THE TOWN CRIER
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.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE On July 29, Governor Kay Ivey extended the statewide order requiring individuals to wear face coverings/masks thru August 31 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. Earlier 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., Welcome Center and Public Works) remain closed to the public and customers are asked 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.

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. Online 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!

Political Signs Regulations Being an election year, political signs will likely start popping up in a front yard 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 September and you are strongly urged and encouraged to take a few minutes to Be Counted! The Dauphin Island participation rate currently sits at less than 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. Therefore, we call on our citizens to visit 2020census.gov and fill out a simple survey at your earliest convenience. Thank you in advance for participating.

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 for its Organizational Meeting at 5pm, Agenda Meeting at 5:45pm and Council Meeting at 6:30pm to conduct business at the group's inaugural meeting. The swearing-in ceremony will be held at 4pm. These events will be held at town hall and Facebook Live and Zoom will be available for your convenience. Additional details will be forthcoming regarding in-person attendance.

Flu Shots The town has partnered with Semmes Pharmacy to provide citizens with flu shots on Thursday, September 17 (8am-noon) at town hall. The cash price for flu shots is $25 but most insurance plans and Medicare cover such costs. Individuals are encouraged to bring insurance cards, Medicare cards and Part D cards (if available). Flu Shots will be issued on a first come first serve basis!
News From Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council  WE ARE VERY EXCITED that, after years of planning, our new art studio building is now situated alongside the Dauphin Island Gallery and in the process of being finished out. We look forward to hosting art classes for youth and adults in the new space, including pottery, painting, fused glass (see below), drawing, print making, and so many other artistic opportunities for our community. HATS OFF and many thanks to all who have donated funds and services to this long-awaited and much-needed facility, especially for the children of South Mobile County. Although the art studio is already functioning, we need help putting the finishing touches on the interior of the building, such as installing the wall board and flooring. If you are interested in being involved in this community effort, please send an email to info@dauphinislandarts.org or to Bill Fairbanks at billfairbanks13@yahoo.com, BEGINNER FUSED GLASS WORKSHOP. Janie Delchamps Zetsch will lead a fused glass workshop for beginners on Saturday, September 12, 2020, at 10 am in the new Art Studio, next door to the Dauphin Island Gallery (in the Lighthouse building). You will learn fused glass techniques, and make / take home a fused glass pendant or "light catcher". The class is limited to 6 students, and social distancing and face coverings will be required at all times. The cost of the workshop is $40 per person, including materials and firing. To reserve a place in the workshop, send an email to info@dauphinislandarts.org. DZHAC CLAY KIT PROGRAM is on-going and some wonderful pottery pieces have been created by Island residents and visitors! A limited supply of clay kits for at-home pottery projects will be available for purchase at Dauphin Island Gallery as of August 27, 2020. We are also taking orders for the clay kits. If you are interested in buying a clay kit, drop by the Gallery during business hours (see below) or send an email to info@dauphinislandarts.org. 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 DZHAC 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.

Committee Volunteers Needed  The town of Dauphin Island has applied for a grant that, if approved, would fund a project to identify and map wetlands scattered throughout the island while recommending beach and dune preservation guidelines and best practices for the island’s west end. Developing an inventory and associated overlay of wetlands (large and small) will provide pertinent information to prospective property owners, developers/contractors and town staff among others as the island continues to grow and develop in future years. The beach & dune portion of the project would help to build upon the recently adopted Dune Protection Overlay District to include areas west of Pirates Cove Street. Environmental engineers would work with the town to identify best management practices relating to dunes and critical habitat creation, protection and more. If you’d like to submit your name for consideration to serve as a volunteer committee member, please contact Town Clerk Wanda Sandagger. A core group of 5-6 individuals make up the existing committee but new members are encouraged to become more involved in these types of matters going forward.

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 online 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.

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!

