



# 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

**Mayor**  
Jeff Collier  
**Council Members**  
Gene Fox  
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Rich Colberg  
Clinton Collier

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 31 Market in Green Park  
Sept 3 Sunset Concert 530PM  
Sept 7 Market in Green Park  
Sept 9 Hurricane 5K & Fun Run  
Sept 9 Market in Green Park  
Sept 10 Movie at the Fort  
Sept 14 Market in Green Park  
Sept 16 Cars & Crafts Show  
Sept 16 Coastal Clean Up  
Sept 16 & 17 Massacre Island at Fort Gaines  
Sept 21 Flu Clinic 8AM-Noon  
Sept 21 Market in Green Park  
Sept 21 Insurance Meeting  
Sept 22 Movie at the Fort  
Sept 24 Pops Concert 5PM  
Sept 28 Market in Green Park  
Sept 29 Blood Drive  
Oct 1 Movie at the Fort  
Oct 4 Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing 5PM  
Oct 21 Fort Gaines Fall Festival  
Oct 27 Movie in the Park  
Oct 28 Renaissance Festival at Fort Gaines  
Oct 28 Witches Ride  
Oct 29 Movie in the Park  
Oct 31 Trick-or-Treat in Green Park  
Nov 4 WWII Living History  
Nov 11 DIVA Veteran's Day Ceremony 11AM

**2023 Sunset Concerts** Sponsored by the Town of Dauphin Island, Sunset Concerts offer an assortment of music genres and a relaxed vibe all within historic Fort Gaines. Admission is \$5 (children 12 & under receive free admission) and attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and a laid-back attitude! Here is the remaining 2023 Sunset Concert schedule; 9/3 Symone French and the Trouille Troupe (530pm), and 10/15 Roman Street (430pm).

**Movies at the Fort** Free movies at Fort Gaines will be featured on the following dates: Sept. 10 – Top Gun Maverick, Sept. 22 – Cinderella (Come early (6PM) for a meet and greet with the characters Cinderella and the Fairy Godmother!), Oct. 1 – Grease (dress up as your favorite T-Bird or Pink Lady!). Movies start at dusk. Bring your chairs, blankets, and snacks.

**Hurricane 5K & Fun Run** The Port City Pacers invite you to lace up your shoes and join them for the annual Hurricane 5K & Fun Run taking place on the east end of the island on Saturday, September 9 at 8:10am. The race celebrates the recovery and reconnection of Dauphin Island with the mainland following the devastating impacts caused by Hurricane Frederic in 1979. The run starts and ends at DI Sea Lab while traversing east end streets through multiple neighborhoods. Proceeds from the event go to support DI Fire & Rescue and the DI Sea Lab.

**Cars & Crafts Show** The Dauphin Island Annual Car Show is September 16 and this year we want our local crafters and artists to join in on the fun! The Cars & Crafts show will be held in Cadillac Square from 10am-3pm. Along with Cars and Crafts, we will also have food trucks: Bondi Bowls, Shaved Ice Paradise, Man that's Good BBQ, and La Taqueria; live music featuring The Southern Fire Band, and a bounce house and face painting for the kids! REGISTER on our website now to get the early registration discount! Each car entered will receive a raffle ticket to enter to WIN lots of prizes and gift cards! There will also be a split-the-pot raffle and trophies and prizes will be award to the favorite cars!

**6th Annual Massacre Island** In 1711 the Pirates stormed Mobile Bay & attacked the Island that was once called Massacre Island because of a huge pile of human skeletons that was discovered by Pierre Le Moyne. On September 16 & 17 come and see the Pirates as they pilfer and pillage Isle Dauphine and fight against Spanish & British Galleons. Who knows, you may even find a pirate's treasure!

