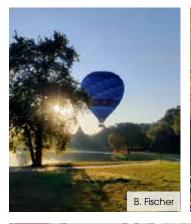


January's Snapshots

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MESSAGE MAYOR



HENRY LESSNER

Hello Gairview!

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving! Here in early December, it is a beautiful time in Fairview! Our trees are decked out with their best color that I can remember.

Thanks to our staff and numerous other volunteers who staged our annual tree lighting event. If you are out at night, be sure to visit the west side of Town Hall. Special thanks go out to Karin Anderson for coordinating everything. We had a large enthusiastic crowd in attendance. I especially enjoy talking with the kiddos and getting some of them to do the countdown as we throw the switch to light the tree.



Council member John Hubbard sings with the Vocal Majority – an 80+ member men's chorus. Your family needs to attend one of the Vocal Majority shows – especially their Christmas show. It will get you in the holiday spirit … they are awesome!

December is a month of special days – Christmas, Hanukkah, Ashura, and my wife's birthday! In this season, our local non-profits have a larger need for donations. Our fire department is collecting toys for All Community Outreach (ACO). You can drop off a new unwrapped toy or gift for children



up to age 16 at either of our fire stations or in the Town Hall lobby. Any non-profit could put a cash donation to good work helping someone in need.

Enjoy being around your family and friends. Be merry and be safe. See you in 2024. God bless.



Town of Fairview 372 Town Place Fairview, TX 75069 972-562-0522 Henry Lessner

Henry Lessner Mayor@FairviewTexas.org







Kitchen Safety

There are so many good reasons to cook and eat at home. Whether it's to save money or simply have more control and options for healthy eating, follow these tips from the National Fire Protection Association and Friends of Fairview First Responders to stay safe when cooking.



- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the oven or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drinks are prepared or carried.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire, just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire, and call 9-1-1.

Fire Sprinkler Maintenance



Fire sprinkler systems must be regularly maintained, including ensuring that piping is fully and properly insulated. Sometimes insulation settles or is disturbed by someone moving or doing work in the attic. In some rare cases, an installer may have installed inadequate insulation.

To help prevent broken water pipes and the damage they can create, inspect fire sprinkler systems regularly. A good rule of thumb is to walk your attic at least once per year. If you see any exposed orange pipe, the pipe is not properly insulated, which could possibly lead to a break during extreme weather.

If you are unsure what to look for in an inspection, ask the installer of your sprinklers to inspect the system for you. If your house contains an anti-freeze system, insulation is slightly less important, but additionally the anti-freeze solution should be tested annually by a professional installer to ensure there are proper amounts of anti-freeze in the firesprinkler system.

All fire sprinkler systems have shut-off valves; it is important to know where your shut-off valve is located. This valve allows you to turn off the flow of water to your sprinkler system in case of a malfunction. If the valve is locked, be certain you can locate the key during an emergency. And remember to make sure more than one person in your home knows the location and how to operate the shut-off valve. You never know who will be at home during an emergency.

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- Must be renewed by Jan. 31 every year.
- \$50 annual residential permit
- \$100 annual commercial permit
- 25% late fee assessed after Jan. 31
- Alarms without a permit may result in a fine of up to \$250 plus court costs per offense
- Includes all alarms that summon police or other emergency services + all unmonitored alarms that emit an audible signal that can be heard outside the structure.
- Covered under Fairview Code of Ordinances, article 4.05

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Revolving Kitchen Awarded Grant, Opening in Town Center



Revolving Kitchen, a virtual food hall set to open in Fairview Town Center in January, is one of two Texas recipients of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's **Farmers Market Promotion Program's 2023 grants.**

Revolving Kitchen has been designated to receive \$248,200 to help with technology and growth opportunities for the business and those who will use its 32 commercial kitchens.

"There is a huge ecosystem of food producers. I applied for the USDA grant ... to help local food producers (such as farmers, processors, aggregators, consumer packaged goods manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, restaurateurs, chefs, home, school, community meal providers and others) have an affordable and accessible state-of-the-art commercial kitchen facility to start and/or grow their businesses and connect with local consumers and communities," said Tyler Shin, founder of Revolving Kitchen.

