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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 Trey Alderman Earle Connell Rich Colberg

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 26 Massacre Island Haunted Bike Ride

Oct 26 41st Annual Renais sance GATALOP

Oct 30 Movie Night

Oct 31 Trick-or-Treat in Green Park

Nov 2 S'mores on the Shores

Nov 3 Medical Clinic Fundraiser

Nov 5 Election Day

Nov 9 Market in Green Park

Nov 9 WWII Living History

Nov 9 St. Francis Fall Bazaar

Nov 9 Island Wide Yard Sale

Nov 11 DI Veterans Ceremony

Nov 11 Women's Club Meeting

Nov 14 ADI Youth Art

Nov 15 Movie Night

Nov 16 ADI Outdoor Market

Nov 23 Hollidazzle

Nov 28 Happy Thanksgiving

Dec 6 Miss DI Christmas Pageant

Dec 7 Christmas Market

Dec 7 Christmas Parade

Dec 7 Lights of Dauphin Island

Dec 12 Movie Night

Dec 14 Lights of DI Dash

Dec 15 Lights of DI Scavenger Hunt & Gift Wrapping

Dec 15 Movie Night

Dec 25 Merry Christmas

Dec 23-Jan 3 Town Hall Closed

Jan 1 Happy New Year

Feb 1 Krewe de la Dauphine

Feb 8 DI People's Parade

Feb 16 M.I.S.S. Parade



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

More Movie Nights Summer movies on the beach may be over for now but movie nights aren't! We are excited to offer you some fall and winter movies. Most of these movies will be held at the DI Community Center (CC). Here is the remaining line up: Wednesday, October 30 @ 6PM - Hocus Pocus at Green Park. Bring your own chairs and snacks; Friday, November 15 @ 6PM - Forest Gump (CC); Thursday, Dec 12 @ 6PM - Polar Express Movie Night, wear your PJs, and enjoy hot chocolate & cookie decorating (the first 100 people) (CC); Sunday, Dec 15 @ 530pm - It's a Wonderful Life (CC). Movies that are held at the Community Center will offer free popcorn and chairs will be provided. However, you are welcome to bring your own snacks and your own seating like bean bags, blankets, or anything you find comfortable. We hope to see you at the movies!

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

S'mores on the Shores Campfires, live music and all of the makings for s'mores will be the scene at the East End Beach on Saturday, November 2 from 5-7pm. Families are encouraged to bring their blankets, chairs and join in on the fun while relaxing on the beautiful white sand of Dauphin Island. This event is sponsored by the Town of Dauphin Island and admission is free!

Election Day 2024...GO VOTE! We've heard from the candidates, the political pundits, and seen countless polls but OUR day is almost here! That's when we, the voters, ultimately determine the outcome of important races including President of the U.S., Congressional representative seats, Alabama Supreme Court Justices, Mobile County Circuit Court Clerk, Mobile County Pay-As-You-Go Road Program, and a Statewide Constitutional Amendment among others. Although the ballot includes multiple uncontested races it is important that we all take time to vote on Tuesday, November 5! Church of the Island will once again serve as our local polling location...Thanks! Voters should bring proper forms of identification to expedite the voting process.

St. Francis Fall Bazaar On Saturday, November 9 you'll want to stop by the annual Fall Bazaar from 9am - 2pm. Vendors are encouraged to purchase a 12x12 booth space for \$30. Check out the BIG yard sale, quilt raffle, our famous chicken salad, hot and sweet pickles, scrumptious sausage on a bun, bake sale and live music while you're there! Anyone having items to donate to our yard sale, call/text Cissy Napper at 318-548-4376. All proceeds go to our local charities.

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

DI Veterans Assn. Events The DI Veterans Association invites you to its annual fundraiser auction that will be held at the Pelican Pub on November 8 at 7pm. If you'd like to donate items for the auction please drop them off at the Pub on either Nov. 7 or 8 (prior to 6pm). Join our DI Veterans Association on Monday, November 11 at 11am at Water Tower Plaza in honor of Veterans Day 2024! The ceremony will include adding the following two names to the Memorial Walls; Demetre Patronas (US Army) and Thomas Harold Clough (USMC). Always a solemn and patriotic event.

