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FAIRWIEWS

TOWN OF FAIRVIEW 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Due to the rapid spread of the coronavirus, the Governor of Texas issued a proclamation on March 18, 2020 that authorized local political subdivisions to postpone their May elections. On March 26, 2020 the Fairview Town Council passed an ordinance to officially postpone the May 2 election to November 3, 2020.

The Town of Fairview operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The Town Council consists of a Mayor and six Councilmembers that are volunteers elected at-large. The 2020 General Election Ballot will include the following candidates for Fairview Town Council (no new candidates can register for the November election):

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Candidate</u>				
Seat 2	Cynthia Brugge				
	Gregg Custer				
Seat 4	Jeannette Grazioli				
	Larry Little				
Seat 6	Roland Feldman				
	John Hubbard				

Additionally, on the Town of Fairview ballot is Proposition A for The Legal Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages Including Mixed Drinks.

Holiday Closures

Fairview Town Hall will be closed Monday,
May 25, 2020, in observance of Memorial
Day. Please see page 15 for the 2020
Bulk Trash Recycle Calendar to view the
holiday schedule for bulk trash collection.

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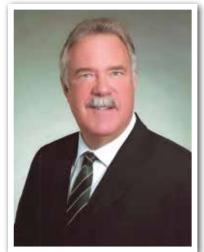
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MESSAGE MAYOR



HENRY LESSNER

Dear Neighbors,

I hope that everyone is well and staying home. As I write this on March 31, last evening, I learned of our first coronavirus case in Fairview. Our Fairview first responders are aware and are ready to respond if needed. Please continue to be patient as the course of this extremely contagious disease plays out. A vaccine is not expected to be available for 9-18 months. There are various drugs being developed that might diminish the symptoms but they are at least weeks from being approved. I read recently that there are at least 52 labs, Universities and corporations working on solving this disease. I am confident they will be successful...but until then, the only effective way to counter the spread of this virus is to stay away from people who have the virus. This is challenging in that there apparently are many people who are infected but show minimal or no symptoms. Also – you can be infected and not have any symptoms for several days.

So; the only way currently available to protect yourself AND others from you, is to stay away from other people.

This is a time to exercise personal responsibility.

- Stay at home unless you have a real need to get out.
- If you go out keep social distances at least six feet from other folks.
- Wash your hands with soap many times during the day.
- If you feel sick notify your primary care physician (PCP). Getting a coronavirus test generally starts with your PCP.
- If you feel really sick call 911.

I ask you to continue to check on your neighbors. Across the country and here in the DFW region, there has been an increase in suicides and cases of child abuse. Disabled or homebound folks especially need our care and concern. Contribute cash to our social agencies who are struggling to keep up with the demand for their services due to so many people losing their jobs. Most of us who live in Fairview are so greatly blessed; now is the time to share our blessings. I would specifically recommend sending a check to Allen Community Outreach at 801 East Main, Allen, Texas 75002 or on-line at ACOCares.org. Also, remember your faith community; our churches are all shut down by edict; but the bills and staff salaries need to be paid. Many are learning, like we are, how to have community without being in the same space.

I now want to update you about the elections that are coming.

Local Elections

Our local Town and School Board elections were supposed to happen on May 2. Because of the rapid spread of the coronavirus, the State and County told us that these elections need to be postponed until November 3, 2020. At the March 26 Town Council meeting, we passed an ordinance postponing the May elections until November. The same six candidates for the three Council seats will be on the November ballot – no new candidates can register. There have been questions about candidate signage and our Town Secretary will be checking with the Texas Secretary of State to see what rules might apply. There are state rules about how long a sign can stay up after an election; but we don't know of any rules about how far prior to an election signs can go out. As we get more information, the Town will share it with the candidates.

Alcohol Election

At the now November election, Fairview residents will have the opportunity to vote on a Proposition that would allow the expansion of alcohol sales in Fairview.



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The ballot will look like this:

TOWN OF FAIRVIEW LOCAL OPTION ELECTION TOWN OF FAIRVIEW PROPOSITION A

FOR () THE LEGAL SALE OF ALL ALOCHOLIC BEVERAGES AGAINST () INCLUDING MIXED BEVERAGES.

