



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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 26-29 VBS Baptist Church
June 29 Market in Green Park
June 29 FREE Family Movie Night
June 30 FREE Family Movie Night
June 30 Last Friday Art Night
July 1 Fireworks Show 9PM
July 4 DIVA Independence
Day Ceremony 11AM
July 6 Market in Green Park
July 6 FREE Family Movie Night
July 7 Coffee with the Cops
July 7 FREE Family Movie Night
July 8 Market in Green Park
July 13 Market in Green Park
July 13 FREE Family Movie Night
July 14 FREE Family Movie Night
July 20 Market in Green Park
July 20 FREE Family Movie Night
July 20 ADSFR Liar's Contest
July 21 FREE Family Movie Night
July 21-23 ADSFR
July 27 Market in Green Park
July 27 FREE Family Movie Night
July 28 FREE Family Movie Night
August 3 Meet the Teacher
August 3 FREE Family Movie Night
August 4 FREE Family Movie Night
August 5 Back to School Summer
Splash 12-4PM
August 5 Battle of Mobile Bay
August 10 FREE Family Movie Night
August 11 FREE Family Movie Night
August 11-13 Reggae Weekend



Free Family Movie Nights Sponsored by our good friends at Greer's Markets, FREE Family Movie Nights are held on Thursdays & Fridays at dusk at West End Beach and attendees are encouraged to bring beach chairs, blankets and bug spray (just in case). Here's the remaining 2023 summer schedule for your viewing pleasure; 6/29 Encanto, 6/30 JAWS!, 7/6 JAWS!, 7/7 Frozen, 7/13 Trolls, 7/14 Ice Age, 7/20 Soul Surfer, 7/21 Rio, 7/27 Moana, 7/28 Wall-E, 8/3 Toy Story, 8/4 The Little Mermaid, 8/10 Ella Enchanted, 8/11 Lilo & Stitch. A great way to make lasting memories with friends and family here on the Sunset Capital of Alabama!

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; 7/30 Ryan Balthrop & Slide Bayou (6pm), 9/3 Symone French and the Trouille Troupe (530pm), and 10/15 Roman Street (430pm).

Fireworks Show July 1 The town of Dauphin Island is pleased to announce a colorful and patriotic fireworks display will light up the evening sky at Public Beach (next to DI School) on Saturday, July 1. We are also super thankful for the generous contributions of our co-sponsors this year: Xfinity and Beach Planet & Island Fun Rentals! The fireworks display will get underway at 9pm and you're encouraged to get here early for the big show. Have a happy and safe Independence Day!

Island Vets to Host July 4 Ceremony The DI Veterans Association will host its annual Independence Day ceremony at Water Tower Plaza on Tuesday, July 4 at 11am and all are invited to attend. Always an uplifting and patriotic event to celebrate America's birthday! See you there.

Coffee with the Cops Join us at the Welcome Center on July 7 from 8-10am to meet our island officers and enjoy coffee & donuts together. Please no agenda or speeches, just a chance to get to know the officers that serve our community!

VBS Dauphin Island Baptist Church (910 Chaumont Ave) will be hosting VBS June 26-29 from 9AM-Noon. Children ages 3yrs-5th grade are welcome. The theme this year is Twists and Turns-Following Jesus Changes the Game. Visitors are always welcome! Register in advance online at <https://www.dibaptist.org/vbs/> or register in person on June 26! For additional information please contact Lee:251-767-6186.

ADSFR The 90th Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo is set for July 21-23 and is expected to draw more than 3500 anglers in search of the BIG one! The Jaycees have also publicized the Band Line-Up for this years event which includes; 7/20 Liars Contest - Bruce Smelley Band, 7/21 Fly By Radio, 7/22 Brandon Blackburn, and 7/23 Keith "The Mailman" Burns. FREE admission! The Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament will be held on July 15. It's time to wet a hook!

Back to School Summer Splash Sponsored by the Town of Dauphin Island, this popular event will be returning this year on August 5 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! The first 100 kids get a free snow cone! There's something for all ages, so get your family and friends together and let's make a SPLASH! Free admission.

Change of Meeting Due to the July 4 holiday the Town Council meeting previously scheduled for that evening has been moved to Monday, July 3 at 6pm. The Agenda Meeting will be held that same evening at 5pm. Please make note of this change.

