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Welcoming In 2022

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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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The City of Fairburn government offices will be closed Monday, January 17th, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day. City operations will resume Tuesday, January 18.



Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst

Godspeed

Dear Citizens of Fairburn:

It has been a sincere honor to serve as your Mayor for the last four years. Time has gone by so fast; it seems only yesterday that I stood in Council Chambers as a freshman council member taking the oath of service some 14 years ago; and the immense honor you as citizens bestowed, in electing me the first African American female Mayor of Fairburn. It was then, as it is now, my love for the city of Fairburn that motivates my commitment to further development and growth. And what a great city Fairburn has become with its diversity, cultural representation, beautiful landscapes, and a place of community, faith, and values. I am eternally grateful for the support of many of my friends, citizens, colleagues, and staff who have stood with me along the way.

During my tenure, my goal was to enhance the quality of life for all residents by enhancing our public infrastructure, improving mobility, business recruitment and retention, and promoting overall health and well-being. We have funded the redevelopment of our downtown district and streetscape project, partnering with Georgia state leaders facilitate Fairburn joining the Middle Chattahoochee Regional Water & Sewer Authority, and developing and implementing a placemaking plan to beautify our public spaces.

As a woman of faith, I am reminded of the scripture, Proverbs 19:21 "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. On November 30th, the voters decided. I honor and respect the wishes of the people.

I extend my congratulations to Mayor-Elect Mario Avery. As a servant of the people, I have worked with Mayor-Elect Avery and regardless of any political differences, we may have, our agreement is in serving the best interest of the citizens of Fairburn. I am blessed to have had this opportunity and am looking forward to new adventures with my family and other entities that await me. As many of you know, my position as Mayor was not without great personal sacrifice in the loss of my daughter while serving the city. The light that emanates is in her legacy that remains with my grandchildren.

Finally, may the Lord watch over our great City of Fairburn as we continue our service to one another moving forward and beyond as a community *Situated to Succeed!*

Regards,
Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst



January Birthdays Employees

Jean-Harold Ashtree	Michelle Hood
Jesse Cox	Matthew Kimble
Davina Daughtry	Marceia Lindley
McClennon Duncan	Stoney Mathis
James Fasoulas	Jess Weatherholt
Christopher Flippin	Lashand White

Happy Birthday Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Community News

Visit the Southside Theatre Guild for dates and opportunities to participate in upcoming performances.

The Theatre is in desperate need of a new HVAC system. Please consider supporting by visiting the STG website.



You Made it Special

The City of Fairburn would like to thank everyone who celebrated the holiday season at the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 4, 2021.

Hundreds of people showed up to hear holiday music performances from Fairburn local churches, Kimberly McKinney & The Aaron Lackey Band, Landmark Chamber Singers, Special Guest – Julius Williams. Dance performance by Reigning Victory Praise Dancers and comedy skits by the Southside Theatre Sidekicks.

The event was not complete without a special visit from Santa and Ms. Claus.



2022 New Year Resolutions



Happy New Year!

Now is the time when most of us will follow the traditions in which we resolve to continue good practices, change an undesired trait or behavior, accomplish a personal goal, or otherwise improve our lives at the start of the new year.

Have you decided what your resolution will be for this 2022 year?

The Top 10 Resolutions

1. Eat healthier
2. Get more exercise
3. Save money or save more money
4. Focus on self-care
5. Read more
6. Learn a new skill
7. Make a new friend
8. Get a job, or get a new job
9. Take up a new hobby
10. Focus more on my relationship with others

Fairburn Resident Shares the Gift of Art



Graphic Designer, Rod Parker's love of painting started with his grandmother, who told him that he had a special gift. As a young man growing up in the Historic Fourth Ward near downtown Atlanta, his future as an artist was uncertain until an unlikely brush with fate. Parker, a self-taught artist, moved to Fairburn and began to teach young students how to paint. It all started when he was hired to create origami training and build a curriculum at a Fairburn elementary school. Shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic hit, he had to look at other avenues. Soon after the Georgia Floyd incident, he decided on a Four-Part series on the acclaimed *Strange Fruit* and developed work for Fairburn's *Juneteenth Cultural Celebration*. Since that time, Parker has hosted numerous events for Fairburn's Main Street businesses, including Sip and Stroke for children and adults, canvas painting events monthly, and is looking to open a pop-up gallery in the downtown district soon. "I care about Fairburn and see art as a way of connecting to the community, not only as a resident but sharing with others the uniqueness of life through art." Parker is available for bookings and graphic design consulting: www.rodparkerdesigns.com