The state laws governing the sale, distribution, and manufacture of alcoholic beverages are complex and convoluted; even experienced attorneys and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) staff sometimes have difficulty in interpreting the laws. To make it more complicated, there are also local laws governing alcohol as well.

Today in Fairview, you can sell alcoholic beverages by the drink as long as that establishment (our restaurants) has no more than 60% of its revenue from the sale of alcohol. You can also sell unopened beer and wine products to take home (Whole Foods, 7/11). This Fairview ordinance was put in place in 2004.

Lincoln Properties as you might have noted are moving away from having retail as the focus of the Fairview Town Center development and are working to have more entertainment/restaurant venues for their customers. Recently Lincoln Properties has seen interest in stores (like Specs) or a manufacturer (Wild Acres) coming into their Center.

As the Town's ordinances stand today, neither of these usages and the manner in which they would sell alcohol would be permitted. So Lincoln Properties took it upon themselves to attempt to change the Town's ordinances by petition. Every resident or business in Fairview has the right to do this. You probably saw or talked to someone asking you to sign a petition related to alcohol sales in Fairview. This was a group hired by Lincoln Properties to gather signatures to get the item on the ballot. This is common. For instance in Allen, it was Total Wine that funded the petition drive there that got this issue on the Allen ballot several years ago. Lincoln Properties was successful in obtaining the necessary number of signatures on the petition. So; on the November ballot, this question will be there for our residents to respond to. It is important to note that the Town is neutral on this issue. The Town is legally obligated to hold the general election in November and to have this Proposition on the ballot.

Some things to know about this if the Proposition passes:

- Alcohol sales are and would continue to be allowed only in our commercial area.
- There are sign ordinances in place that will not be changed by this petition.
- The Town has the ability to mandate spacing between package liquor stores.
- Businesses authorized under this proposition would pay sales and beverage taxes to the Town.
- Our Police have been asked about the expected impact of this and they expect no increase in crime.

If you have specific questions about the Town's actions related to the coronavirus or this Proposition, please email me at Mayor@FairviewTexas.org and I will get you an answer. You can also find information on the Town's website related to Coronavirus.

Please stay safe. Enjoy the extra time you have together with your family. If you want to get outside – check out our excellent trails – but keep effective social distances.

Blessings to all,

Henry Lessner

Henry Lessner mayor@fairviewtexas.org



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At the Tuesday, March 3, 2020 Regular Town Council meeting, the Town Council discussed the following items:

- Mayor Lessner presented a proclamation declaring the month of March as Developmental Disabilities Month in the Town of Fairview.
- Mayor Lessner presented awards in recognition of Eagle Scouts.
- Received a presentation from Weaver & Tidwell regarding the annual independent audit for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019.
- Approved the following items on the consent agenda:
 - » Minutes of the January 7, 2020 Regular Council meeting.
 - » Minutes of the February 4, 2020 Regular Council meeting.
 - » Resolution approving the Town's written investment policy.
 - » Resolution authorizing continued participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and payment of assessed dues for 2020.
 - » Resolution authorizing continued participation with the Oncor Cities Steering Committee and payment of assessed dues for 2020.
- Received reports from Staff, including any updates on project tracking reports and department activities
 - » Monthly Financial Report Period ending January 31, 2020 and discussion on budgeting for salaries.
 - » Monthly Fire Report Period Ending January 31, 2019
 - » Monthly Police Report Period Ending February 29, 2020
 - » Annual Fairview Police Department Racial Profiling Report
 - » Town construction projects
- Considered, discussed and approved a Preliminary Plat of the Lexington Heights Addition (formerly Chamberlain Place, Ph.

2). The 16.8-acre site is located west of Stoddard Road, south of Country Club Drive and is zoned for the (RE-1) One-acre Ranch Estate District. Applicant: Mark Cope, Cope Equities, LLC., representing owners Sam and Donna Price.