BLOOD DRIVE – July 21 at Welcome Center 930am-530pm



News From Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council LAST FRIDAY ART NIGHT June 30, 6-8PM! Come celebrate the arts with us in this long- time Island community tradition! And it is DIHAC's 10th anniversary celebration complete with cake! There will be a hands-on art demo by art instructor Terri Baker, a special exhibit featuring art by students in our Art for All program, open mic with local musicians and guest musical performances, and food and drinks. "LFAN" is open to the public. DIHAC is a non-profit charitable organization, and your donations are needed to help pay the expenses. "STIRRING THE SAND" - STORYTELLING WITH MAYOR JEFF COLLIER July 15- 1:30 PM Welcome Center. Come hear fascinating life experiences and stories about days gone by on Dauphin Island. The event features Mayor Jeff Collier, a life-long resident of the Island. Free and open to the public. Thanks to Mayor Collier and the Town of Dauphin Island for their support in making this opportunity available. The children's classes listed below are free of charge to children living in DIHAC's nonprofit service area (Dauphin Island, Coden, Bayou La Batre, Grand Bay, Theodore, St. Elmo). \$15/class for non-residents. **Summer Studio Arts** with Artist Odie Tucker July 12 - 1-2:30PM- 4th & 5th graders -paint with watercolors! **Summer Studio Arts** with Terri Baker June 28 - 9-11AM, Ages 5- 8 - learn the elements of art, various art styles, and mediums! **Summer Studio Arts** with Terri Baker June 28 - 12-2PM. Ages 9-12- learn the elements of art, various art styles, and mediums. **Summer Studio Arts** with John Halliday 3-class series - July 3, 18 & 25 - 10-11AM Ages 3-5 Preschool students will create art with a variety of mediums such as watercolors, oil pastels, acrylic paint, and modeling clay. A parent or guardian must accompany 3-year-olds. **CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUMMER ART CAMP** John Halliday will teach the children how to paint with watercolors, oil pastels, acrylics, and more on July 5 & July 6. On July 7, Terri Baker will teach the younger children the basic elements of art, various art styles, and mediums. Terri will teach the older students the ancient art of Asian ink painting. July 5, 6, 7 - Ages 5-8 (all spots filled) - classes will be held from 9-11AM, July 5, 6, 7 - Ages 9-12 (all spots filled)- classes will be held from 11:30AM-1:30PM, July 5, 6, 7 - Ages 13-16 - classes will be held from 2-4PM Adult Classes **Watercolors Painting** with Artist Odie Tucker July 15: 1-3PM. Participants will create their own paintings based on examples. Even if you are new to art, you will enjoy this creative experience. Cost: \$50 - materials provided. **Dauphin Island Art for All Summer Art Camp** July 14 & 21, 10-11:30AM. This is an inclusive arts education program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities where they come together to express their creativity and develop their skills in a variety of art mediums including acrylics, graphics, watercolors, and more! Cost: Free to residents of DIHAC's nonprofit service area. \$15/session for non-residents **Piano Lessons** with Emma Holm - For Adults and Children July 7, 14, & 21 - 12-3PM The lessons are for adults and children ages 6 and older. Cost: \$105 for three (3) 30-minute private lessons. **Guitar and Ukulele Lessons** with Graham Smith - For Adults and Children July 7, 14, & 21 - 3:30-6:30PM. The lessons are for adults and children ages 6 and older. Cost: \$105 for three (3) 30-minute private lessons. **Experience the Pottery Wheel** with Potter LeaAyn Shurley, June 27, July 13, & 20 - 12:30-2:30PM. Each guest will complete two pottery pieces on the wheel. Cost: \$40. **Community Open Pottery Studio** June 29, July 13, 20, and 27 - 10AM-12PM LeaAyn Shurley, will get you started and answer questions. Cost: \$12/ lbs of clay- materials and firings provided \$9/lbs of clay w/ membership (optional). TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE CLASSES, please visit our website at www.dauphinislandarts.org and select your class. You may also send a text message to 251-610-6984.

