

Fairburn Connect

August 2022



August Events

City Council In-Person Meetings:

August 8th and August 22nd @ 7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning Meeting:

August 2nd @ 7:00 PM

Wellness Wednesdays 8/3 @ 6:00 PM

Art in the Alley 8/20 @ 6:00 PM



City of Fairburn

56 Malone Street

Fairburn, GA 30213

770-964-2244 City Hall

770-969-3481 Utilities

770-964-1441 Police



Mayor Mario Avery

Councilmembers

Mayor Pro Tem Hattie Portis-Jones

Linda J. Davis

Alex Heath

Pat Pallend

Ulysses Smallwood

James Whitmore

Fairburn Opposes Fulton County's L.O.S.T Increase



In a press release issued on July 15th, the City of Fairburn joined the 14 other Fulton County Cities in opposing a request by the Fulton County Board of Commissioner's to increase the County's share of Local Option Sales Tax (L.O.S.T.). The County proposed to change their share from just under five percent to 35 percent which is a 600 percent increase.

This was a surprising request because in 2012, the County agreed to a negotiated percentage of less than 15 percent. Since that time, the County's service area has significantly shrunk from approximately 90 square miles to less than two square miles in which less than 1,000 residents live. In reality, the Cities provide essential services such as police, fire, and sanitation to nearly all the residents of Fulton County. Such a drastic shift in sales tax revenues, \$95 million per year, will necessitate raising property taxes on nearly all Fulton County residents and businesses at a time when they can least afford it. The 15 Cities are united in opposition to the County's position, but the Cities are willing to work with the County Board of Commissioners to reach a reasonable distribution of the sales tax.

The L.O.S.T. is a one-penny sales tax that is used by local governments to pay for the cost of vital services such as fire, police, transportation, parks & recreation, and other local government services, which helps keep property taxes down for all taxpayers in Fulton County.

City of Fairburn Main Street Program recognized by Main Street America

Fairburn's Main Street Program has been designated as an affiliate Main Street program. Each year, Main Street America and its partners announce the list of meaningful improvements in their downtowns and commercial districts using the Main Street Approach, a framework for preservation-based economic development and community revitalization.

In 2021, Accredited and Affiliate Main Street programs generated \$5.76 billion in local reinvestment, helped open 6,601 new businesses, facilitated the creation of 30,402 net new jobs, catalyzed the rehabilitation of 10,595 historic buildings, and leveraged 1,427,729 volunteer hours.

"We are thrilled to acknowledge this year's Accredited and Affiliate programs and their dedication to advancing economic opportunity and quality of life in their downtowns," said Patrice Frey, President & CEO of Main Street America.



Safety Tips for Children Returning to School

As summer is nearing an end, it is time to get ready to return to school. In addition to the excitement of returning to the classroom, students face new challenges regarding safety and well-being. According to the National Safety Council, parents can quell these concerns by observing simple safety tips related to transportation and bus safety.



Transportation Safety:

- Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on the street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.
- Before you cross the street, stop, look left, right, and left again to see if cars are coming.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross at crosswalks or intersections.
- Avoid distracted walking.

School Bus Safety:

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus.
- Teach your children to stand six feet (or three giant steps from the curb).
- For crossings, teach your child to cross the street in front of the bus, or to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other.

For more information: <https://nsc-org-storage.azureedge.net/cms/nsc.org/media/site-media/docs/community-safety/back-to-school-safety-checklist.pdf>

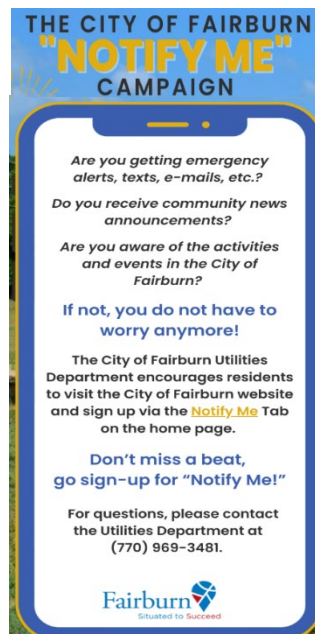
AROUND FAIRBURN

Keep up to date with activities within the City of Fairburn:



FAIRBURN FALL FESTIVAL AND THE Taste of Fairburn
NOW ACCEPTING VENDORS!
OCTOBER 1, 2022
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Parade | Vendors | Live Music
 Applications: www.fairburn.com or call 770-964-2244 ext. 133 for more information!

Fairburn
Parks & Recreation
Activities

THE CITY OF FAIRBURN "NOTIFY ME" CAMPAIGN

Are you getting emergency alerts, texts, e-mails, etc.?
 Do you receive community news announcements?
 Are you aware of the activities and events in the City of Fairburn?

If not, you do not have to worry anymore!

The City of Fairburn Utilities Department encourages residents to visit the City of Fairburn website and sign up via the **Notify Me** Tab on the home page.

Don't miss a beat, go sign-up for "Notify Me!"

For questions, please contact the Utilities Department at (770) 969-3481.

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Fridays
on
Main Street

Back to
School
Celebration
August 19th
6 PM – 10 PM

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Art in the Alley presents
'Life in Lights'

August 20, 2022
6:30 PM – 10:30 PM
26 W. Campbellton St.
Fairburn, GA 30213

FAIRBURN YARD SALE
AT
EDUCATION CAMPUS
320 NW Broad Street

August 6th & 20th

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 Register at
<https://tinyurl.com/2wu344wv>

Fairburn Community Partner Spotlight



Travis Barber is a Fairburn native who grew up in the Lightning Community. When reflecting on his childhood, he remembers growing up in the church and having a strong and supportive mother. Her teachings helped him learn at an early age the importance of giving back to the community and helping those in need.

'1 Mo Question' is a non-profit, founded by Mr. Barber to provide mentoring, job placement, life coaching, and resources to at-risk youth. The mission is "to inspire, educate, and empower at-risk youth in our community by leading them to make positive life choices that enable them to reach their potential."

Mr. Barber is this month's community spotlight for his continual support of the City of Fairburn and as a community partner. He recently provided over 300 meals to residents, participated in Third Fridays on Main Street events, and more. For more information about available community resources for youth, visit www.1moquestion.org.