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Lick Springs - An Early Fairview School

By Lindy Fisher and Jan Samuels
The first recorded history we have of Lick Springs
School comes from what is known as the Brown
Papers, a collection of interviews and writings by
George Pearis Brown. It records a story by D.B.
Fisher who says he began his schooling in 1872 at
Lick Springs, and said "It was a log house about
14 ft. square, no windows." Later, the log house
was replaced with a building made of boxing
planks, as told by Gwen Pettit. This early school
site was located on Country Club Road, just north
of Sloan Creek. Two houses are built on the property now and an old gate post made of bois d'arc
was still present in the 1990s.

The school got its name for the deer and buffalo that licked large holes in the banks of Sloan Creek for the salt. It was located on the early Watkins farm. The Watkins well is still present and can still be seen a little further north on the east side of Country Club Road. According to the recorded history, "There were two terms during the summer and no school during the winter because there was no way to make a fire. Mr. Warren taught the school then."

Also attending the school were: Walter Strickland, Lester Dickerson, Meda Von Pope, Sallie Strickland, Ruby Tucker, Nellie Hill, Willie Burgess, Ella Watkins, John Strickland, Sal Strickland, Marshal Watkins, Hubert Strickland, Robert Burgess, Irene Dickerson, Ruby Watkins, Maggie Strickland, Gladys Watson, Dick Watkins, Arnold Evans, Homer Burgess, Howard Burgess, Richard Strickland. Mary Ann Watkins attended in 1915 with Marrim Roberson as a teacher. Ms. Donnie Watson attended school here as a child and later became a school teacher at the Wetsel school in 1940. She taught school in this area for 47 years.

Donnie Watson's daughter, Ada Williams was a school teacher in the McKinney-Allen area. Ada and her husband still live in Fairview down Hart Rd. up the hill from that early school. She remembers the story that her mother was afraid to go to school in the first grade. On the way to school, she fell down and spilled her lunch pail on the ground, then went home crying. Her father hitched up the team of horses and took her and her sister to school. The school allowed her little sister to accompany her to school for the whole year. Donnie Watson later taught at the old Wetsel School which was located at the corner of what is now called Stacy Rd. and Highway 5. At that time Stacy Rd. was called Wetsel Rd. The name was changed to Stacy Rd. after the new Highway 75 was built to the west and went through Dr. Stacy's farm.

Gladys Watson, Donnie's little sister, went on to become a teacher also and taught in the McKinney school district for 48 years. It appears that the Lick Springs School gave these students a good education.

Another interesting thing about these school photos is that when a photographer came to the school to take a photo, the parents brought all their children to have their photo taken. And even grown ups from the area came to be in the photo, so that is why there are so many adults in some of the photos. Adults also attended the school if they needed to learn how to read and write.

According to the payment book in 1909, trustees were C.W. Davis, J.M. Hill, Martin, and Charlie B. Watson. The teacher was Miss Barbara Butler in 1909. According to Gwen Pettit's article C.B. Watson represented the Lick Springs School District when they combined to form Lovejoy in 1917.

Ada Williams also went on to tell me the reason that she was an only child. When her mother, Donnie, was a teacher at the Wetsel School and was a married woman, she became pregnant. And the men on the school board did not want her to teach school until her child was old enough to attend school. So she stayed home with her little girl until she was about four years old and then started teaching again and taking her daughter to school with her. The older girls enjoyed helping take care of little Ada. Ada was very careful not to tell me exactly which one of the male board members was adamant that she stay home with her baby. Fortunately, we have a very different world today for women.

Another interesting story about this early school is in the family history of Jan Samuels, a Fairview resident and one of the authors of this article. Her grandad, George Hervey Walker, who came to Allen around 1900, said he first met his wife, Hattie Lee Bradley, at an ice cream social held at the Lick Springs School sometime before they were married in 1906 in McKinney. Hattie's father, George Bradley, was also the postmaster in Lucas in 1890.

Lick Springs School existed from 1872 until 1917 when it joined with Forest Grove School to form Lovejoy School, at the "Little Red Schoolhouse" on Country Club Rd., just south of Stacy Rd. Wetsel School closed in 1940 and joined with the Allen Independent School District.

