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Town Survey
is Here!**



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February's Snapshots

The bustle of the holiday season seemed to put a chill on photo submissions for Fairview Town News. Special thanks to those who continue sending us photos. We'd love to see more! Share your favorite Fairview scenery or family fun at TownNews@FairviewTexas.org.



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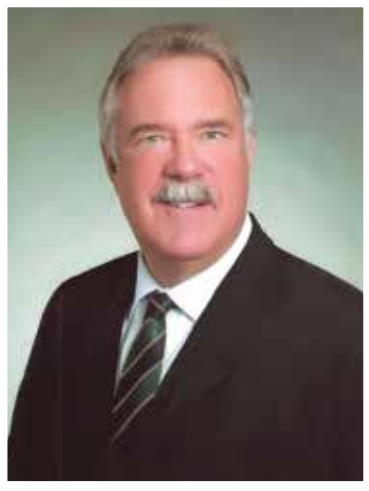
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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



HENRY LESSNER

The results of this survey will help the council gauge what's most important to residents and will be a critical part of our discussions as we consider policies and evaluate projects.

Hello Fairview!

Happy New Year! I hope for everyone that 2024 will be a year of peace, personal growth, and prosperity.

Things have been pretty quiet in our small town over the holidays. There are some things coming up that should be of interest to everyone.

You probably noticed that the cover of the Town magazine looks different this month. I hope you'll take the time to complete the citizen survey. The results of this survey will help the council gauge what's most important to residents and will be a critical part of our discussions as we consider policies and evaluate projects.

One thing that just won't die: the McKinney Airport, but there is some hopeful news. The McKinney City Council was discussing using McKinney's EDC/CDC monies to make infrastructure improvements on the east side of the McKinney airport in anticipation of adding passenger air service. If you remember, as part of the McKinney bond election in 2022 (that we were able to help defeat), the City of McKinney had planned to use \$50M of EDC money and \$50M of CDC money to supplement the \$200M bond package that was defeated by McKinney voters. There is continuing significant McKinney citizen resistance to expanding their airport, and the good news ... the McKinney City Council said that they would postpone this discussion indefinitely. Keep your guard up, but this is a move in the right direction for our residents.

The sign forests are growing, so we know there is an election coming. Here are some key dates for the Democratic and Republican primaries:

- February 20 – first day of early voting
- March 1 – last day of early voting
- March 5 – election day

As of this writing, sample ballots aren't available. Watch the Collin County elections website for updates.

You might know that the Friends of the Fairview Firefighters has changed their name to Friends of Fairview First Responders. This volunteer group helps raise funds for our first responders. If you are on the eastern side of Fairview, you may be supporting this group with your subscription to their flag program, or you may have enjoyed their twice-a-year pancake breakfasts. A new event called First Responders Appreciation Day is coming on April 13 at Heritage Ranch. The event will feature a pickleball tournament, silent and live auctions, a raffle, and a dinner. Sponsorships are currently being solicited.

We will continue Breakfast with the Mayor at Fairview Farmers on the second and fourth Mondays at 8 a.m. and also at Heritage Ranch on the first Friday at 8:30am. I hope to see you there!

Henry Lessner

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Correction: May 4 General Election

The town's next general election will occur on Saturday, May 4, 2024. The terms of office that will expire in May 2024 are **seats 2, 4 and 6**. The mayor and town council seats 1, 3 and 5 will expire in May 2025. An article in the January 2024 edition of *Fairview Town News* incorrectly stated that the mayor's term expires in 2024.

Potential candidate information packets are available for pickup at Town Hall, which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Candidates may return their applications to be placed on the ballot and other candidate paperwork to Town Hall through 5 p.m. **Friday, Feb. 16, 2024.**

A Fairview Town Council candidate must:

- Be a qualified voter of the town
- Be twenty-one (21) years of age
- Have resided in the town no less than twelve months immediately preceding election day
- Meet the requirements of the Texas Election Code
- Continually reside within the town during the term of office

For more information, please contact the town secretary at 972-886-4234 or TownSecretary@FairviewTexas.org.

