

# FAIRVIEW

APRIL 2025

# TOWN NEWS



# Holiday Calendar



Town Hall will be closed on the following dates in 2025 in observance of holidays.

Friday <b>April</b>	<b>18</b>	Good Friday
Monday <b>May</b>	<b>26</b>	Memorial Day
Friday <b>July</b>	<b>4</b>	Independence Day
Monday <b>September</b>	<b>1</b>	Labor Day
Thursday <b>November</b>	<b>27</b>	Thanksgiving Day
Friday <b>November</b>	<b>28</b>	Day after Thanksgiving
Wednesday <b>December</b>	<b>24</b>	Christmas Eve
Thursday <b>December</b>	<b>25</b>	Christmas Day

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# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

*Hi Fairview!*

**H**appy Spring! As I write this, we're still experiencing some drastic weather swings. I'm looking forward to a season of mild temperatures, but please always be prepared for severe weather. Spring often brings damaging storms. Contact your energy provider if you depend on electricity for your medical devices.



Henry Lessner

Here are a few updates I want to share with you:

At the 2025 **Allen-Fairview Chamber of Commerce** gala, several Fairview residents were honored.

- Shirley White Stevens was recognized as the Chamber Ambassador of the year.
- Joe Boggs was recognized with the Spirit of Fairview award.
- My company – Meridian Wealth Management, LLC, was honored to be chosen as the small business of the year.

The Chamber is under new leadership. One of the priorities for the Chamber going forward is business advocacy. A large group of Allen leaders went to Austin recently. In 2026, we need to send Fairview representatives to Austin.

Mayor Pro Tem John Hubbard, Assistant Town Manager Adam Wilbourn, and I **visited with the regional FAA office**. Mostly what we learned is what the FAA cannot do. The most influential organization in Texas that deals with airports is the TxDOT Aviation Division. We are trying to set up a meeting with the leader of this organization.

As you know, the Town has been noticed that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints might sue the Town rather than go through the previously agreed upon process associated with the mediated smaller temple design. The 60-day notice ends March 21. We are doing a PR blitz, talking to anyone who will publicize our issues with the LDS Church. The objective is to get an audience with someone in Salt Lake City who is a decision maker. My preference would be with one of the 12 Apostles named Bednar. Bednar has said that there is no such thing as a small temple and that size doesn't matter. I would like to present why our residents are still unhappy with the mediated temple building and associated tower. I would also like for that person to tell our residents why the LDS Church will not build the temple design they recently used in Yorba Linda, California.

Remember those who are not as fortunate as we are. ACO has a long list of needs right now. Check this out on their website or, do like me, and send them a check.

*Henry Lessner*

Henry Lessner  
Mayor@FairviewTexas.org

## Highlights from the 2025 Allen-Fairview Chamber Gala:

**Shirley White Stevens:**  
Ambassador of the Year

**Joe Boggs:**  
Spirit of Fairview Award

**Meridian Wealth Management:**  
Small Business of the Year



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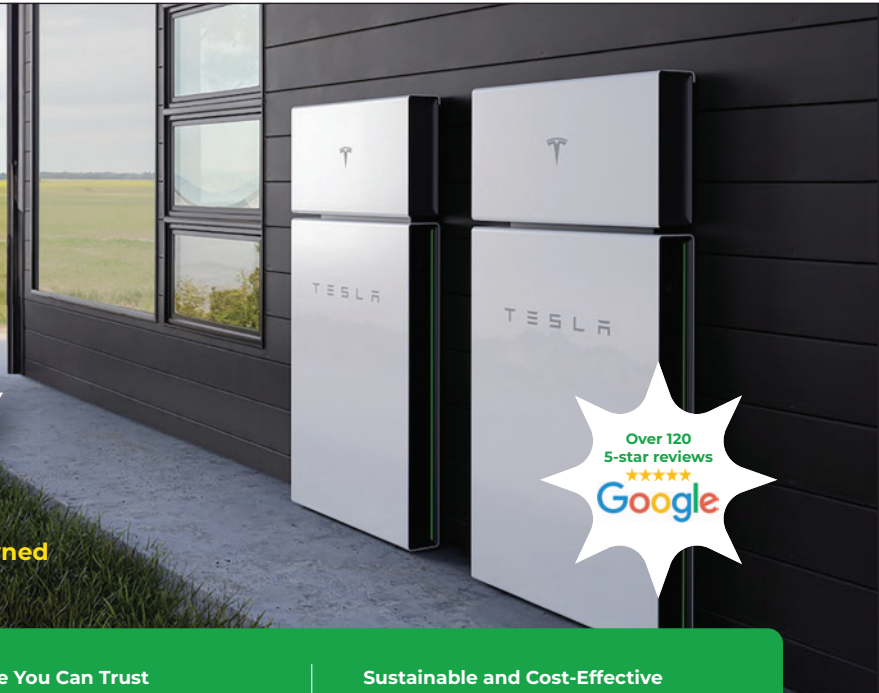


