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FAIRVIEWS

tips to avoid broken or **FROZEN PIPES**

Winter will be arriving soon in Texas and with that freezing temperatures. So, the Town would like to share some advice to help your pipes in the event of freezing weather. While broken pipes cannot always be avoided during the colder months, here are some tips that can help you prevent them:

- Cover vents around the foundation of your home.
- Insulate outside faucets with Styrofoam cover, rags or paper.
- Remove garden hoses from outside faucets.
- Wrap any pipes that are exposed outside or in a colder part of your home.
- Every adult in your home should know where your shut-off valve is located and how to operate it, in case of a broken pipe. Apply an oil, such as WD-40, to the cut-off valve before operating to prevent the valve from breaking.
- Inspect or have your Fire Sprinkler System inspected annually to prevent broken pipes.
- During a freeze, drip outside faucets 24 hours a day with approximately 5 drops per minute. This is necessary when temperatures are expected to be 28 degrees or below for at least 4 hours.
- Open cabinet doors under sinks adjacent to outside walls.
- If your garage is unheated, shut off the water to your washing machine.
- During sustained sub-freezing weather, let water drip slowly from inside faucets.
- If you are traveling and your house will be unoccupied for several days, shut water off at the property owner's cut-off valve and drain all outside water faucets.

If a water line breaks and the cut off valve does not work or you are unable to locate or operate the valve, call the Town's After-Hours Water Emergency Line at 972-886-4229 or Town Hall at 972-562-0522 dial 4.

During normal business hours, you can reach the Utility Billing Desk at 972-886-4242 for assistance.

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Fax: 972-548-0268

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- Travis Green, Fire Marshal: 972-886-4232
- After Hours Water Emergencies: 972-886-4229
- Utility Billing: 972-886-4242
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MESSAGE MAYOR



HENRY LESSNER

Dear Neighbors,

I am writing this at the end of October and the leaves are just starting to turn. This week a surprise - we are experiencing a touch of early winter. Yesterday, I had to switch from cooling to heating at my house.

Here are some things going on around Town.

Fire Station #1

I hope that you occasionally drive down Greenville (Highway 5) past the fire station #1 rebuild. Walls are going up and the driveways and the parking lot are just about finished. Watch the Town website (and this publication) for pictures of progress.

Covid-19

As it gets colder outside, we do more activities indoors and we are told that this increases the odds of catching the coronavirus. All of the sudden, I am hearing from multiple friends that have caught the virus. The good news is all of the cases are mild but there is the hassle of you and your family having to quarantine for 14 days. Since the County and now the State started reporting cases, they say that Fairview has had a total of 162 cases. A few of these cases required hospitalization and there has been at least one death that I am aware of. Don't let your guard down. Stay safe, avoid large gatherings, wash your hands, and wear a mask.

Community Table

On November 12, I look forward to participating in the first Community Table event. This virtual event was initiated by the Allen/Fairview Chamber of Commerce and includes representatives from Allen, Fairview, the Allen Independent School District, the Allen/Fairview Chamber of Commerce, and the Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce. The intention is to have an evening of authentic, transparent, and safe conversation around the community table about issues such as race relations, diversity, equity, cultural awareness, and inclusion. The intent is to share each of our experiences, expectations, and hopes, as they relate to our communities. This event is modeled after the very successful Dallas Dinner Table. I will write more about this as it rolls out in our area.

Christmas Tree Lighting

One of our best Fairview traditions is the annual lighting of the Town Christmas tree on the west side of Town Hall. Unfortunately, this year because of Covid, our celebration will be smaller; no refreshments and no children singing and performing for us. We will though light the tree and, if you are lucky, you might find me leading those in attendance in a few Christmas carols. This will happen on December 3. More information can be found on page 7.

Elections

By the time you read this, the elections will have been decided. The sign wars will be over and those who were elected have now begun their public service. I hope that regardless of whether your candidates won or lost, that as Americans we can come together and support those who now will be in service to our



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country at all levels of government. Thank you to all who choose to enter the political fray at the local level. You invested a lot of work, money, and time. We all have the same goal – to make our community a better place for all who live here. Let's get back to being good neighbors.

As we enter the holiday season, let us all give thanks that we were lucky enough to have been born in America where we have choice and voice. Remember those who were not as fortunate as we are. Unemployment continues at very high levels. Food insecurity is a huge problem even in Collin County. Donate money to those groups who are providing temporary relief to our neighbors like ACO, the Samaritan Inn, and the North Texas Food Bank. If you know of any young folks who are collecting food or other items for our local non-profits, please let me know so that I can publicly recognize them.

