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Mayor's Note

Spring has truly sprung! It has been great to see things so green within our community. This time of the year is a perfect time to enjoy the great outdoors – play with your kids in the yard, take a walk through our neighborhoods or pack up for a weekend of camping with the family. There are so many outdoor activities to take advantage of during this beautiful weather. I recently played the Heritage Ranch Golf Course and invite both new and experienced golfers to play a great course that is in fantastic condition.

My family and I frequently have dinner in the Village at Fairview, and I encourage you to visit The Village at Fairview for lunch or dinner. There are great options for quick lunches and sit-down dinners. My short list of items worthy of a try include: the Fettuccini Pappagano at Patrizio's, the Cuban at Cane Rosso, the Sushi at Splitsville, the Buffalo Burger at Twisted Root, the Quail at Texas Land and Cattle, the Classic Greek at Zoe's and anything at Gloria's! By the way, the baked goods at the Farmer's Market are some of the best around. Many of our restaurants have open patio areas to enjoy the weather and enjoy the company of friends and family.

We continue to see progress on Stacy Road. We will continue to provide updates as the final construction plans are put in place. Check out page 12 for an update from our Town Engineer.

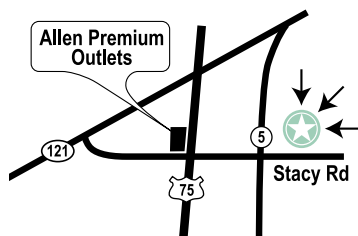
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At the May Town Council meeting, the Town Council addressed the following items:

- Approved minutes of the March 3, 2015 council meeting and the April 7, 2015 council meeting.
- Approved a budget amendment pertaining to items needing to be re-appropriated from Fiscal Year 2013-2014 to the current Fiscal Year.
- Approved an office space lease with Baxter IT Consulting Services, Inc.
- Approved a services agreement for information services provided by Baxter IT Consulting Services, Inc.
- Approved an ordinance that revises the regulations governing the Town Events Committee.
- Approved an abandonment of a sanitary sewer easement for a sewer line that was rerouted in the Village of Fairview Phase II Addition.
- Approved a request by Paul Raehpour, Jacob Miller, and James Campbell for a Replat of Lots 51 and 52, Block A of The Village of Fairview Phase II Addition and Lot 2 of the proposed Campbell/Knight Place Addition in order to convey segments of the proposed Lot 2, Campbell/Knight Place Addition to Lots 51 and 52, The Village of Fairview Phase II Addition.
- Approved a request by Paul Raehpour and Jacob Miller for a zoning change for 2,200 SF segments of proposed Lots 51R and 52R, Block A of The Village of Fairview Phase II Addition. The segments of the subject properties were originally zoned One-Acre Ranch Estate (RE-1), and are now zoned Commercial Planned Development District (CPDD).
- Approved a request by Levinson Alcoser Associates for Major Warrants pertaining to land use, site configuration standards, building type standards, architectural standards, and parking standards for a proposed financial institution (Capital One Bank) with drive-in facilities on a 1.368± acre tract of land that is zoned Commercial Planned Development District (CPDD) – Urban Village Sub-District, and is generally located east of US 75 and north of Stacy Road, being Lot 9E, Block A, of the Village at Fairview Addition.
- Approved a request by James Campbell for approval of a Final Plat for Campbell/Knight Place, a proposed subdivision comprised of two residential lots. The 2.628 acre subject property is currently zoned One-Acre Ranch Estate (RE-1) and is generally located south of the intersection of Blue Bonnet St. and Murray Rd.
- Directed staff to prepare a Service Plan and to establish public hearing dates for the proposed voluntary annexation of a 16.484± acres tract of land situated in the Samuel Sloan Survey – Abstract No. 791, and that is generally located north of Country Club Road and west of Rowley Mile.
- Discussed the status of the County regional dispatch system.
- Discussed water planning options for the town.
- Discussed setting a date for a long range strategic initiatives planning session.
- Received a monthly financial report for the period ending March 31, 2015 and a quarterly investment report for the quarter ending March 31, 2015
- Received a water conservation status update.

Chamber of Commerce – Fairview Recognition

The Allen Fairview Chamber Evening of Elegance and Exceptional People was that and so much more thanks to the many Chamber members who participated through sponsorships, donations and attendance.