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# Town Council Meeting

- Approved the following items on the consent agenda:
  - a. Minutes of the Feb. 4, 2025, regular meeting of the Town Council
  - b. An ordinance cancelling the May 3, 2025, general election of the Town of Fairview
  - c. A resolution authorizing continued participation with the Atmos Energy Corp. Steering Committee and payment of assessed dues for 2025
  - d. A resolution authorizing continued participation with the Oncor Cities Steering Committee and payment of assessed dues for 2025
- Received staff reports:
  - a. Monthly Financial Report for the period ending Jan. 31, 2025
  - b. Monthly Police Report for the period ending Feb. 28, 2025
  - c. Monthly Fire Report for the period ending Feb. 28, 2025
  - d. Monthly Code Report for the period ending Feb. 28, 2025
  - e. Town construction projects
- Continued public hearings until the April Town Council meeting regarding conditional use permits for sports courts at 411 Broadwing Drive and 913 Tranquility Drive
- Appointed Darrell Sims to the Planning and Zoning Commission
- Held a public hearing and approved a conditional use permit for a sports court at 715 Country Club Road.

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## Update on **May 3** General Election

No Town Council races were opposed by the Feb. 14 filing deadline for the May 3, 2025, General Election, so the election has been canceled. The four candidates who filed for separate places on the Fairview Town Council, including Mayor, have been declared elected:

**Seat 1: Rich Connelly**

**Seat 3: Jill Hawkins**

**Seat 5: Pat Sheehan**

**Mayor: John Hubbard**



The candidates will take their oath of office and assume their respective seats on the Council at the May 6, 2025, Town Council meeting.

## Are Residents Required to Reapply for a **Homestead Exemption?**

The Texas legislature passed a bill in 2023 that requires appraisal districts to verify residents' eligibility for homestead exemptions. The requirement calls for re-evaluation of qualifications every five years.



The appraisal district is mailing letters to residents who are required to reapply for a homestead exemption. However, there is a backlog of exemptions to review, and there is no firm timeline of when residents will receive notification. Homeowners may not receive a letter this year, and residents are not required to reapply until they are notified by the appraisal district.

Two notices will be sent before a homestead exemption is revoked. Appraisal district staff report that if the notices are missed by the homeowner and an exemption is revoked, the homeowner may reapply for the exemption.

If concerned about their exemption status, residents may reapply for a homestead exemption before they are notified. They may also verify their exemption status on the Collin Central Appraisal District site: [CollinCad.org](http://CollinCad.org). There is no fee to apply or reapply for an exemption through the appraisal district.

» For more information or questions about homestead exemptions, visit [CollinCad.org](http://CollinCad.org) or call 469-742-9200.

## Outdoor Warning Sirens Tested Monthly

Fairview uses an outdoor warning system with pole-mounted sirens to alert people who are outside of the threat of severe weather.

*The storm warning siren system is designed to warn people who are outside to seek shelter. It is not intended to audibly warn people who are already indoors.*

The system is activated by local public safety authorities based on specific criteria. The Fairview system is activated by the Allen Public Safety dispatchers.

