GULFSIDE FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The Second Annual Stars and Stripes Forever Firework Show, a pre-tricentennial event coordinated by Mayor Lucas, will be fired from the beach in front of the Isle Dauphine Club at dusk on July 4th.

Many will remember last year’s display which relit dark skies and brought the Island’s Independence Day to a beautiful close. Sponsors of the pyrotechnics for the benefit of citizens and visitors are: Dauphin Island Town Council, DI Chamber of Commerce, DI Foundation, DI Water and Sewer Authority, DI Property Owner’s Association, and the DI Park and Beach Board.

Using 7,000 lbs of equipment and fireworks, the company firing “rockets red glare” from mortars buried in the sand, Pyrotechnico out of Pennsylvania, promises a dazzling display of special effects including Diadem Shells (those that leave lasting stars streaking in the air); Golden Palm Tree Shells, Willow Barrage, 5-Point Stars, and a host of other various mortar shells.

ISLAND’S WATER SYSTEM TO IMPROVE

—Dauphin Island Water & Sewer Authority

Clean, clear, good tasting drinking water. Tested for volatile organic compounds, inorganic and radiological contaminants, nitrates, synthetic organic compounds, lead and copper, all hydrogen sulfide and iron removed, pH adjusted, less than 200 mg/l chlorides, and disinfected with just enough chlorine to arrive at your house with no bacteriological growth. A bargain at any price.

The State of Alabama is blessed with an abundant water supply. The City of Mobile draws most of its water from large surface supplies and a lot of smaller towns, like Alabama Port, have one large deep well that supplies all their water. Dauphin Island is unique in its development of water supplies. With the original deep wells, drilled in 1956, becoming more and more influenced by the salty water surrounding the Island, Authorities had to look for another source. After development of an Island wide sewer system the Authority was able to tap into a shallow aquifer located under the wooded area of the Island. This new supply, however, is not limitless.

The most pressing problem with the water supply for Dauphin Island is the large demand due to population increases during holiday weekends, Memorial Day weekend, fishing rodeos, and Labor Day Weekend. The Authority looked at several options, another million gallon ground storage tank, developing two more shallow wells, or installing a Reverse Osmosis Filter System to remove the salt in an existing well. After two years of research, the Authority’s Board of Directors decided to proceed with the installation of a Reverse Osmosis Filter System to be located next to an existing deep well. During these two years of research, the Board of Directors have also been financially continued on page 5

DAUPHIN ISLAND HOLDS SUMMER ELECTIONS

—Town of Dauphin Island

Candidates elected to the Dauphin Island Town Council later this year will lead citizens through the year-long observance of the 300th anniversary of the 1699 Island landing of Bienville and Iberville during 1999, and into the year 2000.

Tuesday, July 2nd begins the qualifying period for the positions now held by the following: Mayor, Dr. Mel Lucas; Place 1, Billy Patronas; Place 2, Claude Brown; Place 3, vacant; Place 4, Jeff Collier; Place 5, Shirley Westfall. The last day to qualify is Tuesday, July 16. Forms may be obtained from Town Hall. The qualifying fee is $50.

Election day is Tuesday, August 27. Voting takes place at the old Town Hall and polling hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Run-off election day is Tuesday, September 17. Polling hours will also be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The organizational session for the new council will be held Tuesday, October 7.

This election calendar is provided as a service to prospective candidates. Use of the calendar is at the sole risk of the candidate or official. It is the responsibility of the candidate or official to verify dates of this publication.

BEST VIEWS OF FIREWORKS

Ideal viewing of the fireworks show may be found on the Island’s south side beaches from Fort Gaines to the Public Fishing Pier and beyond.

Boat owners may enjoy the fireworks from a position inside Pelican (Sand) Island.
DIPOA Annual Dues Unchanged

—DI Property Owners Association

The annual dues remain at $10 per lot per year. When the recently-passed amendment to the Constitution of the Association separated the payment of dues from the right to vote, it did not eliminate dues. While the Association has a Trust Fund in excess of $1,000,000, it uses the interest generated by that trust in addition to other income to support the various activities of the Association and still it is difficult to balance the budget. The budget approved for fiscal year 1996-97 includes an income figure for dues which is speculative in light of the change in dues requirement. Dues are now voluntary. The Constitution provides no means for enforcement—no lien placed on property if not paid. Consequently, we appeal to your good will for support of your Association. Continued payment of dues of at least $10 per year will assist in the Board’s attempt to balance the budget.

Isle Dauphine Pool Open to Public 7 Days a Week

—DI Property Owners Association

The Isle Dauphine Swimming Pool is now open to the public seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. The daily charge for age 10 and under is $1.25; age 11-19 is $3.50; and age 20 and up is $5.00. Property owners receive a $1 discount. Summer memberships are available. Water aerobics and swimming lessons will be offered by our capable lifeguard staff. Water aerobics classes will be held three times weekly (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday) from 6:15 to 7 p.m. The cost is $15 for a two week period. Swimming lessons will run from 8AM-10AM Tuesday - Friday. The sessions last for two weeks and the cost is $25 per student. Private lessons are available upon request. Please call 861-2433 for details.

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Island Realty Corporation has been actively engaged in the development of Dauphin Island since 1990. We have significantly contributed to the increased property values which all of you have enjoyed.

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Prissy Pryor Hawkins, a lifelong resident of Dauphin Island, Paul Hawkins and Howard Yeager are available anytime to discuss your real estate needs.

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All 3 brs in this waterfront home, have a view of Mississippi Sound. 4500 sq ft, 4 bth, fireplace, large deck & porch. Home is on a concrete slab. $350,000.

