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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.

TOWN COUNCIL

- Mayor**
Jeff Collier
- Council Members**
Gene Fox
Trey Alderman
Earle Connell
Rich Colberg
Shirley Robinson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 1 Dune Ordinance Public Hearing 430PM
- Oct 3 Movie Night @ CC
- Oct 5 Market in Green Park
- Oct 6-12 Fall Bird Migration
- Oct 10 Flu Clinic 8am-Noon
- Oct 11 ADI Open House 5-7pm
- Oct 12 Art Trail
- Oct 13 Sunset Concert 430pm
- Oct 14 DIWC Meeting
- Oct 16 West End Restoration Meeting 6PM
- Oct 17 Spooky Bingo
- Oct 19 Fort Gaines Fall Festival Fundraiser
- Oct 20 Blessing of Pets
- Oct 24 Movie Night @ CC
- Oct 26 Massacre Island Haunted Bike Ride
- Oct 26 41st Annual Renaissance GATALOP
- Oct 30 Movie Night
- Oct 31 Trick-or-Treat in Green Park
- Nov 2 S'mores on the Shores
- Nov 9 WWII Living History
- Nov 9 St. Francis Fall Bazaar
- Nov 9 Island Wide Yard Sale
- Nov 11 DI Veterans Ceremony
- Nov 15 Movie Night
- Dec 6 Miss DI Christmas Pageant
- Dec 7 Christmas Parade
- Dec 7 Lights of Dauphin Island
- Dec 12 Movie Night



2024 Sunset Concerts Finale The always popular Roman Street will close out the 2024 Sunset Concert series at historic Fort Gaines on Sunday, October 13 beginning at 430pm. Admission is \$5 and attendees are encouraged to bring lawn/beach chairs, blankets, and snacks for an enjoyable and relaxing evening. The Sunset Concerts are sponsored by the town of Dauphin Island. We'll see you there!

Fort Gaines Fall Festival Fundraiser The fun is returning on October 19! Pumpkin patch, pumpkin pie eating contest, bounce house, petting zoo, face painting, paint-a-pumpkin, plus lots of tents to visit to play games and taste special treats! Like to decorate for Fall/Halloween? Get signed up for a 10x10 tent space for only \$20 and join in on the fun! Decorate your tent and let your creative juices flow! You can decorate and hand out candy, offer games, make it a walk thru tent, SO many fun things to do! Also, don't forget to sign up for our food competitions! Let's see who has the best Fall treats (dessert), ooze (drinks), and brew (soup, chili, gumbo, etc.)! Sign up for 1 or all 3 categories! Winners receive a trophy and ultimate bragging rights! Registration forms are online at townofdauphinisland.org/registration. All money raised will go to help support historic Fort Gaines!

Trick-or-Treating at Green Park On Halloween night from 5-7pm, kids can enjoy strolling thru the lighted trees & stopping at many spots throughout the park for some trick-or treating! Island residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up for a "station" in advance so we can be sure to get you a good spot along our lighted pathway! Please email mgodwin@townofdauphinisland.org to register!

Art Trail 2024 The Dauphin Island Chamber of Commerce, and co-sponsored by Arts of Dauphin Island, is proud to present the 10th Annual Art Trail to be held on Oct. 12 from 9am-4pm. There will be more than 50 artists from all over the Gulf coast located at 11 locations throughout the island. This event is lots of fun with spectacular prizes. Walk, ride your bike or drive your cart and enjoy the day on beautiful Dauphin Island. Make sure you get your map stamped at all 11 locations to be part of the drawing. Prizes will be announced at 5pm at Arts of Dauphin Island on the corner of Lackland & Bienville Blvd. You do not need to be present to win. For additional information check out the Chamber of Commerce website.

