reduce response times when every second counts!

DIPOA Info Please join us on Thursday, October 15 at 6pm on the bottom floor of the Isle Dauphine Clubhouse for our regular monthly meeting. We ask that all attendees follow the COVID-19 mandates and social distancing guidelines in effect at the time. The membership will be notified of any changes to the scheduled meeting by email using Constant Contact. Our buildings at the Isle Dauphine complex suffered some damage but, are still safe, usable, and open for business. The golf course however, has experienced some major flooding issues and downed trees, and is currently closed. Updates will be provided as clean up progresses. We are also in the process of cleaning up the POA parks around the island however, this may take some time so please be patient. Our office has reopened for business. Our hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Friday from 11 am to 4 pm. If you need information or want to pay annual dues, you may contact Melissa Taylor at (251) 861-3144, or email us at dipooffice@gmail.com. You may also pay your annual dues, by mailing a check to P.O. Box 39, or you may pay on the POA website, with a credit card.

4th Annual Massacre Island Haunted Bike Ride As if a full moon isn’t enough, Halloween 2020 will be even spookier this year as witches, ghosts, goblins and other costumed characters pedal their way throughout the island visiting sites such as historic Fort Gaines, Goat Trees and Indian Shell Mounds. Riders (Age 18 & up) are encouraged to gather at Green Park no later than 530pm (ride starts at 6pm) and all bikes must have lights. No motorized vehicles or pets allowed. After party and awards ceremony will be held at Pority’s featuring live music (6-10pm) by The Redhouse Band. Proceeds from the Haunted Bike Ride will support the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF). Entry fee is $10 per person with online registration only via Event Brite. Check out the event page on FaceBook for more information. Note: Appropriate Covid-19 protocols will be in place and enforced for this event.

Please Observe the Leash Law Dog owners are reminded to keep your pets on a leash (or otherwise secured) at all times. The town Leash Law pertains to the entire island including all area beaches. Animal Control Officers regularly patrol and owners of stray dogs will be fined. Please be a responsible and caring owner by maintaining control of your animal and cleaning up behind them when necessary.

Town Holiday Schedule The holiday season will be upon us before we know it and the town s pleased to share its planned closings for town hall, public works and the dumpsters between now and the new year. Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 26) - Town Hall, Public Works and Dumpsters will be closed on Thursday & Friday, Nov. 26-27. Dumpsters will be open on Saturday, Nov. 28. Christmas (Friday, December 25) & New Year’s Day (Friday, January 1) - Town Hall and Public Works will be closed from Dec. 25-Jan 3. Dumpsters will be open throughout this period except for Christmas and New Year’s Day. Please make note of these important dates.

Planning Commission Sets Public Hearings/Special Meeting The Planning Commission has scheduled two public hearings and a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 as follows; Public Hearing at 5pm to receive comments on the request to subdivide Lots 1118 & 1112 DeSoto Avenue. Public Hearing at 510pm to receive comments on the request to subdivide Lots 19 & 20 Block 109 Bienville Blvd. Special Meeting at 515pm. Please contact Town Clerk Wanda Sandagger at wsandagger@townofdauphinisland.org or 861-5525 x225 for additional information or to share your comments on these matters.

Flu Shots Rescheduled In addition to all of the other damages and impacts caused by Hurricane Sally, flu shots that were scheduled to be administered on September 17 also had to be postponed. However, we are happy to report flu shots will be available at town hall (1011 Bienville Blvd.) on Friday, October 9 from 11am-2pm. The town has partnered with Semmes Pharmacy and the cost is $25. However, most insurance plans and Medicare cover these types of vaccinations. Individuals are encouraged to bring insurance cards, Medicare Cards and Part D Cards (if available). Due to Covid-19 concerns, personnel will be in place to limit the number of people in the room at one time and you are asked to wear a mask while inside the building. Flu shots will be issued on a first-come first-serve basis.
Are You Registered To Vote? With the General Election coming up in November, now is the time to make sure you are properly registered to vote. It’s actually very simple. For more information visit www.AlabamaVoterID.com or call the Elections Division at 800-274-8683. On-line registration and printable forms are available. Voter registration and updating of voter records is closed during the fourteen (14) days prior to each election in Alabama. Why wait; Register today! Mobile County voters will be using new electronic devices during the Nov. 3 election.

