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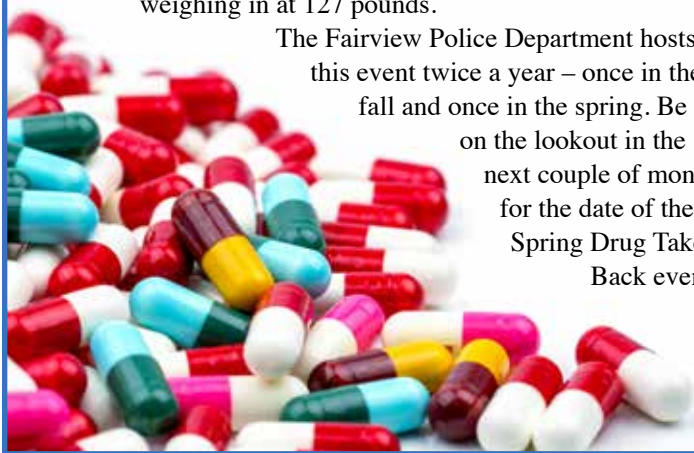
TOWN NEWS

DRUG TAKE BACK *results*

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Town's prescription drug take back day in October.

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-the-counter medications. This one-day effort brings national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. The anonymous program yielded 5 boxes of controlled, non-controlled and over-the-counter medications from individuals, weighing in at 127 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.



Notice of Public Meeting SH 5 From FM 2786 (Stacy Road) to Spur 399 CSJs: 0047-09-037, 0047-09-034

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen State Highway 5 (SH 5) from Farm-to-Market 2786 (Stacy Road) to Spur 399 in Collin County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting in-person and virtual public meetings to receive public comments on the proposed project. All meetings will present the same information and the in-person meeting will be held in an open house format.

The virtual public meeting can be viewed beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022 at 6 p.m. and will remain online through the comment period deadline of Feb. 9, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. The virtual public meeting is not a live event and the materials can be viewed at your convenience. The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the project website: www.keepitmovingdallas.com/SH5Fairview. If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6244 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, TxDOT is holding an open house in-person public meeting option on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Courtyard Marriott, Waters Ballroom, 210 Stacy Road, Allen, Texas 75002. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the virtual public meeting, review project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments.

The proposed project would consist of the reconstruction and widening of SH 5 from FM 2786 (Stacy Road) to Spur 399 within the town of Fairview in Collin County, Texas, and is approximately 2.67 miles in length. The proposed project would reconstruct and widen existing SH 5 from a two-lane rural roadway to a four-lane urban divided curbed roadway (6-lane ultimate) from FM 2786 (Stacy Road) to Indian Springs Road and a four-lane divided curbed roadway from Indian Springs Road to Spur 399. The existing right-of-way width varies from 66 to 172 feet in width. The proposed improvements would include curb and gutter, shared-use paths on both sides of the roadway, intersection improvements, and left-turn and right-turn lanes at designated locations. The proposed right-of-way width would vary from 116 feet to 172 feet in width.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace one residential and two non-residential structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (214) 320-4480 or by visiting the project website.

The proposed project is anticipated to impact the following properties protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966: Town of Fairview's Meadows Park. The proposed project would result in the acquisition of approximately 0.2 acres of additional right of way of park land for the construction of additional travel lanes and the construction of the shared-use path. TxDOT anticipates making a de minimis determination for this use under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Public comment on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features or attributes of the Meadows Park and the greenspace may be submitted as described below.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

Any environmental documentation or studies, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection on the project website beginning Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. or Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East U.S. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150.

The virtual public meeting and in-person option will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact Patrick Clarke, Dallas District Public Information Officer at (214) 320-4483 no later than 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East U.S. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 or by email to Kibru.Andargie@txdot.gov. Verbal comments may be submitted by leaving a voicemail at (833) 933-0443. All comments must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/SH5Fairview once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or in person option, please contact Kibru Andargie, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, at (214) 320-6244 or Kibru.Andargie@txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



HENRY LESSNER

Hi Fairview!

Welcome to 2022! I hope everyone had a safe and Covid free holiday season!

Here are some of things happening in Town during 2022:

Public Works Facilities

The area where the old Fire Station #1 and the Public Works yard is being upgraded. Most of the work is being done by our own Public Works employees. You might have noticed that the smaller above ground storage tanks have been removed and that there is the start of a fence that will surround the facility. There are offices being built inside the old fire station building and the bays where the fire trucks used to be parked are being modified to hold Public Works equipment.

