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Mayor's Note

On behalf of all of us at Town Hall, I'd like to wish those with children, a great start to the new school year. There are a couple of items I would like to update you on regarding the happenings at Town Hall.

Throughout August, Town Council and staff worked through the details of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Two public hearings were scheduled for August 19th and August 27th to discuss the proposed budget and proposed property tax rate. The proposed budget is posted on our website under the Top News section and within the Administration Department webpage. We will post the adopted budget on the website in these two locations, as well. Here are a few highlights from the FY 2014-2015 budget:

- The proposed budget does NOT include a tax increase for the upcoming year
- The proposed property tax rate is \$0.359999 per \$100 valuation (Last year's property tax rate was \$0.36 per \$100 valuation)
- The proposed budget is currently posted on the town website for your review

We have also worked together to develop ways to better communicate the proposed changes to the Commercial Planned Development District (CPDD). A Community Open House at Sloan Creek Intermediate School was scheduled for August 27th to allow Town Council and staff to meet with residents to discuss the differences between the current CPDD, which was created 12 years ago, and

the proposed changes for updating the CPDD. We believe these efforts will help us to ensure high quality development that aligns with the vision of our town. These updates will place more restrictive zoning and development requirements within the established CPDD. We feel that the differences highlighted below will better align the vision of the CPDD with the needs of the community.

- Adopts a mobility plan that balances the districts traffic demand between Fairview Parkway and SH 5, while providing for hike-and-bike trails that provide citizens with safe and efficient options for pedestrian movement throughout the district
- Adopts a market-based approach that fosters opportunities for office and residential uses that complement the existing Village at Fairview retail center
- Allows for the inclusion of single-family residential uses on transitional properties on the east side of SH 5 that were previously zoned to only allow for commercial uses
- Eliminates the ability to provide for sprawling, suburban garden apartment complexes and instead requires permitted multi-family development to provide for a dynamic street front that creates more of a downtown-like look and feel
- Provides for improved site planning and architectural standards for all building types, and it prohibits the practice of consolidating required parking between the street and building front

To learn more about the proposed CPDD updates, please refer to the home page of the town website, www.fairviewtexas.org, under the Planning & Zoning tab.

The Town Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission will meet September 11th at 7 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall to continue the public hearings from the July 17th Joint Council and Planning and Zoning meeting at Puster

Elementary. I invite each of you to join us on the 11th. We will continue the public hearings regarding:

- An ordinance amending the town's Comprehensive Plan in order to adopt the Commercial District Area Plan and to make map and text amendments to impacted Comprehensive Plan Sub-Sections
- An ordinance amending the town's Zoning Ordinance in order to adopt a Framework Plan which will establish four new sub-district classifications
- An ordinance rezoning and adopting a Framework Plan for the Southeast corner of Bluebird Lane and Highway 5

We have received a lot of positive feedback regarding our new Town Hall Newsletter format, and thank you for your feedback. I have also received feedback that the newsletter is not as informative as it should be regarding various town meetings and specifically items that are to appear before the Planning and Zoning Commission. As you might have guessed, that issue is caused by the timing associated with the publishing of the newsletter, but it also an issue that can and will be addressed as we are working with the town staff to find a solution(s) that are more timely and efficient in their use.

As a final thought, while the newsletter is one means of town communication, I encourage you to take advantage of other town communication options. The town website (www.fairviewtexas.org) allows you to sign up to receive agendas and Town Hall news alerts via email. We also offer free sign up for the Nixle notification system. The Nixle system allows staff to send out community messages, advisory notifications and emergency alerts via text message and email. For more information on any of these communication outlets, please contact the Interim Town Secretary, Caitlin Scalley, at csalley@fairviewtexas.org or 972-886-4234.



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Wetsel School

By: Lindy Fisher

At the southwest corner of Highway 5 and Stacy Road was the early community of Wetsel. It had a teacherage behind it where the young teacher would live with her father and later her husband. It was located on the triangle of land that many of the early residents of Fairview may remember.

Henry Wetsel came from Arkansas with his grown sons and headrighted 640 acre farms along the west side of Highway 5. He built the first ox mill at the crossroads of Highway 5 and what is now Stacy Road. He donated the land for the Wetsel Subscription School, so that his children could have an education. The first school was in the old ox mill just north of what is now Stacy Road which was called Wetsel Road until 1960 when the current Central Expressway was built.

“This was a log house with long benches with no backs for the children to sit on. They used slates to write on. Wild longhorn cattle often chased the children who were walking to school.” In Gwen Pettit’s articles on early schools, Lucy Jane Phillips Epps said she went to school at the Wetsel School site where Mr. Mills taught from 1855 to 1860. She said, “I was one of the best spellers in the school.”