**Get the Trash Out of the Splash!** The annual Alabama Coastal Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, September 16 from 8am-noon and individuals, clubs, organizations and more are encouraged to volunteer a few hours to rid our coastal environs of trash, litter and other debris. Green Park (next to Ship & Shore) will serve as the host site for the Dauphin Island clean up registration, supply distribution, and dumpster location. A special thanks to Christa Russell ([crussell@disl.org](mailto:crussell@disl.org)) for serving as our Team Captain this year! Volunteers are encouraged to register online via the town website ([townofdauphinisland.org/coastalcleanup](http://townofdauphinisland.org/coastalcleanup)). Let's all have fun as we "Get the Trash Out of the Splash!"

**Mobile Pops Concert** Following two failed attempts (due to inclement weather) to host the annual Mobile Pops event earlier this year, the concert is now set for Sunday, September 24 at 5pm at Water Tower Plaza. This year's theme is "A Night at the Movies" and includes selections from Frozen II, Moana, Encanto, Beauty and the Beast, Sing!, and many more! The concert is absolutely FREE thanks to the collective sponsorships provided by the DI Chamber of Commerce, DI Foundation, DI Women's Club, and Town of Dauphin Island. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, snacks, and bug spray (just in case). Join us for an enchanting evening of music under the stars!

**Insurance Informational Meeting** Homeowners have been experiencing sticker shock recently when renewing home and flood insurance policies and finding a company willing to write a policy in the first place can sometimes be challenging as well. In an effort to provide local home and business owners with the latest and best available information on the current insurance industry, future changes, and highlight programs to help reduce premiums and property damage, the town will host an informational meeting on September 21 (TBA) at Shelby Hall (DI Sea Lab). Alabama Insurance Commissioner Mark Fowler has agreed to attend along with other agency representatives to provide you with information you need to know and answer your questions. Please mark this on your calendar and watch for additional details as they become available.

**BLOOD DRIVE – Sept. 29 at Welcome Center 930am-530pm**







**News From Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council** **LAST FRIDAY ART NIGHT** - Due to the heat, we are taking a break from LFAN in August. We will resume September 29! **Classes for Children** The classes listed below are open to children living in DIHAC's non-profit service area and are provided free of charge. Registration required to attend. **Preschool Studio Arts** with Artist John Halliday Tuesdays Sept. 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10– 11AM. Ages 3-5. In this 4-class series, John will teach preschool students how to paint with watercolors, oil pastels, acrylics, and more. Limited to 8 students. 3-year-olds require a parent/guardian. **Art After School (4th - 5th Grades)** with Artist Odie Tucker Wednesday Sept. 6, 4-5PM. Odie will teach how to paint with watercolors. Limited to 10 students. **Art After School (K - 1st Grade)** with Instructor Terri Baker Wednesday Sept. 13, 4-5PM. Terri will teach the basic elements of art, various art styles, and mediums. Limited to 10 students. **Art After School (2nd - 3rd Grade)** with Instructor Terri Baker Wednesday Sept. 20, 4-5PM. Terri will teach the basic elements of art, various art styles, and mediums. Limited to 10 students. **Classes for Adults** **Sterling Stackable Rings** with Vaughn Millner Friday August 31, 6-9PM. Students will be introduced to soldering, tools, fueling and lighting the torch, and other basic metalsmithing techniques. The class includes all tools and materials to make 2 rings. At the end of the workshop, students will take home their rings! Cost: \$140. **Art For All - Art Classes for Adults with Disabilities** with Artist Carolyn Greene Fridays Sept, 1, 8, 15, & 22, 10-11:30AM. "Art for All" is an inclusive arts education program for 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. For more information, send a text to 251-490-0294. **Beginning Throwing on the Pottery Wheel** with Potter LeaAyn Shurley Thursdays Sept. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 12:30-2:30PM. This 4-class series is designed to improve your skills or try something you have always wanted to do! Students will learn the basics of how to center, throw, and glaze clay. Cost: \$150 – materials and firings provided. **Basic Watercolors Painting** with Artist Odie Tucker Sept. 9, 1-3PM. Participants will create their own paintings based on examples provided in each class. Even if you are new to art, you will enjoy this creative experience. Cost: \$50. **Piano Lessons** with Instructor Emma Holm Sept. 1, 8, & 15, 4-7PM. Open to adults and children ages 6 and older. Cost: \$105 for three (3) 30-minute private lessons. **Experience the Pottery Wheel** with Potter LeaAyn Shurley Sept. 17 – 1-4PM. Join her for this one-time fun experience with clay! All ages are welcome. Each guest will complete two pottery pieces on the wheel. Each piece will be glazed & ready for pick up 3-4 weeks later or shipped to you for an additional fee. 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. **Community Open Pottery Studio** with Artist LeaAyn Shurley Sept. 7, 14, 21, & 28 – 10AM-12PM. Ages 15 and older – No appointment required This is an opportunity to practice the skills you learned in a previous hand-built pottery class. Cost: \$12/lbs. of clay, \$9/lbs. of clay w/ membership (optional) Clay prices include glazing, two pottery firings, and use of pottery tools. **TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE CLASSES**, please visit our website at [www.dauphinislandarts.org](http://www.dauphinislandarts.org) and select your class. You may also send a text message to 251-490-0294.

