



City Sketches

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New Track & Field Complex coming to Fairhope

Lace up your shoes because a new track and field complex is coming to the City of Fairhope. This new complex will meet current high school standards and will offer the potential to host future high school championships. The project includes a total renovation of the entire complex including eight lane all-weather track, a high jump pit, triple jump, pole vault and sand pits. The new track and field complex will allow Fairhope High School to expand on existing sports and programs, and encourage more students to compete and be engaged outside of the classroom. The total project is estimated at \$2.7 million with contributions from Baldwin County Board of Education and Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

“We have many successful track and field athletes within our community and this facility will serve as the venue for these young athletes to train and compete on their home surface. The new track will also provide the opportunity for the citizens of Fairhope to utilize a top quality competition surface for running, walking, and fitness training,” said Pat White, Director of Parks and Recreation.

The area will also be used for other recreational activities and intramurals. Residents will be invited to utilize the new complex when not being used by students. The complex is scheduled to be completed by mid-October.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Alabama Coastal Cleanup

Coffee with the Mayor

Downtown Trick or Treat

Alabama Coastal Cleanup

Saturday, September 16

Get the trash out of the splash! Saturday, September 16, marks the 36th annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup, and for Fairhope residents, it is a good opportunity to not only clean up along the coast but to clean up city wide. Again, this year the City of Fairhope is encouraging neighborhood groups and others to join together to pick up trash and help make a difference.

Volunteers who sign up early will receive a free t-shirt. The packets of supplies will be available for pickup at Nix Center (1 Bayou Drive) on Friday September 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All other volunteers can sign-in at the Fairhope Pier on Saturday, September 16 beginning at 8 a.m. The cleanup takes place from 8 a.m. to noon. The Alabama Coastal Clean-Up is part of an international effort to remove debris from coastal waters.

Also, this year as part of the day's activities, the City of Fairhope will cook hotdogs between 10 a.m. and noon at the south end of the Fairhope beach front park for all volunteers. Be a part of this effort this year to help keep Alabama and Fairhope beautiful! *Please call 251-929-1474 or email Courtney.Harville@fairhopeal.gov to register your group or organization or for additional information.*



9/11 Ceremony

Monday, September 11

The community is invited as we remember those who served and those who were lost 22 years ago on September 11. The Fairhope Police Department will be hosting its annual 9-11 ceremony outside the Police Department at 107 N. Section Street on Monday, September 11 at 9 a.m.

Coffee with
the Mayor

Thursday, October 26
9-10 a.m.
Fairhope Recreation Center



Labor Day Holiday Schedule

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



Downtown Trick or Treat

Saturday, October 28

Grab your boo's and join us in downtown Fairhope for some Halloween fun! Downtown Trick or Treat is a fabulous family tradition and a safe way for kids of all ages to enjoy a little pre-Halloween fun! Children are invited to wear their Halloween costume and trick or treat in the streets of downtown Fairhope on Saturday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Just look for the orange pumpkins in the windows of stores downtown to see who is participating. Participants are also invited to drop by the Welcome Center with their cameras where a Halloween photo stop will be set-up.

Fairhope Outdoor Fall Farmers Market



September 21 – November 9

Behind the Fairhope Public Library

Enjoy the fresh, outstanding variety from the many vendors dedicated to offer quality and value with fresh produce, nursery items, specialty foods, breads, pastries, handmade soaps and more. For entertainment and the whole family, the farmers market features live music and activities for the kids.

Fairhope Witches Ride

Thursday, October 26

A fun, 2 mile bike ride, the Fairhope Witches Ride features a whimsical Halloween themed bike ride through the streets of downtown Fairhope to raise funds for the Baldwin Humane Society!

For more information, visit

www.BaldwinHumane.org or call 251-928-4585.



LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



I hope you and your family enjoyed summer and are looking forward to the cooler months ahead.

There are several community activities I invite you to participate in, such as the Alabama Coastal Cleanup. This is a good opportunity to not only clean up along the coast, but to clean up city wide. I encourage neighborhood groups and others to pick up trash and help make a difference in our community. Other activities include the 9/11 Ceremony in front of the Fairhope Police Department, Downtown Trick-or-Treat, Fall Farmer's Market behind the Fairhope Public Library or taking a stroll at the new track and field complex scheduled to be complete by mid-October. Whether you are downtown, walking on the new track or enjoying time along Mobile Bay, I hope to see you around the city sometime soon.

Sherry Sullivan, Mayor

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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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