Frisco Road Relocation

Frisco Road will be moved south to match up with Country Club Road. You should see construction start in late 3Q 2022 and it will take about a year to finish the project. The new Frisco Road will be a four-lane divided road. About 75% of the money for this project is coming from a federal grant with the remaining amount coming from road impact fees that the Town has collected over the years. Thanks to our Congressman Van Taylor for helping us get the federal grant. The actual intersection of Frisco Road, Greenville, and Country Club will be built by TxDOT. The small frame houses along the existing Frisco Road right-of-way are owned by Billingsley and will be torn down. Two of the houses have been donated to our fire department for practice with real fire. Getting Frisco Road relocated will eliminate the dangerous left-hand turn that exists today, the traffic congestion that this causes, and will open up the northern edge of our CPDD to development.

Fox Glen Drainage Project

The Council has approved the design and the funding for this neighborhood project. The Town staff is working on securing the needed easements and construction should start late summer 2022.

Central Plan Development District (CPDD) Activity

There is a lot about to happen in our CPDD.

- Swig – a new specialty drink vendor is under construction next to the 24 Fitness.
- Salads To Go is under construction to the west of the RaceTrac.
- Additional multifamily units will be built in Fairview Town Center.
- The Wild Acres brewery is under construction.
- Wild Salsa is planning on reopening up in the March/April time frame.
- North Texas Performing Arts is planning an expansion for more performance/rehearsal space.
- A new town home community will start construction along Fairview Parkway. This developer will also pay to extend the four lanes of Fairview Parkway further north towards Ridgeview.
- It is expected that TxDOT will start work on the new Ridgeview Overpass in the fall of 2022.
- The new sewer lift station jointly owned by Fairview, Allen, and NTMWD will be completed.

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- Faith Anglican Church has started holding services in their new sanctuary across from Fire Station #1.

TxDOT Highway 5/ Greenville Expansion

TxDOT has started their planning for the expansion of Highway 5/Greenville to four lanes. It is important to note, that this project is not funded, and actual construction isn't expected until 2027 at the earliest. I would like to see the project pushed off even further into the future and we will be talking with TxDOT about this. There are several things that are included in the project that are good for the Town.

- Sidewalks on both sides of the expanded street.
- We expect that TxDOT will connect two of our trails by building a path under the bridge across Sloan Creek.
- TxDOT has included the intersection with Fairview Parkway that the Town has been requesting. The plan is for going north from Stacy Road that traffic is directed onto Fairview Parkway and that Highway 5/Greenville be brought into Fairview Parkway about where Indian Springs Road is today. Highway 5/Greenville will not go all the way out to Stacy anymore.
- We expect that TxDOT will lower the speed limit to 45 mph for the entire stretch of highway through Fairview.

Instead of spending money on Highway 5, there are other things that we need from TxDOT – like a light at Country Club and Stoddard, turning lanes at Country Club and Hart, a longer turning lane in front of Sloan Creek Intermediate School, and a turning lane in front of the Lovejoy Admin building.

Hopefully we don't have an extreme cold weather event again this year like we did just about a year ago. Also, I am eagerly awaiting the opening of the Fairview Ranch Café!

If you have any questions, you can contact me at Mayor@FairviewTexas.org.

Henry Lessner

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HEARD HAPPENINGS

Did you know the Heard Museum has a Pioneer Village?

This village features eight buildings in playhouse scale that emulate structures that would have been typical in prairie settlements in the late 1800s. Kids will love going back in time and have fun playing in and exploring these buildings including a miniature schoolhouse, grocery store and settler's cabins!

Through this exhibit, the Heard hopes to continue to connect visitors to the history of the prairie and also its ecological significance. Less than 1% of the Blackland Prairie remains, making the tallgrass prairie the most-endangered large ecosystem in North America. Be sure to check their website for special pricing for groups and guided-tour opportunities.

The Heard Nature Photography Club is hosting the 44th Annual photography contest benefiting the Heard Museum. Contest categories will provide opportunities for



participants of any age and skill level to submit their work. All photos are submitted electronically beginning February 1. The submission deadline is February 23. Winners will be notified by mail at the beginning of March. Contest information and rules are available at HeardNaturePhotographers.com.

And, as always, the Heard Museum offers many other programs to keep you and your family busy, from scouting workshops and weekly story time to nature hikes and zip lining. You can check out all their offerings at HeardMuseum.org.

About Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary

Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary is a private 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing nature and people together to discover, enjoy, experience, restore and preserve our priceless environment.

The Heard was founded in 1967 by Bessie Heard at the age of 80. In a time when the rate of expansion of the Metroplex was slower than today, she foresaw the need to preserve a place where future generations could experience nature.