Bibliography: The 1871 date comes from Pioneering in North Texas by Capt. Roy and Helen Gibbard Hall, page 63. A History of Collin







County, by Stambaugh and Stambaugh, page 85. And from the Brown papers. Interviews with Ada Williams, (daughter of Ms. Donnie Watson), by Lindy Fisher. Ada Williams supplied the two photos of the school. Gwen Pettit's newspaper articles called Between the Creeks compiled by Lindy Fisher and available at the Plano- Haggard, McKinney and Allen Public Libraries. The George Pearis Brown Papers, Plano-Haggard Library, page 115. Email from Jan Samuels to Lindy Fisher on Jan. 27, 2014.

2014

April Town Events

Fairview Half Marathon: a fun 5K or Half Marathon race looped through Fairview

- When: Saturday, April 5, 2014
- Where: Race starts at Town Hall, 372 Town Place
- Time: 6:00 11:00 am
- Event website: www.fairviewhalf.com

Trash Off: Don't forget to you will need to provide proof of residency, typically your driver's license or a copy of your water bill when you arrive at the disposal site.

- When: Saturday, April 12, 2014
- Where: Fire Station #1, 500 State Hwy. 5
- Time: 9:00 2:00 pm
- Event contact: 972-562-0522

National Take Back Initiative: an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction.

- When: Saturday, April 26, 2014
- Where: Fire Station #1, 500 State Hwy. 5
- Time: 10:00 am 2:00 pm
- Event Contact: Fairview Police Department 972-562-0522

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Reminder to Residents

Town Hall will be closed Friday, April 18th in observance of Good Friday. Town Hall will reopen on Monday, April 21st at 8:00 a.m. You will see no interruptions of trash service due to the holiday.

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Cyber predators are lurking in your inbox, coaxing you to visit an imitation website and now infiltrating your mobile devices. The term phishing refers to a scam in which an email user is fooled into revealing personal or confidential information. This form of cyber crime has evolved as we continue to rely heavily on technology for our daily existence.

Scammers usually use a legitimate company's brand to lure unknowing users into providing password, credit card numbers or other financial information. Common signs of phishing emails

include poor spelling and grammar, suspicious links and threats.

If an email from a big company like a bank or social media site contains numerous spelling and grammar errors, beware. These companies typically have copy editors on staff to prevent such mistakes.

The text box that appears when a cursor is hovered over a link should reflect the address provided in the link. Below is an example of a link provided in a phishing email imitating a bank. The text box provides a different address than the one that appears in the link. However, please note that information in the aforementioned text box can be manipulated by scammers. If you received an email that you believe is a scam and it's from a company/institution you trust, call the company/institution using a contact number from their main website. Don't use contact information from the email in question, and only contact the company/institution if you believe they are legitimate (i.e. your personal bank or a company you purchase services from).

SUSPICIOUS ACOUNT ACTIVITY!! Please access the link below to verify acount information to avoid being locked out of your acount.

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https://www.yourbank.com/login/secure/example only

*The phishing example provided above is for educational purposes only. The example website links provided above were made up by town staff and you should not attempt to access the example website links.

A phishing email may contain a threat, such as "your account will be closed" if you do not respond or "your security has been compromised" with instructions to remedy the problem. In order to confirm if an account will be closed, contact the company/institution using means outside of the email in question.

As most internet users have become wary of phishing emails and more sensitive to spotting fake websites, scammers have turned to targeting mobile devices as users are accustomed to entering their passwords to access mobile apps and are less equipped to spot fake websites due to the limited screen size.

Phishing emails are also more effective on mobile devices due to the inferiority in anti-phishing capabilities. An alternative form of phishing has developed specific to mobile devices. SMiShing targets users through text message. Users are more likely to view a text than an email and respond if it is appealing, such as offering something for free or a discount to a well-known retailer.

The following steps can be taken in order to protect yourself from phishing attempts:

- Be suspicious of attachments or unexpected company-based emails
- Use antivirus software to scan received emails and attachments
- Contact trusted companies/institutions using a phone number from a legitimate source (i.e. main website, old statement) to verify the accuracy of suspicious emails
- Don't enter personal or financial information on public computers
- Keep up-to-date on your operating system and antivirus software updates
- Don't respond to texts requiring passwords or private information
- Beware of texts from numbers other than traditional cell phone numbers (ex: "9999") as scammers often use email-to-text services to mask their identity
- Never reply to a suspicious text message or call a phone number from an unknown number without investigating the source
- Constantly educate yourself on how to identify potential threats such as phishing
 emails or whatever scam is popular at the time. As technology continues to advance, scammers will become more creative in coming up with ways to get your
 personal information.