This is Your Town – Speak Your Mind

In less than 15 minutes, you could make a tremendous impact on Fairview's future.

OnPoint Insights is conducting an anonymous survey on behalf of the town, and it's easy for residents to participate.



The survey is offered exclusively online. Just scan the QR code with your phone or tablet to get started now. Or visit FairviewTexas.org to get a direct link to the survey. Either way, you'll be taken to a secure site hosted by OnPoint Insights (QuestionPro.com). Fairview staff and leaders won't be able to see who took the survey, and your personal information will never be shared with anyone.

It's been 10 years since Fairview residents have had this opportunity.

The 2024 survey has an intuitive design that gets to the heart of your individual priorities and preferences without wasting your time on topics that don't matter to you. Even with the quick pace, you'll be able to give specific feedback. Good or bad, we want to hear it.

The survey will only be open through Feb. 26, so don't miss your chance to weigh in on what you'd like to see town officials focus on, including potential new programs and facilities.

If you don't have a few minutes to take the survey now, set an appointment for yourself. It's an investment in the future of your town.

Take a Peek at Some of the Topics Covered in the Survey

- ▶ Accessibility and Communication
- ▶ Growth and Development
- ▶ Operations and Infrastructure Maintenance
- ▶ Priorities for Spending
- ▶ Public Safety

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Council's Corner

At the Dec. 5 Town Council meeting, new Fairview Police Chief Chris Chandler was sworn into duty. (See the separate article about Chief Chandler on Page 8.)

The council also:

Approved:

- Minutes of the Nov. 2, 2023, joint meeting of the Town Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission
- Minutes of the Nov. 7, 2023, regular council meeting
- A resolution denying a proposed CoServ gas rate increase
- A resolution adopting a Conditional Municipal Service Agreement between the Town of Fairview and Brian and Janna Jarvis for a 5.673-acre tract of land located at the terminus of Sharon Road. Owners/applicants: Brian and Janna Jarvis
- A resolution adopting and ratifying plat application submittal requirements in accordance with HB 3699
- A recognition/public art installation at Fire Station 1
- A bid contract award for HVAC upgrades at Fire Station 2
- A bid contract award for generator upgrades at Fire Station 2
- A resolution allocating votes for the Collin County Appraisal District Board of Directors election
- An agreement for resident and employee survey services
- A motion to move the January regular Town Council meeting to Jan. 10, 2024

Received:

- The October financial report
- The November police report
- The November fire report
- An update on town construction projects

Conducted public hearings for:

- A conditional use permit for an accessory structure at 84 Secretariat Lane
- The voluntary annexation of and establishment of zoning for land owned by Brian and Janna Jarvis
- Re-authorization of building permit fees in accordance with HB 1922

Authorized:

- The town manager and the town attorney to take all steps necessary to participate in settlements of the PFAS Class Action

Also at the December regular meeting, Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) President and CEO Paul Cristina gave a presentation about DCTA and its transition to provider of the Collin County Rides program.

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In a Job Fraught with Chaos, Court Administrator Practices Peace

As often as not, people who arrive at the municipal court window inside Fairview Town Hall have blown past the deadline for resolving a citation (or three) and are desperate for leniency.

“They never tell you that they’re late,” Municipal Court Administrator Celia O’Dell said.

“But if they *are* late taking care of a transaction, we have a whole list of rules about what we can and can’t offer,” she said.

After more than 30 years working for various municipal courts, O’Dell knows the ins and outs of judicial procedures and has seen her share of rule-breakers. With that kind of experience, it would be understandable if she occasionally displayed a tinge of impatience with those who show up with heaps of fines or warrants and ask for forgiveness.

Instead, with unflappable calm, she listens to every customer as they explain their predicament.

“Sometimes I’ll go out in the lobby and say, let’s sit down out here. You’ve been standing a long time. I saw you standing in the line,” she said.

She tells them, “Anything that I can do for you, I’m willing to do. But you have to let me. If you don’t want me to help you,

I won’t help you any further.’ ... That usually calms people down.”

But she never makes unrealistic promises.

