



# FAIRBURN CONNECT

March 2024



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City Hall (770) 964-2244  
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### MARCH EVENTS

**Planning & Zoning Meeting**  
March 5th at 7:00 PM

**St. Patrick's Day**  
March 17th

**City Council Meeting**  
March 25th at 7:00 PM

**Development Authority Meeting**  
March 27th at 6:00 PM

**Easter Sunday**  
March 31st

# HELLO SPRING



## ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

The City of Fairburn understands the importance of quality utilities and strives to deliver exceptional service to our residents and customers. The electric rates have not changed since March 2012, and the water rates have not changed since October 2011 despite the costs of supplies, materials, operations, and maintenance & upkeep being greatly affected by inflation and supply-chain issues. For example, our wholesale power costs increased 52% between 2012 and 2023. Similarly, water and sewer costs significantly increased during the same time frame.

The City is committed to transparent and responsible rate management. These carefully considered utility rate adjustments, the first in over a decade, are essential to provide adequate financial resources to maintain quality of service and reinvest in aging system infrastructure. To ensure financial sustainability and service excellence, these rates will be reviewed regularly and may be adjusted to reflect changing costs and infrastructure as needed.

Though individual properties and accounts may have different outcomes based on usage, the impact of these rate increases should average between 10% and 11% for most homeowners. The new rates appeared on the February 2024 utility statement. The increased rates remain competitive, and our commitment to exceptional service remains unchanged. Additionally, our Utilities Team is working closely with the billing system vendor, to correct the service dates that are presented on all utility bills. The "service/read dates" are the days that are included in each billing cycle. These are the days that reflect the readings that were captured, electronically or manual, during our monthly billing process. According to our billing system provider, the "book dates" reflects a 30-day period within each month. Currently, all billing statements are showing the "book dates" instead of the actual "service/read dates".

Therefore, your next invoice will not reflect the actual service days within the current billing cycle. The invoice will show the next 30-day period as 12/31/2023 through 1/30/2024. However, the actual service days will be 1/17/2024 – 2/13/2024.

Please be assured that we are working diligently to get these changes updated as quickly and efficiently as possible. We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause, but we thank you for your understanding and continued patience during this time. For any questions or additional information regarding your utility account, please contact our Utility Department at (770) 969-3481.

### Adjusted Rate Schedule:

**Electric:** 8% overall revenue increase in 2024, followed by 6% in 2025 and 2026, then 3% each year between 2028 through 2033.

**Water and Sewer:** 5% overall revenue increase each year in 2024, 2025 and 2026.

# SITUATED TO SUCCEED

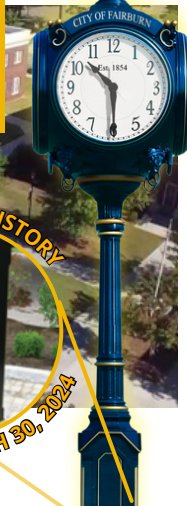


Discover Fairburn's vibrant art scene with two new murals! Go Georgia Arts and Victor Walker (A-Town Art Agency) helped to complete the mural on the Fairburn Youth Center located at 149 SW Broad St, Fairburn, GA 30213, and the second mural located at 7895 Senoia Road was completed by Krystal Maynor, with the help of Fairburn's Art Advisory Council.

**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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APRIL 19 | MAY 17 | JUNE 21 | JULY 19 | AUGUST 16 | SEPT 20  
Contact Sylvia Abernathy or email: [sabernathy@fairburn.com](mailto:sabernathy@fairburn.com)



**SHAPING FAIRBURN'S FUTURE TOGETHER:**  
YOUR VOICE, OUR VISION FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

JOIN US FOR...

**BUSINESS LUNCHEON**

Wednesday, March 13th  
12-2PM

**COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

Tuesday, March 26th  
6-7PM

Fairburn City Administration Building  
56 SW Malone St,  
Fairburn, GA 30213

SCAN TO TAKE OUR...

BUSINESS SURVEY COMMUNITY SURVEY



FOR MORE INFO  
770-964-2244

[www.fairburn.com](http://www.fairburn.com)

56 Malone Street SW  
Fairburn, GA 30213

CITY OF FAIRBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY



The objective of the Citizens Police Academy is to maintain positive communication between the agency and community through education and training.

HOW ARE PARTICIPANTS SELECTED?

Twenty-five applicants will be selected to participate.

- Be a resident of the City of Fairburn; or
- Be a Fairburn business owner; or
- Be an employee of the City of Fairburn
- Minimum 21 Years of Age
- No Felony Convictions
- No Misdemeanor convictions within one year of application

For more information or to complete the application visit [www.fairburn.com](http://www.fairburn.com)

### PHOENIX FLIES 2024 | Downtown Fairburn District Walking Tour March 8th, 15th, and 22nd @ 11 am

"Sharing Our Stories," a historical walking tour of downtown Fairburn, showcasing original buildings from the 1800s, railroad depots, the old Campbell Courthouse site, and more; in partnership with the Atlanta Preservation Society. For more information contact [sabernathy@fairburn.com](mailto:sabernathy@fairburn.com).