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The repaying of around 9 miles of residential asphalt streets has resumed from its winter break. You will see construction equipment and signs around town when they are in your area. There may be delays if they are working on your street, but traffic will not be shut down. These street repairs and resurfacing do not take long, so the contractor should be in and out of your area quickly. School buses, mail delivery and trash pickup should all continue as normally scheduled. If you do get a disruption for some reason, contact the town and staff will work to get it resolved. The opening of State Highway 5 at the old railroad bridge is running about a month behind schedule. TxDOT tells us it should be opened in early April instead of February as originally anticipated. They will open the road as soon as the new pavement is on the ground and smaller items and cleanup will occur after the opening. The Stacy Road widening project to four lanes from State Highway 5 to Country Club Road (FM 1378) is scheduled to start in early 2015. Utility relocations have begun this year, including moving the large North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) water line to the north side of Stacy Road from State Highway 5 to Meandering Way. The US 75 widening to eight lanes from Spring Creek Pkwy to State Highway 121 has begun. This project is designed to remove the bottleneck in this area to coincide with the new lanes that will be available in the City of McKinney with its construction project. Collin County completed its mobility study for the years 2020 and 2035 for long range road planning. Fairview as well as the other cities in Collin County made requests to modify the plan to suit their local needs and desires. Fairview is also seeking county funding to help in the design and construction of Fairview Parkway and Frisco Road in the commercial district of Fairview between State Highway 5 and US 75. Road
odates



On Saturday April 5, the annual Fairview Half Marathon and 5K will be held. The race will begin and end at Fairview Town Hall and wind through the town. Roads will not be closed but access to some will be limited during the race. The map below shows the race course with the approximate times that runners will be in the area.

Should you have questions, please contact Ray Dunlap at 972-886-4222 or rdunlap@fairviewtexas.org.

Half Marathon and 5K Course Map













Friends of Fairview Firefighters Asso<mark>ci</mark>ation cordially invites you and your family to attend our

Community Pancake Breakfast

at Fairview Fire Station #2 located at 1200 Stacy Road

Eat breakfast with friends, family and firefighters who serve our community. Enjoy tours of the station and the fire & rescue apparatus that help keep our citizens and town safe.

Saturday, May 3rd. Breakfast served from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tickets are just \$5/person for Pancakes, Sausage, Orange Juice & Coffee. Children 2 years old and younger eat free! Station shirts and decals will be available at our Donation Station --come check it out.

All proceeds & donations from this event go to the Friends of Fairview Firefighters Association (a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation) which helps support the health & wellness of our Fairview Fire & Rescue Department members.

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Annual Trash Off and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event

It's that time of year again to begin thinking about sprucing up your property and getting rid of all those old paint cans, chemicals and electronics that are lying around and cluttering up the garage.

The Town has scheduled this year's clean up event for Saturday, April 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station #1, 500 State Hwy 5. Please check the Town's website for more details. You will need to provide proof of residency, typically your driver's license or a copy of your water bill when you arrive at the disposal site.

We will accept almost any type of waste with only the following exceptions:

- MEDICAL WASTE
- CONCRETE OR ASPHALT
- REFRIGERATORS
- TIRES

Every year we see greater participation and interest in this event. With that in mind, please try to arrive as early as possible to avoid lines and long wait times.

Hope to see you there!









Message from the Mayor

In this month's message from the Mayor, I will focus on one of the Town Council's current key strategic initiatives, the updating our Commercial District Master Plan. Perhaps the best way to provide an overview and an update is to share responses to some of the questions that we have received regarding the Master Plan.

Here we go...

What is the Commercial District Master Plan? The Commercial District Master Plan is a 1,000 acre planned development that was established by the Town Council in August, 2002 to encourage commercial and higher density residential development along US 75 and State Hwy 5. Approximately 375 acres of the district has been developed or redeveloped just as planned, including the Village at Fairview which includes retail and multi-family and many medium density neighborhoods, including Sloan Creek Estates, Cypress Crossing, Village of Fairview, Villas in the Park and Fairview Downs.