More Movie Nights Summer movies on the beach may be over for now but movie nights aren't! We are excited to offer you some fall and winter movies. Most of these movies will be held at the DI Community Center. Here is the line up: Thursday, October 3 @ 530PM- Come to a Character Meet & Greet and enjoy the movie Tangled (CC); Rapunzel will be available for pictures! The movie Tangled will start at 6:30pm; Thursday, October 24 @ 6-8PM (CC)- It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown & Pumpkin Carving for kids (you must RSVP your child for the pumpkin carving by emailing mgodwin@townofdauphinisland.org). Parents please plan to help your kids with their pumpkins; Wednesday, October 30 @ 6PM - Hocus Pocus at Green Park. Bring your own chairs and snacks; Friday, November 15 @ 6PM - Forest Gump (CC); Thursday, Dec 12 @ 6PM - Polar Express Movie Night, wear your PJs, and enjoy hot chocolate & cookie decorating (the first 100 people) (CC); Sunday, Dec 15 @ 530pm - It's a Wonderful Life (CC). Movies that are held at the Community Center will offer free popcorn and chairs will be provided. However, you are welcome to bring your own snacks and your own seating like bean bags, blankets, or anything you find comfortable. We hope to see you at the movies!

8th Annual Massacre Island Haunted Bike Ride A fun bike ride for a great cause! Help raise money for the Animal Rescue Foundation as we don our spooky costumes and decorate our bicycles for a 5 mile ride past some of Dauphin Island's most haunted spots! After the ride join us at Dority's for the awards ceremony, raffle drawings, dancing & live music by the Coastline band (\$5 admission for non-participants). Bike ride tickets (maximum 400) are \$20 and will ONLY be available online through EventBrite until Friday October 25 at 6pm if they have not already sold out! NO last minute on-site registrations! No one under the age of 21 can participate in the bike ride but they are welcome to attend the festivities. Participants must arrive at Green Park by 5pm as the ride begins promptly at 6pm. Prizes will be awarded for Scariest Costume, Most Creative Costume, Best Group Costume, & Best Bicycle Decoration. Check the event page for additional info and join us for a ghoulishly good time!

BLOOD DRIVE- October 12 at the Welcome Center 930am-530pm



News From Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council Like & follow us on Facebook & Instagram and subscribe to our newsletter at www.dauphinislandarts.org to stay up to date on these and other events! Registration required to attend. Preschool Studio Arts with Terri Baker 2-class series: October 9 & 16 @ 1-2pm (Ages 3-5). In this imaginative class, little ones will explore the joy of self-expression through various artistic activities. From finger painting to simple crafts, this class is designed to spark creativity and lay the foundation for a lifelong love of art. Art After School (K - 1st Grade) with Terri Baker October 9 @ 4-5pm. Students will be guided through fun and age-appropriate art projects, fostering a love for creativity for your little Picassos. Art After School (2nd - 3rd Grade) with Terri Baker October 16 @ 4-5pm. In this dynamic course, young artists will discover the basic elements of art, explore various art styles, and experiment with exciting mediums. Art After School (4th - 5th Grades) with Artist Odie Tucker October 23 @ 4-5pm. Discover the magic of painting with watercolors, from mastering brushstrokes to exploring color blending, this class promises a colorful adventure that will inspire a love for art in every budding artist. Family Studio Arts with Maggie Godwin & Marie Sisk October 30 @ 11am-12pm. (Open to parents & their children ages 2-5). In Family Studio Arts the joy of creativity intertwines with precious bonding moments where parents play an active role in cultivating their little ones' artistic talents! Join us for a delightful experience where laughter, learning, and love flourish at Family Studio Arts! Basic Watercolors Painting with Artist Odie Tucker October 5 @ 1-3pm. Odie takes the mystery out of watercolors painting! Participants will create their own paintings based on examples provided in each class. Art For All - Art Classes for Adults with Disabilities: October 4, 11, & 18 @ 10-11:30am. (Open to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities). The goal of the program is to bring people of all abilities together to express their creativity and develop their skills in a variety of art mediums including acrylics, graphics, watercolors, and more! Guitar, Bass, & Ukulele Lessons with Musician Jake Reosti Month-long weekly lessons: October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 @ 4-7pm. (Ages 6 & older) Guitar enthusiasts, take note! Introducing a special month-long series of Jake Reosti's popular beginner guitar, bass guitar, and ukulele classes. Whether you're picking up a guitar for the first time or still getting comfortable with the basics, these lessons will help you build a strong foundation. TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE CLASSES, please visit our website at www.dauphinislandarts.org and select your class. Please send a text message to (251) 219-0179 with any questions.

