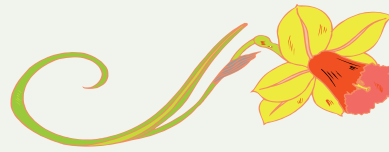




# Town Hall News

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## ATTENTION:

- **Town Council Meeting:** March 5, 2013.
- **Stage 2 Water Restrictions:** You may water 2 times per week. For more info, please visit the town's website.
- **March Fun Facts:**

National Peanut Month

American Red Cross Month;



## T O W N T O A D J U S T U T I L I T Y R A T E S

Over the past few years, the North Texas Municipal Water District has significantly increased the wholesale rates that it charges customer municipalities for water. These rate increases are necessary to meet the operational and capital costs of continuing to ensure an adequate supply of water to the areas they serve, including Fairview. Since 2008 North Texas has raised their water rates by over 50%. With the exception of a 5% adjustment in 2010, Fairview has absorbed those costs without passing them on to our customers. In addition to the cost of the water, there is also indebtedness on past improvements to our utility system (e.g. a new water tower and new lines) as well as a need to fund future improvements to the delivery and storage system.

To better gauge what the town needs to charge customers to keep the utility fund healthy, the Town Council engaged an independent consultant to look at Fairview's utility rates, evaluate the current and future costs of the utility fund, and make recommendations. The consultant presented his findings and recommendations at the February 5, 2013 Town Council meeting. The findings showed that without a rate increase, in a short time the utility fund, which is now healthy, would be losing money and soon would deplete the reserves that have been built up over the years.

The Town Council chose to address the problem head on and raise utility rates by 6% now rather than delaying action which would have led to a much larger increase down the road. The findings also compared Fairview's rates to 37 other municipalities in the Dallas area. Even with the proposed 6% rate increase Fairview ranked as having the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest average rate among those 37 municipalities.

The increase is effective March 1 and will be seen on those bills that are mailed out in the middle of March. Should you have questions about the increase and how it will affect you, please contact Ray Dunlap at 972-886-4222 or email [rdunlap@fairviewtexas.org](mailto:rdunlap@fairviewtexas.org).



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## REMINDER:

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2013 second quarter theme "Summertime". The second quarter theme will be limited to students in grades Kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup>. For more information and specifics about the second quarter theme and how to submit artwork for consideration please visit the town's website at [www.fairviewtexas.org](http://www.fairviewtexas.org) and check out "Top News" on the homepage. Please visit the town hall and see the beautiful pieces of art currently on display that were selected as part of the first quarter theme "It's All About Color".

## M O S Q U I T O P R E P A R E D N E S S

As we transition from the cold and windy weather that has become the norm as of late, into the warm and beautiful conditions that come with spring, we should all be thinking early about steps that can be taken to better protect against West Nile Virus (WNV). Last year this subject matter gained a great deal of media attention because of the increased number of cases reported within the state. Some important pieces of information to keep in mind are the following:

You can better protect yourself and your family against WNV by following the **“Five D’s”**:

- **DRAIN**-all areas of standing water including changing water in wading pools and bird baths every other day, cleaning out gutters, and not allowing water to stagnate in old tires, flowerpots, trash containers, pet bowls, etc.;
- **DEET**-Use insect repellents that contain DEET or are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to provide protection for the amount of time you will be outdoors;
- **DRESS**-Dress in light-colored clothing with long sleeves and pants;
- **DUSK/DAWN**-Limit outdoor exposure at dusk and dawn;
- **DOORS**-Keep door and window screens in good repair.

Preventative actions taken at the individual level will go a long way in combating the potential for exposure to the virus. Everyone should look for places around their home or business that contain standing water and drain them. A few examples of places where standing water may occur are:

- Playground equipment can collect water after rain showers or after watering the lawn.
- Lawn furniture and equipment can easily accumulate water.
- Gutter downspouts can cause water to accumulate on the ground underneath. Splash guards can be utilized to better disperse water and prevent collection.
- Stacks of aged wood can hold water and become a breeding ground for mosquitos. Discarding old wood and keeping new wood in dry locations is ideal.
- Buckets and other items commonly found in the back of truck beds can collect water and should be dumped out regularly.
- Boats contain many places where water can accumulate. Keeping boats drained and covered is a good preventative measure to take.
- Overwatering plants can create a potential hazard. Try to avoid overwatering plants and drain drip trays if necessary.

