

City of Fairhope Adult Recreation Center

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Mardi Gras in Fairhope

Fairhope's Mardi Gras season kicks off on Saturday,

February 18, with not one but two parades. First, grab a leash for the Mystic Mutts of Revelry,

Phone Numbers

[City of Fairhope](#)

928-2136

James P. Nix Center

928-2835

Police Department

928-2385

Public Works/Utilities

928-8003

Recreation/Pool

990-0175

Quail Creek Golf Course

990-0240

Baldwin County  
Courthouse/BRATS

928-3002

To report Medicare Fraud

1-800-AGELINE

Sponsors

Phone Numbers

[Atlantes Financial  
Advisors Corp.](#)

928-1616

[Covenant Care](#)  
626-5255

[Hartmann, Blackmon &  
Kilgore](#)  
928-2443

[Homestead Village](#)  
929-0250

[Kindred at Home](#)  
621-0882

Fairhope's only walking parade. Now in its 14th year, this parade is the main annual fundraising activity for Fairhope's no-kill animal shelter, The Haven, and features, what else? Dogs! To learn more and to register for the parade, visit [www.havenforanimals.org](http://www.havenforanimals.org). Registration will also be available the day of the parade at the community park, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Mardi Gras really gets rolling that evening (Saturday, February 18) with the Knights of Ecor Rouge. According to a masked spokesman, the theme for their 33rd annual parade is "Riding with the Knights," and the floats will feature famous "rides," including the Bat Mobile, Back to the Future's DeLorean, Rosco P. Coltrane's patrol car, KITT, the A-Team van, Scooby Doo's Mystery Machine, Ghostbuster's Ecto-1, and Smokey & the Bandit's Ban One. In addition to the themed floats, KOER parades include crowd favorites of the gator Daphne, a Bayboat, the Pelican, and the emblem float.

The Maids of Jubilee are taking Fairhope "On the Wild Side" this year for their parade on Friday, February 24. The ladies will be riding on floats depicting various jungle animals, including zebras, cheetahs, flamingos, peacocks, giraffes, iguanas, and tigers. Permanent MOJ floats to watch for are

Jubilee, Mystical Mermaids, and a float introduced last year, the Clam Shell. "This honors those who have been affected by breast cancer," the MOJ masker said. "The rider is costumed as a live mermaid, which is fun!"

Last, but far from least for Fairhope's season, the ladies of OOMM, the Order of Mystic Magnolias, bring their brand of fun to the streets on Monday,

[Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home](#)  
990-7775

[Country Place Living](#)  
929-3627

[The Gardens of Daphne](#)  
625-0802

[The Blake at Malbis](#)  
625-6400

### NIX CENTER BALLROOM DANCE

Dances are held the 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month at the

Nix Center from

**7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

Costs: \$5.00 **Members**

\$9.00 **Guests**

### February 9

Two of Hearts

Sponsor: **Synergy Home Care**

### February 23

Exit 105

Theme: Mardi Gras/Masked Ball

Sponsor: **The Brennity at Daphne**

**Split the pot drawing held at every dance!**

February 27, with "Hometown Throw Down," featuring all things Baldwin County. Along with OOMM's popular marshals on horseback (14 of them!), the parade will feature floats that should look familiar to locals, such as First Friday, Festival and Ferris Wheels, John Deer Green, Down on the Delta, Fairhope Float, Maiden Voyage/Boat Float, Salt Life, Polo and Pearls, and of course-Mardi Gras! Numerous high school and other bands will provide lively tunes to keep everyone dancing in the streets.

All the evening parades start at the corner of Oak and north Section Street at 6:45 pm and follow a loop through downtown, returning to the Civic Center. If you want to see the floats up close before things get wild and crazy in the parade, come early. You can stroll among the floats and take up-close photos in the staging area along Oak and Church streets, next to the Fairhope Municipal Complex.