Does the Town own the Property within the Commercial District?

The property within the District is owned by private property owners. In the original development of the district, we put in place a series of Zoning Ordinances and the Town's planning team worked with the property owners to develop Concept Plans to make sure that development

is consistent with our vision for the Fairview. So, the purpose of updating the commercial district is not to create a new vision, but to refine the vision and make sure that it positions Fairview to capture the highest development opportunities. I'm also very pleased to share that the property owners have been and continue to be great to work with the town in this process.

Why are we updating the Commercial Master Plan?

The Master Plan will soon be 12-years old and the Council believes that it's time to update the plan to ensure that is still aligned with both the market and the needs of the community. In addition, with an improving economy, commercial development continues to be an attractive investment and we believe that Fairview is uniquely positioned to at the SH 121 / US 75 intersection to capture this investment. Finally, the State of Texas in general and North Texas specifically continue to be attractive markets for expanding and relocating businesses.

What are the Town's Goals/Vision for the District?

With input from our residents and by working with the property owners and the Consulting firm of Jacobs Engineering, our goals/vision for the District are to develop one the premier commercial corridors in Collin County that will...

- Provide an environment that will attract and accommodate high quality commercial development
- Ensure that the transition between the Commercially oriented district and the existing residential development is harmonious
- Provide a thoroughfare plan that efficiently moves traffic without negatively impacting quality of life
- Allow residents to receive a "return on investment" through continued growth/diversification on the tax base

I highly encourage you to go the Planning Department's home page on the Town's website www.fairviewtexas.org to review all of the documents, especially the Frame Work Plan, for the District.

We are very appreciative to all the residents that participate in the Master Plan Open House. The inclusion of your observations and opinions is a critical part of this process. Thank you!

As is always the case, if you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly. I can be reached at dculbertson@fairviewtexas.org or 214-264-1576.

Darion Culbertson Mayor



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Our Mission is to provide community awareness for the needs of the Fairview Fire Rescue Department and find financial and non-financial solutions to enhance the health and wellness of its members.

We are a 501(c)3 corporation created to provide individuals and businesses both an opportunity to serve their community and provide tax-deductible advantages when making donations to the Fairview Fire Rescue (FFR) Department. The Board of Directors of Friends of Fairview is made up of Fairview citizens, lawyers, firefighters, health-care professionals and small business owners all committed to making Fairview's Fire Rescue Department the best it can be.

Fairview is served by an excellent combination fire department consisting of full and part-time paid and volunteer members. The fire district includes both incorporated and unincorporated areas within a 13 square mile area and also provides mutual aid for the cities of Allen, McKinney, Parker, Lucas and Lowery Crossing. FFR Department responds to all fire and medical emergency calls with response times comparable to the local bigger-city departments. All of the Department's 42 members are either Texas Commission on Fire Protection Certified Firefighters or are the equivalent State Fire Firemen's and Fire Marshall's Association Certified and all have EMT Medical Certification.

Fairview Fire & Rescue has two fire stations that are staffed on a 24/7 basis to provide immediate response to the needs of the citizens it serves. Housing, apparatus and equipment is provided through the Town of Fairview. However, new initiatives and programs that will increase safety, efficiencies and the wellness of the members are currently not funded or budgeted by the town. That is where donations from citizens and business owners are so appreciated and needed.

Proceeds from our Holiday Flag Program and the two annual Community Pancake Breakfasts are utilized to purchase Class-A dress uniforms for our Fairview Firefighters, and just recently to purchase two new Stairmaster exercise machines for the two Fairview Fire & Rescue Stations.