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Anytime
Anytime
Nights and Weekends
HISTORIC FORT GAINES HOSTS EXCITING EVENTS

—Dauphin Island Park & Beach Board

Historic Fort Gaines (Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!) continues to receive praise from locals to international guests. We were particularly delighted when notified that a package cruise of retired Harvard CEO’s selected Fort Gaines as one of the stops in their south east tour and in early June the state asked us to host a visit by German travel writers. All guests are provided an excellent self-guided tour and history of the Fort, an opportunity to explore what has been called “one of the best preserved Civil War forts to be found on the coast.” Points of interest include operational blacksmith shop and kitchens, bakery, latrine, brick tunnels and corner bastions with their vaulted ceilings, gift shop, the museum, two other display rooms, etc. History of the Spanish-American war is also present in the massive concrete bunkers and “disappearing gun” installations.

Although a visit at anytime is a rewarding experience, no one should miss the living history demonstrations of our special event weekends. As evidence of their popularity, we recently received a letter from England stating they read in their local paper about our events and would like to participate when they visit this area next winter! Held on the average of once a month, our fine staff and dedicated re-enactors educate the public on history in personal terms. Besides soldiers, battles, and weapon firing, wives and children also dress in period costumes and live that weekend exactly as it was experienced by our forefathers. Many of these events also host a candle light tour/theater on Saturday nights that is unique in a number of ways.

Obviously, the civil war is our main subject of living history weekends, including the Battle of Mobile Bay, the Federal Encampment (Union troops preparing the final assault on Mobile), a Women’s Encampment, (devoted to the life of women during this period), and our acclaimed Christmas at the Fort (based on a letter from a soldier at the Fort describing his Christmas celebration in 1861).

Due to the fact that Dauphin Island has such a long and fascinating history, we also host two weekends devoted to our colonial period. These events tend to include “buck skinners”, blacksmiths and knife makers, weavers, wheelwrights, cooking, etc. And finally, although the historical tie-in is a stretch, we also work with the society of Creative Anarchists portraying the days of King Arthur. This is an international association and we host one of their national events. For further information on Fort Gaines, group tours or special events, please call (334) 861-6992.

This is a reprint of a public service announcement developed in cooperation with Mobil Exploration & Producing US, Inc. Please keep it handy for future reference.

NOTICE

The following information is to inform you about the public warning system used by the Town of Dauphin Island to notify Island residents and visitors of an emergency. The warning system is a group of sirens located at strategic points on the Island. The system is operated and maintained by the Mobile County Emergency Management Agency.

In the event that the warning sirens are activated, follow the procedures listed below:

- Don’t panic. The activation may be a test. The siren warning system is tested at noon every Friday. However, if you are unsure if the sirens are sounding a real warning, take the following precautions anyway.
- Go indoors and stay indoors.
- Tune your radio or TV to a local Mobile County station. In cooperation with the MCEMA, they will carry all emergency broadcasts.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Shut off all systems that draw outside air into the house, such as furnaces, air conditioners, and fire place vents.
- Do not use the telephone, unless you have a special emergency and need help. Leave lines open for official emergency business.
- If you are advised to leave the Island, stay calm and do not rush. Evacuation can be accomplished promptly and your risk is reduced if you remain calm and proceed safely.
- When leaving your premises, turn off all lights and appliances.
- Take a few items with you such as special medicines, special foods, extra clothing, check book and cash.
- Use your own transportation or, if possible, ride with a neighbor. Keep car windows and air vents closed and keep your radio tuned to a local station for further information. Drive safely.

Additional information can be obtained from Dauphin Island Town Hall.
DAUPHIN ISLAND SEA LAB
TO Restructure

—Dauphin Island Sea Lab

Following a two-year self-study, Dr. George Crozier, has announced a number of sweeping changes in the structure and identity of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. Dr. Crozier pointed out that the original three faculty had expanded in number to 18 and the support staff from four to about 80! The parallel growth in students has been from a few dozen to over 16,000 annually and the facility has become one of the largest marine educational programs in the nation with faculty participating on numerous national committees and boards.

During that time there have been some administrative changes since Crozier is the fourth director of the facility, but few changes truly tried to address the enormous growth and maturation of the laboratory. The self-study was commissioned by the Executive Committee of the Sea Lab's parent organization, the Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium (MESC). The Consortium is a for-profit corporation composed of 22 colleges and universities in the State of Alabama funded from the Alabama Special Educational Trust Fund. The study was directed by Dr. Robert Glaze, a retired Vice-President of the University of Alabama in Birmingham experienced with the valuable procedures of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

One of the most obvious findings of the study revealed that MESC was virtually unknown throughout the state. Crozier confirmed that it was particularly obvious in the legislature as he battled severe budget cuts over the past two years. He admitted that most of the thousands of students that had visited the Sea Lab probably were unaware of the existence and role of the consortium. Many people recognize the name of the Sea Lab or the Discovery Hall Program which provides the K-12 and teacher education statewide. Consequently, the decision has been made to shift the emphasis to identification of the activities with the Dauphin Island Sea Lab and reserve the use of the MESC for legal issues.

Another change noted was the transformation of the facility from what might be termed a "marine biological field station" to a multi-disciplinary coastal research and educational center. The scientific activities have broadened considerably to include coastal oceanography, biogeochemistry, paleoecology, theoretical ecology, and fluid dynamics and applies much of this on a truly global scale, not just Mobile Bay. The educational programs have expanded to include the general public and the Education Center has visitors from 38 foreign countries in its first year of operation. As part of the image and identification problem it has been decided to alter and upgrade the Sea Lab's logo from the simple red spadefish to a more modern presentation. The familiar fish symbol has multiplied and is found swimming in a global current system that represented the flow of river water into the Bay and eventually the oceans of the world.

The internal complexity of the Sea Lab's function has been addressed by the establishment of separate faculties of education and research. The research-oriented faculty will conduct the educational programs for the post-secondary students and is called the Department of University Programs. K-12 education, public outreach and teacher training have been combined as the Discovery Hall Programs.

The Department of University Programs will be chaired by Dr. Jonathan Pennock, a Senior Marine Scientist at the Sea Lab who has been deeply involved in studies of nutrient dynamics and related dissolved oxygen phenomena in Mobile Bay. Dr. Pennock received his PHD from the University of Delaware and spend a number of years studying Delaware Bay before coming to the Sea Lab in 1990. He will continue an active research program while directing the evolution of the department.

