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Office News You Can Use: Coronavirus policy from Office Manager Jennifer Evans Sanford:

Office closed except for necessary foot traffic until further notice.

Necessary Foot Traffic Means

- **Sellers Signing Endorsements**
- **Buyers Attending Orientations**
- **Leases for Closings will be given to last party to sign**

Orientations are shortened significantly, and cleanings are more frequent.

For all other communications and questions Please

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- **Email us:**
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From the President: Lee Turner

Through the years I have been interviewed regarding volunteer work with church, Rotary, Planning and Zoning, and Single Tax. When I was younger, I would go to the news channel at the appropriate time to watch the replay. I was always disappointed with how fat and dumb the camera and microphone could make a trim, articulate guy like me look. When my triplets teased me after a poor interview, I vowed never to watch another. A few years (and a few pounds) later, I was in the audience at a Fairhope Single Tax annual meeting, watching a video Savan Wilson and the history committee had put together. I saw myself pop up on the screen and held my breath. But I was pleasantly surprised. When asked about the FSTC's contributions to Fairhope, my response could not have been more appropriate: "The greatest thing FSTC has done for Fairhope is to attract unique people to its shores."

I don't remember who I listed, but here are some of my many contenders: Cleveland Woodward - Biblical illustrator; Clarence Darrow - Scopes Monkey Trial attorney; Fanny Flagg - *Fried Green Tomatoes*; Terry Cline - *Damon*; Upton Sinclair - *The Jungle*; Marie Howland - *Papa's Own Girl*, library founder and leader in women's suffrage. (I won't mention the nude beach.) This past year my wife and I visited Washington, D.C. At the Smithsonian I took a selfie in front of a large painting by Dean Mosher, the only living artist exhibited in the museum. So...Fairhoppers, feel free to write, paint, sculpt, argue, sing, act - create. You come from a strong tradition.

From the FSTC Archives Committee:

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation now has a YouTube video channel! Check out oral history interviews of notable Fairhoppers, delightful stories of growing up in Fairhope, interesting characters, and many other videos of Fairhope between the 1920's and the 1990's. Videos of the FSTC Lecture Series from 2015-2017 are on the channel, as well as assorted FSTC and Fairhope History. By the way, the videos are all keyword searchable on the FSTC's online archives site: www.fairhopesingletax.pastperfectonline.com.

Instructions to Access the new YouTube Channel

- Go to www.youtube.com
- Type "Fairhope Single Tax Archives" in the search box
- Click the round FSTC Archives button. Click the videos tab.
- Please "Subscribe" to our YouTube channel on that page!

There are more than 50 videos. Check back frequently to the archive site of over 85,000 documents, photos, and videos and the new YouTube channel.





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Fairhoppers and the History Lecture Series are brought to you by the FSTC Education Committee. Faye Earnest, 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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Colony Cemetery-Part III

By Margaret Neely

Since its inception, Fairhope Colony Cemetery has only had burial plots available for those lessees/FSTC members. We now have two recently completed beautiful stone columbaria. A columbarium is a place for the respectful storage of cinerary urns (i.e., urns holding a deceased's cremated remains). The term comes from the Latin word Columba (dove) and originally referred to compartmentalized housing for doves and pigeons called a dovecote.

Each columbarium consists of nine sections with forty storage units each. There is space in each unit for two members of the same family to be together. Each columbarium is in an L shape with four stone benches facing the compartments.

As with the plots, no units may be reserved and are issued on a first needed basis only.

FSTC Office Manager Jennifer Evans Sanford Defines Multi-Tasking

By Wayne Miller

Jennifer Evans Sanford is seen by the public as the face of the FSTC. She and her staff maintain a friendly and efficient office. She juggles her busy life with her husband and children, several hobbies, a law practice, and she is still able to do an outstanding job with the complexities of the FSTC office. Born and raised on Colony Land, Jennifer graduated from Fairhope High School and headed to University of North Alabama on both an academic and softball scholarship. She graduated Cum Laude with a finance degree and a minor in English. She then received her Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi School of Law. She has been the FSTC Office Manager since 2016. Jennifer is a member of the Junior League of Mobile and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Daphne. Her list of interests and hobbies includes DIY projects around the home, landscaping and gardening, artwork, and of course, photography. Her website cover photo of the FSTC office is one of my favorites. Her beautiful photos of Fairhope beaches and piers can also be seen on the FSTC website, fairhopesingletax.com. They are breathtaking and as well done as any of the professional photographers in and around the Eastern Shore.

As anyone knows who has ever dropped by the office, Jennifer is an optimistic bundle of energy and knowledgeable about not only FSTC information but Fairhope history, too. A constant stream of visitors, business owners, lessees, and tourists love their experience with the office staff. Jennifer said, "The best part of FSTC is the local-barber-shop-feel" and the constant action. "We may be growing by leaps and bounds, but the small-town feel is not lost." I dropped in one afternoon to inquire about the cemetery, and soon maps and ledgers were pulled out and opened and all my questions were answered. I am sure that many people every day have similar experiences with Jennifer and her very professional and welcoming staff of LeAnn Amond, Pam Hill, and Tom Godfrey. Jennifer added, "Home ownership is the largest purchase most people will ever make in their entire lives; it can be very stressful." She is optimistic that her attention to detail and willingness to listen will help people feel confident and excited about their homeownership journey.

