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# Gourmet Food Trucks Coming to Fairview

Town Hall will be the site of a gourmet food truck destination on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Charity Basketball Tournament. There will be 10-12 food trucks on Saturday and Sunday to serve a range of snacks, entrees and desserts. They will be located in the parking lot around Town Hall at 372 Town Place from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Residents participating in the Basketball Tournament can walk down to Town Hall and pick up food and drinks between games. The food trucks are open to the public, so bring your friends and family and join in the food truck craze! Below is a list of the food trucks that will be available and the foods they will serve:

- Bombay Street Food specializes in the cuisine and flavors of traditional Indian comfort food. Their menu will include samosas and Bombay wraps.
- Yummy Pizza LLC boasts the "most awesome" New York Style Pizza. Their menu will include pizza, chicken wings (buffalo, BBQ or lemon pepper), gyros and stuffers.
- Rockn' Rick's brings gourmet Cajun/American cuisine from a Rockn' food truck. Their menu will include Po-boys, burgers, BBQ, fries, jambalaya, gumbo and red beans and rice.
- Yim Yam uses simple, fresh quality ingredients

cooked authentically to bring you Thai food with a twist. Their menu will include rice bowls, tacos, fries and drinks.

- Bobaddiction LLC combines the flavors of fresh boba teas, fruits and flowers to create shaved snow with the consistency between ice cream and a snow cone. Their menu will include boba tea (fruit based and milk based drinks) and shaved snow.
- Not Just Q uses the finest meats, sauces and rubs to ensure high quality BBQ. Their menu will include...BBQ!
- Parrot Icce specializes in shaved ice. Their menu



will include Hawaiian Shave Icce, soft drinks and water.

- What's Cook-N Chef prepares gourmet Latin infused creations. Their menu will include sandwiches and bowls (steak, chicken or pork), salads and tacos
- The Great Australian Meat Pie Company offers an American twist on an Australian classic. Their menu will include meat pies.
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## At the March Town Council meeting, the Town Council addressed the following items:

- Approved minutes from previous meetings.
- Approved the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014.
- Approved an Amending Plat, Lots 7 and 8, Block A of the Tranquility Farms Addition to the Town of Fairview.
- Approved the release of retainage for the 2013 Residential Street Paving Improvements.
- Authorized the Town Manager to enter into a Water Tower Use License Agreement with Rhino Communications, Inc. for the water tower located at 1200 Stacy Road.
- Approved a request by Chase Oaks Church for approval of a Final Plat for a religious institution on a 10.68± acre property that is generally located north of Stacy Road and 1,400' west of Meandering Way. (FP2014-05).
- Tabled a request to execute a facilities agreement with DD Fairview II LLC regarding the construction of public open space improvements for a proposed multi-family residential development that is generally located west of SH 5 and north of Meandering Way to the next scheduled Town Council meeting.
- Tabled a request by TxMorrow Construction to approve a Final Plat for a proposed multi-family residential development on a 24.40± acre tract of land that is zoned Commercial Planned Development (CPDD) District, Urban Village Sub-District, and is generally located west of SH 5 and north of Meandering Way to the next scheduled Town Council meeting. (FP2014-04).
- Denied without prejudice a request by Mr. Pete Soliz, for approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in order to allow for the construction of an accessory building on a property that is zoned Two-Acre Ranch Estate (RE-2) and is specifically located at 61 Man O War Lane, being Lot 60 of the Fairview Farms #4 Addition to the Town of Fairview. (ZA2015-01).
- Approved a request by Saleem Rajani for a Replat of Lots 52 and 53, Block A of the River Oaks II Addition in order to create one additional residential lot from the land area of the two existing residential lots. The subject properties are zoned One-Acre Ranch Estate (RE-1) and are generally located north of Oakglen Circle. (R2015-02).
- Denied without a prejudice a request by M. Christopher and Company for a zoning change for six tracts of land comprised of 72.959± acres

and generally located east of Country Club Road (FM 1378) and 1,600' north of Stacy Road. The subject properties are currently zoned Agriculture (AG), Two-Acre Ranch Estate (RE-2), and the Open Space and Flood Hazard (FH) zones. The requested zoning change is for the Planned Center (PC) Zoning District, specifically, to provide for single-family residential uses. (ZA2015-02).