Discovery Hall Programs will be under the direction of Dr. John Dindo, who was part of the original Discovery Hall Program and brought it to national prominence as an innovative approach to science education. Dr. Dindo is past-president of the National Marine Education Association and remains on the Board of Directors. The most immediate challenge for Dr. Dindo will be an integration of The Estuarium, an educational aquarium/museum, into the various efforts organized under the Discovery Hall Programs.

George Bennett Memorials

We were not fortunate enough to have known George Bennett personally, but we have learned much about him from his works and his friends. We have received nearly twenty contributions in his memory, testimony of his love and devotion to the Sanctuary. At the suggestion of the Mobile Bay Audubon Society the Board of the Friends has named the trail leading across the dunes and to the beach in his honor, the George Bennett Pass.

Bountiful Fishing at Dauphin Island Pier

—Dauphin Island Park & Beach Board

The Dauphin Island Park and Beach Board looks forward to a great summer for island residents and guests. Fishing is already in full swing with king, red fish, flounder, speckled trout, ling, etc. being caught on the Dauphin Island Fishing Pier. This 850 foot facility is one of only two deep water Gulf piers in the state. It is open 24 hours a day and attendants are happy to explain what is biting and how to catch them. We even have rental rods for guests who left theirs at home. A family atmosphere is provided and alcohol is not allowed. We also provide, without a fee, a 235 foot pier on the east tip of the island along with boat launches and dock.
“LOT” LOTTERY DRAWING SET FOR JUNE 21
—DI Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber’s annual residential “Lot” lottery is approaching the date for drawing of the winner. This fundraising campaign to benefit the Chamber’s efforts to promote the Island is headed by Jim Hall.

The “Lot” to be given away is 123 Beauregard Street and is located in the woods east of the Water Tower. Hall says the area permits a home to be built on a slab whereas much of the Island homes require pilings.

The tickets are available at most businesses on the Island and are $10 each. The drawing will be at the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo site on the final day of that tournament, July 21. The winning ticket will be drawn at 5:00 p.m. on the Rodeo tote board stage and announced at that time.

New Projects Planned for Bird Sanctuary

We have recently completed a Master Plan for the Sanctuary 1996-2001 Our entire purpose is to make it more attractive to birds and birders as well as the casual visitor who just enjoys a quiet walk in the serenity of our maritime pine forest.

Our lead project is the construction of a boardwalk from the parking lot to the Lake, part of which is wet during the rainy season. We have had visiting groups who were forced to leave their handicapped members behind since the trail is too rough for them to negotiate. This new attraction will give them access to one of the more beautiful sections of the trails. We already have informal commitments of $20,000 for this project, half from Coastal Programs, ADECA, matched by half from the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services. We are particularly appreciative of this support, the first grant support we have received. The next phase of this project will be the construction of an elevated board walk across the swamp from near the North end of the Lake to near the large magnolia on the Dune Edge Trail.

An Interpretive Center including a small open, covered classroom is another major project for which we will soon begin seeking support. We have had numerous requests for such a Center and it will be a major attraction for the Sanctuary. It will be near the parking lot so that visitors can learn of the unique attractions of our Sanctuary, the intricacies of bird migration, and the crisis in habitat for the neotropical migrants. The parking lot will also be expanded and an exit road added, as was the intent of the last plan in 1976.

One of the most popular attractions for birders during migration is the overlook at the Swamp. It has, however, long been too small to accommodate some of the crowds, especially during migration. Current plans include rebuilding the Overlook to accommodate as many as 15 people at one time. Also included in this phase of the Plan is the addition of several short elevated walkways into the Swamp from the Dune Edge Trail providing better observation of the birds in an unobtrusive fashion.

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DI Town Profile

53 new homes valued at $6,096,350 have been under construction the first 9 months of 1996. The average price of these homes is $115,025.

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101 PORTIER CT. ON BEACH
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421 ABLIGHT DRIVE IN SEAPONTE
Fabulous home on deep water. Three levels of living space. Large master suite on main floor with family room and sitting room up and down. $295,000

AUDUBON PLACE ON EAST END
Three Gulf front lots with approx. 80 feet on the water. New subdivision on the Gulf. Priced at $115,000 and $125,000.

2243 MALLARD DRIVE IN SILVER CAY WEST
Waterfront on a canal leading into Mississippi Sound. 3/2, great room, furnished, covered deck plus widow’s walk with view of Gulf and Bay. $135,000

105 PORTIER CT. ON BEACH
Large home with deck across front. Four bedrooms, three baths, two sitting rooms, pine and mahogany paneling for low maintenance. $185,000

ISLAND SHORES DRIVE
On west end of Island with great view of Bay and Gulf access, 3/2 like new home. Deck across water side. $135,000
GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
—Dauphin Island Chamber of Commerce

Plans are now underway for the Sand Dune Golf Tournament II, sponsored by the Dauphin Island Chamber of Commerce, to be held on the links of the Isle Dauphine Golf Course.

Larry and Ann Bridges (Ann is Chamber representative), and PGA professional, Jeff Collier, will coordinate the Labor Day weekend, Sunday, September 1st event.

Profit realized from the tournament will go to the Chamber as it prepares a new advertising and promotion program and budget.

In the meantime, revision of what has been known as the Chamber’s “peach brochure” is in its final stages. Rose Raica and Lynn Wickman are proofing the editorial content and are putting the finishing touches on the layout.

A different paper stock and color promises a refreshing new look for the promotional piece.

A matching grant from the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel helps to finance the publication, according to advertising committee chairman, Mike Henderson.

BIKING AND JOGGING TRAIL UNDER CONSTRUCTION
—Town of Dauphin Island & Dauphin Island Foundation

The lifestyle of many islanders and visitors will improve soon now that the construction of the Taylor Harper Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail is underway.

