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## News You Can Use: Council Actions and Deliberations

- \$262,500 was given to the city to help with the acquisition of the Clock Corner.
- \$38,000 was spent for additional sidewalks on the Gayfer Avenue extension.
- \$16,000 was given to the Rotary Club Youth Program to help with the purchase of their bus.
- **The next New Member Class will be held in Dahlgren Hall at Coastal Alabama Community College starting on 8-17-2021.**

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## Office News:

The office lobby is now open. Maintain social distancing. Stay home if you are feeling ill.

## From the President: Lee Turner

I decided to save the Presidents Report I have for next Fairhoper and "Pivot". I would like to do a shout out to Thomas Hospital. 2021 for me: "It was the best of times it was the worst of times". I lost 50 pounds, had my kids back home, great business year, healthy family. It was also a stressful year due to Covid I lost some friends and had to make decisions for business, family, FSTC, and P&Z based on politicized data. Well imagine the stress Ormand Thompson and the entire Thomas staff was under-Required to empty the hospital losing unbelievable revenue prior to the Covid census rising-starting back with "elective" surgeries, then the Covid census surges to 47% of rooms 100% ICU. Staff had to play the part of family and friend due to visitation restrictions. Patient fear and death were persistent.

Let me tell you the entire staff rose to the occasion. 29,000 tests were given on a machine donated by Fairhope Rotary to screen entrants. 259 convalescent plasma and 388 monoclonal Antibody treatments were administered. 646 Covid patients were treated in house. All this care given to maximize results. We talk about results in a macro way, but let's think about it. One of my customers RD Simpkins owns a landscape company and is a couple years younger than me. He went to another emergency room and was told he was OK then went back home and his blood pressure dropped dangerously low. He told his wife to take him to Thomas. In the emergency room a nurse never left his side. He stayed in the hospital 8 days and is convinced he would not have survived without there exceptional care.

I was supposed to take 3 people (a hunting buddy and two professional bass fisherman he knows from Selma) hog hunting at my camp this month. My friend died of cancer and the fishermen both died from Covid. When we talk about "better results" at our local hospital, it is our friends, our family, our customers we are talking about. Better results mean an extra hunt with a buddy. Better results with the 3D mammography mean Fairhoppers have more years to experience their families.

A couple months after the FSTC Mammography donation I did due diligence on behalf of FSTC Directors to make sure the machinery was installed and being used in accordance with our contract. I was so impressed find out (with a lot of extra work due to Covid) the machine was on line and had done over 2000 procedures. I donated \$1,000 to the Foundation-not much but did have 3 kids in college. I would like to challenge everyone reading this to think about making a donation to the Thomas Hospital Foundation or if you buy tickets to the Grand Summer Ball put a little extra \$\$ with it. Also thank the Doctors, nurses, and staff you know from Thomas for the great job they do. What better way to make Fairhope a Utopian Community.



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**Pat King - Keeper of the Souls**

By Margaret Neely

Pat King is the caretaker of the Colony Cemetery and a true Fairhoper! His mother's family, the Arnolds, have lived in Fairhope since the 1930's and were involved in the colony all of that time. He attended the Marietta Johnson School of Organic Education K through 12th grade. In high school, he was required to take the FSTC course. His general duties at the cemetery include mowing the grass, trimming around headstones, picking up limbs and trimming bushes, but the duty he considers the most important is meeting with grieving family members to stake out gravesites and see that they are recorded correctly at the FSTC office. Both of Pat Arnold's grandparents, his parents, two sets of aunts and uncles, and a minor cousin are buried in the Colony. Also, late last year, his family had his namesake uncle moved from South Carolina to the Colony Cemetery. His uncle had died in a flight training accident during WWII. Pat says that with so many relatives buried in the Colony it seems like home to him and where he intends to be buried. Pat loves the cemetery and enjoys doing anything he can to maintain and improve it!

**The FSTC donation to the Thomas Hospital's Breast Center**

By Alan Samry

Below is a photo of the staff at The Breast Center at Thomas Hospital along with two hospital executives. The staff are standing beside a recently installed plaque that acknowledges the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation for their generosity to the Thomas Hospital Foundation. The FSTC gave \$500,000 to the Foundation to purchase technology and equipment at The Breast Center at Thomas Hospital.

The staff members are as follows from left to right: Brandon Rauls, Director of Radiology at Thomas Hospital and Ormand Thompson, President of Thomas Hospital then the staff at the Breast Center at Thomas Hospital: Marrietta Davis, Receptionist; Carly Myers, Ultrasound Technologist; Phyllis Monteiro, Mammography Technologist; Regina Sundie, Mammography Technologist; and Kathy Linam, Mammography Technologist & Manager.



Dr. Bryan Jordan stands next to the GE 3D Pristina mammography system that provides superior diagnostic accuracy for the detection of breast cancer during a mammogram.



With the GE Invenia ABUS 2.0 ultrasound system - pictured below - 83% of patients say that having a mammogram is a better experience.

