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COUNCILS' CORNER



At the May Town Council Meeting, the Town Council approved the following items:

- Minutes from previous meetings
- Interlocal Agreement with City of Eustace in order to sell retired marked police vehicle
- Resolution approved denying rate increase by Atmos Energy
- Town accepts the Annual Audit
- Town Engineer authorized to go out for bid for landscaping improvements on existing dry detention basin east of Fairview Parkway

At the May Joint Planning and Zoning Commission and Town Council Joint Meeting, the following items were approved:

- Ordinance amending the town's Comprehensive Plan, specifically, the Future Land

Use Plan and the Goals and Objectives sections, in order to update these sections to better reflect town goals and strategies for growth and land development.

At the June Town Council Meeting, the Town Council approved the following items:

- Minutes from previous meetings
- Henry Lessner reappointed as Mayor Pro Tem
- Ordinance amending requirements for landscaping for new development and redevelopment
- Ordinance amending the town's Zoning Ordinance to establish requirements for exterior building façade materials for institutional land uses and structures
- Contract services for collecting delinquent court fines and fees

- Town Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates for a water and sewer master plan update and an impact fee study.
- Amendment to Mission Statement, Core Values, and Focus Areas within the Town of Fairview Strategic Plan

At the June Town Council, Economic Development Corporation, and Community Development Corporation Special Joint Meeting, the following items were approved:

- Amendments to the Bylaws of the Economic Development Corporation
- Amendments to the Bylaws of the Community Development Corporation
- Resolution approving certain amendments to the Bylaws of the Economic and Community Development Corporations

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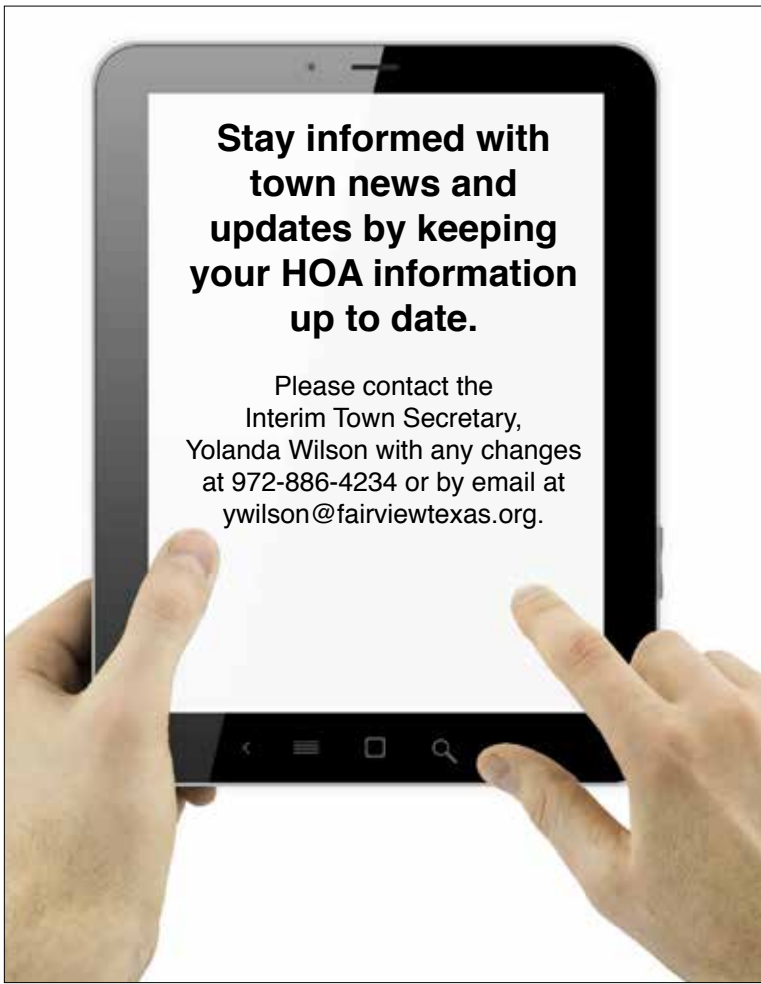


