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FAIRBURN: SITUATED TO SUCCEED

RONNIE THAMES FOUNDATION WE APPRECIATE YOU!

The City of Fairburn thanks the Ronnie Thames Foundation for their donation of 150 antibacterial surgical masks and 15 protective goggles to help the Fairburn Fire Department deal with the COVID-19 calls throughout the City of Fairburn.

On behalf of Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst and Councilmembers, Fire Chief Cornelius Robinson, and the Fairburn Fire Department, we thank the Ronnie Thames Foundation for their generous donation.



**City of Fairburn offices
 will be closed on
 Monday, May 25, 2020
 Honoring Memorial Day**

MAYOR'S CORNER

Greetings Fairburn:

As we journey through this season of uncertainty, let's continue to pray for those individuals who are affected by this rare pestilence. During this pandemic, please adhere to the Social Distancing and Shelter in Place executive orders issued by the governor. To ensure the safety and well-being of all constituents, it is always a good practice to frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, stay home if you're sick, and wear masks and gloves when exiting your residence.



The City of Fairburn will continue to extend the utility cutoff date until Friday, May 15, 2020.

If you're in need of food, please feel free to visit one of our local food pantries throughout the city, such as Margie's House, In His Great Name Ministry, Temple of Prayer, First Baptist Church of Fairburn, Feeding Georgia Families, and New City Church.

On behalf of the Fairburn City Council, I would like to congratulate the graduates of the class of 2020 on their well-deserved success! We wish you the best as you explore future endeavors. Always remember, there's no limit to what you can accomplish if you continue to believe in yourself!

Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst



**Fairburn City Council meets
 on the second and fourth
 Monday of the month at City Hall
 beginning at 7:00 pm.**

All meetings are now telephonic.

**Planning & Zoning
 Commission meets the first
 Tuesday of each month
 at City Hall at 7:00 pm.**

All meetings are now telephonic.



Happy Memorial Day!



Ghost Kitchen” Concept: A Temporary Fix or a Future Trend?

With the recent COVID-19 pandemic, businesses around the country have had to find various methods to remain solvent and functioning. As we all know, one of the many effects of COVID-19 is the limiting of social interaction, public gatherings, and other person to person functions. The term “Shelter in Place” as well as “Self-Quarantine” have gone from being ambiguous concepts to practically a way of life for most Americans. This recent phenomenon has severely affected routine activities such as sporting events, going to the movie theater, going to a gym/fitness facility, and even attending classes for students. Despite the inconveniences experienced in some of the more leisurely activities in which most consumers like to engage, the food service industry (i.e., restaurants) have probably experienced the worst consequences from this pandemic (next to the healthcare industry of course).

The restaurant industry has faced some of the more unprecedented consequences of the recent requirements that limit social interaction and/or public gatherings. Local and state officials have created measures that limit public interactions to promote health and safety, but the unintended effects of these initiatives have severely impacted the success of local restaurants. Some restaurants have been able to utilize existing curb-side service and other pick up options, while others have attempted to transition totally into a delivery model. Despite whichever model a restaurant adopts, the bottom line is that their revenues have decreased from not being able to operate as usual. The empty dining rooms affect not only the ability to pay servers, cooks, and hostesses but impact rent and other expenses.

Even though the traditional restaurant concept has suffered greatly, there have been a few that have been able to utilize a concept that is new to some people and familiar to others: the ghost kitchen concept. Ghost kitchens, often referred to as virtual kitchens and/or cloud kitchens, are single facilities such as warehouses and other large buildings that allow multiple restaurant operators to prepare their food for delivery and/or takeout. Think of it as a ‘coworking endeavor’ for restaurants, similar to a ‘We Work’, but instead of sharing office space, the single facility is shared among the multiple restaurant owners. Even though current COVID-19 related rules and regulations prohibit the public gatherings typical in sit-down restaurants, there is still a demand from consumers for food options due to more “Shelter in Place” requirements like remote learning and working from home by families. Consumers have quickly transitioned into the delivery and pick-up options for their families and the concept of ghost kitchens are one way that some restaurants are meeting this demand. The trend has gained popularity for some establishments due to the lower expenses (i.e., no servers, no waitstaff, and shared rent costs). Additionally, several restaurateurs have decided to expand this concept and set up ghost kitchens around the country to take advantage of this novel concept. So regardless if the effects of COVID-19 were to decrease and public gathering once again becomes acceptable, technology along with changing consumer habits may cause the concept of ghost kitchens to become the norm instead of the exception.



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Fairburn Students Shine

2020 Georgia Cities Week: “Building the 2020 Vision”



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Thank you

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