- Approved a request by Toll Brothers, Inc. to approve a Development Plan for Parkside at Fairview, a proposed residential neighborhood comprised of sixty residential lots, four common area lots, and one public open space dedication. The subject property is currently zoned Planned Center (PC) and is generally located south of Stacy Road and 1,300' west of Orr Road. (DP2014-05).
- Approved a request by Fairview Hospitality LLC for Major Warrants pertaining to block face configuration standards, building type standards, and architectural standards for a 1.5284± acre segment of Lot 5, Block A of the Village at Fairview Addition that is zoned Commercial Planned Development District (CPDD) – Urban Village Sub-district, and is generally located at the southeast corner of Convention Drive and Murray Farm Road. (MW2014-02)
- Approved a request by Fairview Hospitality LLC for a Replat of Lot 5, Block A of the Village at Fairview Addition in order to create a 1.5284± acre lot for the development of a hotel use. The subject property is zoned Commercial Planned Development District (CPDD)–Urban Village Sub-district, and is generally located at the southeast corner of Convention Drive and Murray Farm Road. (R2015-01).
- Denied without prejudice a request by Grenadier Homes for Major Warrants pertaining to building type standards and architectural standards for a 14.22± acre tract of land that is zoned Commercial Planned Development District (CPDD) – Urban Transition Sub-district, and is generally located at the southeast corner of State Highway 5 and Bluebird Lane. (MW2014-03).
- Approved a request by Hickman Consulting Engineers, Inc. for approval of a Preliminary Plat for the Three Oaks Addition, a proposed residential neighborhood comprised of eleven single-family residential lots and one common area lot on a 16.484± acre tract of land situated in the town's ETJ and that is generally located north of Country Club Road and west of Rowley Mile. (PP2015-01)
- Awarded bid on the Fairview Parkway Detention Pond Landscaping Improvements to Elm Grove Landscape and Irrigation.
- Received a monthly financial report for the period ending January 31, 2015



# Fairview Fire Rescue Station #2 Spring Community Pancake Breakfast

The Friends of Fairview Firefighters Association invites everyone to celebrate the spring season in Fairview at the Spring Community Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 25th. The breakfast will be held at Fire Station #2, located at 1200 Old Stacy Road, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Come eat breakfast with friends, family and firefighters who serve our community.

Tours of the station will highlight the fire and rescue apparatus that help keep our citizens and town safe. TAPS Public Transit will provide free bus service to and from the Heritage Ranch Club House parking lot.

Tickets are \$5 per person, including pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. All proceeds and donations benefit the Friends of Fairview Firefighters Association which helps support the health and wellness of our Fairview Fire and Rescue members. For more information on the event or the organization, please visitwww.friendsoffairview.org.





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Recently there has been an increase in coyote activity in and around Fairview. Coyotes are wild animals and are not managed by Collin County Animal Control. Below are some helpful tips on dealing with coyotes from Agri Life Extension Service, a division of Texas A&M University.

#### **Changes in Coyote Behavior**

Coyotes are extremely cautious of humans in areas where they are harassed, hunted or trapped. However, in suburban areas, where they have lost their fear of humans, coyotes may associate people and their pets with an easy and dependable source of food. Like other wild animals, coyotes that have lost their natural fear of humans are more likely to approach people and may threaten human health and safety.

#### **Avoiding Problems with Coyotes**

Coyotes rarely attack people, but do attack pets. To reduce the chance of having unpleasant encounters with coyotes:

• Do not put feed or water out for coyotes or for other wild animals that are prey for coyotes (e.g., deer, rabbits, etc.).

• Construct and position bird feeders so that coyotes and their prey (squirrels and rodents) cannot get to the feed.

- Secure garbage and/or compost piles where coyotes cannot get to them.
- Make sure garbage containers are firmly fixed and have tight-fitting lids.

• Feed pets indoors whenever possible. Pick up any leftovers when feeding outdoors. Store pet food where wildlife cannot reach it.