“The system is not perfect; there are a lot of flaws in it,” she said. “So sometimes it makes it hard to explain things to people when you don’t agree with the legal side of it. But that’s your job. So you kind of have to have a thick skin to be able to present [the information], even if you don’t agree with it, and then receive the backlash from the public, because a lot of times, they don’t agree with anything.”

Whether customers walk up to the counter angry, confused or determined to sweet-talk O’Dell into giving them special treatment, they leave well-informed about their options, including discounts for clearing up all their outstanding citations. And they invariably thank O’Dell for her help.

“It takes a special characteristic, I think, to deal with customers that way,” she admits. “It’s not for everybody. It can wear on you. But I find it the most rewarding part of the job, interacting with the public.

“I think it’s a good day when you can share information and somebody understands it. And so I put a lot of time in the information that we put out to the public to make sure that it’s understandable and

that we’re communicating it well,” she said.

When she’s not reading up on the law, O’Dell enjoys listening to an eclectic playlist that includes Asian jazz instrumentals, gospel and the band Bread.

She also loves to read, watch old movies, and — as a major Trekkie — watch all the old and new Star Trek episodes. One of her lifelong dreams was fulfilled when she got to spend a day with Nichelle Nichols.

O’Dell has a background in art — it was her first passion — and loves to draw.

She also sometimes fills in as a driver’s ed instructor. Occasionally, her worlds collide when former driving students show up at the municipal court window, although she makes a point to teach outside of her court’s jurisdiction.

She offers this advice she got from her own mother to others: “If you don’t have patience, then you can’t have peace. And you will never come up with the right answer if you don’t have those two things. And so I practice those as a as a rule.

“Whenever I hear bad news, whenever my kids are stressed, the first thing that I try to talk to them about is, ‘You have to stay calm so that you can have a cool head. If you can’t do that you’re not going to make a good choice.’”

Drive safely, everyone.



February Fire Safety Tip

Provided by Friends of Fairview First Responders

Portable Space Heaters

In colder winter months, portable space heaters are a popular way to supplement central heating or heat just one room. If you plan to use a portable electric space heater, follow these safety tips and recommendations from the National Fire Protection Association:



- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Unplug space heaters when you leave the room or go to bed.

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A Calling to Serve Runs in Police Chief's Family

Six of the new Fairview police chief's family members have followed him into law enforcement.

Police Chief Chris Chandler, who began working in Fairview in late November, has three sons on the force. His oldest is a K9 handler for Frisco, his middle son is a detective for Plano, and his youngest is a patrol officer in Lewisville. He also has a daughter-in-law who is a patrol lieutenant in Farmers Branch, and two of his nephews work in law enforcement in Pasadena.

Many of his uniformed family members, new and former colleagues and other close friends and family attended the Dec. 5 Fairview Town Council meeting to see his ceremonial swearing in.

Mayor Henry Lessner commented, "We were feeling really secure up here with all those badges out there."



Later, Chandler said he doesn't take it lightly that so many of his loved ones entered a risky field.

"There is not a day that goes by that my wife, Olga, and I are not worried about my kids and nephews. One of my nephews was involved in a serious incident in 2009 that luckily, he survived. It can happen so quickly and without warning," he said. "We pray to God that he keeps them all safe and takes them home to their families every day."

Chandler was officially sworn in to serve Fairview in late November.

He brings decades of experience as a peace officer, most recently as Chief of Police in Murphy.

Chandler's career began in Jacinto City, east of Houston, in 1990. He was later hired by The Colony Police Department as a lieutenant. In 1998, The Colony promoted Chandler to captain, and in 2012 he was appointed as assistant police chief.

Chandler holds an associate's degree in criminal justice from Collin County Community College and earned a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences from the University of North Texas.

He also completed the Leadership Command College at Sam Houston State University, part of the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, and he is a proud graduate of Session 275 at the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

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New Collin County Rides Mobile App Available

The RideDCTA mobile app for the Collin County Rides program is available to download, and rides may be scheduled beginning Feb. 1.

The Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) has replaced DART as the provider of Collin County Rides, the transportation services for Fairview residents who are at least 65 or who have a qualifying disability.