Today, the Heard's mission of bringing nature and people together is carried out through education, particularly of young people, which emphasizes an appreciation of nature and its conservation. For more information, visit HeardMuseum.org.

PREPARE FOR COLD AND FLU SEASON

- Wash hands frequently!
- Carry hand sanitizer for those emergencies. Kids can get clip-on bottles for backpacks or purses.
- Get a flu vaccine. Every pharmacy (and even Walmart and Target) offer very affordably flu vaccines and most stores or pharmacies will take insurance. Many insurance cover a flu vaccine at 100% for children under 6.
- Lots of (healthy) fluids. Water and drinks high in Vitamin C will boost your immune system and keep any germs from staying too long.
- Everyone has heard a mother or grandmother say "Cover your mouth when you cough." Well, that's mostly true. Sneeze into a tissue if its available but if not, sneeze into the crook of your elbow. But be sure to wash that clothing soon as you can. Do not sneeze into your hands so you will not spread any germs to another surface afterwards such as a door knob. The next person behind you will touch that surface and now they have your flu germs and the cycle is spread to others.
- Keep clean any area you frequently touch. The worst offenders of germs are phone and remotes, door knobs, light switches, the refrigerator. We touch our face and then touch an object more than we realize. If you have little ones, this is especially true. Day care, school and church may be great for kids to play with each other, but they also love to share – that includes germs. Many stores now offer sanitary wipes for carts and hand baskets.

COUNCIL'S CORNER

At the Tuesday, December 7, 2021, Regular Town Council meeting, the Town Council discussed the following items:

- Approved the following items on the consent agenda:
 - » The minutes of the October 26, 2021 Joint Meeting.
 - » The minutes of the November 2, 2021 Regular Council meeting.
- Received reports from Staff, including any updates on project tracking reports and department activities
 - » Monthly Financial Report – Period ending October 31, 2021
 - » Quarterly Investment Report – Period ending September 30, 2021
 - » Monthly Police Report – Period Ending November 30, 2021
 - » Monthly Fire Report – Period Ending November 30, 2021
 - » Town construction projects
- Discussed and approved various Major Warrants regarding a revised Framework Plan, Public Art, design standards, street sections, signage, and land uses. The 239+/- acre tract of land generally located on the east side of US 75 and south of Frisco Road. The subject site zoned for the (CPDD) Commercial Planned Development District with the Urban Village sub-district.
- Discussed and approved a status update on the design of the drainage improvements in the Foxglen subdivision.
- Discussed the status of the TxDOT State Hwy 5 planning.
- Considered a resolution casting Town of Fairview ballots for nomination to the Board of Directors of the Collin County Central Appraisal District. Approved votes cast for Don Rodenbaugh
- Discussed the approval of an Interlocal Agreement for park funding. No action was taken.
- Discussed and approved the public works service center remodel.
- Discussed possible amendments to the town charter and take any necessary action.
- Discussed COVID-19.
- Discussed Boards & Commissions.

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This month at the Allen Library...

The Larry Braggs Band

A soulful R&B artist with a heart of gold, Larry Braggs boasts a resonate voice in tune with love, understanding, and forgiveness. With a vocal range of over three octaves, when Larry performs, he commands the stage. The Larry Braggs Band will take the stage for a free concert **7:30 p.m. Friday, February 18**, at the Allen Public Library.

For 14 years, Larry Braggs was the lead vocalist for the legendary soul band Tower of Power. More recently he was the lead singer of one of the most renowned R&B groups of all times, The Temptations. Touring almost two hundred days out of the year, Larry has provided vocals for greats like David Sanborn, Bob James, and Marcus Miller, just to name a few.

His voice can also be heard on projects with other known artists such as The Winans, and the late George Duke.

Larry asserts, "Music can set moods, but words are powerful. They can change a life for the better or worse. Better is always better."



This free concert is sponsored by the Allen Public Library, located at 300 N. Allen Dr. Call 214-509-4911 for additional information.



SUPER BOWL RECIPES

BLACK EYED PEA DIP

- 1- 2oz jar diced pimentos (drained)
- 1/2 red onion (chopped)
- 1 cup celery (chopped)
- 1 red bell pepper (chopped)
- 3 cans black eyed peas (drained & rinsed)
- 1 - 4oz can chopped green chili peppers (drained)

Mix all ingredients together.

DRESSING:

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| 2/3 cup vinegar | 1 tsp seasoned salt |
| 2/3 cup sugar | 1/2 tsp black pepper |
| 1/2 cup oil | 1 tsp minced fresh garlic |

Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Pour dressing mixture over salad and mix. Chill overnight, serve with tortilla chips.