Dauphin Island Women's Club The Dauphin Island Women's Club is excited to announce some spooktacular events this October! Join us for Shell Yeah, It's Spooky Bingo!!! on October 17th from 5-8pm at the Dauphin Island Community Center. Come early to enjoy food, beer, wine, non-alcoholic drinks, and snag your Bingo cards (\$1 per card, \$2 for the Spooky final round)! Don't miss out on bigger cash prizes this time! Remember, no outside beverages are allowed, must be 16+ years and guests under 19 must be accompanied by a legal guardian. Also, mark your calendars for our upcoming DIWC meeting on October 14th at 5pm at the Welcome Center, featuring a wine tasting from The Carriage Wines and charcuterie appetizers. We can't wait to see you there!

Sea Lab Tidbits The Alabama Aquarium at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab offers a weekend deal this fall for everyone. Starting in October, children under 14 years old are free on Saturdays and Sundays with a paying adult. The DISL Foundation will host the Marine Environmental Awards Luncheon on October 30 at 11:30 am at the Battle House Hotel. The keynote speaker this year will be Dr. Larry Madin, Deputy Director Emeritus; Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. Tickets can be purchased at sealabfoundation.org.

St. Francis Hosting Events Join us at St. Francis Episcopal Church for The Blessing of Pets on Sunday, October 20 at noon. Bring your leashed pet or a picture. Lunch will be served at 1230pm for a \$5 donation that will support the local SPCA. RSVP please to Cissy Napper 318-548-4376. On Saturday, November 9 you'll want to stop by the annual Fall Bazaar from 9am - 2pm. Vendors are encouraged to purchase a 12x12 booth space for \$30. Check out the BIG yard sale, quilt raffle, our famous chicken salad, hot and sweet pickles, scrumptious sausage on a bun and bake sale while you're there! Anyone having items to donate to our yard sale, call/text Cissy Napper at 318-548-4376. All proceeds go to our local charities.

Island wide Yard Sale The Saint Edmund Altar Society (SEAS) is sponsoring an island wide yard sale on November 9 from 8am-2pm and you're invited to participate in this annual event. Applications will be available at the Welcome Center beginning October 9 or by email from connieroan66@gmail.com. Yard Sale lists and maps will be available at St. Edmund Parish Hall on the morning of the event.

Dauphin Island Veterans Association (DIVA) News Our Association consists of veterans from all uniformed USA services (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, NOAA, USPHS and US Merchant Marine). If you were honorably discharged or retired you are welcome to join DIVA! If you are interested, please contact David Connolly (251-861-3054) or any current DIVA member. On August 25 Mayor Collier attended a DIVA ceremony at the Pelican Pub during which funds donated to DIVA over the past year (at our annual Veteran's Day Auction in November and our Monday night Bingo games and raffles) were distributed to three Tax Exempt organizations. The funds represent the money donated to DIVA over the past year from members of the Dauphin Island community and island visitors. DIVA truly appreciates your kind contributions so that we in return can assist local Veteran groups and organizations. As a result, DIVA funds were given to the Foundation of Exceptional Warriors (FEW) that visit Dauphin Island each spring for a week of Beach Fun with their families. Their local representative is Kevin Kennedy. In addition, funds were donated to Vets Recovery Inc. of Mobile, Alabama. Their mission is to remove barriers to care, deliver quality integrated health care, and build a better community through recovery and connection. Their facility is located at 1156 Spring Hill Avenue. They have 34 beds available for Vets Recover Detox and a Residential Treatment Facility that offers interdisciplinary culturally competent, trauma-informed care, respite care, and peer support. Their representative is Master Chief (Retired) Jason Lewis or Office Manager Melissa. The third organization was the Mobile County Veterans Treatment Court whose mission is to enhance public safety and help United States Military Veterans by providing a judicially supervised regimen of substance use disorder and/or mental health treatment to justice-involved veterans with the goal of returning sober, law-abiding citizens to the community and thereby closing the "revolving door" to the criminal justice system. You can observe court proceedings at the Mobile County Government Building on Government Street, Room 6400; Judge Windom or also contact Mr. Rick Moritz, Mentor/Coordinator.



