



# 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.

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### TOWN COUNCIL

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 27 Movies at the Fort  
July 28 WEB Movie Night  
July 29 WEB Movie Night  
July 29 Last Friday Art Night  
July 31 Sunday Sunset Concert  
Aug 1 Public Hearing: Bldg. & Electrical Codes- 6pm  
Aug 2 Public Hearing: East End Restoration- 430pm  
Aug 4 WEB Movie Night  
Aug 5 WEB Movie Night  
Aug 6 Battle of Mobile Bay  
Aug 6 Summer Splash Event  
Aug 11 WEB Movie Night  
Aug 12 WEB Movie Night  
Aug 12-14 Reggae Weekend  
Aug 26 Blood Drive  
Sept 3 Cast Iron Skillet Cook-Off at Fort Gaines  
Sept 9 Sunday Sunset Concert  
Sept 10 Hurricane 5K & Fun Run  
Sept 16 Blood Drive  
Sept 17 & 18 5th Annual Massacre Island Event Fort Gaines  
Sept 22 Flu Clinic @ Town Hall 8am - Noon  
Oct 8 DI Art Trail



**Beach Movies, Concerts Continue** FREE Family Movie Nights are continuing at West End Beach. Our heartfelt THANKS to the good folks at Greer's Markets for sponsoring these popular events again! Here's the remaining schedule (subject to change); 7/28 Moana 7/29 Ed 8/4 A Simple Wish 8/5 The Little Mermaid 8/11 Ella Enchanted 8/12 Andre. Movies begin at dusk. For the music lovers, the town is proud to sponsor the Sunday Sunset Concert series including; \*7/31 Pine Hill Haints (6-8pm), \*9/4 Jollies Band (530-730pm), and \*10/9 Roman Street (430-630pm). Note: \* The remaining concerts will be held at Fort Gaines. Concert admission is \$5 (age 13 & up).

**NEW! Movies at the Fort** Ft. Gaines movie night is coming to an end this summer, our last movie will be 7/27, featuring Forrest Gump! Keep an eye out for movies in the fall! Bring your chairs, blankets, and bug spray (just in case). Admission is free, but donations are always welcome!

**158<sup>th</sup> Battle of Mobile Bay Commemorative Day** The well-preserved ramparts of Fort Gaines have guarded the entrance to Mobile Bay for more than 160 years. Now a fascinating historic site, the Fort stands at the eastern tip of Dauphin Island where it commands panoramic views of the bay and the Gulf of Mexico. The August 6 event highlights Fort Gaines' integral role in the Battle of Mobile Bay. The cannon will be fired every forty-five minutes in honor of the soldiers that fought in this pivotal battle. Come and experience a living history day for the entire family.

**Back to School Summer Splash** This popular event will be returning this year on August 6 from noon- 4pm at Water Tower Plaza (our thanks to DI Water & Sewer for providing use of the site) and will offer inflatable water slides, a sprinkler pad, and kiddie pool! We also added a foam cannon this year! The foam cannon will start at 230pm and last an hour. Participants are also encouraged to bring their favorite water guns for a fun water fight! Kona Ice will be on site for some yummy ice cold treats! There's something for all ages, so get your family and friends together and let's make a SPLASH! Free admission.

**Reggae Vibes Rule** Dauphin Island's own Reggae Czar Gene Gable has put together another entertaining and laid back Caribbean-inspired experience during the 6th Annual Dauphin Island Reggae Weekend and you're invited to get your groove on. Join us at Green Park on Saturday, August 13 from 11am-5pm(ish) as we welcome local and regional artists including Vibe Irie (with vocalist Gary Hudson), Culture Dred and Caribbean D.J. "Rich Muzic- The King of Hype" who'll be spinning Calypso, Reggae, and Soca tunes throughout the day. ALL music events are FREE! Vendors will be on site offering a new DI themed Reggae T-shirt & posters and food trucks will be serving up jerk chicken, virgin Pina Coladas (in coconuts and pineapples) and more. Expect food & drink specials from participating island bars & restaurants along with some great Reggae music throughout the 3-day weekend. Follow us on Facebook under Dauphin Island Reggae Weekend 2022 and make plans to enjoy some casual fun and relaxed island hospitality!

**Hurricane 5K & Fun Run** Lace up your running shoes and get ready to support a good cause at the Port City Pacers annual Hurricane 5K & Fun Run on Saturday, September 10 at 810am. The run winds along streets on the eastern portion of the island and starts and ends at DI Sea Lab. The group usually donates proceeds of the run to DI Fire & Rescue and DI Sea Lab. See you there!

**Council Hosting Two Public Hearings** The Town Council will be hosting Public Hearings as follows: August 1 at 6pm - Technical (Bldg. & Electrical) Codes & Supplemental Provisions; August 2 at 430pm - East End Restoration Project. If you are unable to attend in person please feel to submit comments in writing to the Town Clerk.

