

CITY OF FAIRHOPE STATE OF THE CITY 2024

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2023?

- Morphy Ave. Substation Completed
- 3.5 miles of resurfacing
- Gaston Plaza was completed
- New water well and 24inch water line 88% complete
- Drainage improvements at Quail Creek on 9 holes

Gaston Plaza





Drainage & Green Improvements at Quail Creek

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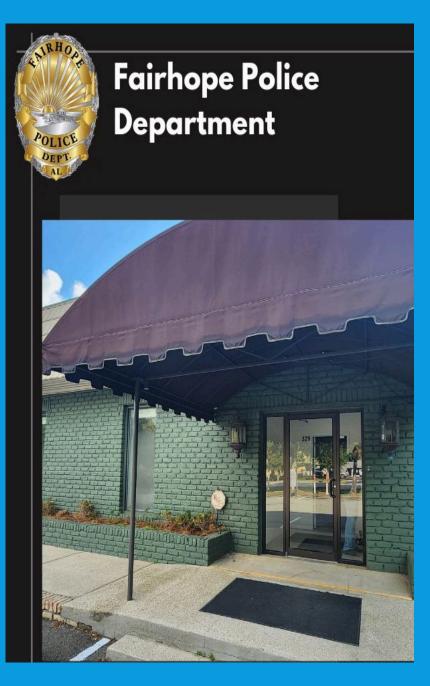
- · Completed the Pickleball Courts at Quail Creek
- · Four new baseball fields at Volanta Park
- · Opened a Fairhope Police Department Substation
- Continued Lift station and water line upgrades
- Finished the renovation of The Haven
- Installed EV Super Charging Station

Pickleball Courts at Quail Creek





New Baseball Fields & Improvements at Volanta Park



Renovation of The Haven



EV Super Charging Station



WHAT HAPPENED IN 2023?

- · 18-Hole Disc Golf Course opened at Colony Nature Park
- Force main installation to Highway 181/104 underway
- · New garbage/trash trucks and bucket truck for electric
- New bathrooms at Founders Park
- 2,289 building permits were issued with a value of \$294,761,262

Disc Golf Course opened at Colony Nature Park





New Restrooms at Founders Park

Infrastructure and growth continue to be the primary focus

- \$2.3 million in resurfacing and drainage
- Resurfacing of County Rd. 13 & Section Street
- Approximately \$3 million in traffic improvement projects:
 - Sidewalks on Fairwood, Parker, Morphy & Co. Rd. 13
 - Roundabout at Veterans Drive & Triangle Drive



Almost \$6.1 million in parks investments:

- Development of the Flying Creek Nature Preserve with passive parks and an outdoor classroom
- New Pickleball & Tennis Courts at Mike Ford Tennis Center
- Shade Structures on all bleachers
- Master Plan for recreation property at Highway 13 & 32
- Track & Field Complex at Founders Park
- New LED lights @ FHS baseball field & W.C. Majors field



More than \$ 1 million in investments in new quality of life projects:

- · K-1 Center Renovation will begin
- Arts Alley will open
- Fairhope Public Library Renovation will begin
 - Provide funding to the Fairhope Public Library of more than \$1,000,000. Each year the City allocates more than \$800,000 and this year \$350,000 was allocated to help them build out the upstairs.





Arts Alley – partnership with Federal Highway Funds, Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization (ESMPO) & Fairhope Single Tax Corporation





Regulation Track at Founders Park in partnership with Baldwin County Board of Education & Fairhope Single Tax Corporation

Personnel:

- 3 new police positions (training & community policing)
- 3 new public works positions
- 3 new administrative positions in treasury and revenue
- 2 new positions in Building Inspection including a Chief inspector and plans review examiner
- A park ranger and youth sports program coordinator
- 8 seasonal or intern positions (recreation, public works, utilities and police)

FAIRHOPE PUBLIC UTILITIES

- The budget included \$43 million in utility upgrades
- In 2024, will add underground lines in downtown and work will begin on a 44KV loop
- Continuous work on sewer lines and lift station upgrades (including \$17 million in upgrades from the Restore grants)
- Two additional water wells are planned, and test well being drilled
- Started Phase I of the Cast Iron Replacement and continued upgrades to Natural Gas infrastructure
- Continue to invest in employees through training and new equipment

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Public Safety
 - Added a training officer and community policing officers
 - New vehicles
 - New Ladder Truck for Fire Department
 - Lucas Devices





BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS/FINANCIALS

Overall Budget

\$158,163,544

NOTE: 22% INCREASE OVER 2023 BUDGET

General Government \$48,579,238

> Utilities \$89,020,466

Capital Projects \$14,444,753

Sanitation Fund \$3,923,975

Grant's Awarded

\$11,310,000

Workman's Comp

2020

2021

2022

2023

\$206,308

\$98,292

\$417,095

\$167,545

QUESTIONS?

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