



Fairview Police Earn Prestigious Accreditation

The Fairview Police Department earned Best Practices Accreditation from the Texas Police Chiefs Association in August.

The accreditation program affirms law enforcement agencies' excellence and conformity with 173 rigorous standards for policies, procedures, equipment, facilities and operations, including training and certification for officers.

The department was recognized by Allen Police Chief Steve Dye, who was representing the Texas Police Chief's Association Foundation, at the Sept. 3 Town Council meeting.

"This program has become the new gold standard for professional law enforcement in Texas, and agencies across the state are working diligently to meet these requirements," Chief Dye said of the voluntary accreditation.

Before receiving its accreditation, the Fairview Police Department underwent a multi-year internal review and a detailed onsite inspection by police executives from other parts of the state. The assessors then submitted a report to the accreditation committee, which reviewed the evaluation and unanimously voted to award accredited status to the Fairview department. It is now one of 212 law enforcement agencies accredited among more than 2,800 agencies across Texas.

Congratulations Fairview Police Department!



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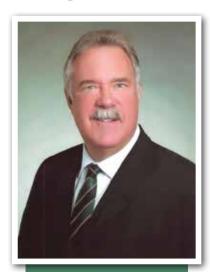
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MESSAGE MAYOR FROM THE



HENRY LESSNER

Hi Fairview!

The last couple of months have been very busy for our staff and the Council. That being said, one of the most important items we do is determine the next fiscal year budget and the supporting tax rate. The budget and the tax rate were finalized at the Council's August 26th meeting. Here are some highlights.

2024-2025 Budget

Our General Fund budget is up about 4% from the 2023-24 fiscal year. The two biggest components of the General Fund budget are property taxes and sales taxes. This fund pays most of our staff's salaries and expenditures in the police, fire, public works, finance departments and our municipal court. We will be replacing several public works vehicles, adding a police officer position, adding a position in public works, and adding an in-car camera system for our police. Some larger projects include: installing an automated water meter reporting system (planned last year but deferred to this year), working to complete the construction of Fairview Parkway, and adding more trails to our system.

Water and sewer rates will remain the same for 2024-25, despite NTMWD raising their rates to us for water by 4% and sewer by 30%. We will be able to cover the increased costs using our reserve balance.

Solid waste rates will go up 3.5% per our contract with Republic.

2024-25 Tax Rate

Fairview residents pay property tax to four separate governmental entities: Collin County, Collin College, the Town of Fairview, and the Lovejoy or McKinney school district. The Town has been able to lower the property tax rate for the last several years due to the increase in the property values in Fairview. For the 2024-25 budget year, the appraised value is up over 11% to \$3.309,791,448. The average house in Fairview is now appraised at \$910,678. The tax rate used for 2024-25 is 0.310281 per \$100 valuation, which is a small decrease from last year's rate of 0.311683. This means that the average Fairview resident will pay \$2,825.66 in property tax to the Town of Fairview. Fairview continues to have one of the lowest tax rates for a full-service town/city in Texas.

The split between residential/commercial property values for this fiscal year is about 88/12%. As the new commercial areas along U.S. 75 start coming on board in the next two years, this balance will start to shift towards commercial, as our residential side of Town is almost completely built out.

National Night Out

Our Police Department is working to revive this October 1st tradition, as this used to be a big deal in many Fairview neighborhoods, pre-Covid. It is a great opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other better.

Peanut Butter Contest

In 2023, Fairview blew all the other Collin County town/cities out of the water! Fairview donated almost 4 TONS of peanut butter to the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB). Collection sites are at our fire stations, but the vast majority of the donated peanut butter comes from neighborhoods. If your neighborhood is gathering peanut butter together, let me know, and we can get a truck out there to transport the peanut butter to the NTFB.

Fairview Rotary meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at Matt's Mexican Restaurant at noon in Allen. Come visit!

Henry Lessuer

Henry Lessner

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At the Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024, Regular Town Council meeting:

Mayor Henry Lessner proclaimed Sept. 2-6 as National Payroll Week in Fairview.

The Fairview Police Department received recognition from the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation for achieving accreditation.

State Rep. Candy Noble recognized the Fairview Fire Department for its 50 years of service.

The Council:

• Approved the minutes of the August regular and special Council meetings, authorized the Town Manager to enter into Interlocal Agreements with Collin County for dispatch, jail, animal control and animal shelter services and with the TMLIRP for cyber liability and data breach response coverage.

- Adopted an ordinance approving a negotiated settlement with Atmos Energy for its 2024 rate review mechanism filling.
- Received monthly reports from staff, including the financial report for the period ending July 31, 2024; the police, fire and code reports for the period ending Aug. 31, 2024; and Town construction projects.
- Conducted a public hearing and approved a request for a conditional use permit for a sports court at 1021 Pecan Drive.
- Approved a tower lease agreement with the McKinney Amateur Radio Club.
- Moved the October Council meeting to Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024, because of National Night Out.
- Discussed the Town Disaster Plan.