**AUGUST 26—BLOOD DRIVE— 830-430 @ WELCOME CENTER!**





**News From Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council** **LAST FRIDAY NIGHT!** July 29 & August 26, 6-8pm! This long-time Island tradition returns! Join us as we celebrate the arts featuring a silent auction fundraiser; open mic featuring local musicians; art demos; food and drink- AND SOCIALIZING!! Free and open to the public - donations are welcome and appreciated! All proceeds benefit DIHAC, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization. **"Dauphin Island Art For All"** with Artist Carolyn Greene each Friday, 10-11:30am. "Art For All" is an inclusive arts education program for adults with special needs. The goal of the program is to provide opportunities to express creativity and develop skills in a variety of arts media, including acrylics, graphics, watercolors, pottery, and more. More info to come. **Community Open Pottery Studio** Each Thursday, 10am - 12pm DROP-INS welcome! This is an opportunity to practice the skills you learned. NEW - Pottery Studio Membership: \$50/ 6 months plus \$9/lbs. of clay. Non-Members - \$12/lbs. for clay – includes glazing & firings. Shipping is extra. The minimum age is 15. **Basic Watercolors Painting** with Artist Odie Tucker Saturday, August 20– 10am – 12 pm. These classes are open to all levels of art experience. Participants will create their own watercolor paintings based on examples provided at each class. Cost: \$50/person (per class) all materials provided. Each class is limited to 6 students. **Experience the Pottery Wheel** Saturday, August 20 – 1-4 pm. Join professional pottery instructor LeaAyn Shurley for this one-time fun experience with clay! It is designed for everyone in the family, and all ages are welcome. This is a great way to try out the pottery wheel and make some vacation memories without an on-going commitment for classes Cost: \$40/person – all materials provided. Shipping is extra. To register for any of the above classes, send an email to [classes.dauphinislandarts@gmail.com](mailto:classes.dauphinislandarts@gmail.com) or send a text to 251-610-6984 (text preferred, please). All classes and workshops are held at DIHAC's Art Studio, 918 Bienville Blvd., Dauphin Island, AL (next door to the Lighthouse Building).

**Dauphin Island Women's Club** Calling all women! If you are a resident on the island or you have a desire for the betterment of this "gem of an island" please join us for our next meeting. We have changed our meeting date to Mondays at 5pm on the second week of every month. September 12th at the Welcome Center will be our first meeting. We will have a meet and greet and discuss the fabulous year coming up. We have lined up a great year of speakers, including the well known, Felder Rushing. We were grateful to give back \$6,000 to the community and hope with your involvement it will be even more in the upcoming year. Please bring your \$25 annual dues to the September meeting and bring your smile, it's a great time had by all!

**Council Adopts New Wetland Ordinance** As the island's popularity grows and new construction starts remain at an all-time high, protecting the vast natural resources is becoming more important and increasingly challenging. Recent passage of a revised Wetland Ordinance is the latest attempt to reduce adverse impacts to wetland areas while allowing owners use of their property. Generally speaking, the first step is to check with town hall (or view map on town's website) to see if your parcel is listed as "potentially" containing wetlands. If so, the owner will need to order a wetlands "determination" (to determine whether wetlands actually do exist) by a trained individual and/or expert in the field. If wetlands do exist, a wetlands "delineation" (to actually map out the boundaries/footprint of the wetland within the property being developed) must be ordered and applications sent to the Corps & ADEM for review/permitting. The primary goal is to avoid impacting wetlands whenever possible. The Wetland Ordinance establishes an impact fee of \$20 per square foot (maximum \$20,000) for the filling of designated wetland areas. This is in addition to fees that may be associated with Corps and/or ADEM permitting and mitigation requirements. Note: This article is not intended to be all inclusive of the process associated with wetlands. It's always recommended to contact our Building Inspection Dept. before doing work on your property.

**A Message from DIWSA** The Dauphin Island Water and Sewer Authority (DIWSA) will be drilling and developing a monitoring and production well at 409 Bienville Blvd. Site selection was chosen for various benefits that include existing infrastructure, distance from current production wells, underlying geological formations, and previous site development dating back to 1988. If it is determined that a viable water source is available, a building for mechanical and electrical operations will eventually be added. This potential water-source will serve the island in multiple capacities and for future generations. With Town of Dauphin Island assistance, DIWSA has identified a minimum number of trees (only two-trees greater than 6" in diameter) that will need to be removed for access and construction. There will be no fill dirt added to the site but a rock drive may be needed to support drilling equipment. All byproducts of drilling will be contained before removal from the site and proper disposal. DIWSA and its contractor fully understands the sensitivity of the area and precautions will be taken throughout construction to ensure both public and environmental health are protected. Well drilling and pump testing is expected to begin in mid-August and continue for approximately four months. The contractor is anticipating a work week of Monday through Thursday and up to 14 hours per day. Upon completion of each well, pump testing will occur as required by State regulations. This testing spans several days and includes the pumping and discharge of well water (there are no additives/chemicals or hazardous materials, just ground water). The discharge point will be the ditch line located on the west side of Ft. Conde St. at the intersection of Bienville Blvd. with a destination of Dauphin Island Bay. As this phase of construction nears completion, DIWSA will begin design of a pump house and provide a schedule for future construction.