2020 Sailboat Regatta, Triathlon Canceled  The Dauphin Island Race Committee at Buccaneer Yacht Club, host of this year’s regatta, has decided to cancel the 2020 event. The group had changed race dates several times during the year in an effort to try and hold what would have been the 62nd annual race but conditions associated with the Coronavirus caused them to simply scrap plans and wait until next year. Therefore, the next scheduled regatta will sail on April 24, 2021. The Tri the Gulf Triathlon, usually held in October, has also been canceled due to the pandemic. They’ll try the Tri again next year.

Combat Vets Coming to Island  Our community will once again be providing some much needed R&R for a number of combat veterans that are scheduled to arrive on the island on Sunday, September 13 at approximately 3pm. The visit is made possible by the Foundation of Exceptional Warriors program and we encourage our citizens to be on hand to give them a BIG Dauphin Island welcome and a well-deserved salute! Patriotic colors, flags, banners, and posters will be the order of the day and individuals are encouraged to gather along Lemoyne Drive (DI Bridge to 3-way stop) and Bienville Blvd. (west) to near Pirates Cove Street. Let's make this a moment they'll never forget. After all, they deserve it!

The Flight of the Frigate Bird Re-release - August 29th  In commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the landfall of Hurricane Katrina, the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program is re-releasing their landmark documentary, The Flight of the Frigate Bird- An Omen of Rising Seas. Part oral history, part scientific, geological, and economic examination, the film, narrated by Grammy-winning country artist Shelby Lynne, looks at Dauphin Island over the decades and how our community has responded to both storms and development. The 30-minute piece also reflects on the future of the Island, offering realistic ideas on how we can build resilience to future challenges. The film can be viewed by visiting www.FlightOfTheFrigateBird.com.
Arts of Dauphin Island  September is going to be a very exciting month for us here at Arts of Dauphin Island!! First of all we would like to welcome our newest artist to our gallery, photographer, Shirley Hardy. Shirley is a resident of Dauphin Island and her wonderful photography encapsulates the beauty of Dauphin Island and surrounding areas. We are offering two art classes for the month of September. On Monday, September 14th, between 3:30pm and 5:30pm, we will be hosting a children’s art class for ages 12 years and up. There are no fees for this class but we do request that you preregister. On Thursday, September 24th from 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 Delcambre at 251-402-0266 or Marsha Barnett at 251-401-0230. Both classes will be observing social distancing along with 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 or Marsha. 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.

Dauphin Island Sea Lab Tidbits  Dauphin Island Sea Lab invites you to take part in the Cocktails with the Critters Virtual Auction. The virtual auction will be held on September 10 through the 17. To learn more about the bidding, visit sealabfoundation.org. Discovery Hall Programs is hosting virtual and on campus academic year courses for schools and organizations. There’s a variety of classes that can be tailored to a group’s learning objectives, and that meet current education science standards and literacy principles. Visit disl.edu/dhp to learn more.

DIOA Info  Please join us on Thursday, September 17th at 6 P.M. on the bottom floor of the Isle Dauphin 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. The Board of Directors would like to once again thank the many business owners that offer great discounts to property owners when they show their POA membership card! Your support has helped the POA immeasurably in our efforts to increase the amount of voluntary dues paid last year. If you are a property owner and frequent the island and local businesses, you can easily recoup your annual dues while supporting those businesses and your POA. Members can view the list of businesses that offer discounts on the DIOA’s web page at dioa.org. Under “About Us” click on Owner Resources where you will find the “Benefits of POA Membership” document. Once again, thank you to those members that have paid their voluntary dues. Without your support, the Board would not be able to do the things we are doing for you. If you have not paid your annual dues, you may pay in person at the POA office, mail a check to P.O. Box 39, or pay on the POA web site, with a credit card. Our office hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are a new property owner or are not sure the POA has your correct contact information, please contact the POA Administrative Assistant, Melissa Taylor. You can come by the office, call (251) 861-3144, or email us at dioaoffice@gmail.com, to confirm or change your contact information.

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 Dory’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.

