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MESSAGE MAYOR



HENRY LESSNER

Hi Fairview!

I am so pleased with the turnout on October 1 for National Night Out. We had at least six neighborhoods participating. What a great way to meet your neighbors and get to visit with some of our outstanding first responders.

Here are some things going on around town:

Peanut Butter contest results – WOW!!

In 2023, the Town's total donation was 7,894 pounds, with Heritage Ranch donating 5,474 pounds, and Wooded Creek Villas donating 364 pounds. While we don't have the final official overall 2024 results yet, I am guessing that Fairview will win the per capita and overall poundage again this year!

- Town total: 9,766 pounds or 4.88 TONS!!!!
- Heritage Ranch: 8,662 pounds or 4.33 TONS!!!!
- Wooded Creek Villas: 504 pounds
- LDS Fairview Stake: 332 pounds
- Fairview Rotary Club: 56 pounds
- Other donated at our fire stations and/or Town Hall: 212 pounds

This food goes to the North Texas Food Bank, whose CEO lives in Fairview. Thanks to everyone who donated this year!

Lights Out, Texas

Building owners, businesses and homeowners can help protect migrating birds during the fall peak migration period. About 25% of all migrating birds pass through Texas in the October/November time period. Hundreds of millions of birds are killed by flying into lit buildings. Please turn off all non-essential outdoor lights between October 14 and November 17. If you would like to learn more, here is a website to check out: TX.Audubon.org/UrbanConservation/Lights-Out-Texas

LDS Temple

- Fairview has not yet been sued by the LDS Church. The Town and the Church are still in discussions.
- The Town has established a fund so that anyone can make contributions in aid of the Town's legal defense and related expenses. There has been enormous interest from folks far and wide in helping Fairview defend our zoning ordinances if the LDS in Salt Lake City decide to sue the Town. This is a David-and-Goliath-type struggle between our small Town and one of the world's wealthiest religious entities. Any and all help is appreciated. Further details on this fund are covered in this newsletter.

Fairview Town Center – Revolving Kitchen is now open.

Speed Bumps

As I visited neighbors during National Night Out, I was asked twice about placement of speed bumps on Town owned streets. There is an ordinance that spells out how to get a speed hump(s) in your neighborhood. Briefly, the neighborhood needs to get a petition signed by 67% of the folks living within the affected area. Costs are shared 50/50 between the Town and the neighborhood. Best thing - drive the 25 mph speed limit in our neighborhoods. Go to the Town website and search for "speed hump policy" for more details.

We are so fortunate to be able to live in a beautiful place like Fairview. Please keep others in mind that are not so fortunate. There are great nonprofits in Collin County that make a big difference in some folks' lives. Be generous.



Henry Lessner Mayor@FairviewTexas.org



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At the Wednesday, Oct. 2, regular Town Council meeting, the Council approved items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Sept. 3, 2024, regular Town Council meeting
- A resolution authorizing participation in additional class action settlement agreements involving BASF and Tyco Fire Products LP and relating to the Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Litigation in the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina
- An interlocal agreement with TXShare Cooperative for participation in the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program

The Council also:

 Held a public hearing and approved an ordinance adopting the Water Conservation Plan

- Approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of Town of Fairview, Texas Limited Tax Note, Series 2024, levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said note, and enacting other provisions related to the subject
- Approved a resolution approving the budget and budgeted expenditures of Community Development Corporation funds for fiscal year 2024-25 community development projects
- Approved the creation of a funding process for Town legal fees

The Council is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, Nov. 5. The public portion of the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Council chambers, 372 Town Place.

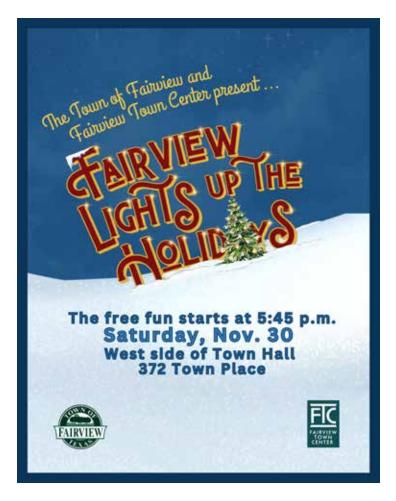
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Fairview Lights Up the Holidays

Fairview's annual Christmas Tree Lighting is undergoing a wondrous transformation.