BLOOD DRIVE- November 22 at the Welcome Center 830am-430pm

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News From Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council Like & follow us on Facebook & Instagram and subscribe to our newsletter at www.dauphinislandarts.org to stay up to date on these and other events! Registration required to attend. Classes for Children: Art After School (4th - 5th Grades) with Artist Odie Tucker November 6 @ 4-5pm. 4th & 5th graders will discover the magic of painting with watercolors. Odie, an experienced and engaging instructor, will guide young artists through basic techniques, encouraging them to unleash their creativity on paper. Family Studio Arts with Maggie Godwin & Marie Sisk November 18 @ 11am - 12pm, Ages 2-5. In Family Studio Arts the joy of creativity intertwines with precious bonding moments where parents play an active role in cultivating their little ones' artistic talents! Through simple arts and crafts projects families come together in our cozy studio to nurture not only creativity but also the special bond between parent and child. Preschool Studio Arts with Terri Baker 2 Classes Available: November 13 & 20 @ 1-2pm, Ages 3-5. In this imaginative class, little ones will explore the joy of self-expression through various artistic activities. From finger painting to simple crafts, this class is designed to spark creativity and lay the foundation for a lifelong love of art. Art After School (K - 1st Grade) with Terri Baker November 13 @ 4-5pm. Let your child explore the world of colors, shapes, and creative expression. Art After School (2nd - 3rd Grade) with Terri Baker November 20 @ 4-5pm. In this dynamic course, young artists will discover the basic elements of art, explore various art styles, and experiment with exciting mediums. Classes for Adults: Basic Watercolors Painting with Artist Odie Tucker November 9 @ 1-3pm. Even if you are new to art, you will enjoy this creative experience. Art For All - Art Classes for Adults with Disabilities, November 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 including acrylics, graphics, watercolors, and more! Classes for Adults and Children: Guitar, Bass, & Ukulele Lessons with Professional Musician Jake Reosti, Month-long weekly lessons: November 5, 12, 19, & 26 @ 4-7pm. Guitar enthusiasts, take note! Introducing a special month-long series of Jake Reosti's popular beginner guitar, bass guitar, and ukulele classes in a new format. Under Jake's patient guidance and easygoing style, you'll quickly find yourself making music on your instrument of choice. Experience the Pottery Wheel, November 14 and 21 @ 10am-1pm, November 17 @ 1-4pm. Join artist Elizabeth Van Antwerp for this one-time fun experience with clay! It is designed for everyone in the family, and all ages are welcome. Each guest will complete two pottery pieces on the wheel. Each piece will be glazed by us and ready for pick up 4 to 6 weeks after the class or shipped to you for an additional fee. TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE CLASSES, please visit our website at www.dauphinislandarts.org and select your class. Please send a text message to (251) 219-0179 with any questions.

Dauphin Island Women's Club The Dauphin Island Women's Club is excited to inform you about our monthly meeting on November 11 at the Welcome Center. We are thrilled to have local author Paul Brueske as our guest speaker. He will share insights from his new book Digging All Night And Fighting All Day: The Civil War Siege of Spanish Fort and the Mobile Campaign 1865, along with highlights from his earlier work The Last Siege. With a wealth of knowledge and experience, Mr. Brueske promises to make this an unforgettable evening. The meeting will start at 5pm, but please arrive between 4:30 and 4:45 to enjoy a delicious charcuterie board, sparkling non-alcoholic juice, and wine. Members are encouraged to bring their spouses or history-loving friends, and non-members interested in joining DIWC are welcome to join us with their guests! Our annual dues are just \$35. November 11...also is Veterans Day and all our members here at DIWC wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the veterans for their service, and we warmly welcome all Dauphin Island veterans to join us for this special evening. Be sure to follow us at www.facebook.com/diwcevents to stay up to date on all our activities!

Sea Lab Tidbits The Dauphin Island Sea Lab invites visitors to celebrate the holidays with a weekend deal at the Alabama Aquarium. Children under 14 are free with the purchase of an adult admission through the end of the year. The Alabama Aquarium gift shop offers some beautiful options for holiday gift-giving. Support the Dauphin Island Sea Lab year-round with a Friends of the Sea Lab membership or a holiday donation. More details at sealabfoundation.org.

Aloe Bay Living Shorelines Work to construct two separate living shorelines in Aloe Bay will be getting underway shortly. One project will be located at the west end of Eldorado Street (near the wastewater treatment facility) and the second project will be constructed along Desoto Avenue between Ladnier Landing and the DI Airport. The town secured funding from GOMESA and National Fish & Wildlife Foundation ECRF to design, permit, and construct the projects that will protect over 2000 feet of shoreline and create five acres of quality habitat.

Market in the Park Stop by Green Park every Thursday from 9am-5pm and every second Saturday from 9am-3pm to see what the island has to offer! This event provides an outlet for local farmers, crafters, and island businesses to promote their products, rentals, services, and more. The fee is \$20 for crafters (business licenses required for businesses) and the money goes towards the Miss DI scholarship fund. If you would like to be part of the market please email <a href="majorusing-majorusing-new-ma

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

DI Medical Fundraiser Let's all "Raise the Roof" in memory of Rexalee Goecker and at the same time raise much-needed funds in support of the DI Medical Clinic. The event will be held at Dority's on November 3 from noon-4pm. Enjoy delicious BBQ plates (Adults \$10/Kids \$5), 50/50 drawing, raffle items, and more! For more info contact Mary Poe 337-598-3268.

