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# FAIRVIEW

## TOWN NEWS



## Fairview Named 3<sup>rd</sup> Safest City in Texas

SafeWise, a leading online safety resource, recently released their 2019 Safest Cities list and placed the Town of Fairview at number 2, behind Seminole,

Texas. Murphy, Allen, Frisco and Prosper were in the top 50 as well.

To identify the cities with the best safety records, SafeWise analysts looked at the number of violent crimes reported in the 2016 FBI Unified Crime Report. They also calculated the number of violent crime incidents per 1,000 people in each city. Analysts established population thresholds and, in the event of a tie, property crimes were considered.

“On both state and city levels, Texans are seeing less crime and experiencing lower rates of incarceration than in previous years,” SafeWise security analyst Laura E. Hilton says.

The SafeWise report also notes that Texas is also experiencing fewer incidents of hate crimes, property crimes and sexual assault. Other interesting findings include:

- 84% of the safest cities had less than one violent crime per 1,000 people.
- Although Texas has higher violent and property crime rates than national averages, each of the safest cities is well below those rates.
- 86% of the cities reported zero incidents of murder or non-negligent manslaughter.
- Even though overall counts of sexual assault are going down statewide, 29 of the safest cities reported at least one incidence of rape.

SafeWise provides information to help individuals, families and communities make smart security and safety decisions.

## Fairview Alarm Permit Renewals

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



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

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

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# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

*Dear Neighbors,*

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas – and I hope that the New Year has started off well for each of you. This month, I am going to talk about two topics: animal issues and dark skies.



HENRY LESSNER

## Animal Issues

### 1. Leash Law

You may have heard that the Council recently passed a “leash law” in Fairview. What this ordinance did was to better word the rules that we already had on the books plus better define what is expected of dog owners in our Town. At issue is the definition of “at large.” If the dog is off the owner’s premise, it is considered “at large” if not restrained by a leash or physically held by its owner. If the dog is on the owner’s premise, it is considered “at large” if not restrained by a leash, electric fence, physical fence, a physical building or physically held by its owner.

As this change to our ordinances was being studied over several months, I heard from numerous Fairview residents about problems that they have had with dogs attacking them, their children or their own dogs. The stories I heard about children being attacked were heart breaking. The Town contracts enforcement of our animal ordinances to Collin County Animal Services like many other Collin County entities. The contract provides for the animal shelter, code enforcement, and other services.

What should you do if you see a dog running loose? I know that many folks in Town will temporarily shelter the dog and attempt to get it back to its owner using social media. There is no problem if you chose to do this. If you’d rather report the “at large” dog, call the Collin County Animal Services at 972-547-7292 or fill out an on-line report at [https://www.collincountytx.gov/animal\\_services/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.collincountytx.gov/animal_services/Pages/default.aspx)

### 2. Wild Animal Nuisance

Watching social media, I regularly see concerns expressed about wild animals (usually coyotes or bobcats) approaching a person or attacking a person’s pets or other animals. Unless the wild animal is acting strangely or is overly aggressive (which might indicate rabies); the current policy is to leave the wild animal alone; as some would say, they were here first. Concerns of this type are not unique to places like Fairview. There are wild animals living all over DFW, even in some of the most densely populated areas. I have read where there are coyotes living in New York City. These animals are highly adaptable and are living where they can find food. The best thing to do is to keep your animals on a leash if outdoors or keep them indoors if you are aware of wild animals near your house. There are commercially available repellants – like wolf urine for coyotes – but I have been told that the long term effectiveness of these repellants is in doubt.

What should you do if you see an animal that you think might have rabies? If it is an emergency call 911. The Sheriff’s office will probably be dispatched. If it is not an emergency, call 972-547-7292 and leave a message with the County Animal Control folks. You will get a voicemail – but they listen to the voicemails and respond quickly during business hours. If on a weekend, they will get to it on Monday.