L to R: Barney Schwartz (Chairman), Paul Hendricks, Lesley Payne (2014 Past Chair)



L to R: Barney Schwartz (Chairman), Ray Dunlap, Lesley Payne (2014 Past Chair)

By all measures, the event was a huge success for the Chamber and a perfect opportunity for those who give so much annually to be recognized. While the reception, dinner and auctions were great fun with excellent food, drinks and auction items to entice anyone, thanks to Hilton Garden Inn, Andrews Distributing, Texas Health Presbyterian Allen and Ben E. Keith, the highlight of the evening was the Volunteer Recognition awards presentations.

Annually, the Chamber recognizes those individuals, business and/or organizations that go above and beyond to make our communities what they are today – thriving, vibrant, caring businesses and individuals who value and support the efforts of so many organizations.

The awards program began with the recognition of the Small, Major and Emerging Businesses of the Year, followed by the Entrepreneur of the Year, Ambassador of the Year, Spirit of Allen and Spirit of Fairview honorees and culminated with the announcement of the

Chamber Member of the Year. These companies and individuals are so deserving of the honors bestowed upon them and the Chamber was honored to be in their presence and to provide the recognition.

Small Business of the Year was awarded to Kim Hannon, Bec 'N Call; Major Employer/ Large Business recognition went to Andrews Distributing Company; Emerging Business of the year honoree was Five Star Concierge and Entrepreneur of the Year was Mario Wilson with Market with Mario.

The Spirit of Allen and Spirit of Fairview awards are for community leadership. Our Spirit of Allen honoree was the Allen Arts Alliance, and we were pleased to present the Spirit of Fairview award to Paul Hendricks. Mr. Hendricks currently serves on the Fairview Town Council.

The Ambassador Club of the Chamber is the hardest working group within the Chamber and

are the most dedicated volunteers contributing their time to our weekly morning networking, to hosting ribbon cuttings and grand openings throughout the year and for assisting with the recruitment and retention efforts of the organization. We were pleased to recognize Catherine Brenneman with Authority Roofing as the Ambassador of the Year for 2014.

The final recognition of the evening was the Chamber Member of the Year. The individual chosen annually for the award is more than just a member and are dedicated and innovative leaders within their communities and within the Chamber. They work harder, give more and make themselves when needed. We are honored to recognize Ray Dunlap with the Town of Fairview as the Chamber's 2014 Member of the Year. Mr. Dunlap currently serves as the town's Economic Development Manager.

For more information about those honored, please contact Sharon Mayer, CEO at 972-727-5585.

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Town of Fairview ROTATING ART PROGRAM

Signs of Spring

In April, the Public Art Committee approved artwork for the 2015 Town of Fairview Rotating Art Program theme “Signs of Spring”. Artwork for this theme was limited to two-dimensional media. The Public Art Committee had the privilege of evaluating several magnificent pieces of artwork when putting together the show for this particular theme. However, the following pieces of artwork were ultimately selected and are currently on display until the end of September:

- “Janet’s Iris” submitted by Markita Hall-Gumble
- “Arboretum Beauty” submitted by Markita Hall-Gumble
- “Sprung” submitted by Sharolynn Hall
- “Tulips For You” submitted by Sharolynn Hall
- “The Yellow Rose of Texas” submitted by Barbara Barnard

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“Sprung” by Sharolynn Hall

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We all remember the fun and excitement we had setting off fireworks as children; however, as parents and guardians, we must also consider the danger fireworks present to our children. Supervision is key to ensuring their safety and to the prevention of personal injury. Our hot Texas summers make for extremely dry conditions, which creates a fire hazard for the town. Whether a faulty firework ignites an immediate flame or a spent firework casing causes a delayed blaze, things can get out of control very fast, especially in our windy North Texas region. Every year across the nation, huge amounts of property are damaged by fire, all of which could have been prevented. Remember, when dealing with fireworks one must always remember to "THINK SAFETY!"



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Fairview Fire Rescue

The Town of Fairview was incorporated in 1958. It was another 18 years before the town established a fire department in 1976 as an all-volunteer entity. Unlike many volunteer departments in Collin County, Fairview Fire Rescue (FFR) was created as a town department reporting to the town manager rather than as an independent organization contracted to provide fire and emergency medical services (EMS) to the community.

