



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**

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2023?

- **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



Fairhope Police Department



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

WHAT IS PLANNED FOR 2024

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



WHAT IS PLANNED FOR 2024

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**



WHAT IS PLANNED FOR 2024

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**

WHAT IS PLANNED FOR 2024

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

See Finance/Treasury Table for a copy of budget highlights.

QUESTIONS?

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