### 3. Dead or injured animal in a public street

Unfortunately as I travel around Fairview, I see a lot of animals that have been hit by a car. As in #2 above, call the County Animal Control, 972-547-7292. They will dispatch someone to pick up the animal.

## Dark Skies

There are many who have heard me say that being able to view the night sky is a spiritual experience. It is an humbling experience to see the vast visible universe and to think of our role in that creation. Unfortunately, there are fewer and fewer places in the world where you can have this experience due to light pollution. On a recent trip (my third visit) to the McDonnell Observatory near Fort Davis, I was disappointed to see a constant dusk-like light low in the northern sky caused by the flaring of gas from wells in the Permian Basin.

Fairview has ordinances that specify the type of lighting that is to be used in both residential and commercial areas. It basically limits the amount of light that can be generated and says that this light should be directed downwards towards the ground; not up into the sky. Our ordinances are fairly effective and this is quite evident if you are on the fourth floor of Town Hall and look to the east and see Allen all lit up and the darkness covering Fairview.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

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Some things you can do to help:

- When replacing bulbs in a carriage light at the end of your driveway or other outdoor lighting, use a bulb with lower wattage.
- Most carriage lights in Town shine light outward. Look for a reflector that moves light down to the ground or replace the type of lamp with one that directs the light down as opposed to it shining out.
- If you want to do accent lights on the exterior of your house for appearances sake, make the lights shine down as opposed to shining up.
- I know that a few folks in Town have lights in their trees for a “moonglow” effect; don’t turn these on unless you are actually outside to enjoy the effect. Your neighbor may not appreciate the extra light.
- Turn off all of the lights outside when you go to bed. You may be keeping a neighbor awake and lighting that is different from the sun’s rising and setting can adversely impact animals and plants.

If you want to do any research on our Ordinances related to outdoor lighting, check the Town website under Government – Code of Ordinances - Outdoor Lighting - Section 3.14.001. If you have any specific questions about this, you might talk with our Town Engineer James Chancellor.

Happy New Year to all!

*Henry Lessner*

Henry Lessner  
[mayor@fairviewtexas.org](mailto:mayor@fairviewtexas.org)

## NTTA's Digital Design Contest

NTTA is hosting its annual safety awareness design contest. North Texas students in grades 8-12 are invited to submit a design. Entries will be accepted between February 1 and April 19.

The winning designer will receive a \$250 Visa gift card and will have their work featured in an NTTA newsletter, Customer Service Centers and on social media platforms.

And, NTTA isn't forgetting teachers either - the teacher whose name is included most frequently on separate eligible entries will also receive a \$250 Visa gift card, which can be used for classroom supplies.

The winning design will help bring attention to The Red Thumb Campaign or National Work Zone Awareness Week. More information about the programs is below.

### Red Thumb Campaign

Since 2015, NTTA has led the Red Thumb movement – a safety campaign aimed at ending distracted driving – specifically,



texting and driving – in North Texas by encouraging drivers to make some part of their thumb red to remind them to keep their hands on the wheel and eyes on the road at all times.

You can show your support by wearing a specially made NTTA “W8 2 TXT” thumb band (available for free at all [NTTA Customer Service Centers](#)), or paint your thumb nail red – anything that will make you think “STOP!” as you reach for your phone while driving. NTTA is encouraging everyone to post photos of their red thumbs using [#MyRedThumbNTTA](#).

More importantly, you can help NTTA spread the message and encourage others to

join the Red Thumb movement. The fight to end distracted driving starts with YOU.

### National Work Zone Awareness Week

Each year in the spring, National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is held to bring national attention to motorist and worker safety and mobility issues in work zones. Since 1999, the Federal Highway Administration has worked with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the American Traffic Safety Services Association to coordinate and sponsor the event. The first national event was held at a work zone in Springfield, VA in April 2000. Over the years, other transportation partners have joined the effort to support NWZAW. This year's National Work Zone Awareness Week will be April 20-24.