Fairview's system can be used for a variety of warning purposes, including shelter-in-place advisories or a request to assist in the search for a lost person, because 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 Chief or Police Chief requests activation

You may also hear the audible siren tests when they are performed at noon on the first Wednesday of each month. Tests will not be performed during severe weather events. If Fairview is experiencing severe weather on a regularly scheduled date for siren testing, please assume the siren is weather-related and seek shelter immediately. Fairview Fire Rescue maintains the Town's outdoor warning system.



**With the exception of days with severe weather, outdoor warning sirens will be tested at noon on these dates**

April 2	July 2	October 1
May 7	August 6	November 5
June 4	September 3	December 3



# Free **Community Concert** Scheduled for April 12

The Allen Community Jazz Band, under the direction of Craig Logan and Associate Director Ray Akin, will present a free Spring Concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, in the Lowery Freshman Center Auditorium, 368 N. Greenville Ave., in Allen. Doors will open at 2:30p.m.

Selections will include Big Band favorites, a tribute to Quincy Jones, as well as new and contemporary tunes.



Members of the Jazz Band are also in the Allen Community Concert Band.

The Allen Community Band was founded in 2013 and consists of members from Allen and surrounding communities. All have experience playing in Band and enjoy performing on a regular basis.

» For more information on the Allen Community Band, contact Director Craig Logan at [CraigL@allencommunityband.com](mailto:CraigL@allencommunityband.com).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 5

### COMMUNITY CLEANUP



9 TO 11 A.M.  
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April 26

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# 77 Reasons to Be Inspired:

## Young Resident in the Zone for Success

If it weren't for a global pandemic, **Kendall Ellison** probably wouldn't have been stuck on the couch watching TV in the summer of 2020.

"I didn't really care much about basketball," she said. "I used to play when I was little, but I didn't really watch it or anything. But when COVID hit, you have nothing to do but just watch whatever's on."

Then came Aug. 23, 2020: Game 4 of the first round of the NBA Western Conference playoffs.

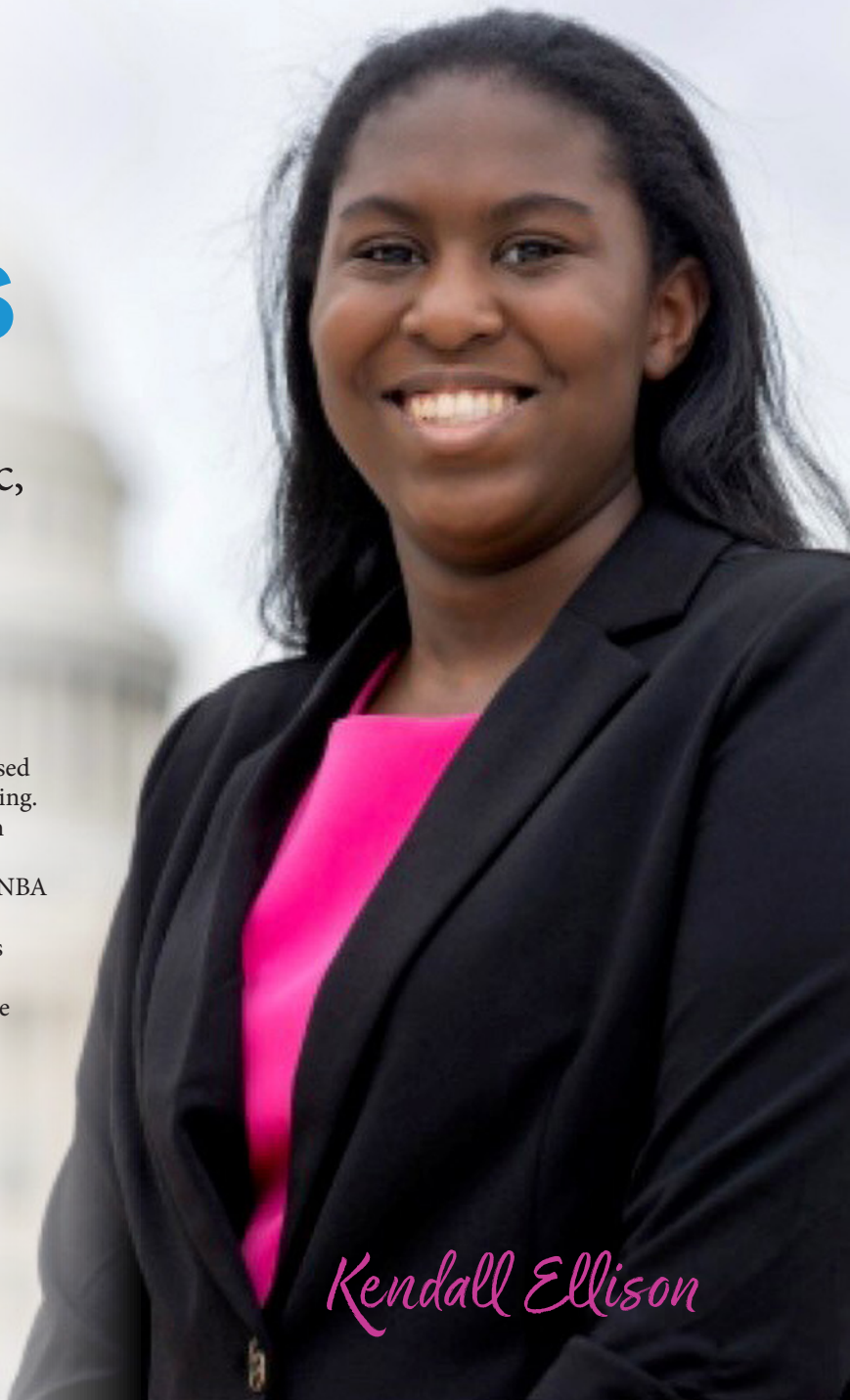
A hungry Dallas Mavericks team was vying to tie the series against the Los Angeles Clippers.