### Fairhope Arbor Day

Fairhope's Arbor Day comes a little early this year. "The actual date coincides with Mardi Gras, so we moved our celebration to Saturday, **February 11**, to make it easier for people to do everything in Fairhope this busy month," said Jennifer Fidler, Director of Public Works for the City of Fairhope. The event takes place starting at 10am on the Fairhope Faulkner campus. Along with the always-popular distribution of tree seedlings, the day will honor new "treasured tree" award recipients and recognize the 5th grade poster contest winners from Fairhope Elementary and J. Larry Newton. "Also, we plan to raffle off a few fruit trees, and we expect to have commercial tree vendors there to answer the public's questions

**Thanks to our  
dance helpers Betty  
Deese, Marie  
Weatherly, Bonnie  
Matchey, Jerry  
Bergman, Frankie  
Hyde &  
Louise Eckman .**

### ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

#### **Community Blood Drive**

Friday, February 10  
from 7 a.m. to 3  
p.m. at the City of  
Fairhope

Public Utilities  
Warehouse on  
South Section  
Street.

#### **Champagne and Chocolate**

Fairhope Public  
Library fundraiser  
on February 11 at  
6:30 p.m. at the  
Library. For more  
information, call  
251-928-7483.

### JAMES P. NIX SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

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One Bayou Drive  
Fairhope, Alabama 36532  
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about trees," Fidler said, adding that the vendors provide drinks and snacks and often hold a giveaway. "New this year, we hope to have a 'blessing of the trees,' which will be a nice addition, and, as before, there will be music from the Fairhope High School Jazz Band. The tree seedling giveaway follows the main program and lasts for about 30 minutes or until supplies are exhausted. This year the list of trees includes: American hornbeam, eastern mayhaw, sassafras, southern red cedar, longleaf pine, flatwoods plum, Nuttall oak, green ash, Dahoon holly, white oak, and bald cypress. For questions, call 251-929-1466.

## AARP Safe Driver Course

AARP will host a Driver Safety Class on Friday,

**February 3** from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Homestead Village in Fairhope. Participation is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Most states offer a discount on your car insurance with a certificate from this class. The class will break for lunch at noon. You may purchase a lunch from Homestead Village for \$8.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **February 1- BIRTHDAY BASH; 12:00 p.m. (NEW TIME)**

Celebrate your Birthday with the Nix Center.

Enjoy Birthday Cake, Ice Cream, Games and Prizes!! Bring a friend to celebrate with you!

**Sponsored by: Atlantes Financial Advisors,**

**The Blake at Malbis,**

**& Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home**

### Hours

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Monday-Friday

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**February 6 - POTLUCK LUNCH; noon**

Join us for our monthly Potluck Lunch! Main entree will be lasagna with bread sticks. Cost is \$1. Please bring a dish that serves at least 8 people.

Sponsored By: Community Hospice

**February 8- TO YOUR HEALTH; 10 a.m.**

Topic: What is Hospice?

Presented By: Christy Holifield, Community Hospice

**February 9 - TEA TIME; 2 p.m.**

Topic: Preserving Our Memories --The Fairhope Single Achives Project & Creative Ways to Share Your History

Speaker: Dr. Savan Wilson & Laura Ehlert

**February 14- COFFEE WITH A COP; 9 a.m.**

Enjoy coffee and donuts with Chief Joe Petties as he discusses local scams and fraud you need to be aware of. **Open to the public.**

**February 16- ICE CREAM SOCIAL; 2 p.m.**

Join us for Ice Cream, friends and door prizes!

Sponsored by:

**The Gardens of Daphne & PNC Bank**

**February 15 - LUNCH & LEARN; 11 a.m.**

Topic: The Benefits of Yoga and Pilates for Seniors

Speaker: Lindsey Rainey, founder of CORE Studios in Daphne

Sponsor: Country Place Senior Living

**February 22 - BINGO; 1 p.m.**

Play 10 games of Bingo at the Nix Center!! Cost is \$1 for 3 cards. Refreshments served and prizes after each game!

