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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

A Season for Unity in Fairview

n recent months, the Town of Fairview has found itself at the center of a difficult and sometimes heated conversation over the proposed construction of a temple by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The discussions highlighted genuine concerns and passionate voices across our community, reflecting the diversity of perspectives that make Fairview unique.

These events remind us of our shared responsibility to ensure that every religious community can worship freely, without fear of hostility, discrimination, or violence. Regardless of differing views on zoning, land use, or development, that principle must unite us.

As we approach the holiday season, it is a time to reflect on the values that bind us together—compassion, generosity, and community spirit. This is a season to set aside division, to listen more closely, and to support one another as neighbors. Whether in matters of faith, development, or public policy, our commitment to unity and understanding should guide how we engage with one another.

This same commitment extends to other important issues facing our town, such as the ongoing discussions surrounding the proposed expansion of McKinney National Airport. While opinions on that project may vary, our approach should remain the same: to listen carefully, seek common ground, and ensure that the well-being of our residents and the character of our community are at the heart of every decision.

Fairview has the opportunity to model unity in diversity—holding space for differing opinions while refusing to let disagreement harden into division. Healing begins with respect, and respect begins with the simple act of listening.

Our town's future will not be defined solely by ordinances, council votes, or committees. It will be shaped by how we treat one another when we disagree. Now more than ever, as we celebrate this holiday season, let us choose the path of unity. Fairview is strongest when we stand together, not because we all agree, but because we respect one another enough to move forward side by side.

Celebrate the Season Together

The spirit of unity and celebration will take center stage at the annual Town of Fairview Christmas Tree Lighting and Celebration on Saturday, November 29, on the west side of Town Hall, closest to Fairview Town Center.

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John Hubbard

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Festivities will begin at 5:45 p.m. with a parade featuring fire and police vehicles, a horse-drawn carriage carrying the mayor and Santa, dancers, and toy soldier drummers.

As mayor, I have the honor to light the magnificent Fairview Christmas tree, a moment that symbolizes the joy, warmth, and togetherness that define our community. Following the lighting ceremony, an ensemble from the world-renowned Vocal Majority will perform a selection of holiday favorites. As a proud member of the Vocal Majority, I'll also be part of the ensemble sharing in the celebration through song.

The evening will continue with a dance performance and entertainment by a circus-style performance artist, capped

off by adventures in an obstacle course designed and hosted by American Ninja Warrior All-Star Karsten Williams. Throughout the evening, Santa will stroll through the crowd, stilt walkers will entertain, and families can take photos in the lighted horse-drawn carriage. Free refreshments will be provided by local restaurants.

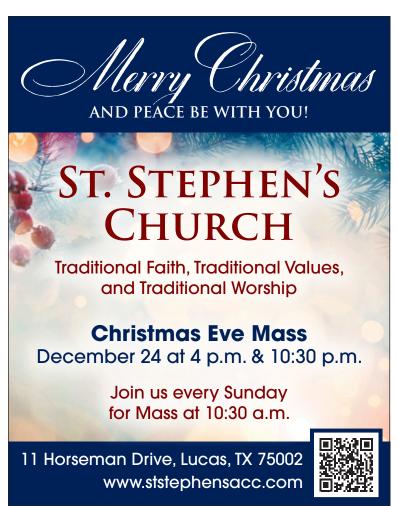
This year's celebration is more than a community event—it is an opportunity to come together in joy and friendship, to celebrate the bonds that make Fairview special, and to embrace the season of peace and goodwill.

Dr. John Hubbard

Mayor, Town of Fairview Mayor@FairviewTexas.org



More information about the annual Town of Fairview Christmas Tree Lighting and Celebration can be found on page 13.





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Drug Take Back Event Successful

he National Drug Take Back Initiative held at Town Hall Oct. 25 was a great success thanks to residents and Officers Victoria Fritzler and Brian McDaniel, who collected 11 boxes of unneeded medications weighing a total of 214 pounds.