Chamber to host “The Lights of Dauphin Island”  Let’s make Christmas 2020 the most festive year ever and end on a happy note! Our business community would like to express its gratitude for the outpouring of support during this challenging year and is encouraging everyone to decorate a tree. The theme this year is “An Enchanted Island Christmas” and all are encouraged to participate. Five to six foot Christmas trees are available for a $100 donation and a portion of the proceeds will benefit “Feed the Need”. In order to meet the tree farm deadline, all tree orders must be placed no later than September 8! Judge’s & People’s Choice Awards for various categories. Organizers plan for trees to be placed throughout the island such as Cadillac Square, Water Tower Plaza, Lemoyne Drive and Bienville Blvd, medians, in front of businesses, etc. to “light up” the island this holiday season. For more information please visit www.dauphinslandchamberofcommerce.com or call 861-6001.

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.

Debris on Right of Way = Littering  Our Public Works Dept. recently reported an increase in household and yard debris being placed along island roadways. Such actions are not permitted and constitute littering. The town does not provide roadside pick-up of such items, nor do most waste disposal companies servicing the island. Please remember…town dumpsters are open every Friday and Saturday at the Public Works Dept. for the convenience of our residents and property owners.
Hurricane 5K Run: The annual Hurricane 5K and Fun Run, sponsored by the Port City Pacers, is scheduled for Saturday, September 12 at 8:10am on the east end of the island. The race celebrates the recovery and reconnection of Dauphin Island and south Alabama after the devastation of Hurricane Frederic, according to race documents. The course winds along the streets of the eastern portion of the island with the start and finish at DI Sea Lab. Race organizers donate proceeds to local charities such as the Sea Lab and Fire & Rescue and plan to do the same again this year. For additional information check out portcitypacers.com.

Fire & Rescue Sporting New Equipment: Over the past couple of years, the town has assisted DI Fire & Rescue by providing funds to purchase a variety of equipment to enhance response capabilities and improve safety for our volunteers. Items include Fire "Turn Out" Gear (7 sets), 1400 feet of 3" Fire Hose, 10 SCBA Cylinders (air tanks), and LifePack 15 Heart Monitor totaling more than $70,000. The town also agreed to cover costs (approx. $150,000) associated with an ambulance re-mount and equipment that should be completed later this year. In addition, Fire & Rescue recently purchased a brand new fire truck that should serve our community for the next 20+ years. The town is pleased to partner with DIFR to ensure they have the equipment necessary to adequately respond to all types of emergencies. As always, we offer our sincere "thanks" to the many volunteers that are always ready to answer the call.

Council Considers Expanding Rental Property Business License: Owners of rental properties on Dauphin Island are currently exempt from purchasing an annual business license if their property is managed/rented through a licensed real estate and/or rental company. That could change starting in 2021 if the town council opts to require owners of ALL rental properties to purchase a license. Currently, only property owners that rent homes, condos and the like for themselves have to purchase a business license. If such a decision is made the rates (based on existing ordnance rates) would likely be as follows: Less than $50,000 per year gross $125, $50,000-$149,999 per year gross $150 and Over $150,000 per year gross $225. Again, this matter is currently under consideration by the council so please feel free to share your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions to Town Clerk Wanda Sandagger at wsandagger@towntofdauphinisland.org. NOTE: A $10 issuance fee is charged for each license.

33rd Annual Coastal Cleanup: Volunteers from throughout the region will come together on Saturday, September 19 for the 33rd Annual Coastal Cleanup to help "get the trash out of the splash" and you're encouraged to participate. Since its inception in 1987, over 98,000 volunteers have joined forces to collect and remove more than 1.6 million pounds of marine debris from Alabama's valued coastline! Participants should gather at Cadillac Square no later than 8am. Contact Dauphin Island Team Captain Allison Fletcher (501) 701-3043 for additional information.

**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 jploeger@towntofdauphinisland.org.

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

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**DEPARTMENTAL LISTING**

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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: SEPTEMBER 1ST & 15TH**

**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 SEPTEMBER 9 @ 4PM

**DI Park & Beach Board Meeting:** call 861-3607 for date & time

**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.