

# PROGRESS

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## Development Authority Efforts Continue

This quarterly newsletter is designed to inform Fairburn residents, property owners, business owners and others about events, challenges, changes and facts relating to Development in our City. This publication will keep you up-to-date on all development issues including news, highlights, events, business tips and tourism efforts.



### Downtown Update

Building owners and businesses affected by the devastating fire in February are still involved in a long and tedious process which will determine their next steps.

They hope Fairburn citizens will remain patient as they seek a satisfactory resolution for this tragic circumstance.

### Site Selector Tour June 15

**Selecting outstanding and easily accessible sites makes sound business sense for all parties involved in the process.**

The Development Authority is hosting a tour for a group of Project and Development Managers from utility companies, state agencies and other entities involved in the economic development process.

The tour is designed to enable top consultants to quickly evaluate our city as a highly desirable location ideally suited for client needs.

It is intended to help recognize potential relevance of the area for future projects and helps reinforce the working relationship between these business advisors, Authority Members and City Staff, enabling them to work more efficiently together on future projects.

It will also provide feedback and insights which helps Fairburn to improve its potential in attracting the types of investments we seek and aids us in recognizing relevant market opportunities

which may have been overlooked or underestimated. Working in partnership with these individuals is in the best interest of our community.

### Sidewalk Stories Project Nears Completion

Months of hard work by project participants resulted in hours of videotaped interviews with Fairburn citizens, officials and members of our business community. This information is currently being edited and it is anticipated that the final version will be available for viewing by the end of June. You will be able to obtain additional information about the completed project on the city website at [www.fairburn.com](http://www.fairburn.com).

### Authority Website Development Update

The Authority has selected NTS Interactives to develop its website. NTS has considerable experience in producing similar sites for other municipalities in Georgia. NTS efforts will create an online resource for site selectors, developers, prospective businesses, current businesses, government agencies and others seeking to conduct business with or obtain information about the Development Authority of Fairburn.

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## Authority seeking committee volunteers for Fall and Christmas/Holiday Events

Community members interested in working on specific events or helping to assist with planning new special events are encouraged to become involved. If you are interested in lending your talents to our special events committee you can access a volunteer application on the Development Authority page at [www.fairburn.com](http://www.fairburn.com).

The Development Authority/Downtown Development Authority meets at 4:00 p.m. on the third Monday of every month at the Freight Depot. *The public is encouraged to attend. We're on the web. Visit us at [www.fairburn.com](http://www.fairburn.com).*

The joint Authority is composed of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council and recognized by the State of Georgia as a public corporation with a specified set of powers and a specific purpose and mission to:

- Revitalize and redevelop the central business district
- Develop and promote for the public good and general welfare, trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities throughout the city
- Issue bonds to finance projects within the city

### Authority Members

Jean Barkley Russell, Chair, Steve Thomas, Vice-Chair, Hal Shields, Secretary-Treasurer, Jeff Couch, Ray Hannah, Danita Jones, Dyan Mathews

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