



# City Sketches

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## Celebrating National Public Works Week May 19-24

National Public Works Week, celebrated from May 19 to 24 this year, offers a special opportunity to acknowledge the dedicated individuals who form the foundation of our city. George Ladd, the Director of Public Works, underlined the importance of this week by stating, "It allows us to shine a spotlight on the essential role Public Works plays in our community and to demonstrate how our projects directly impact the daily lives of residents." The primary focus is on educating the public about the significance of Public Works and how their endeavors enhance the overall quality of life within our city.

The Fairhope Public Works team consists of 92 employees who work across various departments including streets and construction, landscape and horticulture, and waste and sanitation. Currently, they are engaged in repaving Section Street from Bayou to Fels, undertaking a drainage project north of Gayfer, and planning several upcoming initiatives. One of these projects involves enhancing the urban tree canopy by pruning low-hanging branches in Fairhope subdivisions, offering health and social benefits while ensuring clear sidewalks and roadways, as well as maintaining tree health. Additionally, the transformation of Pine Street into a one-way street with increased parking and sidewalks is in progress. From mosquito control to landfill maintenance, waste and sanitation services, and the care of the iconic Fairhope flowers, Public Works diligently fulfills a multitude of responsibilities to uphold the functionality and aesthetics of Fairhope.

Despite their tireless efforts to keep Fairhope both functional and aesthetically pleasing, the hard work of Public Works employees often goes unrecognized. Therefore, National Public Works Week serves as a reminder to express gratitude and acknowledge the invaluable contributions made by these dedicated individuals.

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Coffee with the Mayor

Fairhope Rotary Steak Cookoff

Girls Night Out

## Glow in the Park Summer Movies

The Downtown Fairhope Business Association, in partnership with the City of Fairhope, is thrilled to present Glow in the Park Summer Movies. This exciting event will feature two beloved Disney movies under the stars at Fairhoppers Community Park. The enchanting tale of "The Princess and the Frog" will kick off the series on **May 30**, followed by the epic adventure of "Moana" on **June 20**. Both screenings will begin at 8 PM.

Movie enthusiasts of all ages are invited to bring along a blanket or lawn chair, pack a picnic, and unwind with their loved ones in a magical outdoor setting. The Downtown Fairhope Business Association will be offering complimentary popcorn and distributing glow-in-the-dark items before each screening. Additionally, attendees can arrive early from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM to capture special moments with Tiana on May 30 and Moana on June 20, 2024.

Join us at Fairhoppers Community Park, located at 105 S Church Street, for an evening of entertainment and enchantment.



## Fairhope Rotary Steak Cookoff

The annual Fairhope Rotary Steak Cook-Off will be held **Saturday, May 11** on Bancroft Street in Downtown Fairhope. The event is set for 7PM, with streets closing at 12PM. The charity cook-off serves as a primary fundraiser for the Fairhope Rotary Club, allowing the club to fund projects that enhance the quality of life for residents in Fairhope. Projects impacted by the fundraiser include donations to the Fairhope Rotary Youth Club for after-school and summer programs, the Fairhope Police Department's Back to School program and Shop with a Cop Christmas program, along with many more. For more information visit, [fairhopesteak.org](http://fairhopesteak.org)

## Girls Night Out

The Downtown Fairhope Business Association is proud to announce the 10th Anniversary celebration of Fairhope Girls Night Out, themed "Fairhope is a Girl's Best Friend". This highly anticipated event will take place on **May 9** from 4 PM to 8 PM at the Fairhope Welcome Center.

Fairhope Girls Night Out promises an evening filled with shopping, giveaways, discounts, and delectable food offerings. Over 100 businesses in Downtown Fairhope will participate, offering attendees big savings, door prizes, complimentary refreshments, and live music entertainment.

Tickets for this exclusive event are available for just \$35 and include a GNO t-shirt, an exclusive coupon book, a Swig cup, and a MB Green Bag. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to celebrate with friends and enjoy all that Downtown Fairhope has to offer.

For more information and to purchase your tickets, visit [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).



## Baldwin Pops Memorial Day Concert

Join the Baldwin Pops for a special Memorial Day tribute featuring patriotic melodies and compositions dedicated to honoring the brave individuals who have sacrificed everything for their nation. Whether you've served in the military, are currently on active duty, or are a family member of a service member, show your support by wearing a hat or service pin representing your branch of service at the park concert. Don't forget to bring along a chair, blanket, and a picnic as you gather with your loved ones for an evening of music from 5 PM to 6:30 PM on Monday, May 27 in Henry George Park.

## Holiday Trash Schedule

Memorial Day, May 27

Juneteenth, June 19

The City of Fairhope Administrative Offices & Operations will be CLOSED on Monday, May 27 and Wednesday, June 19, 2024. There will be no garbage, trash, or recycling pickup. Services will resume on the next scheduled pickup day.



## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



Summer is fast approaching, and there are many exciting celebrations and events to look forward to before it gets too warm. In May, all the local high schools will be hosting graduation and there will be lots of families in town celebrating. It is a great time to show off our beautiful city! May is also a perfect month to host events like the Fairhope Rotary 2024 Steak Cook-off, the Live at Five Spring Concert Series at the Halstead Amphitheater, Eastern Shore Repertory Theatre's play in Henry George Park, and the 10th Annual Girls Night Out just to name a few. So, it is a great time of the year to gather your friends and family and make some memories right here at home. I hope you enjoy this fun time of year!

*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

A poster for a public meeting titled "MOVE WITH THE MAYOR". The text is in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title, it says "AT THE TRACK AND FEILD COMPLEX AT FOUNDER'S PARK". The date and time are "MAY 7TH 8:30 AM". Below that, it says "MOVE AT YOUR OWN PACE!" and "QUESTION &amp; ANSWER AFTERWARD". The background of the poster shows a running track at a stadium. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular logo for the City of Fairhope, Alabama, featuring a sun and a palm tree.

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