- Discussed and approved maintenance and irrigation of parks and open space and related matters.
- Continued to April regular meeting the discussion and taking of any action on the approval of an ordinance amending the water well guidelines.
- Discuss and take any necessary action on the town regulations regarding the operation of golf carts in Town. This items was tabled to April meeting.
- Discussed emergency access easement in Kingdom Estates.
- Discussed and made Boards & Commissions appointments.

At the Thursday, March 26, 2020 Special Town Council meeting, the Town Council discussed the following items:

- Discussed and approved 6-0 (Councilmember Feldman abstained) an Ordinance that would postpone the May 2, 2020 elections to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date and take any necessary action.
- Discussed and approved a resolution ratifying participation along with other Texas cities and other entities, in an intervention to the PUC Docket No. 46662 and SOAH Docket No. 473-17-4964.WS, which relates to the cost of service determination on the wholesale water rates imposed by the North Texas Municipal Water District and take any necessary action.
- Discussed and approved an Ordinance extending the COVID-19 Declaration of Disaster and Public Health Emergency and take any necessary action.
- Discussed COVID-19 activities.

- PROCLAMATIONS —

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTH

At the March 3, 2020 Town Council Meeting Mayor Henry Lessner declared the month of March as Developmental Disabilities Month in the Town of Fairview.

There are more than 15,000 people with developmental disabilities in Collin County that include people with Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, and other special needs; and at least 136 people of this special population live in Fairview. These citizens are valued members of our community who represent our family, neighbors, classmates, and coworkers who make significant contributions to our town.

Mayor Lessner said, "Fairview has committed our support and services to help them live productive lives understanding that it is vital that we join with these individuals and the nonprofits that serve them." One such organization is Cornerstone Ranch, whose staff and residents were on hand to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the meeting and to accept the proclamation.

Located on 42 acres just south of the Fairview Soccer Complex; Cornerstone Ranch is a group home that creates meaningful activities to empower adults with special needs to live the abundant life they were created for, realizing their God-given potential and celebrating their miraculous lives. Cornerstone's 10,000 square foot residential home comfortably accommodates seven adults with disabilities, as well as two highly integrated care giving families. The activity center



houses all the day programs and enrichment activities for all the adults in their programs.

Additionally, Mayor Lessner encourages citizens to, "... honor and support the efforts of individuals with developmental disabilities, as well as their families, teachers, churches, and the local nonprofits who support them as they strive to live productive and fulfilling lives." You can learn more about Cornerstone at Cornestone-Ranch.com.

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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





Severe Spring Weather Storm Warning Systems

As spring is here, often times, it brings severe weather conditions. Now is a good time to make sure everyone in your family is prepared for this weather.

reparations should include a safety plan for your family and emergency supplies, such as water, flashlights with fresh batteries, a working cell phone with

back up batteries or a pre-charged power supply and a weather radio. More information on preparations can be found at KnoWhat2Do.com. Click on "SEVERE WEATHER" to learn more about severe weather. You can also click on "Make a Plan" to create your own personal plan and learn how to build an emergency supply kit.

One of the key areas of preparation is to make sure you have the ability to receive alerts about approaching severe weather. There are a variety of processes and systems that can be used to notify you of severe weather.

Outdoor Warning Systems

These systems consist of pole-mounted speakers or sirens that are used to alert people who are outside of a building of a pending severe event. These systems are activated by the local public safety authorities based on specific criteria. The Fairview system is activated by the Allen Public Safety (APS) dispatchers, as Fairview does not have our own dispatchers or other personnel at our Town Hall on a 24-hour schedule. The Fairview and Allen systems are provided by the same manufacturer, so it is very easy for APS to activate our system as they are activating theirs. Our system can be used for a variety of warning purposes (ex: shelter in place for a hazardous material spill, assist in the search for a lost person, etc.) as it is essentially a very powerful public address system.

