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Arts & 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.



NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Easter Sunrise Service

Fairhope Museum to unveil new exhibit in March

Farmer’s Market begins again

For more information on the Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival please visit

FairhopeArtsAndCraftsFestival.com

Easter Sunrise Service



The Eastern Shore Optimist Club will host the Easter Sunrise Service.

Rose Garden at Fairhope Municipal Pier

Sunday, April 17
6:30 a.m.

Comprehensive Plan Continues

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 PlanFairhope.com

Easter bunny hops into Fairhope

The Easter bunny will visit Fairhope from 10 a.m. to Noon Saturday, April 9th, in front of the Fairhope Welcome Center. Parents are welcome to bring their cameras to take Easter bunny photos.

Fairhope Welcome Center

Saturday, April 9
10 a.m. - NOON

Fairhope Museum to unveil new exhibit March

The Fairhope Museum of History is thrilled to announce the opening of their newest exhibit, "Utopia on the Bay", opening to the public Friday, March 18th. This exhibit will replace the current, "Dogwoods: More Than External Beauty" exhibit located on the second floor of the museum.

"Utopia on the Bay" is an exploration of the influence of Mobile Bay on the formation of the country's oldest and largest single-tax colony and utopian experiment. In 1894, the founders of Fairhope, Alabama, sought out a location to start their utopian dream that would provide economic opportunity and inspiration for the reformers that would follow them. The eastern shore of Mobile Bay provided both.

Exhibit displays will illustrate how the bay's access to the rich veins of clay helped Fairhoper's establish themselves in the pottery industry, bay breezes and high bluffs attracted countless tourists, the magnificence of the bay ignited the imaginations of influential artists and writers, and the majestic bay boats kept it all afloat.

This new exhibit will feature interactive displays that will explore the history of the bay before colonists, when Native Americans utilized its shores. Lastly, the exhibit will examine the relationship between the people of Fairhope and the wildlife of the bay over time.



34th Annual Mayor's Golf Tournament benefiting FEEF

The four-person scramble, presented by title sponsor Terry Thompson Chevrolet, will offer morning and afternoon start times, lunch provided by Imperial Dade, drinks, on-course competitions, winning prizes and more.

All proceeds from the tournament are distributed by the Fairhope Educational Enrichment Foundation (FEEF) directly back into Fairhope's five public schools. These funds provide programs and equipment to our students and teachers that are not made possible through traditional funding the schools receive. This includes science labs, STEAM labs, piano, choir, guitar, theatre, art, engineering, robotics, teacher classroom grants and more.



FEEF

FAIRHOPE EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION

Investing in Students. Preparing the Future.

Quail Creek Golf Course

Friday, March 25

Farmer's Market begins again

The City of Fairhope will host an Outdoor Farmer's Market from 3-6 p.m. Thursdays starting April 14th and ending July 14th. 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.



The City of Fairhope has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2020. The award was given by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. Pictured with the award are Mayor Sherry Sullivan, City Treasurer Kim Creech and Senior Accountant Aislinn Stone.

The report was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

20th Annual
Taste of Rotary
Tuesday April 19, 2022
Fairhope Civic Center

General Admission Tickets \$75
VIP Tickets \$150
5:30pm-9:30pm

Entertainment by National Recording Artists
Roman Street

*Local Restaurants and Guest Chefs will be serving their specialties.
Soft Drinks, Beer, & Wine Included.*

Point Clear Rotary Club

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



Spring is in the air, and our City is full of activity.

We will welcome back artists and visitors alike for the 70th Annual Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival that will be held on the streets of downtown in March. I encourage you to join us, shop the artists and our City merchants and take the time to stop in the Fairhope Museum of History to see the newest exhibit, "Utopia on the Bay." Live at 5, along with the return of Theatre 98, will add in a healthy dose of entertainment this season as well.

With all of the fun and growth, we will also begin to experience some necessary growing pains as the Church Street Infrastructure project continues to progress and our Arts Alley project kicks off. April may bring with it more roadwork and traffic interruptions, but the benefits to our City will be well worth the temporary growing pains. We are working everyday to make Fairhope better for generations to come!

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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