Arts of Dauphin Island Our Gallery is a 501 (3) (C) Non-Profit Organization. All donations made to the gallery are used for the purpose of supplying free art projects for the children of Dauphin Island and South Mobile County and providing low-cost, affordable art classes for adults. We are located at 1101 Bienville Boulevard and are open on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11am-5pm. ADI features original paintings, pottery, photography, wood working, jewelry, fiber art and much more. Please mark your calendar for October 11 and join us for our monthly Open House every 2nd Friday of the month from 5-7pm. ADI's artist of the month for October will be Deirdre Sanders. After being introduced to Polymer clay, Deirdre fell in love with the possibilities it presented for making colorful, whimsical art and jewelry. Besides Polymer Art, Deirdre designs and makes custom clothing using texture, pattern and colors inspired by nature's colors, and clean geometric lines. So mark your calendar and make plans to join us, meet Deidre, and enjoy her beautiful work. The Youth Arts Program is scheduled for Thursday, October 10 from 3-5pm. ADI'S wonderful volunteer, Angela Gillis, will be leading this month's class. This month we are planning two (2) projects. The first project will be rolling out clay and using Christmas cookie cutters to make Christmas Ornaments. This is a two month project with painting the ornaments during the November Youth Arts Program. Angela will also be instructing the children on the art of "Salt Painting". With the use of pumpkin and fall stencils, water color, glue and salt, the children will be creating one of a kind fall decorations. This event is FREE to children aged 5 - 18 and all supplies are provided. PLEASE RSVP TO ARTSOFDAUPHINISLAND@GMAIL.COM, SO THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH SUPPLIES ON HAND. Our Outdoor Market is set to resume on October 19 from 10am-4pm. If you are a crafter and are interested in joining us for our Outdoor Market please contact Laurie Schaerer at 232-4470. Tables are \$15 and Tents are \$25. ADI is always seeking new artists to join our gallery. If you are a local artist and are interested in joining our gallery, or if you would like to become a member or a volunteer, please call Marsha Barnett at 251-401-0230.

DIPOA News Happy Fall from the Dauphin Island Property Owners Association! As we transition to a quieter time on the Island, DIPOA is working on a number of maintenance and improvement projects during the Fall season, and we are seeking volunteers to help. Do you have a heart to serve? Are you looking for an area to give back to your community? Join like-minded volunteers that wish to pour some love into OUR Association and it's beautiful properties. We are seeking individuals that would like to invest their time & talents for the betterment of Dauphin Island. If you are interested in serving on one of our volunteer committees, please reach out to Jennifer Perry at 251-861-3144 or office@dipoa.org. Every effort counts, and there are many areas and ways to contribute. Contact Jennifer today for a role that fits best for you and stop by our office at Isle Dauphine for a coffee and sweet treat

Town Hosting Multi-Vaccination Clinic The Town of Dauphin Island is partnering once again with Semmes Pharmacy to host a multi-vaccination clinic at town hall on Thursday, October 10 from 8am-noon. Vaccines available that day include flu, pneumonia, tetanus, Covid (subject to availability), RSV, hepatitis, and shingles. Appointments are recommended. To register go to www.townofdauphinisland.org/fluclinic. It's that simple!

