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### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hi Fairvieu!

he Town of Fairview has long benefitted from strong, thoughtful leadership, and this season marks a moment of both transition and celebration as we recognize those who have faithfully served and welcome new members to our Town Council.

#### **Honoring Our Outgoing Leaders**

It is my honor and privilege to express our deepest appreciation to three outstanding individuals who have faithfully served the Town of Fairview: Mayor Henry Lessner, Councilmember Ken Logston, and Councilmember Ricardo Doi.

Mayor Henry Lessner, his leadership has been marked by a steadfast dedication to principle, thoughtful decision-making, and an unwavering commitment to the long-term well-being of Fairview. His ability to lead with both vision and humility has left an indelible mark on this community, and we are grateful for his years of tireless service.

Councilmember Ken Logston, his integrity, sound judgment, and genuine concern for the residents of Fairview have been evident in every action he has taken. His measured and respectful approach to public service has elevated the work of this council and helped ensure that Fairview remains a place we are all proud to call home.

Councilmember Ricardo Doi, his analytical insight, attention to detail, and professional demeanor have brought clarity and depth to our deliberations. He has served with great distinction, and his contributions have been vital to the progress we've made together.

We stand on your shoulders! On behalf of the citizens of Fairview, I offer my sincere thanks for their exemplary service, leadership, and dedication. Their impact will be felt for years to come, and we are grateful for the legacy they leave behind.

#### **A New Chapter Begins**

It is with great gratitude that I accept the role of Mayor of Fairview. Thank you for your trust in me. I look forward to continuing our shared efforts to preserve Fairview's unique character while promoting thoughtful growth and community engagement.

Councilmember Rich Connelly enters his next term with continued enthusiasm for serving the people of Fairview. His experience and dedication will remain an asset to the Council.

We are also pleased to welcome two new Councilmembers whose professional accomplishments and deep commitment to public service are already evident.

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John Hubbard

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Councilmember Jill Hawkins and her husband, Bill, have lived in Fairview for 22 years, drawn by its rural charm and strong schools. Jill served seven years on the Fairview EDC/CDC board and was Board Chair of the Allen Fairview Chamber in 2017. A Leadership Class 26 graduate, she also helped found the Veterans Center of North Texas. A mother of three and grandmother of seven, Jill remains dedicated to community service.

Councilmember Patrick Sheehan brings deep professional and civic experience to the Council. A retired investment manager and former TV news anchor, he spent three decades with CBS, ABC, and Fox affiliates in Connecticut. After retiring, he opened a brokerage office serving municipal and corporate clients. Since moving to Fairview in 2019, he and his wife Jane have been active in Heritage Ranch. Pat has also held leadership roles promoting journalism and government transparency.

Returning to serve their final terms on Council are Councilmembers Gregg Custer and Larry Little. We are pleased to share that Gregg Custer has been appointed Mayor Pro Tem. Larry Little continues to be actively involved in our community and was recently honored as a recipient of the 2025 Mays Outstanding Alumni Award by Texas A&M University, a well-deserved recognition of his lifelong commitment to service and excellence.

#### **Looking Ahead**

As we enter this new chapter for Fairview, I am confident that this Council — both new and returning members — will continue to serve with wisdom, compassion, and a shared commitment to preserving what makes our town so special. I plan to continue the Breakfast with the Mayor at Heritage Ranch in August and look forward to hearing directly from residents as we shape Fairview's future together. I look forward to working together to advance the interests of our residents and ensure that Fairview remains a place of beauty, community, and opportunity for generations to come.

John Hubbard

John Hubbard Mayor@FairviewTexas.org





### Town Council Meeting

#### At the Tuesday, April 29, 2025 Special Town Council meeting,

the Council approved with conditions an application for a Conditional Use Permit for a religious facility to be built on the north side of Stacy Road, west of Meandering Way.