**Arts of Dauphin Island** Our Art gallery is located at 1101 Bienville Boulevard nestled amongst beautiful Dauphin Island heritage pine trees. The gallery is open on Thursdays, Fridays, & Saturdays from 11am - 5pm. ADI features original paintings, pottery, photography, wood working, jewelry, fiber art and much more. Arts of Dauphin Island is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit. Our Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, benevolent, educational, civic, literary and cultural purposes pertaining to the arts, including without limitations visual arts, literary arts, and performing arts by providing public venues for educational arts programs, art exhibits, and performances; providing opportunities for the expression, appreciation and participation in the arts; and creating and maintaining a network of artists and patrons. ADI, in keeping with our "purpose", is proud to sponsor a Children's Art Program. This past year the children built bird houses during birding season, they tie-dyed tee-shirts as well as learned origami. These art events are free of charge to our children and we invite all children ages 5 thru middle school to join us for lots of fun and laughter as well as enjoying creating their own piece of original artwork. In the coming month's look for exciting details about our annual fund raiser scheduled for Saturday, November 12th. You will not want to miss this event! ADI'S Sunday Market will resume in October when the weather is cooler for our vendors. If you are a craftsperson or artist and are interested in participating in our Sunday Market, please call either Celia Smith at 502-767-2222 or Laurie Schaerer at 251-232-4470 for details. Vendors are required to sign a contract with ADI as an associate member and are responsible for all State and Local taxes. The cost is \$25/tent or \$15/table. ADI's Art Instructor, Margie Delcambre hosts Adult Acrylic Art Classes on Mondays from 10am-1pm. The cost is \$10/lesson, all supplies included. These classes fill up fast so if you are interested, please contact Margie Delcambre at 251-402-0266. 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.

**West End Update** With the acquisition of approximately 838 acres of privately owned beach and dune habitat and deed transfer process complete for the far West End, the Town of Dauphin Island and Mobile County have begun the development of the Dauphin Island West End Bird Conservation and Management Plan. Funding for this effort was provided by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill settlement through the Alabama Trustee Implementation Group Restoration Plan III and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). The Town of Dauphin Island and Mobile County, in partnership with the Department of the Interior and ADCNR, will develop this plan to guide future implementation of management activities with the goal of increasing nesting bird populations and enhancing habitat quality and availability. More information on this project is forthcoming.

**Zoning Ordinance Revisions Proposed** For well over a year efforts have been underway to revise the entire Zoning Ordinance. That document is now available via the town's website and the Planning Commission recently hosted the first of at least two Public Hearings required for the passage of such an Ordinance. Note: The Town Council will hold a Public Hearing at the appropriate time in the process (approx. 60-90 days). If you missed the public meeting you are encouraged to submit feedback (via email to Town Clerk Wanda Sandagger) and your thoughts and comments will be shared with members of the Planning Commission and Town Council. Some of the proposed changes include; Lighting Regulations [Outdoor lighting of all types shall be directed so as to reflect away from all residential dwellings, residential zoning districts...to prevent objectionable light trespass and glare across property lines...], Lighting Requirements For Lots Where Sea Turtle Nesting Activities Occur [The purpose of these lighting regulations is to reduce the potential impact of artificial coastal lighting on nesting sea turtles and hatchlings by restricting artificial lighting... These regulations pertain to both interior and exterior lighting and target structures along the Gulf-fronting beaches (and extending well inland) and houses on the north side of Bienville Blvd. on the island's west end.], Short-Term Vacation Rental Overlay District [This section of the Ordinance establishes areas on the island where short-term rental units are and are not allowed. The purpose and intent of this section is to protect the permanent residents and their quality of life and property values...], Lot Coverage and Dimensional Requirements [In part, this section limits the amount of lot coverage/impervious surfaces permitted on a parcel of property.]. These are just SOME of the many changes made to the existing Zoning Ordinance. Note: The town is working with the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission to develop a more complete and separate list of changes for easy reference. That document will be shared publicly upon receipt. In the meantime, please continue to familiarize yourself with the draft document and make note of any questions and/or comments you deem appropriate.

