



# City Sketches

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## Fairhope Mardi Gras

Who's ready to let the good times roll? Find your spot and get ready to catch Moon Pies, beads and trinkets for Mardi Gras in Fairhope. Grab your flight suits and join the Mystic Mutts of Revelry as they lead off Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 11 with their theme, Top Dog. All proceeds go to generate awareness and raise funds for The Haven no - kill animal shelter. Set sail with a **Knight of Captains** on Saturday, February 11 with the men of **KOER, Knights of Ecor Rouge**. Then get ready to rock and roll with **Maids of Jubilee (MOJ)**, and their Bands and Babes as they parade through downtown on Friday, February 17. Wrapping up Fairhope's Mardi Gras parades on Monday, February 20, the **Order of Mystic Magnolias, (OOMEM)** are ready to roll the dice with their Game Night theme.

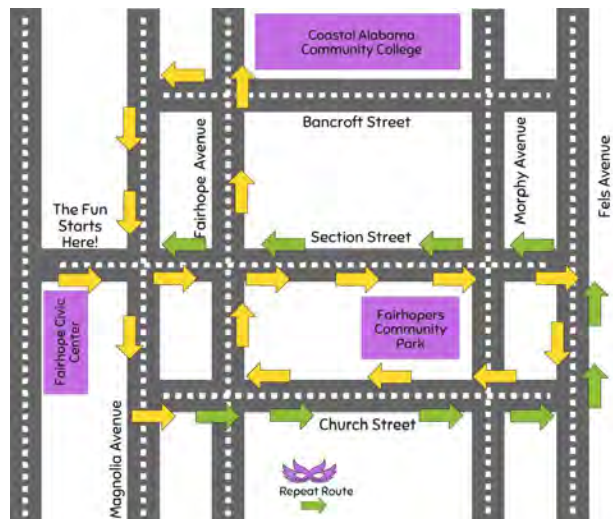
### FAIRHOPE MARDI GRAS PARADE SCHEDULE

**Mystic Mutts of Revelry** - Saturday, February 11, 3 PM

**Knights of Ecor Rouge** - Saturday, February 11, 6:30 PM

**Maids of Jubilee** - Friday, February 17, 6:45 PM

**Order of the Mystic Magnolias** - Monday, February 20, 6:45 PM



## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

State of the City Expo

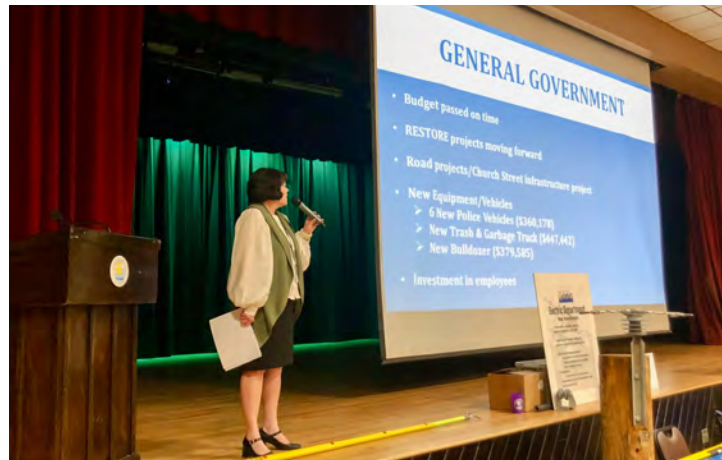
Arbor Day Celebration

8th Annual Pirate Dash

## State of the City Expo

Join your city leaders and city departments for an interactive, all-access event at the Fairhope Civic Center on January 26 from 5 PM to 7 PM. Hear about each City department's plans for 2023 and ask your questions in this casual forum.

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.



**Thursday, January 26**

5 PM - 7 PM

Fairhope Civic Center

## Arbor Day Celebration



Fairhope's Arbor Day celebration is set for Saturday, February 25 at 10 AM 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 2023 individual and business beautification award winners. A tree seedling giveaway follows the main program at 10:30 AM.