The program provides a safe, convenient and responsible way to dispose of prescription drugs.



Completion is in Sight for Fairview Parkway

onstruction of Fairview Parkway north of Ridgeview Drive is more than 90 percent complete, including the bridge over Sloan Creek. To date, the Town has received almost \$8 million from Collin County and \$2.74 million from Billingsley Company for construction of the parkway.

Fairview police have stepped up enforcement of speed limits on the open portions of Fairview Parkway as more drivers are using the road as an access point to and from U.S. 75 via Ridgeview. The road is designed to eventually carry up to 30,000 vehicles each day, as land along U.S. 75 and Ridgeview are fully developed.







Winter Weather Preparedness

orecasters say North Texas should expect a somewhat warm start to winter, but that doesn't mean a cold snap can't happen. Preparing for the worst can make it easier and safer to endure extreme winter weather if it does hit North Texas.

At the beginning of the cold season, ensure you have working flashlights and fresh batteries on hand. Stock up on bottled water and unperishable foods, like dried fruits, granola, nuts and nutrition bars. If you're relying on supplies set aside from previous seasons, check the expiration dates on all food and drinks. Don't forget that canned and bottled water expires too.

Keep various tools, trash bags and a manual can opener at the ready. If you have power banks for your electronics, confirm they're fully charged and operational.

Visit the pharmacy and ensure you have extra prescription medication and other necessities for every member of the family, including pets.

Use waterproof containers to store items that could be ruined or become useless if a pipe bursts inside your home. This includes blankets, matches and emergency candles. Keep insurance policies and identification in a safe, dry place too. Remember to install

and keep carbon monoxide detectors in good working order.

If you have a fireplace, have your chimney swept by a professional to prevent a chimney fire.

Finally, take these steps to avoid frozen pipes:

Before a freeze:

• Insulate outside faucets with a weather-proof covering. Special covers are available at home improvement stores.

- Disconnect garden hoses from outside faucets.
- Wrap exposed pipes inside and outside your home.
- Inspect fire sprinkler systems annually.
- If you will be traveling and your house will be unoccupied for several days, you can call the Fairview Utility Billing desk at 972-886-4242 and request that the Town shut off water to your house. After the water is turned off, drain all outside water faucets.

During a freeze:

- Open cabinet doors under sinks that are adjacent to outside walls.
- If temperatures are expected to dip to 28 degrees or colder for at least 4 hours, drip both cold and hot water faucets slowly.
- If your washing machine is in an unheated room, or if you lose power, shut off water to the machine.

If you experience a water emergency at your home and you're unable to turn the shut-off valve, call the Utility Billing desk for assistance at 972-886-4242. After hours, call 972-886-4229.

Tip: Add the weekday and after-hours numbers for Water Shut-Off Assistance to your cell phone contacts or tear out this page of the magazine to keep in case of an emergency.

Important notes: If you plan to use a portable generator, follow all safety measures, including keeping the generator outdoors and away from all doors, windows and vents. Always ensure fireplaces and other heat sources are properly ventilated.



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he age of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has truly arrived. Once the stuff of science fiction, AI now powers many of the tools that make life more efficient, from smart assistants and recommendation systems to facial recognition and automated fraud alerts. Simply put, AI is the branch of computer science focused on creating machines that are able to think like humans. It relies on vast amounts of data and powerful algorithms to "train" itself to detect patterns, predict outcomes, and improve performance over time.

As AI becomes part of everyday life, it brings enormous benefits along with new digital risks. Used wisely, AI can make homes safer, businesses smarter, and communities more connected. The following best practices and starter tips will help you stay confident, secure, and informed while navigating the expanding world of AI.

Cyber-Smart Practices for Using AI

Rather than replacing people, AI is reshaping how we work, communicate, and protect our digital lives. The key is learning to combine human judgement with machine efficiency to enhance both productivity and safety.