The approved conditions are as follows:

- From ground level, the roof and facade of the temple building cannot exceed 44 feet, 7 inches.
- From ground level, the steeple and spire and any other element of the temple structure cannot exceed 120 feet.
- The development shall connect to the Allen sewer system.
- The excess drainage capacity to the west shall be used to limit the storm water discharge to the east.
- The impervious coverage shall be a maximum of 38.9 percent.
- The temple building shall be limited to a maximum of 30,742 square feet.
- Lighting will meet the Town Code requirements and be subject to the following limitations:
  - All exterior lights shall not exceed 3,000 kelvin, except that parking lot lighting and security lighting may utilize lighting up to 4,000 kelvin.
  - No exterior lights from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., except for safety and security lighting.
  - All exterior lighting shall provide shielding so that there is no light trespass beyond the property line and any element capable of emitting light (such as a bulb or LED) is not visible beyond the property line whether the light is turned on or off.
  - No exterior lighting fixtures are permitted other than what is shown in Exhibit F (in the application packet).
  - Any exterior lights aimed above the horizontal plane shall not exceed 900 lumens. Any lighting above 900 lumens must be full cut-off.

#### At the Tuesday, May 6, 2025, Regular Town Council meeting:

Mayor John Hubbard and Council members Rich Connelly (Seat 1), Jill Hawkins (Seat 3) and Pat Sheehan (Place 5) took the oath of office.

Mayor Hubbard presented plaques and expressed his gratitude for the dedicated service of former Mayor Henry Lessner and former Council members Ricardo Doi and Ken Logsdon.

Mayor Hubbard presented a proclamation declaring May 12-16, 2025, National Police Week.

The Council also:

- Approved/authorized the following items on the consent agenda:
  - a. Minutes of the April 1, 2025, regular meeting of the Town Council
  - b. Minutes of the April 29, 2025, special meeting of the Town Council
  - c. A resolution to appoint a presiding municipal court judge, two associate municipal court judges and approved related agreements for professional services
  - d. An amendment to an interlocal agreement with Collin County regarding animal shelter services
  - e. A request for a vacating plat of Lot 66R of the River Oaks Addition at 811 N. Creekwood Drive zoned for the (RE-1) One-acre Ranch Estate District
- Received staff monthly financial, police, fire, code enforcement and construction project reports from staff
- Discussed an amenity pond to be added by a landowner to the flood plain area in the Harper's Landing subdivision





On March 30, Mayor Henry Lessner gave a presentation about local and national government, the importance of voting and civic responsibility to a group of ninth graders from Lovejoy, Allen and Plano schools who are members of the Young Men's Service League in Collin County.

### Council Member Presented **Prestigious Award**

Fairview Town Council Member Larry Little, a 1973 graduate of Texas A&M University's Mays Business School, was recognized April 24 as a recipient of the 2025 Mays Outstanding Alumni Award.



Established in 1992, the prestigious honor recognizes former students who exemplify the school's mission to develop leaders of character. These distinguished honorees demonstrate leadership through their professional excellence, community impact and dedicated service to Mays.

Little is the retired owner of Ace Fence Company, which became the largest fence company in Dallas-Fort Worth. Ace Fence Company's success has allowed Little and his wife, Pam Little, to give back through many generous donations to Texas A&M, including scholarships for students in Mays and the VetMed school. The Littles are also frequent guest speakers in Mays' Strategic Philanthropy course.

### Fairview Receives Clean Audit Report

A n independent auditing firm has confirmed that the Town's financial position is strong, with healthy reserves.

At the April 1 Town Council meeting, Claire Wootton, CPA and director of assurance services with the independent auditing firm Weaver, presented the Town of Fairview an unmodified or "clean" opinion on the Fiscal Year 2024 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.



The financial statements were presented in conformity with Generally Accepted Auditing Principles and audited in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards by a firm of licensed Certified Public Accountants.

