

FAIRHOPE *City Sketches*

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Fairhope Welcomes New Chief of Police

Fairhope's Mayor and Council Members agree: The selection of Joe Petties as Fairhope's Chief of Police is helping to return a sense of trust and cooperation to the police department. "Joe was my top choice for the position based on his police experience and stated goals for the department and the fact that he's a fine, honorable man. I've known him since we both worked for public works some 30 years ago. I could not be happier with the Council's choice." said Mayor Kant.

Petties' leaderships ushers in not so much a new day but a return to the days when the Fairhope Police could do their job without so much negative attention, said Council Member Diana Brewer. "I think until recent years, most people in Fairhope did not give much thought to who the Police Chief was and whether he was doing a good job. While public safety and police protection are vital to a thriving, desirable community, these things should happen quietly and without great attention. I think Chief Petties is exactly the right person to get us back to that."

Council Member Jack Burrell says Joe Petties leads by example. "He is a man of utmost integrity, and his thoughts on community policing are in line with the desires of the people of Fairhope. As a Council, we want the police department to stay well-trained, well-educated, and well-supported by the community; these are the Chief's goals too. He also wants to mentor the next generation of police department leadership, and it's always important to look toward the future and not just focus on today."

For his part, Chief Petties says this is not a future he could have envisioned when he was a little boy who would walk into downtown Fairhope to visit with his grandmother who worked at a dry cleaners. But over the past 12 years, as he rose through the ranks to become Fairhope's top cop, he did sometimes



think about the role of Chief.

"There's a Bible verse that says, 'make your requests known to the Lord,' and about four years ago, I wrote in my Bible that I wanted one day to be Chief of Police," he says. "I didn't really think about it until recently, when I was named Interim Chief. At that point, I had worked for the city for 30 years; I was eligible to retire. My wife and I love to travel, and I thought maybe it was time. But a part of me also felt that I needed to apply for the position and just trust in the Lord. If I didn't get it, then it wasn't what the Lord had in mind for me. If I did get it, it meant I was the right person for the job."

Petties first went to work for the City in 1982, taking a job in public works, but says he wanted to do more than that. "I started volunteering as a reserve police officer and liked the work. I was fortunate to attend the Southwest Alabama Police Academy, and when a patrol officer position came open in 1991, I applied and was accepted."

Petties was promoted to Sargent in 2002, Lieutenant in 2007, and Captain in 2010. For the Chief position, he won out over an initial field of 60 applicants.

"There were many good candidates, and I could have worked under another Chief had that been the Council's decision. I think what made the difference is the way I see this job. It's not about me. My role is about doing what's best for the men and women in the department and for the citizens of Fairhope. I want to see a good relationship among the police, the public, and elected officials.

One way to improve relations between the police and the public is to put more officers on the street to increase visibility, Petties says. "Residents of all ages, shop owners, and visitors need to know the police and be comfortable seeing them and talking with

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Quality of Life Award



In a town known for interesting people, **Donnie Barrett, Director of the Fairhope Museum of History** and this year's recipient of the Fairhope First Quality of Life Award, certainly ranks high among the most interesting.

"Donnie is quite the fellow; he has many talents," said Councilman Mike Ford, a longtime supporter of the city's history museum. "We were blessed when we found him to help with the history museum, first as a volunteer for many years and now as director. He's very talented and has a great interest in and knowledge of history. I don't think we could find anyone better for the job."

A Fairhope native, Barrett graduated from Fairhope High School, attended Auburn University, and graduated from the University of South Alabama with a degree in history. Although he has held a variety of jobs and worked in many volunteer positions over the years, his interest in history has always been at the forefront.



In the mid 1970s, a national tour of exhibits of artifacts from King Tut's tomb set off a frenzy of interest in ancient Egypt across the country, and Fairhope was no exception. Like many, Barrett was fascinated at that time with the history and culture of ancient Egypt, and he created many Egyptian-style sculptures and paintings in our area, including a large mural that he painted on the side of Fairhope Hardware.

Barrett's historical interests a little closer to home led to his work with the band of Civil War re-enactors in Mobile from 1984 to 2000; he also helped establish many of the historical reenactments in our area, including those at Historic Blakeley State Park,

Fort Mims, and Fort Morgan. He was active as an historic preservationist, serving for years on Baldwin County's Archaeological Committee: many historic Indian Mounds and other features are intact today due to his efforts. Barrett is solely credited with saving the original Spanish Fort site and securing grants for archeological digs there.

Barrett's first experience with a museum was in helping design and build the museum at Fort Gaines on Dauphin Island in 1985 (and helping rebuild it in 1987 after Hurricane Elena).

In 1995, he joined the Fairhope Historical Museum and helped build the first exhibit (along with many subsequent exhibits) in the museum's original site in the Bell Building on the Faulkner campus, part of the old campus for the Marietta Johnson School of Organic Education. In 2007, when the renamed Fairhope Museum of History moved to its new location on north Section Street, Barrett was named director. He also serves as curator and exhibit designer.

"When we first established the old museum, we were just kind of getting by, and when Donnie came along, it really got going," Ford said. "He was there when we needed help, and I'm so glad that we were able to offer him the job as director when we opened the new museum. I think it's a job he was born to do."

Barrett and his wife, Lottie, live on a farm south of Fairhope where they collect exotic fowl and aquatic plants and grow tea. Barrett's Fairhope Tea Plantation has over 40,000 tea bushes and is the second largest tea producing farm in the United States.

Chief of Police. continued..

them. Police shouldn't be someone you see or talk to only when something bad happens. Our officers agree: They know that ultimately, it makes their job easier. They're willing to walk the streets, talk to clubs, organizations, and at schools, maybe even play some pickup basketball games. First impressions mean a lot. If teens get to know police officers as someone they can trust, that can make a big difference down the road."

Another more immediate goal is to reinstitute gun safety clinics for the public. "A lot of people are buying guns these days, and if they are going to have a gun, they need to know how to properly use it and how to keep it safe so that children don't get hold of it in the house."

Petties is known as a man of the church—he attends Bethesda Christian Center in Mobile—and he says that his faith

helps him be a better police officer. "People who know me know what I stand for, but everyone has his or her own beliefs, and it's not up to me to decide who is right or wrong. Good people are good people. I'm going to do my best to do what's right by other people, and in turn, I expect the best from everyone else."

Chief Petties and his wife, Rebecca, have been married for 25 years and have two children: a son who graduates from Fairhope High School this spring and a married daughter. He says he is blessed to have a large extended family in the Fairhope area. In addition to his parents, Joseph and Edna Petties, he has two sisters and three brothers.

