

THE TOWN CRIER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 21 Public Hearings: 6pm Wrecker Service 6:15pm Telecommunications Towers Council Special Meeting 7pm

June 21 Free Family Movie Night Paddington 2

June 22 Free Family Movie Night Smurfs: The Lost Village

June 24 Sunday Sunset Concert at West End Beach, Lisa Mills 6:15pm

June 28 Free Family Movie Night JAWS!

June 29 Free Family Movie Night Trolls

July 3 Free Family Movie Night JAWS!

July 4 Fireworks Display 9pm Public Beach

July 4 DIVA Ceremony 11am

July 5 Free Family Movie Night Frozen

July 6 Free Family Movie Night Zootopia

July 12 Free Family Movie Night Storks

July 13 Free Family Movie Night

July 14 53rd Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament

July 19 Free Family Movie Night Home

July 19-22 Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo & Music Festival

July 20 Free Family Movie Night Rio

July 26 Free Family Movie Night Finding Nemo

July 27 Free Family Movie Night Sing

July 29 Sunday Sunset Concert at West End Beach, Yo Jonesy & The Crowned Jewelz 6-8pm

August 2 Free Family Movie Night Angry Birds

August 3 Free Family Movie Night Finding Dory

August 4 154th Battle of Mobile Bay Fort Gaines

*ALL MOVIES AT WEST END BEACH AT DUSK.

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. Council Meetings are usually held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 PM. Agenda meetings are usually held on the Monday before each council meeting at 5 PM and are open to the public. Council Meetings for July are scheduled for the 3rd & 17th.

Council Schedules Two Public Hearings & Special Meeting

The evening of Thursday, June 21 is shaping up to be a busy time for the Town Council as the group will host two public hearings and a Special Meeting in consecutive fashion. At 6pm, the Council will receive comments on proposed Ordinance 100, "An Ordinance Providing Restrictions For Wreckers Within The Town Of Dauphin Island, Alabama". This Ordinance would establish minimum standards for licensing of wreckers doing business on Dauphin Island and provide guidelines for participation in the town's wrecker service rotation list. At 615pm, the Council will receive comments on proposed Ordinance 67A, an Ordinance amending Ordinance 67, "Telecommunications Towers And Facilities; Providing For The Regulation Of The Placement, Development, Construction And Erection Or Modification Of Wireless Telecommunications Towers". This Ordinance would regulate the placement and operation of such towers within the town limits of Dauphin Island and expand the areas where telecommunications towers may be permitted for use. At 7pm, the Town Council will hold a Special Meeting to discuss and potentially take action on proposed Ordinances 100 and 67A. All three forums are open to the public. If you can't attend and/or want your comments to be included in the minutes, please submit them in writing to Town Clerk Wanda Sandagger prior to the meetings.

Soon-To-Be Vacant Council Seat Draws 14 Applications

Long-time Council Member Mary Thompson is stepping down as of July 3 and more than a dozen island citizens have stepped up to fill that void and offer their service to our island community. The list of applicants is as follows (in alphabetical order); Joshua "Trey" Alderman III, Rich Colberg, Bill Fairbanks, Lisa Hansen, Michael Hardy, Charles Miller, Brandon Morris, Blake Percival, Joe B. Petrey, Susan Mayer Sass, Wayne T. Strickland, Raymond (Ray) Varner, Bill Wildberger, and Barry Zetsch. It is the responsibility of the Town Council to select (appoint) a replacement for the Place 2 position to serve out the remaining term (approximately 2 years) of Council Member Thompson and that will likely take place at the July 3 meeting. Thanks to each of the individuals for volunteering to serve our barrier island community in such a meaningful way!

Dauphin Island Featured in Sierra Club Documentary

Sierra Club Alabama Chapter requests the honor of your presence at the premier of the documentary film A Disrupted System: Alabama's Disappearing Barrier Island on Thursday, June 28 (7pm) at the Mobile Public Library, 701 Government Street. Notice of the event recognizes Dauphin Island as Alabama's only barrier island which has "defended coastal communities from wave action, storm surges and hurricanes" and goes on to say "this special place is in peril". "The natural flow of sand has been interrupted by necessary human development, starving Dauphin Island of sand". The development referenced here is the Mobile Ship Channel and the associated dredging and disposal practices. A reception will be held at 6pm, film at 7pm with a Panel Discussion to follow. If you plan to attend please confirm your reservation at www.rsvp.adisruptedsystem.org.