With less than four seconds remaining in overtime play, the Mavs were losing by a single point. Luka Dončić had the ball and took a foul. The Mavs were forced to inbound the ball.

Dončić sprinted to reclaim the ball near midcourt. Pivoting on a sore ankle, he scrambled toward the basket. As he dodged an opponent this way and that, time was slipping away.

Three seconds. Tick. Two seconds. Tick. One second remaining.

In the blink of an eye, Dončić dipped his knees and released the ball. The buzzer sounded while the ball was still in the air.



*Kendall Ellison*



At home on her couch, Kendall tensed as she watched the ball arc above the Clippers player and brush the rim of the basket. It sank neatly into the net.

The announcer's voice boomed, "Bang! Bang! It's good!"

Kendall jumped to her feet, and in that instant, something in her mind clicked into place.

"From that moment, I knew. I knew I wanted to be a sports broadcaster," she said.

She was in sixth grade at the time.

Fast forward to five years later. Kendall was grappling with the shocking trade of Dončić to the Los Angeles Lakers, and she reflected on the moment her life found its course.

"That was the moment I realized Luka Dončić was my guy, and I really wanted to start watching the NBA," Kendall said in an Instagram post she made after news of the trade broke.

"Without Luka, I wouldn't know about players like Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell, Dr. J, Larry and Magic, Michael Jordan, Kobe," she said. "Even what LeBron and Steph Curry have done was before I really started watching basketball."

Her love for Dončić is unchanged, and so are her life plans.

Last year, Kendall enrolled in the school news program at McKinney High School. Students in the MHSI program produce a 15-minute newscast every two weeks. Kendall's focus is on sports.

Then, last summer, she spent a week at the Washington Journalism and Media Conference in Virginia, where the focus was primarily on political journalism.

She doesn't know who nominated her for the program – her school instructors had



never heard of it. She found the immersive experience valuable and is grateful for the opportunity, but her heart remained committed to sports broadcasting.

This year, she decided to double-down on her plans and enrolled in the McKinney High School Interdisciplinary Study and Mentorship (ISM) class.

"Basically, it's a class where you study your career. It's based on what we want to do," she explained. "There's people in the class who want to be a lawyer. People do accounting, dentistry, like, whatever you want to study."

She had already met several professionals who are working in and who have previously worked in sports broadcasting, but she needed to take it a step further.