Personal care assistants may ride with qualified program users for an additional \$2 fee, which must be paid at the time of scheduling the ride.

Visit DCTA.net/CollinCountyRides to view answers to other frequently asked questions and to familiarize yourself with DCTA.



Pickleball Tournament Seeks Sponsors

The Heritage Ranch Pickleball Club is seeking sponsors and auction item donations for its April 13 First Responders' Appreciation Day and Pickleball Tournament.

Sponsorship levels range from \$250 to \$5,000, and auction item examples include gift certificates for dinner, services or hotels and gift baskets or gift cards.

Proceeds from the event go to the Friends of Fairview First Responders Association to provide recognition, equipment and support for Fairview's fire and police staff. The goal is to provide advanced health screening that isn't covered by health insurance for these first responders.

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Metamorphosis Magic

Small Creature Captivates Family

By MacKenzie Miller

On Oct. 18, 2020, my kids and I walked into the garage, and, upon entering the garage, we immediately saw a bright neon green caterpillar.

The kids and I were immediately shocked by its size and color. It was longer and thicker than my pointer finger, and it had a brown almost hairy face and huge caterpillar feet! It looked straight out of Wonderland.

We didn't know what kind it was, or if it was poisonous, so we put it on a stick and took it outside. It was so neon green, I knew I couldn't put it anywhere where it would stand out, so I put it by some bushes that were in similar color. We came out to check on it about 20 minutes later, and it had crawled halfway up the house, which I assumed was to form a cocoon or chrysalis.

We filmed it as it used its amazing caterpillar legs and feet to search and climb. We watched it and checked on it for probably an hour, but at the end of the



day, we figured it was doing its thing and we should let it be.

The next morning, we went out to look for it, and we found it on the ground with a weird type of silk netting with leaves stuck in throughout it.

At that point, we started looking up caterpillars that used leaves to form their cocoons. The one that had the most similarities was the Luna moth, which was a type of moth I had experienced only once in my life, so I knew them to be local. When the images suggested that this might be a Luna moth, I was ecstatic.

Luna moths live as moths for only



4-10 days. They are literally born without mouths. They do not drink, they do not eat, and their sole purpose in life is to find a mate and reproduce in those 4-10 days. I mean, who knew? Talk about speed dating! We as humans love to say "life is short," but learning about these beings really puts things in perspective.

With rain and cold weather on the horizon, we made the decision to place the cocoon and surrounding leaves in a large shoebox and brought it inside. The internet said it would hatch out of the cocoon (a butterfly makes a chrysalis; a moth makes a cocoon) in 4-6 weeks and that that it

should be sprayed with a mist every 2 days. The kids and I kept this amazing cocoon in the shoe box, and we started misting it ever other day or so. And the days went on. And on. And on. And ON. ...

And nothing happened. I remember a friend saying, "It's totally dead!" But I knew that was not the case! I just had a feeling! We kept it in its little shoe box full of leaves and continued to mist it every couple of days. Days passed, then weeks, then months. Fall passed, and winter passed, and spring passed, and then it was literally JUNE.

EIGHT MONTHS LATER. I remember thinking to myself, "It's so nice out, let's bring the box outside and put it in a butterfly enclosure." About 2-3 weeks after bringing it outside, the kids and I were playing, and my daughter says, "Mom!!!! The moth hatched!!!!" We were literally astonished. Its body was HUGE and BROWN. It was definitely NOT a Luna moth!!

It had climbed up on the side of the netting, but its wings hadn't opened. About an hour or so later, it finally spread its wings. They were light tan with small



yellow circles on the upper wings and large blue and yellow circles resembling large eyes on its lower wings. Its entire body was covered in soft fuzz, and its tentacles were long and furry. It was not ready to fly and needed time to dry its wings.

Once it spread those amazing wings, I put my hand next to it for size. Its wings were the longer than my hand and almost the same width as my palm. It was bold, large, beautiful, and fascinating, and we were able to confirm it was a Polyphemus moth.

A Polyphemus moth is in the silkworm family along with the Luna moth. This beauty would live for 4-10 days; it did not have a mouth; it would never eat or

drink; it was nocturnal, and it would live its limited days with the sole purpose to reproduce.