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Arts of Dauphin Island Our Gallery is a 501 (3) (C) Non-Profit Organization. All donations made to the gallery are used for the purpose of supplying free art projects for the children of Dauphin Island and South Mobile County and providing low-cost, affordable art classes for adults. We are located at 1101 Bienville Blvd. and open on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11am-5pm. ADI features original paintings, pottery, photography, wood working, jewelry, fiber art and much more. We at ADI would like to welcome our newest acrylic artist and hand potter, Juli Day. Juli uses an array of brilliant colors in her paintings and hand pottery in depicting our beautiful marsh lands, pine forests and water scenes. Don't miss the opportunity to come in and admire Juli's work. It's HOLLIDAZZLE TIME!!! Our FABULOUS and FUN 4th annual fundraiser is scheduled for Nov. 23 from 6-9pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. The event will be held at the Shelby Center at Dauphin Island Sea Lab, and feature lots of art work to be given away, Silent Auction items to bid on, delicious catered food and a 50/50 cash pot. Tickets are \$50/person or two (2) for \$95 which includes dinner, beverages, and a chance to win free art! Tickets available through our website as well as any member of the Board of Directors or any artists in the gallery. The Youth Arts Program is scheduled for Nov. 14 from 3-5pm. ADI'S wonderful volunteer, Angela Gillis with assistance from our Board members, will help children finish up painting their clay Christmas ornaments from October as well as decoupaging oyster shells to be used as either trinket holders or Christmas ornaments. This event is FREE to children aged 5-18 and all supplies are provided. Please RSVP to artsofdauphinisland@gmail.com, so that we have enough supplies. Our next Outdoor Market will be Nov. 16, from 10am-4pm. If you are a crafter and are interested in joining us for our Outdoor Market please contact Laurie Schaerer at 251-232-4470. Tables \$15/Tents \$25. ADI is always seeking new artists to join our gallery. If you are a local artist and are interested in joining our gallery, or if you would like to become a member or a volunteer, call Marsha Barnett at 251-401-0230.

DIPOA News Happy Thanksgiving from the Dauphin Island Property Owners Association! In this season of gratitude, DIPOA is thankful for all our wonderful members. And a special thanks to those who have joined our Member Volunteer Team. If you are interested in serving, DIPOA is working on a number of maintenance and improvement projects during the Fall season and we are seeking volunteers to help. Do you have a heart to serve? Are you looking for an area to give back to your community? Join like-minded volunteers that wish to pour some love into OUR Association and it's beautiful properties. If you are interested in serving on one of our volunteer committees, please reach out to Jennifer Perry at 251-861-3144 or office@dipoa.org. Every effort counts, and there are many areas and ways to contribute. Join us as we invest our time & talents for the betterment of Dauphin Island. Contact Jennifer today for a role that fits best for you!

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

Cadillac Square Restrooms Construction of the new public restrooms at Cadillac Square is progressing quite nicely with completion expected by Thanksgiving. The previous structure was in a state of disrepair and the Town Council opted to build a new facility using general funds. The Public Works Dept. recently installed new picnic tables and trash receptacles in Cadillac Square as well.

Christmas on the Island The holidays are fast approaching and Christmas on Dauphin Island is always a special time of year. The 35th Annual Miss DI Christmas Pageant will take center stage at the Community Center on December 6 at 7pm with applications due in by November 22. This year the popular event will see the addition of a Teeny Miss DI category for ages 2-4 and a Spirit of DI award that's open to all participants. On Saturday, December 7 join Santa Claus and your friends and neighbors for the DI Christmas Parade that gets underway at 11am at Cadillac Square. You'll also want to stop by Water Tower Plaza on December 7 at 530pm for the Lights of Dauphin Island Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. Always a colorful and joyous spectacle to experience! The DI Chamber of Commerce is hosting The Lights of DI Dash (fun run/walk) on December 14 at 10:30-11:30 AM at Water Tower Plaza. This is a great way to get together and show your Christmas spirit by dressing up in Christmassy attire such as an Elf or Reindeer or come in a group with matching shirts. Don't forget to have your picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus after the run! On December 15 from 1-3PM, join in on the fun at the 2nd annual Christmas Tree Ornament Scavenger Hunt! Come see how many trees you can correctly match to the clues. First and Second place prizes will go to the person/group who solves all the clues in the shortest amount of time. On December 15 from 1-3PM, Gift Wrapping for donations will be available at the Welcome Center. Just bring all your gifts with a "To and From" on them and let us take care of the rest. Remember at each event the DI Chamber of Commerce will be taking donations for Feed the Need. Some items we are hoping to collect are large cans of hearty type soups (beef/vegetable, chicken vegetable), instant potatoes, canned vegetables (spinach, greens, peas), bags of dried beans (black eye peas, lima), canned fruit, canned yams, boxes of stove top dressings, canned ham, shelf-stable milk, cranberry sauce, any type of items to help with making a holiday meal. Visit the town website for additional info on all of these holiday family events.