"The biggest part of ISM is the mentorship part," Kendall said. So she doggedly worked to land sports broadcaster Jeff "Skin" Wade as her mentor.

"We have talked over the phone three times now about my product" for the class, Kendall said in February 2025. "My product



will be a little documentary about the transfer portal and its effects on college sports.

"I interviewed two athletes who have been through the transfer portal and a SMU coach about what it's like from the program's perspective," she said.

With a promising career almost a certainty, Kendall has two more big goals she'd like to reach: to meet her hero, Luka Dončić, and to see him return to the Dallas Mavericks. She acknowledges the latter may be the least likely to happen.

"Luka is Dallas," Kendall said. "His statue was supposed to be up here with Dirk."

She and her family once regularly attended games. The last time she sat in the stands was in 2024, when the Mavericks were facing the Celtics in the NBA Finals.

"If that's the last time I see Luka Dončić in a Dallas Mavericks jersey ... then what a sight. That's a memory I'll hold on to for the rest of my life," she said. "I just want to say thank you [to him] for helping me get on the direction for my career and my life path."



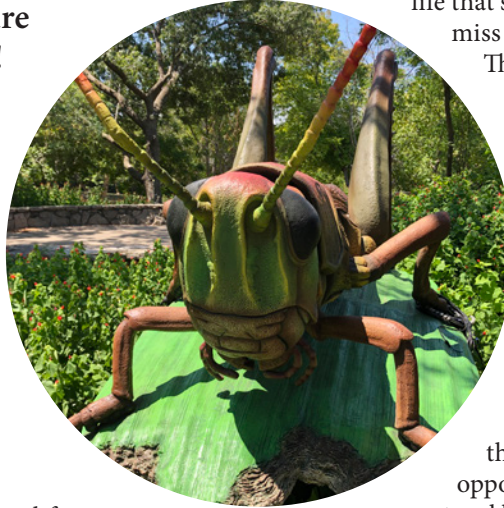


# April Adventures Await at the Heard

**A**pril is a fantastic month to visit the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary. And, now is the time to sign up for Heard Summer Nature Camps, which are filling up fast!

● **Bugs LIVE: A Giant Adventure**

One of the highlights this April is the intriguing Bugs LIVE exhibit, which continues to captivate visitors and will run through June 29. This unique exhibit features giant animatronic insects and arachnids along the museum's nature trail. It's an engaging way to learn about these fascinating creatures and their roles in the ecosystem. You'll feel like you've stepped into a world where bugs rule the earth as you wander through the trails, meeting these larger-than-life critters in their natural habitat. It's a thrilling experience that's both educational and entertaining for all ages!



● **Native Plants and the Bugs That Love Them**

For those interested in learning more about the plant life that sustains these incredible insects, don't miss the Native Plants and the Bugs That Love Them series of talks on April 5. These talks are included in general admission and free for Heard members, but registration is required. You'll discover the important relationships between native plants and the bugs that depend on them, gaining valuable insights into how you can support local biodiversity in your own backyard.

● **Spring Native Plant Sale**

Another exciting event this month is the Spring Native Plant Sale, a wonderful opportunity to bring a piece of the Heard's natural beauty into your home garden. The Member Pre-Sale kicks off on April 11, with the sale opening to the public on April 12-13.



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## Bird of the Month

By Paul Marto Jr.

Greetings fellow birders! I trust that everyone is enjoying the winter months here in North Texas. In keeping with the Winter theme, I have chosen the April Bird of the Month as none other than the Winter Wren.



This little ball of energy showcases a wide variety of light to dark browns and frequently can be spotted hopping and scampering among fallen logs looking for that next tasty grub. Its famous characteristics include a tail that is held straight up and the ability to belt out a beautiful array of mesmerizing chirps.

Cool facts I found on the web: Per unit weight, the Winter Wren delivers its song with 10 times more power than a crowing rooster! And male Winter Wrens build multiple nests within their territory. During courtship, males lead the female around to each nest, so the female can choose the one she likes the best!

So grab your camera and your chigger repellent and head outside soon, as the Winter Wren breeding season here in North Texas starts in April and runs through July.