We were so excited that we had taken care of this amazing being for 8 months. Especially after the internet had told us it would hatch in 4-6 weeks! It began drying its wings by fluttering them quickly but minimally, and 1 1/2 days after it hatched, I took it on my hand and brought it out of the butterfly enclosure to see if it was ready to fly into the night.

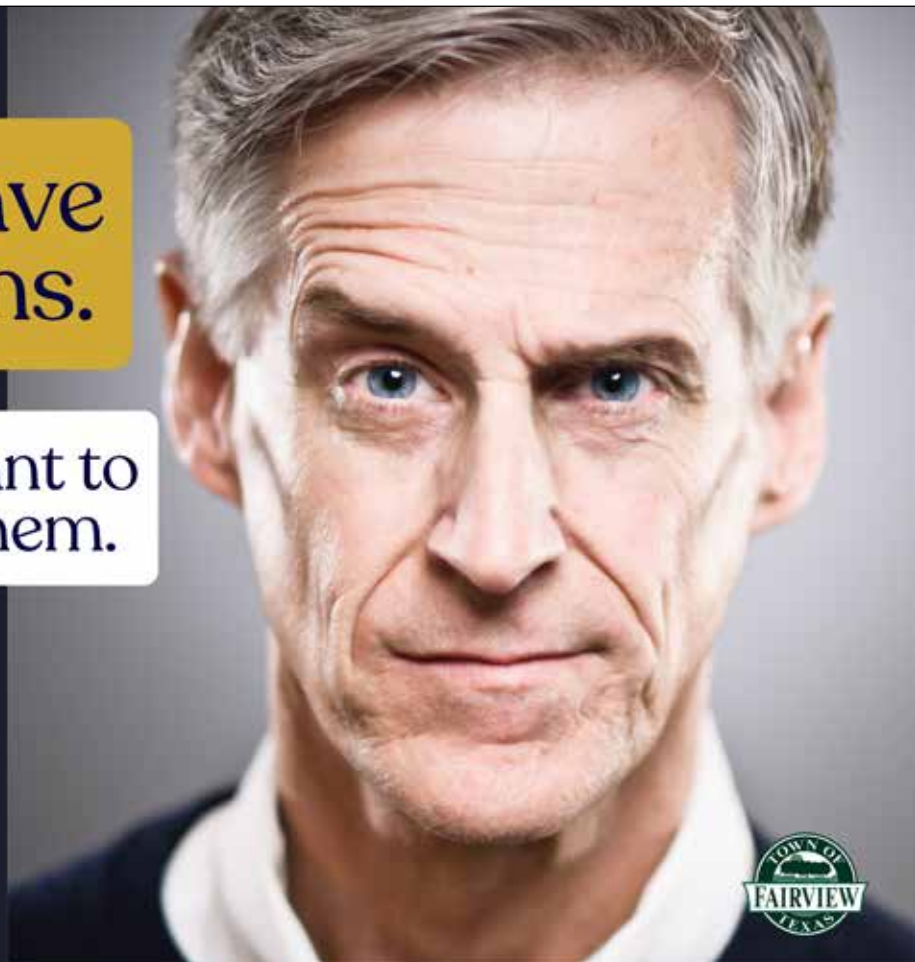
My daughter sang it a sweet song, and it walked from my hand to her arm. Then it jumped to my son's arm and gave him some little "butterfly kisses" with its wings. Finally, it hopped back on my arm and used it as jetway to run up and launch itself off my shoulder into the night and beautiful unknown.

It was moving. It was majestic. It was a lesson in trusting your instinct and patience. It was an incredible experience for our family, and it's truly one we will never forget. That night, 8 months after meeting this large neon green caterpillar, we said goodbye to our Polyphemus moth, whom we named Luna.

You have opinions.

We want to hear them.