CITY OF FAIRHOPE ~ 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

ALL FINANCIAL FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 AUDITED BY HARTMANN, BLACKMON & KILGORE, PC

	FISCAL YEAR END 2012	FISCAL YEAR END 2011	INCREASE (DECREASE)
CASH			
GAS FUND	\$4,091,774	\$3,886,635	\$205,139
ELECTRIC FUND	\$4,763,433	\$4,433,420	\$330,013
WATER/WASTE WATER FUND	\$15,331,134	\$5,475,723	\$9,855,411
GENERAL FUND	\$10,142,189	\$7,257,978	\$2,884,211
GAS TAX FUND	\$216,955	\$170,105	\$46,850
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$444,128	\$676,846	-\$232,718
IMPACT FEES FUND	\$821,610	\$0	\$821,610
TOTAL CASH	\$35,811,223	\$21,900,707	\$13,910,516

PERCENT INCREASE 64%

UTILITIES REVENUE

GAS	\$6,199,826	\$8,238,411	-\$2,038,585
ELECTRIC	\$18,897,545	\$19,863,213	-\$965,668
WATER/WASTE WATER	\$9,844,946	\$10,302,247	-\$457,301
TOTAL REVENUE	\$34,942,317	\$38,403,871	-\$3,461,554

UTILITIES EXPENSES

GAS	-\$5,733,292	-\$6,705,369	\$972,077
ELECTRIC	-\$18,477,681	-\$18,310,517	-\$167,164
WATER/WASTE WATER	-\$8,411,343	-\$8,375,450	-\$35,893
TOTAL EXPENSES	-\$32,622,316	-\$33,391,336	\$769,020

UTILITIES NET INCOME \$2,320,001 \$5,012,535 -\$2,692,534

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

INCOME

INCOME FROM UTILITIES	\$4,173,802	\$4,827,147	-\$653,345
AD VALOREM TAXES	\$5,711,003	\$5,600,351	\$110,652
SALES TAX	\$4,898,362	\$4,590,149	\$308,213
LICENSES AND PERMITS	\$2,612,793	\$2,295,795	\$316,998
FINES AND FORFEITURES	\$289,432	\$241,104	\$48,328
STATE/FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	\$327,836	\$258,472	\$69,364
RENTS AND INTEREST	\$223,969	\$248,780	-\$24,811
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	\$5,096,593	\$4,479,749	\$616,844
PROCEEDS/ DEBT ISSUANCE	\$4,015,200	\$0	\$4,015,200
ALL OTHER REVENUES	\$1,555,531	\$1,743,092	-\$187,561
TOTAL INCOME	\$28,904,521	\$24,284,639	\$4,619,882

EXPENSES

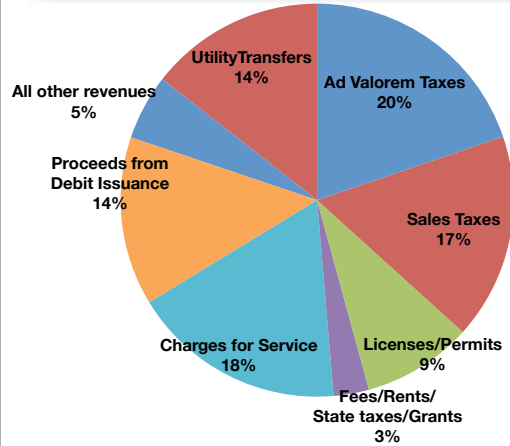
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$7,770,718	\$5,821,619	\$1,949,099
POLICE	\$4,829,948	\$5,009,584	-\$179,636
FIRE	\$406,556	\$824,746	-\$418,190
SPECIAL SERVICES - NIX, WELCOME CENTERS, MUSEUM	\$591,108	\$649,001	-\$57,893
RECREATION	\$1,103,631	\$1,053,500	\$50,131
PUBLIC WORKS	\$3,784,323	\$5,009,204	-\$1,224,881
GOLF	\$893,719	\$1,113,178	-\$219,459
LIBRARY APPROPRIATION	\$600,000	\$565,000	\$35,000
AIRPORT APPROPRIATION	\$281,124	\$225,843	\$55,281
THE HAVEN	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0
DEBT SERVICE	\$5,443,003	\$1,497,319	\$3,945,684

TOTAL EXPENSES \$25,769,129 \$21,833,994 \$3,935,135

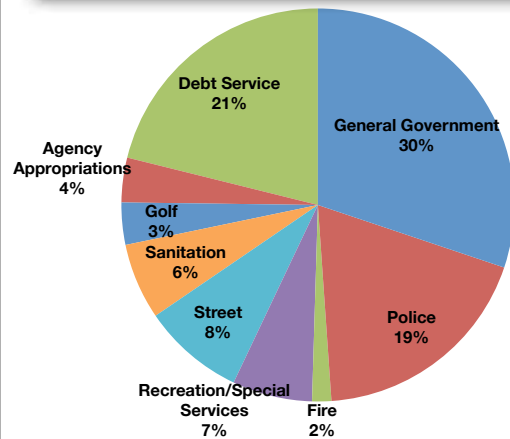
GOV'T NET INCOME \$3,135,392 \$2,450,645 \$684,747

TOTAL NET INCOME **\$5,455,393** **\$7,463,180** **-\$2,007,787**

CITY OF FAIRHOPE GENERAL FUND REVENUE - FY 2012



CITY OF FAIRHOPE GENERAL FUND EXPENSES - FY 2012



Mayor's Letter



This time of year, I always think about how much my daughters looked forward to summer vacation! I'm sure children today are the same—anticipating long days of playing with friends, time at the beach and on the water, and maybe hours curled up with a favorite book. (We parents can always hope!)

Every year, I spend a good deal of time talking with our school children and learning what they hope for and want to see in Fairhope as they grow up. Lately, we've talked a lot about ways for kids to stay active—they've helped shaped our city's goals for more recreation fields and more activities for all ages.

I'm glad to see that kids want to stay active and involved, and one way they have done this is by supporting the anti-litter campaign we started among 5th graders last year. It shows that our youngest generation takes pride in their city. They are setting a good example for their elders!

I encourage all of you to get involved too. Go for bike rides and take walks; and if you see trash in your neighborhood, pick it up! It's a positive, simple way to keep Fairhope attractive, not only for visitors, but for all of us who live here.