**Market in the Park** Stop by Green Park every Thursday from 1-5pm and every second Saturday from 9am-2pm to see what the island has to offer! This is to provide an outlet for local farmers, crafters, and island businesses to promote their products, rentals, services, and more. The fee is \$20 with a current DI business license or island address 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](mailto:mgodwin@townofdauphinisland.org).

**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 21 from 8am-noon. Vaccines available that day include flu, pneumonia, tetanus, Covid, RSV, hepatitis, and shingles. To register go to [www.townofdauphinisland.org/fluclinic](http://www.townofdauphinisland.org/fluclinic). It's that simple!

**Draft Zoning Ordinance Update, Public Hearing Set** It has taken some time but the latest draft of the Zoning Ordinance was advertised to the public as of August 17 in preparation for the Public Hearing scheduled for October 4, 2023 at 5pm at Shelby Hall (DI Sea Lab). At first glance the document will appear larger than the previous version and that's because items stricken from the text currently remain to highlight specific changes that were made during the Town Council review process. Once adopted those items will be deleted leaving a slightly thinner finished product. In addition, new and/or added text will also appear in red print to aid the reader in identifying these most recent edits. We hope you will take time to familiarize yourself with the draft Zoning Ordinance in advance of the Public Hearing. We look forward to your collective input.

**Fort Gaines Fall Festival Fundraiser** The fun is returning on October 21! Pumpkin patch, pumpkin pie eating contest, bounce house, plus lots of tents to visit! 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.)! You can sign up for 1 or all 3 categories! Registration forms are online! All money raised will go to help support historic Fort Gaines!

**40th Annual Renaissance Festival GATALOP 40** Hosted by the Society of Creative Anachronism, on October 28 the Barony of Osprey will present Life in the Middle Ages. You will see Knights in Armor as they storm the castle, view melees and sieges. Visit with Lords, Ladies, Artists, and Medieval Merchants. Fun for the entire family!

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** Dauphin Island's wildlife is much loved, but if we're not careful, we can love our wildlife in ways that cause them harm or death. The Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service have a saying, "A fed animal is a dead animal." It's sad, but it's true. Wildlife that are accustomed to being fed by humans or feeding off rubbish left by humans, lose their fear of humans. A healthy fear serves wildlife well. Animals "begging" for food are more likely to be in roadways and hit by cars, or they are more at risk of other mishaps. If fed regularly, animals will stop foraging for themselves and can starve to death. Be kind to wildlife – dispose of your trash properly, tightly close garbage bins, and please don't feed our wildlife.