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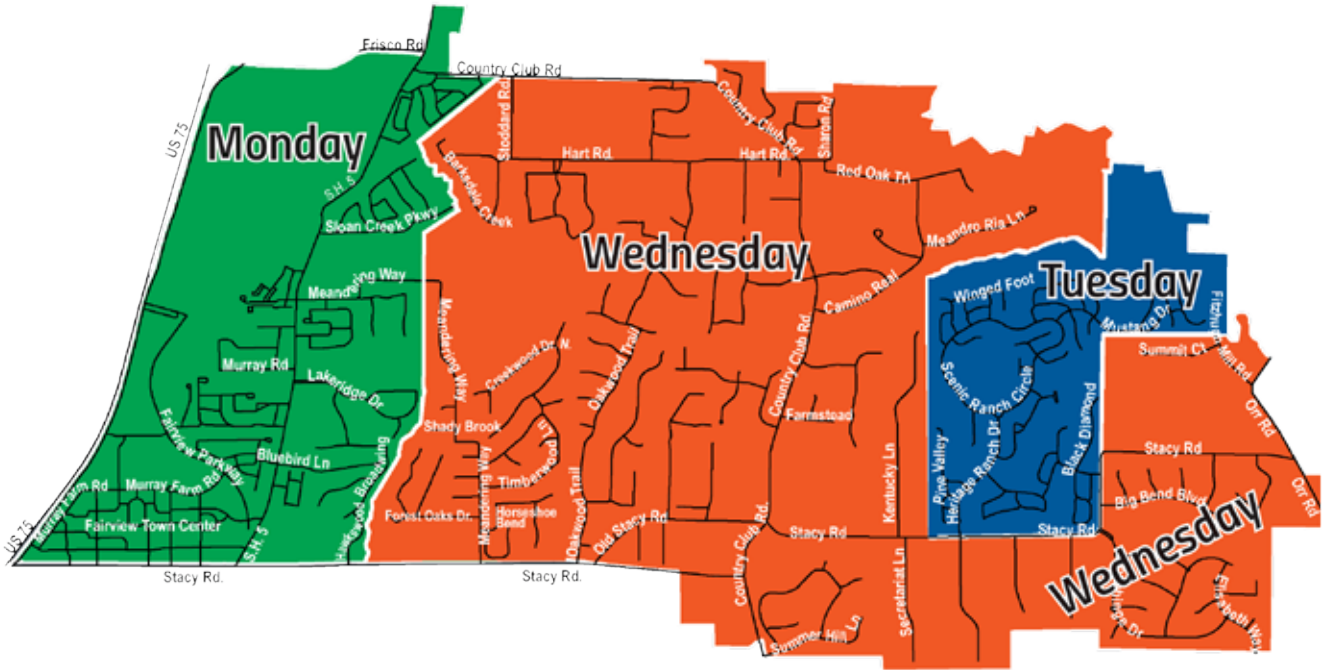
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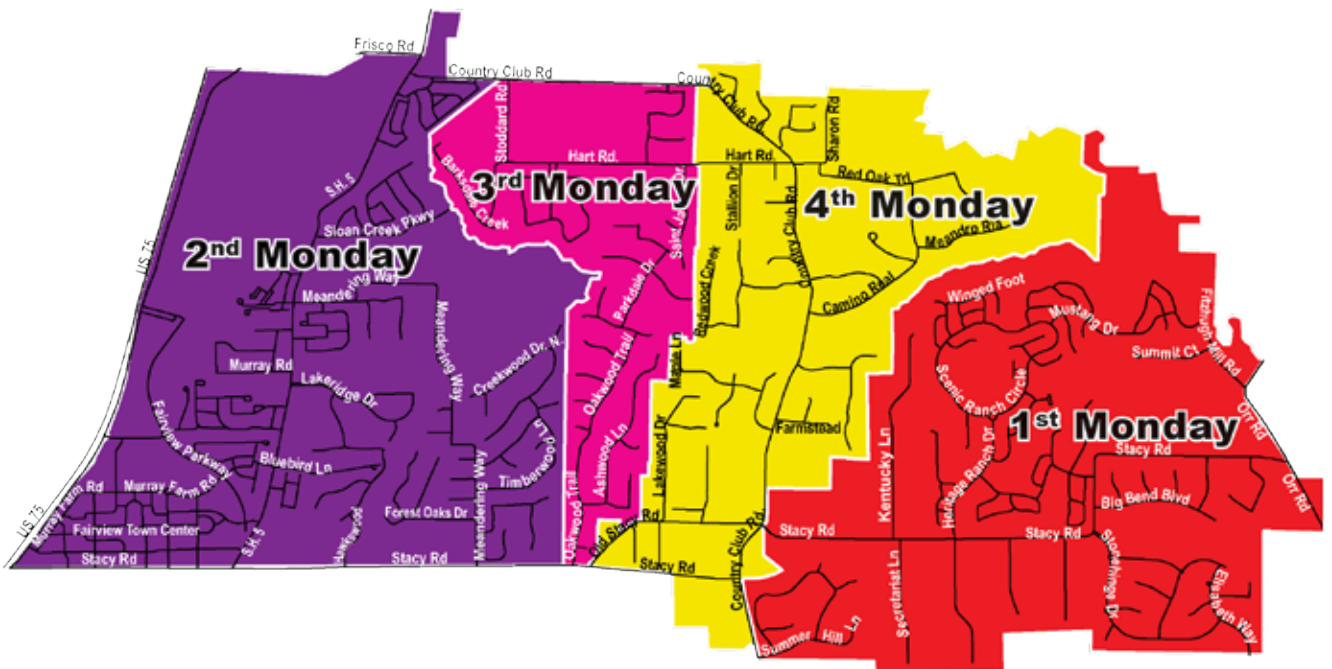
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Trash & Recycling Collection Map