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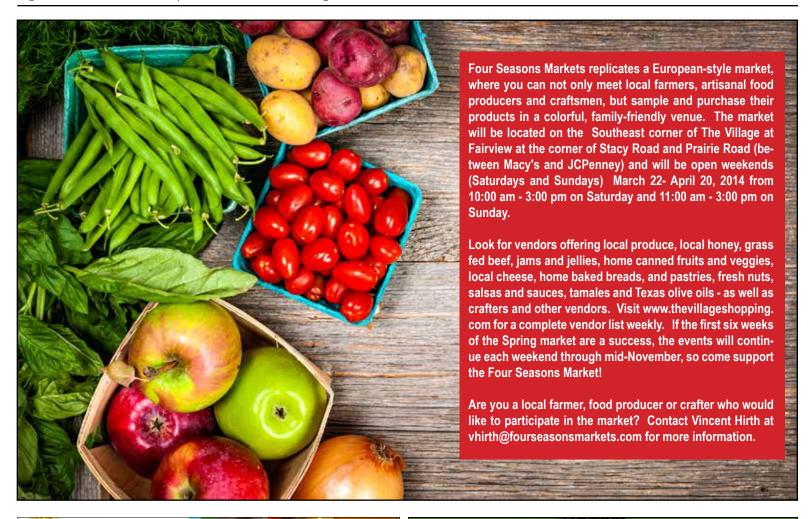
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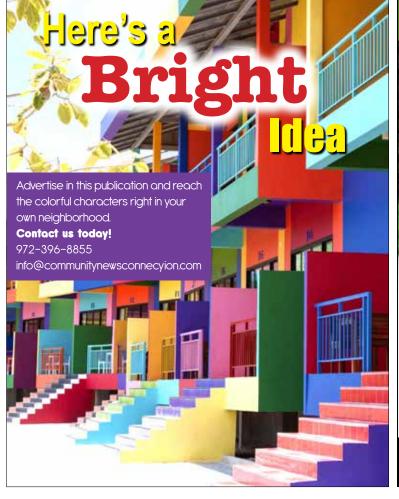
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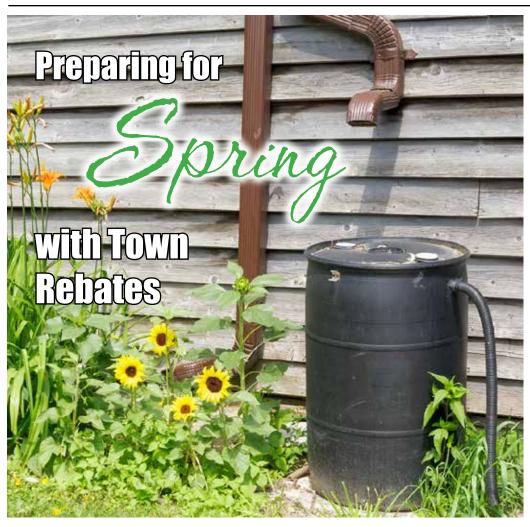








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We hope this month proves the rhyme "April showers brings May flowers" to be true. As we enter the spring season, we would like to highlight two rebate programs available through the Town.

In order to encourage the conservation of water and reduce run-off, the Town offers the Residential Rain Barrel Rebate and the Residential Rain and Freeze Sensor Rebate.

Collecting rainwater for use during dry months can save you money and minimize your impact on the diminishing water supply. Rain barrel water is typically used for watering landscapes and gardens. However, some people find uses in the home such as cleaning floors and windows.

Most rain barrel water is collected from the roofs of homes by using a variety of systems, ranging from simply taking advantage of gravity to advanced systems of cisterns, pumps and flow controls.

Fairview's Residential Rain Barrel Rebate Program offers a rebate equal to the cost of the rain barrel or \$50 (whichever is less) for rain barrels installed and utilized on residential properties. The resident must have an active and up-to-date Town of Fairview residential stormwater utility account. A completed town rebate form must be received within 120 days of purchase. Up to two rain barrel rebates per address will be granted in the form of a credit to the resident's stormwater utility account.

Rain and freeze sensors help prevent automatic watering when it is raining or freezing outside; thereby, preventing overwatering, conserving water, reducing your utility bill and preventing dangerous icy hazards due to unexpected freezes.

Sensors are programmable to adjust your preferred rainfall and temperature levels. Typically, users set the sensor to turn off the sprinkler system at 35 degrees.

Fairview's Residential Rain and Freeze Sensor Rebate Program offers a rebate for the price of a qualifying rain and freeze sensor, installation hardware and installation costs incurred by a licensed irrigator up to a maximum of \$50 per residential utility account. Qualifying rain and freeze sensor brands include: Hunter, Irritrol Systems, Glen-Hilton Products, Nelson, Orbit, R&D Engineering, Rain Bird, Toro Rain/ Freeze Sensor, Virtual Rain and Weather-Miser. The resident must have an active and up-to-date Town of Fairview residential utility account and must not already have a rain and freeze sensor installed. A completed town rebate form must be received within 120 days of purchase. Only one rain and freeze sensor rebate per address will be granted in the form of a credit to the resident's utility account.