1. Recognize Al's Dual Nature: Tool and Threat: AI enhances speed and insight but can also be used for deepfakes, automated phishing, or identity spoofing. Treat AI tools as you would any online platform, valuable but requiring vigilance. Before using an unfamiliar app or website that relies on AI, confirm its legitimacy, review its privacy policy, and verify that your data remains protected.

- **2. Keep Humans in the Loop:** AI systems can make convincing but inaccurate predictions or outputs. Always double-check facts, confirm sources, and apply human judgment before acting on AI-generated content. Whether it is an email written by a chatbot or a financial summary created by a virtual assistant, human review is essential to prevent mistakes and misinformation.
- **3.** Use Generative AI Responsibly: When using AI for creative or work tasks, avoid sharing confidential or proprietary data. Once entered into many AI platforms, information may be stored, analyzed, or reused. Treat every AI prompt like a public post and never include personal identifiers, passwords, or client details. Whenever possible, use enterprise-secured or offline AI tools.

Starter Tips for Safe and Responsible AI Use

As AI becomes woven into daily technology, cybersecurity awareness should guide every interaction.

- 1. Build Cyber Awareness and Digital Literacy: AI is only as trustworthy as the data behind it. Learn to question what you see and read online. Misinformation, voice clones, and fake imagery can all appear real. A cautious and informed mindset is your best defense.
- **2. Protect Personal Information:** Adjust privacy settings, use strong passwords, and enable multifactor authentication on any AI-connected account. Avoid linking unnecessary personal data or financial information to AI services unless absolutely necessary.

3. Watch for Al-Driven Scams:

Cybercriminals now use AI to create realistic phishing emails, fake voices, and imitation websites. If you receive suspicious messages, even if they sound like someone you know, pause before replying. Verify through a trusted contact and report potential scams.

4. Stay Current and Engaged: AI and cybersecurity evolve rapidly. Participate in community workshops, online safety sessions, or senior-center programs that teach practical security skills. Staying informed about AI's capabilities, risks, and protective measures helps you safeguard yourself and your community.

By combining curiosity with caution, you can make the most of AI while minimizing digital threats. In the AI age, being smart, safe, and secure allows everyone in our community to thrive.

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Reader-Submitted Photo

Katherine Ponder submitted a photo of a brilliant rainbow visible in Coyote Meadow. Thank you, Katherine!

If you have a wow-worthy photo taken in Fairview that you'd like to see in a future edition of Fairview Town News, send the high-resolution image to TownNews@FairviewTexas.org.

>> Tip: Most smart phones allow you to adjust your camera settings to take higher-resolution photos.





Meet our December Actor of Fairview - Cara

ara is a junior in high school and has been performing since 3rd grade. She was inspired to audition for a show after her dad took her to see a musical at North Texas Performing Arts - Fairview. Since then, she has performed in 44 NTPA shows — four alongside her dad.

Favorite roles include Amy in *Little Women* and Hodel in *Fiddler* on the Roof. She has loved being a part of the NTPA Junior Theatre Festival competition troupe as well.

In addition to being on stage, Cara has had the opportunity to learn the technical side of theatre and has run lights and sound for many shows. She has helped with summer camps, served as a student choreographer, and recently volunteered as the theatre's social media intern.

Being a part of NTPA has shaped Cara far beyond the stage. Theatre has taught her how to step into leadership roles, face challenges with resilience, and embrace courage both in performance and in everyday life. She has learned the importance of teamwork, creative problem-solving, and lifting up others — lessons that continue to influence who she is offstage just as much as on.



» Come and see Cara and the cast of Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile performing this month at NTPA - Fairview. For tickets: ntpa.org/tickets/





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Norma's Café

New Piece of the Revolving Kitchen Pie

orma's Café, the home-cooking icon that started in Oak Cliff in1956, is now operating in Revolving Kitchen (146 Town Place) in Fairview Town Center.