Jim Kaut

Fireworks Safety for the 4th of July

Fireworks and 4th of July go together like, well, fireworks and the 4th of July. Watching an official fireworks show is fun and a tradition for many families. But when it comes to another family tradition—shooting off your own fireworks at home—the bottom line is this: Don't do it.

“Plain and simple, it's against the law for individuals within the city limits of Fairhope to shoot off any fireworks. Period,” said Chris Ellis, Chief of the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department. From Ellis's standpoint, one issue is that fireworks can cause unintentional fires. “We almost always get calls about grass or brush fires, normally right after the city's big show but pretty much any evening surrounding the 4th of July. If it's really dry, if we're under drought conditions, it's even worse, but fireworks always have the potential to cause a grass or even a structure fire.”

Fireworks are also a personal safety hazard. According to a 2012 report from the National Fire Protection Associa-

tion, in 2010, fireworks caused an estimated 15,500 reported fires nationwide, including 1,100 total structure fires. Those fires resulted in a reported eight deaths, 60 injuries, and \$36 million in property damage.

The report notes that children ages 5 to 14 have the highest risk of injury, but can be dangerous to all ages. “Fireworks can cause all types of injuries,” Ellis noted. “They can blow up in your hand and cause serious burns or fractures or even cause you to lose a finger. They can cause compression injuries, facial burns. They are particularly dangerous if children are around, but plain and simple: fireworks are illegal to use in the City of Fairhope.”

Enforcing the fireworks ban is not easy, Ellis admitted. “But if we or the police do catch you at it—and we can—it will be enforced, and you will be punished for it. Considering the potential for injuries and that it's against the law, it's just not worth it.”

Fairhope Recreation Department

The Fairhope Recreation Center is happy to announce that the indoor walking track will stay open year round for residents to use free of charge.

The Fairhope Recreation Center is now offering Pickleball. Matches are held every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** from 9 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$3.00 per day or \$150 for a yearly Pickleball membership. Pickleball is a game similar to volleyball played with a hard paddle and a wiffle ball. The sport has gained popularity in recent years in retirement communities as a way for elderly residents to exercise and socialize.

For more information on Pickleball or other activities offered by the Fairhope Recreation Center, call 251-928-7270 or stop by **Monday through Friday** from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on **Sunday** from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.



FAST Swim Team

Registration is **May 4** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at



the Fairhope Municipal Pool

Registration Fees:

\$115 for the 1st child

\$95 for the 2nd child

\$75 for any children after that

Afternoon practices for Ages 7 & up will begin in mid-May and morning practices for all age groups starts May 28.

Swim meets are typically held on Thursday evenings & Saturdays.

For additional information, call 251-990-0175.

The City of Fairhope Summer Program

The City of Fairhope will once again

be partnering with Fairhope High School to offer summer activities for children in Fairhope. Camp will be held at Volanta Park and Municipal Pool from 7:30 am-3:30 p.m.

each day beginning the week of **June 3rd**.

Camp will run through the week of July 22nd.

There will be no camp the week of July 1st.

The cost is \$15.00 per day or \$60.00 per week.

Activities for children will include: ball games, swimming, soccer, tennis, ping-pong and arts & crafts. Activities will be supervised by several local coaches.

The camp is open to grades 1-8. No advance registration is necessary, registration will take place the first day of camp. No half days, full days only and no extended day will be offered. Tuition will be due at the beginning of each week and a \$5 late charge will be charged for each day payment is late.

For additional information call 251-990-0174.

James P. Nix Center



Nix Center Cabaret Dances

The Nix Center offers two cabaret dances each month on the **2nd and 4th Thursday**. The schedule is as follows:

5/9	JR Owen	
5/23	Exit 105	USO
6/13	Sonny Tanner	
6/27	Charlie Freeman	
7/11	Exit 105	Sock Hop
7/25	JR Owen	
8/8	Charlie Freeman	
8/22	Exit 105	
8/29	Tony Bower Duo	Beach Luau

The dances are open to anyone over the age of 21. Cost is \$5 for Nix Center members and \$9 for non-members. For questions, call 928-2835 or stop by at 1 Bayou Drive in Fairhope.



Quail Creek GOLF COURSE

Fairhope's Quail Creek Golf Course provides 18-holes of championship golf, a great practice facility, full service golf shop and outstanding snack bar with our famous "Quail Creek Burger and Fries"!



Located adjacent to Highway 181 and Fairhope Avenue, the course blends its natural beauty of lakes and streams with the tree-lined fairways with gently sloping fairways. Quail Creek is a "walk friendly" course and great for a late afternoon 9-hole round.

"A Game for Everyone" can be found at Quail Creek: The Nix Center; Quail Creek Ladies Golf Association; Quail Creek Senior Men's League and the "World Famous Men's Bull Pen" are all popular groups to play with and have a great time!



Junior Golf Clinics are held weekly in the summer months. Junior Golf Clinics are hosted by PGA Professional's Bobby Hall and Bo Redman and by one of Golf Magazine's Top 100 Instructors, Ron Gring.

Quail Creek is host to many charity events and tournaments for the Fairhope Community and Baldwin & Mobile Counties.

Tournaments:

- 5/3 Annual Baldwin County Home Builders Tournament
- 5/5 KOER Golf Outing
- 5/17 Dade Paper Company Outing
- 5/18 MGA Four Man Best Ball Tournament
- 6/6 Mobile Seniors
- 6/17 DGA Dixie Selection Tour
- 6/22 MGA Two Man- Alternate shot; Scamble; Best Ball Event
- 6/27 Jimmy Green Junior Tour

For information on booking an event, participating in a tournament, to book a tee time or for rates call 251-990-0240 or 1-888-701-2202.

Fairhope Football & Cheerleading Registration & Camp Info

Registration will be held on **Sunday, May 5** or **Sunday, May 19** from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fairhope Recreation Center. Football registration is \$90, includes jersey and equipment use. Cheerleading registration is \$30.

A Football Camp and Cheerleading Camp will be **July 22-26**.

Time and location to be determined.

Football evaluations and equipment issue will be Saturday, July 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Barnwell Complex, makeup will be Saturday, August 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information, visit the website at www.fyfootball.org.



The 2013 Summer Shoot Out Junior Clinic

at Fairhope High School will be held **June 17th through June 20th**, from 9 a.m. to noon. The clinic is for Kindergarteners and for grades 1 through 8. Registration is \$85 through June 1st and \$100 after June 1st. Price includes a t-shirt. For more information on registration, contact Robby Robertson at 251-401-6484 or at rrobertson1@bcbe.org.

