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Alleywave Project Transforms Downtown Space





Art is in the air in downtown Fairburn's Historic Commercial District, with *Alleywave: Canopy of Colors*, a large-scale installation featuring 60 community-designed satin panels suspended above the heart of downtown, the area known as the alley has been adorned with art from throughout the city.

"This is an amazing project that demonstrates the diversity of our community, as well as beautifies our downtown spaces for visitors and residents alike," commented Mayor Mario B. Avery. "I encourage all who can, to visit this fascinating art exhibit."

Alleywave is a temporary public art installation that transforms the downtown alleyway into a vibrant and engaging space for residents to enjoy. The 70-footlong skyward art piece will temporarily change the downtown alleyway into an artists' exhibit, creating a destination for celebrating Fairburn's community, culture, and accomplishments during Georgia Cities Week.

"Enhancing our downtown area spaces is part of an ongoing initiative to offer places throughout the city for residents to enjoy," stated Jamila Criss, Assistant City Administrator.

Alleywave reflects the contributions from participants from local organizations such as Girl Scout Troop 3802, National Black Arts Foundation, Southside Theatre Guild, and Landmark Christian School, led and designed by artist and graphic designer Lewis H. Foster.

"Fairburn is a progressive city with talented artists, engaged citizens, and visionary leaders," commented Denise Brookins, Director of Planning and Zoning. "Alleywave showcases the transformative impact of creative placemaking, Brookins added."

Each reflection was translated into a unique satin panel within the installation and accented by projected light, forming a collaborative and colorful canopy of the Fairburn community. The exhibit is located at 26 W. Campbellton Street, and will run from Sunday, April 23rd – Friday, May 19, 2023.

MAY EVENTS

City Council Meetings
May 8th and 22nd
@ 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning Meeting
May 2nd @ 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers

- Senior Flower Pot Project - May 4th
- Mother's Day May 14th
- National Police Week May 15th - May 21st
- Coffee & Canvas May 18th
- Third Friday Jazz & Soul Concert - May 19th
- Youth Fishing Derby-May 27th
- Memorial Day May 29th

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AROUND FAIRBURN

Honoring the Men & Women In Blue





National Police Week occurs every May, and in 2023 we will be commemorating it with live, in-person events. The National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum will hold ceremonies, including the 35th Annual Candlelight Vigil, to honor the fallen officers whose names have recently been added to the Memorial. The City of Fairburn's Human Resources Department will honor Fairburn police and participate in the national week of remembrance on May 17th, with special activities throughout the city to show appreciation for the work of Fairburn police and to enhance public awareness of the daily risks and sacrifices those in law enforcement make to keep our city safe. National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations honoring America's law enforcement community.







Celebrating Mother's Day



May is the time of year when we honor our mothers for their countless contributions to our lives. Celebrating the role of motherhood is a tradition that dates to 1905 when the daughter of Anna Maria Reeves Jarvis, a social activist and community organizer, began a letter-writing campaign calling for a proclamation to establish Mother's Day. President Woodrow Wilson signed the document in 1914, officially declaring the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Since then, Americans have used the day to celebrate mothers with various activities. The National Retail Federation projected in 2022 that Americans that year would spend nearly \$31.7 billion on gifts, outings, trips, and more. Some of the best suggestions for gifts to honor the extraordinary women in your life this year, Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 14th, to focus on what she enjoys. Oprah Winfrey's top five Mother's Day list reflects everyday items that enhance women's lifestyles and center around comfort:

- 1. Cozy Pajamas
- 2. Lip Balm Gift Set
- 3. Eucalyptus Body Scrub & Bath Essentials
- 4. Plush Lounge Socks
- 5. 'Letters to My Mom' Stationery Set

However, one chooses to celebrate this year, make the day special by celebrating the women in your life who help nurture life and community.