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New Tax Rate and Budget Approved

The Town Council adopted a lower property tax rate and the 2024-25 Fiscal Year Budget at a special meeting Aug. 26.

The tax rate decreased from \$0.311683 per \$100 of assessed value to \$0.310281 per \$100 of assessed value. Property tax revenue will increase from new property on the tax rolls and increased values of existing property. Overall, the average homeowner will pay \$182.54 more in Town-levied property taxes compared to the 2023-24 rate.

The Town continues to provide one of the lowest tax rates of any full-service municipality, including full-time police and fire service, in Collin County.

Residents will not see higher water or sewer rates, despite substantial increases charged by the North Texas Municipal Water District to

the Town. The Town will absorb those price increases in its 2024-25 budget.

Some of the items funded through the 2024-25 Fiscal Year Budget include an additional maintenance worker in the water department and an additional police officer to join the department mid-year and adjusted pay levels to maintain the ability to retain and recruit staff. Capital projects include planning for park and trail facility improvements and construction of two lanes of Fairview Parkway.

Republic Services, which provides solid waste services for the Town, is increasing the rate it charges residents by 3.5 percent. Most

residents will pay 71 cents more per month for collection of trash, recycling and brush/bulk. Residents who receive a senior discount will pay 66 cents more per month. The cost for special carryout service for residents who request the service but who do not qualify for disabled carryout service will increase by \$1.15 each month.

The cost for additional carts will increase to \$8.87 per month for standard and disabled carryout service and to \$11.11 per month for special carryout service.

For full details of the new solid waste services rates, the adopted tax rate and budget, visit the Town website at FairviewTexas.org.



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Just a few days left to get early bird discounts for the 2024 WEInspireTX Women Entrepreneurs' Summit, which will be held Nov. 13 at Heritage Ranch Golf & Country Club.

In its third year, the event is moving to Heritage Ranch and will feature engaging speakers who share their secrets for success. The lineup includes author and humorist Julie Burch; LaSonjia Jack, majority owner of the Allen Americans professional hockey team (with her son and NFL linebacker Myles Jack); and thoughttransformation expert, podcast host and YouTuber Elizabeth Mahusay.

Summit veteran Angi Burns will emcee the event, and Erin Greggor returns with her real-world wisdom as moderator of the power panel featuring Nickquolette Barrett, Heather Bowers and Fairview's own Pamela Sailor.

Register by Oct. 15 for discounted access. Then, mark your calendars for Nov. 13 and discover or revive your inner champion. Visit WEInspireTX.com to learn more and to register.

WEInspireTX draws women entrepreneurs from across the region and is designed to ignite creativity, foster innovation and provide a supportive platform. The summit will guide participants through launching businesses, nurturing growth and achieving long-term success.





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Conquering the World

You'll probably want to remember the name Lincoln Lewis. The young golfer who has been previously featured in Fairview *Town News*, has claimed more achievements.

The 7-year-old topped all U.S. golfers in his age category and narrowly missed the championship title at the U.S. Kids Golf World Championships in Pinehurst, North Carolina, in August.

A Russian boy won first place, and Lincoln Lewis captured second place in the world. Lincoln's score, 5 under par, was better than the top golfers in the next two older age brackets.

Way to go, Lincoln!



Scan the QR code to watch a news story about Lincoln's achievement on CBS Texas.



Updated Date for National NIGHT OUT

Host a block party to connect with your neighbors and local first responders for National Night Out on **Oct. 1, 2024**. Be a part of a nationwide initiative to build safer and stronger communities!



To register your block party or for more information, email NNO@FairviewTexas.org. Please include the location of your party (address or cross streets) and the number of guests expected.



and the Friends of Fairview First Responders Association want to remind you of important tips for smoke alarms:

- 1 Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on each level of the home.
- 2 Large homes may need extra smoke alarms. (In Fairview, homes built after Jan. 1, 2009, with 5,000 or more square feet must also have fire sprinkler suppression systems.)
- 3 Interconnected smoke alarms are the most effective. When one alarm sounds, they all sound.
- 4 Smoke alarms with non-replaceable 10-year batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- 5 Smoke alarms with any other type of battery need a new battery at least once a year. If that alarm chirps, warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- 6 Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to ensure the alarm is working.
- **7** Batteries should be replaced every six months.
- 8 Replace the entire smoke alarm when it is 10 years old.
- 9 Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling or high on a wall. In kitchens, they should be at least 10 feet away from the stove.

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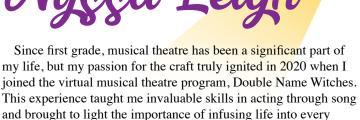
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Meet our October Actor of Fairview Nycça Leigh

character I portray.