FMS Summer Sports Camps

The Fairhope Middle School Basketball Camp will be held **June 24th-27th** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for 4th, 5th, & 6th graders. The cost is \$60. For information contact ckeith@bcbe.org. The Fairhope Middle School Volleyball Camp will be held June 10th-13th from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. for K through 6th graders. The cost is \$55. For information contact dearrest@bcbe.org.

FHS Baseball Clinic

Coach Stu Fuller with the FHS Baseball team will host two summer baseball clinics in late May or early June. The first clinic will focus on Hitting and Field and is a fundamental camp. The other camp will focus on pitching. For specific information on either camp, email Coach Fuller at cfuller6@bellsouth.net or call 251-786-2603.



Library News

www.fairhopelibrary.org

World Affairs Roundtable

May 8, 15, and 22

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Veteran Law Enforcement Leader, Pamela Caudell, is the moderator. The discussion will revolve around how transnational organized crime has transformed in the last two decades, capitalizing on globalization and the internet. The new strategies, techniques and technologies that law enforcement is employing to combat organized crime will also be discussed.

Small Business Workshops

May 21, 23, 28 and 30

5 to 7:30 p.m.

Rick Zapata, financial specialist with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will conduct a free small business workshop. The workshop will cover all aspects of small business start-up including business plans, budgeting, marketing and bookkeeping.

Variety of Computer Classes

Check the reference desk or visit www.fairhopelibrary.org for date and time information.

Learn the basics of using a computer and browsing the internet. Get an introduction to Microsoft Office programs: Word, Publisher, PowerPoint, and Excel. Test out the iPad in a comprehensive introduction that focuses on its usefulness to seniors. Explore the new features of Windows 8. Learn how to check out ebooks at the library and read them on your Nook, Kindle, iPad, tablet or other portable device.

Genealogy Class and Genealogy Club

May 13 - 14, June 10 - 11 and July 8 - 9

2 to 3:30 p.m.

In the Monday class you are introduced to Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest.com, to which the library has subscriptions. On the following Tuesday genealogy researchers and enthusiasts are invited to join Fairhope Library Staff Members Pam McRae and Alan Samry in the computer lab for an informal gathering to discuss research methods, share ideas, and browse ancestry related websites.

Non-Fiction Book Club

Join us on **May 30 and July 11**, 2 to 4 p.m., to discuss our newest selection of non-fiction books.

Call 251-929-1464 for the selected titles.

Consanguinity XII – Books into Movies

Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in June, July and August

Enjoy a film adapted from a book, play or short story. As each film is introduced, learn a little about the back-story. Admission is free. Pick up a schedule in the library or visit www.fairhopelibrary.org.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

We are going to “Dig Into Reading” this summer with loads of fabulous activities—music, magic, dancing and movies.

Summer Schedule

Movie **Monday**, 4 p.m.

Terrific **Tuesday** story times at 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Literature Circles at 2 p.m. on **Tuesdays**

Wonderful **Wednesday** program at 2 p.m.

Thursday join us at the Farmer's Market at 4 p.m.

We will again pitch our tent under the tree for the Fairhope Farmers Market on **Thursday** afternoons at 4 p.m.- come join us for story times, art activities, demonstrations and just plain fun!

Our Tweens and Teens are going “Under the Surface” with Miss Laura and Miss Jillian and their trademark wild and crazy programs! Plan on some fun!



For more information on the Children's Library activities this summer, call 251-928-7483.



FAIRHOPE'S SUMMER OUTDOOR FARM MARKET

The City of Fairhope is once again hosting a summer farmer's market. The market will be held on **Thursday** evenings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. behind the Fairhope Public Library on Bancroft Street in downtown Fairhope. The market will be held on Tuesdays from **Thursday, May 23 through July 11**. The market will offer fresh Baldwin County produce, fresh cut flowers, local honey, a large variety of plants, baked goods and more!

The Fairhope Public Library youth services department will hold story times and children's activities each week at 4 p.m. The market will feature live music and The Haven will also be holding pet adoptions.

For more information please call 251-929-1466.



S.E.L.F.

S.E.L.F. members have been busy volunteering in the community and getting the word out about what we do as a club. S.E.L.F. is an acronym for Service, Education, Leadership, and Fellowship, all key elements of the things we believe to be our purpose of coming together. Recently we held a very successful food drive for the Prodissee Pantry of Spanish Fort. In appreciation, we were invited to a coffee at the Prodissee Pantry and given a tour of their facility. We saw for ourselves, how this organization works to provide for our area's needy families.

On **May 7**, we will be having a luncheon at The Venue, Fairhope's newest catering facility. Mr. Jack Granite, a sanctioned representative and member of the Alabama Lighthouse Association will be our guest speaker. He will be sharing slides of the lighthouses in Mobile-Bay-Middle Bay and Sand Island lighthouses. Mr. Granite and his association are on a mission to repair and save these wonderful treasure troves of our maritime history.

If you would like to know more about our Club and what we do, please visit our website at www.selfvolunteers.org.

Dedication Set for Fairhope's Veterans Memorial

After years of planning and fundraising, the installation and dedication of the Fairhope Veterans Memorial is finally happening, said Joe Birindelli, co-chair of the memorial committee. The monument and fountain will be dedicated in a ceremony on **Thursday, May 30**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. "The statue has been complete for some time, but there's been a delay on getting the granite base prepared. But finally everything has come together. May 30 is the traditional Memorial Day, so it is a perfect time to dedicate this statue that honors all of our veterans."

Titled Tears of Sorrow, Tears of Joy, the memorial was created by Fairhope sculptor Stephen C. Spears. The larger-than-life bronze sculpture placed in Knoll Park overlooking Mobile Bay features two scenes: On one side, a soldier bends on one knee, and presents the United States flag to a little boy. On the other side, a woman walks with her head bowed, carrying a folded flag in her arms. "The memorial honors those who have served our country in all branches of the military, but it also serves to honor the families of our servicemen and women because of their sacrifice too," Birindelli said.

"It should be a lovely, moving tribute to our veterans, and doing it at sunset will make it all the more special," said Sissy Birindelli, chair of the dedication committee. The ceremony will feature music from the Baldwin Pops and a keynote



speech from author Winston Groom. In addition, there will be an invocation from Rev. Lt. Col. Debora Bishop (USMC retired) and comments from Mayor Kant and Joe Birindelli. Lori Dubose of WABF Radio will emcee. Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Wives will also receive special

recognition during the ceremony that will include a flag ceremony from Fairhope Boy Scout Troop 47. The public is encouraged to attend. Sculptor Stephen Spears, who maintains a studio in Colorado and has a home in Fairhope, has created other pieces that honor and reflect the military. A self-described "military brat," Spears has a commissioned sculpture in Cantigny, France of a WWI 28th Infantry "Doughboy" that commemorates the first battle American forces fought and won in Europe, and a World War II tribute to the "Easy Company" paratroopers of D-Day installed near the beaches of Normandy in France.