Happy Holidays to everyone

Henry Lessner

Henry Lessner mayor@fairviewtexas.org





It's with great pride and respect to honor our Veterans on Veterans Day with an American flag tribute at Veteran's Park. The park is a small, meditative area that honors the men and women who have served our country in the military. There are six monuments, one dedicated to each of the branches: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. The sculpture, Flamma Libertatis, overlooking the pond was created by North Texas sculptor Michael Pavlovsky. The 10-foot symbolic eternal flame honors the memory of the veterans of the community. The triangular base contains the words: VALOR, HONOR, and SACRIFICE. Also, in the park are stones that have been purchased by individuals or groups to honor someone who has served in the armed forces. Stones with a gold star indicate that the person honored was killed in combat.

The Friends of Fairview Fire Fighters Association and the Fairview Rotary collaborated on the Field of Heroes Flag program to bring the park to life on Veterans Day.

If you're interested in sponsoring a flag next year and honoring a Veteran, please contact Bill Baxter @ 214-383-8012.

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At the Tuesday, October 6, 2020 Regular Town Council meeting, the Town Council discussed the following items:

- Mayor Lessner presented Unity Table Proclamation.
- Mayor Lessner presented Arbor Day Proclamation, including Arbor Day presentation by staff to observe Fairview's commitment to preserving its trees and natural beauty.
- The Council viewed a presentation about the Veterans Park Flag Program.
- Approved the following items on the consent agenda:
 - Approved the minutes of the August 19, 2020 Special Council meeting
 - » Approved the minutes of the September 1, 2020 Regular Council meeting.
 - » Approved the minutes of the September 17, 2020 Joint Council EDC/CDC meeting.
 - » Approved the minutes of the September 29, 2020 Special Council meeting.
- Received reports from Staff, including any updates on project tracking reports and department activities
 - » Monthly Financial Report Period ending August 31, 2020
 - » Monthly Police Report Period Ending September 30, 2020
 - » Monthly Fire Report Period Ending August 31, 2020
 - » Town construction projects
- Conducted a public hearing and approved an ordinance on a request for a Major Warrant for an accessory structure. The subject site is located at 5110 Pond View Lane and is zoned

for the (CPDD) Commercial Planned Development District with the Neighborhood Edge sub-district. Applicant: Chet Kendall, The Kendall Law Office, PLLC. representing Jacob and Lauren Stamper.

- Considered and approved design alternates to the construction contract with Byrne Construction and related matters.
- Considered and approved ordinances adopting updated building, construction, and fire codes.
- Discussed COVID-19 activities and actions and take any necessary action.
- Discussed disaster declaration actions.
- Discussed Council meeting recordings and resident access.
- Discussed status of drainage meetings.

At the Tuesday, October 13, 2020 special council meeting the Town Council discussed the following items:

- Considered and approved an ordinance adopting indemnification provisions and any related matters.
- Discussed amending ordinance 2020-06, declaration of disaster and public health emergency.
- Held Town Council work session to discuss the Town drainage system including Town policies, procedures, processes, activities and related matters and take any necessary action.

Support a Neighbor: Buy Local



Dave Quinn • Fairview Economic Development Blog

he best gift we can give our neighbors this holiday season is our support by buying local. As we enter the gift-giving season, keeping our shopping dollars in our own community can make a substantial difference in helping to save the small businesses and startups from the ravaging economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It might surprise you to know that here in Collin County, 85% of the nearly 25,000 companies employ fewer than 20 people. Some industries have been more vulnerable to the pandemic's effects than others, including restaurants and retail, some of the most rapidly growing industries in Collin County over the last decade.

I'm not suggesting building a wall around the community or cutting the internet cable to restrict online shopping. I'm just asking that we all be a little more intentional this holiday season with our purchases. Our small businesses need our help. Together we can nurture these locally owned businesses that use local resources sustainably, employ local workers at decent wages and serve local consumers.

How can we make a difference? In addition to traditional shopping, we can schedule services, buy gift cards or shop online with local businesses for pickup or delivery.

In addition to the direct benefit of supporting local small business owners, buying locally offers indirect benefits such as generating sales tax revenue used to fund various community needs and programs, including vital services like police and fire protection, street repairs and other town services. When we support a local business, the owner is more likely to shop with other local businesses, keeping the money circulating in the local economy even longer.

Local businesses support good work in our community. Several studies show that nonprofits receive 250 percent more support from small businesses than large ones.