Service from Norma's is available between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Ordering is available on the Norma's Café website and through Revolving Kitchen.

Other current offerings inside Revolving Kitchen include:

Peet's Coffee

Tayta (Peruvian – open noon to 4 p.m.)

Burger Haven

The Soup Well

Wum's Food Hub (Nigerian)

Bamboo Burrito (Chinese Fusion)

Masala Twist (Indian)

What's Cluckin (Chicago Style)

Koonz Sweet Treats (Desserts)

Gelato La Boca

Mr. Panda Chinese

King of Freestyle (Smoked Chicken Salad)

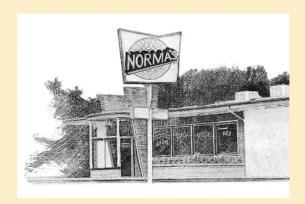
Porcha's Southern Delights (Desserts)

Pear and Pecan (Desserts)

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Bowl and Bao (Asian Fusion)

Revolving Kitchen Beverages.



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Inside Revolving Kitchen



The free fun starts at 5:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29
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2025 Collection Calendar

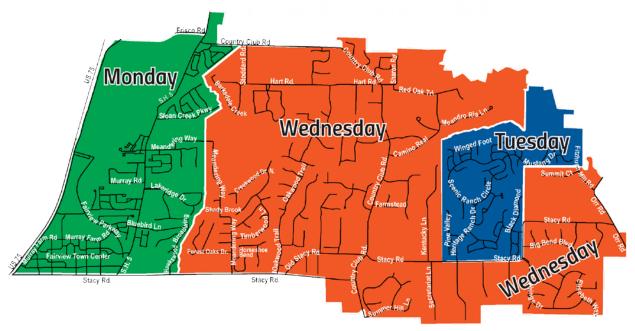
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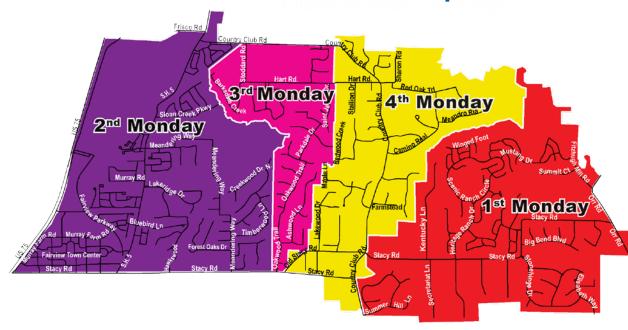
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Trash & Recycling Collection Map



Brush & Bulk Collection Map



2026 Collection Calendar

Holiday



Avoid Missed Trash Collections

Republic Services has added more drivers, which allows collection of trash and recycling to occur more efficiently. Because of the change, collection trucks may reach your street earlier than in the past.

Please ensure all trash and recycling carts are at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on scheduled collection days to avoid a missed collection.

Other things to keep in mind:

- · All trash going to the landfill should be contained inside securely tied plastic bags, and all bags should fit inside your solid blue cart with the lid closed.
- Pink tags may be purchased from the Town for \$2.32 each and placed on excess bags that don't fit inside your trash cart. Other than during bulk
 collection weeks, bags sitting outside of carts without a Town-issued tag won't be collected.
- · Recyclables should be placed loose, without bagging, into recycling carts, which are either solid green or dark blue with a lighter blue lid.
- Clean and dry empty cardboard boxes may be cut down and folded flat to fit inside recycling bins.
- Never clamp or lock lids on trash or recycling carts.
- · Place carts with handles facing the house and lids opening toward the street or alley.
- Carts must be placed 2 to 3 feet apart and away from objects that may obstruct the pickup arm.

To report a damaged cart or request collection for a missed pickup, contact Republic Services at 972-422-2341 or RepublicServices.com/Customer-Support.

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