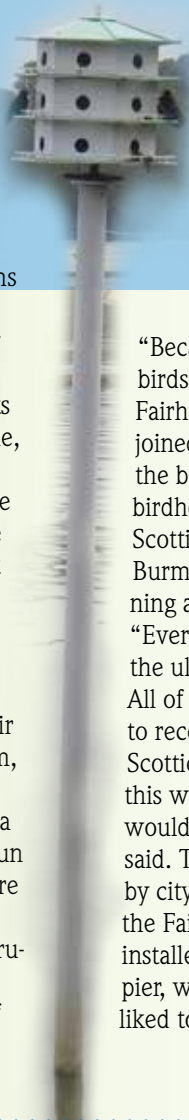
The idea for the Fairhope Veterans Memorial dates back to 9/11, but honors all military, past and present, said Mayor Tim Kant. "Since 9/11, people have been more aware of the need to not take our freedoms for granted. We are all very appreciative of the hard work and sacrifices made by our own Alabama National Guard 1165th Military Police Unit, and this sculpture honors them as well as the men and women of the military in all wars and conflicts, and it recognizes the sacrifices made by them and their families." For more information on the memorial and the planned dedication, visit www.FairhopeVeterans-Memorial.org.

Scottie's Inn

In 2000, Fairhope resident Garland Sims came to the city with an idea: install purple martin birdhouses along the bay that would attract the birds that are known to eat thousands of flying insects every day. As Sims explained at the time, the birds' voracious appetites would reduce the mosquito population and the city's need to use pesticides. "Everyone thought it was a great idea and the first purple martin houses were installed in 2001," said Jennifer Fidler, director of public works.

"Purple martins migrate through our area and people enjoy watching for their arrival in early spring," said John Borom, past president of the Mobile Bay Audubon Society and founder of the Alabama Coastal BirdFest. "The birds are great fun to watch and no one enjoyed them more than Garland and his late wife, Scottie, who passed away this past February. Garland and Scottie were always down near the beach watching birds of all kinds and taking beautiful photos," said Fidler.

"Because of the Sims' love of birds and their devotion to Fairhope, a new birdhouse has joined the 'flock' of birdhouses at the bay. 'Scottie's Inn' is a tri-level birdhouse installed this spring in Scottie Sims memory," said Kim Burmeister with the City's Planning and Building Department. "Everyone loves Garland—he is the ultimate citizen volunteer. All of us wanted to do something to recognize him and also honor Scottie's memory, and we thought this was something they both would appreciate," Burmeister said. The birdhouse was donated by city employees with help from the Fairhope Lion's Club, and installed near a bench south of the pier, where Scottie and Garland liked to sit to watch the bay.



Eastern Shore Chamber Golf Tournament set for May 16

The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce has rescheduled the **13th Annual Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament** for **Thursday, May 16**. This tournament will be held at Lakewood Golf Club in Point Clear. Registration is at 11 a.m. with deli style lunch served and a shotgun start at 1 p.m.



A four-person team is available for \$680, which includes four packages. A four – player team, without packages, is available for \$600. The golf packages will be available for sale the day of the tournament for \$25 each. Individuals may sign up for \$150. For information on how you can be a player, sponsor or volunteer, call Amy Dial at 251-928-6387.



FUMC Soccer Summer Camp

will be held **July 8-11** from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Christian Life Center of Fairhope United Methodist Church. The camp is open to boys and girls age 4-15. This Soccer Summer Camp is for those interested in the basics of soccer to competitive play. Registration fees are \$50 for the first camper and \$35 for each additional camper within the same household. Forms and fees may be mailed or dropped off at the church office during normal business hours.



For more information, contact Jamie Waldhour, Director of Recreation Ministries by e-mail jamie.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org or by phone 251-928-1148.

The American Legion Post 199 Concert Series & BBQ Plate Sale

Join your friends at the American Legion Post 199 on South Mobile Street for a BBQ plate & concert on the following dates:

Memorial Day – Monday, May 27, 6 to 9 p.m., Admission: \$5

Entertainment: Practical Factors- Practical Factors is comprised of active duty Coast

Guard and because of military transfers, this will be their last concert in our area. Catch them while you can.

Independence Day – Thursday, July 4, 6 to 9 p.m., Admission: \$5
Entertainment: Grayson Capps

Labor Day – Monday, September 3, 6 to 9 p.m., Admission: \$5

The American Legion will begin selling BBQ plates at 11 a.m. For more information, call 251-928-9132.



3rd Annual Jubilee Kids Triathlon

set for **Sunday, June 2** at 7:30 a.m. at the Fairhope Municipal Pier. Proceeds from this event will go to The Good Life Foundation to help fund a fitness trail in Fairhope. This is a SWIM, BIKE, RUN race for kids age 7-15 (age is determined by child's age on December 31 of 2013). The inspirational Team Long Brothers will be racing the Jubilee Kids Tri this year! These young brothers won the Sports Illustrated Kids 2012 Athletes of the Year. For more information visit www.thegoodlifefound.org.





UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
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University of South Alabama Baldwin County Academic Calendar

- 5/28 Summer 2013 classes for Full and First Term begin
- 6/25 Summer 2013 Second Term classes begin
- 7/29 Baldwin County Orientation/ Registration
- 8/19 Fall 2013 classes begin

Students interested in pursuing a degree at USA Baldwin County can contact the following for advising at (251) 928-8133: Jennifer Johnson, Criminal Justice Advising; Nadia Bush, Communications Advising; Cathi Jones, General Advising.

USA Baldwin County Scholarships are now available

The scholarship deadline for the fall 2013 semester is **July 15**.

USA Baldwin County Events

Geocache Challenge

We have had a great response to our “Geocache Challenge.” Use the clues about our beautiful campus to play. The first to record their finds will receive a prize.

Alabama Writers Conclave Conference

The University of South Alabama Baldwin County (USABC) campus will host the Alabama Writers’ Conclave Conference on **July 12, 13 and 14**. The conference takes place at the classroom complex located on St. James Street in Fairhope. For more information about events or programs visit www.myusabc.com.