B-L-T BITES

- 16 cherry tomatoes
- 1lb bacon, cooked & crumbled
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup green onion, finely chopped
- 3 tbsp Parmesan cheese, finely grated
- 2 tbsp fresh parsley, finely chopped

Cut tops off each tomato. Scoop out and discard pulp, drain. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Spoon filling into tomatoes, cover and chill.



Fairview Youth Theatre

The North Texas Performing Arts (NTPA) family of theatres (NTPA-Plano, Fairview Youth Theatre, NTPA-Frisco and NTPA-Dallas) are dedicated to developing the character of youth through quality performing arts education and family entertainment.

The idea for Plano Children's Theatre (PCT) began more than 30 years ago during Grace Presbyterian Church's production of *The Wizard of Oz* directed by Sara Akers. When the production was almost over the families asked Sara what they were going to do next because they had such a great time, they couldn't imagine not doing another show.

So, Sara, along with three founding board members Rebecca Egelston Caso, Dick Anthony and Lanny Wren got busy developing plans for a permanent theatre home. Their mission was simple: to provide arts opportunities for youth, ages 4-18, which promote life-long learning,

creativity, communication skills, teamwork, integrity and good citizenship. And, just a few months later in the Spring of 1992 they had 50 students enrolled in classes and by summer break they had 175 students.

Plano Children's Theatre moved into their home at 15th and Custer in 1994 and renovated their overcrowded space in 2007. But, even before then, parents saw a need for a youth theatre north of Plano so, in 2005 they began renting space for classes and productions in McKinney. However, they wanted a permanent space to call their own, and with the help of the Fairview Economic Development Corporation, Fairview Youth Theatre (FVYT) was born.

Since its doors opened in January 2017 FVYT has seen more than 5,000 students in more than 500 productions, classes and camps. A weekend rarely goes by without a major production being staged on either the mainstage or in the black box theatre and many times both spaces are filled.

Since 1991, NTPA has welcomed more than 250,000 students, patrons, members and sponsors to their family of theatres and they aren't stopping anytime soon.

On stage February 4 - 12 is *The SpongeBob Musical*. Based on the beloved animated series the stakes are higher than ever in this dynamic stage musical, as SpongeBob and all of Bikini Bottom face the total annihilation of their undersea world.

Winne the Pooh, Kids is a delightful show based on the beloved characters of A.A. Milne and the 2011 Disney animated feature film hits the stage February 10 - 13.

Upcoming auditions include *Clue, High School Edition* (grades 6-12) and *The Sound of Music Youth Edition* (grades 4-12), both with video submission deadlines of February 12. Video auditions for *Big Fish* (grades 6-12) are due February 19.

To purchase tickets or sign up for auditions and classes visit FairviewYouthTheatre.org.

ACTOR OF FAIRVIEW: **Lainey**

Lainey is a 9-year-old, third grader and has been active at Fairview Youth Theatre for a few years. When she is not at the theatre, she likes to do arts and crafts, play basketball, play with her neighbors, and spend time with her family.

She has completed seven productions so far and she is in rehearsal for her 8th and 9th shows right now. She says she likes being in shows because “every time I am in a production, I get to make new friends and be a part of something different. Everyone at the theatre is like a big family and I feel so lucky that I get to be a part of it.”

When asked to pick her favorite show or role so far, Lainey had a hard time choosing. She said “I loved being in *Sleeping Beauty Kids* because it was my only show with both of my siblings, but I really liked *Lion King Kids* because the

costumes were so cool! My favorite role was Rooster in *Annie Kids* because it was fun to play a villain.”

Lainey likes to act because, “every time I am in a show, I get to be a different and unique character and it is always fun to explore different worlds.” She is currently in rehearsals for *Winnie the Pooh Kids*, “I am playing Owl in *Winnie the Pooh Kids* and I am really looking forward to it because the director said I have a challenging song and he is encouraging me to work hard on it so I can do a good job. Owl is a know-it-all so that is a lot of fun to play. Plus the cast is so nice and we are having a lot of fun at rehearsals. It’s going to be a great show”!

Come see Lainey and the rest of the *Winnie the Pooh Kids* cast performing at Fairview Youth Theatre February 10 - 13, 2022.



“... every time I am in a show, I get to be a different and unique character and it is always fun to explore different worlds.”

Fairview Alarm Permit Renewals

The Town of Fairview requires all alarm systems in any home or business in Fairview, whether monitored or not, to have a valid Alarm Permit. Alarm Permits must be renewed annually during the month of January.