Happy Birding!

» Reach out to Paul Marto with questions or comments: [pjmartojr@gmail.com](mailto:pjmartojr@gmail.com).





## April Actor of Fairview - Nolan!

**N**olan, 11 years old and in 5th grade, got his start in theater in 2nd grade when he auditioned and was cast as the Candy Man in “Willy Wonka Kids,” directed by NTPA mom and teacher Kristin R. After his first show, he excitedly told his mom, “That was amazing! I want to do this forever!”

Following the director’s advice, Nolan auditioned at NTPA Fairview and landed his first role as King Agnarr in “Frozen Kids.” Unfortunately, his run was cut short by COVID, but that didn’t stop him – he’s now been in 16 productions, 12 with NTPA. His favorite role so far has been Bruce in “Matilda,” a part that helped him grow as an actor under the direction of Ms. Cibby and Miss Kally and gave him the opportunity to work alongside an amazing and talented cast!

Outside of theater, Nolan plays club soccer with Solar Soccer Club, plays Futsal, loves golf, and enjoys socializing and spending time with his friends and singing any moment he gets.

Next up for Nolan is “13, JR.,” a timeless story of fitting in - and standing out! Nolan will take the stage as Malcolm and is looking forward to diving into the world of middle school with his best friends by his side. Come watch this talented cast find their place in the popularity pecking order. [NTPA.org/event/13-the-musical-fairview/](https://www.ntpa.org/event/13-the-musical-fairview/).