Ora Lee Binkley said she taught at the Wetsel School for its last year in probably 1940. Gladys Watson’s sister taught there before her. Lavonia (Binkley) Martin said, “The Wetsel School had no electricity and some days it was too dark to read. So they had to do other things. They had no gas for heat. Running water was pumped in from the house next door, the Williams to the south. They had big desks for the bigger children and little desks for



Wetsel School 1940 Donnie Watson, Teacher at right. Ora Binkley, Teacher at left

the smaller children. Eight to ten kids were at the school at that time—the Hughes, Birds, Stricklands, Bryants, and Knights.”

Miss Ted Sommers, former resident of Allen, said a canner and a sealer were in a building next to this one for the ladies to do their canning during the depression years, and it was gone by 1938. Tourist court cabins and a gas station were across the street on the north and owned by Ida Hamilton and her husband. The gas station was on the north side of the road.

According to the 1909-1910 school payment book, trustees were M.L. Taylor, Henry Wetsel and Will Butler. Teachers were George E. Alexander and Miss Nell Burks. In 1898, Mrs. M. H. Brown and T.M. Wilson were teaching. Highway 5 was straightened out to be less curvy as the speed limits for automobiles were raised, and this school site was lost.

Claude Cecil Martin was teaching school at Wetsel when daughter Evelyn was born in the teacherage located next to the school. He then became a teacher at Lick Springs School. C.C. Martin obtained signatures for a petition to consolidate Lick Springs and Forest Grove to form Lovejoy in 1917, according to Gwen Pettit’s articles.

Miss Donnie Watson attended Lick Springs School as a child and became a teacher. She taught in 1940 at the Wetsel School with Ora Binkley in 1940, the year before it closed. Ms. Donnie Watson taught school for 47 years in this area, according to an interview with Ada Williams, her only child. According to Ada, her mother was made to quit teaching school when she was pregnant and until her child was old

enough to attend school. This was a requirement made by a male school board member. She started teaching again when her little daughter was 3 years old and could go to class with her. Older students helped to tend to her little girl.

L.V. Reid attended the Wetsel School, according to an interview with Ed Lyngne in June 2001.

I found something very interesting in the original Brown Papers; the reason that the first school in the old ox mill was closed. There were spelling bees and when a student missed 3 words, the teacher would give them a whipping. Some of the students were rather large boys, so one boy decided to refuse the whipping and said he would whip the teacher instead! So a fight ensued and an old log bench fell over and had the leg broken off. The student grabbed the leg and hit the teacher over the head with it. And that was the end of the school for a quite while until a new teacher could be found.

Bibliography- phone interview with Lavonia (Binkley) by Lindy Fisher in July 2001. Interview with Ada Williams of Fairview, by Lindy Fisher. Gwen Pettit’s newspaper articles called Between the Creeks compiled by Lindy Fisher and available at the Plano- Haggard, Allen and McKinney Public Libraries. page 141. Pioneering in North Texas by Capt. Roy Hall and Helen Gibbard Hall, page 65. History of Collin County by Stambaugh and Stambaugh, page 85. School payment book for 1909-1910 school year that was located at the North Texas History Center in McKinney. George Pearis Brown Papers. Original document at the Haggard Library in Plano. Brown Papers at the North Texas History Centers, p. 104.



COUNCIL'S CORNER

At the August Town Council Meeting, the Town Council addressed the following items:

- Approved minutes from previous meetings
- Approved a resolution authorizing payment of dues for continuing membership with Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor
- Approved an Interlocal Agreement with Collin County regarding dispatch services
- Took action regarding Board and Commission appointments
- Approved an agreement with Macker Basketball, LLC regarding tournament services with the town
- Approved an agreement regarding event coordination of the Gus Macker Tournament
- Took action to place a proposal to adopt a \$.359999 property tax rate on the agenda of a future meeting as an action item
- Approved a resolution scheduling public hearings on the Town of Fairview proposed tax rate
- Approved an ordinance amending the Town of Fairview Code of Ordinances to establish the position of traffic director and adopt procedures and rules related to traffic, parking and similar matters. The town engineer is designated as the town's traffic director.

Business of the Month – Farmers Insurance



The Farmers Insurance Group of Companies was built to last, with a firm foundation of reliable businesses and a dedication to continual improvement. What began as a simple car insurance company for farmers has become a multi-line, multi-company insurer and financial services group with a solid reputation for doing the right thing for the right reason.

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Road Update

Utility relocations are ongoing to clear the corridor of utilities to make way for the pavement. This project is being funded jointly by TxDOT, Collin County, Regional Toll money, City of Allen and the Town of Fairview. It is scheduled to be completed in 2018.

Residential Streets Paving Project
Peachtree Construction, the paving contractor that was awarded the low bid, temporarily halted road work in July and August. The contract time runs until December, and the contractor determined that with their other projects in other areas of the metroplex, they needed to pull off for a few weeks. They are starting back now and should be completed before Christmas. There are a total of about 9 miles of asphalt residential streets that are getting resurfaced or rebuilt, depending on the condition of the street. This will also allow NTMWD to finish the installation of their 60" water main in those areas and the road contractor to come in behind them on streets like Camino Real, Red Oak Trail and Kentucky Lane.