The residential renewal fee is \$25, and the commercial renewal fee is \$50. The fee for a new residential permit is \$50 and a new commercial permit is \$100. If you have an alarm system and do not currently have an Alarm Permit, please contact Officer Gandy at SGandy@FairviewTexas.org or 972-886-4211, ext. 5022.

For those who currently have an alarm permit, online renewal begins January 1. Alarm permits must be renewed by January 31. To renew your permit, simply visit FairviewTexasAlarm.com. On the site, you will need to enter your login name and password. If you are having trouble remembering your login name and/or password, please contact Officer Gandy, do not create a new account if you are having issues accessing your old account. Thank you for your assistance.



STORM SHELTER AND SAFE ROOM DATABASE

Did you know the Town of Fairview keeps a database of storm shelters and safe rooms within our community? We created our voluntary database in case of the unfortunate event of a natural disaster. In such a situation, Town staff would be better equipped to inform emergency services while helping to rescue residents. This would help emergency workers in the event something was to block your door, preventing you from exiting your shelter or safe room. The Town respects your privacy and staff would only use this information in the event of a natural disaster.

To join the database, please email your home address and approximate location of your storm shelter or safe room to the Town’s new Permit Technician, Simone Doss at SDoss@FairviewTexas.org or 972-562-0522 ext. 5003.

Sign Up for Nixle Notification System for Emergency and Community Information

Nixle messaging is one of the ways the Town can communicate emergency or other community information to residents. This was one of the ways the Town was able to communicate the information about the recent water line break and the resulting boil water notice. That information is provided to subscribers through text messages to your phone and via email. All residents are encouraged to sign up for this notification system. There is no charge from the town for this service, but message and data rates may apply if you chose to receive alerts through your cell phone and/or smart devices.

This system allows residents to receive the following types of alerts and notifications:

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

There are three ways to sign up:

- Sign up by texting the word **Fairview** to **888777**
- Sign up using the Nixle widget on the homepage of the town website at FairviewTexas.org. Using this sign up method will result in you needing to enter the Town of Fairview **75069** zip code.
- Sign up through Nixle's website at Nixle.com. Using this sign up method will result in you needing to enter the Town of Fairview **75069** zip code.

No matter which method you decide to use as a means of signing up it's recommended that you register an account at Nixle's website to customize what messages you receive and how you receive them. 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.



How will I receive messages?

If you sign up by texting the word **Fairview** to **888777** then you will receive messages through your cell phone and/or smart device.

If you sign up using the widget on the town's website or through the Nixle website you have the ability to enter both your cell number and email address for receiving alerts and notifications. Citizens can receive Emergency Alerts and Advisory Notifications through text message and/or email. Community Notifications can only be received via email, which means you must provide an email address.

However you chose to sign up, by registering an account at Nixle.com you can customize how you want to receive alerts and notifications and whether you would like to receive messages from municipalities or agencies other than Fairview.



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Valentine's

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EVERY YEAR ON FEBRUARY 14, people across the United States and Canada as well as Mexico, England, Ireland, Scotland, France and Australia exchange candy, flowers and gifts with loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine.

WHO IS ST. VALENTINE?

The story of Saint Valentine is shrouded in mystery. We do know that Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains traces of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus.

One legend says Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. At this time Emperor Claudius II decided single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families so; he outlawed marriage for young men. Seeing the injustice of the decree, Valentine defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Another legend claims an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" to a young girl he fell in love with when she visited him during his confinement; signing it "From your Valentine."

ORIGINS OF VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day has origins in the Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February. The festival, which celebrated the coming of spring, included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery. At the end of the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I replaced Lupercalia, saying it was 'un-Christian,' with St. Valentine's Day. During the Middle Ages, it was commonly believed in France and England that February 14 was the beginning of birds' mating season, which added to the idea that Valentine's Day should be a day for romance.

VALENTINE'S CARDS AND GIFTS

By the middle of the 18th century in both the U.S. and Europe, it was common for friends and lovers to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland, known as the "Mother of the Valentine," began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures. And, by 1900 printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. These ready-made cards made it easy for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged.

DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately 150 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged annually, making Valentine's Day the second most popular card-sending holiday after Christmas.





Town Election Application Deadlines

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.

According to the Town of Fairview Charter, no person shall serve as Mayor for more than three successive terms, and no person shall serve as Councilmember for more than three successive terms. Their term of office shall be for a period of two years or any portion thereof.

The Town's next General Election will occur on Saturday, May 7, 2022. The terms of office that will expire in May 2022 are **Seats 2, 4 and 6**.

