



MAYOR RESPONDS TO DOWNTOWN FIRE

Dear Citizens, Community Leaders and Supporters of Fairburn,

On Thursday, February 11th, our great City experienced a devastating structural fire in the heart of downtown that directly impacted the financial, employment and social lives of businesses, business owners, employees and families of our community. These very businesses provided pivotal economic empowerment to the City of Fairburn while offering a great and reputable source of community dining and quality services for local residents and visitors.

Upon notification of this situation, I immediately contacted and assembled key community and church leaders as well as local business and business owners to provide me with a financial and volunteer support tactic to those impacted by this catastrophe. We understand the aftermath of the fire will take the owners' time to fully assess, rebuild and recover from the damage. In order to assist with the redevelopment relief, I am supporting In Great Name Ministries with the **"Rebuild Downtown Fairburn" as a Development Fund at Fairburn United Community Bank.**

In my effort to start the healing process I am asking you to join me at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 6, 2010 for a corporate prayer at the Train Depot across the street from Oz Pizza. On Friday, April 16, 2010, a job fair will be held at the Fairburn Annex (on Washington Street) in an effort to find employment for those who lost their jobs due to the Fire. On Saturday, May 15, 2010, I personally invite you to demonstrate your support by standing side-by-side with other local business owners, our community and church leaders, as we conduct a "One Fairburn One Family" day at Duncan Park to provide an on-site fundraiser, where all funds collected will be deposited in the Fairburn United Community Bank.

As local residents, businesses, churches and community organizations, I ask you to join me to support our dedicated Fairburn businesses affected by this catastrophe. Whether you donate \$5 or \$1,000, your financial contribution will help to rebuild our historic downtown Fairburn.

Local business owners interested in joining the new Fairburn Business Owner Network may call 770-964-8364 for more information or visit Fairburn's website at www.fairburn.com.

As Mayor of Fairburn, my heart and commitment remains with each and every resident and business owner of our community. I have no doubt, we will all come together to ensure that our city continues to rebuild, reunite and thrive for the sake of the good of us all. I thank you in advance for your support and look forward to our continued partnership and dream of rebuilding "One Fairburn One Family."

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mario B. Avery".

Mayor Mario B. Avery