**Saturday, February 25**

10 AM

Coastal Alabama Community College

## Chili for Charity

Ecumenical Ministries will host Chili for Charity 2023 from 11:30 AM to 2 PM February 25 at Halstead Amphitheater on the campus of Coastal Alabama Community College. Besides some of the best chili you will taste in Baldwin County there will be live music by Blind Dog Mike and the Howler, a mechanical bull, zoo ambassadors from the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, tasty baked goods and of course the friendly competition among our cooking team. For more information or tickets, visit [baldwinemi.org](http://baldwinemi.org) or call 251-928-3430.

**Saturday, February 25**

11:30 AM - 2 PM

Halstead Amphitheater

## Chocolate and Champagne Gala

The Friends of the Fairhope Public Library are gearing up for its fabulous Chocolate and Champagne gala. Tickets will go on sale to the public on Monday, January 2 at the circulation desk in the library or online at EventBrite. Proceeds to benefit upstairs expansion. For more information, please contact [FairhopeLibraryFriends@gmail.com](mailto:FairhopeLibraryFriends@gmail.com) or call 251-928-7483.

**Saturday, February 4**

Fairhope Public Library

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pirate Dash



The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pirate Dash 5K and 1 mile fun run will take place on February 4, 2023. 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, please contact [ThePirateDash@gmail.com](mailto:ThePirateDash@gmail.com).

**Saturday, February 4**

Downtown Fairhope

## Winter Holiday Schedule

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

**January 2**  
New Year's Day

**January 16**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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

## Just Around the Corner



Arts & Crafts Festival



Save the date for the 2023 Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival!

The Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival Foundation is proud to announce that the 71<sup>st</sup> annual Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival will take place March 17, 18, and 19, 2023, in beautiful downtown Fairhope.

The Festival was recently named one of the TOP 15 art shows in the nation by the prestigious Sunshine Artist Magazine in their annual ranking of the nation's top festivals.

"We are honored that our Festival has received this recognition," said 2023 Festival Chairman Stephen Roberts. "Our volunteers work year-round to bring this cherished community event to life each spring. We are proud to be a time-honored tradition for so many artists, locals, and guests that visit our utopia by the Bay for more than 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 please visit [FairhopeArtsAndCraftsFestival.com](http://FairhopeArtsAndCraftsFestival.com). Also taking place on March 18, Thomas Hospital will host their 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fever Chase, a 10K and 2-mile fun run walk.

**March 17, 18, and 19**

Downtown Fairhope

## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



I cannot believe it is time to start another new year!

After a great 2022 that saw lots of projects get underway, we are approaching this new year with increased enthusiasm for the work being done on the streets and throughout the community. You will see the new baseball fields complete, the Arts Alley work beginning and completed, lots of utility upgrades projects completed and a new track facility at Founder's Park.

We'll spend January preparing for February events: Mardi Gras parades, the annual State of the City event, Chili for Charity 2023, Arbor Day and the Pirate Dash, just to name a few.

Great things are in store for the year ahead as we work to keep Fairhope a great place to live, work and play.

*Sherry Sullivan, Mayor*

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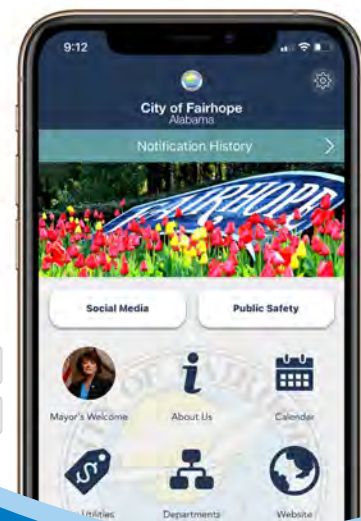
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## Public Meetings Listings

**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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