The start comes to fruition after much hard work on the part of the Town Council and of the Dauphin Island Foundation. Funding for the trail was provided, in part, by a grant from the Dauphin Island Foundation to the Town of Dauphin Island of funds generously donated to the Foundation by Mobil Exploration and Producing, US Inc. Further funding has been provided by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The contractor is required to complete the project in 120 days. Though some trees will be removed from the path of the trail, located on Bienville Boulevard, efforts have been made to minimize that need, and any flora planted by citizens on the right-of-way will be replaced.

Phase I of the trail will run from just east of Salt Creek almost to Audubon Street and will average 8 ft. wide with an asphalt base.

Report From Bird Sanctuary

The April issue of WildBird carried a headline article “Your Guide to the 10 Top Spring Birding Hotspots”….. Dauphin Island was listed second after High Island, Texas. During Spring Migration we had some visitors who had left High Island to come to Dauphin Island.

The birds were better here.

In 1991, more than 24 million Americans took trips for the express purpose of watching wild birds, versus 14 million hunters(3 million migratory bird hunters)and 35 million anglers who traveled.(USDI Survey, 1993)

In a 1990 survey, twice as many vacationers preferred to watch birds than play golf! (Fortune 1990)

As the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation puts it: “Birdwatching is no longer just about birds”….it's a big business and we should be getting our share of it.
The Tupelo Gum Swamp - A New Acquisition?

The Friends of the Dauphin Island Audubon Sanctuary, Inc. is chartered as an Alabama non-profit corporation and has been granted tax exempt (501-C(3)) status by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. In addition to managing, promoting and developing the Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuary, we are chartered to acquire other properties in Alabama or elsewhere for the purpose of conserving the natural heritage, protecting habitat for neotropical migrant birds, and serving and educating the general public in these matters.

There have been lots of changes on our beautiful Island since it was originally platred in the Fifties.... In those days the West End was considered unsafe! We all know the sad story of the erosion of the beaches during this time. What is not so evident are the changes that have occurred to a large number of interior lots. Many of these are now wetlands. They are in fact, part of our water supply. All of our drinking water is from rainwater collected by some thirty feet of sand sitting on an impermeable layer of clay on the eastern three miles of the Island. All the water collected in these wetlands is filtered through this sand and tapped by our shallow water wells. Every time a wet lot is filled with red clay and owned we lose that rich drinking water. There are several places on the eastern end of the Island where cross streets were platred but not constructed. Many of these have become wetlands, Tupelo Gum Swamps. One such of these lies between Ibervile and Hernando, south of Bienville (really south of Indian Place). Of the 24 lots in stretching from here to the base of the primary dune and the golf course only 2 have been developed. During the wet part of the year, much of the remainder is under water, a big lake providing part of our water supply.

The folks who bought those lots made an investment and have every right to secure the benefit of that investment. This would require getting a permit from the Corps of Engineers to fill an individual lot, which can be granted individually even though a permit for filling the area as a whole would be denied. They would then seek to have a road built by the Town to give them access to their property. And we would collectively lose the water the would otherwise be available.

The Friends have embarked on a possible solution to this problem that could be beneficial to all concerned, the land owner, the Town and the birds and other wildlife that inhabit these areas.

We believe that there are owners of dry lots out there, whose investment has increased several fold in value since they acquired them that would prefer the benefits of a tax deductible gift rather than continue to hold their property.

We also know that there are people who own wet lots that would like to build but would rather not go through the hassle described above.

We then invite those wishing to have the tax deduction to make a gift of their property to the Friends subject to the condition that we will then swap the dry property for the wet property, which we will then manage as part of a sanctuary, much like the 164 acres of the Bird Sanctuary.

We realize that there may not be as many owners wishing for the tax break as there are owners of wet lots wishing to build so we have begun a fund raising campaign to meet the difference. So far we have only a modest beginning with private donors but we are going the foundation and corporate route in the near future.

If you are interested in a possible donation of property, either wet or dry for this project please get in touch with us, either by phone at 334-861-2120, by mail at P.O. Box 1295, Dauphin Island, Alabama, 36528, or by e-mail at DIBIRD85@aol.com.

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planning for whichever option was deemed most feasible. The estimated cost of this facility will be $190,000. Because of the insight of the Authority’s Directors, it will not be necessary to increase the water bills to pay for the new treatment facility.

The Reverse Osmosis Filter System was approved for use by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management on June 6, 1996 and will be the first treatment facility in the State to use Membrane Technology for potable water. This facility will produce an additional 250,000 to 300,000 gallons per day as well as increase the quality of the water. The finished water produced by this reverse osmosis filter will be low enough in salt content to be considered “sodium free”. Iron content will be -0-, magnesium content -0-, as a matter of fact everything marked -0- on bottled water will also be -0- in the water produced from the new Dauphin Island facility. Maybe the Water Authority should bottle this water! Good Clean drinking water, a bargain at any price.

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**MOBILE BAY FERRY SCHEDULE**

**Fort Morgan Ticketbooth: (334) 540-7787**
**In Florida: (904) 434-7345**

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Approximately 440 families reside full time on the Island (source: US Census)

Single dwellings: 1,079
Residential lots: 2,593
Multi-family lots: 287

Source: 1996 Town of Dauphin Island: An Introspective Look of Growth and Development, prepared for development network

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**Excitement**
**Indy Go Carts with Banked Curves**

**High Pressure Self Service Wash and Foam Brushes**

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**Miniature Golf Fun**

**On Lemoyne Drive in front of the Water Tower**
Beach Erosion Update
—DI Foundation

The Gulf Coast Restoration Network and the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund recently published (April 15, 1996) a nationally distributed report entitled "COSTLY CORPS: How the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Spends Your Tax Dollars to Destroy America’s Natural Resources." With its overall focus on Corps projects within the greater Gulf Coast region, one chapter is devoted to Dauphin Island’s ongoing struggle with the Corps’ deep water disposal of sand dredged from the Mobile Ship Channel. The report is being used to educate federal and state legislators and agencies about current high costs—both in taxpayer dollars and environmental and economic impact—projects of the Corps. It contains recommendations to the Corps for improving its operations to allow for greater public input and a new environmental mission. Other recommendations are directed to Congress to change water resources laws that allow abuses to continue.