FFR is currently a combination department with full-time, part-time and volunteer firefighters. Current staffing includes 18 full-time firefighters, one full-time assistant fire chief/fire marshal, 13 part-time firefighters and 10 volunteers. Our fire chief is a volunteer chief. All FFR personnel hold at least a basic certification with the Texas Com-

mission on Fire Protection or an advanced certification from the Texas Fireman's and Fire Marshal's Association. All FFR personnel have an EMS certification. There are 29 paramedics and 12 emergency medical technicians (EMT) within FFR. Our responding fire vehicles are staffed with paramedics and are equipped with advanced life support equipment and medications. These vehicles have the same EMS capabilities as our ambulances except they do not have the ability to transport patients to the hospital.

The first fire apparatus in Fairview was a 1976 GMC Grumman Firecat pumper with a standard shift transmission, no air conditioning and a three person capacity. This was adequate for the days when firefighters went directly to the scene in their own vehicles rather than to the station to pick up the fire truck. This is no longer possible due to increased population, street traffic and the lack of volunteer firefighters in Fairview. All of our current apparatuses have room for a minimum of four personnel except for the brush truck which is a two person vehicle.

Our inventory of fire apparatuses includes: one Ladder Truck with 75 foot aerial ladder, two Pumper/Fire Engines (one main and one back up), one four-wheel drive Brush vehicle (for field and trash fires), one Rescue Truck (for emergency lighting, air

supply and advanced rescue situations), one six-wheel drive All-Terrain-Vehicle (for remote EMS situations), two Ambulances (one main and one back up), and two staff vehicles both with four-wheel drive.

We have two fire stations. Station 1 is the former Town Hall located at 500 State Highway 5 and is shared with the Public Works department. It can accommodate four firefighters and also has three offices for fire administration. Station 2 is a stand-alone facility located at 1200 East Stacy Road and was opened in 2010. It has a community room and can accommodate seven firefighters.

In 2014, the Fire Department ran a total of 724 calls and of these a little more than 50% were for medical emergencies.

We have mutual aid agreements with McKinney, Allen, Wylie, Lucas, Parker, and Lowry Crossing fire departments as well as with all fire departments in Collin County should we need their services. On any major fire in Fairview you can expect to see apparatuses from several other agencies on the scene. Conversely, FFR sends apparatuses and personnel to support major incidents in these cities when requested.

For our emergency dispatching, we have an agreement with the Wylie Public Safety communications group to provide services for fire and

EMS emergencies. Given our police department still uses the Collin County Sheriff's office for their dispatching, when you call 911, Collin County Sheriff dispatchers answer the phone but then transfer any fire or EMS calls to Wylie dispatch.

The fire department holds an ISO 2 rating from the Insurance Services Organization. This rating as of January 2013 demonstrates our professionalism and capabilities to serve our customers. This rating is held by less than 20% of fire departments in the nation. For our residents and businesses, this may allow for reduced insurance rates of up to 14% from our earlier rating of 5.

We are also fortunate to have a group of citizens assist in fund raising efforts to help offset costs for items for the firefighters that the Town does not provide like dress uniforms, exercise equipment, televisions for the fire stations, etc. This 501(c)3 non-profit group conducts two community pancake breakfasts each year at the fire stations and also sponsors a holiday flag program to help show patriotism on national flag holidays. You can learn more about this group at www.friendsoffairview.org.

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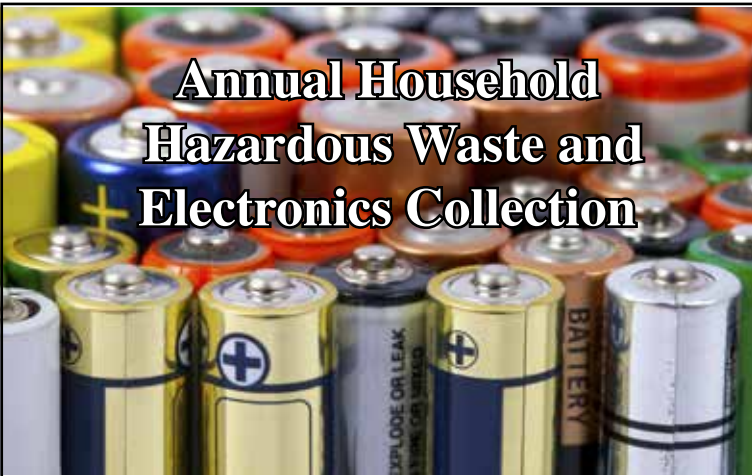
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The hazardous materials were either recycled or stabilized and disposed of in a manner that meets all Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements. We appreciate your participation in making this another successful event!