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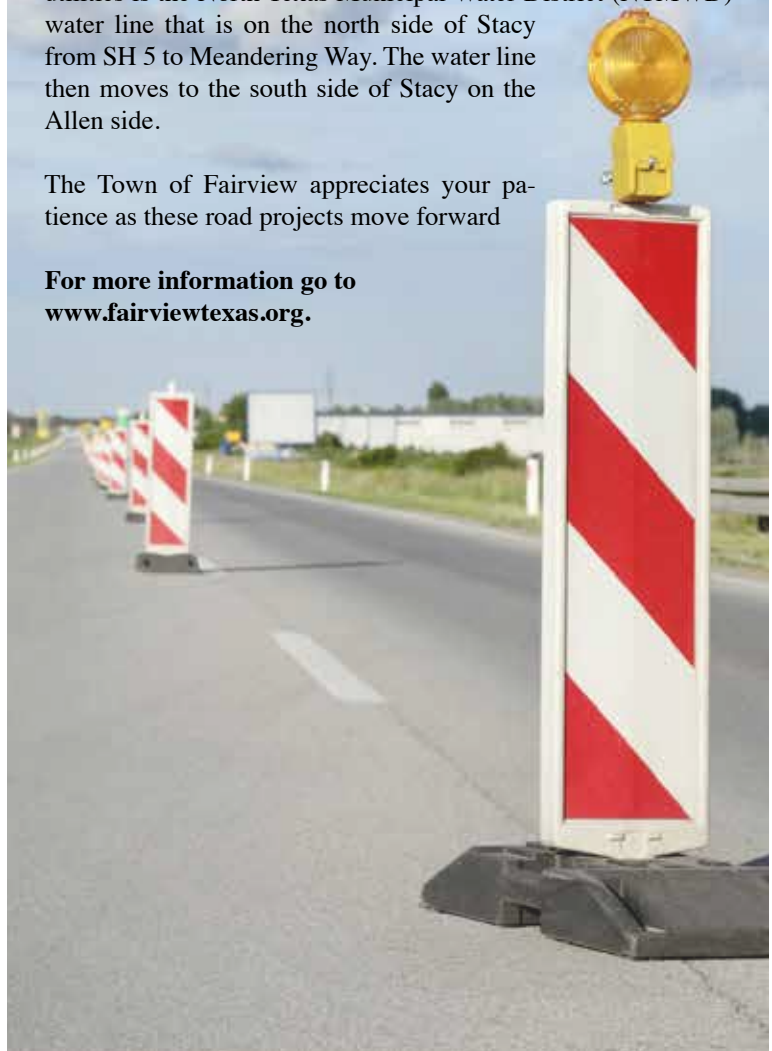
Roads Update – Construction Underway

The Town of Fairview is excited to be making long term improvements, with the nearly completed nine-mile residential asphalt street paving project. The following streets are just some of the improvements that will be under construction within the year: Summit Ct., Kentucky Ln., Red Oak Trail, Alto Vista, Arroyo Blanco, and Camino Real. The residential streets will remain open, but expect delays during construction. Trash services, mail delivery, and school buses should all continue as normally scheduled. If there are any disruptions to these services, please notify Town of Fairview staff for assistance with resolving issues. As a precaution, please drive carefully on any street that is undergoing construction.

TXDOT will be widening Stacy Rd. to four lanes, and the estimated start date is in early 2015. Construction continues to be active along Stacy Rd. because all of the utility companies are moving their infrastructure for the new road. The biggest of these utilities is the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) water line that is on the north side of Stacy from SH 5 to Meandering Way. The water line then moves to the south side of Stacy on the Allen side.

