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FAIRBURN: SITUATED TO SUCCEED

Government Finance Officers Association

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

On October 14th, the City was presented with the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The award represents a significant achievement by the city. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the city had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communication device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated as being primarily responsible for having achieved the award. This has been presented to Rodrique Taylor, Budget Consultant/ Analyst.



(Left-right) **Rodrique Taylor** - Budget Consultant / Analyst, **Angela Jackson** - Finance Director (both of Fairburn) and **Althea Philord-Bradley** - Director of Finance and Accounting - (College Park)

There are over 1,600 participants in the Budget Awards Program. The most recent Budget Award recipients, along with their corresponding budget documents, are posted quarterly on GFOA's website. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.



Greetings Fairburn:



On behalf of the Fairburn City Council and myself, we would like to thank everyone for their support and participation at our first Fairburn Fall Festival Block Party Edition. It was an honor to fellowship amongst a great group of constituents, businesses, and other elected officials. Our hearts are overwhelmed with the positive feedback we received pertaining to our Fall Block Party. Stay tuned for next year's festivities.

Please exercise your right to vote by Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Feel free to visit our website and social media sites for early voting locations.

Thanksgiving is a time when family reconnects, and traditions are passed down from one generation to the next. It's a time when families gather around the dinner table and offer thanks for the many blessings that were bestowed upon them throughout the year. As we prepare to break bread with love ones during this holiday season, let's not forget to bless a family or individual who's unable to share in the Thanksgiving supper!

Happy Thanksgiving Fairburn!

Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst

Fairburn City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month:

Workshop at 6:00pm and Council Meeting at 7:00 pm at City Hall

Planning & Zoning Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month at City Hall at 7:00pm

City Administration Offices are closed on
November 11 - Veteran's Day
November 28 & 29 - Thanksgiving

GICH Three Year Commitment Completed



Congratulations to the City of Fairburn's Housing Team for successfully completing their three-year commitment to the Georgia Initiative for

Community Housing (GICH) program. The GICH program helps communities improve their quality of life and economic vitality through the development of locally-based housing and revitalization strategies.

This is achieved through technical assistance, collaboration, expert presenters, training, facilitation, networking and mentoring.

Some of the GICH Team accomplishments over the past three-years include the demolition of dilapidated residential structures in the Lightning Community and completion of several community plans (i.e. Housing Assessment, Zoning Audit and Redevelopment Strategy) to assist with the revitalization of the Lightning Community.

FAIRBURN PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

Fairburn Youth Center - 149 SW Broad Street

November 13 - Lunch & a Movie

November 21 - Get Active Night

Frankie Arnold Stage & Courtyard - 15 West Broad Street

December 7 - Annual Tree Lighting

More information Contact - 770-964-2244 ext. 134

www.fairburn.com/176/Parks-Recreation

NOTICE OF NON-ACCEPTANCE OF E-CHECKS

Dear Residents:

As of **January 1, 2020**, the City of Fairburn will no longer accept Online E-checks as a form of utility payment. Due to the increased volume of checks returned online and the NSF fees associated with each return we can no longer offer this service. You may continue to pay online by credit card. Please make the necessary adjustments or arrangements with your bank to switch to another form of payment.

Your cooperation with this change is appreciated.

Thank you,

City of Fairburn Finance Department

Birthdays of the Month

CITY EMPLOYEES

- **Matthew Anderson**
- **Shareeta Bolden**
- **Edgar Desantos**
- **Earley Michael Grant**
- **Marquise Grant**
- **Deaunte Grier**
- **Joshua Hamilton**
- **Matthew Henderson**
- **Charles Israel**
- **Diem Hang Nguyen**
- **William Perdue**
- **Erik Phillips**
- **Jakela Potts**
- **Katrina Sanders**
- **Robert Shellabarger**
- **Kathleen Williams**

TUNE UP FOR WINTER UTILITY SAVINGS

As cooler weather approaches, now is the time to prepare your home for winter utility savings. Consider some of the following suggestions to see where you can save:

Electric

- Have your furnace or heat pump serviced and change the filters to maximize performance.
- Install a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust the temperature according to your daily routine.
- Program the thermostat for 68 degrees while you are home and lower it to 60 degrees when you will be gone for several hours.
- Caulk and/or weather-strip around doors and windows that leak air to keep warm air inside, and cold air outside.

Water

- Repair any leaks right away. A leaky faucet or running toilet affects both your water and sewer charges.
- Don't let water run when brushing teeth, shaving or washing dishes.
- Turn off water to outside faucets and install insulating covers to prevent freezing and broken pipes.
- Insulate water pipes in the crawl space or attic to prevent freezing. Check your local D-I-Y center for easily to install kits.

Are you in? Take the Pledge!!!

<https://mydropcounts.org/pledge-to-conserve/take-the-pledge/>