• Trim shrubbery that provides hiding cover for wildlife.

• Do not allow pets to run free. Provide secure nighttime housing for them. Walk your dog on a leash and accompany your pet outside, especially at night.

• Discourage coyotes from coming to your area. If you start seeing coyotes around your home or property, chase them away by shouting, making loud noises, and throwing sticks or rocks. Making your neighborhood less welcoming to coyotes can greatly reduce the possibility of human/coyote encounters by encouraging coyotes to stay in their natural habitat, away from residential streets and yards. Regulated trapping and hunting are the most effective ways to manage coyotes. Local laws and ordinances that apply to trapping and hunting may vary, so homeowners must contact their city government for proper guidance.

## SPRING CLEANING

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 working on those long awaited spring projects creates quite a bit of debris and brush, remember the town's bulk pick up schedule can be found on page 14. Your piles of brush may be placed roadside the Friday before your collection. Should you have any questions, please contact our Code Enforcement officer at 972-886-4223.



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Fairview Half Marathon April 11, 2015

We will be hosting our third annual Fairview Half Marathon and 5K on Saturday, April 11th. We expect more than 1000 runners to participate in the half marathon and the 5k. Runners of all abilities will be spread out throughout the course. We encourage you to cheer on our runners and show them our Fairview pride and hospitality.

Please review the course map. No roads will be closed on the route, but there will be limited access to some roads during the race. We anticipate delays of no more than 15 minutes at the busiest times for residents. Runners will either have a lane dedicated to them or will be instructed to move to the side or shoulder.

#### **Fairview Half Marathon Course Map**



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# Town Boards and Commissions

Every year, dozens of residents volunteer their time and talents by serving on a town board, commission or committee. The Town Council will be reviewing applications to serve on a town board, commission or committee beginning in May. **Those interesting in serving should submit an application to the Town Secretary's office by April 30th.** 

#### Applications are available at Town Hall and at www.fairviewtexas.org on the Town Secretary page.

- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and Community Development Corporation (CDC) Board of Directors
- Board of Adjustment
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The Gus Macker 3-on-3 Charity Basketball Tournament is finally here! On April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have visitors from all over participating in our first tournament. There will be various activities beginning at Fairview Town Hall, where gourmet food trucks will be stationed (see page 3), through the Village at Fairview, where the tournament will be hosted. This area will be deemed "Mackerville" for the weekend and will allow families of all interests to participate in the event.

We still need additional volunteers to help to make this event a community wide success! With thousands of spectators and players, we will need volunteers to check-in players, record brackets, keep scores, distribute water, direct traffic, pick up trash and more. To volunteer during the tournament, visit www.fairviewtexas.org and select the "Gus Macker" tab.

For general questions or comments, please email macker@fairviewtexas.org or call the Fairview Gus Macker Hotline at **972-886-4245**. Remember to like "Fairview Gus Macker" on Facebook and follow on Twitter @FairviewMacker.

## **Business of the Month - Ligon Chiropractic**

Ligon Chiropractic is located in Fairview at 990 State Highway 5, Suite 103. Dr. Lee Ligon is a fourth generation Texan with a Bachelor's Degree in microbiology from UNT and Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine from The Parker College of Chiropractic. In addition to standard chiropractic treatment, the clinic also offers sports injuries & rehabilitation, spinal decompression therapy, cold laser therapy - fuji digital x-rays, nutritional counseling, supplements and custom orthotics.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call 214-544-0123.



# The Village at Fairview Update

The Town Council has made it a priority to continue to focus on the Commercial Planned Development District (CPDD), including continuing to work with the Village at Fairview to review and consider proposed improvements that will benefit residents and attract visitors. Increased daytime traffic in the center will help support the current business owners and generate new prospects. Residents benefit in terms of having more options for shopping, dining and entertainment. Growth in the commercial district will also add to the town's tax base, which will in turn alleviate some of the financial burden from residents. There are several exciting things happening in The Village at Fairview!