The Town of Fairview appreciates your patience as these road projects move forward

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SUMMERTIME SAFETY

Summer is here! It's time for summer vacations, going to the pool or lake, backyard cookouts, socializing with friends, and working in the yard. For adults, summer may just be a change in seasons, but for kids it means so much more

Kids are out of school! For them it's time for staying up late and sleeping-in. Youngsters and teens look forward to hanging out together. One of the ripple effects of hanging out however is boredom, and boredom often breeds mischief. Mischief isn't always malicious or criminal, but in today's times even "kids being kids" can have catastrophic results.

Here are a few suggestions to help keep you and your property safe and your kids out of trouble:

Be Alert – No one knows your neighborhood like you do. If you see something that doesn't look right, it probably isn't. People and vehicles in the area that are not familiar may be a sign of criminal activity. Don't hesitate to contact the Police when you see something that doesn't look right.

Keep your garage doors down and lock your car doors – Many thefts and incidents of vandalism are crimes of opportunity. Closing garage doors and locking vehicles will greatly diminish the opportunity for a crime to occur.

Don't leave Bikes outside – Kids playing outdoors or down the street often forget their bikes and go inside without them. The police department currently has several unclaimed bicycles that residents have found around town.

Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate – Texas summers are HOT and DRY. Be sure to keep hydrated if you are working in the yard or participating in outdoor sports or other activities. Alcohol is not a healthy or recommended form of hydration. Drinking alcohol when you're dehydrated will intensify its effect on the body and can be harmful. Grab water or a sport's drink instead.



Stay involved with your teens – Knowing where your children are and who they are with is not micro managing, it's being a good parent. Encourage them to steer clear of summertime pranks.

Plan fun activities with your kids – The DFW area is full of things you can do with your children without spending a lot of money. For some close to home ideas visit:

- www.thevillageshopping.com/attractions.html
- www.metroplexbaby.com/DFW-on-a-budget.html
- www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g55711-Activities-Dallas_Texas.html

Request a Vacation House Watch - Planning a vacation? Let us know and we will keep an eye on the place. It's a service we offer our residents and it's free! It's also extremely helpful in case of an emergency or concern about your home while you are gone. Officers will make periodic checks of your home while you are gone. You can submit a vacation watch request form online at the town's web address below or contact the Fairview Police Department at 972-886-4211. <http://www.fairviewtexas.org/index.php/departments/police>.

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Town of Fairview Homeowners Associations' Updates

The Town of Fairview appreciates its citizen's active role in the community. One of the many important stakeholders in the town are Homeowners Associations (HOAs).

Although the Town of Fairview has its own communications tools, such as the town website, Nixle notifications, email notifications, and the monthly Fairview Town News publication, HOAs often play a significant role in disseminating town related information. HOAs are a great avenue for coordinating HOA meetings that afford town public officials an opportunity to come share town updates such as road projects, safety tips, economic development, as well as local events.

Did you know that the Town of Fairview currently has over thirteen HOAs? The town provides updates to all registered HOAs for their annual or monthly HOA meetings, as well as newsletters. In order to continue with this effort, the Town of Fairview's town secretary maintains a list of all active HOAs and their board members that are provided by each HOA. To update your HOA board member information with the Town of Fairview, simply email the interim town secretary, Yolanda Wilson at ywilson@fairviewtexas.org.

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Allen Community Outreach Food Pantry Kicks Off

ACO KIDS SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

While many families around the Fairview, Lucas and Allen areas are beginning to plan their summer vacations and soon we'll be packing picnic baskets and grocery shopping for summertime barbecues, 1 in 5 children will not know where their next meal will come from or when they will eat again. With school coming to a close many moms are wondering how their kids will eat breakfast and lunch this summer without the help of the free and reduced breakfast and lunch programs offered during the school year.

Allen Community Outreach's Food Pantry, which serves the residents of Fairview, Lucas, Allen and surrounding areas, will be relieving some of that stress and cost by providing their annual ACO KIDS Summer Food Program. Thousands of dollars in donations and many volunteers make it possible for the ACO Food Pantry to pack special shopping bags just for kids, filled with their favorite breakfast foods, nutritious and fun items for their lunches that are easy for them to prepare themselves, and top off the bags with fresh fruits, yogurt, milk and cheeses. Families coming to the pantry may receive a special voucher for each of their school age children to pick up a bag every two weeks all summer long. Kids look forward to receiving their very own bags of foods, and sometimes find a special surprise like a fun book or toy included.