US75 8 lane Project from Spring Creek Pkwy to SH121
This project is underway and will provide 4 lanes each way from Spring Creek Pkwy up to McKinney. Right now, you lose a lane at Spring Creek and another one at exit 36 going northbound on US75.

Traffic Signalization timing on Stacy Road from Angel Pkwy to SH121 (NCTCOG grant)
This project was approved by the North Central Texas Council of Governments and will involve a signalization timing study of 8 traffic signals on Stacy Road beginning at Angel Pkwy/Meandering Way. This will allow for the retiming of traffic signals to improve the efficiency of the roadway in these areas. There is no cost to the Town of Fairview for this project. It was a joint submittal between the City of Allen and the Town of Fairview.

TxDOT Stacy Road Widening
This project is still scheduled to bid out in late 2014 and begin reconstruction to 4 lanes in early 2015.

Overcoming Growing Pains when it comes to Town Services Part II

Residential trash collection services are provided by Allied Waste throughout the Town of Fairview. Trash collection and recycling services are provided once per week on Tuesday in Heritage Ranch and every Wednesday for other residents depending on which street you live on, not taking into account changes due to a holiday. A once per month bulk/brush collection is offered, and the current schedule for that service is the first Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of each month (geographically specific). The brush, bulk waste and/or bundle collections are limited to 12 cubic yards (examples are 6x6x9 or 4 normal sized standard pickup truck loads).

The population in Fairview has increased 19% since 2006, when the Town entered into an agreement with Allied Waste for trash collection services. In 2012, Allied Waste collected 1,295 tons of brush/bulk waste, while collecting 1,322 tons of brush/bulk waste in 2013. This year, Allied Waste is on target to collect 1,568 tons of bulk/brush waste, which will not include the 225 tons of brush collected due to the December 2013 ice storm. Due to the growth of the Town of Fairview since the approval of the original schedule and the increased demand for bulk services, specifically brush services, it has been difficult to meet the demands of the bulk/brush collection days as mentioned above. This has resulted in complaints and delayed pickups this year. The town's current schedule would indicate that any given location in town can expect bulk/brush collections on a particular day in the month. During certain times of the year when brush material is significant, that is not going to be possible; therefore, the Town of Fairview and Allied Waste are proposing changes in the bulk/brush collection schedule that would allow for the fluctuation in the bulk volumes and establish a program that should work as the town continues to build out. The town is not proposing any changes to the normal trash and recycling schedules, only to the bulk/brush collection dates.

The new approach would be to divide Fairview into four areas (based on sub-divisions) and cover each area during a different week in the month. This would allow for the fluctuations in the volumes and residents would know that the pickups would occur during that designated week, not a particular day. Brush/bulk waste would need to be placed at the residential curb by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of the scheduled collection week and 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday of the scheduled collection week if Monday is a town holiday. There will be no collection services on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memori-



al Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Allied Waste and the town would begin enforcing the limited 12 cubic yards for brush collection; therefore, in order to manage this collection more efficient, residents would need to adhere to the 12 cubic yard restrictions and cut up brush into manageable pieces (such as length no taller than the average person and no wider than the average person). This may require brush to be trimmed before placing out at the curb for collection. If Allied Waste encounters a location that is in violation of the size requirements for bulk/brush collection services, the pile will be tagged with a notification that the collection is in violation and provide a telephone number for contacting Allied Waste for a special collection at an additional charge.

The first full week of the month, Allied Waste would service the following sub-divisions: Blue Grass Farms, Fairview Farms, Heritage Ranch, Remington Park, Summer Hill Farms and Thompson Springs. In addition, Allied Waste would service Stacy Road (East of Country Club and West of Orr Road), Orr Road, Summit Court, Fitzhugh Mill and Kentucky Lane.

The second full week of the month, Allied Waste would service the following sub-divisions: Bridle-gate, Cypress Crossing, Fairview Downs, Final Domain, Hawks Wood, Ranchette Estates, Rivers Edge, River Oaks, Sloan Creek Estates, The Vineyards of Fairview, Village of Fairview and Villas in the Park. In addition, Allied Waste would service Meandering Way, State Highway 5, US 75, Green Apple, Stacy Road (East of 75 and West of Oakwood Trail), Shady Brook Lane, Rushing Water Court, Frisco Road and Country Club (East of S. Highway 5 and West of the railroad tracks).

The third full week of the month, Allied Waste would service the following sub-divisions: Fairview Meadows, Oakwood Estates, Sycamore Place, The Oaks of Fairview and Tranquility Farms. In addition, Allied Waste would service Country Club (East of railroad tracks and West of Englenook Court), Hart Road (East of Stoddard and West of Saint James Drive) and Stoddard Road.