Spring Community Pancake Breakfast – Success!



Photo by Joe Sullivan



Photo by Joe Sullivan

The 2015 Spring Community Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Friends of Fairview Firefighters Association was another resounding success. This year's event took place on April 25 and was attended by over 350 people. We received over \$2800 in donations, not counting the sponsorship donations from Pat Lobb Toyota, Grande Communications, Heritage Ranch and TAPS Public Transit. In the past, we have had to deal with parking issues at Fire Station #2. This year, TAPS provided free round trip transportation to and from the fire station and the club house at Heritage Ranch.

The attendees were able to get a first-hand look at the new ambulances we just received in support of our in-house transport service which started on April 1. Children were able to try their skills at operating a fire hose, had their faces painted by local artist Karen Karnuta and had custom balloon figures made for them on the spot.

The board of Friends of Fairview will be deciding what to do with the donations received, but some of the money will most likely go to pay for Class A dress uniforms for four of our firefighters and perhaps even replace some worn out exercise equipment in the fire stations.

Thanks again to all who attended and for your on-going support of Fairview Fire Rescue.

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The tournament is designed so that anyone seven years and older can play: Short or tall, young or old, experienced or novice. This tournament maintains the purity and integrity of the old-fashioned driveway basketball game.

Three-on-three basketball pairs teams of four players, (three players on the court at a time), against other teams that are matched by age, gender and skill level, so the games will be fun and competitive. This is a double elimination tournament with a guarantee of three scheduled games. Teams that lose their first two games will battle it out for the coveted title of "Toilet Bowl" champion. There will also be a slam dunk contest with a \$500 prize. Slam dunk contestants must be registered for the tournament in order to participate.

The Town is partnering with the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament program to run the tournament. The Gus Macker 3-on-3 program began in 1974 as a backyard neighborhood tournament. It continues today as one of the finest family-oriented outdoor backyard

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The mail-in registration deadline for the tournament is August 7, 2015. The online registration deadline is August 10, 2015.

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.



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The keynote speaker will be Major General (Ret.) Albert Zapanta whose military record includes the award of the Silver Star, five Bronze Stars for valor, the Purple Heart and thirty other awards during the Vietnam War.

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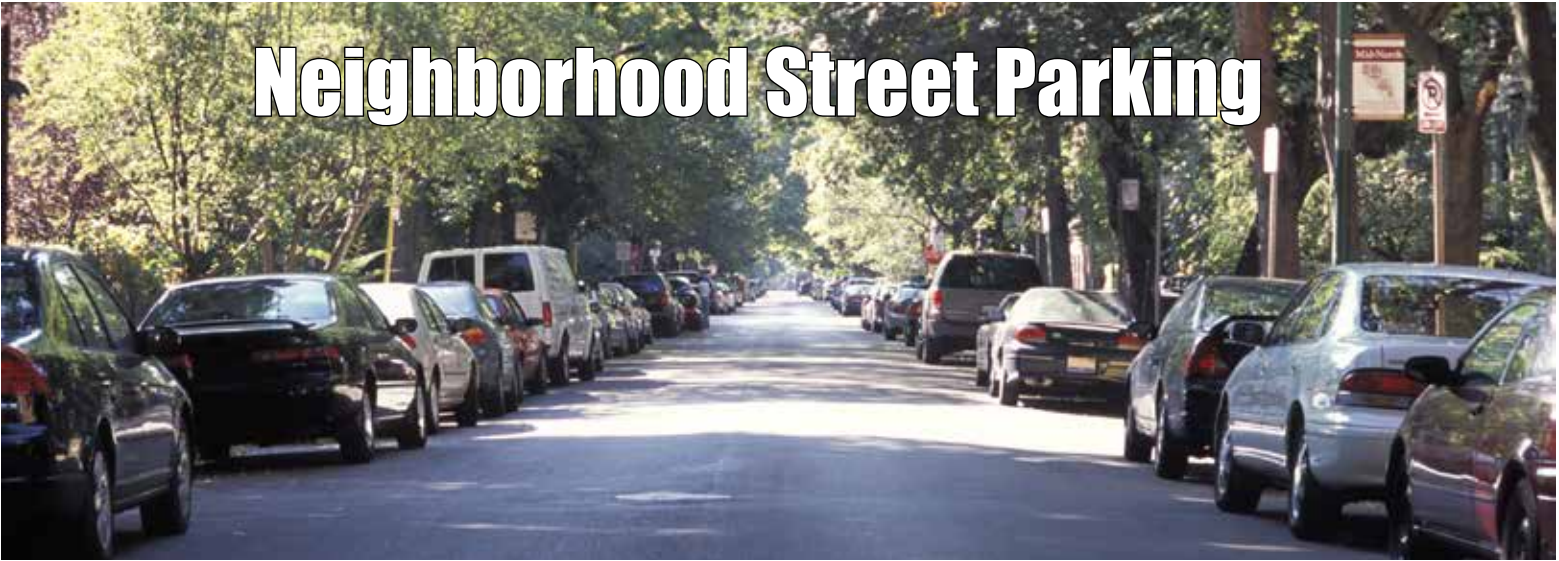