Financial highlights for Fiscal Year 2024 include:

- Expenditures increased by 7 percent compared to the prior fiscal year, with all expenditures totaling \$19.3 million.
  - Public safety expenditures increased by \$973,000 due to increases in personnel costs resulting from retirement payouts and increased operational expenses.
  - Debt Service increased by \$184,000 related to issuance costs from the Series 2023 Tax Notes.
- The Town's total net position increased by \$1.4 million. This was primarily due to increases in property tax revenue and intergovernmental revenue. The increase also accounts for a decrease in permit revenue of \$373,000.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Fairview's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$12.5 million, a decrease of \$386,000 compared to the prior year.
- Actual revenues for Fiscal Year 2024 exceeded the budget by \$184,000, and actual expenditures were \$112,000 above budget.
- The net position of the Town's Enterprise Fund increased by \$1.5 million, due in part to an increase in water sales and sewer charges.

The goal of the independent audit is to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Town of Fairview are free from material misstatements. The audit involves examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The results of the audit continue to reflect the goals of the Town Council in maintaining a strong financial position. The full auditor's presentation can be found on the Finance Department page of Town's website at Fairview/Texas.org.

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## Why Backups are Essential

Contributed by the Technology Advisory Committee

any people store important data on devices like laptops, desktops, external drives, or USB sticks. However, failing to secure or back up this data increases the risk of breaches, theft or permanent loss.

Various threats highlight the need for backups. Malware can infiltrate your device, modifying or stealing files, while ransomware may lock your data until a ransom is paid, possibly rendering it permanently inaccessible. Opportunistic criminals may steal your device, resulting in data loss if it's not backed up.

Targeted attacks can expose sensitive information for identity theft, and natural disasters like fires or floods can destroy storage devices.

Backing up your data is quick and can often be automated, requiring minimal effort to prevent significant stress later.

#### What Is a Backup?

A backup is a secure copy of your data stored in a different location, either online in the cloud or offline on removable media. If you lose access to original data, a backup allows you to restore it and avoid costly losses. Backups can be comprehensive, capturing all files and system data, or selective, targeting essential documents, photos and videos. Anything that would cause inconvenience if lost should be backed up.

### How to Back Up Your Data

*Cloud Storage for Online Backups* Cloud services, including, but not limited to, iCloud, Google Drive, and OneDrive offer secure remote storage. These services typically provide limited free space, sufficient for essential files. Cloud backups are automated, ensuring data remains current. They also allow access from any internet-connected device, valuable if your primary device is lost or damaged. However, cloud storage requires a reliable internet connection, and large backups may incur additional costs.

#### **Removable Media for Offline Backups**

Offline backups can be made with external media. These devices don't require internet access for transfers and involve a one-time investment rather than ongoing cloud service fees. To protect offline backups,



disconnect storage devices when not in use to avoid malware infections. Manual file copying or automated backup systems can make the process more convenient.

#### **Implementing Your Backup**

The United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) recommends the 3-2-1 backup rule:

- 3: Keep three copies of important files one primary and two backups.
- 2: Store backups on two different media types (e.g., an external hard drive and cloud storage).
- 1: Keep one copy off site (e.g., in the cloud) to safeguard against local disasters.

#### **Protecting Your Backup**

Security is crucial for backups, particularly for cloud-based solutions. Protect cloud accounts with strong passwords and enable two-factor authentication (2FA) to prevent unauthorized access. (Refer to Page 10 of the December 2024 edition of Fairview Town News for detailed information about two-factor authentication.)

Maintaining both online and offline backups offers added assurance that your data remains accessible. Limiting physical access to your data provides another layer of security.

### **Restoring and Verifying Backups**

Regularly verify your backups contain recent and essential data. Storing irreplaceable files in both cloud and offline locations ensures they're always accessible. Features



like the recycle bin and file history help you recover accidentally deleted files without restoring the entire backup.

By adopting these strategies, you can protect your digital assets from unforeseen threats and recover valuable data when needed.

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### **Council Members and New Mayor Sworn Into Office**

### Jill Hawkins

How long have you lived in Fairview? Almost 22 years! And it was the BEST decision to move here!



