



The City of Fairhope hosted its organizational meeting November 2nd, featuring the swearing in of Mayor Sherry Sullivan and Council members for the four-year term ending November 2024. The new City elected officials include, from left, Councilmen Kevin Boone and Corey Martin, Mayor Sherry Sullivan, Councilmen Jack Burrell, Jimmy Conyers and Robert Brown.

Letter from The Mayor

It is my honor to serve as the mayor of the City of Fairhope, and I look forward to the holiday season with gratitude and excitement. We have all felt the difficulties presented by 2020, but I believe the best is yet to come.

Working together with the City Council and the employees, there will be many projects forthcoming that will enhance the quality of life for our residents. We will continue improving the City's utility infrastructure, and making positive changes that will help the City run more efficiently. Some of these projects are going to be challenging and disruptive at times and it is going to take all of us working together to build a better Fairhope.

I have been busy since November 2 and do not expect to slow down anytime soon. I want YOU to be proud that you live in Fairhope and I want our employees to be proud that they work for the City of Fairhope. You can reach me by email at sherry.sullivan@fairhopeal.gov or by phone at 251-990-0100 or just stop by City Hall.

I hope you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday.

— Sherry Sullivan, Mayor



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Fairhope Connect



December 2020



December Events

December 4th: Fairhope's Magical Christmas Parade!

December 5th and 12th: Fairhope's Santa Saturdays return this year!

December 31st: Ring in the New Year downtown! Entertainment for the whole family.

News Highlights

Get to Know Councilman Corey Martin

Learn more about Fairhope's newest member of the City Council.

Darren Knight, Mark Mitchell celebrate 30 years at City of Fairhope

Recognizing two employees for 30 years of service to the City of Fairhope.

Veteran of the Year

Harry "Chief" Cichowski was named the 2020 City of Fairhope Veteran of the Year.

Arts Alley looks to be a 2021 reality

After much delay, the Arts Alley project appears headed in the right direction!

City officials are cautiously optimistic that the transit hub project, which addresses the parking garage and the alleyway surrounding it, will be back on track for construction.

At this time, a target date of Spring 2021 is set for construction, which will be a 180-day project. Every effort will be made to minimize the disturbance to the daily work of the business owners and residents who utilize this space daily.

Businesses can be assured that if the alley has to be blocked during construction, that closure will be communicated well in advance. Additionally, deliveries will still be allowed in the alley during the construction phase and after construction is complete.

The addition of a transit hub with a public restroom, as well as improved drainage and surfaces, will be a significant boost for residents and visitors who visit downtown.



Get to Know Councilman Corey Martin

Birthplace: Mobile

Hometown: Fairhope

Family: Wife, Monetia Martin; three children, Zoe, 9, Bryon, 13, Corey Martin II, 15

How you know him: Coaching youth sports, founder of the nonprofit Lampro Asteri Shining Star, Inc.

Corey Martin’s interests are simple: Faith is first, family is second and friends are third.

“That’s the order I live in,” Martin said.

These guiding interests are also what brought this Mobile-raised son back to South Alabama after a career as a nurse anesthetist in Gainesville, Fla.

“I wasn’t planning on coming back at all,” Martin laughed.

But when his mother, Dr. Shirley Martin, was diagnosed with lupus, he came back to manage her healthcare and soon got an opportunity to move his career back to the area.

“I told myself I was never going to Mobile,” he said, and found himself searching for a home on the Eastern Shore. “Colleagues who practiced anesthesia with me led me to Fairhope, and I found what I had in Gainesville right here.”

For nine years now, Martin has been pouring himself into the youth of Fairhope, both as a youth sports coach and as the founder of the nonprofit Lampro Asteri.

“When you start with the youth, your tentacles go far,” he said. “I just saw that there were gaps as far as how we prioritize our youth, and I feel like that needs to change.”

Lampro Asteri, known to most as the Boys Club, was founded to give the youth of Baldwin County an equal opportunity to be well-rounded men.

“Once I got in the community, I started seeing a lot of discrepancies as far as young men who needed a little guidance,” Martin said. “I couldn’t take seeing kids without guidance and no one stepping up to give them that guidance. I had the opportunity to start a program at the intermediate school for these kids I was already worried about.”

Over the five years of the nonprofit’s existence, the program has grown by leaps and bounds.

“Right now, I’m trying to initiate a program where I have kids from fourth grade all the way through 12 grade,” said Martin. “I have collaborated with some volunteers from the University of South Alabama and we’ve put together a copyrighted program.”