The Dauphin Island Foundation Position Statement on the U.S. Corps of Engineers Continued Dredging of the Mobile Harbor Navigation Channel, dated October 24, 1995, was cited as a reference in the report. The Foundation has offered its continued cooperation to the Gulf Coast Restoration Network and the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund in addressing the beach erosion issue on Dauphin Island.

Much of the momentum in keeping the topic in the forefront of the local news has been spearheaded by John Porter, Director of the Friends of the Audubon Bird Sanctuary of Dauphin Island.

DI Foundation Sponsors SeaSpan
—DI Foundation

Following consultation with local management officials of Mobil Exploration and Producing, Shell Exploration and Production, and Exxon Company USA, the Dauphin Island Foundation has requested their consideration of funding support for SeaSpan—a nonprofit, public access cable television channel and a low-power FM radio channel dedicated to the safety and community development of Dauphin Island. SeaSpan will provide service to the local community on a 24-hour basis. The programming goals consist of providing "real time" weather observations and radar; emergency warning and information; announcements of community events and activities; live coverage and video taped replays of events, meetings and activities; and occasional historical and informational productions. Once project funding is realized, acquisition of the equipment and organization of the staff to supervise the television channel will represent the first phase of the project.
**ISLAND NAMES THROUGH THE AGES**

Xamo (The White Island) was the first known name of Dauphin Island, a name given to the Island by the Indians who lived along the Gulf coast before Columbus’ time.

Dauphin Island has had at least four names in historic times: Xamo (Indian), Isla De Lobos (Spanish), Isle de Massacre and Isle Dauphine (French) which was changed later to Dauphin Island.


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**Popcorn Trees in the Swamp**

Popcorn Trees or Chinese Tallow trees are an exotic species not native to our part of the world. They are prized in many areas for their brilliant fall foliage. They spread by re-seeding from the popcorns and by root sprouting. The are also decidedly unhealthy for wetlands and swamps. The leaves and fruit that fall into the water are toxic to fish and invertebrates. They tend to take over large areas forcing out the native plants. They are taking over our Swamp, crowding out the Black Willows and other natives.

In order to counter this problem we had a popcorn-tree clearing party Saturday, March 9, 1996. We gathered our helpers together in the early morning armed with chain saws, brush cutters, axes etc. and cleared 1-2 acres surrounding the Overlook. John Dindo came from the Sea Lab with his tractor and chain saw, John Andrews from the Town of DJ came with the Town’s wood chipper, Mike Kahey and John Dismukes, Sanctuary neighbors on Audubon St., came with chain saw, David Porter worked with the Sanctuary’s new brush cutter, and Mike Henderson showed us all up with his bow saw! Following advice from the Alabama Forestry Commission we treated the stumps with defoliants the following week and again about three weeks later. We found out what we had missed when the Swamp greened out the next month.... we’ll get them next time.

**Vandalism in the Sanctuary**

Vandalism has long been a problem in the Sanctuary. Graffiti on the register and map signs are commonplace and destruction of the boxes for the register and brochures happens every six months or so. The situation improved significantly after the DI Police Dept. began locking the gate for us from sunset to sunrise. Recently, however, the problems have become very serious again. The Sea Lab has installed signs identifying the plants along the trails, thanks to a grant from Legacy. These signs were heavy enameled aluminum mounted on garden timbers and embedded in cement, designed to last a long time. They added greatly to the enjoyment of the Sanctuary. Although many of the signs were slightly charred by the fire, only one was lost. Sad to say, about half of the signs have been vandalized by a destructive few of our visitors. Some signs were ripped off of their base and thrown away, others pulled completely from the ground, even though they were embedded in cement.

In a determined effort to control this wanton destruction, the Board of the Friends of the Dauphin Island Audubon Sanctuary, Inc. has authorized a $500 reward for the arrest and conviction of any one vandalizing Sanctuary property.

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**Bird Boxes**

For projects already completed we hasten to thank Jamelle Ellington and the Cubs from Pack 5 at the First Methodist Church for their work in building and putting up some 25 birdboxes in the Sanctuary. We also want to recognize the work of Evan Bennett, who for his Eagle Scout public service project, took on the task of adding 25 more bird boxes to the Sanctuary along with 10 Wood Duck boxes and 10 Bat boxes. It will be next year before we see any residents in these new quarters but we are looking forward to success next Spring.
DAUPHIN ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

—DI Property Owners Association

The Dauphin Island Property Owners Association Scholarship Fund was begun by the Board of Directors in 1990, with the intent to fund the trust at the rate of $10,000 per year for five years so that when the total of $50,000 plus interest was attained, one per year college-bound student/child of a Dauphin Island property owner would be provided a $500 scholarship for the four years of college, making the total, when all four scholarships are in progress, $2,000 per year.

The $10,000 per year was funded by the Board of Directors for the first two years but has not been funded since because of lack of sufficient funds in the Association. The Trust Fund now has almost $24,000 including accumulated interest.

At the Board meeting April 1996, the Board reactivated the program, elected Billy Heath as Chairman and reaffirmed the other Trustees, Ouida Dobbs, Bobbie Meade and George Gunn, POA Treasurer, ex-officio, and charged them to define the program and its guidelines. The Board approved, in its June meeting, the recommendations of the Trustees including solicitation of tax deductible contributions until the Association is financially capable of restoring the funding originally planned. The program guidelines are as follows:

Scholarship Program
Dauphin Island Property Owners Association

This scholarship worth $500 per year for four successive years and funded by the Dauphin Island Property Owners Association Scholarship Trust Fund will be awarded each year to a high school student/child of a Dauphin Island property owner to be selected by the Scholarship Committee and nominated by the Trustees of the Scholarship Fund to the Board of Directors of the Dauphin Island Property Owners Association for confirmation.