### What are your priorities for the Town while serving on the Town Council?

I am committed to continuing the strong

work ethic and collaborative spirit that has defined our current Council as we move forward with the new Council. As a relationship builder and active listener, I will focus on fostering open communication and cooperation as I serve the residents and businesses of Fairview. The evolution of our business district is an exciting journey, especially with the ongoing development by the Billingsley Group. This progress will create more opportunities for meaningful involvement from both the EDC/CDC boards and the Council. Additionally, the park area within this development remains a top priority for me, as it represents an important asset to our community's quality of life.

We are also incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated and courageous group of individuals serving in our Town's Police and Fire Departments. These professionals put their lives on the line every day to keep our community safe, respond to emergencies, and offer unwavering support during times of crisis. I want to assure the residents of my devotion to both of these departments, and I remain fully committed to supporting their efforts to keep our community safe and strong.

**What originally drew you to Fairview**? The country feel, open spaces, large lot, and the wildlife.

What's your favorite thing about the Town? The country, small Town vibe. It is something that unites all of us and we have an appreciation for.

What are your hobbies or special interests? I love spending time on the beach on the gulf coast or heading down a slow river on a canoe. My husband and I have recently found that we enjoy hiking too. We have 7 grandkids and LOVE spending time with them (and their parents, ha ha). Family is at the top of our list always, and we enjoy the various sports our grandkids participate in.

**Do you have a favorite restaurant/store/other spot in town?** There are numerous great options in Fairview, and while I frequent many of the businesses, the Revolving Kitchen is a new favorite. It is great to take our family there and everyone gets to order what they want! At the May 6, 2025, Town Council meeting, new Council members Jill Hawkins, Seat 3, and Pat Sheehan, Seat 5, were sworn into office. Mayor John Hubbard, who had previously served in Seat 6, and Rich Connelly, Seat 1, were also sworn in.

As new Council members, Hawkins and Sheehan provided answers to a few questions, to help residents learn more about them.

### **Pat Sheehan**

How long have you lived in Fairview? My wife and I came to Fairview six years ago to be closer to our grandchildren. We initially thought this would be a second home, but quickly felt the comfort of a wonderful community here and decided that Fairview is where we belong.



What are your priorities for the Town while serving on the Town Council? I am committed to the pursuit of balanced and thoughtful development, building out our commercial opportunities while defending the character of Fairview as a country Town with exceptional residential neighborhoods. We have outstanding public safety services, educational excellence, and easy access to recreation and health facilities. The Town Council can prioritize revenue growth to soften the impact of rising costs that pressure our tax base.

**What's your favorite thing about the Town?** The keep-itcountry commitment of a smaller Town surrounded by much larger cities in this fast-growing region. We benefit from our neighbors, and they from us. Our Fairview leaders over the years have developed independent strategies for growth while also defending the Town's interdependence in Collin County.

What are your hobbies or special interests? Family comes first, but much of my life – both professionally and personally – has been focused on "civic engagement." That may seem like a strange response to a question about hobbies and interests. And yes, I play some golf and enjoy travel. But in reality, from my earliest experience as a journalist, I have been fascinated by the intersection of an informed electorate and public policy. I have been increasingly concerned about the loss of responsibility and trust in the news media. I spent more than 30 years reporting on state and federal government, and then another twenty years with a public affairs network, covering judicial, legislative, and executive agency activities.

Do you have a favorite restaurant/store/other spot in

**town?** The Corral Grill. We enjoy many of the local options for shopping and dining, but find the comfort, selection, and service of the restaurant at Heritage Ranch to be an exceptional and affordable experience. It's interesting to note that many Fairview residents may not realize that the Corral Grill is open to everyone, just as Heritage Ranch offers the community its highly-regarded and publicly-available golf course.



# Musical Genres Varied with **Free Concerts**

### Folksingers and Songwriters Michael Prysock and Darren Dement

Listen to folksingers and songwriters Michael Prysock and Darren Dement at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 13, at the Allen Heritage Village, 450 E. St. Mary.