The Fairview system will be activated when:

- Wind speeds are greater than 70 mph
- There is a threat of large damaging hail
- During severe thunderstorm warnings where local storm spotters have witnessed lowering/rotating clouds in the immediate area
- There is a tornado warning for the immediate area with or without local storm spotter visual confirmation of lowering/rotating clouds
- The Fairview Fire or Police Chief requests activation

Weather Alerting Radios

These radios can be purchased from a variety of retail and online outlets for less than \$50. They are referred to as All Hazards NOAA Weather Radios. You should look for radios with the SAME (Specific Area Messaging Encoding) feature. This allows you to dial in a code for the Collin County area. By entering the code for Collin County, your radio will only sound for events affecting Collin County. Be sure to get a radio that has a back-up battery that will allow it to work in the event your power goes out. Having one of these radios is an excellent addition to your storm warning preparedness plan as they are activated by the National Weather Service in severe weather events.

Automated Notification Sources

The Town of Fairview uses Nixle alert you via your email and/or text messages to your cell phone. You can sign up using the widget on the FairviewTexas.org homepage. You may also want to sign up for a weather alert app from any number of the local TV and radio stations that cover the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex.

As you can see, many systems can assist you in the case of severe weather. Each system has specific design purposes and can have some technical difficulties. You are encouraged to have several warning methods for your personal severe weather plan.

Rotary Speech Contest

On February 25, the Fairview Rotary Club held their annual 4 Way Speech Contest at the Heritage Ranch Club House. Jake Cosio, the Speech and Debate Teacher at Lovejoy Hight School brought 6 of his students to present a 7 minute speech applying the 4 Way Rotary Test.

The Rotary 4 Way Test can be used when making decisions. The test criteria are: 1. Is it the truth?; 2. Is it fair to all concerned?; 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships? and 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Presenting from Lovejoy High School were Riley O'Donnell, Ryan Wang, Cassandra Diaz, Kendall Carll, Jannat Verma and Shuti Subramamiyan. The Club awarded the top three speeches with first place going to Kendall Carll, second place to Jannat Verma and third place to Shuti Subramamiyan.

Rotary President said, "All the presenters were winners and this exercise gave them a chance to practice public speaking for the upcoming NSDA National Tournament to be held in Albuquerque NM June 14-19."

Kendall Carll will also be competing at the Rotary District Contest held at the Collin College Spring Creek Campus in Plano.

Rotary International is a international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the

world. All are welcome to come and be part of the Fairview Rotary. Meetings are help at noon



on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Wild Salsa in Fairview Town Center. If you have any questions please contact Dennis Swingle at Big-Dogs4301@yahoo.com.

HEARD HAPPENINGS

The Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, founded by Miss Bessie Heard, opened on October 1, 1967. Miss Heard devoted her life (1886-1988) to the community of McKinney and its residents and it was her vision for the future and her commitment to the North Texas community that left a legacy of accomplishment few people attain.

When Miss Heard was 80 years old she saw a need to preserve a place where future generations could experience nature. So began the beginning of the Heard Museum we know and love today. The museum's mission, in keeping with Miss Heard's vision, is to educate, conserve and preserve. And, it's through education that the Heard emphasizes an appreciation of nature and its conservation.

One of the most popular exhibits is Animals of the World. This exhibit emphasizes the importance of animals in nature. The Heard currently provides a home to non-releasable



native and non-native animals in exhibits that teach people about animals and the pertinent role they have in nature worldwide.

The Heard Natural Science Museum does not collect animals from the wild nor does it encourage such activities by others. Most of the animals living in captivity at the Heard Museum are abandoned pets or those that

were illegally taken from the wild by people who quickly discovered that wild animals don't make good pets. Many of these animals were not cared for properly and now have health or behavioral problems; making them un-releasable; they will always have to live in captivity. The Heard Museum's mission is to inspire love and appreciation of nature in our visitors. Our hope is that these animal ambassadors will motivate our visitors to care deeply enough about the natural world to take steps to restore and preserve ecosystems here in North Texas and around the world.

Current

animal ambassadors include Northern Racoon, Patagonian Cavy,Ring-tailed Lemur,Whitenosed Coatimundi, White-tailed Deer, Screech Owls, Sulcata Tortoise, Common snapping turtle, Bobcat and a Gray Fox.

