



City Sketches

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Arts & Crafts Festival

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

Recently named one of the TOP 15 art shows in the nation, and featured by Southern Living Magazine, this prestigious show will showcase more than 200 artists from across the country including many from the Southeast, and attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to Fairhope this year.

An Eastern Shore tradition for more than seventy years, there's something for everyone at the Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival! In addition to artists' displays, guests will enjoy live entertainment, delicious cuisine from the food court, and enjoy exploring local shops and restaurants. There will also be a children's tent with activities planned each day and appearances by the new 2023 Dogwood Trail Court. This year's 2023 Dogwood Trail Court includes Zoie Pratt, Morgan Bias, Anna Bowler Conyers, Riley Mellett, Ryann Turner and Abigail English.

For more information on shuttle services and bike valet, event map, participating artists list, and more, please visit FairhopeArtsandCraftsFestival.com.

45th Annual Spring Fever Chase 10K and 2-mile fun run

Join Thomas Hospital and Wells Fargo on Saturday, March 18 at 8 AM for the 45th Annual Spring Fever Chase, a 10K and 2-Mile Fun Run/Walk that winds through beautiful downtown Fairhope overlooking Mobile Bay. The 10K is accurately measured, flat to rolling, with five water stations along the route and one at the finish. The finish line clock records unofficial time. For official time, stay in line in the chute after crossing the finish line.

For more information, visit www.springfeverchase.org



NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

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The Easter bunny will visit Fairhope from **10 AM to Noon** on **Saturday, April 1**, in front of the Fairhope Welcome Center. Parents are welcome to bring their cameras to take Easter bunny photos.



Easter Sunrise Service

The Eastern Shore Optimist Club will host the Easter Sunrise Service at **6:30 AM** on **April 9** at the rose garden at the Fairhope Municipal Pier. A local pastor will be presiding over the service. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair.



35th Annual Mayor's Golf Tournament benefiting FEEF

The four-person scramble on Thursday, March 23 will offer morning and afternoon start times, breakfast, lunch, drinks, on-course contests, winning prizes and more at Quail Creek Golf Course.

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.

For more information, visit www.feefonline.org.



Mike Ford Tennis Center Spring Programs



JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAMS

Tiny Tots (ages 4-5): Wednesday's 4PM-4:30PM

Level 1 (ages 6-8): Tuesday or Thursday, 3:30PM-4:30PM

Level 2 (ages 9 & up): Tuesday and Thursday, 4PM-5PM

Level 3 (ages 11-18): Tuesday and Thursday, 5PM-6PM

Level 4 (Advanced and Intermediate level)
Monday and Wednesday, 4:30PM-6:30PM

ADULT CLINICS

2.0-3.0 level: Tuesdays 6AM-7AM

3.0-4.5 level: Wednesdays, 7PM-8PM

Please call the Mike Ford Tennis Center for more information about registration and fees, 251-990-9526.

Fairhope Museum to unveil new exhibit in March

Join the Fairhope Museum of History on **Friday, March 17** for the Grand Opening of the exhibit, "Vision of Fairhope". The new exhibit will feature select, century-old, photographs, reproduced into 3D viewable images. The images will connect viewers to the people of Fairhope's founding years in an all-new way never exhibited at the Fairhope Museum of History before!

The museum is located at 24 N. Section Street in Downtown Fairhope. They are open weekly from Tuesday through Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM with free admission.

Farmer's Market begins again



The City of Fairhope will host its Outdoor Spring Farmer's Market from **3 PM to 6 PM on Thursdays** beginning April 6 and ending June 29. 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. Entertainment will include live music and kids' activities.

Earth Day Mobile Bay 2023

Earth Day Mobile Bay 2023 will be held on **Saturday, April 22**, at Fairhope's South Beach Park from 11 am to 7 pm. The festival will attract participants from Mobile and Baldwin Counties and beyond. For more than 30 years, Earth Day Mobile Bay has demonstrated community support and involvement. It is a free event celebrating the Earth and the environment. It will host environmental displays and activities, a wide variety of interactive educational opportunities for children and adults, and an exciting live music lineup, all in a family-fun atmosphere.

This year, with the theme of how to address climate change at the local level, the festival's environmental activities and displays will include offerings for protecting the environment with ecological energy sources, green building, organic and local food, healthy living, and more. All this will take place in Fairhope's beautiful beach park.

Also as part of the event, the City of Fairhope will have **FREE** document shredding from 10 am to 2 pm.



LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



As we look forward to warmer weather and longer days, I hope you make plans with family and friends to enjoy the many upcoming activities held in Fairhope. The Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival, Spring Fever Chase, 35th Annual Mayor's Golf Tournament benefiting FEEF at Quail Creek Golf Course, Easter Sunrise Service at the pier and the Fairhope Farmers Market, just to name a few of the many exciting things to look forward to this spring. I hope to see you around town soon!

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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