Being part of the North Texas Performing Arts (NTPA)-Fairview Youth Theatre community has been a transformative experience. The supportive and close-knit nature of this community has made it feel like a family, even if I didn't know anyone at first. Over the years, I've formed some of my closest friendships through NTPA-Fairview Youth Theatre, which has also been the stage for 21 of my shows, including my 11th with them, "Alice in Wonderland Jr."

In "Alice in Wonderland Jr.," I am taking on the role of the Queen of Hearts, marking my first foray into playing a villain. This role has been particularly exciting as it challenges me to explore and humanize a character often portrayed as one-dimensional. By delving into what the Queen loves and adding depth to her personality, I aim to make her more relatable and engaging.

Among my roles, the Queen of Hearts stands out as one of my favorites, alongside Sergei from "Matilda." The opportunity to work on different dialects with Sergei was particularly enjoyable and enriching.

My time with NTPA-Fairview Youth Theatre has been more than just performing; it has been a journey of personal growth. I have developed significant leadership skills and gained self-confidence, thanks to the guidance and support from directors, choreographers, and friends who have made this place feel like a second home.

Come out to see Nyssa Leigh and the talented cast of "Alice and Wonderland Jr." at NTPA-Fairview Youth Theatre from October 11-19, 2024.



Under Texas Water Code Chapter 11 and Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 288, Retail, Irrigation and Wholesale Public Water Suppliers are required to develop, implement and submit updated Drought Contingency Plans to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality every five years. A Public Hearing regarding Fairview's Draft 2024 Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan will be held at the October regular Town Council meeting. The 2024 draft plan is available for review on FairviewTexas.org.

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Thank you, Katherine Ponder (cover photo), Diane Neatherly and Renee Grebe (2023 submission) for sending photos that capture the beauty of fall.







Bird of the Month



By Paul Marto Jr.

I recently spotted a relatively rare visitor to our area: the beautiful tri-colored heron. The photo you see here is of a juvenile, and it was photographed at Heard Wildlife Sanctuary on July 31, 2024. I have seen it out there several times since snapping this shot.

These birds are most common along the coastal areas of southeastern United States as well as along the eastern seaboard. That is why this is an exciting and unusual find up here in North Texas.

Adults are adorned in blue-grey, lavender and white, while juveniles will showcase the reddish neck and side feathers you see here. I am fairly certain this handsome fella will not be staying around for an extended period of time, so grab your gear, grab some coffee and head over to Heard to see if you can spot this rare tri-colored gem. ... He was hanging out by the beaver dam off Wood Duck Trail.

Happy Birding!

Reach out to Paul Marto with questions or comments: pjmartojr@gmail.com.

Friends of Fairview First Responders **Association Annual Pancake Breakfast**



Saturday Oct. 5, 2024 8am-11am Fire Station 2 1200 Stacy Rd

Please join Fairview First Responders on Sat. Oct. 5th at Fire Station #2 for our Annual Pancake Breakfast. This is fun for the whole family, and kiddos will get to experience the fire trucks, ambulances, fire equipment and more. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice while catching up with friends, family, Fairview staff, and volunteers. Shuttle available at Heritage Ranch!!













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Parents, please remind your children of these precautions before they begin collecting sweets:

- Stay on streets that are well-lit, and only cross the street at the end of a block. Never cross between parked cars.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Carry a flashlight and wear reflective tape, so drivers can see you.
- Only visit homes that you're familiar with and that have a porch light on.
- Never trick-or-treat alone. Go with friends or a parent.
- Never enter the house or car of a stranger.
- Only eat treats after they are examined by an adult in your home.

Helpful tip!

To help keep children safe, the Fairview Police Department will scan collected candy with a metal detector for hidden metal objects. To have goodies scanned, call 972-886-4211 in advance to schedule an appointment.





Water Leak Adjustments

If you receive a surprisingly expensive water bill, you may have a leak on your property. Over time, small leaks can result in unusually high consumption. Visit the "Water & Trash" page on FairviewTexas.org for tips on finding a leak and reading your water meter.

If you detect a leak and have it repaired by a licensed plumber, you may qualify for a leak adjustment. To qualify, leaks must be substantial enough to exceed at least \$250 of the applicant's average monthly water bill, and residents must have six months of consumption history in the Town, not including the leak period, to apply for a leak adjustment. Receipts for leak repair from a licensed plumber* must be included in the application. Only one leak adjustment will be allowed per household in an 18-month period. Print a Leak Adjustment Request Form from the "Forms" tab on the "Water & Trash" page. Completed forms and proof of all repairs made may be emailed to UtilityBilling@FairviewTexas.org.

*If a customer completes the repair themselves, the customer must submit receipts for repair parts and an affidavit verifying that the repair was made with purchased parts or parts on-hand.