The scholarship award must be used for tuition room and board, books and fees, in a four-year academic degree program which can be begun in either a 2-year or 4-year institution of higher learning located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi or Tennessee.

CRITERIA for application and selection will include a minimum 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale through the first three years of high school and test scores of 19 minimum on the American College Test (ACT) or the equivalent on the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT). Character, leadership and activities will also enter into and influence the selection.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: An official transcript reflecting the first three years of high school, ACT or SAT test report, and a minimum of three letters of recommendation, at least one of which must come from the school (principal, guidance counselor or teacher).

RETENTION REQUIREMENTS: The student must be enrolled full-time (minimum of 12 hours, either quarter or semester) and must continue for four successive years. If the student drops out of school the scholarship is lost.

DEADLINE for applying will be November 30, of the senior year of high school. Application forms may be obtained at the DIPOA office in the Isle Dauphine Club complex, 100 Orleans Drive, or by writing to DIPOA, P.O. Box 366, Dauphin Island, AL 36528.

THE AWARD WILL BE ANNOUNCED March 15 and the award check will be sent to the college chosen for the student to use as specified.

We now earnestly solicit your tax deductible contributions to support this program until the Association is financially capable of funding it. With the participation of all 2500 property owners, the program would be funded and possibly expanded in the future. Mail your check, in any amount you choose (there is no set maximum), to the DIPOA Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 366, Dauphin Island, AL 36528.

Isle Dauphine Golf Club
Hosts July 4 Tournament
—DI Property Owners Association

The Isle Dauphine Golf Club will host the July 4th "Stars & Stripes Forever" Charity Golf Tournament at 1:30 p.m. featuring a $50,000 Hole-in-One prize! (Hole #4-135 yards Par 3).

Shotgun start, 3-man scramble (bring your own team). Teams will be flighted after the round.

Entry fee at $100 per player includes beer, soft drinks and hot dogs on the course and a filet mignon dinner after the tournament. This year's beneficiary will be Wilmer Hall Children's Home. The tournament is sponsored by Island Realty Corporation Howard Yeager, Broker; and Bremac Investments, Stanley Breland and Charlie Maclay, Owners. Team prizes include three first place prizes of $500, three second place prizes of $350, three third place prizes of $200. Individual prizes include three closest to the pin on three Par 3's of $150, and longest drive (in the fairway) on Hole 6 and 10 of $150 each. Phone (334) 861-2433 or (334) 861-4563 for information.

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FORT GAINES GARRISON

—DI Park and Beach Board

Although I much enjoyed reading Jack Friend’s article on the Battle of Mobile Bay, I need to address the description of Fort Gaines’ activities during this conflict.

In great part due to the comments of Gen. R.L. Page of Fort Morgan, as well as the dramatic photos of destruction of Fort Morgan and the fact Fort Gaines did surrender first, many have questioned the honor and courage of Fort Gaines’ defenders. Page described this surrender as “disgraceful” and the actions of its commander, Col. Charles D. Anderson, as “shameful.” He also made similar charges against Fort Powell, the third Confederate fort defending the bay. In comparison, Page was widely praised for his statement prior to the battle that “he would hold Morgan to the last man.”

It is ironic that history has accepted Page’s point of view while ignoring the totally different opinion of Union Adm. David G. Farragut. For example, although August 5 is always given as the beginning of the Battle of Mobile Bay, the actual conflict began two days earlier when the Union army attached Fort Gaines. General Gordon Granger and 3,000 soldiers with artillery fought their way into cannon range and silenced many of Fort Gaines’ heavy weapons before Fort Morgan had the opportunity to fire a shot.

It is also important to understand that Fort Morgan was in a much stronger defensive position than Gaines. It had far more firepower and a better trained garrison, and its construction provided much better shelter than was available at Fort Gaines. In a desperate attempt to offset these disadvantages, Anderson requested all available manpower from Mobile. Their arrival doubled his normal garrison, but many were “soldier” in name only. For example, the Pelham Cadets were as young as 13 years old. These additional forces actually compounded his problems, because of his lack of protective shelter.

By the morning of August 6, the Union fleet had joined the U.S. Army in its attack on Fort Gaines. The few remaining outdated smooth-bore cannons were no match against the Union’s superior technology. Ironclads were able to fire point blank into the fort as the Confederates return fire bounced harmlessly off their sides. Simultaneously, the Union army was adding even heavier artillery with the capability of breaching the Fort’s massive exterior walls.

It is reported that Fort Gaines was down to one cannon in operation and faced 159 cannons of the 17 Union warships and Union army along with its 3,000 soldiers. Finally, on August 8, Fort Gaines surrendered.

As to the honor and courage of Anderson and his men, Farragut makes his opinion very clear in his official report on August 16, 1864: “Much indignation, I understand, was manifested by the garrison at Fort Morgan at the surrender of Fort Gaines by Colonel Anderson. I think the community will render a very different judgment when the facts are known. . . . Colonels A. Found himself in a small fortification, with a much larger garrison (many of them being boys) than could be sheltered from either the shot or shell of our ships or the guns of our army and perfectly untenable. . . . He therefore very wisely determined in order to save a wanton sacrifice of life, to capitulate. . . . and was supported by all his officers save one.”

“One on the other hand, General Page, commanding a first-rate work with a sufficient force to maintain it, well-armed and provisioned, and a garrison determined like himself to defend it to the last, quietly and tamely yielded after one day’s bombardment, that of the 22nd, and during which he never fired a gun.”

In regard to Anderson’s actions, Farragut concludes, “I cannot conceive that General P. And his officers are the proper persons to criticize him.”