Sponsored By: **Kindred At Home**

**February 24 - FINANCIAL FRIDAY; 10 a.m.**

Topic: Current Market Conditions

Speaker: Chase Smith

## DAILY DONATIONS

Just a reminder to please donate to our refreshments fund when you are enjoying the coffee, cookies and many other refreshments we serve around the center. These donations are what we use to purchase the snacks and coffee you are served at the center everyday. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Nix Center and our programs.

## Lunch & Learn

The Nix Center and Country Place Senior Living will host a "Lunch & Learn", featuring a different speaker or demonstration each month. Lunch will be \$2 per person and will include your main entrée, drink and dessert. Please sign up in advance and pay at the door. This month's Lunch & Learn will be on **Wednesday, February 15 at 11:00 a.m.** Lunch diners will learn about The Benefits of Yoga and Pilates for Seniors from Lindsey Rainey, founder of CORE Studios in Daphne. You may "brown bag" your lunch and receive a drink and dessert for no additional charge. Please register in advance with the Nix Center front desk.

## Ecumenical Ministries Chili Cook-Off

The 17th Annual EMI Chili for Charity event will be held at Oak Hollow Farm in Fairhope on **Saturday, February 25**. Attendees will be able to sample some of the best chili that Baldwin County has to offer, hear live music by several choirs and bands, ride a mechanical bull, see antique displays and more! There will also be inflatables for the kids to enjoy as well as a Bake Sale! This afternoon of family-friendly fun

starts at 11:30 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 for adults in advance, \$15 at the gate. Children 12 and under are free. For more information, call 251-928-3430. To purchase tickets in advance,

visit [www.baldwinemi.org](http://www.baldwinemi.org).

## St. James Concert Series

The next installment of the St. James Concert Series will be on **Sunday, February 12** at 4 p.m. with a performance by The Archduke Trio. First performing together in 2006, Enen Yu (violin), Guo-Sheng Huang (cello), and Robert Holm (piano), perform chamber works from the 18th through 21st centuries. The trio gets its name from Beethoven's "Archduke" Trio, which was the featured selection of the group's 2012 Concert Series performance. Enen is co-concertmaster of the Mobile Symphony Orchestra, concertmaster of the Mobile Opera

Orchestra, Guest Concertmaster of Pensacola Symphony Orchestra and director of Strings Studies at the University of Mobile. Guo-Sheng Huang is principal cellist of the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra in Biloxi and plays in the Mobile Symphony. Huang is also the director of the Mobile Symphony Chamber Music Festival. Robert Holm is Professor of Music and head of the piano division at the University of South Alabama and principal pianist for the Mobile Symphony. The concert series is made possible by the Helen Norman Williams Endowment. You can help St. James expand the series by a tax deductible contribution. For more information, call 251-928-2912.

## ESILL Spring Schedule

The Eastern Shore Institute for Lifelong

Learning will begin their Spring semester  
On **Monday, March 6**. ESILL courses in  
Art and Photography, History and Current  
Events, Language and the Written Word,  
Religion and Philosophy, Mind and Body, Needle  
Arts, Cooking, Hobbies, Travel, Music and  
More! For more information and to view a sample  
catalogue, go to [www.ESILL.org](http://www.ESILL.org). You can also  
"Like and Follow" ESILL on Facebook. The new  
schedule will be available at the Nix Center in the  
first week of February.

## Kindred At Home: Grief Support Seminar

Grief Support is the process of healing from the pain of loss. When you permit yourself to experience the full range of emotions surrounding your loss, you may rediscover important parts of yourself and experience a high degree of personal growth. When through inner struggle you successfully accomplish your grief work, you may experience a sense of completeness. The sadness may never disappear, but it tends to become integrated into your ongoing sense of identity. The strange sensations and physical reactions gradually disappear, the feeling of being an "outsider" vanishes, energy returns and you may rejoin the world, recommitted to life and glad to be alive. Join us for a 6 week journey through the grief process beginning **Wednesday, March 15th at 2:00**.