Giving Thanks
Thanksgiving is a timely reminder to pause and give thanks on this special day for the many blessings in our lives. Loving families, good friends, and quality of life are just a few of the many things that make Dauphin Island home. Together, we have endured challenges and times of grief, celebrated accomplishments, and planned for a wonderful and rewarding future. As we celebrate Thanksgiving each of us should take time to recognize and reflect on all that is good with the world around us and be truly grateful to live in such an amazing place. Traditions make our Thanksgiving memories unique. Make sure you enjoy them with the ones you love. Have a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!



Update on the West End In 2019, The Town of Dauphin Island acquired the uninhabited, formerly privately owned west end of the island. With the area now under public ownership, we want to ensure that it is kept safe and hospitable for shorebirds and other wildlife that use it as a vital habitat. While all of Dauphin Island is a designated bird sanctuary, the West End, with its lack of development and open beaches, is a critical nesting habitat for these growing bird families. If you are venturing to the West End for a walk or by boat, please remember dogs are not allowed in the area, watch your step when walking and leave only footprints. As part of the implementation of the Dauphin Island West End Bird Conservation Management Plan, the Town will be launching a new beach ambassador program and is now accepting applications. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to wsandagger@townofdauphinisland.org.

Corps Updates Dauphin Island Causeway: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Mobile District has partnered with Mobile County to provide material for the Dauphin Island Causeway as part of the Mobile Harbor Deepening and Widening (Phase 6) project. The USACE contractor will place material behind the breakwaters constructed by Mobile County's contractor. Approximately 800,000 cubic yards of dredged material will be placed to create approximately 80 acres of marsh habitat and further protect the Causeway. The USACE construction contract was awarded in May 2024. Construction for the Dauphin Island Causeway part of the project is anticipated to start in November or December 2024. Little Dauphin Island 2024 Breach Repair: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Mobile District has secured funding to repair the June 2024 breach at Pass Drury (across from Billy Goat Hole). A contract was awarded for construction in September with construction anticipated to begin late October or early November. Construction is estimated to take approximately 10-15 days. Sand Island Beneficial Use NW Extension Placement: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Mobile District will be beneficially placing sand within the Sand Island beneficial Use NW extension. Sand will be placed along the ebb-tidal delta shoal system southeast of Pelican Island as part of the Mobile Harbor Deepening and Widening (Project 2a) project. Approximately 2.6 million cubic yards of material will be placed to a maximum elevation of +4 feet. A contract was awarded in August. Construction is anticipated to begin in December 2024. Construction is estimated to take approximately 3-4 months. Little Dauphin Island Restoration: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Mobile District, along with project partners, has developed restoration alternatives of Little Dauphin Island including a permanent breach at Pass Drury. Island restoration alternatives are in final coordination prior to starting final design. Initial design of the permanent breach has started and is being coordinated with restoration activities.

Town Holds West End Restoration Meeting The town recently held an informational meeting to update island citizens and property owners on the status of the West End restoration effort. Multiple presenters were on hand to identify and describe the various complexities associated with the much-needed project including; available funding, project design, permitting process, establishment of a permanent mean high tide line (private vs. public land), easements, and a host of other issues. Additional public hearings will be scheduled in the near future by both the town and state of Alabama as part of the process to establish a permanent MHTL.

TOWN & PUBLIC MEETINGS

Agenda Meetings: Mondays prior to Council Meetings at 5pm

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



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

DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

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Stacy Mallon Court Clerk

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Terry Shefflield Wes Stumbo

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Town Events

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Community Center

Manager Jill Pope 251-487-6110

Public Works Dept. & Animal Control Superintendent James Stokes 251-313-2378

Police, Fire & Public Safety

Chief of Police Kym Claw E.M.S. Director Troy Gorlott Fire Chief

Jeremy Castile

251-861-5523 251-207-9767 251-206-5626

Dumpsters: Fridays & Saturdays 8AM-Noon



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

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REPORT IT DI

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