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# Fairburn City News

Official Newsletter of the City of Fairburn, Georgia

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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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## **Financial Wellbeing This Holiday Season**



Planning for holiday shopping is a source of stress for many. Especially now, as many stores struggle to keep items in stock. Consumer researchers reveal that shoppers will spend 20% more on holiday gifts this year, and for many, holiday budgets are 13% lower than pre-pandemic levels. Here are three recommended strategies to avoid spending guilt:

1. Set a budget and stick to it by setting an average price limit per gift.
2. Make your list; cutting down on the number of people you buy gifts can substantially provide financial relief.
3. Hunt for deals by starting early to increase the chances of finding specific items. Use online shopping and coupons to find the best prices.

Keep in mind that financial stress can negatively impact mental health. Financial experts recommend setting a realistic budget and avoiding using credit cards to overspend. Holidays are for enjoying family, so it is better to be with the ones you love than to experience financial stress at the end of the day.

## **Mayor's Corner**

Greetings!



Coming out of the season of Thanksgiving, we reflect on the blessings that have come to our great city!

We have made numerous strides economically, with our public infrastructure, and in education. God has blessed our city as we have moved forward together and beyond by making our community safe and resilient. We have adapted to the new normal with concrete planning and resourcefulness. And as the new year approaches, I hope to build upon the work we have started through dedicated programs to help bridge the gaps that have impacted our young people educationally, technologically, and in health & wellness.

As we celebrate the Christmas season, I encourage you to continue supporting one another, participating in government by attending meetings, making your voice heard and understanding that our city will only remain great with your active participation.

***Merry Christmas Fairburn  
& Blessed Holiday Season!***

**Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst**





# Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

## HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

## HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



## Before Heading Out or to Bed

**Blow out** lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

## FACTS

- ❗ More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



## Government Offices Holiday Schedule

The City of Fairburn government offices will be closed

**December 23rd & 24th**  
Christmas Closures

**Friday, December 31st**  
New Year's Eve

## Employee Birthdays

Douglas Allen  
Kem Beadles  
James Berry  
Heather Burgess  
Martrell Burtley  
Jordan Cameron  
David Dutton  
Kimberly Fletcher  
Gale Higgs  
Sherri Jackson  
Jordan Moore  
Richard Murphy  
Reggie Pierre  
Harvey Stokes

## Holiday Events

Holiday Fit Series  
December 1<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

**HOLIDAY  
FIT SERIES**

**STAY FIT DURING THE  
HOLIDAYS WITH  
FAIRBURN  
PARKS & RECREATION**

(1) Fitness Class Per Week  
December 1st - December 22nd

Gain Accountability Partners

Free Step Counter with Registration

Health & Wellness Tips

Register Online @ [Fairburn.com](http://Fairburn.com) "How Do I"  
or by using the QR Code

Contact us at (770) 964-2244 ext. 134

Christmas Tree Lighting  
December 4<sup>th</sup>

THE CITY OF FAIRBURN  
PRESENTS

*The 20th Annual  
Christmas Tree Lighting*

**FEATURING**

Fairburn Area Churches  
Reigning Victory Praise Dancers  
Landmark Chamber Singers  
Southside Theatre Sidekicks  
Kimberly McKinney &  
The Aaron Lackey Band

Appearances by Santa & Mrs. Claus  
FOOD, HOLIDAY FACE PAINTING,  
CRAFTS, VENDORS & MORE

Saturday,  
December 4, 2021  
at 6:30 pm

*Special Guest Performer:*  
**JULIUS WILLIAMS**

Frankie Arnold  
Stage & Courtyard  
15 W. Broad Street,  
Fairburn, GA 30213

Golden Holiday Brunch  
December 15<sup>th</sup>

**Golden  
Holiday  
Brunch**

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
Fairburn Youth Center  
149 S.W. Broad St.  
Fairburn, GA 30213

MUST BE 55 & OLDER TO  
ATTEND AND A CITY OF  
FAIRBURN RESIDENT

Register by calling: (770) 964-2244 ext.  
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