## AARP Tax Prep Starts February 1!

Free tax assistance with AARP will start  
Wednesday, **February 1** and run through



Wednesday, **April 12**, 2017. Tax assistance will be held at the Nix Center on Monday and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Assistance is available on a first come, first served basis. Please bring all important documents. Assistance will also be offered in Daphne on Tuesday and in Spanish Fort on Thursdays from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. at their senior centers. Assistance at Daphne is on a first come, first served basis but Spanish Fort requires an appointment. This service is open to the public of any age and any income level.

### Baldwin Pops February Concerts

February 2, 2017-Fairhope Civic Center-  
Classical Concert at 7 p.m.

February 7, 2017-Orange Beach Event Center-  
Concert at 7 p.m.

For more info, visit [www.baldwinpopsband.com](http://www.baldwinpopsband.com)

### USA Mitchell Cancer Institute Community Lunch & Learn

The USA Mitchell Cancer Institute will offer a free lunch and learn on Tuesday, **February 14** from 12-1:30 p.m. in the Nix Center ballroom. The topic will be "Eating Right for the Cancer Fight", presented by Nancy Brumfield, RDN. This free event is open to the public; please adults only. To RSVP for the lunch and learn, call 251-990-1853.

### Free Farmer's Market Vouchers

The State of Alabama's Farmer's Market Authority is once again offering FREE market vouchers. Vouchers are available to seniors over the age of 60 who meet the income requirement. Vouchers are given on a first come, first served basis.

To apply for a voucher, visit [www.fma.alabama.gov](http://www.fma.alabama.gov) or call 1-251-706-4680 for more information. If you need assistance applying online, please see Sarah Smith at the Nix Center front desk. The Fairhope Farmer's Market will be on Thursday's this Summer. The market is from 3-6 p.m. behind the Fairhope Public Library.

**JAMES P. NIX CENTER  
DAILY ACTIVITIES  
FOR FEBRUARY**

**MONDAY**

- 8:00-4:00 Pool for men & women
- 9:00 Tone & Stretch with Joni
- 12:00 **POTLUCK LUNCH (FEBRUARY 6)**  
Main Entree: Lasagna with bread sticks  
Sponsor: **Community Hospice**
- 12:30-4:00 Eastern Shore Duplicate Bridge Club  
\$2.00 per game. For more information, call Art Meyers at 626-5109.  
[www.eastenshorebridgeclub.com](http://www.eastenshorebridgeclub.com)
- 1:00-4:00 Open Cards, Mahjong, Canasta
- 1:30-4:00 Hand, Foot & Knee

**TUESDAY**

- 8:00-9:00 Helen McKee Senior Stretch Class
- 8:00-4:00 Pool/Billiards for men & women

8:00 **Nix Center Golf Mixed Scramble at Quail Creek**  
Reservations required, fee to play is required.

If you would like to play, call Bob Mull at 990-9958.

9:00 **COFFEE WITH A COP (FEBRUARY 14)**

9:00 FREE Blood Pressure Screening with

**Aseracare Hospice (FEBRUARY 21)**

9:00-10:00 Low Impact Aerobic Class with Joni

9:00-12:00 Jam N' Folks Music Group

11:00 **TUESDAY MOVIE (FEBRUARY 21)**

Ride the Nix Center bus to the movie theatre in

Daphne. Space is limited to 11 people. Participants are responsible for admission fee to movie and refreshments. Pre-registration is required.

12:30-4:00 Open Cards, Hand & Foot, Party Bridge,  
Scrabble, Cribbage, etc.

(Must bring your own foursome)

12:30 299 Duplicate Bridge

For more information, contact Janet Anderson  
at 251-990-5114.

### **WEDNESDAY**

8:00-4:00 Pool/Billiards for men & women

9:00-10:00 **LINE DANCING** with Donna! No Reservation  
required; \$5 fee is required. For questions,  
call Donna Snedecker at 251-989-2570

9:30-11:30 **"Arts & Crafts & Chat"**

Bring your own craft or hobby and socialize while  
you do your own project. You do not have to bring  
a project- just come & chat!

10:00 **TO YOUR HEALTH (FEBRUARY 8)**

Topic: What is Hospice?