Additionally, The 31st Annual Plant Sale has been rescheduled to October 3-4, 2020.

For more detailed information about events and programs at the Heard please visit HeardMuseum.org. The Heard Museum looks forward to your visit.



auren Secrest is a senior at McKinney High School. She was bitten by the theatre bug in the 2013 when she first heard of North Texas Performing Arts. She has been in so many shows since then she has lost count of exactly how many.

Lauren's most memorable production was Fairview Youth Theatre's Macbeth when she was cast as Lady Macbeth. This solidified her love for the works of William Shakespeare especially Romeo and Juliet, Taming of the Shrew and Julius Caesar.

Some other memorable roles for Lauren include Janet Van De Graaf in Drowsy

Chaperone, Elizabeth Bennett in Pride & Prejudice, Mercutio and the Nurse in Romeo & Juliet, Erzulie in Once on This Island and Mr. Mushnik in Little Shop of Horrors. Lauren also supports productions behind the scenes as an assistant director, sound writer, choreographer and a light designer which earned her Broadway World а Dallas nomination.

Actor of Fairview: Senior Spotlight 2020

When asked what about NTPA has meant the most to her over the years, Lauren told us, "It's been meeting so many amazing people; the directors, castmates and the volunteers. Everyone works together to create magic on stage to tell a story."

We spoke with one of Lauren's former show managers, Shay, who said, "Lauren brings an incredible level of energy, enthusiasm and commitment to everything she does. But, it's the way she works with directors and other students at NTPA that speaks volumes to her dedication to theatre and the art of acting."

Lauren has known all along she wanted to continue studying theatre in college; and she has been accepted to several

schools both in the US and in England. But, it was the offer to attend her dream school, Southern Methodist University's Meadow's School of the Arts, that solidified Lauren's decision to stay close to home.

Shay added, "Not only does Lauren dig deep into each piece and works with her directors, she thoroughly studies each script to fully understand



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every nuance of the text. She has a deeprooted spirit of helpfulness that; with her quick grasp of subject matter and a love not only for acting but for creating a production, speaks to her overall intellect and ability to learn and adapt. Qualities that will serve her well in her studies."



MOSQUITO PREPAREDNESS

As we begin to spend more time outside on beautiful spring and summer days, we should all be thinking early about steps that can be taken to protect against West Nile virus (WNV), Zika virus (Zika) and Chikungunya virus.

Local municipalities as well as Collin, Dallas and Denton counties work together to share data as well as best practices and that seem to be working well in the fight against mosquitos. As in past years, the Town of Fairview has contracted with Municipal Mosquito to perform trapping and testing every week. They will also be proactively applying larvacide where needed.

You can better protect yourself and your family by following the Four Ds*:

- **DUSK/DAWN:** Stay indoors during evening to early morning hours-from about 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. This is when mosquitoes are most active and hungry.
- **DRESS:** Wear long sleeves and pants when outdoors. Clothes are that magic barrier to keep mosquitoes from finding skin to bite.
- **DUMP & DEFEND:** Get rid of any water outside that has been standing for more than three days, including stagnant swimming pools, birdbaths, pet dishes, empty pots and planters, clogged rain gutters, etc. Mosquitoes only need a few inches of standing water to breed. Also, keep mosquitoes out of your home by repairing or installing window and door screens.
- **DETERRENT:** Use insect repellant containing DEET or other proven deterrents on your outer clothing and exposed skin. These products are safe when used according to their directions. They help keep mosquitoes and other insects

like ticks away. Having mosquito-deterring plants in your yard such as marigolds or lavender is a good idea too.

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

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

The preventative measures provided above are just some of ways individuals can actively combat disease. The Town encourages all residents and local business owners to assess and monitor their properties on a regular basis and to take appropriate actions so that any potential hazards can be eliminated before they become a real threat to public health.



THE HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is celebrated in many ways around the world and can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele. This year Mother's Day will be celebrated on May 10.