It's Time To Celebrate July 4th!

Red, white and blue will be the colors of choice this Independence Day as the town and DI Veterans Association (DIVA) gear up to celebrate July 4 on Dauphin Island! First, join members of DIVA for a patriotic and solemn ceremony at Water Tower Plaza at 11am. Part of the program will include the addition of a plaque on the Memorial Wall to honor Ed Tibbetts (US Army). At 9pm, the evening sky will come alive as the town-sponsored fireworks display gets underway at the public beach next to DI School .The pyrotechnic show is expected to last 15-20 minutes and you are encouraged to get there early for a front row seat. Happy Birthday, Americal Note: Personal fireworks are prohibited on Dauphin Island.

ELECTION TIME, AGAIN! With the Alabama Primary behind us, it's time to look ahead to the Statewide Primary Run-Off Election scheduled for Tuesday, July 17 (7am-7pm). Remember, if you voted Republican/Democrat in the primary you will be required to vote similarly in the run-off as cross-over voting is not allowed in Alabama. Voters that didn't participate in the primary election can choose to vote for either party this time around. As always, to speed up the voting process please bring your photo ID and voter registration card. PLEASE GO VOTE! Note: The Statewide General Election is set for November 6.

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Kudos Brad!

Dauphin Island's own Brad Cox was recognized as "Firefighter of the Month" in May 2018 by Mobile Fire-Rescue Department. According to a recent MFRD report, Cox developed a pre-incident survey system for businesses that streamlines the process while generating a more efficient product. Ultimately, all of the data collected will be used to more effectively fight fires, enhance firefighter safety and potentially garner an improved ISO rating for the city of Mobile. Brad Cox also serves as Fire Chief for DI Fire & Rescue. Congratulations Brad!

Little Dauphin Breach/Government Cut Repairs Update

Those who routinely travel by boat in and around Dauphin Island have probably wondered when we might expect to see repairs made to the Little Dauphin breach? Recent communications from the offices of Senator Richard Shelby, Congressman Bradley Byrne and the Corps of Engineers all indicate work could be getting underway fairly soon, although no specific timeline is currently available. The breach, caused by Hurricane Nate last October, blew out a section of Little Dauphin and much of the sand ended up in Government Cut creating dangerous conditions and making the waterway impassable to larger vessels. Some of those same vessels were also too tall to pass under the DI Bridge leaving them essentially stranded in port. Local charter boats have been especially hard hit as shoaling in the area forced them to take an alternate route adding time and cost to daily trips. Property owners along Government Cut report damage to docks and more due to increased wave action. Bottom Line: The sooner the repairs are made the better. Our sincere thanks to Sen. Shelby and Cong. Byrne for their tireless efforts to secure necessary funding and insure the needed work gets done!

2018 Sunset Concerts

The 2018 Sunset Concert series is underway and the remaining schedule is as follows: June 24 Lisa Mills (6:15-8:15pm), July 29 Yo Jonesy & the Crowned Jewelz (6-8pm), August 12 JaRhythm—Reggae Theme (5:45-7:45pm), September 2 Ryan Balthrop & Eric Erdman (5:30-7:30pm) and October 14 Roman Street (4:30-6:30pm). Attendees are encouraged to bring beach/lawn chairs, blankets and bug spray (just in case). New this year at West End Beach...a designated area for smokers will be setup to insure all concert goers can enjoy the event. Note: All Sunset Concerts will be held at West End Beach except the October 14 concert will be at historic Ft. Gaines. Admission is \$5 per person (children age 12 and under get in for free).

2018 Free Family Movie Nights at West End Beach

The town and Greer's Markets are pleased to announce the 2018 FREE Family Movie Nights at West End Beach! 6/21 Paddington 2, 6/22 Smurf's; The Lost Village, 6/28 JAWS!, 6/29 Trolls, 7/3 JAWS!, 7/5 Frozen, 7/6 Zootopia, 7/12 Storks, 7/13 Moana, 7/19 Home, 7/20 Rio, 7/26 Finding Nemo, 7/27 Sing, 8/2 Angry Birds, 8/3 Finding Dory, 8/10 ET, 8/17 Up, 8/24 Secret Life of Pets and 8/31 Cars. As always, we encourage you to bring chairs, blankets and bug spray (just in case) but please no pets, glass or grills. Concession stand will be available. All movies begin at dusk—weather permitting. A big thanks to our friends at Greer's Markets for sponsoring Movie Nights again this year!

