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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 30 & 31 WEB Free Family Movie Night

Aug 1 & 2 151st Battle of Mobile Bay Ft. Gaines

Aug 6 & 7 WEB Free Family Movie Night

Aug 8 & 9 Conde Cavaliers Fishing Rodeo DI Marina

Aug 13 & 14 WEB Free Family Movie Night

Aug 20 & 21 WEB Free Family Movie Night

Aug 27 & 28 WEB Free Family Movie Night

Aug 28th Last Friday Art Night

Sept 7th Labor Day

Sept 25th Last Friday Art Night

October 10th 5th Annual Art Trial

October 10th 22nd Annual Colonial Isle Dauphin Ft Gaines

October 30th Last Friday Art Night

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

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

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 August are scheduled for the 4th & 18th.

Congressman Bradley Byrne Schedules DI Town Hall Meeting

The Town is pleased to announce that Congressman Bradley Byrne will host a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 from 11am-noon and all are encouraged and invited to attend. The forum will be held at Town Hall and the Congressman will provide audience members an opportunity to ask questions/make comments during the one hour informational meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we welcome Congressman Byrne to our island community.

Movies & Concerts Continue at West End Beach

Even though school will soon be back in session, there's still a lot of summer remaining here along coastal Alabama and activities at West End Beach are scheduled to continue into the fall. Free Family Movie Nights are held every Thursday & Friday evenings at dusk including the following: July 30 Teen Beach Movie, July 31 Maleficent, August 6 SpongeBob SquarePants Movie, August 7 X-Men - Days of Future Past, August 13 Swiss Family Robinson, August 14 Hugo, August 20 The Dog Who Saved Summer, August 21 Fast and the Furious, August 27 Minions and August 28 The Avengers. As always, attendees are encouraged to bring beach chairs, blankets and bug spray (just in case) but please...NO pets, glass, grills or outside alcohol. The popular "Sunday Sunset Concerts" are also slated to continue on August 16th with The John Milham Trio followed by "The Gulf Coast Blues Boy" Jamell Richardson on Labor Day Sunday, September 6. Jamell is from Grand Bay and won a spot at the 2014 Hang-out Fest where he performed a tribute to the great BB King among other blues favorites. On September 20 Ryan Balthrop and Friends will get your toes tapping and on October 11 get ready for a return visit from the Mobile Big Band Society. Show times will vary to coincide with sunset and parking is \$10 per vehicle including passengers.

Council Approves Draft Ordinance to Increase Mayor's Salary

A draft ordinance was approved at the regular Town Council meeting on July 21 that would increase the annual salary of the Mayor following the scheduled 2016 municipal elections. The Council has discussed this matter for several years and finally decided to develop a draft ordinance that will be subject to public comment prior to final passage. The current annual salary is \$14,400 and the proposal would raise that amount to \$50,000. Some council members cite the increasing work load associated with managing the day-to-day operations of the town as a primary reason to support the increase. Consideration was also given to the idea of employing a town manager as an alternative. Please take this opportunity to speak with your elected officials and share your thoughts on this important matter. A public hearing on this issue will be announced at a later date. Note: Council Members receive \$400 monthly and no increase is being recommended for those positions.



DI Chamber Announces 5th Annual Art Trail

One of the more popular events held on Dauphin Island each year is sponsored by the DI Chamber of Commerce and attracts some of the best local and regional artists. The 5th Annual Art Trail is scheduled for Saturday, October 10 and multiple sites throughout the island will be selected to host a group of artists and their work. Once again, a FREE trolley service will connect the various venues to make your visit an enjoyable and convenient one. Although more details will be forthcoming, the event will offer a wide selection of arts and crafts such as paintings, woodworking, hand-made jewelry, sculptures, and much more. Mark your calendar and get ready to find that one-of-a-kind piece for that special someone in your life!

West Surf Beach Ownership Transfer?

Nearly seven years ago the Board of Directors of the DI Property Owners' Association (DIPOA) voted to transfer ownership of its West Surf Beach (the three mile stretch of shoreline south of the private lots/homes from approximately Pirates Cove Street to the West End of Bienville Boulevard) to the Town of Dauphin Island in support the ongoing efforts to secure a comprehensive shoreline restoration project for that portion of the island. At the time, our Congressional delegation suggested this move could benefit the process to secure necessary funding for such work so the DIPOA and Town agreed to the title swap. A maximum time frame of seven years was incorporated into the agreement with the understanding said property would revert to the DIPOA at that time if no restoration project was constructed. January 16, 2016 marks the end of that seven year period and town officials recently reached out to the DIPOA to remind them of the pending deadline and suggested discussions be held in advance of the transfer to resolve any related property issues such as parking, signage, trash collection, public access and more. Our goal is to develop a plan to manage the property in a way that will benefit our entire island community for years to come. Feel free to share your thoughts and concerns with representatives of both organizations as these discussions continue over the coming months.

DI Elementary Announces 2015-16 Registration Dates/Process

Believe it or not, students throughout Mobile County will be returning to school in less than two weeks and DI Elementary School officials are already preparing for the 2015-16 registration period. Students are encouraged to register July 27-August 5 from 8am-3pm as follows; **Returning To DI School**- Update online ONLY and be sure to verify emergency contacts, phone numbers, etc. No need to come to the school. **Returning to DI School with New Address**- You will need to come by the school and bring proper documents (copy of lease/mortgage, utility bill and photo ID). **Kindergarten and New to Mobile County Public School System**- Fill in all information and bring to DI School the proper documents (Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Blue Immunization Card, Copy of Lease/Mortgage, utility bill, Photo ID). If your student has attended another school, bring most recent Report Card. **Coming from another Mobile County Public**- Update info online and bring proper documents to DI School. Best wishes for another productive school year!

