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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 24 Last Friday Art Night 6-8pm
- April 25 St. Francis Arts & Crafts Festival 9-4pm
- April 25 DI Sailboat Regatta
- April 25 Gumbo Cook off "Hits the Trail"
- April 26 Motorcycle Show, DI Elementary School 11-3pm
- Apr 26 "Sunday Sunset Concert" West End Beach 5:45pm
- May 2 Free Health Fair 9am—noon
- May 9 Island-Wide Clean up 8am—noon
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 25 DIVA Memorial Ceremony 11am
- May 29 Last Friday Art Night 6-8pm
- June 6 Art in the Park & Nature Fest
- June 6 2nd Annual Sunset Cruise Car Show
- June 21 Stripers Fishing Rodeo
- June 21 Father's Day
- June 26 Last Friday Art Night 6-8pm

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 May are scheduled for the 5th & 19th.

6th Annual Gumbo Festival

The DI Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for what should be another fantastically delicious Gumbo Festival here on the island on Saturday, April 25. Coming off of a very successful event in 2014, organizers are once again setting up three different sites around the island for you to sample 15-20 different styles of gumbo at its best; Green Park, Isle Dauphine and the West End Business District. All three official tasting areas will be connected with a FREE trolley service for your convenience while providing entertainment and activities for the kids. The festival runs from 11am-2pm and tickets (\$10 / \$12 day of event) are available at The First (Bank), ACP Real Estate, Fins Bar and the DI Welcome Center. On Friday, April 24, you'll get a sneak peek (and some free samples!) at some of the tricks of the trade when gumbo cooking demonstrations (and live music) are featured at several island locales including; The First @ 530pm, Mack N DD's Emporium @ 7pm and Fins Bar @ 830pm. Refreshments and gumbo will be available at no charge following each of the cooking demonstrations on a first-come-first-serve basis. For additional information on these events please check out the DI Chamber website at dauphinislandchamber.com or call 861-5524. Bon Appétit! *Note: The DI Heritage & Arts Council will host its monthly Last Friday Art Night on April 24 at the gallery behind Town Hall from 6-8pm. While there check out the extraordinary assortment of fine local art, take a step back in time in the Heritage Room, make new friends and sample tasty finger foods and beverages. As always, admission is free but donations are needed and truly appreciated!*

57th Annual Sailboat Regatta

Once you've feasted on gumbo, make your way on over to the rodeo site where dozens of sailboats will be dropping anchor following the colorful and historic DI Sailboat Race. This annual spectacle is always a local favorite and this year promises to be a grand event according to 2015 race organizers with The Fairhope Yacht Club. Vessels should start arriving by mid-afternoon and continue into the early evening hours when both Gumbo Cook-Off and Regatta awards will be handed out. See you there!

"Sunday Sunset Concert" Series at West End Beach

They're back by popular demand and with a slightly different name. The former "Sunset Jazz Concerts" that quickly grew in popularity last year will continue to offer a variety exceptional musicians at West End Beach starting on Sunday, April 26 at 545pm. The new "Sunday Sunset Concerts" will kick off the season with The John Cochran Trio w/ Rebecca Barry and you're invited to join in on the fun. Parking is \$10 per vehicle (so fill up your car with friends and family!) and all proceeds will go to support the effort to relocate and re-purpose the historic "Little Red School House". Additional concerts are also scheduled for May 3, May 24 (Memorial Day Weekend), June 14 and June 28 so mark your calendars. Starting times will vary slightly so concerts will finish at or about sunset.

Town To Host "National Day of Prayer" Ceremony

The front lawn at Town Hall will provide the setting for the Dauphin Island "National Day of Prayer" ceremony on Thursday, May 7 at noon and you are invited to attend. Ministers from several island churches will be on hand to offer words of prayer, healing and reflection during this annual event. Please plan to join your fellow islanders for this spiritual and uplifting 15-20 minute ceremony.



"Sailing Into Better Health"... A FREE Health Fair!

The Town of Dauphin Island is proud to announce it has teamed up once again with **Singing River Health System** to sponsor a FREE health fair on Saturday, May 2 from 9am-noon. The event will take place at the rodeo site and is expected to offer a multitude of health screenings including cholesterol and glucose levels, heart rhythm/rate, blood pressure and much more. In addition, healthy cooking demonstrations will be provided along with activities for the kids. A limited number of individuals will also have an opportunity to identify their risk of heart attack, stroke and aneurysms with five quick and easy tests; Carotid Artery Ultrasound, Carotid Intima Media Thickness, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Ultrasound, Peripheral Vascular Disease Screen and Electrocardiogram (EKG). Cost for these tests is \$119 and takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. To sign up for this particular series of screenings please contact Cindy Carrigan at 251-209-6662 or 251-209-6642 or email safeheartappts@yahoo.com. Make plans now to take advantage of this FREE and convenient health fair...it could save your life!