With the 130th anniversary of the Battle of Mobile Bay approaching, it’s past time the public realized Anderson, the 21st Alabama and others did their best in a hopeless situation. As to Page’s statements, they should be put into the context of the heat of the battle and the South’s growing desperation during this period. Deeds speak louder than words, and all participants in this conflict proved they would give their lives for victory, but in suicide there is no honor.

This article is reprinted from an essay submitted to The Mobile Press Register by Michael H. Henderson, Executive Director of the Dauphin Island Park and Beach Board.

Dauphin Island 
Street Names

In the early 1950’s a “Committee on Nomenclature” selected names which were significant in the long, romantic and colorful history of the Island. A few examples:

Aubudon Street - named for the artist John James Audubon, who is said to have painted the hummingbird in his famous Birds of America while visiting the Mobile area.

Bivouac Boulevard - named for Jean Baptiste LeMoyné, Sieur de Bivouac, the founder of Mobile, who spent much of his time at his Dauphin headquarters, Dauphin Island being the port of entry from France to the New World. Bivouac is said to have had extraordinary charm and real genius for diplomatic relations with the Indian nations.

Cadillac Avenue - named for Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, appointed by the French government to succeed Bivouac as the second Governor of Louisiana [for which Dauphin Island was the capital].

Pelican Street - named for both the great fishing bird of the Gulf area and for the ship “Pelican” which brought 23 carefully selected young ladies to Mobile to marry men in the colony who had no homes of their own.

Iberville Drive - named for Pierre LeMoyné, Sieur d’Iberville, chosen by the French king to carry out LaSalle’s dream of establishing a French colony on the Gulf coast. He persuaded the French king to let him establish his colony on Mobile Bay at Isle Dauphine and on Mobile River at Twenty-seven Mile Bluff. As French commander for the New World, he sent his young, 21-year-old brother, Bivouac, to establish the Fort at Mobile and the base at Dauphine Island.

The above information is derived from “History of Dauphin Island” published by Mobile Chamber of Commerce and the Dauphin Island Land Sales Corporation in the 1950’s.

June 21, 1996

DI Property Owners Association
A Message from the President

On May 11, 1996, four newly elected Board members, Anita Dixon, Mac Greer, Judge Dominick Matranga and Mike McHugh joined Board members, Bob Campbell, Jeff Caldwell, Patsy Cope, Billy Heath and Jim Robertson to constitute the Board of nine Directors of the DIPOA for the 1996-1997 year. The Board will continue to promote the development and betterment of Dauphin Island in the public interest and to apply its net assets to that end without pecuniary profit to the members of the Association. We welcome the new Board members and thank the outgoing Board members for their service and dedication to the Association. The newly constituted Board will continue its responsibilities in formulating rules and regulations for the use of our properties and perpetuate the standard and tone of our community. We look forward to the challenges ahead of us. The members can be assured that the Board of Directors will be actively involved in protecting the Association’s interest during the growth, progress and preservation of Dauphin Island.

Sincerely,

BOB CAMPBELL
President, Dauphin Island Property Owners Association

Summer 1996
BOATING FACTS

A saltwater fishing license is required for all persons fishing in saltwater areas of Alabama. Residents and nonresidents under the age of 16 are exempt. Residents age 65 and over are exempt. Residents may fish from a licensed public fishing pier or licensed charter boat in the inside waters without purchasing a fishing license.

Alabama registers all mechanically propelled vessels, sailboats, and boats for hire. Vessels documented with the U.S. Coast Guard as commercial are not required to be registered with the state. Vessels documented as pleasure are required to register; however, they do not have to display the Alabama registration number on the bow. The current year decal should be placed in a conspicuous location on the vessel and the certificate shall be on board when in operation.

The Roberson/Archer Act of 1994 requires that every person 12 years of age or over who operates a motorized vessel on the waters of this state, shall obtain a boaters safety certification on or before April 28, 1999. Responsible boaters should check details and exemptions.

CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS PROVE POPULAR

—Dauphin Island Park & Beach Board

Fort Gaines Campground continues to improve in popularity as improvements are made in available facilities. For example, we are near-ing completion of a new wheelchair accessible boardwalk through the dune system to Gulf beaches. Not only will it benefit our campers, it also forms the western boundary of the Audubon Bird Sanctuary trail system. Once this project is completed, we will begin construction of a $3,000 child’s play center to complement other facilities in the playground. Recent improvements to the campground’s group pavilion have paid off with increased usage including this summer’s Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Dauphin Island Baptist Church.

Finally, we are pleased to announce plans to develop two additional water front parks for the public on the island’s north side. Thanks to matching grants administered by ADECA, we will be able to provide scenic locations for picnics, fishing and boating activities. Details will be provided in the next issue.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

—DI Fire and Rescue

July 4th comes with many people shooting fireworks all over the Island. Before you, or anyone you may be with, shoots these fireworks some safety precautions should be taken.

1. Do not allow children to shoot fireworks unsupervised.
2. Have a means (water hose, fire extinguisher) to put small fires out.
3. Never shoot fireworks towards anyone or any structure.
4. When shooting over open water, make sure fireworks will not land on any boats or other vehicles and structures.

5. BE SAFE AND COURTEOUS OF OTHERS.

Last year we responded to 3 grass fires related to fireworks, one of which came very close to a home. Be careful especially if the weather should become extremely dry near the 4th.

The Dauphin Island Fire and Rescue stand ready to serve the residents and visitors of our Island. We want everyone to have a safe and happy 4th of July. If you need our help, the phone numbers are:

Fire/Rescue 861-3422
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February Brush Fire
On Sunday afternoon, February 18, late in the afternoon, a flash fire broke out in the dunes just east of the boardwalk over to the beach. A stiff onshore breeze quickly spread the fire into the pine forest over the dunes to the north, where it rapidly became a serious threat since the woods were very dry. The Dauphin Island Fire Rescue Squad was on the scene quickly. Organizing and following an incident command system they successfully fought the blaze. The Forestry Commission sent a dozer and operator who cut a fire break around the fire. Alabama Port and Fowl River VFD also sent help. What could have been a major fire was contained to some 20-25 acres, from the lake westwards several hundred yards, mostly south of the fire break leading to Audubon Street. This fire dramatically demonstrated the need for controlled burns to reduce the risk of future wildfires. It was readily recognized by all concerned that had this fire started in the middle of the night, perhaps from a lightning strike, the outcome might have been much more devastating. We are planning with the DI Fire Rescue Squad and the Forestry Commission to do some controlled burning next winter when conditions are more suitable. We will give more details on this next fall.

