



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

May 26 WEB Movie Night
May 27 Snapper Season Opens
May 27 LFAN @ DIHAC 6pm
May 27 WEB Movie Night
May 29 Sunday Sunset Concert
May 30 DIVA Memorial Day
Ceremony 11am
June 2 WEB Movie Night
June 3 WEB Movie Night
June 6 Public Hearing 445pm
June 6 Agenda Meeting 5pm
June 7 Council Meeting 6pm
June 8 Movies at the Fort
June 9 WEB Movie Night
June 10 WEB Movie Night
June 11 Ben Dunnam Legacy
Tournament
June 16 DIPOA Meeting 6pm
June 16 WEB Movie Night
June 17 WEB Movie Night
June 18 Boating Safety Class
June 18 Movies at the Fort
June 19 ADI Outdoor Market
11am-4pm
June 20-23 VBS @ COI
June 20 Agenda Meeting 5pm
June 21 Council Meeting 6pm
June 21 Bridge Run 630pm
June 22 Movies at the Fort
June 23 WEB Movie Night
June 24 WEB Movie Night
June 26 Sunday Sunset Concert
June 30 WEB Movie Night
July 1 WEB Movie Night
July 2 Movies at the Fort
July 4 DIVA Ceremony 11am
July 4 Fireworks 9pm



Season Beach Passes NOW Available Now that the Town manages East End Beach, Public Beach (next to DI School), and West End Beach a season pass of \$150 is now available to ALL beachgoers! This allows access to all three of the aforementioned public beach areas for the bearer/purchaser of the season pass and guests within the same vehicle. Passes can be purchased at each beach access point during regular business hours. Otherwise, daily parking fees of \$10 (includes all passengers in vehicle) remain in place and provides access to all three public beaches during day of purchase. Vendors will be available at most locations offering a variety of food/beverage, rental chairs/umbrellas/jet skis, and more. The Town has recently installed rip current flags to offer yet another layer to its warning system to keep swimmers safe. Have an enjoyable summer season!

Beach Movies, Concerts Announced Dust off those beach chairs and round up the kids as the FREE Family Movie Nights are about to get underway for the 2022 summer season! Our heartfelt THANKS to the good folks at Greer's Markets for sponsoring these popular events again this year! Here's the schedule (subject to change); 5/26 Secret Life of Pets 5/27 Finding Nemo 6/2 Kung Fu Panda 6/3 The Borrowers 6/9 Up 6/10 Homeward Bound 6/16 Coco 6/17 Free Willy 6/23 It Takes Two 6/24 Megamind 6/30 Encanto 7/1 JAWS! 7/7 E.T. 7/8 The Croods 7/14 Trolls 7/15 Parent Trap 7/21 Frozen 7/22 Teen Beach Movie 7/28 Moana 7/29 Ed 8/4 A Simple Wish 8/5 The Little Mermaid 8/11 Ella Enchanted 8/12 Andre. Movies held at West End Beach at dusk. For the music lovers, the town is proud to sponsor the Sunday Sunset Concert series including; 5/29 Symone French Band (6-8pm), 6/26 SWING Band (6-8pm), 7/31 Pine Hill Haints (6-8pm), *9/4 Jollies Band (530-730pm), and *10/9 Roman Street (430-630pm). Note: * denotes event will be held at Fort Gaines. All other concerts will take place at West End Beach. Concert admission is \$5 (age 13 & up).

DIVA Memorial Day Ceremony The DI Veterans Association will host its annual Memorial Day ceremony at Water Tower Plaza on Monday, May 30 at 11am and everyone is invited to attend. In addition to the patriotic and solemn ceremony, event attendees will have two free chances to win an American Flag Kit for your home! Please plan to join our local veterans as they honor the fallen on Memorial Day.

Happy Birthday America! July 4 will be here soon and Dauphin Island will celebrate our nation's birthday with all things red, white & blue! A town-sponsored fireworks show will light up the night sky at the Public Beach at 9pm (Rain Date: July 5 at 9pm). This popular location affords multiple vantage points to view the annual spectacle without leaving your home. Earlier in the day, the DI Veterans Association will hold a patriotic ceremony at Water Tower Plaza at 11am. Join us as we celebrate July 4 in traditional island fashion!