Donors wanting to support this program can find a list of much needed food items on ACO's website, www.acocares.org or may simply make a \$25 or larger donation online to "adopt an ACO Kid."

"Ask me if the program is vital to parents and I'll tell you about the many hugs we receive from moms and dads at the pantry and the relief we see on their faces. Ask me if the kids like the big purple bags they receive and I'll show you the excitement and smiles on their little faces." says ACO Executive Director Glenda May.

ACO's Director of Community Development, Marjorie Vaneskahian added, "I can't imagine my child worrying about not having food in our house to eat. No child should have that level of stress. ACO volunteers and supporters are working hard to make sure that no child goes hungry on our watch!" For more information contact Marjorie@acocares.org, 972-727-9131.



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Comprehensive Plan Update



Over the last seven months, the Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission have been conducting a review of the town's Comprehensive Plan. This review process was conducted in several phases, the first of which was comprised of a review of the Goals and Objectives section and the Future Land Use Plan section of the Comprehensive Plan. Since October, 2013, the Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission held six joint public meetings to discuss this review and make recommended updates to these comprehensive plan sections.

The comprehensive plan is a long range planning document that serves as a strategic plan for growth in the community. It establishes a vision for the community's development, and establishes goals, objectives, and implementation strategies for achieving that vision. The town first implemented a comprehensive plan in 1995, when a citizen led committee produced the first comprehensive planning document for the community. In 2005, the town - with the support of a planning consultant team - established a new comprehensive plan for the community that remains to this day. It is considered a planning best practice to

update a comprehensive plan every 3 – 5 years, and with the first update to this plan occurring in 2008, the town council found it to be appropriate to initiate an update to the plan this year.

In conducting this review, the town council and planning and zoning commission found that the goals and objectives section of the comprehensive plan was, largely, still aligned with the council's long-range vision for the community. With that said, there were several recommended adjustments made, including the elimination of a goal that recommended the town pursue opportunities for commercial development outside of the commercial district.

With the Future Land Use Plan, the council and commission recommended several changes to the plan that will allow for more creative subdivision design and will require the provision of additional open space within low-density residential neighborhoods. While recommendations for density still require all single-family lots within the low-density areas of town to be at least one acre in size, some adjustments were made to the land use plan in order to allow for undeveloped properties to develop in a manner that is more consistent with existing devel-

opment in the low-density area. As a result, some new neighborhoods will develop at a density that is slightly higher than what was prescribed in the past. In making these changes, the council and commission placed emphasis on the expansion of the town's open space and trail system, and in doing so, tailored the land use definitions and classifications to help the town build an open space network that is linked together by the town's trail system.

With the completion of an update to these two sections, and the impending completion of an update to the CPDD sub-area plan and the town's first ever facilities master plan, the town is now ready to initiate updates to the town's transportation plan and parks, trails, and open space master plan. Concurrent to these in-house updates, the town will begin working with an engineering consultant firm in order to update the water and sewer master plans, and to create a drainage master plan for the commercial district.

All documents related to the recent update to the Goals and Objectives and Future Land Use Plan sections of the Comprehensive Plan can be found on the homepage of the town website.

Newly Elected and Reelected Councilmembers Take Oaths of Office

At the June 3, 2014 Town Council meeting, newly elected councilmembers John Adler (Seat 2) and Renee Powell (Seat 6) took their oaths of office. Reelected Councilmember, Henry Lessner (Mayor Pro Tem) also took his oath of office at the June council meeting.

Councilmember Powell previously served on the town's Planning and Zoning Commission from 2004 until she was elected to the Town Council in May 2014. Councilmember Powell is also very active in the community. In the past she has assisted the town with community events, and also volunteered time to assist

organizations such as the Friends of Fairview Firefighters Association. Councilmember Powell resides in the Fairview Farms subdivision.