Island-wide Clean-Up

On Saturday, May 9 from 8am-noon volunteers will team up to rid the entire island of trash and litter. Clean-Up Chairperson Brandy Alexander has divided the island into ten sections and participants can choose which area they'd like to clean including neighborhoods, beaches and surrounding waterways. The event is part of the 2015 Don't Drop It On Alabama campaign and volunteers are asked to sign up in advance by contacting Town Hall. Participants should report to Town Hall by 8am the morning of the clean-up to receive trash bags and any final instructions and then return there for a complimentary light lunch to be served starting at noon. Let's all get together for a really good cause and clean up our island community! **Note: The annual meeting of the Dauphin Island Property Owners' Association is also scheduled at 11am at Isle Dauphine.**

DIVA To Hold Memorial Day Ceremony

On Memorial Day (Monday, May 25) members of the DI Veterans Association will hold a ceremony at Water Tower Plaza and you are invited to attend. The event begins at 11am and includes a variety of tributes to the men and women who have served, and continue to serve, our great nation. Names of deceased island service members will be added to the Memorial Walls as part of the ceremony. Please make plans to show your patriotism and support our local vets!

Council Approves Bienville Paving Project

A significant stretch of Bienville Boulevard will soon get a new layer of asphalt following a recent vote by the Town Council. A resurfacing project totaling nearly \$500,000 will target the easternmost portion of Bienville Boulevard (from the three-way stop east to the end of town maintenance) in the coming weeks. The State Dept. of Transportation will contribute \$225,000 toward the project as this road serves as part of the Alabama Coastal Connection Scenic By-way and provides access to the state run ferry system. Construction will be on a fast track to finish in advance of the upcoming busy boating season.

West End Beach To Offer FREE Family Movie Nights!

Starting in May, free movie nights on the beach will be on tap every Thursday evening beginning at dusk. Sponsored by the Town of Dauphin Island, these family friendly events will kick off on May 14 (and continue thru June) with Big Hero 6 (2014) and movie goers are encouraged to bring beach chairs and blankets for your convenience. Other movies include Up (2009), The LEGO Movie (2014), Paddington (2015), Frozen (2013), The Princess Bride (1987) and How to Train Your Dragon 2 (2014). Movies are subject to change and events are weather permitting. What better way to spend an enjoyable evening with family and friends here on the Sunset Capital of Alabama!

Council Poised To Reduce Tax

For those of you who may have purchased a new vehicle over the past year or so, you may have gotten "sticker shock" when it came to paying the sales tax. Town leaders were recently contacted by islanders who experienced such an unsettling feeling and have decided to take action to lessen that burden going forward. A Public Hearing has been set for Monday, May 4 at 445pm to receive comments on the proposed reduction in tax (from 4 1/2% to 2%) on new vehicles as the Council moves forward to repeal Ordinance 69-A. Note: Even if the Council votes for the tax reduction, it could take 60-90 days for it to become effective as the State Revenue Dept. must publicize the change for a required period of time.

DI Sea Lab Foundation Announces "Cocktails with the Critters"

The popular "Cocktails with the Critters" will be held on May 7 from 6-9pm at the Bluegill Restaurant on the causeway. Featuring delicious foods & beverages, live entertainment, silent auction and a special guest appearance by celebrated artist Stig Marcussen, tickets for this annual fundraiser are \$50 (\$55 at the door) per person. For more info contact the Sea Lab Foundation at 605-6624 or sealabfoundation.org.

Chamber Sponsors DI Night at BayBears Game - Island Youth To Throw Out First Pitch!

Thanks to the DI Chamber of Commerce, one lucky (and speedy) young islander will win a chance to throw out the first pitch at "Dauphin Island Night" at the Mobile BayBears baseball game on May 22! Youngsters in grades 1-5 will have two opportunities to earn that spot by running the bases with one of the team mascots right here on Dauphin Island. First, as part of the 6th Annual Gumbo Festival, participants are encouraged to lace up their sneakers and head over to Water Tower Plaza on April 25 at noon where they'll also find an assortment of games and other activities to enjoy. The second and final opportunity will be offered from 11am-noon during the FREE Health Fair that will be held on May 2 at the rodeo site. Youngsters are invited to participate in one of these competitions to see who will represent our island community at Hank Aaron Stadium when the BayBears take on Chattanooga at 7:05pm.

