



# City Sketches

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## 'Tis the Season!

We are getting ready for the most wonderful time of the year! Fairhope's season of Christmas celebrations kicks off on Thursday, November 17th, 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. Be sure to bring your little ones to write their letter to Santa and take a photo with Mrs. Claus. The evening activities begin at 5:30 p.m. and the lights come on at 6 p.m. sharp!

The weekend continues with the 12th annual "Movie in the Street: On Fairhope Avenue" on Saturday, November 19th, at 6:30 p.m. Take a trip to "Whoville" as we show "The Grinch" under the stars. The movie will be shown at the intersection of Section Street and Fairhope Avenue. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and blankets from home. Children are also invited to wear their holiday pajamas.

The weekend wraps up with Fairhope's Annual Christmas Open house on Sunday, November 20th, from 1 to 5 p.m. Come shop for Christmas, enjoy listening to live music, sample tasty holiday treats, bring the kids for free face painting and take part in this long-standing Fairhope tradition.



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## 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 5th 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 2022 Veteran of the Year.

The celebration will continue Thursday, November 11th, 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.

**Thursday, November 11th**

4:45 p.m.

*Henry George Park*

## E-Newsletter

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Get signed up today so you don't miss out! Each newsletter features important updates and announcements from City departments, project updates, construction progress, upcoming meetings, events and more.

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## 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 10-13, 2022. 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 10th annual fest.

All tickets sold online exclusively at [fairhopefilmfestival.org](http://fairhopefilmfestival.org). Tickets for in-person showings and virtual are \$15 each. Films will be announced October 26th.



**November 10-13, 2022**

*For more information visit [FairhopeFilmFestival.org](http://FairhopeFilmFestival.org)*

## 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.



## Holiday Schedule

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

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Veterans Day

**November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Thanksgiving Holiday

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Christmas Holiday ½ Day

**December 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Day

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
New Year's Day

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



## New Year's Eve Celebration

Ring in the new year with the City of Fairhope as we host our annual New Year's Eve Celebration in the streets of downtown Fairhope. Residents and visitors are invited to bring their families for the celebration. 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.

## Santa's coming to town!



Join us for Fairhope's Magical Christmas Parade on Friday, December 2nd at 7pm. With more than 60 parade units, the crowd is sure to be dazzled with anticipation for the arrival of Santa Claus! The parade will start at Morphy and Section Street and continue down Section Street to Oak Street. Also back again for the holiday season is "Santa Saturdays"! Stop by in front of the Fairhope Museum of History from 10:30am-12:00pm on Saturday, December 3rd and Saturday, December 10th for photos with Santa Claus. Parents are encouraged to bring their own camera to take photos.



## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



It is the most wonderful time of the year! November and December bring some of the signature events we love the most: from the Annual Tree Lighting and Movie in the Streets in November to the Annual Christmas Parade and Santa Saturdays in December, we have so many ways for you to celebrate the holidays with your family and friends.

As we get ready to close the book on 2022 with an awesome New Year's Eve Celebration, we are thankful for the many, many projects our city employees have undertaken and completed over the course of the past 12 months. We are proud to be making great strides in updating our infrastructure and amenities to make Fairhope the best it can be for years to come. We could not be doing the great work without the patience and support of our residents and business owners. We are thankful for you!

*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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