Councilmember Adler has served as chairman of the Technology Advisory Committee since 2005, and is currently a board member of the Fairview Community and Economic Development Corporations. Councilmember Adler has worked for various companies in the Telecom Corridor and now develops startup technology companies across Texas and the nation. Councilmember Adler resides in the Oakwood Estates subdivision.

Councilmember Lessner was sworn in to continue as Councilmember for Seat Four and appointed to serve another term as Mayor Pro Tem during the June council meeting. Councilmember Lessner was elected to council in May of 2010, and reelected to his second two-year term in May 2012. Mr. Lessner has served on the town's Technology Advisory Committee and is actively involved in the Fairview/Allen Chamber of Commerce. He enjoys volunteering and serving in the community. Councilmember Lessner resides in the Sloan Creek Estates subdivision.



Mayor Darion Culbertson (left) and Mayor Pro Tem Henry Lessner (right)



Mayor Darion Culbertson (left) and Councilmember John Adler (right)



Mayor Darion Culbertson (left) and Councilmember Renee Powell (right)

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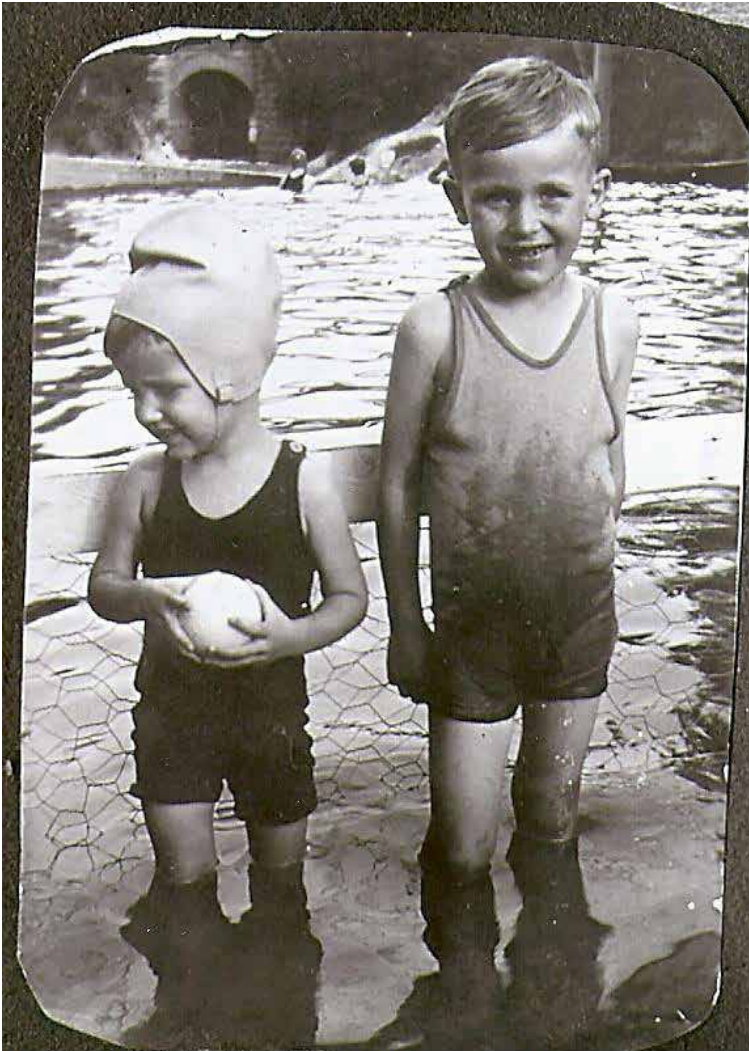
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Bush Springs Recreational Pool

By Lindy Fisher



Nancy Bush Morian in 1929 at Bush Springs swimming pool. The boy with her is a Vandeventer child. Notice the chicken wire to keep balls and children from getting too close to the dam. The railroad bridge in the back was built in 1874.