Name Change For DI Elementary School Contemplated

As plans are underway to construct a new building at DI Elementary, another effort has emerged to rename the historic school in honor of an island native and long-time educator. Irma C. Mallon, born on Dauphin Island on March 1, 1908, attended school here through the seventh grade and graduated from Alba High in Bayou La Batre. She later would become a teacher at the very school she attended as a youth, Dauphin Island Elementary. In late 1942, she received a letter from the Mobile County School Board informing her that the school would be closed due to the lack of teachers willing or able to relocate to Dauphin Island. With no bridge to the island and WWII raging, she accepted the job and kept the school open for the nearly 100 students attending at the time. Mrs. Mallon taught for 34 years, half of those as teacher/principal. As the Town Council considers the proposal to rename DI Elementary (the Council has been asked to submit a support letter to the School Board who will make the final determination), please share your thoughts with them on the matter.

Bid Notice For East End Restoration Project

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town of Dauphin Island (hereinafter called "Owner"), at the Town of Dauphin Island Town Hall until 11:00 a.m. CST on May 11, 2015 for furnishing all labor and materials, and performing all work required by the following project: East End Beach and Barrier Island Restoration Project. This project consists of the dredge and support vessels, labor, equipment, supplies and all other materials and submittals to perform all operations for 1) excavating, transporting, placing, dressing and grading sand fill from an off-shore borrow area; 2) removing rock from existing groins at the site and incorporating that rock with additional new rock to be provided by the Contractor into three new offshore breakwater segments; and, 3) providing necessary environmental compliance testing as required by regulatory approvals for the project. The presently estimated quantity of offshore sand to be excavated and placed is 321,504 cubic yards. The fill site extends for approximately 4900 feet west of Ft. Gaines, on the eastern end of Dauphin Island. A suitable borrow source has been identified at a site approximately 4.5 miles south of the fill site; water depths at this borrow site range from approximately 16 to 19 feet. The thickness of cut proposed is 6 to 9 feet. It is estimated that the borrow area identified contains roughly 684,000 cubic yards of suitable fill within the proposed cut limits. Construction is expected to be performed by use of a hydraulic pipeline dredge (directly to shore or using one or more scows/barges). The use of a hopper dredge is not prohibited, but prospective Bidders are alerted to the existing shallow water depths surrounding the fill site, which may limit or preclude use of many hopper dredges and/or require substantial length of pump-out pipeline. A mechanical (clamshell) dredge will not be allowed. Sixty (60) calendar days are allowed for the construction of the project. All bids must be on blank forms provided in the specifications. A certified check or a Bidder's Bond, payable to the Owner for an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid, but in no event more than ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars, shall be filed with the proposal, the Bidder's Bond being prepared on the form specified and signed by a bonding company authorized to do business in the State of Alabama. A Performance Bond in the form and terms approved by the Owner in an amount not less than the sum bid will be required at the signing of the Contract, and in addition, a bond in the form and terms approved by the Owner in an amount not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price insuring payment for all labor and materials. In addition, the Contractor must furnish to the Owner at the time of the signing of the Contract a Certificate of Insurance coverage as shown in the specifications. Liquidated damages for non-completion of the work within the time limit agreed upon will be assessed in accordance with the terms of the Contract. Plans and specifications are on file and may be seen in the office of Hutchinson, Moore & Rauch, LLC, 2039 Main Street, Daphne, Alabama 36526. Plans and specifications may be obtained by depositing twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each set. This deposit will not be refunded. No plans and specifications will be issued to Contractors later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time indicated above for receiving bids. No bids will be considered unless the bidder, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly qualified to submit a proposal for this construction in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of Alabama. This shall include evidence of holding a current license from the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama, as required by Chapter 8 of Title 34, of the Code of Alabama, 1975. Out of state corporations shall furnish a certificate of authority to transact business in Alabama. Out of state limited liability companies shall provide proof of registration to transact business in this state. The right is reserved to reject any and/or all bids and to waive formalities and to furnish any item of material or work to change the amount of said Contract. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Owner. A **mandatory pre-bid conference** will be held May 4, 2015 at 1:30 pm at the Town of Dauphin Island Town Hall. All contractors not having a representative at this meeting will be disqualified from bidding on this project.

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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 **May 13 @ 4:00pm**

DI Traffic School **May 6 @ 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)