

MARCH 2025

# FAIRBURN CONNECT



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## City Launches Planning Efforts to Shape Growth, Development, and Community Priorities

The City of Fairburn is actively engaging residents and business owners in shaping the future of the community through two important initiatives: the Comprehensive Plan Update and the Citywide Strategic Plan. While both plans are designed to guide Fairburn's growth and development, they serve distinct purposes and require broad community input to ensure they reflect the city's collective vision.

### What Are These Plans, and How Do They Differ?

#### **Comprehensive Plan: A Blueprint for Growth**

The Comprehensive Plan serves as a long-term policy and land-use guide for how Fairburn will grow and evolve over the next 10 to 20 years. Required by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), it ensures that cities plan for future development in a way that is sustainable, community-driven, and aligned with state and regional planning goals.

The plan covers several key areas, including:

- Housing – Determining the types of housing available and ensuring a balanced mix of options.
- Economic Development – Attracting and supporting businesses to create jobs and strengthen the local economy.
- Transportation – Planning for roads, sidewalks, bike paths, and public transit.
- Parks & Public Spaces – Expanding recreational areas and improving community amenities.
- Sustainability & Land Use – Managing growth in a way that protects natural resources and enhances quality of life.

#### **Citywide Strategic Plan: A Roadmap for Action**

The Citywide Strategic Plan is a more focused, short-term action plan designed to prioritize the city's initiatives, investments, and operational improvements over the next 3 to 5 years. While the Comprehensive Plan sets a broad vision for the city's future, the Strategic Plan focuses on *immediate priorities* and outlines a roadmap for achieving tangible results.

Key components of the Strategic Plan include:

- City Services & Operations – Improving public services, emergency response, and infrastructure maintenance.
- Economic & Workforce Development – Strengthening small businesses, attracting investment, and increasing job opportunities.
- Public Safety & Community Engagement – Enhancing police and fire services, building stronger community connections.
- Infrastructure & Capital Projects – Addressing road repairs, utility improvements, and citywide facility upgrades.
- Governance & Leadership – Strengthening collaboration between city departments and increasing efficiency in decision-making.



*City of Fairburn Fire Department Participates in  
Career Day at Campbell Elementary!  
Inspiring the Next Generation.*

**2025  
Homestead  
Exemption  
Deadline**



For More information, visit:  
[www.fairburn.com](http://www.fairburn.com)

## How Can Residents Get Involved?

The city is encouraging all residents and business owners to get involved in the planning process in the following ways:

### Attend a Community Workshop

Residents can share their thoughts at upcoming planning workshops:

#### *Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting #1*

Thursday, February 27, 2025 | 6:00 PM

56 SW Malone Street, Fairburn, GA

#### *Comprehensive Plan & Strategic Planning Workshop #2*

Thursday, April 24, 2025 | 6:00 PM

56 SW Malone Street, Fairburn, GA

### Take the Community Survey

Can't make it to a meeting? Residents can still share their ideas online by filling out the Fairburn Comprehensive Plan Survey at

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

### Spread the Word

Encourage friends, neighbors, and coworkers to participate! The more people who provide input, the better these plans will reflect the needs of the community.

*Your City. Your Future. Your Voice.  
Get involved today!*

### Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting March 4th

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

56 Malone Street, Fairburn, GA

### Fairburn Business Luncheon March 13th

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

56 Malone Street, Fairburn, GA

### City Council Work Session & Regular Meeting March 24th

6:00 pm (Work Session)

7:00 pm (Regular Meeting)

56 Malone Street, Fairburn, GA

### Sensational Senior Tea March 25th

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

149 SW Broad Street, Fairburn, GA

### Development Authority/DDA Meeting March 26th

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

56 Malone Street, Fairburn, GA

UPCOMING  
MEETINGS & EVENTS

ENGAGE WITH FAIRBURN!



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**MARCH  
1ST - 31ST**

**FAILURE TO APPEAR  
AMNESTY MONTH**

The City of Fairburn Municipal Court will be conducting a Failure to Appear Amnesty Month, during this period, individuals with outstanding traffic citations will have the opportunity to clear their records without facing additional penalties.

This special amnesty period allows anyone with unresolved traffic violations to pay their fines and have all penalties waived. We encourage all affected individuals to take advantage of this chance to resolve their cases without incurring extra costs.

To participate, simply visit the Fairburn Municipal Court or pay online during the month of September. This is a limited-time offer, so don't miss the opportunity to start fresh and avoid further legal complications.

**HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS**

**ONLINE**  
[www.fairburnpayments.com](http://www.fairburnpayments.com)

**IN PERSON**  
(MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM)  
Fairburn Municipal Court  
26 W. Campbellton Street  
Fairburn, GA 30213  
770-683-4611

**OVER THE PHONE**  
470-610-6297

Fulton County Solicitor Record Restriction Information  
Visit: [bit.ly/RecordRestriction](http://bit.ly/RecordRestriction)

Georgia Justice Project First Fridays Criminal Record Clinic  
Free monthly presentation about what can be cleared from a GA Record  
Visit: <https://gjp.org/first-fridays>



**HOW ARE PARTICIPANTS SELECTED?**  
The Fairburn Police Department strives to reflect a diverse group of participants. Twenty-Five (25) Applicants will be evaluated and notified when they are selected to participate.

Potential candidates for the Citizens Police Academy should meet, but are not limited to the following criteria:

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

**How Do I Apply?**  
Hand deliver, email, or mail the completed application to:  
Fairburn Police Department  
191 SW Broad Street  
Fairburn, GA 30213  
Attn: Sgt. R. Harrell

**Citizens Police Academy**

THE FAIRBURN CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY OFFERS 12 HOURS OF EXPERT INSTRUCTION DIVIDED INTO TWO-HOUR SESSIONS.

PARTICIPATION IS FREE, BUT A COMMITMENT OF ONE NIGHT PER WEEK FOR SIX WEEKS IS REQUIRED.

**Thursday  
Evenings  
beginning on  
March 13, 2025**

**6:00 PM  
UNTIL  
8:00 PM**

**40 Washington Street  
Fairburn, Georgia 30213**

<https://tinyurl.com/CoFCitizensPoliceAcademy>

QUESTIONS Contact Sgt. R. Harrell by email,  
[rharell@Fairburn.com](mailto:rharell@Fairburn.com) or 770-964-1441



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