Stacy Road Update



The utility relocation phase is still ongoing for the widening of Stacy Road by TxDOT. Oncor continues to set new power poles on the Fairview side of the road. As soon as the final poles are set, crews will be out stringing new electrical power lines over to the new poles. The other utility lines, like cable and telephone, on the poles will follow the power lines. NTMWD has put the newly relocated 42" water main into service on the Fairview side and they are doing final cleanup and seeding. Atmos is moving their gas line just inside the new power poles, as well.

TxDOT should be releasing the contractor to start the actual road construction in the July/August time frame. They will begin with underground culvert work and general grading for the new lanes, while leaving the existing 2 lanes of asphalt in service for now. TxDOT will not remove the 2 lanes of asphalt that you are currently driving on until 2 new concrete lanes are constructed and available to move traffic over.



Neighborhood Street Parking

Spring is in full bloom. With summer breaks from school, graduations, and the parties that come with them looming, now is a good time to focus on an issue that is increasingly becoming a safety concern.

Periodically, the Fairview Police Department receives complaints from residents regarding vehicles parked along neighborhood streets that render passage nearly impossible. Most recently, a rather large house party in one of our neighborhoods ended up having a large number of vehicle parked along both sides of the streets for half a block or more. The street parking created a potential hazard, in that, emergency responder vehicles were barely able to squeeze through. This situation highlighted the need for us to reach out to you, our residents, to ask for your help in avoiding situations where functions held within your neigh-

borhood might cause parking issues along the street which obstructs safe passage of public safety vehicles or other motorists.

The fire department is equally concerned about any situation where parking on public roadways could hamper their ability to get to an address for a medical or fire related emergency. In an EMS emergency, time is of the essence in order to save a life. Any delay due to parking needs to be avoided. Fire department ambulances are much wider than a standard heavy duty pickup truck due to the size of the patient transport compartment. Our ambulances need at least 9.5 feet of clearance width to get down a street. Similarly, the fire trucks are very large and difficult to maneuver and generally take longer to get to a fire scene than the ambulance because of their size. These vehicles must have 11 feet of clearance width to

get down our streets and the ladder truck needs additional width once at a fire scene to set up the aerial ladder. A fire truck usually responds with an ambulance to EMS related calls.

Additionally, access to fire hydrants is critical for any fire situation. We ask that you help our firefighters be able to access fire hydrants by providing a no-parking zone in front of fire hydrants of at least one full vehicle length.

Lastly, we ask that you contact our police department in advance of any anticipated event that might attract a significant number of vehicles that are expected to park along the street. We care about you, your family, your neighbors and your guests. We want to do all we can to avoid any situation that jeopardizes your or their safety. Have a fun and safe summer!



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BULK ITEMS MUST BE PLACED OUTSIDE BY 7 A.M. ON YOUR DESIGNATED MONDAY AND NO EARLIER THAN 5 P.M. THE FRIDAY BEFORE. REPUBLIC SERVICES WILL PICK UP BULK ITEMS BETWEEN MONDAY AND FRIDAY OF YOUR DESIGNATED WEEK. COLOR DESIGNATED SUBDIVISIONS AND STREETS FOR BULK PICK-UP ARE LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM. If your designated Monday falls on a holiday, bulk pick-up service will resume the following business day.

