



MAYOR'S 2015 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Building a Stronger Fairburn

Duncan Park Improvements



CLARENCE DUNCAN PARK BOND IMPROVEMENTS

City of Fairburn

- 1 • New pool & splash pad
- 2 • More parking
- 3 • New playground
- 4 • Improved access
- 5 • New restroom
- 6 • New court surfaces
- 7 • New football field
- 8 • New press box



Phase One
Coming Soon



2014 was another ground breaking year for the City of Fairburn. From the completion of the Duncan Park football complex to another highly successful festival and parade, Fairburn is being noticed by other municipalities in the state!



- Fairburn celebrated the ground-breaking of an 88 unit senior living facility, **Manor at Broad Street**, on July 9, 2014.
 - Fairburn residents can locate their elderly parents near our up-and-coming downtown area.
 - It is also one block from the Fulton County senior center, thus granting the senior residents access to a place for activities and recreation.





The City negotiated the removal of the “Non-Compete” clause in our agreement on the Fairburn Education Campus.

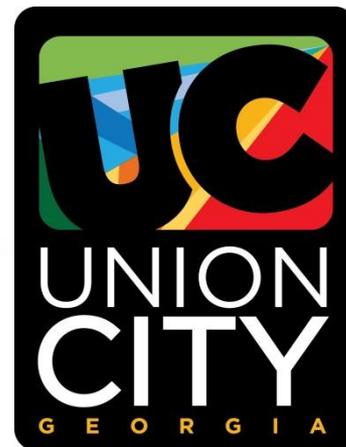
- Currently in discussion with Atlanta Technical College to bring educational programming to the Fairburn campus in 2015.



ATLANTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE



Fairburn City Council approved a joint venture with Union City on a gateway project that will beautify the entrances of our cities at the intersection of Highways 138 & 29.



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Fairburn's improved bond rating status allowed the Water authority to refinance bonds with a lower interest rate.

Fairburn was granted three bond rate increases in the past three years.

Fairburn's triple B (BBB) rating in January of 2010 is equivalent to a personal credit score of 600.

Fairburn's current rate of double A minus (AA-) is equivalent to a personal credit score of 750.

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- Fairburn has completed the Duncan Park Football complex, renovated the baseball/football concession buildings, resurfaced the basketball and tennis courts, as well as finished the playground, parking lot, and restroom projects.
 - In November 2014, Council agreed to invest in a splash pad project for 2015-2016.



The City has approved a 317,000 square foot distribution building on Highway 92 that will allow a major corporation to relocate to the area, thus bringing new jobs and revenues to the City.



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Residents approved the Redevelopment Powers referendum in November 2014 Election that gives the City the ability to recruit new businesses through tax incentives. This will aid the City in addressing a “Power Usage agreement” made in 2006, to sell 3.2 megawatts of power by January 2018, as a result of partial ownership of Vogtle reactors 3 and 4.



Fairburn continues to improve its infrastructure through the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) project. The city is committed to paving streets and filling potholes, while trying new methods to detect deficient and defective streets and sewers suffering from long-term neglect.



The City received approval from GDOT on the I-85/Hwy 74 Interchange project. The project is expected to be completed in 2020 or later.



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We as a City and community continue to make great progress on the revitalization of our Downtown district. The Fairburn Plaza and Courtyard area is expected to open by Spring 2015 for concerts, movies and weddings.



Other Fairburn projects include:

- Construction of a new classroom building on the Educational Campus
- New Family Dollar location and building
- Bohannon Road improvements
- Sidewalk Extension in the Lightning Neighborhood



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2015 Projects

- Splash pad for Duncan Park
- Recreation staff member hired in January 2015
- Fairburn's Youth Leadership Academy
- Implementing cost savings methods identified from the Management Development Program (MDP) that managers participated in
- Attract new corporations that can provide jobs and produce revenue for the city, thus reducing tax liability of residents

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Concerns

- Annexation could be forced on the City, which will require additional funding for services not currently budgeted
- Unknown financial impact to all municipalities as it pertains to LOST
- Proper recruitment of various corporations to address MEAG power supply surplus that Fairburn must sell by January 2018
- Adequate funding to address the 91 miles of street improvements (Cost \$10 million)

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Coming Attractions

- Bohannon Road water Line extension
- E. Campbellton Stormwater improvement (2015)
- Line Creek Bridge on Bohannon (2015-16)
- Design of a New Fire Station (2015)
- Jehovah Witness Assembly Hall (2015-2016)



“One Fairburn, One Family!”