#### So what's happening?

Wild Salsa is coming to Fairview! The restaurant brings regional Mexican flavors to a menu ranging from a la carte street tacos to fine-dining entrees such as lamb shank barbacoa. Wild Salsa is working through the plan review process and will soon start remodeling the space formerly occupied by Cyclone Anaya. We will provide additional information and updates regarding openings as they are made available from the developer and the tenant. The Marriott Residence Inn will break ground this spring on their hotel project with construction time expected to be approximately 18 months. In addition to the Marriott Residence Inn, the development process continues to move along for a Hilton Home 2. The Home 2 will occupy the space that is currently occupied by The Village Beach.

Both The Village Beach and The Village Garden are temporary land uses that were granted in July of 2010. Prior to the beach and garden being approved, the site was planned for 2 10-foot office buildings. When office development slowed, The MGHerring Group applied for the temporary use of a beach and garden to provide amenities for the center until the market rebounded. The council action which granted the Special Use Permit that created the temporary uses specifies that the uses expire in five years (July 2015) unless they are extended at the request of the developer and action is taken by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Town Council. With the economy rebounding, it is very likely that the areas now occupied by the beach and garden will be developed in a commercial manner, similar to their original intended uses.

The Farmshop Center, located in the space formerly occupied by a Real Bookstore, is a 20,000 sq. ft. facility, situated in the heart of The Village at Fairview that includes an Indoor Farmers Market on weekends, a coffee bar, a local food shop, a Health & Beauty area, a space for cooking demos and a kids area. The Center also offers catering services, lunch boxes, food & craft classes and a food co-op. The Coffee Bar will operate 7 days a week and promote a local menu based on products found at the market. Looking for FREE and low cost activities for kids? Join **Village Kids** -geared towards children ages 3 - 12. **Village Kids** offers great events and activities at The Village at Allen & The Village at Fairview for kids. Most events are FREE and open to all children, but **Village Kids** members receive some great benefits, including:

- A Village Kids membership card.
- A Village Kids t-shirt.
- A FREE gift each year on your Village Kid's birthday.
- Monthly Village Kids events members get a FREE gift at every event.
- Members only events such as special seatings at Breakfast With The Easter Bunny and Breakfast With The Big Guy.
- Discount at participating The Village at Allen & The Village at Fairview retailers.
- Discounted rates for birthday parties at The Caboose and The Village Fountain.
- Monthly e-newsletter with information about upcoming events and activities as well as the inside scoop on events, sales, and promotions at The Village at Allen & The Village at Fairview.

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Many of you have contacted the engineering department for various reasons over the years, and we've had the pleasure of solving some sort of problem or finding a solution. Some of you may not even know why you might contact the engineering department or what we do. Here's a little background on our department and what we do here.

The Fairview engineering department includes two people: Town Engineer, James Chancellor, and Engineer-In-Training, Danielle Gregory. The engineering department also has oversight responsibility over another department: building inspections. The town's building inspector is Bud Ooton. The town engineer must be a registered engineer with the state of Texas. In order to get your professional engineering (PE) license with the state, you must have a bachelor's degree in engineering, pass an Engineer in Training (EIT) exam, complete a minimum of 4 years of engineering experience under the direction of a professional engineer, and finally pass a second PE exam over the Principles and Practices of Engineering. The engineering assistant is on her way to completing the state requirements for acquiring her engineering license as she has already received her bachelor of science in civil engineering and passed the EIT exam.

Fairview's engineering department plans for and oversees the construction of the basic infrastructure of the town. Those categories are drinking water, sanitary sewer, the handling of storm drainage and the streets and transportation network in the town. As a town grows, there must be an overall long range plan for all of these categories to meet the needs of the ultimate town population. Whenever a subdivision or commercial development comes into the town, the engineering department is responsible for making sure the basic infrastructure that the private developer is going to install meets the minimum town and state requirements and fits in with the overall plan with the town.

# Engineering Department

In each of these categories, we have to answer questions like:

- How many water towers do we need?
- How many and how large should our water pumping stations be?
- How and where do we pump our sanitary sewer out of Fairview and get it to the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) sewer plant?
- How much of the rainwater needs to go underground?
- How clean can we get the rainwater before it leaves the town or a jobsite?
- How much is the next road widening project going to cost and where can we get state or county funding assistance?
- Can we get wider sidewalks on a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) road?
- Can we move an exit ramp on US75?