Potential candidate information packets will be available for pickup at Town Hall beginning January 3, 2022. Town Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Candidates may begin returning their applications to be placed on the ballot and other candidate paperwork to Town Hall beginning on **Wednesday, January 19, 2022**. The deadline for filing applications to be placed on the ballot is 5:00 p.m. **Friday, February 18, 2022**.

A Fairview Town Council candidate must:

- Be a qualified voter of the town
- Be twenty-one (21) years of age
- Have resided in the town no less than twelve months immediately preceding Election Day
- Meet the requirements of the Texas Election Code
- Continually reside within the town during the term of office

For more information, please contact Town Secretary at TownSecretary@FairviewTexas.org or call 972-886-4234.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Reducing Septic System Failures in Aerobic Systems



WHY IS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IMPORTANT?

As environmental standards in the state of Texas are being set, so are the quality standards of our waterways and stormwater runoff. Wilson Creek's status is currently "Impaired" and the impairment is due to an excess of bacteria in the water, which can be caused by farmlands, fertilizers and failing septic systems.

The good news is there are things Fairview residents can do to help; septic systems that are well cared for are not as prone to failure, and therefore less likely to negatively affect our ground water and stormwater heading toward Wilson Creek. Below are a few simple Dos and Don'ts to ensure a properly functioning septic system:

SEPTIC SYSTEM DOS

- DO: Be aware of abnormal smells and be sure to call a professional when needed
- DO: Always have a diagram showing the locations of your tank and septic field
- DO: Repair leaking faucets and toilets
- DO: Maintain adequate grass cover over septic field
- DO: Conserve water to avoid overloading your system
- DO: Periodically have solids pumped out of septic tank
- DO: Keep records of when solids are pumped and any other maintenance

SEPTIC SYSTEM DON'TS

- DON'T: Plan any building additions, pools or construction near the septic field
- DON'T: Use your toilet as a trashcan
- DON'T: Pour grease or cooking oil down the drain
- DON'T: Use bleach or harsh chemicals that could harm essential septic bacteria
- DON'T: Put baby wipes, feminine products, paper towels, etc. in your septic system
- DON'T: Allow anyone to drive or park over any part of your system
- DON'T: Wait for the system to fail by not checking system regularly

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED IN SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY?

Every year, dozens of Town residents volunteer their time and talents by serving on a Town Board, Commission or Committee. The Town utilizes these citizen run Boards and Commissions to ensure public input and participation in the setting of policy and in the Town's decision-making processes.

Find the *Application to Serve* at FairviewTexas.org by selecting "Boards and Commissions" from the "Government" dropdown. The Town Council reviews all applications and votes on all board appointments and reappointments. Boards and Commission renewals and replacements occur every summer, so residents are encouraged to apply to be members of any of our many boards and commissions. To be eligible, individuals must be a registered voter in the Town, may not be in arrears on property taxes and must complete an *Application to Serve*. Completed *Applications to Serve* should be emailed to the Town Secretary at TownSecretary@FairviewTexas.org.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning and Zoning Commission is comprised of seven Commissioners. It is the Planning and Zoning Commission's duty to make and recommend a master plan, as a whole or in parts, for the future development and redevelopment of the town. The Commission hears, recommends and determines matters related to zoning, platting and subdivision control as specified or required by town ordinance, charter and state law. The Commission meets monthly in the Town Hall Council Chambers on the second Thursday of the month.

TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Technology Advisory Committee is comprised of seven committee members. The Technology Committee investigates opportunities to provide more efficient and effective technology outlets for the Town and its residents. This Committee typically meets on the second Monday of the month in the Fire Station #2 Community Room.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is comprised of seven board members. This Board acts in an advisory capacity in all matters pertaining to Parks and Recreation, including present and future maintenance, operation, planning, acquisition, development, enlargement as well as use policies of the Town Parks and Recreation services. This Board meets as needed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (EDC) AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CDC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The EDC and CDC Board of Directors are comprised of seven board members, with each member serving on both the EDC and CDC board. The EDC Board of Directors is responsible for promoting the economic growth and diversification in the Town of Fairview as well as for overseeing the half-penny sales tax collected for this purpose. The CDC Board of Directors is responsible for promoting the community through infrastructure construction projects funded through the half-penny sales tax collected for this purpose. The EDC/CDC Board typically meets monthly in the Town Hall Council Chambers on the third Wednesday of the month.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