The fourth full week of the month, Allied Waste would service the following sub-divisions: Ascot Heath, Country Club Estates, Countryside, Fairview Ranch Estates, Foxglen, Montecito Estates, Pauls Park, Red Oak Ranch, Stone Creek Estates, Wellington Park Estates, Willow Point Estates, Woods of Ascot Heath and Wynfordchace. In addition, Allied Waste would service Stacy Road (East of Oakwood Trail and West of Country Club), Country Club (North of Summerhill Lane and West of Englenook Court), Old Stacy, Lakewood Drive, Timber Lane, Collinwood Drive, Young Trail and Sharon Road.

The Town of Fairview understands that the new schedule may require some adjustments to citizens, but believes that the new schedule will allow for better efficiency in the bulk/brush collection service due to the rapid demand growth within Fairview. The new schedule will not require any additional cost to the town or its residents and should allow for better service within the town. The calendar and map on pages 7 and 8 illustrate the new schedule. The new schedule will become effective October 1, 2014 with the first full week of servicing to begin at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 6th. If you have any further questions you can contact the Town of Fairview Utility Billing office at 972-886-4242.



TOWN OF FAIRVIEW

2014 TRASH, RECYCLE, &
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Heritage Ranch - Trash & Recycle: Tuesday

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BULK / BRUSH LIMITS - 12 yards limit
Bulk to be set out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday's of your scheduled week

BULK / BRUSH LIMITS EXAMPLES
12 CUBIC YARDS = 6 ft. x 6 ft. x 9 ft.



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See the Bulk/Brush collection calendar provided below to identify your collection week.

New Years Day -Jan. 1
Independence Day-Jul. 4
Thanksgiving Day-Nov. 27

Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day-May 26
Labor Day-Sep. 1
Christmas Day-Dec. 25

WEEK 1 BULK/BRUSH COLLECTIONS (MONDAY-FRIDAY)

Subdivisions: Blue Grass Farms, Fairview Farms, Heritage Ranch, Remington Park, Summer Hill Farms, Thompson Springs
Streets: Stacy Road-(east of Country Club and west of Orr Road), Orr Road, Summit Court, Fitzhugh Mill, Kentucky Lane

WEEK 2 BULK/BRUSH COLLECTIONS (MONDAY-FRIDAY)

Subdivisions: Bridlegate, Cypress Crossing, Fairview Downs, Final Domain, Hawks Wood, Ranchette Estates, River's Edge, River Oaks, Sloan Creek Estates, The Vineyards of Fairview, Village of Fairview, Villas in the Park
Streets: Meandering Way, State Highway 5, US 75, Green Apple, Stacy Road (east of 75 - West of Oakwood), Shady Brook Lane, Rushing Waters Court, Frisco Road, Country Club (East of S Hwy 5 - West of RR tracks)

WEEK 3 BULK/BRUSH COLLECTIONS (MONDAY-FRIDAY)

Subdivisions: Fairview Meadows, Oakwood Estates, Sycamore Place, The Oaks of Fairview, Tranquility Farms
Streets: Country Club (East of RR tracks - West of Englenook Court) - Stoddard Road, Hart Road (East of Stoddard - West of Saint James Drive)

WEEK 4 BULK/BRUSH COLLECTIONS (MONDAY-FRIDAY)

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 Chase
Streets: Stacy Road (east of Oakwood Trail - West of Country Club) - Old Stacy, Lakewood Drive, Timber Lane, Young Trl., Country Club (North of Summerhill Lane - West of Englenook Court) - Collinwood Drive, Sharon Rd.