The Fairview engineering department interacts with TxDOT, the NTMWD, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Collin County Public Works department, and many other state and federal agencies.

Many of you may have noticed traffic problems or flooding issues in our community, and we have worked over the past few years to resolve these issues. Some of our solutions include having traffic signals installed, pavements resurfaced, roads widened, ditches improved and drain pipes installed. We've also worked on our water distribution network and our sanitary sewer pumping stations which usually goes unnoticed by the average citizen because like most of us, you just want to be able to flush a toilet or irrigate your lawn.

A lot of planning and execution goes on to keep the basics working and enlarged as a town grows. Whether it's something you can visually see or not, the engineering department will continue to look out for your needs and the needs of the overall community.

## Stage 3 Seasonal Watering Restrictions Extended Through April

On February 26, 2015, the North Texas Municipal Water District (NT-MWD) announced that the NTMWD Board of Directors voted to extend the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan Stage 3 seasonal watering restrictions through the month of April. Landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems will continue to be limited to once every two weeks. Future actions on watering restrictions will depend on water levels in the NTMWD's supply reservoirs.

As of March 5, 2015, Lavon Lake's elevation was down 9.57 feet and Lake Jim Chapman, another critical NTMWD water source, was down 8.31 feet. Compared to March 5, 2014, Lavon Lake's elevation has increased 2.81 feet and Lake Jim Chapman has increased 4.61 feet.

"Our primary water supplies are below normal due to less than average rainfall and the persistent drought," said Tom Kula, Executive Director of NTMWD. "Before we can lift water restrictions, our reservoirs need several months of average rainfall



The weeks highlighted in green reflect approved watering weeks for the Town of Fairview. The town will continue to use its zone designation system in which residents and businesses are allowed to water. Please access the Watering Restrictions tab on the town website homepage for more information and to confirm your watering days.

-- enough to significantly raise lake levels." The NTMWD Board of Directors will reconsider the continuation of Stage 3 watering restrictions on a monthly basis, at least through May.

NTMWD has identified and is developing additional raw water supplies to meet the future water demands and population growth for the next 50 years. These water supplies and other required water management strategies are included in the 2012 State Water Plan.

#### Near-Term Water Supply Strategies

<b>Project Description</b>	Yield	Online
Dredging Lakes Lavon and Chapman Intakes	11 MGD	2015
Dallas Interim Contract Extension	40 MGD	2016
Main Stem Pump Station Construction	50 MGD	2017
Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir	108 MGD	2020
	Million Gallons per Day (MGD)	



### REMINDER: Annual Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection



Join us Saturday, April 25th for the annual Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Event at 500 S Highway 5 in front of Fire Station #1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bring your old chemicals, fuels, oils, paints and electronic devices for safe recycling and disposal. In order to participate, you must provide either a valid Texas Driver License with a Fairview address or a copy of your last water bill issued by the Town of Fairview.

Please be aware, this year's event will not include bulk material disposal. Bulk materials can and should be placed at the resident's curbside for pick up and disposal. Please see page 14 for the 2015 Bulk, Trash and Recycle Calendar.



# Fairview's Financially Healthy Outlook

A sound financial position and strong reserves highlights the Town of Fairview's most recent audited financial report; therefore, the Town continues to uphold its mission of providing great value to its residents through sound fiscal management.

John DeBurro, CPA with the independent auditing firm of Weaver and Tidwell, LLP, presented the Town of Fairview an unmodified or "clean" opinion on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 ("FY14") at the March 3, 2015 Town Council meeting. The financial statements were presented in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with Generally Accounting Auditing Standards (GAAS) by a firm of licensed Certified Public Accountants (CPAs).

Financial highlights for the year ended September 30, 2014 include:

- The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities by \$26 million (net position). Of this amount, \$9.1 million, (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Town's total net position decreased by \$1.2 million. The primary reason for the decrease in net position was due to a \$2 million increase in expenses during FY14.
  - As of September 30, 2014, the Town's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$7.1 million as follows: General Fund (\$4 million), Debt Service Fund (\$382,790), Capital Projects Fund (\$2.6 million), and Other Funds (\$189,998).