Fairview Town Center and the Town of Fairview are partnering this year to ensure a grand-scale multiple-stage event that will delight everyone, no matter their age.

A new, enormous Christmas tree shining with countless brilliant lights will be the centerpiece of the initial gathering on the west side of Town Hall. Carolers will kick off the festivities at 5:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30 in front of the Town Hall fountain.

After Mayor Henry Lessner welcomes visitors and helps a very special guest flip the switch to light the Town Hall tree, a parade featuring a drumline, spectacular vehicles and a horse-drawn carriage will lead us as we jingle all the way down the promenade to Part 2 of the evening: Fairview Town Center mall's own tree lighting extravaganza.

Face painters and balloon twisters will be set up alongside games with prizes, a bounce house, a gingerbread-themed slide, crafts, giveaways and live reindeer - all part of the sparkling Christmas festivities enveloping the shopping center's Park. Santa and Mayor Lessner will light the mall's towering Christmas tree – it's even bigger than Town Hall's new evergreen!

Entertainers will take the stage at The Park for a lively evening filled with music and cheer. Visitors will be treated to refreshments and are encouraged to share the joy by bringing a toy to donate. The Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County will distribute the toys to children in need.

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Road Updates & Improvements

Fairview Crossing Intersection Will Soon Straighten Out

Representatives from Congress, Medical City McKinney hospital, the Allen-Fairview Chamber of Commerce and others will join the Fairview Town Council in early November to celebrate the opening of Fairview Crossing.



The four-lane divided road provides an alternate route to Medical Center Drive in addition to the existing Frisco Road in northwestern Fairview, just south of Medical City McKinney. The

> new road spans less than a mile but provides a vital connection for Fairview.

> > The western edge of the road begins just east of the U.S. 75 and Sam Rayburn Tollway intersection, directly off northeast

bound Spur 399. On Fairview Crossing's eastern point, the road temporarily has a quirky intersection with State Highway 5 (SH 5), a degree or two south of Country Club Road (FM 1378).

The misalignment is not a mistake. When Country Club Road is widened, its new configuration will create a perfect four-corner intersection with Fairview Crossing. Until then, striping where the roads meet will help drivers stay on course as they navigate the intersection. Fairview and TxDOT are working on an improved

A new left-turn lane on SH 5 provides protected space for northbound drivers to turn onto Fairview Crossing.

Funding for Fairview Crossing came from a federal economic development grant and Medical City McKinney, with the hospital, Collin County, the City of McKinney and the Billingsley Company also donating right-of-way for the project.

The Billingsley Company plans to develop approximately 240 acres south of the road into a retail, office and multifamily community. The Sloan Corners development is expected to include 100,000 square feet of retail space and 4.4 million square feet of office space in Fairview. Billingsley has submitted plans for the first phase of the project.

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Fairview Town Council Celebrates Opening of Ridgeview Overpass

Several Fairview Town Council and Allen City Council members gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Ridgeview bridge over U.S. 75 on Friday, Sept. 20. The overpass, which was built by the Texas Department of Transportation, opened to traffic Tuesday, Sept. 24.

The new overpass and a rebuilt section of Ridgeview Drive between U.S. 75 and Chelsea Boulevard in Allen now provide a continuous connection from U.S. 75 to the Sam Rayburn Tollway (SRT), west of Coit Road.

The bridge opening is the first of several new mobility improvements for Fairview. Fairview Crossing, which replaces the old Frisco Road, is scheduled to open in early November. When Fairview Crossing opens, drivers will

gain better access to the medical district just north of Fairview and a quicker connection between U.S. 75, SRT/Spur 399 and the intersection of State Highway 5/Country Club Road.

A contract for construction of a northern extension of Fairview Parkway is expected to be awarded in November. Fairview Parkway is currently open between Indian Springs Road and Latham Drive. A section north of Latham Drive that ends at Ridgeview Drive will open after all construction to make that intersection functional is complete, which will probably be the first quarter of 2025. When the full road is finished, it will connect with Medical Center Drive and provide an alternate route to State Highway 5. Collin County is providing nearly \$8 million for the extension project.

Road Updates & Improvements 🕒



Construction Update

Work has begun on a traffic signal for Stoddard Road, and work should be completed before the end of 2024. The excavations for the signal pole locations have been done and are awaiting the delivery of the materials to the site.