Local business owners tend to be experts in their fields in order to be competitive, so shopping with them means we are likely to get an expert perspective on the products and services we are purchasing.

Doing business locally helps create a sense of community. By getting to know local business owners, we build relationships that extend beyond the buyer and seller. We can be intentional with our spending and buy from those that support local charities and causes.

Shopping local has always been important, but now that we are facing down a worldwide pandemic, it's more critical than ever. If we all work together, we can help keep our small businesses alive and help them thrive as we move into the new year.

Fairview's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

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Thursday, December 3, 2020 6:30 p.m.

> Fairview Town hall 372 Town Place FairviewTexas.org

We will make every effort to maintain social distancing. The event will be the lighting of the tree; there will not be crafts, children's performances or hot chocolate. Maybe the mayor will lead us in some carols!



New Year's Traditions & How they Got Started

The clock strikes midnight, the ball drops, you kiss your loved one and sing Auld Lang Syne. Then on New Year's Day you eat a big bowl of black eyed peas for luck and prosperity. Have you ever wondered where these traditions came from?

KISSING YOUR LOVED ONE

Kissing at midnight is a tradition that comes form the English tradition of "saining" which is the offering of a blessing or good luck. Anthropologist and author, Anthony Aveni says, kissing on New year's is "thought to bring good luck as people entered the new year and you want to be closest to those who support you."

AULD LANG SYNE

This classic tradition was originally a Scottish poem first recorded on paper by Robert Burns in 1788. The literal translation is "old long times,' but historians say it means something more along the lines of "days gone by." It quickly became a mainstay at British and Scottish funerals, farewells and group celebrations. But, it wasn't until 1929 that Auld Lang Syne was first performed in the United when the Guy Lombardo orchestra played it at a hotel in New York.

BALL DROP IN TIMES SQUARE

It all starts with "time balls" used by sailors to set their timepieces while a sea. They would set their chronometers by using a spyglass to scan the harbor looking for balls that were dropped into the water at certain times. In 1907 the first Time Square ball was made from wood and iron and had 100 light bulbs. The idea for the ball came from festival planners after fireworks were banned from the celebration and they wanted something equally bright and festive. According to the Time Square Alliance since then there have been seven balls. The current ball is 12 feet in diameter and weighs 11,875 pounds and is illuminated by 32,256 Philips Luxeon Rebel LEDs. It is covered with more than of 2,500 Waterford Crystal triangles ranging in length from 4 ³/₄ inches to 5 ³/₄ inches per side.

PROSPERITY

Wishing for luck and prosperity is a time honored tradition for the New Year. Different countries all have their traditions and even different parts of the U.S. have traditions. In the south, we eat Black-eyed peas. While there are many theories as to why black-eyed peas bring good luck; most historians believe it dates back to the Civil War when General Sherman's Union Army raided the food supplies of the Confederate people. The soldiers took everything except black-eyed peas and salted pork because they believed it was unfit for human consumption. Southerners considered themselves lucky to be left with some supplies to help them survive the winter.

However you celebrate the New Year - we hope you have a safe and happy one!

DRUG TAKE BACK

participated in the Town's

Thank you to everyone who **results**

prescription drug take back day on October 24.

The DEA coordinates a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies to establish a safe collection site for expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceuticals, controlled and non-controlled substances as well as over-thecounter medications. This one-day effort brings national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. The anonymous program yielded 19 boxes of controlled, noncontrolled and over-the-counter medications from individuals, weighing in at 419 pounds.

The Fairview Police Department hosts this event twice a year – once in the fall and once in the spring. Be on the lookout in the next couple of months for the date of the spring Drug Take Back event.







PICKING THE TREE

- Make sure artificial trees are flame retardant.
- Choose a live tree that looks fresh with green needles that do not fall off.

PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing a live tree in the stand, cut two inches from the base of the trunk.
- Keep your tree at least three feet away from exposed flames and heat sources.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Make sure your live tree stays hydrated and keep plenty of water in the base at all times.
- Watch children and pets to avoid the chewing of wires and prevent it from toppling over.

DECORATING THE TREE

- Always make sure Christmas lights are in safe, working condition. Keep an eye out for exposed or worn-out wires. It's best to use lights with a label from an independent testing lab.
- Do not connect more than three strands of lights together.
- Check manufacturers' labels for suggested lights and decorations that are flame retardant.
- Always turn off the lights on your tree when it is not supervised.
- Never use candles to decorate the tree.
- If a live tree develops brown and/or dropping needles, it is drying out and needs to be replaced.