The Fairview site will be the second location for the business and larger than the original Revolving Kitchen, which opened in Garland in 2019.

Shin participated in a "wall breaking" ceremony with his team, the Allen-Fairview Chamber of Commerce, the Fairview Economic Development Corporation, town staff and members of the Fairview Town Council in July 2023.

Collin County Rides Continuing Through DCTA

The Collin County Rides website from the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) is now live, and resources on the site will be available in mid-January.



Beginning Feb. 1, 2024, DCTA will replace DART as the provider of Collin County Rides, the transportation services for Fairview residents

who are at least 65 or who have a qualifying disability.

Visit DCTA.net/CollinCountyRides to view answers to frequently asked questions and familiarize yourself with DCTA.



At the Nov. 7 Town Council meeting, new Fairview Police Officer Austin J. Perez was sworn into duty. Perez previously worked for the Rockwall County Detention Center.

Also at the November regular meeting:

Mayor Henry Lessner declared Nov. 7. as Arbor Day in the Town of Fairview

A representative from Jacobs Engineering gave a presentation regarding a potential communications tower in a northeastern portion of the town. No application related to the potential tower has been received, and the council took no action.

The council also:

- Approved the minutes of the Oct. 10 regular council
- Approved the 2023 tax roll summary for the Town of
- Received the October police report
- Received the October fire report
- Received an update on town construction projects
- Held a public hearing and approved a conditional use permit (CUP) for an accessory structure (greenhouse). The 2.79-acre lot is located at 1070 Country Trail and is zoned for the (RE-1) One-acre Ranch Estate District. Owner/Applicant: Jonathan and Gail Bentley
- Reappointed Chris Lee to the Zoning Board of Adjustments

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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 council members who are volunteers elected at-large.

The town charter states that "no person shall serve as mayor for more than three successive terms, and no person shall serve as council member for more than three successive terms." Terms of office are for two years or any portion thereof.

The town's next general election will occur on Saturday, May 4, 2024. The terms of office that will expire in May 2024 are **seats 2, 4 and 6**. The mayor's term and town council seats 1, 3 and 5 will expire in May 2025.

Potential candidate information packets will be available for pickup at Town Hall beginning Jan. 2, 2024. 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 **Wednesday**, **Jan. 17**, **2024**. The deadline for filing applications to be placed on the ballot is 5 p.m. **Friday**, **Feb. 16. 2024**.

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 the Town Secretary at TownSecretary@FairviewTexas.org or call 972-886-4234.





Take Charge of Safety

Tips for preventing lithium-ion battery fires

By the Electric Safety Foundation and the Fire Safety Research Institute

Electric bikes and scooters powered by lithium-ion batteries enhance our lives, but with such convenience comes responsibility. In many cities, lithium-ion batteries have become one of the leading causes of fires and fire deaths. Learn how to charge your devices safely.

Where to buy devices and equipment:

- Purchase from a trusted retailer who stands behind their product.
- Purchase devices that have a manufacturer's warranty.
- Look for products that are listed or safety certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to ensure they meet important safety requirements.

What to do once you get your new device:

- Review the device's manual before using.
- Only use the charging equipment that comes with the product.

Where to Charge and Where to Store

- Never charge near doors or entryways if a fire occurs, it can block your exit.
- Charge in a flat, dry area away from children and sunlight.
- Do not charge larger devices overnight.
- Always charge and plug directly into a wall outlet.

Never leave a charging battery unattended. Unplug as soon as it is done charging.

Watch for problems:

- Check battery-powered devices often for damage or abuse such as swelling or punctures.
- Listen for unusual hissing or popping sounds.
- Watch out for excessive heat or a strange odor.
- If you notice any of these warning signs, stop using the lithium-ion battery-powered device immediately.
- White or gray wispy smoke indicates there is immediate danger of fire.
- If you notice an odd odor, discoloration, or hear something unusual from your device, it could be a sign of danger. Move the device from anything flammable and call 911.

Take Charge of Battery Safety!

- Choose certified products.
- **H**andle lithium-ion devices with care.
- ► Always stay alert for warning signs.
- **R**ecycle devices and batteries properly.
- Get out quickly if there's a fire.
- Educate others on safe practices.