The origins of Mother's Day, as it's celebrated in the United States, date back to before the Civil War when Ann Reeves Jarvis helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children. These clubs soon became a unifying force in a region still divided by the Civil War when mothers gathered former soldiers to help promote reconciliation. In 1870, Julia Ward Howe, an abolitionist and suffragette wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation" asking mothers to unite to help promote world peace.

The efforts of Jarvis and Howe inspired others to organize small local Mother's Day celebrations; but it wasn't until after the death of Jarvis, in 1905, that her daughter, Anna thought Mother's Day should be about honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. Anna worked with a Philadelphia department store owner and together they organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at a Methodist church in Grafton, WV while simultaneously hosting a celebration at the department store in Philadelphia.

By 1912, many states and towns celebrated



Mother's Day but Anna didn't want to stop there. She argued American holidays were biased toward male achievements so she started a letter writing campaign to newspapers and politicians urging the adoption of Mother's Day. In 1914, her persistence paid off when President Woodrow Wilson officially recognized the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

More than one hundred years later Mother's Day is one of the biggest consumer holidays in the U.S. with families honoring the women in their lives with flowers, gifts, special meals or even a day off from household chores. Mother's Day in France and England is very similar to ours; in that families spend time with each other and exchange gifts and cards. Mother's Day in Mexico is taken very seriously - flowers are a must and the day is filled with music, food and celebrations. In Russia the day is reserved for honoring women and reflecting on the goal of gender equality. Thailand's observance of Mother's Day marks the birthday of their Queen, Sirirkit, and jasmine is the go-to gift. While the idea of celebrating Mother's Day is relatively new in China and India it's definitely gaining momentum. However you choose to celebrate Mother's Day this year we wish you the very best.

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EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION

At the March 3, 2020 Town Council Meeting Mayor Henry Lessner recognized 11 local Boy Scouts for completing their Eagle Scout Projects.

William Fry disinfected the fleet of 50 Lovejoy ISD school buses. Lovejoy ISD does this approximately four times a year and logistically it is very difficult. The project was scheduled on a holiday when all the buses were at the barn. Within four hours the entire school bus fleet was disinfected (about 60 hours of labor) by 15 intrepid workers William recruited to help him.

Lovejoy ISD was so happy with what Troop 5320 had done several months earlier, they asked us to help out again and, **Stephen Godfrey** came to the rescue. On another day off for the school district, Stephen organized a large group to disinfect the Lovejoy ISD buses again. They were extremely grateful for this effort by Stephen and his supporters.

Garret and Daniel Haas split a huge project to build a major bridge at one of the heavily-used trails at the Heard Natural Science Museum. This project will help visitors enjoy nature walks and safely explore parts of the grounds. It was a very large and complex project that was completed over several days.

Ryan Heiner worked with Municipal

Utility District (MUD) 1 to build Little Red Libraries for the MUD area. He rebuilt the existing damaged library and then built two more and installed them near playgrounds for parents and kids to have easy access to read books. Additionally, Ryan organized a book drive to collect books to fill the libraries and then donated the remaining 300 books to McKinney's Samaritan Inn for their reading library.

Jack Marsden and his team built a beautiful archway and a fence for a peace garden for Open Horizons; a facility in McKinney, which serves adults with special needs. Open Horizons is committed to enriching the lives of special needs adults through life skills and social activities in the outdoors, the community and the environment. This project added to the beauty and usability of an outdoor area for special needs patrons to relax and enjoy nature.

Noah Marsden's project was building two feeding and watering troughs for goats. These troughs were donated to Camp for All where they will be used to feed the goats in a popular on-site petting zoo. Camp for All is a summer camp for children with special needs. It is about four hours away. Noah and his father drove down and delivered the completed troughs to the facilities team at the camp.

Logan Pedersen worked with LifePath Systems, an organization that provides women's group homes, to update and improve the landscaping at one of their homes in Plano. His team also repaired, power washed and stained the entire fence in the back yard. This was a large project that took several days to complete.

