



# City Sketches

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## Fourth of July Concert & Fireworks Display

The City of Fairhope will host its annual Fourth of July Concert & Fireworks display again this year on Monday, 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 throughout 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 fireworks are over. As a reminder, this is an alcohol-free event and no personal fireworks are permitted.

*Henry George Park and the Fairhope Municipal Pier*

**Monday, July 4**

7:30 p.m.

## Coffee with the Mayor Sullivan



News from Mayor Sherry Sullivan

# Coffee with the Mayor

9 - 10 a.m.

July 19 James P. Nix Center

September 20 Fairhope Recreation Center

November 15 City Council Chambers

For more information call 251-928-2136



It's time for Coffee with the Mayor – join Mayor Sherry Sullivan to discuss City topics that are important to you on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 9 a.m. at the James P Nix Center.

Coffee will be provided by Fairhope Roasting Company. This is a wonderful opportunity for residents to ask questions, express concerns and offer their feedback.

## AMEA Scholarships Awarded



Forty (40) high school seniors 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 2022 AMEA Scholarship Program.

Each of the 40 scholarship recipients will receive a \$2,500 scholarship for a total of \$100,000 awarded in this year's program. AMEA received 156 scholarship applications in the 2022 program.

Since 1992, AMEA and its Members have provided over \$3 million in scholarships to the graduating high school seniors who receive their electric service from AMEA Members.

To be eligible for the AMEA scholarships, a student's family must receive electric service from an AMEA Member city electric utility and the student must attend an Alabama college/university or vocational school.

"We take our role as a good corporate citizen seriously," said Fred D. Clark, Jr., AMEA President & CEO. "That's why we, along with our Members, support education initiatives, like the AMEA Scholarship Program, that contribute to making our state economically competitive. We congratulate this year's scholarship winners."

*This year's AMEA Scholarship Program recipients pictured above include:*

**Brooklynn Nicole Bailey**, Fairhope High School, Fairhope

**Molly Quinn McPherson**, Fairhope High School, Fairhope

**Madisyn Elizabeth Eddins**, Fairhope High School, Fairhope

**Reese Adam Houck**, Fairhope High School, Fairhope

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.

## Church Street Infrastructure Project Update

The Church Street infrastructure project is nearing completion. The project began in 2021 on Oak Street and has worked south for the past 18 months. In the coming weeks, work will be done all the way to Fels Avenue, which will represent the end of the project.

This infrastructure project is replacing aging water, wastewater, stormwater and gas infrastructure, allowing for increased reliability for the coming 20-30 years.

As the project reaches the end stages, there may be traffic and parking impacts on Church between Morphy and Fels. Additionally, when the work is completed, paving will take place from Fels to Magnolia.

## Independence Day Holiday Schedule

The City of Fairhope Administrative Offices & Operations will be CLOSED on Monday, July 4, 2022. There will be no garbage, trash or recycling pickup. Services will resume on the next scheduled pickup day.

## Free golf cart shuttle Monday-Friday

Take advantage of our free shuttle service from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday! Park in the garage and look for Mr. Mickey or give him a call at 251-850-6348. He will drop you off at your destination located within the Central Business District and will pick you up when you're ready to return to your car.



## Fairhope Junior City Council Graduation



During the May 9th Fairhope City Council meeting, Mayor Sherry Sullivan recognized the graduating members of the Fairhope Junior City Council.

Pictured with Mayor Sullivan and members of the Fairhope City Council are, from left, Rafael Olivier Velazquez, Galey McKelvain, Grayson McKean, Ellie Herrick, Isabella Tran and Ann Lyles Tapscott.

The application process for the 2022-2023 Fairhope Junior City Council (FJCC) starts August 1st. The JCC exists to serve as the youth's voice in the City while introducing members to City government and its processes.

Members are expected to attend City Council meetings when necessary to observe government in action. The FJCC also makes various presentations to the City Council during work sessions each year. Members also serve as a youth outreach arm of City government, engaging youth through projects throughout the City.

Applications for the 2022-2023 Fairhope Junior City Council will be accepted August 1-31, 2022. The group's 10 members will be appointed by the Mayor and a committee of community and City professionals.

For applications, visit [Fairhopeal.gov/government](http://Fairhopeal.gov/government)

City of Fairhope Public Utilities strongly recommends that **residents who irrigate their lawns do so from midnight to 4 a.m.** to reduce demand on the system during peak hours. During and immediately following rain events, please be mindful that irrigation is not necessary.

## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



It's hard to believe that the year is flying by, but here we are at the pinnacle of summer: our annual Fourth of July fireworks show returns to delight residents and visitors alike, and our Fairhope Outdoor Farmers Market will wrap up for the season.

I encourage you to get out and enjoy these last few weeks of the summer season. Our parks are open and primed for sunshine filled days of fun!

As we head into August and prepare for the return to school, I want to thank you for your patience as we continue to do infrastructure work to make Fairhope a better place to live both now and in the future. Our employees and contractors are doing an excellent job of minimizing the effects of this work while also maximizing the effectiveness of their actions.

I am looking forward to the second half of 2022 and the great things to come for the City of Fairhope!

*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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