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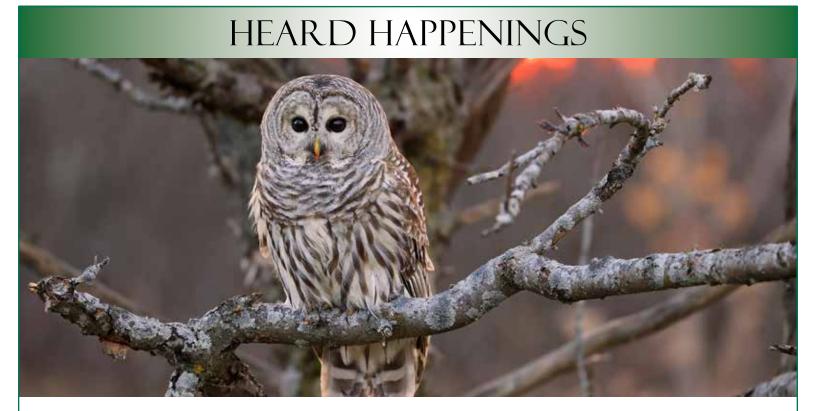
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A Winter Avian Extravaganza Awaits You at the Heard

Winter brings a special charm to the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney.

Despite the occasional chilly temperatures, this time of year offers birdwatchers a unique opportunity to witness a diverse array of avian visitors. Over the years, enthusiasts have documented a fascinating variety of species (some resident and some migratory), making Heard a hotspot for birdwatching during January. A complete list is available at HeardMuseum.org/Birding. Below are just a few notable species to watch for.

One cannot help but be charmed by the **American Coot**. With its striking white bill and vibrant red eye, this water-loving bird gracefully navigates the wetlands, often engaging in playful antics as it forages for aquatic plants. Venture near the Heard wetlands, and you might witness their synchronized paddling, a spectacle that adds a touch of elegance to the winter landscape.

In the open fields and on perches, the **American Kestrel** proudly displays its diminutive yet powerful form. Known for its hovering flight as it scans the ground for prey, this small falcon brings a burst of energy to the sanctuary. Its keen eyes and swift movements make it a joy to



observe, highlighting the beauty of these tiny hunters.

As mixed flocks flutter by, the melodic notes of the **Brown-headed Cowbird** may catch your attention. Their unique breeding strategy involves laying eggs in the nests of other bird species, showcasing the intricate web of relationships within the avian community. Keep an eye out for these social birds as they move in coordinated harmony, creating a lively atmosphere.

If you participate in our Night Hike on Jan. 13 underneath the moonlit sky, the haunting hoots of the **Barred**Owl often echo through the sanctuary. Though elusive during daylight hours, their presence adds an air of mystery to the winter nights. Listen closely for their calls, a reminder that even in the tranquility of winter, life in the sanctuary continues in subtle, nocturnal ways.

The Heard wetlands come alive with

the striking presence of the **Hooded Merganser**. Distinguished by the males' black and white plumage and a crest that adds a regal touch, this waterfowl graces the winter waters with its elegance. Observing them in their aquatic realm is a testament to the Heard Sanctuary's role as a refuge for diverse bird species.

This winter spectacle extends beyond these highlights, encompassing a wealth of avian diversity. From the energetic foraging of the **Northern Cardinal** to the secretive movements of the **Eastern Screech-Owl**, each species contributes to the intricate tapestry of life within Heard.

Tips for Birdwatching at the Heard

As you embark on your winter birdwatching adventure at Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, consider the following tips: dress warmly in layers, bring binoculars to enhance your observations, explore various habitats, and, above all, respect the wildlife that graces this tranquil sanctuary. Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary invites you to immerse yourself in the enchanting world of winter birds. So, wrap up, grab your binoculars, and embark on a winter birding adventure at the Heard!



Come hear their foot stompin' music at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Allen Public Library. Like different amounts of cayenne will sure change your chili, the high-energy Salt Creek Bluegrass adds subtle seasoning to their standard bluegrass and contemporary tunes that will whet your appetite for more.

On mandolin and fiddle, Al Stenzel began his career as a classical musician, but in high school he became enthralled with the sounds of bluegrass. Al's mandolin chops and fiddle licks will keep the band on a firm turf.