There are many small springs in this area that keep our Collin County creeks running with cool clear water even in the worst of droughts. This is the reason that the first railroad through Texas came from Galveston to the Red River using this route, since the steam engines needed to take on water about every 15 miles. This is where Central Expressway got its name, from the Houston and Texas Central Railroad. The draft animals also needed watering holes on their journey, so the early roads always went from water hole to water hole. Indeed, this was the route for the cattle drives

for the same reason. And even earlier than that, this was the buffalo migration route.

On Highway 5 just west of the old underpass, a portion of Sloan Creek became Bush Springs Recreational Swimming Pool in the 1920s. It was built by Edgar Bush and operated by his family. In the "Roaring Twenties" people often went for a Sunday drive to this beautiful recreational area in their new "horseless carriages" called automobiles.

Capt. William Nelson Bush (b.1833-d. 1907) married Elizabeth Rainey in 1856 and headed for Texas in a two-horse wagon. He was a captain during the Civil War and the Sheriff of Collin County (1870-1874). His tenure as sheriff included the famous Stephen Ballew hanging. He was still sheriff during the 1874 shootout at the old Goodman house on Stacy Rd. where fugitive, Jim Reed, evaded the law. They had three children and Edgar Bush is descended from this line.

The Edgar Bush farm was located just north the old railroad underpass on Highway 5. This highway bridge over Sloan Creek is about one mile west from the old Bush Springs Recreational Pool. This pool was opened in 1924 and featured a bath house with all conveniences. It was electrically lighted and had plenty of parking facilities for automobiles. It had slides, diving boards, and wooden stairs down to the water. Picnickers were also supplied with wooden lockers, a changing area, picnic tables and a brick Bar-B-Que pit.

When I was first doing the preliminary excavation at this site, I thought I had discovered the world's smallest house, surrounded by broken dishes and bottles from the 1920s. But then David Petefish, the current owner, told me that it was the old Bar-B-Que pit. Then it made complete sense. Petefish also showed me the exact level in the side of the streambed where the 1920 artifacts were eroding out the side of the creek.

In the 1920s, there were beautiful flower beds all around the property. Some of the yellow heritage rose bushes can still be seen in the springtime growing wild along the Highway 5 fence lines. One clump of these rose bushes is 10 feet tall, 6 feet in diameter and probably over 100 years old. It is called the Cherokee Rose. This small concrete dam washed away in a flood in about 1930 and was not rebuilt due to the hardships of the Great Depression.

"The Trolley Lake Dam is still intact and about 30 feet tall with the creek flowing to the east side. It has made a deep natural rock pond, filled with clear spring water like one would find in the hill country near Austin."

About a mile to the south on the Murray Creek Branch is the old Trolley Lake Dam built by the Works Progress Administration

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Bush Springs Recreational Pool *continued*

during the 1930s. Helen Hall, co-author of *Pioneering in North Texas, the History of Collin County*, recalls that it had no other name and since they took the trolley to get there, they just called it "Trolley Lake". Chuck Williams recalls that he had heard it called "Liquor Lake" because there was known to be some drinking of liquor going on there. Country Club Lake was downstream from it about 50 yards. It was private and only used by McKinney businessmen who wanted to relax and did not want to be bothered by the noise of small children playing in the water.

The Trolley Lake Dam is still intact and about 30 feet tall with the creek flowing to the east side that has eroded around the dam. It has made a deep natural rock pond about five feet deep and eight feet around, filled with clear spring water like one would find in the hill country near Austin. Club Lake Dam was only about 6 feet tall and has washed away. The cement pieces can still be seen in the creek bottom downstream as well as one end that is still implanted into the east bank.

On Hwy 5 just south of the old railroad underpass was the old Bush Road. An old wooden bridge crossed Murray Creek and the railroad tracks on its way west. This road has been closed off on the Highway 5 side for some time, but is still in use as a dirt road from Highway 75 for the property owners on the west side. After being used only by squirrels for decades, the old wooden bridge finally fell down in the late 1990s.

