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The City of Fairhope’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan kicked off in September, but public engagement will continue through February.

The project involves the creation of a community-driven comprehensive land use plan for the City of Fairhope to address growth with an emphasis on environmental stewardship and legal foundation for implementation. Included in the project scope of work is plan development that envisions sustainable community growth infused with aspects of green infrastructure.

Fairhope Mayor Sherry Sullivan urges all residents to plan to take part in this project that is essential to future growth in the City.

“Fairhope has experienced incredible growth in the past 10 years, and it is time for us all to take a thoughtful look at what we want our City to be going forward,” said Sullivan. “It is critical that residents, organizations, businesses and all other stakeholders in our community participate and be engaged with this process. Our team is setting up meetings, in-person and virtual, that will make it easy for you to take an hour and register your feedback. Please take advantage of these opportunities so we can grow Fairhope together.”

To check on the available dates for meetings, visit www.PlanFairhope.com.

You can also email CompPlan@FairhopeAL.gov for more information.

This project is sponsored by the RESTORE Council in cooperation with the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, November 4th
6 p.m., Rotary Youth Club

Friday, November 5th
10 a.m., James P. Nix Center

Thursday, December 2nd
10 a.m., Homestead Village
6 p.m., Thompson Hall Fire Station

Veterans Day Activities



Every November the City of Fairhope pays homage to the nation's veterans through an annual Veterans Day parade and Sunset Prayer Service. The parade will be on November 6th at 10 a.m. and will begin and end at the Fairhope Civic Center. The parade provides the public with the opportunity to salute and honor our local veteran community. Leading the parade will be Fairhope's 2021 Veteran of the Year.

The celebration will continue on Thursday, November 11, at 4:45 p.m. in Henry George Park. A sunset prayer service will be held at Tears of Sorrow, Tears of Joy, the City's veteran's memorial. A local pastor will lead the prayer service and taps will be performed following the prayer.

Veterans Day Parade

Downtown Fairhope

Saturday, November 6th | 10 a.m.

Veterans Sunset Prayer Service

Henry George Park

Thursday, November 11th | 4:45 p.m.

Just Around the Corner



Fairhope's season of celebration kicks off on Thursday, November 18, with the annual **Lighting of the Trees Celebration**. Enjoy this magical night with a snowy Tree Lighting ceremony with Christmas music playing through the streets of Downtown. The evening activities begin at 5:30 p.m. and the lights come on at the stroke of 6 p.m.

The weekend continues with the **"Movie in the Street: On Fairhope Avenue"** on Saturday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m. All aboard the Polar Express for a trip to the North Pole! Come and enjoy a movie under the stars as the City of Fairhope and the Downtown Fairhope Business Association celebrate the upcoming holiday season with the 11th Annual "Movie in the Street: On Fairhope Avenue" near the intersection of Section Street and Fairhope Avenue. Those who plan to attend can bring lawn chairs and blankets from home. Children are invited to wear their holiday pajamas.

The weekend wraps up with **Fairhope's Annual Christmas Open house** on Sunday, November 21, from 1 to 5 p.m. Come shop for Christmas, enjoy listening to live music, sample tasty holiday treats and take part in this long-standing Fairhope tradition.

These socially distanced events are subject to change or modify according to state and local guidelines. The City of Fairhope will continue to provide updates at Fairhopeal.gov and through social media.

Fall Holiday Schedule

The City of Fairhope Administrative Offices & Operations will be CLOSED on:

November 11, *Veterans Day*

November 25 and 26, *Thanksgiving Holiday*

December 23, *Christmas Holiday ½ Day*

December 24, *Christmas Holiday*

There will be no garbage, trash or recycling pickup. Services will resume on the next scheduled pickup day.

Fairhope Film Festival

Fairhope Film Festival is back! Award-winning films from the USA and around the world will be screening at six local venues November 11-14, 2021. Opening Night kicks off with an outdoor film at Coastal Community College's Halstead Amphitheater. Following that will be movies, panels, presentations, a street party and a drive-in. You don't want to miss this year's 9th annual fest.

For more information, visit Fairhopefilmfestival.org

**Tickets go on sale October 1;
Films will be announced November 1.**



New Year's Eve Celebration



The City of Fairhope will again be hosting their annual New Year's Eve Celebration in the streets of downtown Fairhope. Residents and visitors are invited to bring their families and ring in the New Year. The main stage entertainment will begin playing at 8:30 p.m. at the corner of Fairhope Avenue and Church Street. Other entertainment will include face painting, fireworks, and a ball drop at midnight.

Many downtown restaurants will be open for those who wish to eat in downtown and then just hangout until midnight. Section Street will be left open to through traffic; handicap parking will be available on Section Street in designated handicap areas and in the parking lot behind Julwin's.

America Recycles Day



Ever wonder where your recyclable materials go once the City of Fairhope truck picks them up at your house? From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on November 15th, the City's crews will be at the City Recycling Building at 451 Pecan Drive to answer your questions about recycling: what can be recycled and what can't; where the various items go and what happens to them; and how you can recycle more of what might now be going into your trash.

The city will also accept all old electronics from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day and will have a commercial shredder for free use.

America Recycles Day

451 Pecan Drive

Monday, November 15th

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Church Street infrastructure project

will continue throughout the fall and winter on the second stretch of Church from Magnolia to Fairhope Avenue. This section will be open to local traffic only as crews work to replace and upgrade stormwater transmission systems and utility infrastructure.

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



As the weather is cooling off, I hope you are enjoying the outdoors, watching your favorite football team and spending quality time with friends and family. The City staff is gearing up for the holidays and continuing to make infrastructure improvements within the City. Thank you for your patience as we work to complete these necessary projects. I look forward to seeing you around town and wish you a happy and healthy holiday season!

Sherry Sullivan, Mayor

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Public Meetings Listings

The Fairhope Planning Commission
MEETS AT 5PM | *City Council chambers*
FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

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

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