**Arts of Dauphin Island** Our Gallery is located at 1101 Bienville Boulevard and we are open on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11am-5pm. ADI features original paintings, pottery, photography, wood working, jewelry, fiber art and much more. Our Sunday Afternoon Open House will be held on September 10 from 3-5pm. Local musician Ken Harrelson will be performing and our "FEATURED ARTIST" this month will be Celia Smith. Celia has been a lifelong artist, first as a metal jewelry artist, then moved into color using a rainbow of semi-precious stones. Celia's art is an array of Island inspired creations such as bejeweled hangings, mosaics pieces along with one of a kind earrings and necklaces. Our next Youth Arts Program is scheduled for September 7, 3:30-5pm. This month's event will be "Use your imagination and PAINT, PAINT, PAINT". All supplies are provided and it's FREE to children ages 5-18 (younger ones might need help from their guardian). If any adults would like to join in the fun, we ask for a \$10 donation that is used towards The Youth Arts Fund. Please RSVP to [artsofdauphinisland@gmail.com](mailto:artsofdauphinisland@gmail.com), so that we have enough supplies on hand. We have suspended our Outdoor Art Market for September because of the heat. The Outdoor Market, moving forward, will now be held on Saturdays instead of Sundays starting in October. If you are a crafts person or artist and are interested in participating in our Sunday Market, please contact Laurie Schaefer 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 Adult art classes are full at this time, but follow us on Facebook for any openings we may have in the future. The cost is \$10/lesson, all supplies included. 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** Owning property on the island affords you membership in the association, but please sign up to let us know how to connect with you. Paying the voluntary \$150 dues also affords you even more perks. Dues can be paid on the web, in person or PayPal. Office hours are M-Th 10am-4pm, 100 Orleans in Isle Dauphine, 251-861-3144. The mailing address is PO Box 39, 36528; web is [www.dipoa.org](http://www.dipoa.org). Regular board meetings are held at 6PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month, lower Level of Isle Dauphine. Emails giving ways to connect and participate in meetings via the internet are sent out prior to each meeting. Plan to come to the next meeting and get involved with the DIPOA. Volunteering is a great way to connect with island property owners. There are several committees actively working to improve all activities and facilities within our care. Please go to the webpage to discover where your expertise, interests and talents could be shared.

**Sea Lab Tidbits** The Dauphin Island Sea Lab Foundation hosts the 11th Annual Marine Environmental Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, October 25 at the Riverview Plaza Hotel in downtown Mobile. The Director of Science for Plastic Oceans International Dr. Charlie Rolsky will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Rolsky is also serving as the Director of Research for the prestigious Shaw Institute where he conducts contaminant monitoring, marine mammals' health surveys and research on plastic pollution. He is also the host of *Breaking It Down*, a YouTube series from Plastic Oceans in which he simplifies science in a fun and engaging way. During the luncheon, the Dauphin Island Sea Lab Foundation will recognize an individual and an organization for their outstanding contributions to marine environmental sustainability in the Alabama Gulf Coast Region. The Gulf Coast Marine Environmental Excellence Award will be presented to John Shell – Eagle Reef Project. The Gulf Coast Marine Environmental Leadership Award will recognize Downtown Mobile Alliance & Mobile Baykeeper– Peace Out, Plastics Doors for the Marine Environmental Awards Luncheon will open at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25th with the program beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$60 a person and can be purchased online at [sealabfoundation.org](http://sealabfoundation.org) or by calling 251-307-5903. Tables of 8 will also be available for purchase. For more information, contact Angie Gaillard at 251-307-5903.

**Dauphin Island Elementary School** DI Elementary School has had a great start to the school year. We would like to say a special thank you to the DI Police and Public Safety Officers for ensuring the safety of our students, parents and staff each day. They are the reason our traffic flows so smoothly during take-in and dismissal. Some dates to remember for September: Sept. 4 - Labor Day Holiday (no school), Sept. 11- Teacher Workday (No school for students), Sept. 12 - Sept. 15 -Scholastic Book Fair and Sept. 14 - Open House 4– 5:30pm.

**Girl Power!** Dauphin Island's own Evan Claire Ladnier recently represented the USA at the World Taekwondo Championship in Coventry England where she received a bronze medal in Individual Sparring and a silver medal in Team Sparring! Evan is a 13 year old island native and currently being homeschooled in the 7th grade. She competes locally at Inner Strength Taekwondo and is already looking ahead to the 2025 world championships! Her parents are AJ & Greer Ladnier. Congratulations Evan!

