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**Fans Invited to Toast to Eastern Shore Trail's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday**  
Baldwin County Trailblazers host informal public event

Fairhope, Ala (Sept. 17, 2019) – The Baldwin County Trailblazers is hosting a Toast to the Trail party for all trail enthusiasts to commemorate the 21st birthday of the Eastern Shore Trail.

Dog walkers, bicyclists, joggers, children in strollers, sunset worshippers and others take for granted the Eastern Shore Trail, which now stretches from Spanish Fort to Weeks Bay, but it didn't exist until 1998. That year, the first big check arrived in the form of a federal grant requiring matching local funds, which allowed construction to begin in Daphne.

“A public party is a fitting tribute to the Trail and to the Trailblazers' late founder Teko Wiseman, whose idea was to build community by connecting towns along the Eastern Shore,” says Jeremy Portillo, Trailblazers board member. “We hope trail users will stop by to meet others, trade stories, and toast to Teko and all the visionaries and early supporters who made the trail a reality.”

The event will be Thursday, Sept. 26, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Fairhope Brewing Company, 914 Nichols Avenue.

*The Baldwin County Trailblazers is a nonprofit organization that advocates for bicycling and walking opportunities throughout the County. For more, see [thetrailblazers.org](http://thetrailblazers.org)*

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