Fishing Tourney Supporting Local Family Dozens of anglers will take to area waters searching for the big ones while supporting a great cause at the annual Ben Dunnam Legacy Tournament on Saturday, June 11. This year's event will be headquartered at Dockside Grill (below Pelican Pub) and proceeds will support the family of Ricky & Christa Jones following the recent brain surgery on their daughter Bella. The tournament kicks off at 4am and closes at 6pm. Live music and other activities will be available throughout the day. Additional info available on the tournament FaceBook page.

NEW! Movies at the Fort Ft. Gaines will be hosting movies! These movies will feature some classics and be more geared towards an older audience so viewer discretion is advised. Movies will be \$1 per person. Bring your chairs, blankets, and bug spray (just in case). Here's the schedule: 6/8 Grease, 6/18 TBD (Vote for your movie on Facebook), 6/22 The Blind Side, 7/2 The Patriot. More to come!

Get Out and VOTE! Alabama primary elections will be held on Tuesday, May 24 and YOU are encouraged to participate in this important process. Seats up for grab include U.S. Senate, Governor, and a host of other statewide and local positions. Run-off elections will be held on June 21. Make your voices heard!



News From Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council "LAST FRIDAY ART NIGHT!" May 27, 6 - 8 pm This long-time Island tradition returns! Join us as we celebrate DIHAC's 9th anniversary featuring a silent auction fundraiser; laid back music by singer/songwriter Bruce Jones; pottery demo by Steve Myers; food and drink- AND SOCIALIZING!! Free and open to the public - donations are welcome and appreciated! Many thanks to Dinner's Ready for sponsoring the food - you know it will be DELICIOUS!! All proceeds benefit DIHAC, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization. **"Dauphin Island Art For All" with Artist Carolyn Greene** Each Friday, 10-11:30 am "Art For All" is an inclusive arts education program for adults with disabilities. 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. **Community Open Pottery Studio with LeaAyn Shurley** Each Thursday, 10 am - 12 pm DROP-INS welcome! **NEW - Pottery Studio Membership: \$50 per 6 months plus \$9/lb of clay** Non-Members - \$12/lb for clay- includes glazing and firings. Shipping is extra. The minimum age is 15. **Introduction to Fused Glass with Artist Janie Delchamps Zetsch** Saturday, June 4 - 10 am - 1 pm In this fun and creative workshop, you will learn fused glass techniques and make your own fused glass pendant or "light catcher". Janie will teach you how to create your own designs and guide you through choosing colors and textures. Work will be fired by Janie for pickup at the Art Studio at a later date. Pendant chains for completed work are not included in workshop fee. Cost: \$60/person, including materials and firing. **Beginning Throwing on the Pottery Wheel with Professional Potter LeaAyn Shurley - Thursdays, June 9, 16, 23, & 30 - 12:30 - 2:30 pm** This is a 4-class series. Students will learn the basics of how to center, throw, and glaze clay. Cost: \$150/person for all four (4) classes - materials and firings provided. **Saturday, June 18 - 1pm - 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. **NEW!! Oil Painting Portrait Workshop with Artist Johnna Bush** Saturday - Monday, June 11, 12, and 13 - 10 am - 4 pm Johnna will teach you the methodology of painting oil portraits from your own reference photo. Cost: \$400/person (for all 3 days) - students provide their own materials. Payable: \$200 at registration (non-refundable) and \$200 no later than June 4. Intermediate/advanced **NEW!! Conch Shell Painting Workshop with Artist Kathy Sheppard** Saturday, June 25 - 10 am - 1 pm Kathy will teach you with step by step instructions how to paint a beautiful Conch Shell in watercolors. Cost: \$65/person - all materials provided. To register for any of the above classes, send an email to 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 News "CALLING ALL WOMEN....." We have a fabulous group of women that meet once a month on the island. Our mission is dedicated to community service, charitable giving, educational enrichment and social opportunities. In just 7 months we have given close to \$6,000 to many great causes..... Feed the Need, Mobile Pops, Bellingrath Gardens, The FEW: Foundation for Exceptional Warriors, The D.I. Elementary School, St. Jude and Senior Scholarships. Our last meeting was a fun and entertaining Fashion Show featuring our local shops. We would love for you to join us at our kick off meeting in the Fall on September 13, 5pm at the Welcome Center. Please join our FB page and keep up with any gatherings we may have in the summer months. If you would like to join our group you can bring your \$25 annual dues to the September meeting or mail a check to: DIWC PO BOX 373 Dauphin Island, AL 38528.

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.