As for the burned portion of the sanctuary, there was little long term damage. Indeed, the heavy under-story was well cleared out allowing more light in for the remaining trees. Some of the smaller pines that were crowding the oaks and magnolias, were killed and will be cleared out. These hardwoods attract far more insects than do pine trees so they provide much better feeding for the migrating birds in spring and fall. Our Master Plan calls for the creation of additional openings around the oaks and magnolias to give them more space and some of the fire clearing will give us a headstart on this project.

Two days after the fire the charred remains were covered with spider webs! The brilliant red and black of a Scarlet Tanager in the burned brush was a dramatic sight during spring migration!

We would like to again express our great appreciation to the DI Fire Rescue Squad for their dedication and skill in serving our community.

DAUPHIN ISLAND JOINS THE WORLD WIDE WEB
—Town of Dauphin Island

The Town of Dauphin Island now has “a window to the world”:
http://www.maf.mobile.al.us/~ditown
That is where you will find our home page on the Mobile Area Free Net.
And you may now pull us up at http://www.hometeam.com. You may find us via various search engines, such as Yahoo, by using such search words as town, dauphin, vacation, island, and other island oriented key words.

It all began when Jimmie Morris requested Free Net Director, Geoff Peacock, to meet with him and Billy Dunn to establish our place in computer world communications.

Geoff’s generous time, and subsequent work by Billy and Jimmie can now be evident on your computer screen.

Dunn has given many hours to this project, including developing graphics with the cooperation of W.G. Rhinehart, who allowed use of his electronic camera.

With more categories in construction, the current articles in the web page are: town profile including population statistics, utilities and services, groups and societies, Island churches educational services, distances from other cities.

Other pages include tourist attractions: Sea Lab, Fort Gaines, Indian Mounds, Little Red School House, Island Cruises, Deep Sea Fishing Charters, DI Ferry and the Audubon Bird Sanctuary.
Dauphin Island Community Schedule of Events

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Dauphin Island Town Council
1st and 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Town Hall, 861-5525

DI Planning Commission
2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Town Hall, 861-5525

DI Municipal Court Sessions
1st (Arraignment), 2nd and 3rd (Trials) Mondays, 6 p.m., Town Hall, 861-2525

Dauphin Island Women’s Club
4th Thursday, 11 a.m., 861-8303

DI Chamber of Commerce
3rd Thursday, 7 p.m., 861-5524

DI Park and Beach Board Meetings
3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., 861-3607

DI Property Owner’s Association
3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., 861-4228

Baptist Church, 11 a.m.

St. Francis Episcopal, 10:30 a.m.

St. Edmund Catholic, 8:30 a.m.

June
June 20-July 10, Class C Fireworks Firing Days on Island

July
July 2, Tuesday, Qualification for Town Council Election Begins*

July 4, Thursday, Stars and Stripes Forever Fireworks Display, launched from the Beach of the Isle Dauphine Club, 861-5524

July 4, Thursday, Stars and Stripes Forever Golf Tournament, 861-5524

July 13, Saturday, Young Angler’s Fishing Tournament, 471-0025

July 16, Tuesday, Last day to qualify for Town Council Election*

July 19-20, Friday-Sunday, Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, 471-0025

August
August 10-11, Saturday-Sunday, 11th Annual “Damn The Torpedoes” Battle of Mobile Bay Activities-Fort Gaines, 861-6992

August 25-26, Charles E. Willamore Memorial King Mackerel Shoot-out, 342-5895

August 27, Tuesday, Election Day. Poll hours 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.*

September
Labor Day Weekend, Sertoma’s 17th Annual Greater Gulf Coast Family Fishing Rodeo

September 1, Sunday, Sand Dunes Golf Tournament II, Sponsored by the Dauphin Island Chamber of Commerce, 861-2433 or 861-8900

September 2, Monday, Labor Day

September 17, Tuesday, Run-off Election Day*

September 21, Saturday, Alabama Coastal Cleanup Day, Alma Wagner, 861-7521

October
October 18-20, 3rd Annual Colonial Isle Dauphine, Fort Gaines, 861-6992

October 31, Thursday, All Hallowed Eve's Club Horror Trail and Casper’s Trail - Cadillac Square and Hoile’s Home. Dusk. 861-2509

November
November 16, Saturday, 12th Annual Renaissance Festival/Gatalop, Fort Gaines, 861-6992

November 27, Wednesday, Combined Churches Thanksgiving Service

November 28, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day

December
December 7-8, Saturday-Sunday, 12th Annual Christmas at the Fort

TBA - Selection of Miss Dauphin Island, 861-5524

TBA - Santa Claus Parade, 861-5524

TBA - Light Up Dauphin Island

TBA - Christmas on Dauphin Island Boat Parade

TBA - Mobile Sunrise Rotary Tarpon Fishing Tournament

TBA - Conde Cavalier’s Mardi Gras Fishing Rodeo

TBA - Christmas on the Island Tour of Homes

December 25, Wednesday, Christmas Day

December 31, Tuesday, New Year’s Eve

January 1997

January 1, New Year’s Day

January 11, Saturday, Krewe de la Dauphine Parade and Ball

January 18, Island Mystics Parade and Ball

*Election dates are provided as a service. Use is at the sole risk candidates and officials for it is their responsibility to verify dates of this publication.

To be included in updated schedules of events, or to make changes to the calendar, call Jimmie Morris, 861-5524.