AFTER CHRISTMAS

• It is recommended to throw your tree away as soon as possible once the holidays are over. You can put your live Christmas tree out for removal on your regularly scheduled brush/bulk trash pick up week.



Pai Tanner, a 14-year-old ninth grader at McKinney High School, recently celebrated her Bat Mitzvah. In honor of this celebration Pai performed a "Mitzvah" otherwise known as a good deed. She asked her family, friends and neighbors to donate food for ACO. Pai collected more than 400 pounds of food!

Congratulations on a job well done and on your Bat Mitzvah Pai!

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Fairview Youth Theatre

The fun and excitement at Fairview Youth Theatre (FVYT) does not slow down during the holidays and they have the perfect way to beat the winter break boredom! **Winter break camps will begin December 21** with daily creativity camps for students in kindergarten through fifth grades. Students can attend the full day camp or either the morning or afternoon session. Intro to Acting camps are available for students in sixth through twelfth grades. Camps will be offered virtually as well as in person at the Plano, Dallas and Frisco locations.

Also, available during the holiday break is a Don Zolidis intensive camp for students in sixth through twelfth grade from 10 a.m. to 5 pm. Beginning December 28 with performances are still TBD at press time.

The rest of January will be full of opportunities for kids of all ages with classes, auditions and productions. So, if you're interested in honing your skills, learning new things or even turning your



"double threat" into a "triple threat" then FVYT is the place you need to be.

FVYT and their parent organization have announced their Spring 2021 classes and registration is open. And this semester will offer the broadest selection of classes ever – from musical chorus and stage combat to Advanced Acting and College & Audition Prep. All classes and productions are taught by the very best directors & instructors including former Dallas Cowboy/Stars Cheerleader and dance instructor, awardwinning directors as well as former college professors and Hollywood actors!

Most classes have less than ten students! All NTPA classes are now within the NTPA Academy and most are eligible for credit towards an NTPA Academy Certification!

Onstage soon, 101 Dalmatians, Kids on stage December 3-6; The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee on stage December 3-6 and The Best Christmas Pageant Ever on stage December 17-20.

Go to FairviewYouthTheatre.org to purchase tickets and to take a look at all the classes and productions offered not only at FVYT but across all the NTPA theatres.



Everybody at NTPA Fairview is extremely welcoming, and they are just lovely to be around. I have made the best of friends, and I have never had so much fun and learned so much or worked so hard than I have there.

Actor of Fairview: Morgan

organ is 14 years old and in 8th grade. She loves theatre but also likes to paint, ride her skateboard, write music and hang out with friends. She started on stage nine years ago when she performed at a local elementary school assembly with Wylie Acting Group. "I loved the idea of being on stage in front of people." This is still true today and she added; "I love meeting new people, and I love the experience of performing different shows. My favorite part is when I get the script for the first time because I get super excited knowing that for the next couple of months I am not going to only make new friends, but I am going to have an absolute blast with the NTPA staff and have such a fun time performing!"

Morgan is currently in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee at Fairview Youth Theatre. She says, "Spelling Bee is a wild show! I love how there is audience participation because that means that my cast mates and I get to do a lot of improv and I love improv! Not only that, but Spelling Bee is a perfect combination of humor and compassion, because it helps you recognize what other people might be going through and it really shows you how to put yourself in someone else's shoes for a moment. I play Mitch Mahoney - the comfort counselor.

Everyone else in the Spelling Bee loves everything about the event, except for Mitch. He's kind of just there for his required community service, so he could care less about whether the kids win or not. He has a very negative attitude, which is fun to act out."

Morgan has done numerous productions at Fairview Youth Theatre. When asked about her favorite role so far, she said, "This is a very hard question! I've loved every role I've had for different reasons, but my all-time favorite would have to be Elle Woods in Legally Blonde Jr! I loved the movie, and I had such a fun time bringing that character to life! Also, that role is a dream role of mine, and I love how Elle is so fun, girly, and boy-obsessed, but she can also be a very determined and strong, independent woman."

When asked why Fairview Youth Theatre is special to her she said, "Everybody at NTPA Fairview is extremely welcoming, and they are just lovely to be around. I have made the best of friends, and I have never had so much fun and learned so much or worked so hard than I have there."

