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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

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May 16-22, 2021

The 69th Annual Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival returns to the streets of Fairhope April 30th, May 1st and May 2nd, 2021. This year's festival will be a celebration of Alabama artists as the Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival Foundation finds ways to creatively present this beloved festival following more than a year with COVID-19 restrictions.

"The Festival Foundation and the City of Fairhope decided together that the health and safety of the community, guests, volunteers, artists, and staff are our very top priority," said Fairhope Mayor, and this year's chairman, Sherry Sullivan. "Festival volunteers begin planning this event months in advance, and while we all hoped throughout the planning process that we would be able to hold the event, we were simultaneously preparing for the possibility of canceling or rescheduling. Fortunately, we feel that by rescheduling the Festival and enlisting additional safety policies and procedures, we will be able to host this time-honored tradition in the coming months."

Festival hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday, and admission is free. A shuttle, provided by Hot Wheels Skate Center, will run from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day for \$5 round-trip; pick up is at the Fairhope Recreation Center.

For 2021, there will be only Alabama artists exhibiting their best works. Artists will be set up so social distancing is possible. Hand-washing and sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the festival's footprint, and security will be on hand to monitor and hand out masks.

Make plans now to come out and see the best Alabama artists and enjoy delicious cuisine from the food court and downtown restaurants throughout this three-day event!

The 69th Arts & Crafts Festival

April 30th, May 1st and May 2nd

FRIDAY - SUNDAY

10AM - 5PM

Admission is free

For more information visit fairhopeartsandcraftsfestival.com

Fairhope Welcome Center offers Pre-Employment Transition Services



The City of Fairhope and the Cindy Haber Center joined together for the month of March to allow young adults with disabilities the opportunity to intern as Fairhope Ambassadors. The program is based within local businesses throughout Baldwin County where interns learn and apply transferable skills in a variety of departments. The interns have the unique advantage of obtaining valuable skills and experience before joining the workforce. As Fairhope Ambassadors, the interns will staff the Welcome Center and answer all questions about Fairhope.

Water flushing continues through April and May

The City of Fairhope is continuing the routine flushing of its water distribution service through April and May. The Water Department will start flushing at 7 a.m. and continue through 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Flushing of areas in downtown Fairhope will not begin until after 6 p.m. During this time, residents and businesses may experience temporary low water pressure and discoloration of water. Residents and business owners are encouraged to check water prior to washing clothing as staining may occur.

FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
call Jason Langley with the
City of Fairhope Water & Sewer Department
251-928-8003

Walking Tours resume this month

Learn about Fairhope's unique and fascinating history with a historic downtown walking tour will take place every Saturday in April. Tours start at 10 a.m. and last approximately one hour.

All tours begin at the Fairhope Welcome Center located at 20 N. Section Street. Walking Tours are free and open to the public.

Fairhope Welcome Center
20 North Section Street

EVERY SATURDAY
10AM
Admission is free

Farmers Market begins again

The City of Fairhope will host an Outdoor Farmers Market from 3-6 p.m. Thursdays starting April 8th and ending July 8th. The market will be set up behind the Fairhope Public Library and will feature local farmers, bakers, fresh Baldwin County produce, fresh-cut flowers, local honey, plants, baked goods and more.



Outdoor Farmers Market
Behind the Fairhope Public Library

EVERY THURSDAY
3-6PM

Girls Night Out

Get the gals together for a girl's night in downtown Fairhope complete with an exclusive coupon book and commemorative t-shirt. Our fun and festive fiesta is great excuse to indulge in a little retail therapy with the senioritis. Every GNO participant will be registered for the door prize giveaways.



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National Public Works Week May 16-22, 2021

This May we stand with others throughout the country to salute our hardworking Public Works employees during National Public Works Week!

Celebrated from May 16-22nd, this week helps us recognize the many facets of Public Works. From building and repairing roads, running the sanitation services city-wide and growing and planting flowers, these hardworking men and women keep our City running and beautiful.

This week also gives us an opportunity to celebrate three trusted members of our Public Works staff and congratulate them on their well-deserved retirements!

Rickey Mims retired in February after 20 years of service to the City. Throughout his years with Fairhope you may have seen him out and about handling painting jobs at City buildings and facilities.

Assistant Public Works Director Arthur Bosarge will retire in April after 26 years with the City. His first job in the City was as a trash collector and, throughout his tenure, has served in capacities including recycling, mowing, landfill operations, car-penter crew, street crew and landscaping. His time at the City also enabled him to attend the University of Mobile and obtain his undergraduate and graduate degrees.

He was told when he started here that "You will not get rich here but you will be taken care of," and he believes wholeheartedly that this is true. Arthur's retirement plan is to spend more time doing mission projects and working with his wife.

In July, flower master and Chief Horticulturist Paul Merchant will leave after 30 years with the City. He started here driving a trash truck and cutting grass on an out-front mower and, within a year, moved into the horticultural department. Though Paul is not retiring, he is moving on to a bright future!

Thanks to these three hard-working men for their many years of service!



LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



This is one of my favorite times of the year. The flowers are beautiful, spring is in the air and summer is right around the corner.

In the next several months, we will celebrate Easter, the end of school, graduation and Mother's Day. I hope all of you will continue to support our local businesses and enjoy things getting back to normal. We will also celebrate volunteers and Public Works week in April and May. I hope you will join me and celebrate the people who are dedicated to our City. The people of Fairhope and the ones who work for Fairhope are what make Fairhope special.

As always, my door is open so please stop by or give me a call if you need assistance.

Happy Spring.

Sherry Sullivan, Mayor

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Public Meetings Listings

Fairhope Planning Commission

MEETS AT 5PM | *City Council chambers*
FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Fairhope City Council

MEETS AT 6PM | *City Council chambers*
THE SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAYS

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