USA Baldwin County Photo Contest

The University of South Alabama Baldwin County requests entries for the “Spring into Summer Photo Contest 2013.” Photos can be of nature, wildlife, landscapes, seascapes, architecture, objects, etc., but no photos of people, please. Registration is required. Entrants must provide their name, phone number and e-mail address. By submitting a photo, entrants are certifying they have read, understood, and agree with all of the rules and regulations of the contest. The contest begins on **May 1**.

Amateur photographers must submit their photo by the entry deadline of May 31 to usabc@southalabama.edu. Only one photo per person may be submitted. The photo with the most “likes” on USABC’s Facebook page at South-Alabama at Baldwin-County will be the winning photo. Make sure all your friends and family vote! Public voting on Facebook will go from June 1 - 15. For the complete list of rules and regulations, visit www.myusabc.com.



9th Annual Grandman Triathlon

Springhill Medical Center will host the 9th Annual Grandman Triathlon on **Saturday, June 1** at 7 a.m.

The triathlon will benefit Mobile Baykeeper, the Baldwin County Trailblazers, the Gulf Coast Area Triathletes and Camp Rap-A-Hope. This event takes place in Fairhope and begins with a 1/3-mile swim in Mobile Bay and back beside the Fairhope Municipal Pier. After the swim comes an 18-mile bike ride, beginning with one steep hill and five miles of rolling countryside and continuing throughout Fairhope. The race to the finish line begins with a 3.1-mile run along Mobile Bay. This swim-bike-run is a great way to spend a Saturday while benefiting four worthy local not-for-profit organizations: Residents in the area should watch for bicyclists between 7:15 to 8:45 a.m. along the bike course. Fairhope police officers will be directing traffic at busy intersections, and we’ll have plenty of volunteers stationed along the route to help keep everything moving smoothly.

Interested in being a racer, sponsor, volunteer, or just want to cheer the athletes to the finish line? Visit www.thegrandman.com for more information or contact the Mobile Baykeeper office at 251-433-4229.

The Haven



May

- 5/2 “Art for Animals”, Paint and Pals, 6:30 p.m.
- 5/18 Resale Shop Spring Yard Sale, 357 Morphy Ave., 8 a.m.
- 5/23 & 30 Farmer’s Market, Behind Fairhope Library, 3 to 6 p.m.

June Adopt a Shelter Cat Month

- 6/1 Pet Supermarket Adoption, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 6/6, 13, 20 & 27 Farmer’s Market, Behind Fairhope Library, 3 to 6 p.m.
- 6/8 Petsmart Adoption, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

July

- 7/11 Farmer’s Market, 3 to 6 p.m.
- 7/6 Pet Supermarket Adoption, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 7/13 Petsmart Adoption, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

August

- 8/3 Pet Supermarket Adoption, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 8/10 Petsmart Adoption, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



4th Annual Bald Eagle Bash

The Bald Eagle Bash is to be held at the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve on **Saturday, May 18**. The fundraiser for the Weeks Bay Foundation is set to take place from 4 to 7 p.m. at the waterfront Tonsmeire Weeks Bay Resource Center at the Fish River Bridge on U.S. Highway 98 in Fairhope. The Bash will provide a “taste of Weeks Bay,” bringing in a long list of top-notch local restaurants to serve up their best dishes featuring fresh Gulf Shrimp. As Skipper Tonsmeire, Foundation board member and award winning conservationist explains, “The ‘Party for Preservation’ is the perfect way to support our work. Guests will have a wonderful time while enjoying delicious food and great music in a beautiful setting.” Rollin’ in the Hay will perform and 95KSJ’s Shelby Mitchell and NBC15’s Darwin Singleton will co-emcee the festivities. No promises, but the bald eagle pair now nesting along the shore of Weeks Bay may even make a special appearance!



Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the gate and can be purchased online at www.BaldEagleBash.com, the Foundation office, and the Reserve. A limited amount of free parking will be available at the site of the Bash. As always, additional free parking will be provided at the Weeks Bay Reserve Safe Harbor site, with BRATS shuttles providing transportation to the event.

For more information or for sponsorship opportunities, go to www.BaldEagleBash.com or call 251-990-5004.

Kiwanis International

The Kiwanis of Fairhope and Eastern Shore Golf Tournament is set for

Friday, July 19 at 8 a.m. The 4 man scramble will be held at Rock Creek Golf Course in Fairhope.

Marietta Johnson Museum

The Museum is planning a special garden beautification project that will result in what will be known as the Marietta Johnson Cardinal and Butterfly Memory Garden. The garden will occupy the space just south of the Bell Building which houses the Marietta Johnson Museum and will provide a pleasing and inviting entrance to the Museum.

The space will include a garden path made of engraved brick pavers made by local potter John Rezner. Each handmade, brick pavers will be approx. 9 in. x 4.5 in. Each paver will have three lines, 18 spaces per line available for inscriptions. Pavers are available for a \$50 donation and can be engraved in memory of loved ones, former favorite teachers or in the name of someone you wish to honor.

The garden will also incorporate iron benches which will include plaques engraved with the donor’s/donors’ names. Benches are also available for a \$500 donation. If you wish to donate \$100 towards the sponsorship of a tree or shrub, your name and the name of the tree or shrub will be identified on a brick paver.

We will need to raise additional funds to cover the costs of flowers and ornamental grasses as well as a bird bath, feeders and an irrigation system. For a donation form, visit www.mariettajohnson.org. For more information on the museum, this project or to volunteer, contact Maggie Mosteller-Timbes at 251-990-8601 or by email at mariettajohnson@mindspring.com.

Fairhope Rotary's 9th Annual Steak Cook-Off



"The Coolest Street Party in the Known Universe" will be held **Friday, May 10** as Fairhope Rotary hosts the 9th Annual Steak Cook-Off. The charity street party has become one of Fairhope's premier events, thanks to the support of local merchants, sponsors and the City.

This year's Steak Cook-Off will be over the top as the famous "Tip Tops" provide musical entertainment. "This annual charity event has been compared to a tailgate party and Mardi Gras all rolled up into one incredible evening," said event chairman Howard Eddy, Fairhope Rotary president-elect.

For one evening, De La Mare Street becomes the center of the steak universe with over 25 teams of grill masters, both amateur and professional, moving in grills to compete in preparing rib eye steaks to tempt the palates of discerning steak fanciers. The dinner event includes "all-you-can-eat" steak, baked potato, tossed salad, wine, beer and soft drinks. Gates open to ticketed attendees at 7 p.m.; the event runs until 10 p.m.

