

Welcome to
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Fairburn Newsletter

JULY 2020

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CASABLANCA OPENING SOON

The City of Fairburn is very excited to announce that Casablanca Home Style Cuisine is returning to downtown Fairburn. Renovations are taking place at the Historic Train Depot which is located adjacent to Armando's Mexican Restaurant. Ursula Johnson Hilley, owner of Casablanca, stated that she is excited about returning to the city. Please stay tuned for the grand opening date!

Welcome back home!



SERVICE DISCONNECTION UPDATE

Since February 2020, Fairburn suspended disconnection of utilities. During this time, there has been no late fees associated with accounts. Starting July 27, disconnections for nonpayment will resume for residential and commercial customers. Late fees and penalties will apply. If your financial situation requires a payment plan, please contact the City of Fairburn Utility Department at 770-969-3481.

MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Fairburnites:

While the City of Fairburn pauses and begin to prepare for what we will know as life after the COVID-19 crisis, we are on a course of recovery and embarking on a brighter future. We cannot allow the fears of the disease to become the new normal, we will find ways to adjust, as we and other cities have in the past. "I believe the greatest is still before us."

As Mayor of this great City, I grieve with our nation as I am reminded of the corrosive power of injustice in our country. Now is the moment to speak out whenever we witness injustice. Dr. Martin Luther King wrote:

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst

DATES & MEETINGS

City Council Meeting
 July 27, 2020 - 7 pm

Planning and Zoning Commission Virtual Meeting
 July 7, 2020

Shred - It Day
 July 18, 2020 - 9 am - 2 pm
 Fairburn City Hall - 56 Malone Street. SW

COVID-19 Testing
 July 10, 2020 - 11 am - 4 pm
 Georgia Military College parking lot
 320 NW Broad Street, Fairburn, GA 30213
 Free: Medicaid, Medicare & Uninsured with ID
 Insured Individuals: Provide insurance card
 (No co-payment)

Please visit www.fairburn.com for more information.



Employee Birthday Celebration

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| JUNE | JULY |
| Corey Clark | Christopher Abbott |
| Krishna Craig, Sr. | Sylvia Abernathy |
| Enrique Dixon | Randall Allen |
| Edwin Eiswerth | Amy Barnes |
| Kelvin Gaskins | Jeff Burns |
| Richard Gibson | Emerson Chambers, III |
| Lauren Harkins | Jessica Davis |
| Abril Montano | Monte Dyer |
| Garrett Wade | Taurus Edwards |
| | Stephanie Gibson |
| | Charles Gordon |
| | Vonzet Greer |
| | Kenneth Hammock |
| | Trenesia Hurkes |
| | Kevin Johnson |
| | Yahrek Johnson |



COVID-19 Take everyday preventative actions

As the US begins to reopen to the public, please follow these precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19

Wash your hands frequently.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.

Stay home when you are sick.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Wear a cloth face cover when you go out in public.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.



Fairburn's Main Street Program is now accepting resumes and Letters of Interest (LOI) to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission. Preservation of Fairburn's traditional assets is essential in cultivating placemaking to showcase our City's culture, arts, entertainment, and overall community. The purpose of the Commission is to protect and enhance historical elements and beautification of our Downtown Historic Commercial District. All members should be residents of the state and shall be persons who have demonstrated special interest, experience or education in history architecture, or the preservation of historic resources. Interested parties should forward their resume and LOI to the Main Street Program office by the closing date of August 3, 2020:



Department of Community Development, Planning & Zoning
Main Street Program
56 Malone Street Fairburn, Georgia 30213
Or send via email to sabernathy@fairburn.com



In response to the national health emergency COVID-19, the City of Fairburn, in an initiative to support our local businesses, established the #Fairburn1st Campaign! The #Fairburn1st Campaign is a city sponsored preservation-based economic development campaign designed to encourage residents and merchants to support local businesses in the City of Fairburn.

The mission of #Fairburn1st is to:

1. Keep local dollars in the city's local businesses
2. Give a collective local profile to local businesses
3. Promote engagement and advocacy between the residents and local businesses
4. Promote a focus on the downtown area

Why #Fairburn1st?

1. Forms a local supply chain – fosters networking and cooperation of goods & services; meet unfamiliar businesses; introduces more customers to suppliers; keeps local dollars in local businesses

A City of Fairburn Local Business Campaign

2. Establishes a local identity – gives a collective local profile to small businesses, not 'chain stores'; build community cohesion; grassroots businesses are more involved in local community issues
3. Fosters community involvement – promotes the local grassroots owners and advocates to be more empowered and engaged; small businesses donate more to local rec leagues, non-profits, sponsor events, (versus larger chains)
4. Impacts local employees – smaller chains have lower prices, more sales/transactions, more opportunities for younger local employees to work
5. Helps the environment – smaller businesses, less land, more local-made products/services, closer proximity, less traffic, and less congestion/pollution; less demand on public infrastructure/streets
6. Reinforces the local tax base – helps to create a 'group economics focus' to reach a broader audience instead of an individual business focus; centralized focus or campaign generates lasting impact on prosperity of local businesses
7. Supports entrepreneurship – include local high school/college students and aspiring entrepreneurs to be involved with the promotional campaign
8. Inspires innovation – deficiencies, gaps, and/or necessity often provides opportunities for innovative initiatives or ideas from unique or creative individuals to address
9. Promotes a focus on Downtown – can reflect the culture, theme, and vision for rebranding the Downtown area; more utilization of public spaces/community gatherings
10. Engages diverse business interests – engages restaurants, print shops, farmers, accounts, artists, etc.; wider variety of independent choices/options

For more information on the #Fairburn1st Campaign and how you can be involved, please contact the City of Fairburn's Economic Development Department at kvjohnson@fairburn.com

Class of 2020

The 2020 Graduating Class Virtual Yearbook can be viewed online at <https://www.fairburn.com/727/Class-of-2020>



Local Food Banks

If you or someone you know is in need of food, please visit this website for local food banks. <https://www.fairburn.com/720/Fairburn-Local-Food-Banks>

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