Jax Thompson built a high-quality donation bin for the Trusted World Organization, a place where he has personally volunteered over the last few years. He has seen first-hand how Trusted World helps local families in need. The donation bin Jack and his team built is currently in Richardson where people from the community can drop off shoes and clothing for those in need.

Landon Snow and his team designed, constructed, built and assembled onsite a display case for large bed frames and mattresses for the Allen Community Outreach (ACO). As part of the project he and his group also landscaped the front of the building including tree trimming, weeding, cleaning and planting new plants.

Karson Templin's project was drawing and painting a colorful and large 24 foot wide stencil of the map of the United States of America on the playground at Puster Elementary School. The map will be used for the kids to learn about the states in a fun and interactive way for many years to come.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council and Town Staff, recognized each boy individually at the meeting and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to our community.



Irrigation Check-Up Did you know in many North Texas communities 30 to 50 percent of the total water used during the summer is used for landscape irrigation?

Having an irrigation system that does not function properly can damage a landscape by creating areas that are too dry or too wet. It can also result in water loss and high water bills. Checking the system at least twice a year can help alleviate these issues. Texas A&M AgriLife Research Center and Water University have some helpful tips to help save water and money.

The first thing to do is to make a copy of the original irrigation design plan to take notes on. If the original plan isn't available, simply sketch the system layout and number all the sprinkler heads in each station.

Run each station for a few minutes to see if sprinkler heads are functioning and distributing water properly. Make notes about which sprinkler heads need attention. Some problems to look for are:

- Water spraying onto the sidewalk, driveway or street/alley
- Sprinkler heads that are missing, not operating, have reduced water flow or have a poor distribution pattern
- Broken sprinkler heads gushing water out the top or not popping up
- Sprinkler heads that are no longer straight
- Clouds of mist coming from sprinkler heads
- Grass, shrubbery or trees blocking distribution pattern
- Dry landscape areas possible causes can be low system water pressure, a plugged nozzle or wind
- Sprinkler heads installed too far apart or not in a recommended square or triangle pattern

The next thing to do is to fix the problems either DIY or hire a professional irrigation specialist. Most repairs require a simple cleaning out a sprinkler head. Once the repairs or adjustments are made it will be time to determine how long to run each station and to check for uniform distribution. The easiest way to do this is to collect empty, straight sided cans such as cat food or tuna fish cans. Mark the inside of the cans, similar to a

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in a 30 day period.

rain gauge, with markings for 1/2", 3/4", and 1".

Place approximately 3 cans per sprinkler head throughout one irrigation station and run for 15 minutes. Write down how much water is in each can. The ideal irrigation system distributes water uniformly in the area and therefore each can should have the same amount of water. Repeat for each station.

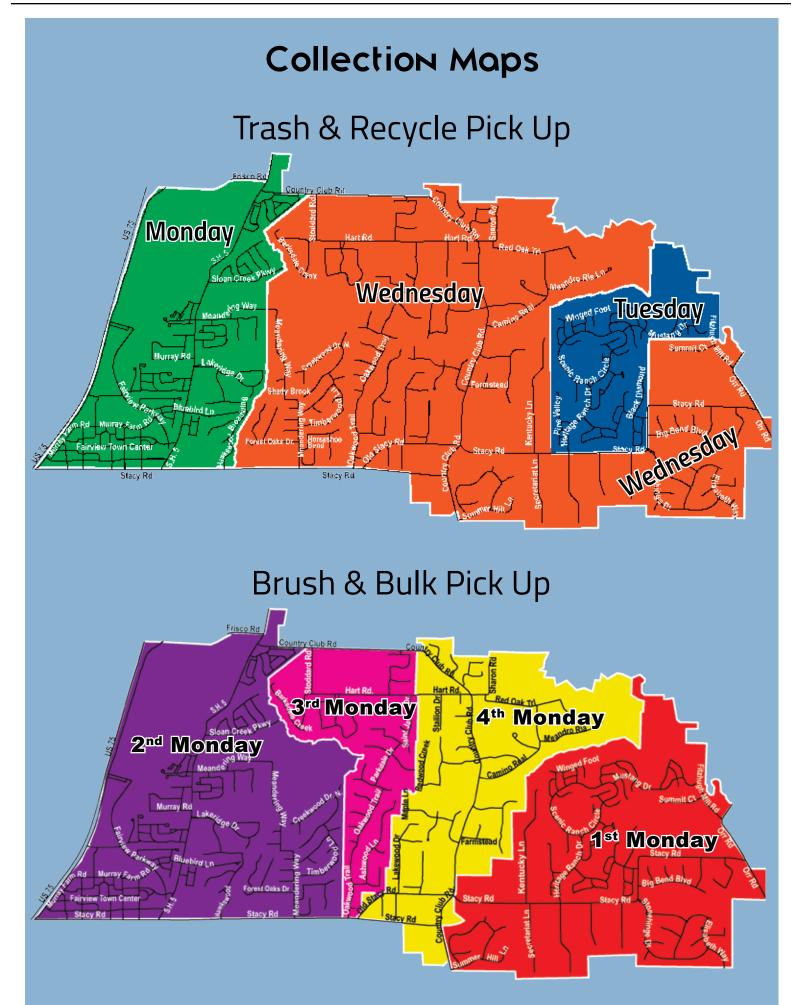
When determining the amount of water required, take the following into consideration: the amount of sunlight, type of plants, type of soil, time of year and amount of precipitation that is typical for North Texas. Texas A&M AgriLife suggests the following summer watering schedule:

