



# FAIRBURN

## CONNECT

February 2024

Mayor Mario B. Avery  
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James Whitmore

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City Hall (770) 964-2244  
Utilities (770) 964-3481  
Police (770) 964-1441

### FEBRUARY EVENTS

Planning & Zoning Meeting  
February 6th at 7:00 pm

City Council Meeting  
February 12th at 7:00 pm  
February 26th at 7:00 pm

Valentine's Day  
February 14th

Fairburn Development  
Authority Board Meeting  
February 28th at 6:00 pm



Embracing the heritage, legacy, and triumphs of the African American community throughout history.



The City of Fairburn is committed to providing quality utility service to its citizens and customers. Due to this rising cost of materials and system operations, the Mayor and City Council determined it necessary to increase the water, sewer, and electric rates, effective January 1, 2024. This is the first-rate increase in more than a decade. Adjustments to the water and sewer rates were approved to provide adequate financial resources to address aging system infrastructure and provide for reinvestment in the system. The City's water and sewer rates have an interim baseline increase of five percent (5%) each year for the next three (3) years, subject to additional adjustment by the Mayor and City Council.

As a City of Fairburn water, sewer, and/or electric customer, you will see the new rate increases on your February 2024 utility statement. Although the rates have increased, they remain comparable to similar municipalities. Our goal is to continue delivering exceptional services to our customers, at the most competitive rates. Please visit [www.fairburn.com](http://www.fairburn.com) for additional information.

### Rate Changes

Effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2033, the City of Fairburn's Base Charge electric rates shall increase by the following percentages in the respective years:

- 2024 - 8%
- 2025 - 6%
- 2026 - 6%
- 2027 - 5%
- 2028 - 2033: 3% increase annually



## Paymentus

After repeated testing and programming assessments between Paymentus, Datamatx (bill printing vendor), and the City of Fairburn's Utilities Customer Service Team, customers can now view their bills online. Customers should note that the portal only displays the last three months, not an extensive bill history. Customers can pay up to \$700 by credit card at a service cost of \$3.50.

### SECURE A LASTING LEGACY

\$300 secures a personalized plaque that is permanently affixed to Fairburn's Town Clock at the Education Campus!

### ONLY 100 SPACES AVAILABLE

Businesses, schools, non-profits, churches, individuals, and Veterans can all be a part of Fairburn's history.

### MORE INFORMATION

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770-964-2244 ext. 141



BE A PART OF HISTORY  
DEADLINE FEBRUARY 28, 2024



# SITUATED TO SUCCEED



The City of Fairburn held a Groundbreaking Ceremony on January 22, 2024, at the site for Fire Station #23 on Milam Road. Mayor Mario B. Avery, Members of the City Council, City Administration, fire personnel from surrounding agencies, and faculty and students from The Bedford School were present to take part in this momentous occasion.



City of Fairburn Parks & Recreation Department

## FAIRBURN BRIDGE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

February 12, 2024 - May 24, 2024  
Grades: Kindergarten - 5th

MONDAY - FRIDAY 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM



### PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- ✓ Transportation from school to after school site
- ✓ Homework help with certified teachers
- ✓ Literacy enrichment
- ✓ Recreation activities
- ✓ Leadership development
- ✓ Snack

**For more Information:**  
Contact [Jaberry@Fairburn.com](mailto:Jaberry@Fairburn.com)  
770-964-2244 ext 134

**\$50.00 PER WEEK**  
(Early registration)

Register online at  
[www.fairburn.com](http://www.fairburn.com)

- Select "Register for Activity"
- Select "Fairburn Bridge After School Program"
- Log in or Create an account to complete the registration.

Servicing:  
Campbell Elementary &  
Evoline C. West Elementary

## Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

### The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

### Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

### Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.

### Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

### Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.