ART DOES IT

Our next monthly Sunday open house is set for July 15 (3-5pm) with featured Acrylic/Mixed Media Artist Doretha "D" Woods Holbert. Please join us in celebrating our artist-run gallery with "D" Holbert and her special show "The Art of Whimsicality"! The Art Does It (ADI) gallery, located a 1101 Bienville Blvd., is open Friday, Saturday and Monday 10am-4pm and is home to many local and seasonal artists. For more information regarding exhibition opportunities and arts instruction, please contact Regina Kollegger (251)214-6485 or regina@artdoesit.com.

Vacation Bible School at DI United Methodist Church Announced

From July 23-27 children in grades 1 thru 6 are invited to participate in Vacation Bible School, "Shipwrecked; Rescued by Jesus", at DI United Methodist Church. Activities will take place daily from 9am until noon. To register your child (or yourself as a volunteer), please visit https://vbspro.events/p/events/4515bb. Contact Blake or Melanie Percival at (334)294-1799 for more info.

ATTN: Property Owners Renting Homes/Condos If you own and rent your condo/house on Dauphin Island, you MUST acquire a Municipal Business License! In addition, lodging taxes MUST be collected and remitted on all "Short Term" rentals of six (6) months or less per State, County and Municipal regulations. If you have additional questions please contact License & Permit Clerk Mary Strickland at (251) 861-5525 x222 or matrickland@townofdauphinisland.org. We look forward to helping you achieve full compliance with all state and local regulations.

FLOOD MAPS INFO Looking for information about Flood Maps? Log on to www.fema.gov and view the Flood Map Service Center. The FEMA Flood Map Service Center (MSC) is the official public source for flood hazard information produced in support of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

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Dauphin Island Heritage & Arts Council

Learn the ancient art of Zentangle at Creative Monday on June 25 from 10 AM until 1 PM at the gallery. This beginner-friendly drawing technique based on simple structures and repetitive patterns is fun, easy and relaxing. Take home your completed, ready-to-frame artwork or make notecards to share with your friends. Cost \$20 includes all supplies. Reservations required. Call the gallery at 861-3300 or call/text Barbara Teare at 251/978-5566 to sign up. Don't miss Last Friday Art Night on June 29 from 6 until 8 PM at the gallery. Come meet the artists, share good food and fellowship, enjoy a painting demonstration by gallery artist Amy Bolt and hear live music by popular local entertainer Mike Turner. DIHAC is always looking for new volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to give back to the community, and DIHAC has something to suit every interest. If you'd like to join our volunteer crew, drop by the gallery for a visit or give us a call to talk about how you can help.

Mayor Collier Recognized For Service

At its annual meeting in Montgomery in May, the Alabama League of Municipalities recognized Mayor Jeff Collier for his 30 years of service as an elected official. A certificate presented by Executive Director Ken Smith reads in part, "The Alabama League of Municipalities recognizes Jeff Collier, Mayor of the Town of Dauphin Island, for 30 years of distinguished and dedicated service to the citizens of Dauphin Island and for his efforts to strengthen municipal government and promote the importance and understanding of progressive, responsible public leadership". Mayor Collier was first elected to office when the island incorporated in 1988 and has served 10 years as a Council Member and more than 20 years as Mayor.

Dauphin Island Property Owners' Assn. Special Election

The DI Property Owners' Assn. will have a Special Election on Saturday, July 7 at 11am at the Isle Dauphine Clubhouse to vote on a motion to amend its restrictive covenants to re-classify eight lots from commercial only, to single family residential only. The lots are in the middle of the island, south of Bienville Blvd., and just west of the condominiums. Please be sure to vote!

USCG Boating Safety Classes Offered

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering Boating Safety Classes on Saturday, July 14 and August 11 at Homestead Village (Camellia Room) located at 924 Plantation Boulevard, Fairhope, Alabama. Fee is \$35 per person (2nd & 3rd family members \$25 each) and includes textbook and lunch. Course completion provides certificate qualifying for Alabama boaters license. To register or receive additional information please contact Ron Murphy at (251) 443-1188, (251) 214-4848 or via email rmurphy3151@bellsouth.net. Registration deadline is the Thursday prior to course date.