Name That Beach! Are you creative? Would you like to name a beach, or two? The Town Council needs your help! As you probably already know, the Town acquired the public beach next to the school from the Park & Beach Board in January 2022. Historically, that beach has been known as "The Public Beach" but we feel that "public" beach can be misleading since we have two other "public" beaches (East End Beach & West End Beach)...and soon we'll have a fourth "public" beach near Pirates Cove Street! So we need a creative new name for "The Public Beach" next to the school and, as alluded to, a creative name for our new and upcoming beach near Pirates Cove Street. Will you help us out? Send us your best, most creative names for these two beaches! Please submit to Jenny McLester at Town Hall via email (jmclester@townofdauphinisland.org). We'll be accepting submissions until 12pm (CST) July 14, 2023. Please note on your submission if the name is for the "Public Beach" or "Pirates Cove Beach". The Town Council will then choose the BEST names for these two beaches at their meeting on July 18, 2023!

USACE Pass Drury and Little Dauphin Island Update: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Mobile District has completed the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) analysis to repair the breach at Pass Drury. A contract will be awarded for construction in late June with construction anticipated to begin in Fall 2023. Construction is estimated to take approximately 60 days. The USACE, along with project partners, continue to evaluate the effectiveness of a permanent breach at Pass Drury as part of the restoration of Little Dauphin Island. Design of the permanent breach and restoration activities is scheduled to commence Summer 2023.

Market in the Park is Back 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.

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 and a blow up for the kids! REGISTER on our website now to get the early registration discount!

Give wildlife room, use a zoom. Getting a good look at Dauphin Island's beautiful wildlife is something we all like to do. But the safest way to get a close-up view of wildlife is through a telephoto lens, a spotting scope, or a pair of binoculars. For the safety of yourself and the animal, it's important to remain at least 50 yards away from wildlife. A good rule of "thumb" is to hold your arm straight and your thumb up when you see a wild animal in the distance. If you can't cover the animal in your line of sight with your thumb, then step back because you're too close!



Arts of Dauphin Island Our gallery is located at 1101 Bienville Blvd. and is open on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11am - 5pm. ADI features original paintings, pottery, photography, wood working, jewelry, fiber art and much more. We are very excited to announce that we will be resuming our Sunday Afternoon Open House starting July 9 from 3-5pm. Local musician Ken Harrelson will be performing music and our featured artist of the month will be Joe Sheffield. Joe, a very well known watercolor artist, travels all over the South-east painting and participating in art shows. Joe's work is so realistic you think you are standing in the picture. So take this opportunity to come in, meet Joe and view his wonderful work in person. Our July Youth Arts Program is scheduled for July 13 at 3:30pm. Mobile Watercolorist Shirley Jacobs will be instructing our children in the many ways to enjoy working with watercolors. All supplies are provided and it's FREE to children aged 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 for The Youth Arts Fund. Please RSVP to artsofdauphinisland@gmail.com, so that we have enough supplies on hand. We will be suspending our Sunday Art Market for July, August and September, and resume in October. In October we will be moving the Art Market to Saturday instead of Sunday. If you are a craftsperson or artist and are interested in participating in our Sunday Market, please contact 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.

DIPOA News The Board has established several committees actively working to improve all activities and facilities within our care. The Dauphin Island Property Owners Association provides many locations for owners to enjoy nature and the club atmosphere. Please go to the webpage to discover more about the DIPOA. 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 Drive in Isle Dauphine, 251-861-3144. The mailing address is PO Box 39, 36528; web is www.dipoa.org. Regular board meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, Lower Level of Isle Dauphine. Emails giving ways to connect and participate in meetings via internet are sent out prior to each meeting. Plan to come to the next meeting!

Sea Lab Tidbits We've added several excursions for all ages to our calendar. These include walks along the beach, a muddy adventure in the salt marsh, and a chance to explore Mobile Bay on our Research Vessel Alabama Discovery. Find dates and times at disl.edu/events. Also, researchers from the Dauphin Island Sea Lab will once again take part in the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo collecting samples. You'll also find the BayMobile at the ADSFR! We hope you stop by and say hello. Stay connected at disl.edu.

Share the Beach We have 15 sea turtle nests on Dauphin Island as of June 22! We have had numerous crawls on all parts of the island, so it is very important to make sure our mamas have a perfect beach to come out of the Gulf and lay their eggs. Remove all beach gear every evening, fill in any holes in the sand, and either keep lights out at night, or use turtle friendly lighting. If you see a sea turtle (alive or dead), or what may look like turtle tracks, please report it to 866-SEA TURTLE.

