



City Sketches

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Plans Move Forward for the Clock Plaza

The City of Fairhope is moving forward with plans to develop the iconic clock corner. The goal of the project is to soften the property and to incorporate a lot of the landscaping that you already see throughout town. The plan, developed by CPLA, will create a downtown plaza to enhance the downtown area. The project will include a gathering space with raised seating, planters and shade trees throughout. The radial nature of the site design is reflective of the circular forms of the intersections throughout downtown Fairhope and pays homage to the Fairhope clock.

"I am so happy that the City of Fairhope and Fairhope Single Tax Corporation purchased this parcel in 2019. This gave the City of Fairhope an opportunity to create a gathering place in downtown Fairhope that will only enhance the already beautiful landscape," said Mayor Sherry Sullivan.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of the summer.



NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

4th of July Fireworks Display

Hurricane Preparedness

Back to School Bash

Celebrate Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4

The City of Fairhope will host its annual Fourth of July Concert & Fireworks display again this year on Tuesday, 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.



Coffee with the Mayor

Wednesday, August 16

It's time for Coffee with the Mayor – join Mayor Sherry Sullivan to discuss City topics that are important to you on Wednesday, August 16 at **9 a.m. at Quail Creek Golf Course Clubhouse.**

Coffee will be provided by Fairhope Roasting Company. This is a wonderful opportunity for residents to ask questions and get an update on city projects.

Are you ready for hurricane season?

Hurricane season is a reminder to have an emergency plan and supplies for your household. With an increase in the severity of pop-up storms, though, it is important to be ready all the time. Non-weather-related issues should also be included in plans. The pandemic was an example of an unexpected trial that may affect our resources. If our area lost power, water, gas, internet, or communication services for an extended period, is your household ready? Commit to making an emergency plan with your family, friends, and neighbors today.

- Are you signed up to receive emergency notifications?
- Does your family have an emergency communication plan as well as an evacuation plan?
- Do you have an emergency kit to last a minimum of three days? You may want to include the following:
 - Water—at least a gallon per person, per day
 - Non-perishable food
 - First aid kit
 - Cash
 - Prescription medicines for your family and pets
 - Extra batteries or an alternative power source
 - Matches in a waterproof container
 - Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant
 - Paper plates, plastic cups and utensils, paper towels
 - Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio
 - Flashlights
 - Can opener (manual)
 - Local maps
 - Pet and service animal supplies
 - Go-bag with important documents
 - List of important phone numbers in case you cannot access contacts in your cell phone
 - Baby supplies (formula, diapers, etc.)
 - Extra pair of eyeglasses

If these items are not ready, take action and prepare!

Independence Day Holiday Schedule

The City of Fairhope Administrative Offices & Operations will be **CLOSED** on Tuesday, July 4, 2023. There will be no garbage, trash or recycling pickup. Services will resume on the next scheduled pickup day.

For additional information, visit fairhopeal.gov or call 251-928-8003.



Back to School Bash

Mark your calendars for our annual Back to School Bash scheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2023, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Fairhope United Methodist Church.

What began as the Fairhope Police Department's "Back to School with Blue" program, merged into a community-wide effort to help families in need prepare for a new school year. Today, our partnerships include many local churches, non-profit organizations, and businesses. Each student can receive over \$300 in supplies or services. Especially for a family with multiple children, this is a significant help.

Anyone interested in sponsoring this event or providing a service/volunteer can contact sheri.swartz@fairhopeal.gov or call 251.517.5010.

SOME OF THE ITEMS SPONSORED IN THE PAST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Backpacks with school supplies
- Clothing
- Shoes or shoe vouchers
- Haircuts on-site or haircut vouchers
- Sports Physicals
- ID kits
- Vouchers for paid school activities such as field trips or items like "Friday t-shirts"
- Cook-out during event
- Water slides and other outdoor activities

In addition to helping families kick off the school year, this is also a great opportunity for our local kids to interact with police officers.

AMEA Scholarship

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 Authority (AMEA) and its Members through the 2023 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.

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.

"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 from Fairhope include the following:

Delaney Shawn Hart, Fairhope High School

Brayden Alberto Mahatekar, St. Michael Catholic High School

Hannah Maren Markioli, Fairhope High School

Richard Winston Smith, Woodberry Forest School

AMEA, a joint action agency formed in 1981, is the wholesale power provider for 11 public power utilities in Alabama. AMEA serves approximately 350,000 customers. Delany Hart plans to attend Auburn University and study Chemical Engineering. Brayden Mahatekar plans to attend Auburn University and major in Musical Theatre. Hannah Markioli plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in Kinesiology. Richard Smith Jr. plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in Business and Finance. *(Mahtekar and Smith not pictured)*



To learn more about the AMEA scholarship program, visit www.AMEA.com/scholarship

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



I look forward to seeing you at the pier or along the bluff for the 4th of July celebration! What a great opportunity to bring friends and family together to watch the fireworks show, while overlooking Mobile Bay. This show is sure to delight those of all ages. Towards the end of the summer, I invite you to join me for Coffee with the Mayor at Quail Creek and to the Fairhope Police Department's Back to School Bash, this event provides Fairhope students with school clothes, backpacks and school supplies.

The City is also looking forward to completing the Clock Corner and the Arts Alley projects in the next few months. The Arts Alley is a collaboration with the Eastern Shore MPO and the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation. The main goal of this project is to make the alley an attractive option for downtown visitors by improving the aesthetics, adding a transit hub/restroom facility and updating directional signage. Thank you for your patience as we work to make improvements to downtown Fairhope.

Sherry Sullivan, Mayor

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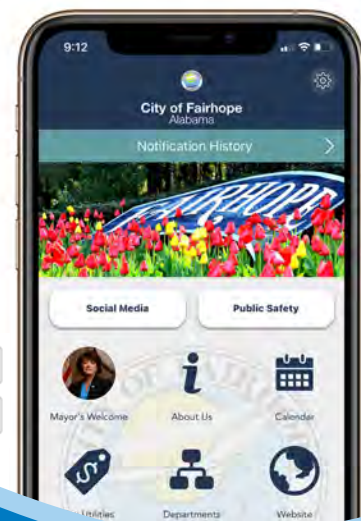
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Public Meetings Listings

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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