

FAIRBURN CONNECT

SEPTEMBER 2023

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

City Council Meetings
September 11th
September 25th
at 7:00 pm

Development Authority &
Downtown Development
Authority Meeting
September 27th at 6:00 pm

Planning & Zoning Meeting
September 5th at 7:00 pm

Labor Day
September 4th

Fairburn Launches Utilities Assistance Program

The City of Fairburn provides utilities for thousands of Fairburn residents daily. However, many have been negatively affected by COVID-19 and cannot stay current with their bills. The Fairburn Utilities Assistance Program offers help to residents who are delinquent on their utility bills, which include water, sewers sanitation, and electricity. The program is funded through the American Rescue Plan.

“Providing our citizens with the necessary resources to enhance livability is a priority within the Fairburn community,” stated Mayor Mario B. Avery.

Online applications opened on August 29th and provide eligible customers up to \$250 or \$350 on a first come, first served basis. The city hosted two information sessions with Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN) to offer citizens resources to help with financial hardship.

“Fairburn’s Utilities Program helps the most vulnerable residents, who are often on fixed income and are impacted most by changing economic conditions,” commented City Administrator Tony M. Phillips.

“Utility assistance brings added value through our partnerships with other agencies while supporting our residents,” added Utilities Director John Martin. For more information regarding the online application process, visit <https://gmen.org/fairburn-utilities>.



Program Eligibility:

- Customers who are 65 years or older may qualify for up to \$350 towards their past due bill.
- Disabled veterans may qualify for up to \$350 towards their past due account.
- All other eligible customers may qualify for up to \$250 towards their past due accounts.



Atlanta Swing Opens in Fairburn

Fairburn is excited to announce its newest attraction, Swing Miniature Golf located at 8480 Senoia Road. Swing is an 18-hole mini golf course that features a colorful outdoor area, food trucks, and a natural-rock waterfall. The idea to open a miniature golf course in Fairburn resonated during the pandemic when co-owner Niki Taylor was thinking of fun things to do nearby once they were able to go outside again. A few years later, with a lot of hard work and dedication, the owners of Swing would finally get to see their idea come to life.

Grant Program



The City of Fairburn will launch the Small Business Program, which provides up to \$30,000, to businesses impacted negatively by the Coronavirus. Funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) the program offers recovery grants to area businesses to offset or reimburse small businesses for expenses, including operational costs, payroll expenses, rent, lease, or mortgage payments, technical assistance, or revenue loss associated with the Coronavirus pandemic.

“We remain committed to helping our area businesses thrive,” stated Mayor Mario B. Avery.

Fairburn’s SBGP comes at a time when the Georgia Department of Health is reporting an uptick in COVID cases in Georgia, an estimated increase of 16% with the advent of a new strand called ‘ERIS.’ However, unlike previous years, COVID-related hospitalizations are declining, and health professionals believe that even with the increase, vaccinations have provided the best defense. “Our local economy has grown, because of our small businesses. We want to ensure they have the resources to maintain operations and expand,” commented City Administrator Tony M. Phillips. Historically, grant programs designed to address the negative impacts of COVID, have helped stabilize local economies. The Georgia Chamber has worked closely with industry, healthcare and government leaders since the pandemic. It reports that Georgia has attracted record economic investment and led in economic recovery compared to other states. Applications will open mid-September, with an informational webinar, and online assistance for Fairburn businesses. For more information visit: www.Fairburn.com.

Sanitation Rate Increase Notification

A standard provision of sanitation contracts is a consumer price index (CPI) annual adjustment. To continue providing quality sanitation services and to keep up with the rising cost of system operations, the City of Fairburn’s sanitation vendor, GFL, has utilized the CPI provision of their contract to apply a 10% increase to their sanitation rates, effective August 2023. Residential sanitation rates will be \$16.20 per month. The rate will include one waste cart and one recycling cart. Waste collections will continue once a week; recycling will continue to be collected every other week.

Additional carts will be charged as follows:

- Garbage: \$16.20 per month, per cart
- Recycling: \$9.00 per month, per cart

Although the sanitation cost and the resulting rates have increased, they remain comparable to similar municipalities. Our goal is to continue delivering exceptional services to our customers at the most competitive rates.

AROUND FAIRBURN

Celebrating



Concert & Cultural Festival
Friday, September 15th
The Frankie Arnold Stage & Courtyard
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm



Fairburn
Situated to Succeed

FALL FESTIVAL & PARADE Saturday Oct. 7th

DOWNTOWN FAIRBURN

College Bands

- STILLMAN COLLEGE
- TALLADEGA COLLEGE
- TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

High School Bands

- LANGSTON HUGHES HIGH SCHOOL
- CREEKSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
- BANNEKER HIGH SCHOOL

Live Performances By



Also Featuring
FOOD VENDORS
AMUSEMENT RIDES
GAME TRUCKS
FAMILY ACTIVITIES
AND MORE!

MORE CELEBRITY ARTISTS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!