Fort Gaines Hosting Events Fall is a great time to visit historic Fort Gaines and this year there are a number of events scheduled that will be fun for the entire family including; 10/19 Stop by for our annual Fall Festival for a fun-filled day of food, games, music, a pumpkin patch, pie-eating contest and more. 10/26 Hosted by the Society for Creative Anachronism, the Barony of Osprey will present Life in the Middle Ages at the 41st Annual Renaissance GATALOP event. You'll see knights in armor as they storm the castle, view melees and sieges, and visit with Lords, Ladies, Artists, and Medieval Merchants. 11/9 Come and experience a day in the life of a WWII soldier as they perform drills throughout the day and demonstrate authentic camping at this Fall Campaign WWII Living History event.

Share the Beach Litter Patrol We're looking for volunteers to help keep the beaches, sidewalks, and parks clean of trash and other debris on Dauphin Island. We patrol the Gulf and bay side year-round. This is a part of the "Love Your Community" program which allows our volunteers to earn points for every hour accrued. These points will be turned into dollars to be spent to support the Share the Beach sea turtle conservation program on Dauphin Island. Each adult must register separately, and all volunteers under 18yrs must be signed up under an adult. A welcome letter with instructions will be emailed after you register. To join our team, please go to <https://forms.gle/bB8VcDAWPbxPC5qL7> or send an email to stblitterpatrol@gmail.com. If you have questions, please call (251) 861-1014.

West End Restoration Project Meeting The Town of Dauphin Island is hosting a public informational meeting at the DI Community Center on Wednesday, October 16 at 6pm to provide the latest information and updates on the proposed West End Restoration Project. The meeting will consist of a power point presentation, Q&A, and breakout session. The meeting will also be available via Zoom and FaceBook Live. We hope you are able to join us.

Lights of DI Returns Although we haven't made it to Halloween, Christmas will be here before we know it and the Chamber of Commerce is getting an early start on the 2024 "Lights of Dauphin Island" celebration and you can be part of this joyous & colorful event. Now thru October 13 you can take advantage of the Early Bird tree sponsorships for \$135. Tree sponsorships increase to \$155 as of October 14. Decorate a tree with your own personal flair and help Light Up DI this Christmas! For additional info visit the DI Chamber website.

Medical Clinic Fundraiser Announced Dority's is the place to be on November 3 from noon-4pm as we "Raise the Roof" in honor and in memory of Ms. Rexalee Goecker while raising funds for the DI Medical Clinic. Grab a BBQ plate or two (just \$10!), enjoy live music, and check out the large assortment of raffle items including those one-of-a-kind handmade crafts created by local talent. See you there!

Market in the Park Stop by Green Park every Thursday from 9am-5pm and every second Saturday from 9am-3pm to see what the island has to offer! This event provides an outlet for local farmers, crafters, and island businesses to promote their products, rentals, services, and more. The fee is \$20 for crafters (business licenses required for businesses) and the money goes towards the Miss DI scholarship fund. If you would like to be part of the market please email mgodwin@townofdauphinisland.org. Note: Due to the Art Trail on October 12, the Saturday October market will be held on October 5. Please make note of this change.



Elevation Certificates Needed As the town continues its efforts to collect Elevation Certificates (EC) for all structures within the community and maintain compliance with the NFIP, we want to thank those of you who responded promptly following written notification to provide such documentation. Unfortunately, we still have a lot of work to do so many homeowners should expect to hear from us over the coming weeks and months until this matter is complete. Most homeowners will likely have an EC in their possession and we simply need a copy for our files. Otherwise, a new EC will be needed asap. Please contact our Building Inspection Dept. should you have questions or need further assistance.