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Halloween Spooktacular

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Kick off your Halloween haunt with a free feature showing of "Despicable Me 4" at Fairview Town Center's Park at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26!

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, grab some take out from your favorite Fairview Town Center (FTC) eatery, and enjoy this fun treat on the big screen at The Park!

Prizes will be awarded for the best Minion, Halloween and pet costumes. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the movie. Free goodie bags for the first 150 children (ages 3-12) to arrive.

ATTENTION PARENTS: "Despicable Me 4" is rated PG. If you have questions about this film in terms of what may be appropriate for your children, we suggest you preview or research the movie before bringing your young children to this event. This film was selected for an evening audience. It is each parent's choice as to whether these films are appropriate for their child(red). This film is 1 hour and 34 minutes long.

A few things to know about movie events:

- Please respect the FTC businesses that make these **free** events possible, and do not bring food purchased at businesses not located at FTC.
- Please keep glass of any kind, including dishes, out of The Park. Food and beverages purchased at FTC businesses must be in disposable containers.
- Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome. No tents or shade structures, please.
- Non-alcoholic beverages brought from home are permitted. Soft coolers only, please. Reusable bottles are preferred.
- Alcohol may be consumed at The Park **if** it has been purchased from Cafe Gecko or G.O.A.T's Arena Sports Bar.

- During presentations, concerts, movies, special programs or community events, balls of any kind, as well as toys that can be thrown, such as Frisbees, are not permitted in the Fairview Town Center Park area. At the conclusion of said programs, supervised play and safe recreation can continue.
- Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children. We ask that children not run in front of or on the stage during the event, so that everyone has a great view and can enjoy the film.
- Children must always be supervised by an adult 18 or older while at The Park. Unaccompanied children that are misbehaving will be escorted back to their parents and must remain with their parents for the rest of their visit.











Together, we can create a brighter holiday season for our neighbors.



For more information or to learn more about how you can help with our Holiday Food Drive, contact rptak@acocares.org or scan the QR code.



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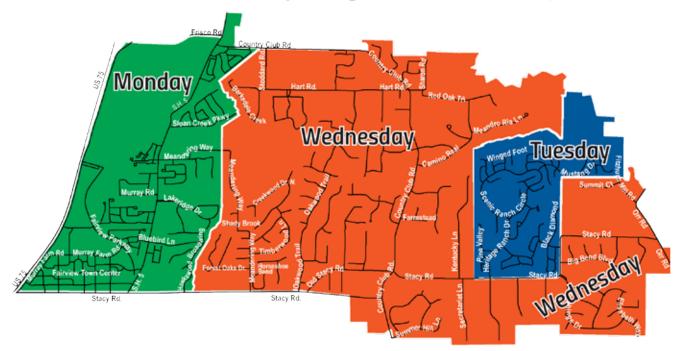
The ABCs of Weekly Trash and Recycling Collection

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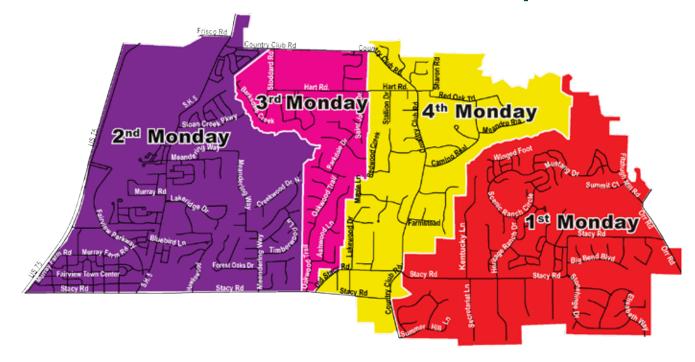
- **a. Arrange** carts carefully with handles facing your home, lids open toward the street, and 2 feet of space between carts and other objects.
- **b. Be** punctual by placing carts at the edge of the street no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before collection and no later than 7 a.m. on collection day. Roll carts back to your house by 6 a.m. the day after pickup.
- **c.** <u>Close</u> lids without clamping or locking. If your trash cart is full, purchase a pink tag for \$2.14 from the Town. Only bags with Town-issued tags will be collected outside carts (except during bulk pickup week).

Did You Know? Empty cardboard boxes don't have to go to the landfill. If they're clean and dry, they can be cut down and folded flat to fit inside your recycling cart.

Trash & Recycling Collection Map



Brush & Bulk Collection Map



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DECEMBER

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 \$2.14 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 Townissued 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.

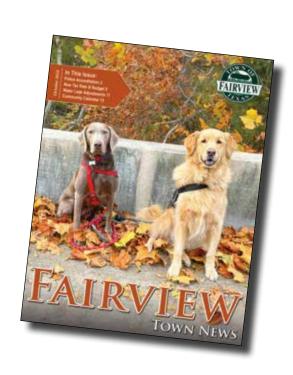
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