Tickets for the evening are \$50 in advance; \$60 at the gate if still available. Ticket and sponsorship information can be found at www.fairhopesteak.org. Tickets may be purchased at the following merchants: PNC Bank on Section Street; BanCorp South in Rock Creek; The Lyon's Share on De La Mare Street; The UPS Store on Greeno Road; Baron's Inn on South Mobile Street; Uncorked Wines in Daphne; and at LuLu's Homeport in Gulf Shores.

Patrons can vote for the People's Choice Award, and representatives of the Memphis BBQ Network will conduct "blind judging" for professional entrants. Recognition also will be given for the Mayor's Choice hospitality award and a best decorated booth award. Proceeds benefit local charities, including the Fairhope-Point Clear Rotary Youth Club, up to \$10,000 annually in local scholarships and many other local service projects, as well as the club's own international service projects. Sponsorships may be tax-deductible.



Free Skin Cancer Screening offered by Haley Dermatology

Free skin cancer screenings, sponsored by the American Academy of Dermatology and Haley Dermatology, will be held **Thursday, May 9** from 4 to 6 p.m. at Haley Dermatology, 202 Rock Creek Pkwy, Fairhope.

The screenings are part of a national campaign to encourage early detection and teach prevention of skin cancer. More than 1 million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year.

A survey commissioned by the Academy showed that fewer than one-third of Americans currently examine their skin for signs of melanoma and more than half don't know the signs of melanoma. Dermatologists want to change this because when treated in its earliest stages, melanoma can be cured. If not treated early, the disease can quickly spread to other parts of the body and can be fatal.

"The key to the successful treatment of most types of cancer is early detection and treatment," Dr. Laura Cepeda said. Current estimates are that 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime. One American dies from melanoma almost every hour. Haley Dermatology is committed to the prevention of skin cancer.

"We are seeing melanoma more commonly in our area and in younger patients," said Dr. Heather Haley. This is the tenth year we have offered free screenings for our community. If you have a mole or spot you would like checked, Dr. Laura Cepeda, Erin Armstrong, PA-C and Dr. Heather Haley will be performing the screening. This community event is free of charge and open to the public.

Good Life Foundation

The Good Life Foundation is hosting The Good Life Ride & Hangout set for **Sunday, May 12**. The ride is mostly rural and flat through Fairhope, Magnolia Springs, Foley and Gulf Shores. About a 40 mile ride from Fairhope to The Hangout. Halfway start around ~20 miles from Jesse's in Magnolia Springs to the Hangout. ~5 mile ride from Gulf Shores Sportsplex to The Hangout. The fun ride will start on De La Mare in the heart of downtown Fairhope. The ride will end and the fun will continue at The Hangout in Gulf Shores.



Authors in Fairhope

Read It & Eat with author David Gilhim to sign and discuss his novel *City of Women* on **Tuesday, May 21**, 12 to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and include lunch and \$5 off the purchase of the book. Location to be determined.

Book Signing by NY Times best-selling author of *Lost in Shangri-La*, Mitchell Zuckoff, to sign and discuss his latest book *Frozen In Time*, **Wednesday, May 22** at 6 p.m. at Centennial Hall.

Khaled Hosseini, #1 NY Times bestselling author of *The Kite Runner*, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, and his latest novel *And The Mountains Echoed* will be at the Fairhope Civic Center on **Monday, June 17**, 6 p.m. Tickets are \$32 (plus tax) and include a First Edition of *And the Mountains Echoed*, which you may have signed. Tickets may be purchased in the store, online at www.ticketalternative.com or by calling Ticket Alternative at 1-877-725-8849.

Arts Around

Arts Around Town

Eastern Shore Art Center

Summer ARTBash, June 3

The Art Center comes alive each day during June & July with the children attending art classes. Children will paint, draw, create works in our clay studio, and learn the art of photography as well as a one-week art/science all-day class at Weeks Bay. Morning and afternoon sessions are available for ages 4 and up. Scholarships are available but limited. ARTBash schedule and list of adult classes and workshops available at www.esartcenter.com. For more information call 251-928-2228 Ext. 107.



Creative Outlet Dance Center

Summer Classes

Dance Buffet "All You Care to Dance" for ages 3 and up, **June 3 – 28 and July 8 – 19**. A schedule of classes in all dance techniques will be offered, expand your tastes and try a little of everything! In addition, six weeklong camps will be offered featuring dance, drama, music and art activities designed around a specific theme. Call 251-928-9511 or visit www.creativeoutletdance.com for more information.



Theatre 98

Theatre 98 will offer *Inventing Van Gogh*, written by Steven Dietz from **May 9-12 and May 15-19**. A haunting and hallucinatory drama about the final van Gogh self-portrait, painted just before the artist's death, which has never been seen...until now. Patrick Stone, a contemporary painter, is hired to forge this final masterpiece—and finds himself squaring off, across the years, with van Gogh himself. The result is a compelling mystery about the obsession to create and the fine line that separates truth from myth.

The theatre will also, offer *The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild*, written by Paul Zindel from **July 25-28 and July 31 and August 1-4**. Mildred Wild's fantasy life is so much more satisfying than her real one! In the real world she lives in a crowded apartment behind her husband's failing candy store, beset by a meddling sister-in-law and a conniving landlady. But in the fantasies we see come to life before us, she's the star of silver screen production numbers. This comedy shows how Mildred comes to grips with the dilemma of daily life and movie magic.

Performances are at 8 p.m., Sundays matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18/adults and \$12/students. The box office opens the Monday before opening night at 5:15 p.m. For tickets, call (251) 928-4366.



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Join us in August for First Friday Art Walk at USA Baldwin County. USA alumni, faculty, student and staff art will be featured. Art Walk will NOT be held at USA Baldwin County for the months of May-July 2013. USA Baldwin County WILL RESUME with participation in the Fairhope First Friday Art Walk event on **Friday, August 2, 2013** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Administration Building at 10 N. Summit Street.

School Calendar & Events

AMEA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Pictured are the 2012 winners of the Alabama Municipal Electric Association (AMEA) Scholarship. Each student will receive a \$2500 scholarship to the school of their choice. The scholarship is available each year to students who are customers of the Fairhope Electric Department. Pictured (l-r) are FHS Principal John Cardwell, Fairhope High School Seniors Rachel Breslin, Madilyn Tomaso, Katherine Lewis and City of Fairhope Electric Superintendent Scott Sligh.



