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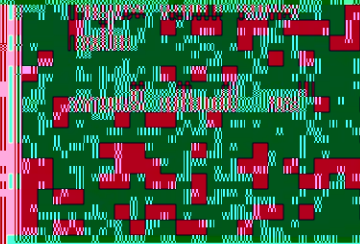
Feb 14 Birth of Mobile Bay
The 180th Anniversary

February 14, 2015

Mobile Bay is the largest natural harbor in the United States. It is a strategic location for the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. The bay is home to a large population of people and a diverse economy. The bay is also a major shipping port and a center for the oil and gas industry. The bay is a beautiful and historic area that is worth visiting. The bay is a great place to live and work. The bay is a great place to visit. The bay is a great place to live and work. The bay is a great place to visit.

The Birth of Mobile Bay

The birth of Mobile Bay is a story of exploration and discovery. The bay was first discovered by the Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto in 1559. He was looking for a route to the Gulf of Mexico. He found the bay and named it San Juan de los Rios. The bay was later discovered by the French explorer Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville in 1702. He named it Baye de la Mobile. The bay was then named Mobile Bay in 1763. The bay is a beautiful and historic area that is worth visiting.



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Last Friday Night Art Night(s)

The Dauphin Island Heritage and Art Council (DIHAC) is starting the new year off with new art and fine crafts to chase away those winter blues. On January 30, the first Last Friday Night Art Night of 2015 will be held at the gallery (behind Town Hall) from 6-8PM and everyone is welcome to stop in and browse for fine local art, meet new friends and enjoy a variety of foods & beverages. Organizers invite you to celebrate Mardi Gras by wearing masks, feathers and beads. The event will also include a special art exhibit by featured Artist Terri K... While there, check out the Heritage Room where you'll find photos and other memorabilia of Old Dauphin Island. You may even bump into a native islander and hear stories of days gone by. DIHAC is also proud to announce it has received a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts that will help with planning and research associated with the groups inaugural "Coastal Alabama Storytelling Festival", tentatively being planned for the spring of 2016. NOTE: A Last Friday Night Art Night is also planned for Feb...

19th Annual Battle of Mobile Bay 5K Race

Summer Days Festival

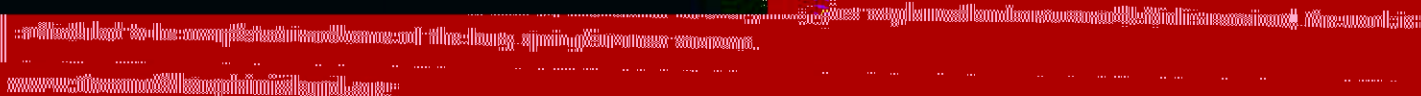
West End Parking Update

Controlled Burn Planned For Audubon Bird Sanctuary

www.facebook.com/DIPBB

www.dauphinisland.org

Grant Awarded To Dauphin Island (DI) Manufacturing Project





Rabies Clinic Scheduled

Veterinarian Ann Branch will once again provide rabies vaccinations for cats & dogs at Town Hall on Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 130-430PM. Shots are \$10 each and are good for one year. No appointment necessary... just stop by anytime between the posted hours.

Fort Gaines to host "Colonies of the Gulf Coast"

Step back in time as re-enactors in period garb allow you to experience life on "Isle Dauphine" in the 1700-1800's as a French, British and Spanish soldier. Watch as they perform drills and fire the cannon while the resident blacksmith demonstrates his craft. This family friendly event has something for everyone but stay alert...as Pirates often show up when you least expect it! See you at historic Fort Gaines on Saturday, March 7 for the 25th Annual Colonies of the Gulf Coast. AAARGGH!

GOT NEWS?

For those of you who read the Town Crier on a regular basis, we hope the articles are both helpful and informational. Copies of the Crier are distributed throughout the community at selected locations, posted on the Town's Website and mass emailed to those who have signed up for such notices. If you'd like to receive an electronic version of the Crier (and other pertinent announcements and events) please notify a Town Hall employee today. In addition, if you or your organization has a newsworthy event, we'd be happy to include such information and notice in an upcoming edition of the Town Crier. Just get us the information by the 15th of the month and we'll do our best to include it.

East End Restoration Project Update

The Town continues to make progress toward its goal of restoring nearly one mile of shoreline on the extreme east end of the island. The Corps permit was received at the end of 2014 while two of the three required easements from abutting property owners are also in hand. Following receipt of the third and final easement, a public meeting will be held on the island by ADEM and State Lands Division representatives which will then clear the way for bidding and construction of the project. In addition to the placement of sand along that stretch of shoreline, existing offshore jetties will be modified so they are positioned nearly parallel to the coastline. We remain hopeful this project can be completed by fall of 2015 barring any unforeseen delays.

St. Edmunds Catholic Church Info

With the recent passing of Rev. William Gorman, church leaders recently announced a revised schedule for weekly services as follows: Mass—Friday at 6pm, Saturday at 3:30pm and Sunday at 10:30 am. The time changes were necessary to accommodate the schedule of interim Rev. Monsignor Leonardo Guadalquivier. For further info please contact the church at 861-2352.

Dauphin Island Sunset Bridge 5K Run/Walk

Sponsored by the South Mobile County Tourism Authority, this 5K "out and back" certified course will begin and end at the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo headquarters while allowing participants to experience the natural beauty of the Mississippi Sound waters from the deck of the bridge itself. Fun for the entire family, the race is perfect for serious competitors and those just wanting to get a little exercise. The Sunset Bridge Run/Walk is set for Saturday, March 7 at 5pm and entry fees are as follows—Adults: \$25 & Children: \$15 (age 12 and under) Note-Add \$5 to posted fees for day of event entries. Entry fee includes a short sleeve race shirt (must be registered by Feb 28). Please visit the Tourism Authority website or call 861-8747 for additional information. NOTICE—Although the Dauphin Island Police Department will be on duty throughout this event, you are encouraged to plan your trip accordingly to avoid any traffic delays associated with the Sunset Bridge Run/Walk.

DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

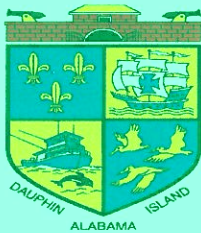
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TOWN COUNCIL

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Philip Patronas

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 - Pres. Jennifer Turner can be reached at 626-0673, email her at tomyquazar@gmail.com or visit DI-POA website.

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

DI Court—2nd Wednesday of each month February 11 @ 4:00pm

February 4 @ 5:30pm in Council Chambers