A singer-songwriter deeply affected by life in rural Arkansas, Michael Prysock shares real stories of the influences of his family then and now. Michael skips the clichéd heart songs of romance and moves purposefully to lyrics that convey the authenticity of living.

Uniquely talented and masking a rare personal humility not often seen in today's contemporary musical bravado, Michael offers spirited vocals, guitar and harmonica to a raw soundtrack of small-town life.

Darren Dement proudly hails from south Louisiana but has called Texas home for the last 25 plus years. He grew up steeped in Southern gospel music but claims a wide range of musical influences.



### Pride - In the Name of U2 Tribute Band

This band creates a captivating tribute to one of the world's most iconic bands at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 20, at the Allen Heritage Village.

Frontman Jeff Bernstein channels Bono's charisma, guiding fans through moments of connection and nostalgia. Joined by Brad Avants on guitar, Jerko Dabelić on bass, and Will Cruse on drums, the band blends impeccable musicianship with the spirit of U2.

Pride - In the Name of U2 Tribute Band takes great joy in presenting a show that honors U2's past as well as their present. Their goal is to bring the heart and message of U2's music to lovers of great music everywhere.

From the sunglasses and costumes to the compelling vocals of the world-renowned are consummate musicians who bring the look and sound of U2 & true heart of U2 to every performance with the precision and excitement of a U2 concert.

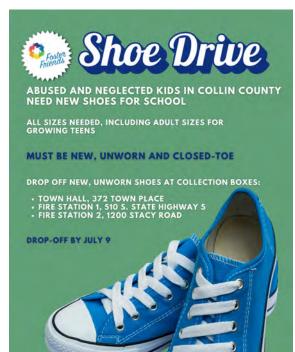
**>>** Both concerts are sponsored by the Allen Public Library and are free and open to the public. Call 214-509-4911 for additional information.



### **Help Foster Kids Receive New Shoes**

The Town of Fairview has joined the annual shoe drive held by Foster Friends, a nonprofit group that provides comfort items for children in foster care in Collin County, to help prepare children served by the organization for the coming school year.

Hundreds of children are in foster care in Collin County at any given time. The volunteer board of Foster Friends reviews applications submitted by Child Protective Services on behalf of the caregivers who need help providing items beyond basic necessities for foster



children placed in their homes. The goal is to help 650 children this year.

Foster Friends is seeking new, closed-toe shoes of all sizes, including shoes in toddler and adult sizes.

Drop off your donation by July 9 into a box inside Town Hall, 372 Town Place, or at either Fairview fire station (510 S. State Highway 5 or 1200 Stacy Road).

Want to do more? Foster Friends will need assistance sorting donated shoes and is seeking volunteers to help with the annual back-to-school event in early August at the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center in Plano.

» For more information or to volunteer, email Terri Green at Terri@TerriGreenlaw.com or Sue Reeves at sreev017@gmail.com.

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### **Bird** of the Month

By Paul Marto Jr.

reetings fellow birders! It is June and this just so happens to be my favorite month of the year for two reasons. Firstly, June is my birthday month! And secondly, it is the best month to track down my favorite little songbird, the magical painted bunting!

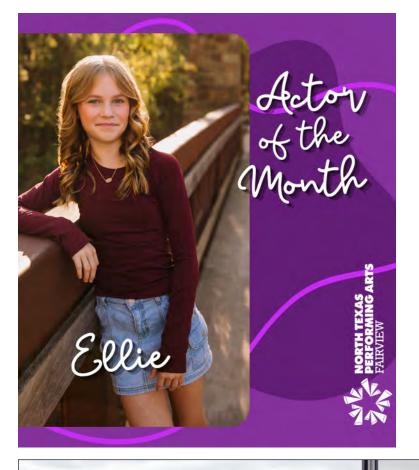
Painted buntings begin to arrive in North Texas as part of their northern migration in late April/early May. By June, there are plenty of these gorgeous little gems hanging around the Fairview/McKinney/Allen areas.