At one time, there was a railroad siding, called the Bush Siding where extra railroad cars could be temporarily stored. At this site,

an old railroad section house once stood on the east side of the RR tracks where men lived who maintained that part of the railroad. The well was still intact when this area was designated a National Historical Railroad District, but was destroyed by the construction of the large water pipeline through that area. A photo is available of that early well. There was never a chance to excavate it before it was destroyed.

So these were three of the local swimming holes that our early families used to frequent. It sounds more like Austin and hill country than North Texas. I don't know of any natural springs in this area where people can go to swim, except maybe Berger's Lake in Fort Worth. Maybe an entrepreneur can get to work on capturing this beautiful spring water for recreational purposes, but be wary that the dam will wash out with the next big flood, as history has taught us.

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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.

The independent auditing firm of Evans, Pingleton and Howard, PLLC presented the Town of Fairview an unqualified or "clean"

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 at the May 6, 2014 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 (CPA's).

Financial highlights for the year ended September 30, 2013:

- The assets of the Town of Fairview exceeded its liabilities by \$27.2 million (net position). Of this amount, \$10.2 million, (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Town's total net position increased by \$211,954. The primary reason for the increase in net position was due to Water & Sewer Fund (business-type) activities.
- The Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$6.0 million, a decrease of \$2.8 million in comparison with the prior year. The reason for the decrease in fund balance is due to planned capital project expenditures. Approximately \$4.2 million is available for spending at the Town's discretion (unassigned fund balance). This represents 68% of the total general fund expenditures or the equivalent of 8 months of operating expenditures.
- The Town's total long-term debt

decreased by \$1.5 million during the current fiscal year.

• The budget called for a \$249,477 decrease in fund balance for one time and capital expenditures. However, due to greater than budgeted revenues and lower than budgeted expenditures, the fund balances only decreased by \$134,549.

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 can be found on the Town's website at www.fairviewtexas.org on the administration page.



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Junior Golf Tournament at Heritage Ranch



The Northern Texas PGA held their inaugural College Golf Camps of America Spring Series Championship. It was sponsored in part by the Town of Fairview where it was held at Heritage Ranch on Sunday, May 18. The field for the invitation-only event maxed-out across two courses: Heritage Ranch Golf & Country Club and The Golf Club at McKinney. The College Golf Camps of America Spring Series was held from January through May across North Texas, and the Championship exuded the most talented of golfers. After 40 spring events and over 2500 rounds played, 180 junior golfers qualified for the inaugural Championship. With 100 players in attendance, 30 talented participants took home trophies. Thanks to the generous support of the Town of Fairview in providing a dinner for all competitors at the conclusion of the round.



The Nixle notification system is now available to Fairview residents. Emergency alerts and advisory notifications can be sent instantly, allowing for immediate and accurate information straight from

town staff. There is no charge from the town for this service, but message and data rates may apply if you choose to receive alerts through your cell phone and/or smart device(s).

The Nixle notification system allows residents to receive the following types of alerts and notifications:

- Emergency Alerts (i.e. tornado warning, missing person)
- Advisory Notifications (i.e. road closures, police activity, severe weather)
- Community Notifications (i.e. town hall updates, event information)

Residents may sign up by texting the word Fairview to 888777 or by using the Nixle widget on the homepage of the town website at www.fairviewtexas.org. Residents may also sign up by visiting www.nixle.com and entering the Town of Fairview 75069 zip code.

Regardless of the method used to sign up, town staff recommends that you register an account at Nixle's website to choose what types of messages you want to receive and how you want to receive them. There is no cost for registering a Nixle account. Registering an account through Nixle's website will also allow those signing up via text message to add an email address for receiving alerts and notifications. You can also choose to receive messages from municipalities/agencies other than Fairview.