A regional sewer pumping station in the northwest area of Fairview is on track to go live in November, with water testing to be done in October.

The Allen/Fairview manhole replacement project has been completed. This project replaced the 12 manholes that were quickly degrading due to hydrogen sulfide gas.

The Foxglen Drainage Project has been completed. Another firm has been contracted to correct an engineering design mistake at a residence on Hackberry, to enlarge the property line swale that was included in the project.

Several new residential subdivisions are receiving infrastructure: Chamberlain Park (paving is nearing completion), Starland Court (paving and utilities are complete) and Creekwood (paving nearing completion). Sharon Road has also been extended, with a new cul-de-sac for a single residential structure.





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Meet our November Actor of Fairview Meeta

Meela is 14 and has had an incredible journey in theater so far! She's been deeply involved in performing arts from a young age and has embraced a variety of roles with enthusiasm. From her early experiences watching high-quality productions at North Texas Performing Arts-Fairview Youth Theatre to her current role in "SIX: The Musical Teen Edition," her passion for entertainment is evident. This will be her 18th production with Fairview Youth Theatre.

Her current role as Catherine of Aragon, described as the smart and dramatic "big sister" of the girl group, highlights her appreciation for characters with strong, unique personalities. She's excited by the collaborative aspect of a smaller cast in "SIX: The Musical Teen Edition," which contrasts with her favorite past role as Lord Farquaad in "Shrek Jr.," where she could showcase her comedic talents.

Come see Meela and the rest of the cast of "SIX: The Musical Teen Edition" performing at Fairview Youth Theatre Oct. 25-Nov. 3! Get tickets at: NTPA.org.



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A Craft Market – and go much more

Whether you're looking for unique, handmade gifts with impressive craftmanship, want to play a carnival-style game created by brilliant young minds, or you're hoping to source local honey or farm-fresh eggs, the Children's Entrepreneur Market (CEM) has you covered.

The market will be open from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 16, near The Park and Fountain in Fairview Town Center. It's the first





time the Utah-based CEM has come to Fairview, and scores of young vendors were eager to participate. All 50 available booth spaces were claimed within days of the registration opening, and many booths — like those operated by the Jin family of McKinney or the Israel family of Blue Ridge — will include multiple offerings from several children — some siblings and some friends.

Penny Jin plans to offer hair braiding, while her sister Mina operates a bean-bagtoss game, with handmade bracelets and other trinkets as prizes. Mina and Penny will also sell blended fruit smoothies and fruit kabobs. Their friends Isabella and Adela will sell baked goodies, hot cocoa, iced drinks, personalized gifts and crafts. Anderson and Rohn Israel

will be selling natural cleaning products along with hand-crafted pure vanilla extract, eggs and honey. The ingredients for their

goods come straight from their family farm.

Fairview favorites Halle and Beckham Bullajian, along with younger sister Willow, will also be at the market selling the perfect gift for someone on your list. Hint: Halle's candles and soaps sell out fast!

Admission to the market is free, and 100 percent of the proceeds go to the child entrepreneurs.

Bird of the Month



By Paul Marto Jr.

Merlins are small, aggressive falcons, not much larger than the more common American kestrel. While they are fairly widespread, they are not a common sight here in North Texas. They primarily prey on other small birds, as well as bats, insects, reptiles and small rodents. Merlins tend to nest in forested openings

and along rivers. Fun fact: Merlins don't build their own nests. Instead, they take over the old nests of other raptors and crows. This merlin was spotted recently out at Heard Wildlife Museum and Sanctuary, in McKinney. Yet another reason to grab your camera, some snacks and head outside to try your hand at tracking down this beautiful little raptor. Happy birding!

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



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Your Neighbors Have Been Talking

Three new episodes of the best podcast about Fairview are available now!

If you haven't had a chance to listen to the "Getting Neighborly" podcast produced by the Fairview Economic Development Corporation and hosted by "Super" Dave Quinn, it's a great time to dive in and take a tour through the heart of your community.

In the most recent episodes, you'll get to know more about people like Pamela Sailor, who moved to Fairview to go "back in time" to recreate for her kids the idyllic childhood she experienced in another state; Joel Joseph, who started Rocky Creek Candle Company in Fairview Town Center as a family venture; and Angi Burns, publisher of *Allen City Lifestyle* magazine and emcee for WEInspire Women Entrepreneurs' Summit, who has also been an actor and standup comedian.