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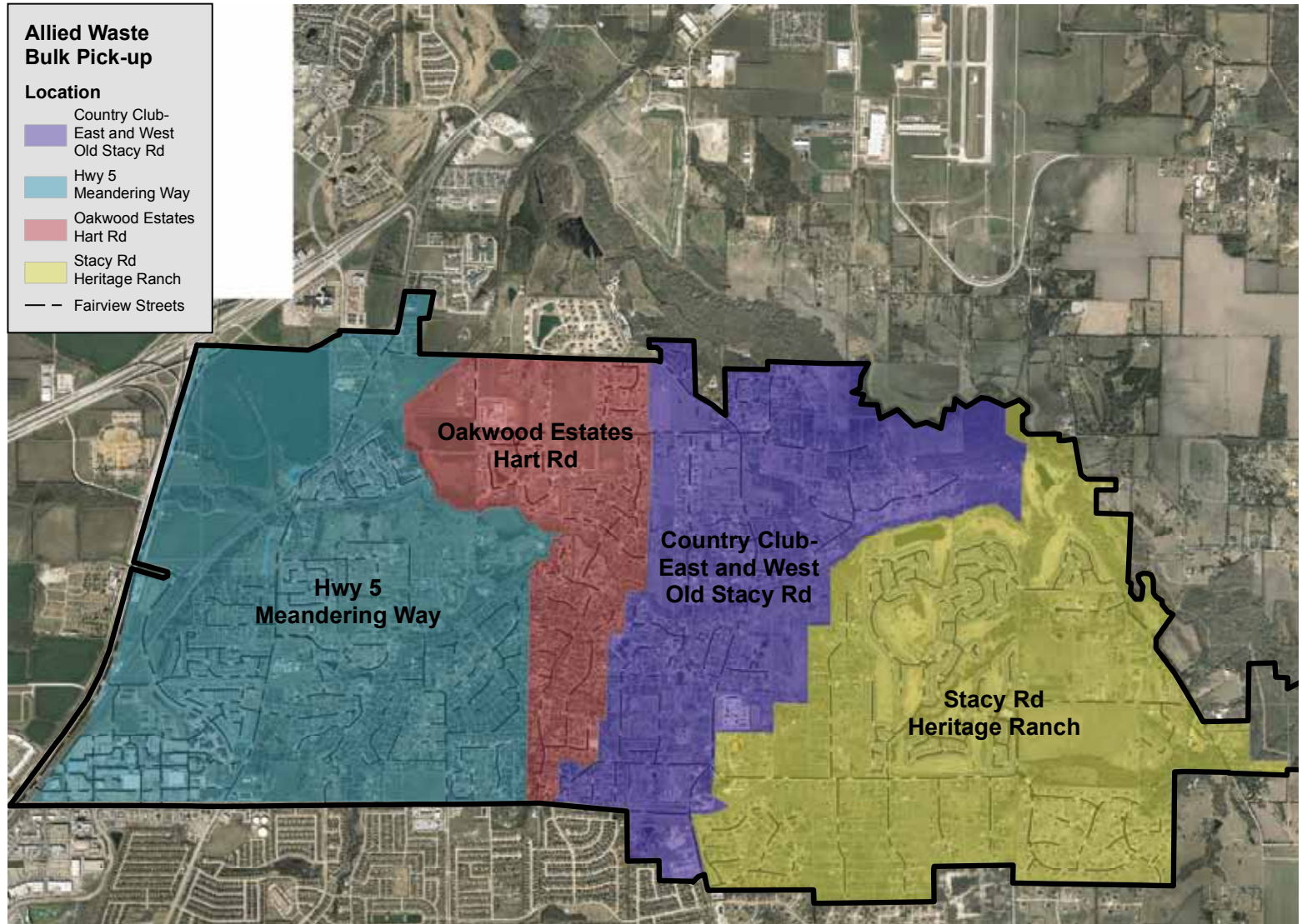
Recycling Collection Every Other Week on Friday

COMMON RECYCLE MISTAKES
Appliances, Batteries, Bulblike Wraps, Christmas Lights, Coat Hangers, Electrical Cords, Food Waste, Food Wraps, Garden Hoses, Plastic Grocery Bags, Plastic Grocery Bags, Rubber Balls, Sports Equipment, Stuffed Animals, Styrofoam, Springs/Coil Springs, Tires, Waxed Cardboard, Wood/Ward Waste

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- Oakwood Estates Hart Rd
- Stacy Rd Heritage Ranch
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Document and Hard Drive Destruction Event

The Town of Fairview will hold its first Annual Document and Hard Drive Destruction event Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will take place in the Town Hall parking lot located at 372 Town Place.

This event is for Fairview residents only, and is free of charge. Proof of residency must be provided onsite. A valid driver's license with your address or recent water bill is sufficient for proof of residency. There is no limit to the volume of material that may be brought, but we may ask you to wait while we service other residents with smaller volumes.

For additional information, please check the Town of Fairview website, www.fairviewtexas.org

Joint Public Hearing for Amendments to the Commercial Planned Development District Area Plan and Code

The joint public hearing to consider amendments to the Town's Comprehensive Plan – for the adoption of a revised CPDD Area Plan – and the CPDD code will take place on Thursday, September 11th, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Fairview Town Hall. These items were previously considered, but not acted upon at a joint public hearing that was held July 17th at Puster Elementary School. All planning documents concerning these proposed amendments of the CPDD Area Plan and Zoning Ordinance, including all documents that were presented at the August 27th Community Open House at Sloan Creek Intermediate School, can be found at the "Planning & Zoning" tab on the town homepage (<http://www.fairviewtexas.org>).

If there are any questions concerning said documents, please contact the town's Planning Manager Ken Schmidt at kschmidt@fairviewtexas.org or (972) 562-0522, ext. 5094.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Please join the Town of Fairview Police Department for the 2014 National Night Out on Crime. This year, National Night Out is Tuesday, Oct. 7th, 2014, from 7 to 9 p.m. Talk to your crime watch Captain, Homeowners Association staff, or police department crime watch coordinator to find out about events in your neighborhood.

