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Fairburn City News

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Situated to Succeed



There is nothing better than the smell of food on the grill.

Three out of five households own a gas grill, which translates to a lot of tasty meals. Unfortunately, it also means there's an increased risk of home fires.

Each year an average of 8,900 home fires are caused by grilling, and close to half of all injuries involving grills are due to thermal burns. While nearly half of the people who grill do it year-round, July is the peak month for grill fires, followed by May, June, and August.

Here are ten tips for a safe summer barbecue. Dos and Don'ts that will keep you from becoming a statistic.

Do:

- **1.** Keep your grill at least 10 feet away from your house.
- **2.** Clean your grill regularly.
- **3.** *Check for gas leaks.*
- **4.** *Keep decorations away from your* grill.
- 5. *Keep a spray bottle of water* handy.
- **6.** *Keep a fire extinguisher within a* couple of steps of your grill.

Don't':

- 7. Turn on the gas while your grill lid is closed.
- **8.** Leave a grill unattended.
- **9.** Overload your grill with food.
- **10.** Use a grill indoors.



Under the Stars Movie & Food Trucks "The Croods - A New Age"

July 16, 2021, at 7:30 pm 15 W. Broad St.

Mayor's Corner



Summer is a great time to be in Fairburn and for business!

I have had the honor of participating in several new business openings that bring

the retail, restaurants, and health and wellness services that make our city a great place to live. We welcomed I-HOP and Piedmont Urgent Care to Highway 74, in addition to our new businesses in our downtown Historic Commercial District.

As we continue to grow, new businesses and people are coming to our area to enjoy the hometown appeal and natural assets. In Fairburn, there is something for everyone. Duncan Park is open for many of the activities that our residents enjoy. We have resumed youth activities and are planning an upcoming Fishing Tournament in Duncan Park on July 17 from 9 am -1 pm.

We celebrate Independence Day this month and are grateful for the liberties we cherish as a nation of diverse groups. We are mindful of the historical significance of recent federal legislation making Juneteenth a national holiday. Independence Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity as we move forward and beyond together.

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Upcoming meetings are held virtually via Zoom

Fairburn City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month.

Planning & Zoning Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

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Tune your cooling system for energy savings

During the summer cooling season, operating the air conditioner is the major contributor to higher energy costs. Make sure your unit is working efficiently by following these suggestions:

- Change the air filter on your air conditioner once a month or according to the manufacturer's guidelines. A dirty filter restricts airflow and wastes energy.
- Check for air leaks in your home, particularly around exterior plumbing and electrical accesses, as well as doors and windows. Seal with expandable foam, insulation strips, caulking, or weatherstripping.
- Set your thermostat at 78°F while you are at home and 85°F while you are away.
- Install a programmable thermostat to add convenience and increase savings.
- Use ceiling fans to make rooms feel more relaxed, reducing the need for air conditioning, but turn fans off when you leave a room to avoid wasting energy.
- Have your system cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional before the start of each cooling season.



CONGRATULATIONS

June Employees of the Month





Fire Department

Abril Montano Human Resources Department

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CONGRATULATIONS

Best Yard Contest Winners



Best Transformation Yvette Nugent Thomas Thompson

> Most Unique Yvette Nugent

Best Yard Gaynell & Felton Hall

JUNETEENTH CULTURAL CELEBRATION







July Birthdays Employees

Sylvia Abernathy Randall Allen Amy Barnes Emerson Chambers, III Jessica Davis Monte Dyer **Taurus Edwards** Stephanie Gibson Charles Gordon Vonzet Greer Kenneth Hammock Delores Lam Stephen Lanford Joseph Latham John Martin **Richard Meier Talena** Phelps Daveena Polite **Brandy Smith** Victor Terrell Anthony Thompson Lester Thompson Jeanette Whitfield Andrew Williams Tiffany Wilson



The City of Fairburn government offices will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. City operations will resume Tuesday, July 6.