"It's why we started this show, to uncover our neighbors. We have such a fabulous cross section of people in our community," said Quinn, interim economic development manager for Fairview.

Take a listen today at GettingNeighborly.com/episodes. If you love it, please consider giving it a rating or review.

To nominate a neighbor to be featured on the podcast or in the *Town News* magazine, email TownNews@FairviewTexas.org.

Zoning Defense Fund Established

At the request of residents and others, the Town of Fairview has established a Zoning Defense Fund to allow those who wish to make a donation toward legal costs and related expenses



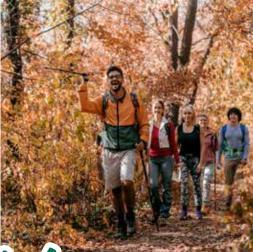
incurred by the Town and its attorneys as they defend the Town's zoning ordinances.

Visit the Town's Zoning Defense Fund page on FairviewTexas.org to learn more or to make a voluntary donation.

Please note: Donations are nonrefundable.







Connect with Nature

this Fall at the Heard

Nestled just north of Fairview in a serene landscape, the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary offers a variety of exciting events and programs that captivate the imagination of visitors of all ages. From encountering life-size animatronic dinosaurs to embarking on outdoor adventures and learning about native plants and wildlife, the Heard Museum provides a perfect blend of education, entertainment, and exploration. Learn more at HeardMuseum.org.

Dinosaurs Live!

The annual *Dinosaurs Live!* exhibit at the Heard Museum is a prehistoric adventure like no other and is open through Feb. 17, 2025. Imagine walking along the nature trails and encountering a 46-foot T-Rex and 10 other impressive animatronic dinosaurs. This exhibit entertains and educates, allowing families to step back in time and witness these ancient creatures in motion. The exhibit also features a photo op, outdoor



fossil dig and play area. Dinosaurs Live! is an unforgettable experience that's included in general admission and free for museum members.

Scouting Adventures

For scout groups and outdoor enthusiasts, the Heard Museum provides many engaging programs. Guided trails offer the chance to explore the sanctuary's ecology, geology, flora and fauna, all under the guidance of trained guides. The museum hosts two-hour badge workshops to fulfill badge requirements for various scout organizations. These workshops blend

education and fun, creating memorable learning experiences in the heart of nature.

Experience Nature

For those seeking a deeper connection with the natural world, the Heard Museum offers unique opportunities. Guided Trails on the first Saturday of the month (through June) provide guests with the chance to deepen their knowledge and appreciation of the natural world. Pre-registration is required.

Educational Enrichment

The Heard Museum's educational offerings extend beyond events and workshops. Field trips, labs and guided trails provide students with hands-on learning experiences that deepen their understanding of the natural world. Homeschool Natural Science Programs and Preschool Nature Explorers cater to various age groups, introducing young learners to the wonders of nature through engaging activities.





<u>Life in Fairview</u>

In the October edition of *Town News*, we asked you to submit photos that represent what you love about Fairview. Your submissions made us smile!

Pam Gardner sent a delightful photo of her granddaughter in mid-jump on Heritage Ranch's Mustang Trail. Diane Neathery said the commute was what drew her to Fairview. Her accompanying photo showed a trio of longhorns making their way across a field on their way to "work." Carolyn Campbell said she loves her neighbors – a herd of deer that visit her backyard, by way of the Heard nature preserve, which nestles against her property line. (The cover photo was provided by Carolyn Campbell.)

Thank you for your beautiful photos! For December, show us what the holidays in Fairview mean to you. Send high-resolution images to TownNews@FairviewTexas.org by Oct. 28.











By Jessica Deany

Many factors play into homeowners' decisionmaking when adding plants to their properties, including visual appearance, cold-hardiness and drought resistance.

One factor that's often overlooked, but may be the single most important, is where the plant is actually native. Planting nonnative species comes with unintended consequences, many of which we can't see and may never know.