Church of the Island VBS A community-wide Vacation Bible School will be held at Church of the Island June 20-23 from 9am-noon each day for completed kindergartners thru 5th Grade. For more info please contact Emily Sisson at 251-635-3682.

Council Sets Public Hearing A public hearing is set for Monday, June 6 at 445pm to receive comments on proposed changes as reflected in Ordinance 63D; "An Ordinance to Establish a schedule of fees for Building Permits and Inspection Fees on all Buildings, structures or Alterations requiring a Building Permit as set forth in the Town of Dauphin Island, Alabama Building Code". The proposed revisions update existing fee structures while streamlining and simplifying the current ordinance. If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing please forward any comments in writing to Town Clerk Wanda Sandagger. The Agenda Meeting will be held at 5pm immediately following the Public Hearing.

Sunset Bridge 4-mile Run Set Celebrate the Summer Solstice (longest day of the year) with a fun and unique run to the high rise portion of the DI Bridge! The event will be headquartered at the rodeo site and gates open at 5pm for packet pick-up, day of registration, and to enjoy great food and music. The Bridge Run is set for Tuesday, June 21 at 630pm, sunset is at 7:58pm, and festivities continue until 9pm. For additional information please check out the South Mobile County Tourism Authority website. Note: DI Police will assist with traffic crossing the bridge during the race. Otherwise, motorists are encouraged to avoid the area if possible.



Arts of Dauphin Island Our wonderful, eclectic Art Gallery is located at 1101 Bienville Boulevard and is open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11am - 5pm. ADI features original paintings, prints, pottery, photography, wood working, jewelry, fiber art and more! Recently on May 11, Ms. Doris Amster entertained and instructed local children with an afternoon of creating origami figures. All our children's programs are free but have a donation of \$10 to the children's program for adults who may want to participate. All events for both children and adults are advertised on our Facebook page and on our website at www.artsofdauphinisland.org. Be sure to check them regularly! Our next Outdoor Art Market will be held on Sunday, June 19 from 11 am – 4 pm. Come check out the many crafters and artists who display their wares in the front of the gallery, everything from plants and clocks to tutus and hand painted clothing. ADI's featured 'Artist of the Month' is always on hand the day of the market, so come enjoy meeting this month's featured artist, Carol Furman. She is a Certified Master Naturalist whose paintings focus on the birds, flora and beautiful scenery of the Gulf and South Carolina coasts. If you are an artist or crafter and are interested in participating in the Market, please call either Celia Smith at 502-767-2222 or Laurie Schaerer at 251-232-4470 for details. Vendors are responsible for all state and local sales taxes and are required to sign a contract with ADI as an associate member. The cost is \$25/tent or \$15/table. Adult Acrylic Art Classes are taught by Margie Delcambre on Monday's from 10 am - 1 pm and the cost is \$10/lesson, all supplies included. These classes fill up fast, and if you are interested, please call Margie at 251-402-0266. ADI is always seeking talented new artists and friendly volunteers to join our gallery. If you are considering either, please contact Marsha Barnett at 251-401-0230.

DIPOA News The Annual Membership Meeting and Board of Directors Election was held Saturday, May 14 at Isle Dauphine club. Incumbents Eric Bay and Vicki Helm were re-elected to the Board for three-year terms. Jane Watkins was elected to the third available seat. Congratulations to all three! The Board officers are Domenic Carlucci as President, Eric Bay as Vice-President, John Percival as Treasurer, and Dennis Knizely as Secretary. Please join us for the next monthly meeting, Thursday, June 16th, 6 pm, downstairs of IDC. If you are a new property owner or are not sure the POA has your correct mailing address, please contact the POA Administrative Assistant, Melissa Taylor. You can come by the office, call (251) 861-3144, or email us at dipoaoffice@gmail.com, to confirm or change your contact information. Once again, membership dues are the POA's main source of revenue. Without your support, the Board would not be able to do the things we are doing for you. If you have not paid your annual dues, you may pay in person at the POA office, mail a check to P.O. Box 39, or pay on the POA web site, with a credit card. Our office hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Friday from 11 am to 4 pm.