The preventative measures provided above are just some of ways individuals can actively combat WNV. Monitoring this issue and further education on the subject should continue to be a priority. The town encourages all residents and local business owners to assess and monitor their properties on a regular basis and to take appropriate actions if necessary so that any potential hazards can be eliminated before they become a potential threat to public health.

For more information about WNV and other preventative measures please visit the websites below:

### **Texas Department of State Health Services**

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/arboviral/westnile/>

### **Centers for Disease Control**

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm>

### **Collin County Health Care Services**

[http://www.co.collin.tx.us/healthcare\\_services/west\\_nile/west\\_nile.jsp](http://www.co.collin.tx.us/healthcare_services/west_nile/west_nile.jsp)

## SH5 ROAD PROJECT



The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) has an upcoming construction project on State Hwy 5 (Greenville Ave) to straighten out the sharp curves at the RR tracks just south of FM1378. This project will construct two 12' wide lanes with 10' wide shoulders and smooth out the curves. Drainage will be improved, and sight distance will be increased.

The project will last for six months and will require a complete road closure during most of that time. US75 and FM1378 will be the alternate routes during this closure. A temporary U-turn will be installed on the south side of the bridge at the entrance to the Sloan Creek subdivision for cars and trucks that inadvertently miss the warning signs. The project is scheduled to start either this April or May unless otherwise delayed. Any further questions that you have can be directed to the local TXDOT office in McKinney. The local area engineer is Barry Heard, PE and the office number is 972-542-2345.

### ANNUAL TRASH OFF

It's a New Year and time to start thinking about spring cleaning, getting the yard in shape, and disposing of all those old chemicals and paint cans that are cluttering up the garage.

The Town's annual clean up event will be held Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 2013 from 8:00AM – 2:00PM. The event will be located at 500 State Hwy 5 (Fire Station 1).



We do require proof of residency when you show up, your last water bill, or driver's license will do. Bring us your old, chemicals, oils, fuel, paints, computers, electronics, tires, bulk materials, etc., and we will do the rest..

### GREAT TEXAS WARRANT ROUNDUP



The Town of Fairview will be participating in the annual Great Texas Warrant Roundup. The roundup is designed to target thousands of defendants with traffic, parking, and municipal ordinance violations. It is believed to be the largest joint operation of its kind with arrests expected to continue for several days.

Affected persons are urged to contact the town during the next two weeks to dispose of their cases voluntarily to avoid the inconvenience and embarrassment of arrests at home or work in front of family, friends, or coworkers. For more information you may call 972-886-4240.

### ALARM PERMITS

Just a reminder, by town ordinance, Alarm Permit renewals are due by January 31st of each year.



If you have an activated alarm, whether it is monitored or not, you must have a valid permit. If you have not renewed your alarm permit for 2013 please do so immediately to avoid further penalties.

If you have questions or need assistance you may contact Officer Sonia Gandy at [972-886-4211 X5022](tel:972-886-4211) or via email at [sgandy@fairviewtexas.org](mailto:sgandy@fairviewtexas.org)



### FAIRVIEW HALF MARATHON AND 5K

Join us in the first annual Fairview Half Marathon and 5K on April 6, 2013. Whether you make it a friendly competition, a workout, or just a fun day out with family and friends, you won't be disappointed. All Half Marathon entrants will receive a beautiful finisher's medal, and all will receive a running shirt. For additional information or to register, visit [www.fairviewhalf.com](http://www.fairviewhalf.com).

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### BOOK SIGNING

Fairview resident, Gay Kiser, writes under the pen name **Tessa Gray** and will have her first book signing at *A Real Bookstore* on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. Her two women's fiction novels, LAST CHANCE TEXAS and TEXAS SUNSET are available in ebooks and traditional print. LAST CHANCE TEXAS, the first in her women's fiction trilogy, is based on her experiences at the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in the West Texas town of Alpine. Join Tessa for what promises to be an enjoyable, relaxing afternoon!

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Fairview Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Thursday, March 14, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, located at 372 Town Place in Fairview.

- Continue a public hearing, consider, and take any necessary action on a request for approval of Conditional Use Permit (CU) Zoning in order to allow for an accessory building on a property that is zoned Planned Center (PC) and is specifically located at 530 Kentucky Lane, being Lot 21 of the Blue Grass Farms subdivision. **(ZA2013-04)**