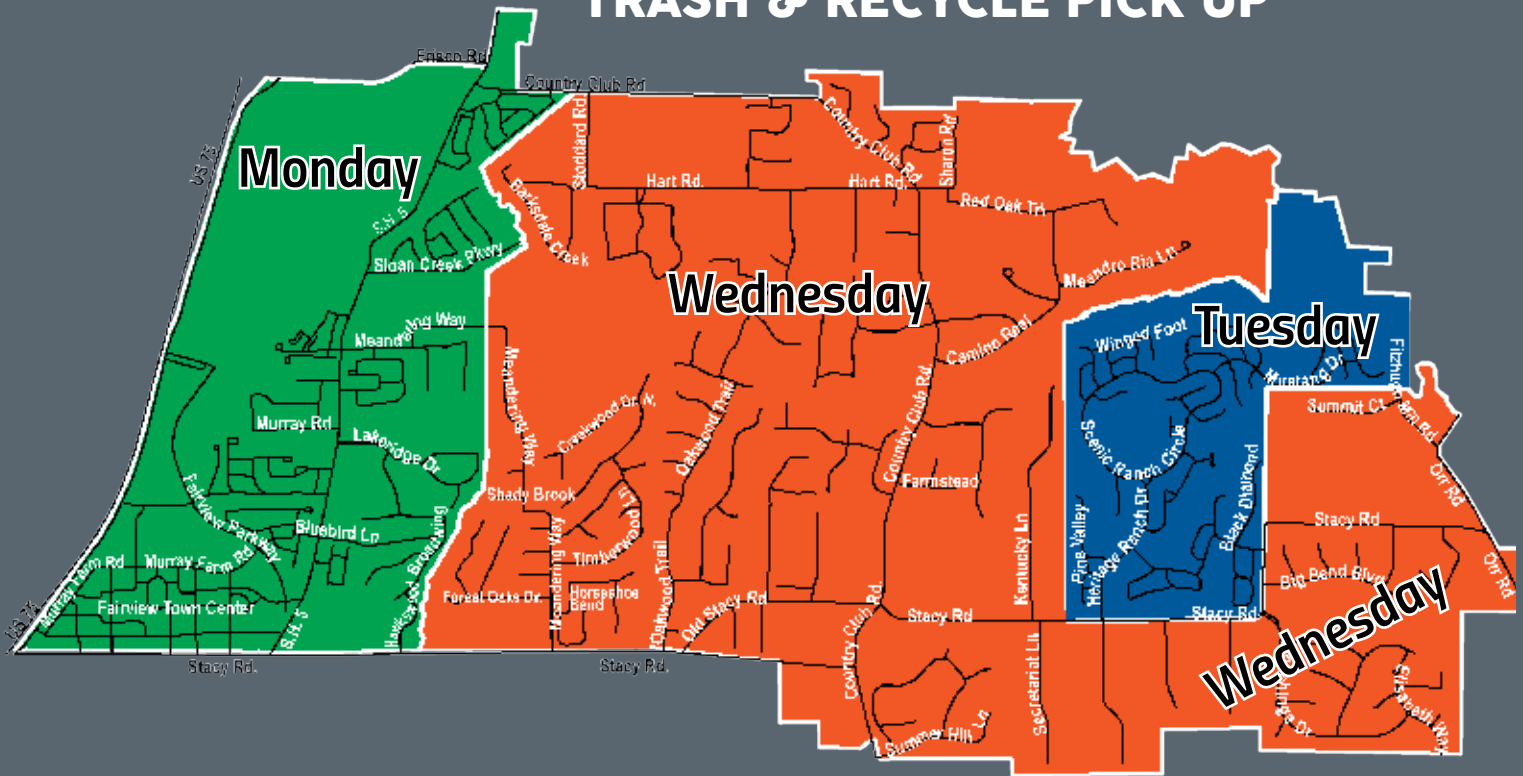
The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is comprised of Board Members and Alternates. The ZBA makes decisions on appeals and requests for variances to the Town's ordinances. This Board meets as needed.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

The Public Art Committee is comprised of five Committee Members. The Public Art Committee is responsible for administering the Town's public art program and organizing the Town of Fairview Art Show. This Committee meets as needed.

Trash, Bulk and Brush Collection

TRASH & RECYCLE PICK UP



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 have trash and recycling carts out by 7 a.m.