Speaker: Christy Holifield, Community Hospice

10:30 **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BASH (FEBRUARY 1)**

**Sponsored By: Atlantes Financial Advisors, The  
Blake at Malbis and Wolfe-Bayview Funeral  
Home**

10:45 **LUNCH TRIP ON THE BUS (FEBRUARY 8)**

Ride the Nix Center bus to Lunch on the Eastern



**NIX CENTER BALLROOM DANCES**

**(FEBRUARY 9 AND FEBRUARY 23)**

**FRIDAY**

8:00-4:00 Pool/Billiards for men & women

9:00-10:00 **GOLD ZUMBA** with Joni **(FEBRUARY 3, 10, 17 & 24)**

**10:00 FINANCIAL FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 24)**

Topic: Current Market Conditions

Speaker: Chase Smith

12:30 Eastern Shore Duplicate Bridge Club \$2 per game.

For information, call Art Meyers at 626-  
5109. [www.easternshorebridgeclub.com](http://www.easternshorebridgeclub.com)

12:30 Open Cards

12:30-4:00 Mexican Dominos

## Happy Birthday February Babies



**FEBRUARY 1:** Alison Nelson, Dona Cooksey, Dorothy Suk, Jack Nanda, Susan Whatley  
**FEBRUARY 2:** Christine Carminati, Jimmie Weems, Joanne Lucey, Paula Wilson  
**FEBRUARY 3:** Ann Rinker, Judy Macoit, Michael Houston  
**FEBRUARY 4:** Clint Lambe, Dick Dees, Donald Brown, Janice Kidd  
**FEBRUARY 5:** Dave Jamieson, Malcolm Steeves  
**FEBRUARY 6:** Carla Pierce, Edwin Diman, Jane O'Neil, Joyce Vath  
**FEBRUARY 7:** Ella Kent, Jo Ann Croker, Mary Love, Phoebe Jackson, Sam Noble  
**FEBRUARY 8:** Joan Roberts, Mary Ann Dotson, Rebecca Ruhland  
**FEBRUARY 9:** C. Y. Fitzpatrick, Joanne Hails, John Stauffer  
**FEBRUARY 10:** Jonathan Leff, Lynn Cummings, Marguerite Lee, Sue Dees  
**FEBRUARY 11:** Cokie Gillespie, Elizabeth Brinkley, Maureen Ralston  
**FEBRUARY 12:** Diane Suda, Donald Woodard, James Devine, Paul Petrick, Randy Bridges  
**FEBRUARY 13:** Arlene DiPietro, Brenda Earp, CJ Weinstein, Sandra Beckham  
**FEBRUARY 14:** Betty Johnson, Evelyn Meyers, Lynn Saye, Rhonda Jones, Sandy Mead  
**FEBRUARY 15:** Frank Potter, Martha Simons, Tilo Haas  
**FEBRUARY 16:** Diana Justis, Marianne Devine  
**FEBRUARY 17:** Judy Boucher, Margaret Owen, Suzanne Pell  
**FEBRUARY 18:** Gail Diederich, Larry Hipsh  
**FEBRUARY 19:** Audry Mascharka, Judi Sheputis, Mike Kinsaul, William Isbell, William Meck  
**FEBRUARY 20:** Betty Miller, Bonnie Matchey, Carol Cary, Donald Spillman, Evonne Goram, Horace Turner, Karen Brown, Susan Bryza  
**FEBRUARY 21:** Carolyn Hare, Donald Macoit, Frank Ruotolo, Ginger MacMicking, Jim Gilbert  
**FEBRUARY 22:** Beth Beck, Jan Hill  
**FEBRUARY 23:** Gisela Kynast  
**FEBRUARY 24:** Betty Deese  
**FEBRUARY 25:** Arlene Harmand, Henry Postma, Madie Ewing, Marie Kinsaul  
**FEBRUARY 26:** Ann Adams, Trudi Hume, Linda Noble, Susan Rossburg  
**FEBRUARY 27:** Victor Koch  
**FEBRUARY 28:** Ann Turner, Mary Ann Mull, Richard Lyon  
**FEBRUARY 29:** Rhoda Herzog