The program teaches kids about volunteering, while also providing an in-depth study of the pillars the nonprofit is founded on leadership, wellness, financial literacy and career development.

The service-minded mentality that has guided Martin through his work is how he plans to approach his time on the Fairhope City Council.

“I want to be an advocate for the people,” he said. “My priorities are what the people tell me their priorities area; that’s what I will try to facilitate, especially those that feel like they’re not being represented. It’s not about me, it’s about the people.”

As the newest member of the City Council, Martin will get an up-close view of the inner workings of government.

“I’m really looking forward to us progressing because I think we have a good team,” he said. “A team is usually unified and focused toward one goal; we might not always agree but we can agree to disagree. I believe we are a group that can maintain civility and with civility you have progression.”

And while Fairhope City Council positions are considered part-time, Martin doesn’t believe that is possible.

“This is not a part-time job for me,” he said “This is a full-fledged commitment. When I was a nurse anesthetist, I dealt with people’s lives every day and there was no room for mistakes. That’s how I live every part of my life and how I will conduct myself as a councilman.”

Sign up now for boards, committees

There are plenty of ways to get involved in the City! Right now there are multiple vacancies on valuable boards and committees that meet once a month.

Current vacancies include:

- Museum Advisory Board
- Recycling Committee
- Christmas Parade Committee

If you are interested in serving, call the City Clerk’s office at **251-928-2136** or email **Lisa.Hanks@FairhopeAL.gov** to obtain an application for appointment to a City board or committee. You can also access this form at FairhopeAL.gov under the City of Fairhope Committees option in the Government tab.

Holiday Garbage & Recycling Schedule

There will be no garbage, recycling, or trash pickup on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, or New Year’s Day, Friday, January 1. Services will resume on the next regularly scheduled pickup day.

Join us for December events!

★ **December 4th, 7 pm:** Fairhope’s Magical Christmas Parade begins at Morphy and Section and continues down Section to Oak. The excitement will build as the crowd is dazzled in anticipation of Santa Claus’ arrival to Fairhope for the holiday season

★ **December 5th and 12th, 10:30am-Noon:** Fairhope’s Santa Saturdays return this year! Santa will be in a socially distanced setup in front of the Fairhope Museum of History downtown for children to visit. Parents are welcome to bring cameras to take pictures.

★ **December 31st, 8:30pm-Midnight:** Ring in the New Year downtown! Residents and visitors are invited to bring their families and celebrate the end of 2020 and the beginning of 2021. A band will begin at 8:30 p.m. at the corner of Fairhope Avenue and Church Street. Other entertainment will include a DJ, fireworks and a ball drop at midnight.

****Social-distancing is required for all holiday events in the City of Fairhope per the Safer at Home Order issued by Governor Kay Ivey.**



December City Schedule At-A-Glance

City of Fairhope Planning Commission
December 7 | 5pm • City Council Chambers

Fairhope City Council Meeting
December 14 | 6pm • City Council Chambers

City Buildings Closed for Christmas Holidays
Noon | December 24 through December 28

Fairhope City Council Meeting
December 28 | 6pm • City Council Chambers



Veteran of the Year is Harry (Chief) Cichowski

Harry “Chief” Cichowski was named the 2020 City of Fairhope Veteran of the Year during a City Council meeting on November 9th. A 51-year Fairhope resident, Chief served in the U.S. Navy for 30 years on eight different ships.

During his career, he also completed shore duty in North Carolina, Connecticut, Virginia, and Mobile.

He is a decorated veteran, having earned the Good Conduct Medal, the European Theatre-Expeditionary Medal, European Occupational Medal, National Defense Medal-Korea and National Defense Medal-Vietnam. Following his service, he worked for the Mobile County Health Department for 26 years.

A life member of the Gaston-Lee VFW Post 5660, his post comrades nominated him for the Veteran of the Year honor. “Harry Cichowski is a selfless and caring person,” the nomination stated. “His values personify those of the Armed Services of the United States and the Fairhope community. The Chief is typical of millions of American young men and women who have served in the U.S. military. They did not earn great rank, did not receive high awards or great medals. They volunteered and did their jobs honorably, did not ask for thanks and kept America safe! This is the type of person that makes their community a better place, and Chief Cichowski fits that mold.”



Darren Knight, Mark Mitchell celebrate 30 years at City of Fairhope

Gas department employee Darren Knight and Recreation employee Mark Mitchell were both recognized for 30 years of service to the City of Fairhope during the October Employee Appreciation Luncheon.