National Night Out is a great opportunity for residents and law enforcement to partner against crime, increase neighborhood spirit, improve police-community partnerships, and keep our town safer. We encourage you to attend any planned events in your neighborhoods, so you can meet your neighbors and commit to helping law enforcement reduce crime in our community.

National Night Out is designed to:

1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
2. Generate support and participation in crime efforts
3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations
4. Let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

During the event, residents in neighborhoods throughout Fairview and across the nation are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with their neighbors and police officers. Events such as cookouts, block parties and neighborhood walks will all occur simultaneously throughout the town and nationwide.

You can join the National Night Out event by:

1. Getting all of your neighbors to turn on their porch lights
2. Organizing a block party or some type of neighborhood event
3. Active participation

For more information about National Night Out please contact Officer Troy Neasbitt by email at tneasbitt@fairviewtexas.org or at 972 886-4211, ext. 5029.

National Pharmaceutical Take Back Initiative VI

On September 27th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will coordinate a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies focused on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. A national take-back day will provide a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. This one-day effort will bring national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. The program provides an opportunity for law enforcement to collaborate with the DEA and establish a safe collection site.

This program is anonymous and all efforts will be made to protect the anonymity of individuals disposing of medications. Controlled, non-controlled, and over-the-counter medications may be collected from individuals. The general public is often unaware of the distinction in medication status. Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into the disposal box. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in the original container. The depositor should ensure the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage. Intra-venous solutions, injectables and syringes will NOT be accepted due to potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.

Place: Fairview Fire Station #1
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Date: September 27, 2014
Time: 10am-2pm



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Back to School SAFETY



Although the “Dog Days of Summer” are still upon us, it’s time for the “kiddos” to get back to school. It’s a time when parents breathe a sigh of relief, while students and teachers anticipate new beginnings and new challenges.

Unfortunately, the beginning of school is also a time when children are at increased risk of injuries from automobile, bicycle and school bus crashes due to the increased number of children on the road each morning and afternoon.

The sudden change in driving patterns, teens driving themselves to school for the first time, and reduced visibility due to shorter daylight hours all contribute to increased risk of injury, especially to pedestrians and bicyclists.

It may surprise you to know that the most common speeders in school zones and through neighborhoods during back-to-school time are:

- Parents dropping off or picking up kids
- School staff and bus drivers heading to and from school
- Student drivers

Tips for a safe and happy school year

Walking

- Review the basic rules with your youngster(s).
- In high traffic neighborhoods, consider starting a “walking escort” in which an adult accompanies a group of neighborhood children walking to school.
- Make sure your child's walk to a school follows a safe route.
- Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Because small children are impulsive and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether or not your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.
- If your child is young or is walking to a new school, walk with them the first week to make sure they know the route and can do it safely.
- Remember that bright colored clothing will make your child more visible to motorists.

Biking

- Always wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride.
- Ride on the right, in the same direction as automobile traffic.
- Use appropriate hand signals.
- Respect and obey traffic lights and stop signs.
- Wear bright color clothing to increase visibility.
- Know the “rules of the road.”

Driving

- All passengers should wear a seat belt or an age/size appropriate car safety or booster seat.
- Be sure to remove backpacks and never buckle your safety belt with your backpack on.
- Children should ride in the back seat. It’s the safest place for young people.
- Do not text or talk on your cell phone while driving.
- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits.

- Be alert for school zones that have a reduced speed limit at designated times of the day.
- Watch for school buses. Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm indicate the school bus is stopping to load or unload children. State law requires you to STOP.
- Keep an eye out for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.
- Be alert for children playing and gathering near bus stops and for those who may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Watch for children walking or biking to school when backing out of a garage or driveway.

Parents

- Be a good role model. Always buckle up in the car, wear a helmet when biking, and follow pedestrian safety rules. Don’t text or talk on your cell phone while driving.
- If your child is younger than 8 years old, unless taller than 4’9”, they are required to be in the appropriate child safety seat system whenever they ride in a passenger vehicle. The safety seat system MUST be installed according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

Make sure that your teen driver understands and obeys all traffic laws. Discourage them from texting or talking on a cell phone while driving.

Student Drivers

Be a good role model for your younger brothers, sisters and friends, and help them learn and follow vehicle safety rules.

Teen driver accidents usually occur from:

- Speeding
- Distractions while driving, such as texting, talking on cell phones, eating or adjusting the radio
- Overloading the vehicle

Remember, everyone riding in a vehicle must use a safety belt.

For more information about back to school safety please contact Officer Troy Neasbitt by email at neasbitt@fairviewtexas.org or by phone at 972-886-4211, ext. 5029.