**And the Nappie Award Goes To...** Dauphin Island Public Safety Supervisor Troy Gorlott received a 2023 Nappie Award for Best Fire-fighter in Mobile County during the annual ceremony sponsored by the Lagniappe publication. The Nappie Award winners are nominated and voted on by readers and cover all areas of local life. There were over 1 million votes cast this year! Troy has worked in the Mobile and Baldwin county area since 2002 and served as a paramedic since 2010. He is also employed as a Fire/Rescue Specialist for AM/NS in Calvert, AL. Congratulations Troy and thanks for the good work you do in support of our island community!

**Dauphin Island Women's Club** is back & we want YOU! After a wonderful few months of play, we are ready to begin our 2023-2024 year and it is going to be fabulous. Our next meeting will be held at the Welcome Center on Sept. 11 at 5PM. Our theme will be "Summer Fun". Our Club continues to place our wonderful island and it's people as the center of our mission. This past year we were able to contribute to so many worthy causes such as Feed the Need, The F.E.W: Foundation for Exceptional Warriors, Scholarships to Miss Claire Wagner & Miss Cameron Curtis, William Green Veterans Home, The Chamber, The Mobile Pops, and many other worthy causes. Please join us and bring a friend. Our dues are \$35 annually. Please bring, cash, check or Venmo information. If you would like to send a check our mailing address is: Dauphin Island Women's Club, P.O. Box 393, Dauphin Island, Alabama 36528. You do not need to live on the island to join, the only requirement is to have a desire for the beautification of this gem of an island. We look forward to another exciting year with YOU.





**Two New APPs Available** The town App is now available! Please download it for FREE to stay informed on 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.

**East End Pier Repairs** Bids were received and a contractor has been selected to make repairs to the East End Pier that was damaged in Hurricanes Sally & Zeta. Work is expected to begin shortly and should (if all goes well) wrap up by the end of October. The pier is a popular spot for local anglers, sightseers, and resident pelicans!

**Parking Permit Requirements** The Town issues permanent and temporary parking permits at the Police Department at no cost to eligible applicants. Permanent stickers (affixed to rear window of vehicle) are issued to island property owners only and requires one or more of the following items: Valid driver's license, vehicle registration, current utility bill (water or electric), and proof of residency (property deed or current paid property tax receipt). Permanent stickers for company-owned vehicles are only issued to the actual company owner. Similar documentation must be provided for all new issues and replacements. A limit of two permanent passes are available per household and offer free admission to town-owned public beaches. Temporary parking permits (placards to be placed on driver side dash) are available to guests/visitors of property owners and require the following items: Valid driver's license, vehicle registration, rental/lease agreement or statement from host property owner. Temporary passes are issued for the planned duration of the visit only, provide access to permit parking areas on four court streets along Bienville Boulevard west, but do not provide free access to town-owned beaches. In order to expedite the permit process we strongly recommend you have all required documents in hand prior to arrival. Applications can also be submitted via email to [ppereida@townofdauphinisland.org](mailto:ppereida@townofdauphinisland.org). We greatly appreciate your cooperation & understanding in this matter.

**Meeting Schedule Change** Due to Labor Day the Agenda Meeting scheduled for September 4 will be held on Sept. 5 at 5pm. The Town Council meeting will be held that same evening at 6pm.

**Welcome Center Offers Music** Stop by the Welcome Center every Friday from 130-330pm as local musicians get together for a relaxing afternoon while playing some of your favorite tunes. The events are free to the public. Bring your instrument to join in on the fun!

**Thanks Greer's Markets!** The final curtain has closed on the 2023 Free Family Movie Nights but not before some 2400 spectators attended the 24 movie series making memories that will last a lifetime. Our sincere appreciation to our friends at Greer's Markets for agreeing to sponsor these popular events again this year at West End Beach!



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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 251-313-2378  
Animal Control

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

### Building Dept.

**Business License & Permits**  
Jenny McLester Ext 222

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

**Code/Zoning Enforcement**  
Jenniffer Ploeger Ext 223  
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: September 5 & 19**

**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 **September 13 @ 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.

### \*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.