The lively rolls coupled with a tasteful delivery of melodic runs from Chuck Duffin's banjo gives Salt Creek a distinctive sound.

A fiddle is a must in Texas music, and Tommy Swan will not disappoint you with his exciting solos and back-up licks.

Terry Solomon also provides the lead with his bass. His creative arrangements provide Salt Creek Bluegrass an old fashion but progressive style.

Warren Goad adds a dynamic guitar with a Texas slant. His arrangements keep the Salt Creek repertoire fresh and progressive.

Other January Offerings at the Library Dance Franny Dance and other Lost DFW classics

Do you love musical history? Radio personality George Gimarc will discuss and demonstrate outstanding songs that have been largely forgotten at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 18. From big band to rockabilly to rock 'n' roll, George can easily recite the label and year that a group made a recording and its market value. In 1995, Time Life created a documentary covering the growth and development of rock 'n' roll from the early 1950s to the mid '90s. George was a consultant to the series.

In March 1977, George sensed that that there was a void in the

Salt Creek Bluegrass

Although January usually brings ice-cold temperatures, the heat is on when Salt Creek Bluegrass Band performs.

By Tom Keener

marketplace, and there was a yearning for new sounds. He was attracted to the energy and humor of the punk rock movement. As a college student, George became a disc jockey on the University of North Texas radio station KNTU. His program became known as The Rock & Roll Alternative, one of the first regular new wave or punk radio shows in the United States. The Rock & Roll Alternative program was responsible for introducing acts such as R.E.M., The Go-Go's, U2, The Sex Pistols, Devo, The B-52's, and hundreds of others to the Dallas-Ft. Worth listening audience. In 1980, he moved his program to commercial radio, KZEW, launching a new chapter in radio and musical history. Later, George hosted The Lost Tapes on KRLD-AM (1080) where he played obscure records, after imbuing his audience with equally obscure nuggets of musical trivia.

The Skinny Bishop

The Skinny Bishop will take the stage to deliver jazz, rock and country favorites at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26. The Skinny Bishop perform popular songs from the 60s to today. The band is comprised of talented musicians, rich three-part vocal harmonies, ripping electric guitar solos and dynamic drumbeats.

The Skinny Bishop have entertained local venue audiences and private events with their diverse song selection. Modern and classic pop songs are all part of the setlist.

Band members include Elizabeth Riley - lead vocals, Chris Henke - guitar/vocals, Joe Servia - electric and upright bass, Layci Dagleydrums, and Steve Benckenstein - electric guitar.

Admission is free for all these programs, and they will be streamed live on ACTV. Find viewing options at Watch ACTV or view online at ACTV.org or YouTube.com/AllenCityTV.

The library is located at 300 N. Allen Dr. Call 214-509-4911 for more information.

HOA Contact Updates

If your homeowner association elected new officers recently, now is the time to submit new contact information

to the Town of Fairview. Please send your HOA board contact list (including address, phone number and email address for each board member) to Karin Anderson at kanderson@fairviewtexas.org.

We appreciate your partnership and look forward to sharing valuable and timely information with you.







Entertainment Venue Set to Open in Late January, No Firm Date Announced

A new shuffleboard and game destination featuring hand-held menu items will soon open on the east side of Fairview Town Center. The site is slated to be the second Lark's spot to open in the U.S. The Kansas City location opened first, and six others are in the works in other states.

Curt Skallerup, former CEO of Altitude Trampoline Parks, cofounded Lark's Entertainment with Ricardo Dunin, a commercial property developer.

We recently talked with Courtney Skallerup, the company's VP of Operations, to learn more about how the idea of shuffleboard for a franchised entertainment venue was born and what the Fairview location will offer when it opens in the coming weeks.

She told us that, as the founders were researching various entertainment options for their next business venture, they discovered that shuffleboard clubs and leagues were tremendously popular in Chicago and Florida.

"They were really cultivating a sense of community with the shuffleboard players within their leagues and members of the clubs," Skallerup said. "We're really looking to bring that sense of community to Fairview."

It's the kind of game that can be played while holding a drink or food and chatting with friends, she said.

