

# FAIRBURN CONNECT

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## FEBRUARY EVENTS

### City Council Meetings

February 13th  
and 27th @ 7:00 PM  
City Council Chambers

### Planning & Zoning Meeting

February 7th @ 7:00 PM  
City Council Chambers

### Valentine's Day

February 14th

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## Fairburn Awarded 'Most Improved City' Award

On January 27th, during its game against Detroit's Motor City Cruise, the College Park Skyhawks took time at the start of the game to honor Mayor Mario B. Avery and the City of Fairburn Council and staff with the Most Improved City Award. The Skyhawks are a National Basketball Association (NBA) Affiliate, recognizing Fairburn's achievement in making the City an excellent place for livability.

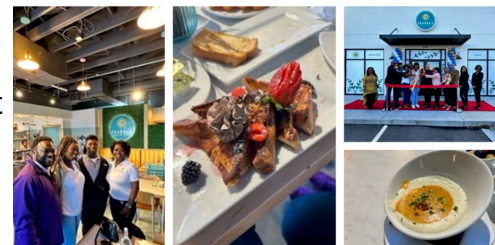
"I am committed to making our City the best for the citizens of Fairburn," stated Mayor Mario B. Avery.

Giving honor to whom honor is due is an added compliment when it extends from another city. "We have invested in recruiting the best staff, training, and equipping them to provide the 'best in class' in governmental services," added City Administrator Tony M. Phillips.

Fairburn is a city focused on recruiting the best staff, investing in infrastructure, sustainable growth and development, and demonstrating why it is 'Situated to Succeed.'

## City Growth: Searra's Restaurant Opens in Fairburn

The City of Fairburn's Mayor Mario B. Avery, City Council, and staff celebrated the grand opening of Searra's restaurant. The breakfast and lunch eatery offers delectable, classic cuisine that includes an innovative take on shrimp and grits and other favorites.



Searra's is located next to the Cigar Studio Lounge at 6000 Renaissance Pkwy, Fairburn, Georgia 30213. Restaurant hours are Monday through Friday, from 7:00 am – 2:00 pm; Saturday 8:00 am – 2:00 pm; and Sunday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. For more information contact the restaurant at (678)-489-6460.

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# Black History Month



## Fairburn Celebrates Black History Month

Celebrating Black History in Fairburn is a part of a national commitment to showcasing the contributions of African Americans. Originating from 'Negro History Week', the month was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a scholar, educator, and publisher, who selected February because it was the month that Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln celebrated their birthdays.

The City of Fairburn celebrates Black History Month by hosting events that offer citizens and visitors family-friendly activities, promote arts and culture, and showcase African American life and progress.

- **Mother, Son, Daughter, and Father's Sneaker Ball**  
Fairburn Youth Center  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
February 10th
- **Black History Cultural Artist's Market**  
Frankie Arnold Stage and Courtyard  
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
February 17th
- **African American Inventor's Exhibit**  
Fairburn Annex Building  
Friday 17th - 21st

## New Payment Window Hours

To provide the best service delivery, the Payment Window located at Fairburn City Hall has new hours. The drive-thru window and payment center inside of the building will close at 4:45 pm beginning March 1, 2023.



## Oprah's Valentine's Day Picks

If you are looking for new ways to celebrate V-Day with your special loved one, Oprah suggests that looking beyond the traditional dinner and a movie can initiate a spark with any couple.

Here are some of the top ten ways to celebrate Valentine's Day:

- Watch a Valentine's Day Movie
- Visit a Rage Room
- Have a Pizza Making Competition
- Go vintage shopping
- Enjoy a concert
- Have an at-home trivia or board game night
- Go on a bike ride
- Make a chocolate fondue
- Visit your local brewery
- Make breakfast in bed
- Take a scenic drive or train ride

Oprah suggests that the best part of Valentine's Day is that you spend it with those you love, making any activity you choose unique.

## Health & Wellbeing: 'Love' Is a Healthy Heart



The month of February is official Heart Health Awareness month. Health professionals seek to raise awareness of the importance of a healthy heart. Cardiovascular disease affects people of any age. Fairburn's Human Resources department will work with staff and the city's community partners with awareness activities.

The CDC reports that one in five adults who died of cardiovascular disease was under the age of 65. Those at higher risk for cardiovascular disease have underlying conditions such as diabetes. Raising awareness and education regarding healthy living are among the best prevention methods. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/about.htm> for more information. #HeartMonth