Come see Morgan and the rest of the cast of *The 25th annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* at Fairview Youth Theatre December 3rd-6th. See full details on show times here: FairviewYouthTheatre.org

Holiday Closures

Town Hall will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Town Hall will also be closed on Friday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day. Please see pages 13-15 for the Bulk Trash Recycle Calendar to view the holiday schedule for bulk trash collection.



FAIRVIEW FIRE STATION NO. 1 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Rainy weather in mid to late October slowed some construction down. But, as of press time (November 5) the exterior steel framing has been erected and the T-support trusses and roof decking have also been placed. Additionally, the HVAC units have been placed and access to Highway 5 has been finished. The roofing will be installed end of November.



NOW AVAILABLE

On a Podcast Channel Near You

Getting Neighborly, a new Podcast being launched by the Fairview Economic Development Corporation, focuses on sharing what makes our town a community; the people. Join us as we have real conversations with Fairview residents and introduce them to our listeners.

Our guests are varied, including nonprofit founders, CEOs, small business owners and others doing exciting things to make a difference in our world. But; the one thing they all have in common is their love of Fairview. They are all your neighbors, living right here in the Town of Fairview. Join us as we start Getting Neighborly in Fairview, Texas





Collection Schedules

Trash, recycling and yard trimmings are collected weekly on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday if all items are placed inside the cart with lid closed. Please place trash in the BLUE cart and recyclables in the GREEN cart.

Bulk waste and loose brush are collected once a month. Please refer to the map on the previous page to determine your pick up week. Bulk trash may be put out after 6 p.m. on the Friday before collection but no later than 7 a.m. on Monday of your collection week. Bulk trash may be picked up anytime during the collection week. **See #7 in the guidelines below for size** *limits.*

2021 Holidays: Trash, recycling, bulk and brush will not be picked up on the holidays listed below; instead the collection will slide one day after the holiday-unless otherwise noted.

January 1, New Year's Day-No effect May 31, Memorial Day-Roll Foward One Day July 4, Independence Day-No effect September 6, Labor Day-Roll Foward One Day November 25, Thanksgiving-No effect December 25, Christmas Day-No effect

Missed Collections/Damaged Carts: Call The Town of Fairview Utility Billing Department at 972-886-4242 to schedule a pick up for a missed collection or to report a damaged cart.

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Hazardous Waste: Residents may dispose of household hazardous waste at the Home Chemical Collection Center located in Dallas. Call 214-553-1765 for information.

Remember These Simple Guidelines For Putting Your Trash Out

- 1. Place carts on the edge of the street/alley with handles facing the house and with the lids opening to the street/alley.
- 2. Keep carts two to three feet apart and away from fences, cars, gates, gas meters, etc...
- 3. All trash should be contained in securely tied plastic bags. All bags should fit into the cart with the lid closed.
- 4. Do not place hazardous household waste in your cart.
- 5. Place your carts out by 7 a.m. on pick up day; carts should not be left out after 6 a.m. the following day.
- 6. Do not place any items out side your carts; unless it's for bulk pick up.
- 7. Brush and bulk trash must not be more than 12 cubic yards which is equal to 4 pick-up truck loads.

DID YOU Residents can request additional curbside collection? **KNOW?** Contact Utility Billing for pricing information.

Still have questions about trash, recycling, bulk or brush pick up? Contact the Town of Fairview Utility Billing Department at 972-886-4242 or via email at UtilityBilling@FairviewTexas.org.

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REAL OR FAKE CHRISTMAS TREES?



n the 1930's artificial or fake Christmas trees began being made interestingly by a toilet brush company. Since that time, artificial Christmas trees have grown in popularity with millions being sold. Many people believe it saves money in the long run. Buy a fake tree and use it year after year. A fake tree is also convenient, has perfect shape, no watering necessary or falling needles on the floor. However, there are a few disadvantages to having an artificial tree such as most are made of PVC plastic and some older trees can harbor lead, both of which can cause health issues. Most of the fake Christmas trees are shipped to the U.S. from China. Artificial trees cannot be recycled.

Many people love having a real Christmas tree, with the fragrant evergreen smell filling their homes. Countless people believe having a real tree is the only way to celebrate the season. Almost all real Christmas trees are grown by U.S. farmers and help employ thousands of workers. Trees keep the air clean and can be shelter for wildlife during their growth season. Real Christmas trees can be recycled. Real trees also come with disadvantages such as the cost of purchasing a tree each year. Real trees come with maintenance issues like watering and cleaning pine needles from floors.

Whether you love a real or fake Christmas tree, enjoy the season of giving and celebrating with family. The true reason for the season is beyond the tree.