- Turf areas in full sun on <u>clay</u> soil require about 1 inch of water every 5 to 7 days.
- Turf areas in full sun on sandy soil require about 1.5 inches of water every 5 to 7 days.
- Shrub, groundcover and perennial areas require about half the amount of water turf areas require if 2 to 4 inches of mulch is covering the root area.
 - Water plant containers and vegetable gardens as required.

Now it's time to set the irrigation system controller according to how much time is necessary for each station to provide the estimated amount of water for the plants in that station.

One last bit of advice from Texas A&M AgriLife is to be sure to change the schedule each season. A good rule of thumb for watering amounts during the year (based on summer amounts) is to use 20 percent less in the Spring and Fall and to turn off the irrigation system in the Winter and only water if there is no precipitation in a 30 day period.

Following these simple steps and guidelines will not only help save water and money but will also help provide a beautiful landscaped yard.



Collection Schedules

Trash, recycling and yard trimmings are collected weekly on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. 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.

2020 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.

January 1, New Year's Day May 25, Memorial Day July 4, Independence Day September 7, Labor Day November 26, Thanksgiving December 25, Christmas Day

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 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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- Stacy Road Updates
- Town Council Meeting Agendas
- Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Agendas
- Economic and Community Development Meeting Agendas
- Board of Adjustments Meeting Agendas
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Agendas
- Environmental Committee Meeting Agendas
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- Technology Advisory Committee

Meeting Agendas

 Special Events Committee Meeting Agendas

You may select as many categories as you'd like, and you will begin receiving updates as they are produced and sent out. Agendas are posted on the Town bulletin board at least 72 hours in advance of a scheduled meeting and then sent to the appropriate subscribers via email.

Nixle Alerts

Nixle is a digital platform that the Town added in 2013 that allows residents to receive text messages and/or email alerts related to Fairview news, events and other urgent updates. Emergency alerts and advisory notifications can be sent instantly, allowing for immediate and accurate information straight from Town staff during an emergency. The Nixle notification system allows residents to receive the following types of alerts and notifications:

 Emergency Alerts (i.e. tornado warnings, missing persons)

- Advisory Notifications (i.e. road closures, police activity, severe weather)
- Community Notifications (i.e. Town updates, event information)

Residents may sign up by texting the word FAIRVIEW to 888777, or by using the Nixle widget in the "Sign Up For Alerts" column on the far right side of the Town homepage. On Nixle's website you are then able to choose what types of messages you want to receive and how you want to receive them. 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 or other smart devices. 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 even choose to receive messages from municipalities/agencies other than Fairview. For more information on either of these services, please contact the Communications Specialist at SCraft@FairviewTexas.org.