**Backfeeding: Now a Crime in Alabama** As we approach the heart of hurricane season residents throughout coastal Alabama (and beyond) need to be aware of a new law recently passed by the state legislature. The issue, improperly installed portable electric generators can backfeed into power lines creating potential hazardous conditions for repair crews. Backfeeding usually occurs when portable generators are tied directly into a home's electrical panel, instead of with a transfer switch, causing electricity to flow backwards through power lines. The easiest way to avoid such an issue is to hire a licensed electrician to install a transfer switch at your meter. This will keep workers safe and potentially keep you from going to jail.

**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, September 22 from 8am-noon. Vaccines available that day include flu, pneumonia, tetanus, Covid, hepatitis, and shingles. To register, visit the town's website and under the Updates & Events tab click on Flu/Covid Clinic to access the Semmes Pharmacy link (link will be available Aug. 8). It's that simple!





**Two New APPs Available** The town of Dauphin Island's App is now available! Please download it for FREE to stay informed on town events, meetings, updated emergency information and all things Dauphin Island! Mobile County now has a new mobile alert system as well! By texting MOBILEALERT to 226787 anyone can register to receive information, emergency alerts or other important messages.

**World Sea Turtle Day Clean Up** Sponsored by the Alabama Coastal Foundation, in partnership with "Share the Beach" and Horne LLC, volunteers came together on World Sea Turtle Day (June 16) and picked up nearly 800 pounds of trash along area beaches. Such debris can pose hazards to sea turtles, especially during nesting season. The town expresses its sincere appreciation to all involved for making this event such a success!

**Coastal Defense Batteries** Property owners in south Mobile and Baldwin Counties may soon receive an informational brochure regarding potential hazards that might exist primarily in area waters (and on land). These include leftover medium to large caliber munitions, mortars, cannonballs and the like from past military activities. Obviously, this is nothing new to those of us familiar with the history of the area but we are now being reminded again of these potential threats and to follow the 3 Rs; *Recognize* (when you may have encountered a munition, and that munitions are dangerous), *Retreat* (do not approach, touch, move, or disturb it, but carefully leave the area), and *Report* (call 911 and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it). For more information call the Formerly Used Defense Sites Information Center toll free number 1-855-765-3837 or select the GIS Tool on the Interim Risk Management page at [www.fuds.mil](http://www.fuds.mil). Learn more about munitions and explosives safety at <https://3Rs.mil>.

**Alabama Aquarium (formerly Estuarium) Recognized** Those of us living here on the island already know how special and unique the Alabama Aquarium is but it's popularity is about to skyrocket! Recognizing the Aquarium at DI Sea Lab as a "Great spot for the whole family to learn about aquatic life in the Gulf", Trip Advisor recently rated it #1 among all zoos & aquariums in Alabama! Kudos to Team DI Sea Lab on this amazing accomplishment!

**Market in the Park** The popular "Market in the Park" has returned to Green Park every Thursday from 1-5pm. This is to provide an outlet for local farmers, crafters, and island businesses to promote their products, rentals, services, and more. If you would like to be part of the market please email [mgodwin@townofdauphinisland.org](mailto:mgodwin@townofdauphinisland.org).



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## DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

### Administrative

Town Clerk  
Wanda Sandagger  
251-861-5525 Ext 225

Admin. Clerk /Magistrate  
Joyce Wentworth Ext 227

**Court**  
Court Clerk  
Stacy Mallon Ext 221

**Parks & Recreation Dept.**  
Director  
Sherry Cain 251-861-3607

**Public Works Dept.**  
Superintendent  
James Stokes Ext 230

Animal Control Ext 230

**DUMPSTERS**  
Fridays & Saturdays  
8AM-Noon

### Building Dept.

Business License & Permits  
Jenny McLester Ext 222

Bldg Inspector Ext 224  
Terry Sheffield cell 251-257-6707  
James Brown cell 251-234-7466

Code/Zoning Enforcement Ext 223  
Jenniffer Ploeger cell 251-293-9633

### Town Events

Event Coordinator  
Maggie Godwin [mgodwin@townofdauphinisland.org](mailto:mgodwin@townofdauphinisland.org)

### Dauphin Island Police Dept.

Chief of Police  
Chief Kym Claw 251-861-5523

### Public Safety

E.M.S. Director  
Troy Gorlott 251-207-9767

## TOWN & PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Agenda Meetings:** Mondays prior to Council Meetings at 5pm

**Town Council Meetings:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6pm

**Meetings: August 2 & 16**

**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 **August 10 @ 4pm**

**DI Water & Sewer Authority Meetings:** 3rd Wednesday 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.

### \*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 Jenny McLester at [jmcles-ter@townofdauphinisland.org](mailto:jmcles-ter@townofdauphinisland.org).

It's just that easy!



### HURRICANE RE-ENTRY PASSES!

Check your hurricane re-entry passes to make sure they are current.