Town Announces Comprehensive Plan Review/Update Process The Town of Dauphin Island has been awarded a matching grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ALABAMA COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM for updating our comprehensive plan. Much has occurred since 2013 when our current plan was adopted and we must update it in order to keep pace with the dramatic changes with demographics, economics, and the environment just to name a few. The Comprehensive Plan is the primary policy document that identifies where we are currently with regard to matters such as Population, Economy, Services, Housing, Transportation, Land Use, Natural and Historical Resources, Recreation, Community Facilities, and more. The plan then looks at the challenges ahead (typically up to 20 years), and creates a long-range strategy to guide growth and development within our community. Updating our Comprehensive Plan will require public engagement and involvement for community feedback, and analysis of data obtained to formulate future strategies and objectives to accomplish goals based on our shared values. We will seek public input and participation in a variety of ways including surveys, open-houses, workshops (that will all be open to the public), a dedicated web page, and establishing a steering committee consisting of residents, business owners, property owners, as well as elected and appointed officials. In the next few weeks, we will be taking the first steps of this important process by holding a kickoff event and assembling the steering committee. If you would like to serve on the steering committee please contact Planning Commission Chairman, Neil Sass at ns7277@gmail.com. Stay tuned for future announcement of event dates! Note: The Comprehensive Plan is a policy document created and adopted by the Planning Commission. The Plan's authority is provided for in the Alabama Code § 11-52-8 through 11-52-10.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Dauphin Island Medical will be hosting a month-long drive to collect hygiene items, toiletries, batteries (AA/AAA), new towels, twin sheets, and underwear for local battered spouse shelters in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Please drop off donations at the clinic, located at 1008 Alabama Ave. We will also pair up with Penelope House and have a table in Cadillac Square during the Art Trail event, providing important information on what you can do to help those affected by domestic violence.

Recycle your ink cartridges The Alabama Coastal Foundation is partnering again with Planet Green to recycle used ink cartridges. Instead of throwing your spent cartridges away, please consider recycling them with ACF. We have two drop off locations on the Island: The Welcome Center and Town Hall. All you have to do is take your empty cartridges to one of these locations and we will take care of the rest. If you have any questions, please call (251) 861-1014 or email stblitterpatrol@gmail.com.

TOWN & PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Agenda Meetings:** Mondays prior to Council Meetings at 5pm
- Town Council Meetings:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6pm **October 1 & 15**
- Planning Commission Meetings:** 2nd Tuesday of each month 5pm
- Board of Adjustment Meetings:** 4th Monday of each month or as needed
- DI Court:** 2nd Wednesday of each month **October 9 @ 2PM**
- DI Water & Sewer Authority Meetings:** 3rd Friday of each month at 8am at the Authority Office, 908 Alabama Ave. (251-861-2363)
- 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 251-861-3144.



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

DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

Administrative (251-861-5525)		Building Dept.	
Town Clerk	Wanda Sandagger	Ext 225	License & Permits Wendy Crumley Ext 223
Accounts Payable	Jodie Potts	Ext 227	Bldg Official Terry Sheffield cell 251-257-6707
Rental/Tax Clerk	Jenny McLester	Ext 222	Bldg Inspector Wes Stumbo cell 251-207-9287
Court		Town Events	
Court Clerk	Stacy Mallon	Ext 221	Event Coordinator Maggie Godwin mgodwin@townofdauphinisland.org
Community Center		Police, Fire & Public Safety	
Manager	Jill Pope	251-487-6110	Chief of Police Kym Claw 251-861-5523
Public Works Dept. & Animal Control		E.M.S. Director Troy Gorlott 251-207-9767	
Superintendent	James Stokes	251-313-2378	Fire Chief Jeremy Castile 251-206-5626

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Get on the mass email list for updates on events and important information for the community of Dauphin Island!
Please send an email to wcrumley@townofdauphinisland.org.

REPORT IT DI
For general suggestions or concerns that do not require immediate attention or are not a police matter, please email: reportitdi@townofdauphinisland.org and will be handled at the earliest convenience. To submit your request by phone, call: (251) 861-2101.

Dumpsters: Fridays & Saturdays 8AM—Noon

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

