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Happy Summertime

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News You Can Use:

Stay tuned for the Flying Creek Nature Preserve Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The FSTC helped to set up strong preservation covenants for the fabulous nature trails.

For [links](#) to the online archives and past newsletters visit the FSTC website:

www.fairhopesingletax.com

Office News:

The office lobby is open. Stay home if you are feeling ill.



From the President: Lee Turner

We can all be proud of four projects that have recently been finished.

First of all, “The Nest” has been completed with the combined cooperation of the FSTC, FEEF, and the City of Fairhope. This outdoor classroom has been set up to teach our citizens about nature and biodiversity.

Secondly, the track at Founder’s Park is done. This rubber track is open to the public every day as per the FSTC funding requirement. The City of Fairhope, the School Board, and the FSTC worked together on this project.

Next, the Arts Alley is now open. The FSTC funded the sculptures that were created by Bruce Larsen. The beautiful art helps draw attention to the convenient parking garage nearby.

Finally, The Colony Nature Park, our gift to the city, has been set up with both disc golf and dog walking trails.

Catherine King by Debby Hackbarth



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Catherine King was recently named the *2024 Fairhoper of the Year* by the City of Fairhope. The recognition is for her volunteer work at the Fairhope Museum of History and the FSTC Archives to help preserve Fairhope’s history. We are very proud of her!

After retiring from the University of South Alabama, she dusted off her history degree to become a docent at the Museum. In 2014, she joined the newly formed FSTC Archives Committee led by Alison Knight to preserve FSTC’s historic materials. She now serves as Chair and works closely with Dr. Savan Wilson and a wonderful group of Archives volunteers.

Catherine has been a member of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation since 2003 and currently serves as a director. She considers it a privilege to work with the Archives and thanks the Corporation for its support. Finally, she encourages everyone to visit the FSTC Archives Online site. Catherine stated: “There is always something new being added to the Collection!”

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Fairhoppers and the History Lecture Series are brought to you by the **FSTC Education Committee**: Wendy Beshear, Jim Estes, Debby Hackbarth, Kris Lafferty, Wayne Miller, Margaret Neely, Alan Samry, and Pam Turner.

Have a story idea for an upcoming newsletter or want to serve on the FSTC Education Committee?

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Keeping Pace with FSTC Projects
by Alan Samry and Debby Hackbarth
Plaques Self-Guided Walking Tour Map

The "Fairhope Historic Building Plaques Self-Guided Walking Tour Map" is available at the FSTC office and other key locations around Fairhope. The buildings on Walking Tour Date from 1908 to 1983

Use the map to discover the 20 plaques that hang on downtown local historic buildings and homes. Once you find the plaque, use your smartphone to scan the QR codes embedded onto the shiny stainless-steel surface.

Two QR Codes are on the historic building plaques. The code on the left takes you to a webpage about the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation. The QR code on the right links you to the history of the building, its uses, owners, etc.

Next time you find yourself downtown, grab your walking tour map and take a two- and one-half-mile tour through Fairhope history! Not interested in walking, say in July? The map/brochure and all the plaques are on the FSTC Website under the "More" tab. From the FSTC Education Committee to you, enjoy the tour!

A handful of the beautiful plaques are featured below.