They are seed eaters and prefer to hang out in semi-open habitats with scattered shrubs or trees. A few local areas that I have been quite successful finding and photographing these gorgeous avian treasures are Heard Wildlife Sanctuary, Bonnie Wenk Park and Erwin Park, all three locations are in McKinney and can be accessed very easily.

So turn off your phone, power down the computer, grab your camera and head out to one of the aforementioned hot spots and spend a little unplugged time to take in the sights and smells of Mother Nature and who knows, you just might also cross paths with the splendid painted bunting.

Happy birding!

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



# Meet our June Actor of Fairview - Ellie!

llie is an 11-year-old in 6th grade with a passion for performing! Her love for the stage started before she could even walk, as she grew up attending Kindermusik classes. At just 4 years old, Ellie went with her older sister to an audition. Even though she wasn't old enough, she convinced the casting team to let her audition too. She landed the role of "grass" in "Lion King KIDS." According to her mom, she was a very *animated* blade of grass!

In 2020, Ellie and her family moved to Texas, and even before they found a house, they visited NTPA-Fairview. Ellie instantly clicked with the directors, and since then, has performed in back-to-back shows.

When not performing, Ellie stays busy dancing, cheerleading, jamming out to Broadway tunes or hanging with her friends. Recently, she wrapped up her favorite role yet – Charlie in "Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka." It gave Ellie the chance to learn from the talented adult actors and grow vocally, thanks to the guidance of music directors Zach and Jennie Samuell. Another favorite role for Ellie was playing Bruce in "Matilda," where she got to belt her heart out and perform alongside her best friends.

Whether she's being grass, Charlie or Bruce, Ellie brings her whole heart to the stage, and we can't wait to see what she does next!

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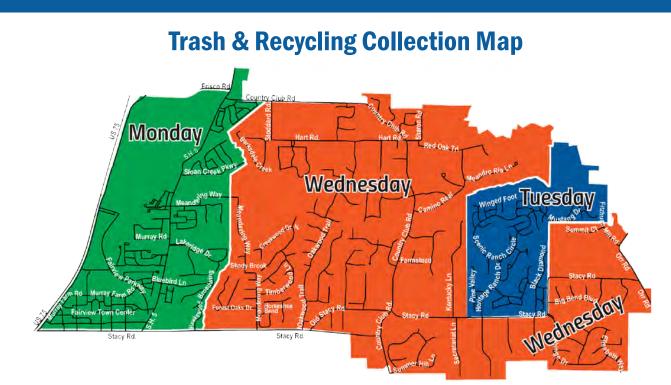
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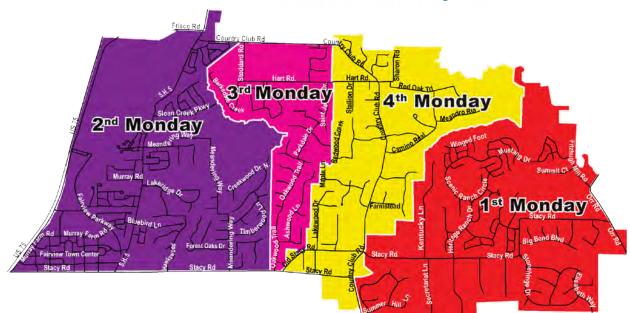
### Remember these tips to ensure efficient trash and recycling pickup:

- **1.** Arrange carts carefully with handles facing your home, lids open toward the street, and 2 feet of space between carts and other objects.
- 2. Be punctual by placing carts at the edge of the street no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before collection and no later than 7 a.m. on collection day. Roll carts back to your house by 6 a.m. the day after pickup.
- **3. Close** lids without clamping or locking. If your trash cart is full, purchase a pink tag for \$2.22 from the Town. Only bags with Town-issued tags will be collected outside carts (except during bulk pickup week).

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



### **Brush & Bulk Collection Map**



### **2025 Collection Calendar**

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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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