Political Signs Regulations Being an election year, political signs will likely start popping up in front yards near you very soon. While we encourage citizens to take part in the political process and support the candidate(s) of their choice, we also want to remind you that such signage is regulated by town ordinance. Political signs: (a) can only be displayed 45 days PRIOR to the election, (b) shall not exceed two sides with three (3) square feet per side, (c) are limited to one sign per candidate per lot, (d) cannot be placed on public property, and (e) must be removed within 72 hours after the election. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Be Counted! The 2020 census has been extended through the month of October and you are strongly urged and encouraged to take a few minutes to Be Counted! The Dauphin Island participation rate currently sits around 30% and we must do better. A variety of state and federal resources are directly tied to the total population within towns, counties and states along with a signed congressional seats. Therefore, we call on our citizens to visit 2020census.gov and fill out a simple survey at your earliest convenience. You can also find info on how to mail in your form or respond by phone at (844)330-2020. Thank you in advance for participating.

Tree, Sign Grant Approved The town of Dauphin Island recently received notification from Alabama Power Foundation that it has been selected to receive two separate grants totaling $2400. The first grant provides $1000 for trees and the plan is to purchase and plant crepe myrtles at the south end of the bridge. A second grant for $1400 will pay for the installation of decorative signage to thank visitors for coming as motorists enter the island. The town expresses its sincere appreciation to the Alabama Power Foundation for funding our 2020 grant application requests!

Debris Removal Underway Contractors have begun the process of removing hurricane debris from town streets and right-of-ways. Vegetative (including trees, branches, shrubs, etc.) and construction & demolition (C&D) debris should be placed in separate piles along roadway but please do not block drives, mailboxes, fire hydrants or create blind spots. This work should be completed at your earliest convenience as a deadline for placement of such items will be announced soon by officials with Mobile County. White goods such as refrigerators and the like are not included in this scheduled clean up. Instead, owners are responsible for properly disposing of these items. At the same time, work will continue on the west end to return more than 60,000 cubic yards of sand that was washed onto area roads.

**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 Jennifer Ploeger at jploege@townofdauphinisland.org.

**HURRICANE RE-ENTRY PASSES!** Check your hurricane re-entry passes to make sure they are current.

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**DEPARTMENTAL LISTING**

- **Town Clerk**
  - Wanda Sandozger
  - Phone: 251-861-5525
  - Fax: 251-861-2154
  - Email: townclerk@townofdauphinisland.org
  - Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm
  - Extension: 225

- **Bldg Official/Coastal Project Manager**
  - Cell No 251-234-7466/Corey Moore
  - Cell No 251-257-6707/Terry Sheffield
  - Extension: 224

- **Code/Zoning Enforcement**
  - 251-861-5525
  - Extension: 229

- **Superintendent Public Works Dept.**
  - Sharron Yommer
  - Extension: 230

- **Dumpsters**
  - Fridays & Saturdays
  - 7:00am until 2:30pm

- **Building Department Admin. Asst., Business License/Permit Clerk**
  - Jennifer Ploeger
  - Extension: 222

- **Event Coordinator/Office Asst.**
  - Maggie Godwin
  - Extension: 223

- **Court Clerk**
  - Stacy Mallon
  - Extension: 221

- **Admin. Clerk/ Magistrate**
  - Joyce Wentworth
  - Extension: 227

- **Animal Control**
  - Extension: 230

- **Dauphin Island Police Dept.**
  - Chief of Police
  - Chief Kym Claw
  - Phone: 251-861-5523

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**TOWN & PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**Agenda Meetings:** Mondays prior to Council Meetings at 5:00 pm
**Town Council Meetings:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm
**Meetings:** October 6th & 20th
**Planning Commission Meetings:** 2nd Tuesday of each month 6:00 pm
**Board of Adjustment Meetings:** 4th Monday of each month or as needed
**DI Court:** 2nd Wednesday of each month OCTOBER 14TH @ 4PM
**DI Park & Beach Board Meeting:** call 861-3607 for date & time
**DI Water & Sewer Authority Meetings:** 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am at the Authority Office, 908 Alabama Ave. (861-2363)
**DI Property Owners’ Assoc. Meetings:** Board meets at 6pm on the third Thursday of each month, except December, at Isle Dauphine. For specific information call 861-3144.