

# Fairburn Newsletter

## September 2020

**COVID-19 TESTING SEPT 4TH & 10TH - FAIRBURN EDUCATIONAL PARKING LOT  
MUST RSVP @ <https://covid19.dph.ga.gov/en-US>**

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### Free COVID-19 Testing in the City of Fairburn!



The City of Fairburn has recently engaged in a partnership with Fulton County, specifically the Fulton County Board of Health, to address COVID-19 testing for local residents. Fulton County District 6 Commissioner Joe Carn and his staff approached the city about conducting one of their 'pop up' COVID-19 testing events. Fulton County typically has testing at three constant locations but with the recent increase in the number of

Coronavirus cases, decided to sponsor 'pop up' testing events at various locations throughout the county. One of the 'pop up' locations was the Fairburn Educational Campus Parking Lot, located at 320 NW Broad Street in Fairburn. On August 7<sup>th</sup>, District 6 Commissioner Joe Carn, along with some of his staff and representatives from the Fulton County Board of Health, conducted a free testing event from 8:00 am – 2:30 pm. Approximately 240 individuals were provided free COVID-19 testing, along with PPE items (i.e., masks), and Census 2020 material handed out by the City of Fairburn's staff.

The event was such a success that the City of Fairburn and the Fulton County Board of Health have agreed to conduct two more testing events in the city. There will be one on September 4<sup>th</sup> and one on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Both events will take place at the Fairburn Educational Campus Parking Lot on 320 NW Broad Street in Fairburn. For more information on these upcoming COVID-19 testing events, as well as any other activities in the city, check the City of Fairburn's website for details.

## MAYOR'S CORNER

### Fairburn Streetscapes Project: Downtown improvements are moving forward



Downtown Fairburn is getting a new look! As you drive through downtown you have begun to see the construction of the downtown Streetscapes. The Streetscapes Project consist of a new 10 feet wide vegetated median, signal upgrades at Smith, Campbellton and Dodd Streets. Pedestrian improvements along the west of US 29 includes new granite header curb, brick paver sidewalks, raised planter beds, and pedestrian street lighting. The east side of US 29 will include 5 feet wide brick paver sidewalks, a 4 feet wide grass buffer strip, street lighting, and landscaping. The project also includes the rehabilitation of the former Smith Street underpass into a pedestrian walkway and plaza space. The total cost of the Streetscape Project is estimated at \$5 million, which is funded by the Atlanta Regional Commission's Livable Centers Initiative grant.

The revitalization of the downtown area has been a priority of the City since 2009 with the construction of the Frankie Arnold Stage and Courtyard. New restaurants have opened in downtown and another restaurant is coming soon to the Freight Depot. We anticipate more exciting development and initiatives will continue to happen in downtown in the months and years to come. We have recently hired a Main Street Manager and Economic Development Director and was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission's Livable Centers Initiative to conduct a major update to Fairburn's Downtown Master Plan. The Downtown Master Plan will provide a strategically focused, goal driven blueprint for growth and development which will invigorate the downtown area and make it an attractive place to live, work, and play. With the start of the Streetscapes Project and other downtown initiatives, we are moving closer to a thriving downtown corridor that citizens and visitors will find aesthetically pleasing and enjoyable. Let us all continue to "Move Forward Together"

Regards,  
Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst



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A PLACE OF DIVINE POSSIBILITIES  
 305 W CAMPBELLTON ST  
 FAIRBURN, GA 30213  
 Pastor Charles R. Ramsey Jr.

**First Come,  
 First Served.  
 While Supplies Last!**  
**PRAYER IS AVAILABLE!**

## Voter Registration

Election day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

- The deadline to register online to vote is Monday, October 5, 2020.
- The deadline for registering by mail to vote is (postmarked by) Monday, October 5, 2020.
- The deadline to register in person to vote is Monday, October 5, 2020



## “Utility Payment Assistance”

- <http://www.facaa.org>
- <http://zionhillcdc.org/services/stepping-ahead-ii/>
- <https://salvationarmyatlanta.org/financial-emergency-services/>
- <https://buckheadchristianministry.org/request-help/apply/>

Visit the Fairburn Utilities page at [www.fairburn.com](http://www.fairburn.com) for complete list



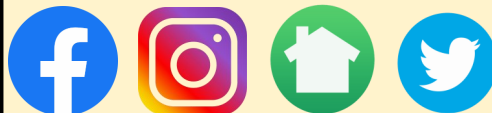
## CENSUS ENUMERATORS ARE COMING!

- ⇒ Census takers will wear masks and follow local public health guidelines when they visit your home.
- ⇒ All census takers complete a virtual COVID-19 training on social distancing and other health and safety protocols before beginning their work in your neighborhood.
- ⇒ Census takers are hired from your area, and their goal is to help you and everyone in your home be counted in the 2020 Census.
- ⇒ If the census taker who visits your home does not speak your language, you may request a return visit from a census taker who does speak your language.
- ⇒ If no one is home when the census taker visits, the census taker will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online, by phone or by mail.
- ⇒ If you respond online or by phone today, a census taker is less likely to have to visit your home to collect your response.

<https://2020census.gov/>

@gacensus2020 #EveryOneCounts  
 #Fairburncounts

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## City of Fairburn Employee Birthday Celebration

**SEPTEMBER**

- JARED ALLEN
- ARIKA BIRDSONG-MILLER
- WENDY BROWN
- RICHARD BROWN JR.
- KEVIN FLEMING
- KEISHA FRANCIS
- TIMOTHY GIDDENS
- KALANOS JOHNSON
- DUSTIN KEY
- COMMALETA THORNTON
- VINCE USCHER

## DATES & MEETINGS

### City Council meeting @7pm

**September 14 - Budget Hearing**  
 Zoom Meeting ID: 770 964 2244

**September 28- Budget Adoption**  
 Zoom Meeting ID: 770 964 2244

### Planning and Zoning Commission meeting

September 1 @ 7 pm (Virtual)  
 Zoom Meeting ID: 770 964 2244



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