"Back-To-School Sales Tax Holiday" Although summer break for area students recently got underway, plans are already in place for the annual Sales Tax Holiday. This year's event runs from July 21-23. During this time a plethora of back-to-school items can be purchased at reduced and/or zero sales tax (depending on the city, county where items are purchased). Visit the Alabama Department of Revenue website for more information.

DI Elementary Kindergarten Bridges Program will be held on July 24 -25, 2023 from 8am-11am. This program is for all new incoming kindergarten students. No uniforms are required for this program.

DI Elementary "Meet the Teacher" August 3 from 3-5pm. Parents will not need to purchase school supplies as all supplies will be provided by the school. A WISH LIST of extra things teachers may need for their classrooms will be available at "Meet the Teacher".

"It's For the Birds!" Almost immediately after the final grains of sand and marsh plants were in place, the Graveline Bay Marsh Restoration Project has been a hit! Several species of area shorebirds have especially taken a liking to the freshly planted mounds as more than 800 nests were recently recorded by Audubon volunteers! The group solicited assistance from Alabama Power to build a number of "Chick Shelters" that were placed throughout the nesting areas and will afford baby birds protection from predators and searing heat. Thanks to all involved in this effort!

It's Irie Y'all! The 7th Annual Dauphin Island Reggae Weekend is set for August 11-13. Live Music, Limbo Contests, Caribbean Food & Tropical Drink Specials, Kids Activities and more will be showcased at Green Park and throughout the island during this 3-day event. Admission is FREE! T-shirts and posters available on site. Some featured artists are Ambush Reggae Band, Culture Dread, Caribbean DJ "Rich Music", and DJ "Trini Fresh" Thank you to our sponsors Micro-Comm & DI Medical Group. Get your island vibe on!

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 Gulf of Mexico. The August 5 event highlights Fort Gaines' integral role in the Battle of Mobile Bay. The cannon will fire every 45 minutes to honor the soldiers that fought and died in this pivotal battle along with other related period activities. Come and experience a living history day for the entire family.



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.

Building Stronger & Smarter Regional and state officials joined the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) and the Alabama Department of Insurance (ADI) here on the island recently to recognize a significant milestone of 50,000 FORTIFIED designations nationwide! Based on decades of research by the IBHS, FORTIFIED is a voluntary beyond-code construction and re-roofing method that reduces storm damage by strengthening areas of homes typically vulnerable to high winds and heavy rain. A written statement from Governor Ivey stated in part, "With more than 80 percent of all FORTIFIED designations in Alabama, the state has become a leader in resilient construction and, increasingly, a model for the rest of the nation in creating a wide ranging solution to promote stronger, more resilient communities that can bounce back faster after a severe storm". Dauphin Island was also recognized for having more than 25% of all structures achieving FORTIFIED status! The group of some 50+ attendees toured the island to visit several homes and businesses that were constructed to meet these higher standards. For more information on the FORTIFIED program and potential funding assistance opportunities for home and business owners, visit FortifiedHome.org and StrengthenAlabamaHomes.com.

Mobile Pops Concert Rescheduled After two postponements earlier this year due to the threat of inclement weather, the annual Mobile Pops concert has been officially rescheduled for Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 5pm at Water Tower Plaza. As usual, concert-goers will enjoy FREE admission thanks to the following generous sponsors; DI Chamber of Commerce, DI Foundation, DI Women's Club and Town of Dauphin Island. The list of tunes for this concert will be published when available. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, snacks and bug spray (just in case). Please make note of this new concert date and we'll see you at the Pops!

World Sea Turtle Day Cleanup Dozens of volunteers with Share the Beach, DI Sea Lab and Horne LLC gathered on June 16 in honor of World Sea Turtle Day to pick up trash along town rights of ways and beaches that could otherwise litter area waterways and endanger these gentle creatures. Our sincere "thanks" to all that participated in this annual litter round-up!

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 or sing along with those in attendance. Either way you're sure to have a good time!



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8AM-Noon

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TOWN & PUBLIC MEETINGS

Agenda Meetings: Mondays prior to Council Meetings at 5pm

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

Meetings: July 3 & 18

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 **July 12 @ 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.

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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.

It's just that easy!



HURRICANE RE-ENTRY PASSES!

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