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Fairhope Mardi Gras 2022

After a year without parades, Fairhope Mardi Gras 2022 is set to roll in downtown Fairhope. Find your spot and get ready to catch Moon Pies, beads and trinkets. The Mystic Mutts of Revelry will lead off Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 19, 2022. They will be walking the streets starting at 3 p.m. All participants must register and pay a fee, with proceeds going to The Haven. The colorful floats take to the streets the night of February 19 with the men of the KOER, the Knights of Ecor Rouge. The evening parade rolls at 6:30 p.m. from the Fairhope Civic Center.

The Maids of Jubilee (MOJ) parade through downtown on Friday, February 25 at 6:45 p.m. The Order of Mystic Magnolias (OOMM) wrap up Fairhope's Mardi Gras parades on Monday, February 28 at 6:45 p.m.

FAIRHOPE MARDI GRAS PARADE SCHEDULE

Mystic Mutts of Revelry - Saturday, February 19, 2022 3 p.m.

Knights of Ecor Rouge - Saturday, February 19, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Maids of Jubilee - Friday, February 25, 2022 6:45 p.m.

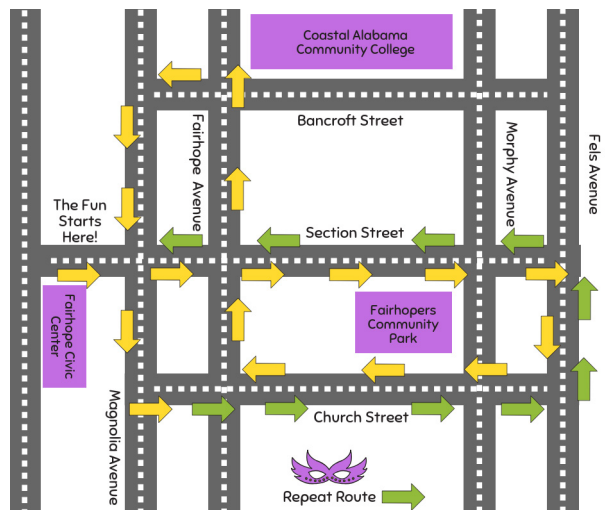
Order of the Mystic Magnolias - Monday, February 28, 2022 6:45 p.m.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Arbor Day Celebration

Chili for Charity 2022

State of the City Expo



Arbor Day Celebration



Celebrate Arbor Day with the City of Fairhope! Fairhope's Arbor Day celebration is set for 10 a.m. on the campus of Coastal Alabama Community College. Set to be honored as part of the celebration are Arbor Day poster contest winners as well as 2022 individual and business beautification award winners. Tree seedlings that the city will give away that day include Red Maple, Pignut Hickory, Sugarberry, Parsley Haw, American Beech, Myrtle Oak, Baldcypress, Arrowwood, and Winged Sumac.

Arbor Day

Coastal Alabama Community College

Saturday, February 12
10 a.m.

Winter Holiday Schedule

Please check for the most up to date information on the City of Fairhope holiday trash collection schedule at www.fairhopeal.gov

Just Around the Corner, Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival!

The Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival Foundation is proud to announce that the 70th annual Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival will take place March 18, 19, and 20, 2022, in beautiful downtown Fairhope.

The Festival was recently named one of the TOP 25 art shows in the nation by the prestigious Sunshine Artist Magazine in their annual "200 Best" list of the top two hundred art shows.

"We are honored that our Festival has received this recognition," said 2022 Festival Chairman Vicky Cook. "Our organization and its volunteers work year-round to bring this cherished community event to life every year. This award is particularly meaningful this year as we prepare for our platinum jubilee in 2022. We are proud to be a time-honored tradition for so many artists, locals, and guests that visit our utopia by the Bay for 70 years."

The Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival Foundation (501c3) hosts the annual Festival and its surrounding events to promote community appreciation of the arts and support art education. All proceeds are reinvested into the community through local scholarships, donations, and grants available to students and organizations in Fairhope.

For more information on the Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival please visit www.fairhopeartsandcraftsfestival.com

Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival
March 18, 19, and 20, 2022

Chili for Charity 2022

Ecumenical Ministries will host Chili for Charity 2022 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. February 12th at Halstead Amphitheater on the campus of Coastal Alabama Community College.

For more information or tickets, visit www.baldwinemi.org.

First Friday Art Walk

The beginning of every month starts with a bang in downtown Fairhope. First Friday Art Walk is a free event held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Many locations including art galleries, retail shops, restaurants and bars, coffee shops and more participate in this event.

Work on the Church Street Infrastructure Project has been completed on the block from Oak to Magnolia, including the Magnolia/Church intersection. Crews will continue work on Church to Fels Avenue, updating storm drains and upgrading pipes for water, wastewater and gas utilities. The projected end date of this project is September 2022.

7th Annual Pirate Dash

The 7th Annual Pirate Dash 5K and 1 mile fun run will take place on February 12, 2022. The run will support the educational needs of Fairhope Elementary Schools. A fun morning in downtown Fairhope with an after party for racers and their families.

For more information, email thepiratedash@gmail.com.

GO PIRATES!



Comprehensive Plan Continues

Community engagement continues for the Comprehensive Plan with neighborhood meetings will be held in January and February at the following times:

1 p.m. January 25th - Fairhope Recreation Center

10 a.m. January 26th - Dahlgren Hall on the campus of Coastal Alabama Community College

6 p.m. February 15th - Fairhope Public Library

10 a.m. February 16th - Fairhope Recreation Center

In addition, a youth-only meeting will be held at 6 p.m. January 26th at the library at Fairhope High School and a virtual meeting will be held at 7 p.m. February 16th and broadcast live on the City's Facebook and YouTube pages.

The engagement portion of the project will culminate in March with a public workshop at 6 p.m. March 3rd at the James P. Nix Center and a presentation of the engagement findings at 5:30 p.m. March 8th at the Fairhope Civic Center.

For more information on the Comprehensive Plan, visit www.PlanFairhope.com.

State of the City Expo

Join your city leaders and city departments for an interactive, all-access event at the Fairhope Civic Center on February 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Hear about each City department's plans for 2022 and ask your questions in this casual forum. Mayor Sullivan will make brief remarks at 6 p.m.

Residents can visit booths and tables, get updates on financials and information about city services. Giveaways will be featured and a light dinner will be provided at the event.



State of the City Expo

Fairhope Civic Center

Thursday, February 10
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



As we ring in 2022, the City of Fairhope will begin projects that will improve our community for years to come.

This year you will see the transformation of the alleyway at the parking garage to Arts Alley, which will bring with it a transportation hub and restroom facility and hopefully, alleviate some of the parking issues downtown.

At Gayfer Road and Greeno, turn lanes will begin to help reduce traffic that builds up and causes delays each day.

Our three major RESTORE projects will begin to move at a faster rate, allowing us to hopefully begin construction on the \$10 million sewer upgrades and the long-stalled Working Waterfront. We will also continue to engage the public for the Comprehensive Plan during the first quarter of the year.

And by Fall 2022, the Church Street Infrastructure Project will be nearing completion, allowing for upgraded utility lines and stormwater drainage systems from Oak Street to Fels Avenue.

If it seems like there's a lot going on, you're right. We are excited to see the wonderful things 2022 will bring!

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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