- Overall, fund balance of the governmental funds increased by \$1.1 million, primarily the result of \$1.4 million increase in capital projects fund due to the issuance of \$3.6 million bonds to fund improving streets and roads. General fund balance decreased by \$200,301 during FY14. The ending balance, \$4 million, represents 62% of FY14 General Fund expenditures.
- The Town had a favorable budget variance of \$34,036 (net change in fund balance):
  - Actual revenues were \$73,725 more than budgeted
  - Franchise taxes were \$54,459 more than budgeted
  - Sales taxes were \$53,410 more than budgeted
  - Actual expenditures were \$39,689 more than budgeted
- The Town's total long-term debt increased by \$2.1 million during the current fiscal year; again the result of the issuance of \$3.6 million Certificates of Obligation bonds.
- Governmental Funds revenues totaled \$8.2 million, a \$14,468 or 0.2% decrease. The decrease is primarily attributed to the solid waste fund, which reported \$586,395 in the prior year, being reported as an Enterprise Fund in FY14, netted against increases in revenue sources such as intergovernmental (\$183,371), property taxes (\$137,651) and other (\$128,000).
- Governmental Funds expenditures totaled \$11.2 million, a \$0.4 million or 4% increase from the

previous fiscal year.

- Public Works increased \$961,552 over FY13, due in part to a \$640,000 payment to Collin County representing the Town's share of the Stacy Road construction project costs.
- Debt Service costs increased by \$385,223 due to the issuance of the new bonds.
- Capital outlay decreased \$1 million as infrastructure and capital projects were completed in FY13.
- Public safety costs increased \$328,395 due primarily to increased staffing, capital and outsourcing fire dispatch.
- Proprietary funds net position decreased by \$724,886 during FY14, primarily the result of decreased consumption and a \$560,775 transfer to the General Fund. Operating revenues and expenses increased \$487,208 and \$851,103, respectively, primarily due to the Solid Waste Fund, which was previously being reported as part of the General Fund, as a proprietary fund in FY14.

The goal of the independent audit is to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Town of Fairview are free from material misstatements. The audit involves examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The results of the audit continue to reflect the goals of the Town Council in maintaining a strong financial position. The full audit and auditor's presentation can be found on the Town's website at www.fairviewtexas.org on the administration page.

# May 9, 2015 - General Election

The May 9, 2015 General Election candidates include:

MayorDarion CulbertsonSeat 1Ron SamuelsSeat 3Frank O'ReillySeat 5Paul Hendricks<br/>Cody Hooper

Early voting for the May 9, 2015 General Election will begin on Monday, April 27, 2015. Early voting dates, locations and times are listed below. Town Hall is an Election Day voting location only and will not be an early voting location. Lovejoy ISD will not be holding an election as there was not a contested race. Collin County Community College will hold an election.

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#### **Election Day Vote Centers**

Vote Center	Address	Town
Fairview Town Hall	372 Town Place	Fairview
Lovejoy ISD Elementary School Gym	256 Country Club	Allen

Residents who are registered voters with an effective date on or before May 9, 2015 may vote at any of the additional Early Voting locations or Election Day vote centers that are open under full contract services with the Collin County Elections Administration. For additional locations or questions, please contact the Town Secretary at cscalley@fairviewtexas.org or 972-886-4234.

# Call 911: It is the Best Decision You Can Make

We are fortunate to have hospitals close to where we live. However, far too often, we hear about situations where a decision was made to not call 911 and instead take the person having a medical problem to a hospital by private car. Many times that decision to not call 911 is made because someone (perhaps the patient) decides they are not really THAT sick (ex: indigestion that turns out to be a heart attack) or they are too embarrassed to have their neighbors know they are having a problem (ex: the EMS team always shows up with the sirens blaring). We have also heard "we did not call because we did not want to bother the firefighters!"