LABOR DAY

A reminder that Fairview Town Hall will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 1st, and that trash and recycling pick-up the first week in September will occur on Wednesday, September 3rd for Heritage Ranch and Thursday, September 4th for the remainder of Fairview. Trash and recycling pick-up for the remainder of September will follow Allied Waste’s normal schedule. Heritage Ranch bulk pick-up will also be moved to September 3rd due to the Labor Day holiday. For the remainder of Fairview, bulk pick-up that is normally scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month will be moved to Thursday the 4th in September. Bulk pick-up that is normally scheduled for the first Thursday of each month will be moved to Friday the 5th in September. This information and other important information related to solid waste, recycling, and bulk pick-up can be found on the town website at www.fairviewtexas.org and by clicking on “Water and Trash” the under the “Departments” tab.

September 2014						Trash-
Recycle-Bulk/Brush Collections						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	11
14	15	16	17	18	19	18
21	22	23	24	25	26	25
28	29	30				
Heritage Ranch Trash & Recycle						
Fairview Trash & Recycle						
Bulk/Brush Collections for September:						
-Heritage Ranch- Wed., September 3rd						
-Normally scheduled Wed. is moved to Thur.						
-Normally scheduled Thur. is moved to Fri.						



FRIENDS OF FAIRVIEW FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

We cordially invite you and your family to attend our

Fall Community Pancake Breakfast

At Fairview Fire Station #1

500 State Hwy 5

Saturday, Sept 27th • 8:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

Eat breakfast with friends, family and firefighters.

Tour Fire Station #1 and see up close the fire & rescue apparatus that help keep you and our town safe.

Advance tickets are available through our website (www.friendsoffairview.org).

Tickets will be sold at the door the morning of the event.

Cost: \$5.00/person.

Come out and show your support of our Fairview Fire Rescue Department & its members.

The Friends of Fairview Firefighters Association invites everyone to kick off the fall season in Fairview at the Fall Community Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, September 27th. The breakfast will be held at Fire Station #1 on Highway 5 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Come eat breakfast with friends and family and firefighters who serve our community. Enjoy fabulous Firehouse pancakes with our famous patty sausages, along with coffee and orange juice.

Tours of the station will highlight the fire and rescue apparatus that help keep our citizens and town safe. See firefighter demonstrations for the entire family and enjoy fun participation events for the children, who will also receive firefighter hats to take home.

This will be a special family and community event for all.

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

Proceeds from our two annual Community Pancake Breakfasts and the Holiday Flag Program 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.

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 Fairview Fire Rescue (FFR). The Board of Directors of Friends of Fairview is made up of Fairview citizens, lawyers, firefighters, healthcare professionals and small business owners all committed to making Fairview's Fire Rescue the best it can be. Donations from citizens and business owners are appreciated and needed.

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. For more information on the event or the organization, please visit www.friendsoffairview.org.

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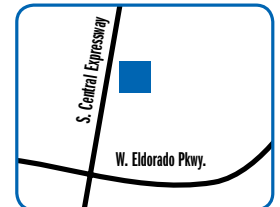
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Dark Skies Ordinance

Fairview is dedicated to preserving the idyllic natural setting of this region. In 2006, we adopted a series of restrictions and guidelines designed to limit glare, reduce unnecessary light and limit other light pollution. Our Dark Skies Ordinance helps to ensure adequate lighting only where it is needed in order to reduce spillover light between properties, increase safety for travelers and increase aesthetic value for our town. Our residents are able to take full advantage of a starry sky surrounded by plenty of nature, an experience unique to our surrounding communities.

Our Dark Skies Ordinance was created to regulate the installation and use of outdoor lighting fixtures in the town in order to improve night-time public safety, utility and security by restricting the night-time emission of light rays. These light rays are sources of light trespass and unnecessary glare and are detrimental to the safety and security of persons, property and vehicular traffic.

So, what can you do to help preserve Fairview's dark skies? You can update existing fixtures by adding retrofitted shields, shielded bulbs or socket extenders. You can also switch to a much lower wattage of bulb, which can also save you money!

Outdoor lighting should be shielded and aimed so illumination is only within your property boundaries. Light should shine down, not out or up. How-

ever, fixtures that have a maximum output of 1000 lumens (equivalent to one highly efficient 40-watt incandescent lamp) or less, regardless of the number of bulbs, may be left unshielded provided they have an opaque top to prevent the light from shining directly upward. Partial (e.g., obscured glass) or full shielding is preferred to control light output in all situations. All security lighting should be shielded and aimed so that illumination is directed only within the owner's property boundaries and not cast on other areas. Security lights intended to illuminate a perimeter (such as a fence line) should include motion sensors and be designed to be off unless triggered by an intruder located within five feet of the perimeter.

To the right, you will find some examples of compliant versus noncompliant light fixtures. The fixtures on the left are considered noncompliant because the bulbs are exposed, causing the light to shine outwards. The fixtures on the right are considered compliant because the bulb is positioned under the fixture hood, causing the light to shine downward.

It has been roughly 8 years since the town adopted the Dark Skies Ordinance, and the majority of outdoor lighting fixtures throughout the town are in compliance. We ask that everyone keep the Dark Skies in mind when updating or adding new fixtures.