"It's really a game that you can play, but also socialize, and you



don't have to take it too seriously," Skallerup said. "We wanted this to be very accessible and inclusive for any skill level and type of person, any walk of life. Just about any person can come in and play shuffleboard."

The Fairview site, which is going into the former Bowlero location, will feature an arcade in addition to shuffleboard.

"At Altitude, we felt like we were really catering to the kids, and the parents wouldn't always have a great time," she said. "So we're trying to build something that the whole family can enjoy together."

Membership programs will be available but not required to participate in the fun. Courts may be rented by the hour seven days a week.



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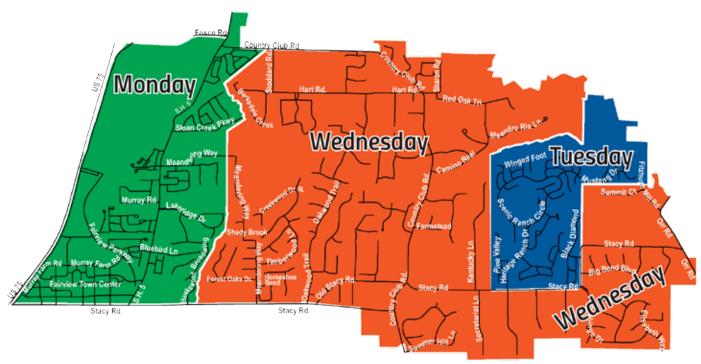
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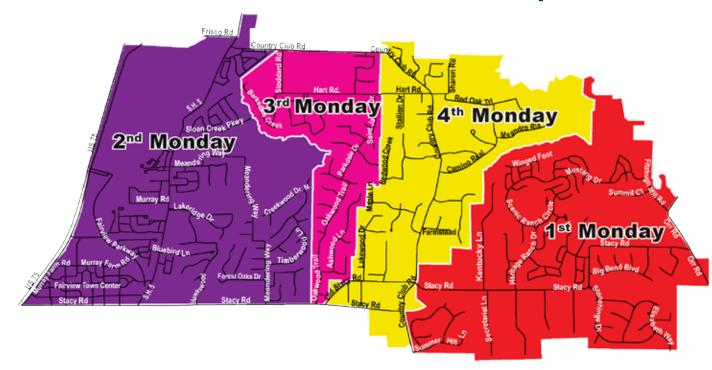
There will be no solid waste collection on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, or New Year's Day, Jan. 1. Pickup days for trash and recycling will roll forward one day for both weeks. Bulk and brushy items will be picked up sometime during your normal pickup week.

Residents who normally have trash and recycling collected on Mondays will instead receive pickup on Tuesday, Dec. 26, and Tuesday, Jan. 2. Addresses that normally receive Tuesday pickups will receive collection on Wednesday, Dec. 27, and Wednesday, Jan. 3. Residents who normally receive Wednesday pickups will instead receive pickup on Thursday, Dec. 28, and Thursday, Jan. 4.

Trash & Recycling Collection Map



Brush & Bulk Collection Map



Holiday

2024 Collection Calendar

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Solid Waste Collection Tips

Trash and Recycling

- Trash should be contained inside securely tied plastic bags, and all bags should fit inside your solid blue cart with the lid closed.
- **Pink tags** may be purchased from the town for \$2.14 each and placed on every excess bag that doesn'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.
- Lids on trash and recycling carts may not be clamped or locked.

- Place carts with handles facing the house and lids opening toward the street or alley.
- Place carts 2 to 3 feet apart and away from each other or any objects that may obstruct the pickup arm.
- Carts should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day and no earlier than 5 p.m. the prior day. Carts must be rolled away from the street after trash
- is collected no later than 6 a.m. the following day.
- Hazardous waste cannot be picked up by Republic Services.

Bulk and Brush

· Brush and bulk waste may be

- collected on any day during your pickup week.
- Bulk and brush should be cut into 4-foot lengths and neatly stacked.
- Up to 12 cubic yards of brush and bulk are allowed per address in a month.
- A single cubic yard is 3 feet long, 3 feet wide and 3 feet tall.
- Call Republic Services at 972-422-2341 to schedule an unusually large pickup and get a cost quote for the special pickup.

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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