Take, for example, the popular tropical milkweed (asclepias curassavica), which has a longer bloom season than our native milkweeds. Scientists have found that monarch butterflies are dying because they miss the cue of the native milkweed bloom cycle ending and don't migrate, leaving them to freeze to death in the winter. We only know this because of the attention these beautiful, endangered monarchs are given, but imagine the pollinators, birds and other creatures not being tracked that are also affected by other non-native plant species selected for longer bloom times, different colors, bigger flowers and so on.

Watering needs are another aspect to consider. Native plants often need less supplemental water to look their best after establishment. With our growing population, water demand is already straining the supply we have.

Regardless of whether or not a homeowner can afford higher water bills, plants and animals depend on this water supply too. The decision to go native is not only financially smart, but also kinder to our planet. It turns out Mother Nature knows what she's doing, and you can work with her by planting native species!

The Collin County Master Gardeners Association (CCMGA) Fall Plant Sale this year is Oct. 26, and the Heard Museum has a native plant sale every spring.

Sources and resources:

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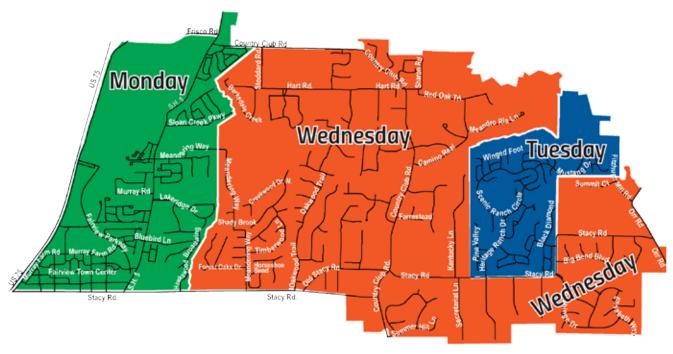
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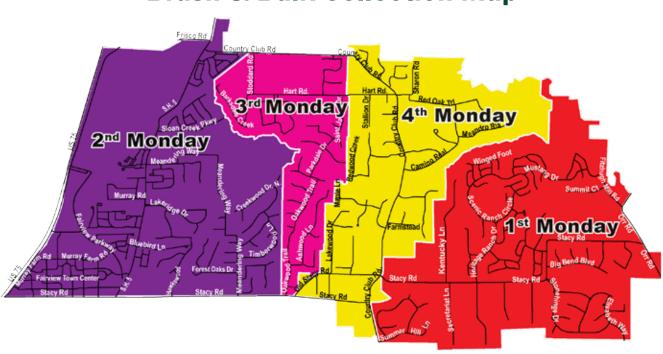
- a. Arrange carts carefully with handles facing your home, lids open toward the street, and 2 feet of space between carts and other objects.
- **b. Be** punctual by placing carts at the edge of the street no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before collection and no later than 7 a.m. on collection day. Roll carts back to your house by 6 a.m. the day after pickup.
- c. <u>Close</u> 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.

Trash & Recycling Collection Map



Brush & Bulk Collection Map



2024 Collection Calendar

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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 Townissued 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.

2025 Collection Calendar

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2025 Holidays

Recycling, trash, bulk and brush will not be picked up on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day. Collection will shift to the next day unless otherwise noted.

New Solid Waste Rates in Effect

Republic Services, which provides solid waste services for the Town, has increased the rate it charges residents. Most residents now pay \$22.87 (plus sales tax) per month for collection of trash, recycling and brush/bulk. Residents who receive a senior discount now pay \$21.32 (plus sales tax) per month. The cost for special carryout service for residents who request the service but who do not qualify for disabled carryout service is now \$36.00 (plus sales tax) a month.

The cost for additional carts is now \$8.87 per month for standard and disabled carryout service and \$11.11 per month for special carryout service.

For full details of the new solid waste services rates, visit the Town website at FairviewTexas.org.

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- **STANDING SEAM**
- SLATE
- **SYNTHETIC**
- **FLAT**

RENOVATIONS

- SIDING
- GUTTERS
- PAINT
- FLOORING
- DRYWALL

\$199 ROOF TUNE

- THOROUGH ROOF INSPECTION USING
- **SEAL ALL VENTS & PENETRATIONS**
- **SEAL ALL EXPOSED NAILS**
- **INSPECT GUTTERS CLEAN ANY DEBRIS ON ROOF**

PRESENT COUPON TO REP TO REDEEM **APPLIES TO 1 STORY HOME 7/12 PITCH OR** LOWER

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