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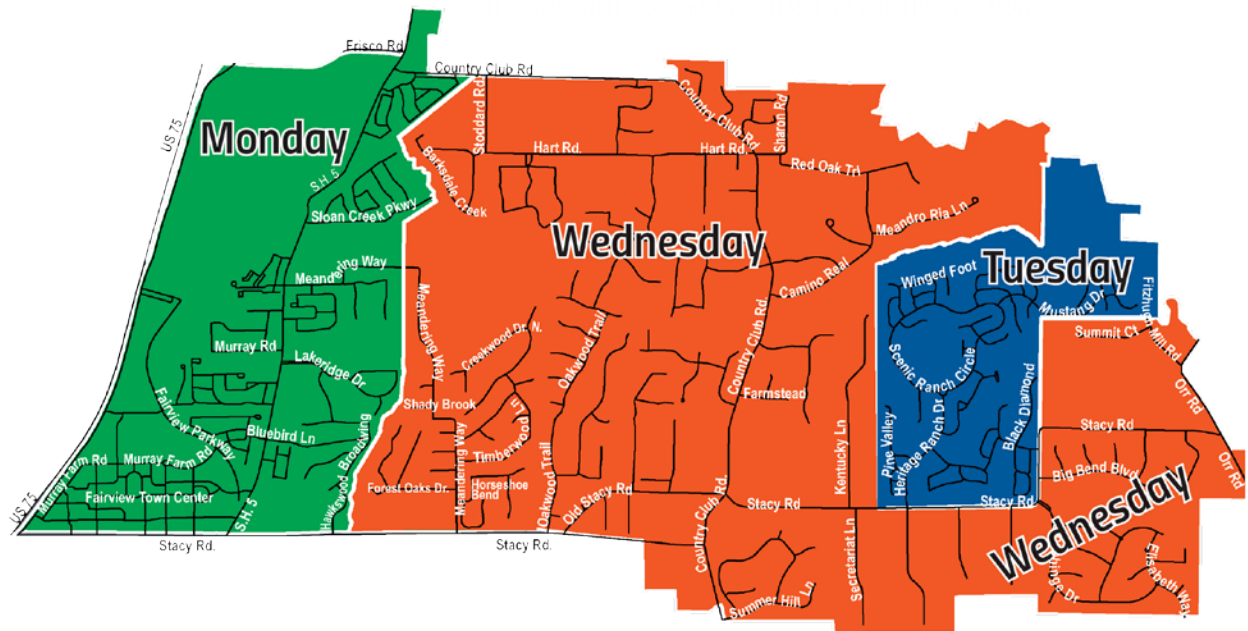
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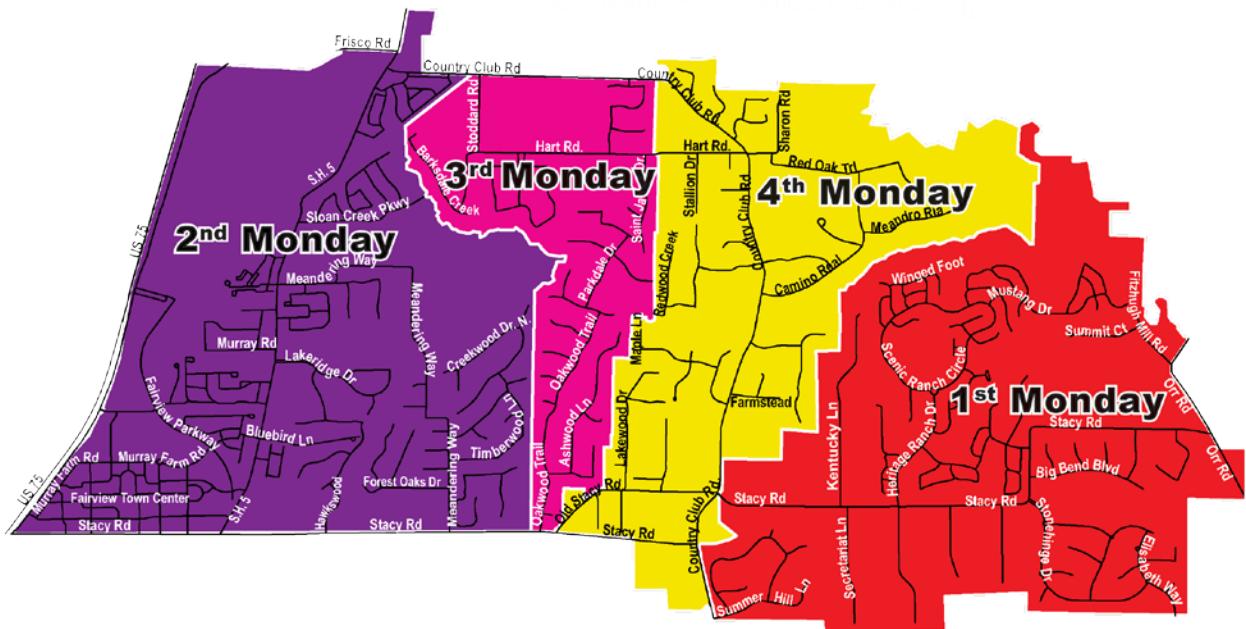
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## Trash & Recycling Collection Map



## Brush & Bulk Collection Map





# 2025 Collection Calendar

■ Holiday

**JANUARY**

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

**FEBRUARY**

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**MARCH**

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**APRIL**

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2nd Mon.	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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**MAY**

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2nd Mon.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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**JUNE**

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1st Mon.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2nd Mon.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3rd Mon.	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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**JULY**

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2nd Mon.	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
3rd Mon.	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
4th Mon.	27	28	29	30	31		

**AUGUST**

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1st Mon.	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2nd Mon.	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
3rd Mon.	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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**SEPTEMBER**

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

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2nd Mon.	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
3rd Mon.	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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**NOVEMBER**

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2nd Mon.	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
3rd Mon.	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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**DECEMBER**

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2nd Mon.	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
3rd Mon.	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
4th Mon.	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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## 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 \$2.22 each and placed on excess bags that don't fit inside your trash cart. Other than during bulk collection weeks, bags sitting outside of carts without a Town-issued tag won't be collected.
- Recyclables should be placed loose, without bagging, into recycling carts, which are either solid green or dark blue with a lighter blue lid.
- Clean and dry empty cardboard boxes may be cut down and folded flat to fit inside recycling bins.
- Never clamp or lock lids on trash or recycling carts.
- Place carts with handles facing the house and lids opening toward the street or alley.
- Carts must be placed 2 to 3 feet apart and away from objects that may obstruct the pickup arm.

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

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