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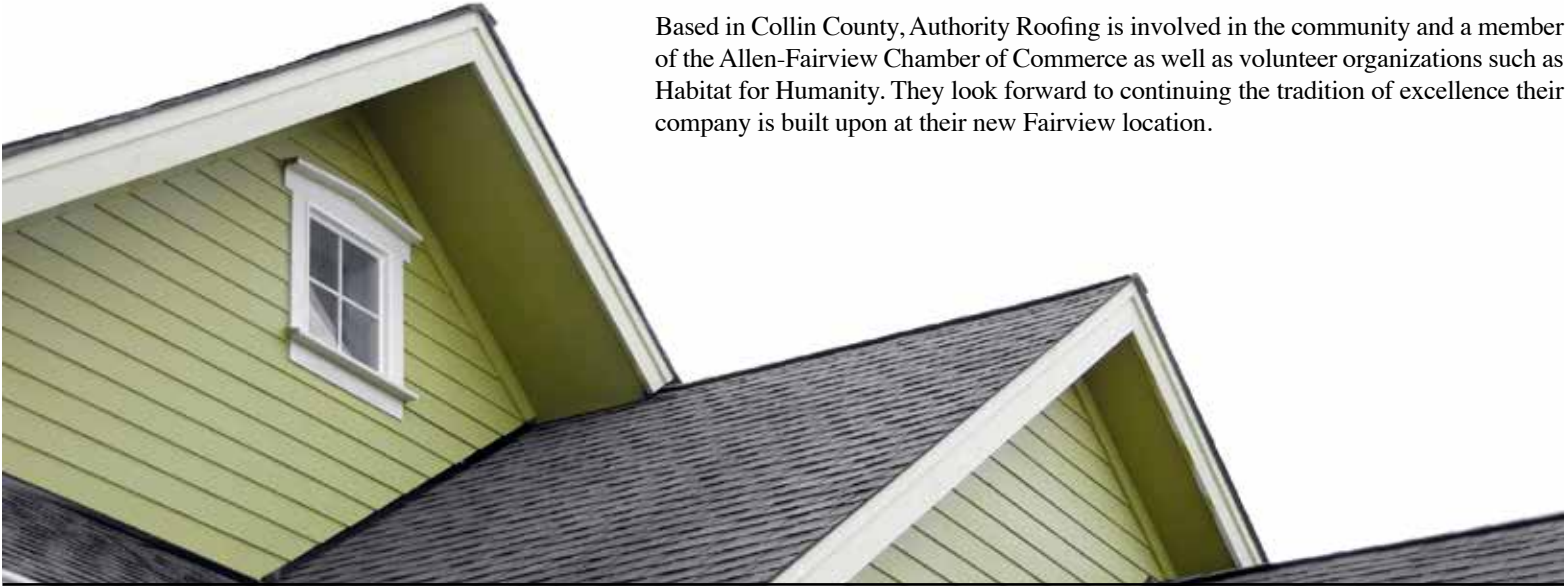
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Business of the Month **Authority Roofing**

A new roofing company opened in Fairview on June 9. Authority Roofing opened their Fairview location at 990 Hwy 5, Ste 102 and they believe in keeping it simple when it comes to your roofing needs. Their customers and clients want and deserve top quality roofing materials, professional installation and competitive pricing – that’s what they deliver. Certified by both GAF and Owens Corning their knowledge of the roof replacement process exceeds standard industry knowledge.

They are the Authority in roofing and have built their success on providing what they promise and standing behind their workmanship. Their customers appreciate the type of honest, straightforward communication delivered by their team of professionals.

Based in Collin County, Authority Roofing is involved in the community and a member of the Allen-Fairview Chamber of Commerce as well as volunteer organizations such as Habitat for Humanity. They look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence their company is built upon at their new Fairview location.



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Showdown Half Marathon

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Online registration is now open for the 2014 Showdown Half Marathon and 5K which will be held Saturday, October 11 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.

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Fireworks present hazards to the safety of our residents, our pets, as well as the natural beauty

of our town's vegetation. We all remember the fun and excitement we had as children setting off fireworks, however as parents and guardians, we must also consider the danger fireworks present to our children. Supervision is the 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 imme-

diately 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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