Bienville Boulevard (East End) Paving Project Update

You may recall this past spring when the town announced a significant paving project slated for Bienville Blvd. from the three-way stop east to the end of town maintenance. At that time, we were hopeful the work could be completed before Memorial Day but contractor scheduling would not allow for such an aggressive time line. Therefore, it was decided to delay the paving project until after Labor Day (which is fast approaching) to avoid the busy summer season. The Alabama Dept. of Transportation Director was approached by town officials and agreed to provide \$225,000 to assist with the resurfacing project as this stretch of roadway provides access to the state run ferry system and is part of the Alabama Coastal Connection Scenic By-Way. We anticipate the job to take up to several weeks to complete.

East End Restoration Project Moving Forward

Barring any additional unforeseen delays the long awaited East End Restoration Project could get underway soon. Many thanks to Governor Bentley and representatives with the State Lands Division for working closely with the town and its engineering team to help us overcome numerous hurdles throughout this multi-year process. The town anticipates receiving the final State Permit in the next 30-60 days which will clear the way for actual construction of what will be the first restoration project ever approved for Dauphin Island. This project will nourish approximately one mile of shoreline starting just south of Fort Gaines and extending to the west boundary of the bird sanctuary. In addition, it also involves the re-configuration of several offshore jetties to provide an increased level of protection along that portion of the island. We remain hopeful the work will be completed prior to the end of this calendar year.



West End Beach Schedule

With Mobile County Public Schools starting in early August this year, the town has decided to adjust the operating days at West End Beach to Thursday-Sunday only beginning on August 10. Hours of operation will remain 10am-6pm on these days. Note: The West End Beach will also be open on Labor Day, Monday, September 7 for your enjoyment.

Speed Limit Reduction Approved

Following a recommendation from Chief Claw, the town council approved a permanent speed limit reduction on the stretch of Bienville Boulevard from DI School west to just past the condos. This busy business area routinely has high traffic and pedestrian volumes in season and a decision was made to reduce speeds to 30mph in order to enhance public safety. You may recall seeing temporary barrels placed in the roadway on weekends to slow motorists to 15mph but a review by our police department suggested the area would be better served by posting a consistent speed limit all year long. That said, normal school zone speeds (15mph) will continue to apply during posted hours when school is in session. Please drive carefully when traveling through this area.

Town Completes Grant, Applies For Another

As part of the post-oil spill recovery process, The Gulf Tourism and Seafood Promotional Fund provided numerous grants to coastal communities throughout the effected region including a \$500,000 grant to the Town of Dauphin Island in the fall of 2013. In our case, the funds were used primarily to restore and rehabilitate the damage that was done to the local economy and related tourism market. A portion of the funds supported numerous on-island events, advertising and marketing campaigns, development of a new town website, creation of a new island brand and logo and much more. While the dollars certainly helped our entire community rebound from the crippling impacts of the 2010 disaster, the grant also afforded an opportunity for us to grow as a community by encouraging entities and organizations to work together for the common good. With the successful completion of the original grant the town now has another opportunity to receive an additional \$37,700 in funding for similar uses. That application process ends on August 15. We'll let you know if we are chosen to receive that grant.

John Porter Recognized For Significant Contributions To Island

Members of the Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries, Inc. recently held a ceremony and unveiled a permanent marker at the "Goat Trees" in honor of the groups former Executive Director and island resident John F. Porter, Jr. The plaque reads as follows: *"John F. Porter, Jr. served as Executive Director of Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries, Inc. (incorporated as Friends of Dauphin Island Sanctuary) from its inception in 1992 until his retirement in 2014. Under his capable leadership, John guided the campaign that resulted in the permanent protection of crucial bird habitat on Dauphin Island and the adjacent coastal community. Thirty lots totaling approximately 10 acres were acquired, with these four Goat Tree lots being among the earliest parcels to be protected. Migrating songbirds and visitors alike will find refuge here due to John's dedicated and unselfish efforts, and for that we are forever grateful. We dedicate this John F. Porter Goat Tree Reserve in his honor."* A most fitting tribute to an individual who has made a lasting impact on the Dauphin Island community. Stop by the Goat Trees (located at the NW corner of Cadillac Ave. and Grant Street) and witness for yourself the peaceful solitude of this environmentally significant parcel.

Town Receives Tree Grant

The town recently received notice from the Alabama Power Company Foundation that it was selected to receive a \$1000 grant for the purchase and planting of trees within the rights-of-way. Prior to submitting the grant request, town officials consulted with DI Bird Sanctuary (DIBS) representatives to determine the best types of trees to plant that would benefit the resident and migratory bird populations. It was determined that Live Oaks would not only provide abundant shelter and nesting opportunities but they are also among the most salt water and storm-tolerant species. In addition, DIBS pledged an additional \$500 toward this project if the town's grant application was selected for funding. The mid-sized oaks currently in place along Bienville Boulevard (east) were also the product of a similar grant from some five or more years ago.

DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

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Sunset Capital of Alabama

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Chief Kym Claw 861-5523

TOWN COUNCIL

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Jeff Collier

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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. Jennifer Turner can be reached at 626-0673, email her at 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 **August 12th @ 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. It's just that easy!