For a list of qualifying rain and freeze sensors, official town rebate forms or more information on rebates offered through the Town, please visit www.fairviewtexas.org. Under the "Other Pages" tab located on the horizontal navigation bar, select "Find a Document" from the drop down list and locate "Rebates".



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Early Voting Locations and Hours

Early voting for the May General Town/City Election and Independent School District elections will begin on Monday, April 28, 2014. Additional locations are also being provided. These dates, locations, and times are listed below. For additional questions regarding elections, you may contact the Town Secretary at 972-886-4234 or via email at mlsirianni@fairviewtexas.org.

Early Voting Locations and Hours

Polling Place			Address		Town		
Collin County Election Office			2010 Redbud Blvd., #102		McKinney		
(Main Early Voting Location)		, 		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
Lovejoy ISD Administration Bldg.		259 Country Club Rd.		Fairview			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesd	ay	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 27	April 28	April 2	29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3
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	8am – 5pm	8am –	- 5pm	8am – 5pm	8am - 5pm	8am - 5pm	8am - 5pm
May 4	May 5	May 6		May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10
							7am – 7pm
1pm - 6pm	7am – 7pm	7am –	-7pm				Election Day

^{*} Town and School District voters may vote at any of the additional Early Voting locations open under full contract services with the Collin County Elections Administration.

Additional Early Voting Locations

Town hall is election day voting only, and won't be an early voting location. Town hall election day location information will be included at the bottom of this page.

Polling Place	Address	City	Date	Hours
Willow Springs Middle School	1101 W. Lucas Rd.	Lucas	April 28	8am – 5pm
Lovejoy Elementary School	256 Country Club Rd.	Fairview	April 29	8am – 5pm
Lovejoy High School	2350 Estates Parkway	Lucas	May 1	8am – 7pm
Puster Elementary School	856 Stoddard Rd.	Fairview	May 2	8am – 5pm
Sloan Creek Intermediate School	440 Country Club Rd.	Fairview	May 5	8am – 5pm
Hart Elementary School	450 Country Club Rd.	Lucas	May 6	8am – 5pm

JOINT GENERAL ELECTION

MAY 10, 2014 • 7 am - 7pm

Election Day Polling Locations -Town of Fairview & LISD*

Precincts	Location	Address	City
"VOTE CENTERS	Fairview Town Hall	372 Town Place	Fairview
"VOTE CENTERS"	Lovejoy ISD Administration Bldg.	259 Country Club Rd.	Fairview
"VOTE CENTERS	Willow Springs Middle School	1101 W. Lucas Rd.	Lucas

^{*} Town and School District voters may vote at any of the additional Election Day Vote Centers open under full contract services with the Collin County Elections Administration.



Spring is here, and lawn and landscape projects await our motivation to tackle them. Remember when dealing with trees and shrubs that a landowner must trim and/or prune to a minimum height of eight feet on any trees or shrubs that extend above any sidewalk, trail, or other public right-of-way, and a height of fourteen feet above any public street, road or ally. This helps us ensure that fire engines, school buses, larger RVs, and garbage trucks can pass safely.

If you do find that while cleaning up those long awaited spring projects brings quite a bit of debris and brush pick up, remember the town's bulk pick up is the first Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of each month. Your piles of brush may be placed roadside the Friday before your collection. Allied Waste has requested that residents not place bulk piles directly under trees, as this makes bulk retrieval difficult for boom operators.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Code Enforcement officer at 972-886-4223 or to verify your bulk trash pickup day, you may visit the website at http://www.fairviewtexas.org/index.php/ departments/water-trash and click on the trash and recycling calendar link.

SPRING PLANTS

Available at the Heard Museum - April 11-13



This year, the Heard Museum will be providing some of the best plants for North Central Texas gardens and an opportunity to obtain many rare plants. For more than 20 years, veteran and novice gardeners alike have anticipated this rare opportunity to purchase plants from a huge selection of hard-to-find herbs, native and well-adapted plants. Sales are tax free and proceeds benefit the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary.

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Saturday, April 12 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Open to all. Sunday, April 13 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Open to all Please feel free to bring your own cart or wagon.

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