Recently, there was a situation where someone was driving themselves to the hospital due to chest pain and stopped at one of our stations on the way as they were feeling worse. Fortunately, we were at the station when they arrived (rather than out on a call) and took them to the hospital where they were diagnosed as having a heart attack. We experienced a situation where a person was about to be taken to the hospital in a private car, but at the last minute chose to call 911. It turned out the person was also having a heart attack in their car. We also experienced a situation where a person with a trauma related injury was rushed to the hospital by family members because it was thought to be faster than waiting for the EMS team to get to their house (we are after all so close to the hospitals). While the final outcome was positive, it could have been far worse as the patient did not have the full immobilization of their spine which could have ended in a very serious neurological situation.

Recently, the American Heart Association initiated a public relations campaign to stress the importance of calling 911 as soon as someone suspects they are having a heart attack. It is called: "Don't Die of Doubt, Make the Call". This campaign is targeted to heart attack victims; however, the advice is just as valid for stroke or trauma related events.



Here are some key points from that campaign:

"Reducing the time to treatment is the #1 factor in saving lives in heart attack situations. Calling 911 is the fastest way to get live saving treatment."

"Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff begins treatment immediately. Beginning with the 911 dispatcher, the team works to identify and treat a heart attack upon arrival — up to an hour sooner than if someone arrives at the hospital by car."

#### What happens when you call 911 in Fairview? Medical care begins immediately!

- Our fire/EMS dispatchers are certified as Emergency Medical Dispatchers. This means they are trained to provide emergency medical instructions such as bystander CPR, if necessary.
- These dispatchers get the paramedics moving as soon as they know your address and the nature of your call which saves valuable time in our response.
- Our Paramedics are usually within 3-10 minutes from any location in our fire district. Upon arrival they begin an immediate assessment of the patient based on protocols supplied by our Medical Control Director who is an emergency room (ER) physician.
- Our fire trucks and ambulances have advanced life support equipment and our Paramedics are

trained to:

- Identify a suspected heart attack and initiate testing and monitoring of the patient's heart with a 12 lead electrocardiogram (ECG) just as the medical team would do at the ER
- Provide immediate on scene cardiac drugs, oxygen, and other medications as needed to deal with the medical condition
- Attempt to revive someone whose heart has stopped with state-of-the-art monitors/defibrillators
- Stabilize the patient for transport to the hospital
- Patients are routed to the closest and most appropriate hospital the one with a catheterization laboratory (cath lab) and equipment that helps determine the type of extended treatment needed
- Medical information and ECG results are communicated to the hospital while on route to the ER. This ensures the medical staff is 1) aware of the patient's condition and arrival time 2) prepared with a room ready for the patient 3) standing by with appropriate staff specialists 4) ready and able to provide additional treatment upon arrival.

If you call us and do not want the lights and sirens, tell the dispatcher and we can turn off the lights and sirens as we get near your address. If we determine after an assessment that you do not need our services, we will inform you, not charge you, and assure you that we really do not mind that you called us. We would much prefer to come and assist you and determine you do not need us than for you to not call us and find out later we could have assisted you.

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Need tutoring? Lost in school? Want to get ahead? The Mosaic Christian Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 571 Lakeridge Drive, offers a FREE academic tutoring program. The program is designed for college and high school students for math, science and Spanish. Tutoring takes place Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring services will end May 27th due to the summer break.

#### Classes are instructed by:

- Dr. Carlos Busso Professor of Electrical Engineering University of Texas at Dallas
- Dr. Paul Krueger Professor of Mechanical Engineering Southern Methodist University
- Dr. David Son Professor of Chemistry Southern Methodist University
- Jenny Merwin Masters in Public Health Universidad de Montemorelos, Mexico

Weekly pre-registration is required. To register, visit MosaicChristianFellowship.com/ tutoring or call 214-733-5725.