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 on next page for size limits.**

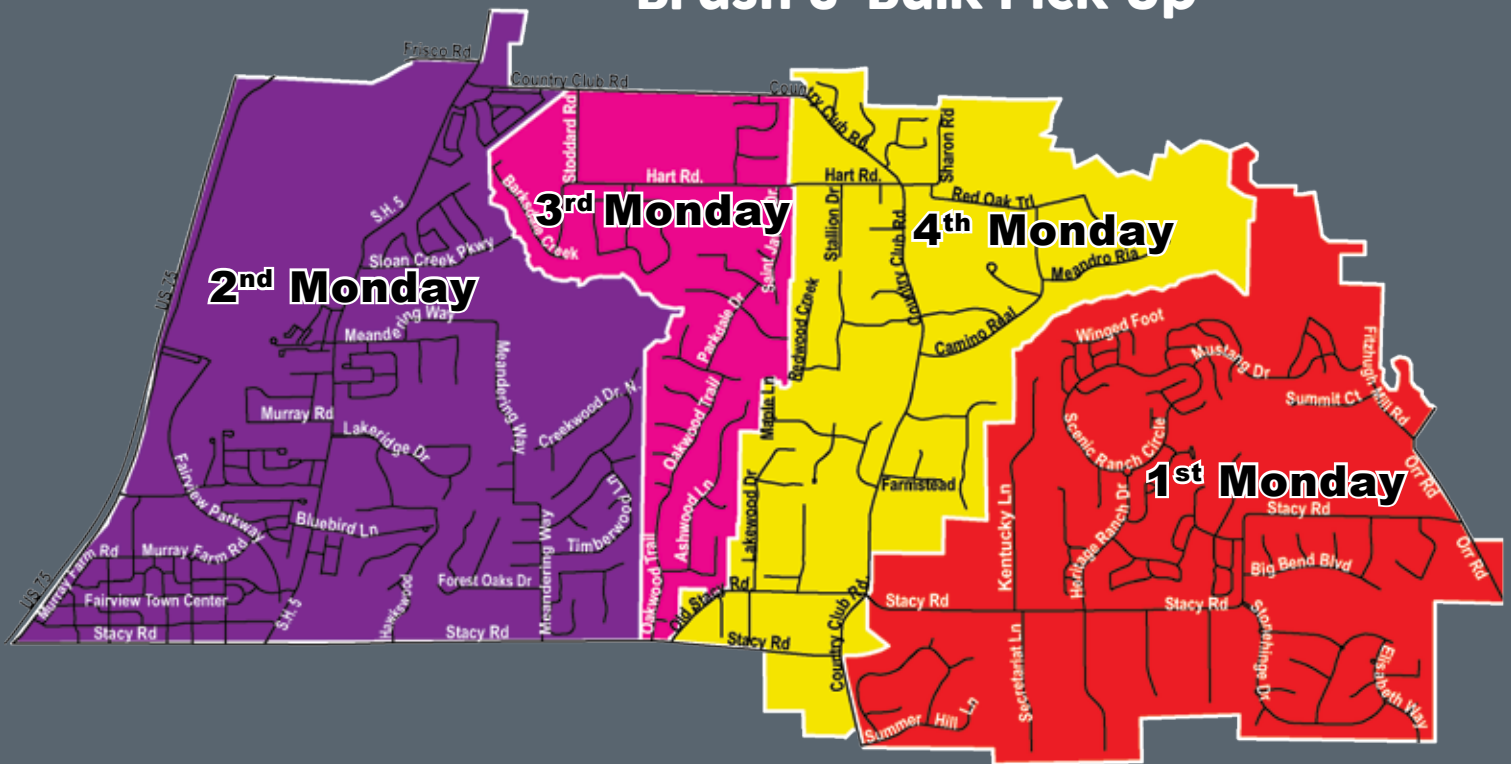
2022 Holidays: Trash, recycling, bulk and brush will not be picked up on the holidays listed below; instead the collection will slide one day after the holiday-unless otherwise noted.

January 1, New Year's Day - No effect
May 30, Memorial Day - Roll Forward One Day
July 4, Independence Day - Roll Forward One Day
September 5, Labor Day - Roll Forward One Day
November 24, Thanksgiving - No effect
December 25, Christmas Day - No effect

Missed Collections/Damaged Carts: Call Republic Services at 972-422-2341 to schedule a pick up for a missed collection or to report a damaged cart.

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

Brush & Bulk Pick Up



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 outside your carts; unless it's for bulk pick up.
7. Bulk and brush should be cut in four foot lengths and neatly stacked, you are allowed 12 cubic yards per month, 1 cubic yard is approximately the size of a washing machine.

February 2022

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4	5
1 st Mon.	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2 nd Mon.	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
3 rd Mon.	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
4 th Mon.	27	28					

March 2022

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4	5
1 st Mon.	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2 nd Mon.	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
3 rd Mon.	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
4 th Mon.	27	28	29	30	31		

For Customer Service contact Republic Services at 972-422-2341 or via their website at [RepublicServices.com/Customer-Support](https://www.RepublicServices.com/Customer-Support).

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GETTING NEIGHBORLY PODCAST



Getting Neighborly, a Podcast 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.

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