The 85th Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo (and Music Festival)

Recognized by Guinness Book as the world's largest fishing tournament, the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo will be coming to town on July 20-22 and more than 3000 anglers are expected to take to area waters in search of the "big one". However, it all gets started at the rodeo site on Thursday, July 19 at 6pm with the Liar's Contest followed by a free concert featuring "Rollin' in the Hay" at 730pm! In fact, the Jaycees have arranged a super line up of music throughout the three-day event as follows; (Friday, July 20) "Blues N Trouble" 4pm and "The Molly Ringwalds" 730pm (Saturday, July 21) "Prime Country" 230pm and "The Red Clay Strays" 5pm (Sunday, July 22) "Hunter Landry" at noon and "Keith The Mailman Burns & The Back Pew Riders" 3pm. FREE ADMISSION! Note: A number of island businesses will also be offering live music during the 2018 rodeo...more details forthcoming. The Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament will also bring families together to wet a hook as more than 1500 youngsters (age 15 & under) will be looking to reel in some fish on Saturday, July 14. For more info check out the rodeo website at adsfr.com.

Inaugural ARTSealab Festival Announced

ARTSealab is a collaboration between <u>Art Does It</u>, (ADI) a nonprofit arts organization and Alabama's Marine Science Consortium, the <u>Dauphin Island Sea Lab (DISL)</u>. ARTSealab's mission is to enhance the public understanding of the ecological challenges facing the Northern Gulf of Mexico and its coast through the dialogs of art, science, and folk life. The first annual three day "ARTSealab" festival is scheduled for October 26-28, 2018 at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab (DISL) campus at 101 Bienville Blvd. The ARTSealab festival will "kick-off" with an October 26, Friday night "Forks and Corks" culinary event at the DISL estuarium featuring Mobile County High School Culinary Arts seafood competition and aquaculture education. On October 27th and 28th, the DISL 36-acre campus will host a two-day indoor and juried outdoor arts festival. This festival will feature: live music, hands-on art and science learning experiences, Marine Debris 3D competition, Gulf "Folk" Life demonstrations, community booths and visual artists and their works related to the marine and estuarine life of Alabama from the "Deltas to the Deep Ocean Blue". A middle and high school online arts competition, "Love Our Gulf" www.loveourgulf.org, and live open mic featuring Marine Science Consortia eco-poets, community poetry writing projects and chapbook print making will be held in the DISL Shelby auditorium and Schooling Room. Proceeds will support Arts and Science Scholarships and Artist in Residency programs at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab.



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HURRICANE RE-ENTRY PASSES!

Be sure and check your hurricane re-entry passes to make sure they are current.

DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

Town Clerk Wanda Sandagger

861-5525 Ext 225

Public Works Superintendent/ Bldg Official/Coastal Project Manager

Corey Moore Ext 224 Cell No 251-234-7466

DUMPSTERS

Fridays & Saturdays 7:00am until 2:30pm

Building Department Admin. Assistant, Business License/ Permit Clerk/Event Planner

Mary S. Strickland Ext 222

Court Clerk

Stacy Mallon

ext 221

Admin. Clerk /Magistrate

Joyce Wentworth ext 227

Animal Control

ext 230

Dauphin Island Police Dept.

Chief of Police

Chief Kym Claw

861-5523

TOWN MEETINGS CORNER

Agenda Meetings on Mondays prior to Council Meetings at 5:00pm Town Council Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm

Planning Commission Meetings-2nd Tuesday of each month 6:00 pm

Property Owners' Assoc. Meetings - Board meets at 6pm on the third Thursday of each month, except December, at the Isle Dauphine Clubhouse. For specific information call 861-3144.

Board of Adjustment Meetings—4th Tuesday of each month or as needed

DI Court-2nd Wednesday of each month July 11th @ 4:00pm

DI Traffic School August 1, at 4pm in Council Chambers

DI Park & Beach Board Meeting-call 861-3607 for date & time

DI Water & Sewer Authority Meetings- 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00am at the Authority Office, 908 Alabama Ave. (861-2363)

**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 Mary Strickland at mstrickland@townofdauphinisland.org. It's just that easy!