Showdown Half Marathon

Saturday, October 11, 2014

Online registration is now open for the 2014 Showdown Half Marathon and 5K which will be held Saturday, October 11th as a part of Texas-OU Weekend. This is the third annual race, and the first two have been overwhelming successes. Directed by well-regarded race director Libby Jones, the race continues to gain a great reputation within the running community as a well-organized, well-supported and fun event.

The race will begin and end at Fairview Town Hall and the course will wind through Fairview. After the race, participants are encouraged to stay in Fairview and watch the game in a Fairview venue or shop in a Fairview store.

One of the things that make the Fairview race unique, is the free childcare offered to runners by The Goddard School. This enables couples as well as single parents to be active while knowing that their young children are well cared for. No other race in the Metroplex offers such a service, making Fairview a very unique running venue.

To register for the race, go to www.showdownhalf.com

Town of Fairview ROTATING ART PROGRAM



"Bright On" submitted by Sharolynn Hall



"Honey Bee On My Sage Tree" submitted by John Lightle

The 2014 third quarter theme for the Town of Fairview Rotating Art Program is "How Does Your Garden Grow". Artwork for this theme was limited to two-dimensional media only. The Public Art Committee had the privilege of evaluating several magnificent pieces of artwork when putting together the third quarter show. **The following pieces were ultimately selected and are currently on display until the end of September:**

"Honey Bee On My Sage Tree" submitted by John Lightle
"Wall Flowers" submitted by Pamela Van Laanen
"Peonies" submitted by Pamela Van Laanen
"Dancing Ladies" submitted by Pamela Van Laanen

"Bright On" submitted by Sharolynn Hall
"Blown Away" submitted by Sharolynn Hall
"Late Season Gulf Fritillary" submitted by John Lightle

I encourage you to visit Fairview Town Hall and view these beautiful pieces of artwork before this show ends in September. For more information about the Rotating Art Program and how to submit an application for the fourth quarter theme "Autumn Days", please visit www.fairviewtexas.org and see Top News on the homepage.

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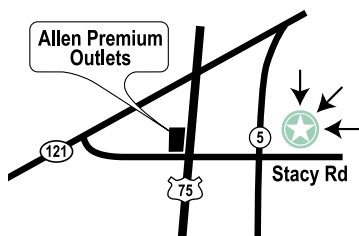
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Replace your Messy Home Network Wires with a Clean Organized Solution

By: William Baxter

Most of our homes don't have centralized network wiring where all of the wiring is cabled to a single location, such as a closet. If you're like I am about cleanliness and organization, then structured wiring, also known as centralized network wiring, is a great solution.

A typical network setup in a home office includes: a modem from your Internet service provider, a Wireless Access Point (WAP) or a combination router and WAP, network cabling, a network switch and all of the other power cables. All of these devices typically sit on a shelf somewhere in your house causing clutter and disorganization causing quite a mess.

In order to deal with our wiring mess, our solution was to tuck all of the previously listed equipment into a 28 inch in-wall box. It made quite the difference as now everything is clean, neat, organized and labeled. We also took the chance to upgrade our equipment in the process of getting organized.

During the installation process, I decided to upgrade our WAP to the fastest standard available. I also upgraded our network switch to a Power-Over-Ethernet (POE) gigabit switch, so we could place our WAP anywhere in the house ceiling without a power receptacle. We also upgraded all of the network cables to CAT6, again the fastest standard available. We mounted the new WAP in the ceiling in the middle of the house for best results and ran six Ethernet CAT6 cables from the in-wall box to the following equipment in the house:

1. Living Room – For the TV
2. Living Room – For the Game Console or DVD
3. Office – For the PC
4. Office – For the Printer
5. Ceiling – For the Wireless Access Point
6. Ceiling – Extra, for another WiFi unit or a NEST Thermostat or NEST Protect Smoke Detector.

The office is now free from all of the wiring and network equipment clutter. The wired and wireless networks are fast and reliable, and I have a bit more peace of mind knowing I have a high quality, organized home network. We're also ready for other home automation equipment that is coming on the market such as the NEST products, a security camera system and an Internet accessible front door security lock.

Keep in mind when upgrading your system that in order to achieve the highest speeds possible, all of the equipment in your network needs to be at the same standard. If you upgrade all of your wiring but still have a 10/100 router, your speeds will never exceed 100mb/sec. It is also important to point out these upgrades improve your speeds within your home and will help you achieve the fastest speeds your internet connection provides, but your online experience is still subject to how fast a connection you have coming into your home and what's happening with the Internet.

For us, this was a Do-It-Yourself project, so the cost was less than calling a professional. I estimate about \$2000 if you have a professional do it. If you're a bit fuzzy on the topics I've discussed above then I highly recommend a professional. This is a bit pricy so you'll need to weigh the benefits against the cost to see how it measures up for you.



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