MAYOR VISITS WITH STUDENTS

City of Fairhope Mayor Tim Kant visited Fairhope Intermediate School. In addition, he also visited Fairhope Elementary, J. Larry Newton, Fairhope Middle and Fairhope High School. Mayor Kant visits the area schools each year and during his visit, he talks to the students about concerns they have for their respective school and for the Fairhope community. At Fairhope Intermediate School, the students shared an interest in extending the amount of time for P.E. and need for more recreational activities. The students also discussed ways the City of Fairhope can make the community a better place for all of us to live.



Fairhope Elementary School



- 5/7-8 ARMT Reading Assessment for 3rd Graders
- 5/9-10 ARMT Math Assessment for 3rd Graders
- 5/14 1st Grade AR Assembly at 7:45 a.m.
Tynes/Crocker Kindergarten Graduation at 8:30 a.m.
- 5/15 2nd Grade AR Assembly at 7:45 a.m.
- 5/16 3rd Grade AR Assembly at 7:45 a.m.
Yokel/Privett Kindergarten Graduation at 8:30 a.m.
- 5/17 Field Day
- 5/20 Sumlin/Madson Kindergarten Graduation at 6 p.m.
BUGZ! Play Dress Rehearsal for Kindergarten and 1st grade at 9 a.m.
- 5/21 BUGZ! Play Performance at 8:30 a.m. for 2nd/3rd graders and 10 a.m. for Parents
Corbett/Robertson Kindergarten Graduation immediately following the BUGZ! Play
- 5/22 AR Field Trip
- 5/23 PE/Attendance/Parent Choice Awards
- 5/24 Talent Show
Last Day of School for Students

June and July

Summer Registration Hours:

- **Tuesdays:** 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- **Wednesday & Thursday:** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Fairhope High School

- 5/13-14 Exams
- 5/20 Senior Breakfast
Cap and Gown Graduation Practice
- 5/21 Graduation
- 5/28 Students last day
- 6/5 IB Grades revealed via website

Fairhope Museum of History

Pottery Exhibit Opens at the Fairhope Museum of History

Eastern Shore Craft Potters: Artwork for Daily Use, the new exhibit at the Fairhope Museum of History, explores the development of the local pottery tradition from native Americans to working potters in the 21st century.

Thanks to high-quality and abundant natural clay beds in Baldwin County, the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay has a long, rich heritage of pottery making and is the earliest center of pottery in Alabama. Local native-American Indians used the clay to craft earthenware for functional and celebratory uses and around 1830, three French potters, Lewis Lefever, A. Mareschal (Americanized to "Marshall") and Frances LaCoste, established businesses here creating functional glazed stoneware vessels like pitchers, churns, jugs, and chamber pots that were sold throughout the region.

While there are no known examples of the work of Lefever, the museum exhibit includes a few works of A. Mareschal, whose pottery business was initially near the site of the Fairhope Yacht Club (his pieces stamped "Bama City" are very rare), a piece of LaCoste's kiln from Montrose (a beautiful artifact in its own right), and more than fifty rare pottery effigy heads and functional native American earthenware.



The exhibit also includes pottery from other makers and kilns in Fairhope, Clay City, Montrose, and Daphne, and from Edith Harwell's Pinewood Pottery, in business in Fairhope from 1938 to 1964. A single-brick brick-making machine from Clay City, Harwell's kickwheel potting wheel, and other artifacts related to the area's pottery tradition also are part of the display. The Fairhope Museum of History's pottery collection and the gracious loan of artifacts from several collectors tell the story of the artisans who made their livelihood producing useful, functional and later, decorative clay products.

The Museum is located at 24 N. Section Street and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Call 251-928-1471 for more information and "like" the museum on Facebook to keep up with exhibits and special events throughout the year, all geared to highlight the city of Fairhope and the unique people who forged such a remarkable community.

Tuesday Teas at Two O'Clock

Over 125 Tuesday Teas, and still going strong! The Tuesday Teas feature an interesting speaker, tea, cookies, and great fellowship.

Baldwin Senior Travelers



The Baldwin Senior Travelers meet at the Fairhope Civic Center on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays** of the month. The social and trip sign-up is at 9 a.m. This is followed by a business meeting at 10 a.m.

The club provides group travel opportunities to seniors who are 50 years of age or older. Many trips are by chartered bus, but transportation of all types can be used.

There are over 300 active members, at this time, and membership often reaches over 500 later in the year. It was formed in 1980 to provide opportunities to seniors for group travel at affordable prices as well as opportunities for fellowship and social

activities. Membership offers the opportunity to make new friends and to travel with interesting people to destinations both near and far.

Future Trips/Occasions for the year:

- 5/8 Beau Rivage
- 5/22 World War II Museum / New Orleans
- 6/6 Annual Picnic
- 6/19-20 Hattiesburg (2 days)
- 8/18-26 The Best of Eastern Canada (9 days)
- 9/25-30 Branson, Missouri (5 days)
- 10/12 Beach Boys at Beau Rivage
- 12/1-3 Nashville /Christmas at Gaylord Opryland (3 days)

Membership is required for travel. For information call Jackie Calhoun, president, at (251) 928-8478 or visit www.baldwinseniortravelers.blogspot.com.



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FAIRHOPE'S FOURTH OF JULY CONCERT & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The City of Fairhope will host its annual **4th of July Concert & Fireworks Display**, again this year on **Thursday, July 4th** in Henry George Park and the Fairhope Municipal Pier.



will be limited. Those who wish to park in the handicap area should arrive early and plan to stay until the fireworks are over.

The Baldwin Pops Band Independence Day Concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Henry George Park. A variety of patriotic music will be played before and during the fireworks display. The Fairhope fireworks display will begin at approximately 9 p.m.



WABF 1220 AM will be broadcasting the Baldwin Pops concert live for those who are not able to make it down for the concert. Also, those who sit on the bay front bluffs for the fireworks should bring their battery powered radio and tune it to WABF 1220 AM for better sound.

The north end of Fairhope Municipal Park will be open throughout the day and will remain open until no parking is available. The south end of the beach front park and Knoll Park will be available to spectators. Handicap parking will be available near the fountain but



For more information on Fairhope's Fourth of July Festival and Fireworks display call



Also this year the band, RockSolid, will perform in the South Beach Park at 3 p.m. This group, made up of senior high school students from all over Alabama, has performed at 4th of July celebrations at Lake Martin, Panama City, Demopolis and in Huntsville. They will perform a variety of patriotic music and some classic light rock.