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Estates, The Vinegards of Fairview, Village of Fairview, Villas in the Park <u>STREETS</u>: Meandering Way, State Highway 5, US 75, Green Apple, Stacy Road (east of 75 and west of Oakwood), Shady Brook Lane, Rushing Waters Court, Frisco Road, Country Club (east of S Hwy 5 and west of railroad tracks), Bluebird Lane WEEK 3

SUBDIVISIONS: Fairview Meadows, Oakwood Estates, Sycamore Place, The Oaks of Fairview, Tranquility Farms STREETS: Country Club (east of railroad tracks and west of Englenook Court), Stoddard Road, Hart Road (east of Stoddard and west of Saint James Drive

Week 4 SUBDIVISIONS: Ascot Heath, Country Club Estates, Countryside, Fairview Ranch Estates, Fox Glen, Montecito Estates, Pauls Park, Red Oak Ranch, Stone Creek Estates, Wellington Park Estates, Willow Point Estates, Woods of Ascot Heath, Wynford Chace <u>STREETS</u>: Stacy Road (east of Oakwood Trail and west of Country Club), Old Stacy, Lakewood Drive, Timber Lane, Young Trail, Country Club (north of Summerhill Lane and west of Englenook Court), Collinwood Drive, Sharon Road

## Severe Spring Weather – Storm Warning Systems

With spring approaching, often times, it brings severe weather conditions. Now is a good time to make sure everyone in your family is prepared for this weather. Preparations should include having a safety plan for your family and emergency supplies, such as water, flashlights with fresh batteries, a working cell phone with back up batteries or a pre-charged power supply and a weather radio. More information on preparations can be found at www.knowhat2do.com. Click on "THINK" then click on "SEVERE WEATHER" to learn more about severe weather. You can also click on "PREPARE" then click on "PERSONAL SAFETY PLAN" to prepare your plan.

One of the key areas of preparation is to make sure you have the ability to receive alerts about approaching severe weather. There are a variety of processes and systems that can be used to notify you of severe weather. Here are three systems that I want to briefly discuss, so you know how they can be used to help you to prepare your own plan for severe weather.

Outdoor Warning Systems – These systems consist of pole mounted speakers or sirens which are used to alert people who are outside of a building of a pending severe event. These systems are activated by the local public safety authorities based on specific criteria. The Fairview system is activated by the Allen Public Safety (APS) dispatchers as Fairview does not have our own dispatchers or other personnel at our Town Hall on a 24 hour a day schedule. The Fairview and Allen systems are provided by the same manufacturer, so it is very easy for APS to activate our system as they are activating theirs. Our system can be used for a variety of warning purposes (ex: shelter in place for a hazardous material spill, assist in the search for a lost person, etc.) as it is essentially a very powerful public address system. The Fairview system will be activated when:

- Wind speeds are greater than 70 mph
- There is a threat of large damaging hail
- During severe thunderstorm warnings where local storm spotters have witnessed lowering/ rotating clouds in the immediate area
- There is a tornado warning for the immediate area with or without local storm spotter visual confirmation of lowering/rotating clouds
- The Fairview Fire or Police Chiefs request activation

Our state-of-the-art system conducts silent selftests electronically daily without the need for the audible tone being generated. However, once a year, we test the system with the audible tones, so everyone will know what they sound like. This year, we will conduct the audible test on Saturday, April 4th at noon, weather permitting. We will not test if severe weather is present. The test should only take about 5 minutes.

Weather Alerting Radios – These radios can be purchased from a variety of retail and online outlets for less than \$50. They are referred to as All Hazards NOAA Weather Radios. You should look for radios with the SAME (Specific Area Messaging Encoding) feature. This allows you to dial in a code for the Collin County area. By entering the code for Collin County, your radio will only sound for events impacting Collin County. Be sure to get a radio which has a back-up battery which will allow it to work in the event your commercial power goes out. Having one of these radios is an excellent addition to your storm warning preparedness plan as they are activated by the National Weather Service in severe weather events.

Automated Notification Sources – The Town of Fairview uses a system to alert you via your email and/or text messages to your cell phone. The service is called NIXLE and you can sign up for alerts by going to www.fairviewtexas.org and filling in the information requested on the main page under "SIGN UP FOR ALERTS". You may also want to sign up for a weather alert app from any number of the local TV and radio stations that cover the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

As you can see, there are a variety of systems that can assist you in creating your own severe weather plan. Each system has specific design purposes and can have some technical difficulties. You are encouraged to have several warning methods for your personal severe weather plan.

> Dick Price Fairview Fire Rescue Chief



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