



## Fairburn Newsletter - February 2021

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## **We Want to Hear from You!!**

### **Do You Know About the Fairburn Downtown Master Plan Update?**

The City of Fairburn is updating its Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Downtown Master Plan, which has not been updated since 2009. This plan will help the city in continuing to invest in the pride of Fairburn and its Historic Downtown District by creating a vibrant and connected downtown where the people of



Fairburn can live, work, and play. The plan will build on the Creative Placemaking Strategy to help stimulate economic growth by revitalizing the

historic downtown area and create a visually aesthetic community that is artistically motivated and will enhance the character and identity of the city, as well as implement street improvements that create space for a safer pedestrian environment with strategic walkable and biking infrastructures, and multi-modal traffic operations.

Interested to learn more and attend the virtual community meetings to provide input? Visit our site at: <https://tinyurl.com/y35scogc>

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

In 1926 Dr. Carter G. Woodson instituted the first week-long celebration to raise awareness of African Americans' contributions to history. Prior to this time, little information could be found regarding African American history. Important achievements were left out of history books, and there was a general misconception that African Americans had made little contribution to U.S. society or history. 50 years later, the week became a month, and today February is celebrated as African American History Month. The month of February was chosen because it celebrates the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, both of whom dramatically affected the lives of African Americans.



## **MAYOR'S CORNER**

Greetings,



The story of Black History Month began in 1951, half a century after the thirteenth amendment abolished slavery in the United States. In decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing proclamations recognizing "Negro History Week." By the late 1960's, thanks in part to the civil rights movement and a growing awareness of Black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History month. Black History month was officially recognized in 1976 by President Gerald Ford. The Black History month 2021 theme: *Black family, representation, identity, and diversity*. The month of February is also a time for embodying the symbol of LOVE with Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is celebrated to express love for one another. Whether love is conveyed through gifts, affection, or service, it's an endless bond that never loses its power.

Stay Safe,

Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst

**BLACK**  
HISTORY MONTH





**DAILY GIVEAWAYS!  
ONE CHALLENGE WINNER!**

**Fairburn PARKS AND REC COMMUNITY FITNESS CHALLENGE**

**FREE!**  
2 FIT CHATS AND 4 TRAINING DAYS!  
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FEBRUARY 3&5 6:30-7:00P  
FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20, 27 9:00A

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WENDY BROWN**  
*Police Department*

**JANUARY  
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**



**The Fairburn  
Parks and Recreation  
Department**

would like to hear from you!  
Your input is greatly  
appreciated and will help  
shape the future of Fairburn  
Parks and Recreation.

Please complete the survey at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/y2hokdg8>



**City of Fairburn Employee  
Birthday Celebration**

**February**

- Jateia Arrington
- Jeremy Caldwell
- Elizabeth Curry
- Charles Figures
- Karlton Ghant
- Michael Lynch
- Jason Raper
- Miguel Ribot
- Jeremy Russell
- Graylin Sapp
- Michael Yancey

**DATES & MEETINGS**

All meetings are virtual and can be  
viewed live on FaceBook Live and later  
on Youtube

Join the Zoom meeting at:  
<https://www.fairburn.com/newsroom>

Zoom Meeting ID: 7709642244

Public Comment Form:  
<https://rb.gv/fakgim>

**City Council meeting @7 pm**

- February 8
- February 22

**Planning and Zoning  
Commission meeting @ 7 pm**

February 5



**State of the City Address**

March 22

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