Graveline Bay Marsh Restoration Project Construction is scheduled to begin in June to restore approximately 60 acres of marsh in Graveline Bay (south of DI Airport). Survey crews will be delineating the project site in the next couple of weeks and a dredge will be on site near the end of June. Once dredge operations are up and running, the contractor will potentially dredge 24 hours a day. There will be a lighted boat (dredge) and pipeline, so all boaters and residents in the area can see where these operations are occurring. Turbidity curtains will be put in place to ensure no sand goes into the Bayou Heron channel. These may temporarily impede boat traffic near the construction site. For safety reasons, we ask all boaters to maintain a safe distance from the operations. Once the sand is placed, the area will be planted with native marsh varieties similar to what is found in the existing region. The Dauphin Island Sea Lab will be conducting pre-construction monitoring to track project successes in creating habitat. We expect construction to last for 4-6 months.

Little Billy Goat Hole and East End Improvements The East End improvements including 115 new parking spaces and access road is nearing completion. Asphalt company equipment breakdowns have caused recent delays and weather conditions now pose additional concerns for final paving and striping work. Electricity has been installed for restroom facilities and potential vendors. The Little Billy Goat Hole boat ramp parking lot has been enhanced along with the boat ramp finger piers and rock jetty system. Improvements to the sea wall will occur in the near future in front of the pavilions. We thank everyone for their patience during this process. Significant improvements will also be taking place at Billy Goat Hole (next to Ferry Landing) over the coming months including expanded parking, new boat ramps & finger piers, traffic flow enhancements, and more. Initial work will focus on existing parking area improvements along the north side of Bienville Blvd. between the concession stand and Albright Drive and will include the removal of approximately two dozen pine trees to provide a more uniform and efficient parking system. Note: Trees removed will be replaced 2:1 primarily with assorted hardwoods. The northernmost westbound lane of Bienville Blvd. (from boat ramps to near the concession stand) will be converted to a "tie down" area to allow for the securing of boats and loose objects prior to departure. The boat ramps & finger piers (pending receipt of permit) will be replaced and moved further northward allowing for the launching of vessels without interfering with vehicles traveling along Bienville Blvd. The BGH improvement plan also calls for the replacement of the existing elevator servicing the concession stand and restrooms. The town extends its sincere appreciation to the DCNR for making this project possible! The entire project could take up to a year or more to complete.

Boating Safety Class There is a Boating Safety Class coming up at the Shelby Auditorium (DI Sea Lab) on June 18 starting at 8 am. Course completion provides certificate qualifying for Alabama boater's license. Fee of \$25 includes textbook. Contact Ron Murphy 251-214-4848 or email uscgaux.ram@gmail.com for registration and info.



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.

Island Principal Retiring After serving the children of Mobile County for nearly 28 years, the past four as principal of Dauphin Island Elementary, Kathleen Smallwood is retiring. Calling her time at DI School "one of the greatest honors of my career", she went on to say she has "worked with the BEST students, parents, community members, volunteers, teachers, and staff that any principal can dream of". Ms. Smallwood, the entire Dauphin Island community offers its sincere thanks for your service and dedication to our youngest citizens over the past few years and we wish you and your family the very best as you enter life's next chapter!

It's Hurricane Season Although it's not the favorite topic of conversation for those of us living along the Gulf coast, hurricane season is once again upon us and it's never too earlier to review a preparedness checklist to make sure your family is prepared if a storm should threaten our stretch of the coast. Items such as medications, batteries, flashlights, weather radio, cash, cell phone charger, First Aid supplies, non-perishable food/beverages, drinking water, pet care items, generator/fuel, and more are essential and should be collected well in advance of a storm's arrival. Home and property preparations are also important including installing/closing storm shutters, securing loose items easily moved by strong winds and flowing water, shutting off water service to piers & docks, properly mooring vessels, etc. Island residents are always encouraged to monitor the track and intensity of storms and be prepared to evacuate as conditions warrant. As always, please make sure your hurricane re-entry pass is current. Although we can't control the weather we can make sure that if a storm heads our way, we are ready for whatever Mother Nature has to offer.



Sunset Capital of Alabama

1011 Bienville Boulevard
Dauphin Island, Alabama 36528
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Fax: 251-861-2154
Website: townofdauphinisland.org
Monday-Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm

DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

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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
Sharron Yommer Ext 230

Animal Control Ext 230

DUMPSTERS
Fridays & Saturdays
8AM-Noon

Building Dept.

Business License & Permits
Jenny McLester Ext 222

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

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

Town Events

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Maggie Godwin mgodwin@townofdauphinisland.org

Dauphin Island Police Dept.

Chief of Police
Chief Kym Claw 251-861-5523

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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: June 7 & 21

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 **June 8 @ 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. It's just that easy!



HURRICANE RE-ENTRY PASSES!

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