Bulk Holiday Schedule

New Years Day - Jan 1 Memorial Day - May 25
 Independence Day - July 4 Labor Day - Sept 7
 Thanksgiving Day - Nov 26 Christmas Day - Dec 25

BULK / BRUSH LIMITS
 LIMIT 12 CUBIC YARDS / EXAMPLE = 6 X 6 X 9

4 TRUCK LOADS
 brush / bulk
 OR

TRASH/RECYCLE ITEMS MUST BE PLACED OUTSIDE BY 7 A.M. ON YOUR DESIGNATED DAYS. If your regular trash/recycle pick-up day falls on a holiday, service will resume the following business day.

HERITAGE RANCH TRASH/RECYCLE ON TUESDAYS
NON-HERITAGE RANCH TRASH/RECYCLE ON WEDNESDAYS

YES RECYCLING ONLY NO

Put these items in your recycling cart.

DO NOT put these items in your recycling cart.

REPUBLIC SERVICES

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WEEK 1
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
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 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
STREETS: 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

Have a Vacation Close to Home

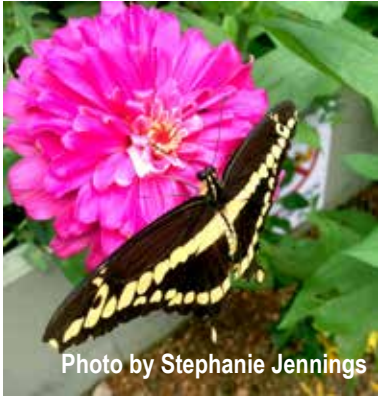


Photo by Stephanie Jennings

hibits, the Heard strives to teach people about animals and the pertinent role they have in nature worldwide through the Animal Ambassadors.

Many of the Animal Ambassadors that find a home at The Heard have a poignant story. For example, Cora, the White-nosed coatimundi (or "Coati"), was trapped by people who intended to breed her for the pet trade. Her sharp teeth, long claws and lack of fear of humans make her a dangerous animal; she is not "pet" material. Additionally, White-nosed coatimundis are an endangered species in the United States and it is illegal to possess them. Cora was seized in a raid on an animal breeder in South Texas. While living there, she was kept in a very small cage. As a result, Cora still prefers a small space to the larger enclosure she has at the Heard.

Visit the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary this summer and entertain your family for a day or inspire them for a lifetime. Just minutes away from your home, the Heard is the perfect location for an exciting daytrip to delve into 289 acres of pristine nature, exhibits, and more. Over 6.5 miles of nature trails wind through the Heard's diverse habitats, including permanent and ephemeral wetlands, bottomland forests, and upland prairies. Home to hundreds of species of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and plants, the sanctuary's sights and sounds are sure to captivate your senses.

While you are exploring the sanctuary, stroll among fluttering native butterflies in the Native Texas Butterfly House and Garden, open June 2 through September 30. Learn facts about native butterfly species as they fly around you! The exhibit also creates a beautiful setting for pictures. The butterfly garden is full of native species that naturally attract butterflies.

Indoor and an outdoor exhibits offer learning opportunities for the whole family. With these ex-

Additionally, the Heard offers education programs for all ages including summer camps, night hikes, canoeing, and a ropes course. Studies have shown that spending time in nature plays a vital role in many facets of child health and development. Register for a Heard Summer Nature Camp and give your child the gift of a connection to nature. Camp offerings are available for children ages 5 through 15. These camps feature opportunities to investigate the wonders of nature on a 289-acre sanctuary, encounter Animal Ambassadors, and study nature-themed topics.

The Heard also offers specialty camps. Heard Nature Art Camps will allow your young artist to follow in the footsteps of great artists such as Audubon and Monet with unique opportunities to draw directly from nature and live animals. The very popular Animal Keeper Camps give kids a behind-the-scenes, hands-on adventure with education and exhibit animals. Learn about different animals and what it takes

to properly care for them.

This year, the Heard will also offer Mini-Camps, designed for kids ages 5 through 12. Each mini-camp will explore a different topic and includes indoor and outdoor activities. This is the perfect opportunity to fit in a little extra time in nature. All Heard camps are filling quickly, so register today!

About Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary

Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary is a private nonprofit organization and depends on volunteers, admissions, memberships, donations and grants to fulfill its mission to bring nature and people together. The Heard was founded in 1967 by Bessie Heard. Miss Heard was 80 years old when she saw the need to preserve a place where future generations could experience nature.



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Today, the Heard's mission is carried out through education, particularly of young people, which emphasizes an appreciation of nature and its conservation. For more information, visit www.heardmuseum.org.

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