

# City Sketches

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# NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

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### 4th of July Fireworks Display

The City of Fairhope is glad to welcome back its annual Fourth of July Concert & Fireworks display again this year on Sunday, July 4th in Henry George Park and the Fairhope Municipal Pier.

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.

The north end of Fairhope Municipal Park will be open through-out 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 will be limited. Those who wish to park in the handicap area should plan to arrive early and stay until the fire-works are over. As a reminder, this is an alcohol-free event and no personal fireworks are permitted.

#### Fourth of July Concert & Fireworks Display

Henry George Park
Sunday, July 4th

7рм Concert begins 9рм Fireworks display

Alcohol-free event

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## Glow in the Park Summer Movie Series



The City of Fairhope returns with the 6th Annual "Glow in the Park Summer Movie Series," guaranteed to light up your summer nights with three free family movies on the second Thursdays in June, July, and August. Moviegoers are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic (no alcohol or glass containers) and relax with the whole family. The Downtown Fairhope Business Association will have FREE popcorn and will be giving away glow-in-the-dark necklaces before the movie. The movies will be shown at 8 p.m. at Fairhopers Community Park located at 105 S Church Street.

Glow in the Park Movie Series
Fairhopers Community Park, 105 S Church Street.

SECOND THURSDAY June, July, & August 8PM

Admission is free

# First Friday Art Walk Continues

The Eastern Shore Art Center and surrounding downtown businesses will be hosting First Friday Art Walk, June 4th and July 2nd between 6-8 p.m. This monthly event is free admittance to visitors, featuring the opening of new artworks, delicious refreshments, and live music. June Exhibits at ESAC include Billie Bourgeois, the Watercolor and Graphic Arts Society of Mobile and the Nall Collection of Alabama Art. July Exhibits include Mary Hardy, Jim Laugelli, and a continuation of the Nall display. For more information and updates, visit www.esartcenter.org.

### **Arts Alley Project Update**

Look for exciting news on the arts components of this project, funded by a grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organization, should begin in late May!

The plan, which focuses on the alley that runs beside the Fairhope Parking Garage between Section and Church Street, includes a transportation hub and public restroom while also updating drainage, lighting and surfaces and adding landscaping.

Construction on the project is expected to take approximately 180 total days, with a goal of having the alleyway ready to go on or before Tree Lighting on November 18th. There may be impacts to traffic and parking as work commences and continues throughout the summer, but the end result is expected to be a huge upgrade for the downtown area.

# **Church Street Drainage Project Update**



The Church Street drainage project is continuing on that major thoroughfare in the Central Business District. Construction on the first section, from Oak to Magnolia, is wrapping up as work on the second section, from Magnolia to Fairhope Avenue, will soon begin.

This project will include infrastructure upgrades in addition to the new stormwater solutions being implemented. Impacts to the section from Magnolia to Fairhope Avenue are expected through the summer.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to improve our City!

### **AMEA Scholarships Awarded**



Forty high school seniors, including four from Fairhope High School, will enroll in a four-year college/university, community college, and/or vocational school in Alabama this year with help from the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA) and its 11 Members through the 2021 AMEA Scholarship Program. Each recipient will receive a \$2,500 scholarship for a total of \$100,000 awarded in this year's program. AMEA received 178 scholarship applications in the 2021 program. Fairhope recipients include Annalyn Rebecca Duke, Laney Elizabeth Haas, Isabella Grace Myrick and John Murray Wallace.

Duke plans to attend Auburn University and study Biomedical Sciences. She is a member of the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. Annalyn is a member of the Teen Literacy Council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Annalyn participated in the Baldwin County Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Program. Her volunteer experience includes Fairhope Youth Rotary Club, Vacation Bible School, and mission trips.

Haas plans to attend Auburn University with a major in Pre-Dental. She is a member of the Spanish Club, Project Outreach, Teen Literacy Council, Interact Club, Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and the National Honor Society. Laney has volunteered with the Rotary Youth Club, Youth Leadership Committee of the Fairhope First United Methodist Church, and she has served as a mentor in the Stepping Up program at her church

Myrick plans to attend Troy University and major in International Business. Isabella is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Club, Teen Literacy Council, Girls Service Club, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Prom Committee and Book Club. She also serves on the Bay Breeze Yearbook staff, and she is a member of the Fairhope High Track and Field team. Her community service includes Future Business Leaders of America Campus Cleanup, United Way Youth Leadership Program, Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership, Thomas Hospital Auxiliary Junior Volunteer Program and Project Outreach Trunk-or-Treat program.

Wallace plans to study Business Administration at Auburn University. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Young Life Fairhope/Daphne, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council and Spanish Club. John is also a member of the varsity tennis team. His volunteer experience includes Granbury Coats For Kids Drive, Mission Granbury, and he mowed lawns for free for the disabled, elderly and others in need.

Since 1992, AMEA and its Members have provided over \$2.5 million in scholarships to the graduating high school seniors who receive their electric service from AMEA Members. AMEA, a joint action agency formed in 1981, is the wholesale power provider for 11 public power utilities in Alabama, which serve approximately 350,000 customers in the cities of Alexander City, Dothan, Fairhope, Foley, LaFayette, Lanett, Luverne, Opelika, Piedmont, Sylacauga and Tuskegee.

### **JCC Sunset Staircase Project**



The Junior City Council recently completed their 2020-2021 service project, creating and painting a Sunset Staircase mural at the staircase leading from the bluff at Henry George Park to Fairhope Avenue.

The 9 Junior City Council members planned, budgeted and presented their idea to the City Council in March and completed the project in April.

Go by today and check out their beautiful work of art!

#### LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



As we move into the summer months, I hope you make time to enjoy the endless possibilities our City has to offer.

Students are out of school for the summer and family outing and trips are in full swing. I hope you take in a movie in the park, attend the summer farmer's market, watch a sunset at the pier, stroll along the bay or enjoy a picnic on the bluff. Fairhope has so much to offer and we are lucky to call this place our home.

Have a great summer!

Sherry Sullivan, Mayor

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FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

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

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