Brush & Bulk Collection Map



2024 Collection Calendar

■ Holiday

JANUARY

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1st Mon.		1	2	3	4	5	6
2nd Mon.	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
3rd Mon.	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
4th Mon.	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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1st Mon.		4	5	6	7	8	9
2nd Mon.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3rd Mon.	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4th Mon.	25	26	27	28	29		

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2nd Mon.	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
3rd Mon.	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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2nd Mon.	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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1st Mon.	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
2nd Mon.	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
3rd Mon.	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
4th Mon.	26	27	28	29	30	31	

JUNE

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2nd Mon.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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4th Mon.	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER

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1st Mon.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2nd Mon.	8	9	10	11		13	14
3rd Mon.	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4th Mon.	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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OCTOBER

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1st Mon.			1	2	3	4	5
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3rd Mon.	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4th Mon.	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31		

NOVEMBER

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1st Mon.						1	2
1st Mon.	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2nd Mon.	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
3rd Mon.	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
4th Mon.	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

DECEMBER

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3rd Mon.	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4th Mon.	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Solid Waste Collection Tips

Trash and Recycling

- **Trash** should be contained inside securely tied plastic bags, and all bags should fit inside your solid blue cart with the lid closed.
- **Pink tags** may be purchased from the town for \$2.14 each and placed on every excess bag that doesn't fit inside your trash cart. Other than during bulk collection weeks, bags sitting outside of carts without a town-issued tag won't be collected.
- **Recyclables** should be placed loose, without bagging, into recycling carts, which are either solid green or dark blue with a lighter blue lid.
- Lids on trash and recycling carts may not be clamped or locked.

- Place carts with handles facing the house and lids opening toward the street or alley.
- Place carts 2 to 3 feet apart and away from each other or any objects that may obstruct the pickup arm.
- Carts should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day and no earlier than 5 p.m. the prior day. Carts must be rolled away from the street after trash is collected – no later than 6 a.m. the following day.
- Hazardous waste cannot be picked up by Republic Services.

Bulk and Brush

- Brush and bulk waste may be

collected on any day during your brush and bulk pickup week.

- Bulk and brush should be cut into 4-foot lengths and neatly stacked.
- Up to 12 cubic yards of brush and bulk are allowed per address in a month.
- A single cubic yard is 3 feet long, 3 feet wide and 3 feet tall.
- Call Republic Services at 972-422-2341 to schedule an unusually large pickup and get a cost quote for the special pickup.

To report a damaged cart or request collection for a missed pickup, contact Republic Services at 972-422-2341 or RepublicServices.com/Customer-Support.

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