More information about the Digital Media Design Contest as well as the entry form can be found on the Town's home page at [FairviewTexas.org](http://FairviewTexas.org).

# COUNCIL'S CORNER



***At the Tuesday, December 3, 2019 Regular Town Council meeting, the Town Council discussed the following items:***

- Mayor Henry Lessner presented an Arbor Day Proclamation, this included an Arbor Day presentation by staff to observe Fairview's commitment to preserving its trees and natural beauty.
- Approved the following items on the consent agenda:
  - » The minutes of the November 5, 2019 Regular Council meeting.
  - » The minutes of the November 18, 2019 Special Council meeting.
- Received Monthly Financial Report – Period ending October 31, 2019.
- Received the Monthly Fire Report – Period ending October 31, 2019.
- Received the Monthly Police Report – Period ending November 30, 2019.
- Received updates on Town construction projects.
- Conducted a public hearing and approved an ordinance for a Conditional Use Permit for an accessory structure (detached garage). The 1.09-acre site is located at 1770 Ridgemoore Drive and is zoned for the (RE-1) One-acre Ranch Estate District. Owners/Applicant: Michael and Tracy Raybon (CUP2019-05).
- Conducted a public hearing and considered approval of an ordinance on a request to amend the zoning to reflect a revised development plan for a portion of the Collinwood Acres Addition. The 11.79-acre site is located on the west side of County Club Drive, north of Old Stacy Road and is zoned for the (PC) Planned Center District. Owners/Applicant: Jay Jones and Vicki Johnston. This item will be continued to the February 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.
- Continued a public hearing and consider approval of an ordinance on a request to rezone a 28+/- acre tract of land from the (AG) Agriculture District to a (PC) Planned Center District with the (RE-2) Two-acre Ranch Estate District design standards. The site is located on the north side of Stacy Road, west of Kentucky Lane. Applicant: Stephen DiNapoli, DiNapoli Development representing owners Marvin and Arleen Molodow. (ZA2019-04). This item will be continued to the February 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.
- Considered and approved the Town ordinances regarding animal control regulations.
- Considered and approved a resolution adopting the Express Vote Universal Voting System through Collin County Elections.
- Considered and approved a resolution casting Town of Fairview ballots for nomination to the Board of Directors of the Collin County Central Appraisal District.
- Considered and discussed Town drainage and related items.
- Discussed Boards & Commissions made appointments for the ZBA and Art Committee.

***At the Monday, December 9, 2019 Special Joint Town Council meeting the Parks and Recreation Board the following item was discussed:***

- Discussed and reviewed the update to the Town Master Parks and Trail Plan and any related matters.

# BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

## INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED IN SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY?

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

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

### PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

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

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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

### TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

### PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

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

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

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



## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

### Reducing Septic System Failures in Aerobic Systems



#### WHY IS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IMPORTANT?

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

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

#### SEPTIC SYSTEM DOS

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

#### SEPTIC SYSTEM DON'TS

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



## Town Election Application Deadlines

The Town of Fairview operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The Town Council consists of a Mayor and six Councilmembers that are volunteers elected at-large.

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

The Town's next General Election will occur on Saturday, May 2, 2020. The terms of office that will expire in May 2020 are **Town Council Seats 2, 4 and 6**. Town Council Mayor and Town Council Seats 1, 3 and 5 will expire in May 2021.

Potential candidate information packets will be available for pickup at Town Hall beginning January 2, 2020. Town Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Candidates may begin returning their applications to be placed on the ballot and other candidate paperwork to Town Hall beginning on **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**. The deadline for filing applications to be placed on the ballot is 5:00 p.m. **Friday, February 14, 2020**.

A Fairview Town Council candidate must:

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

For more information, please contact Town Secretary at [TownSecretary@FairviewTexas.org](mailto:TownSecretary@FairviewTexas.org) or call 972-886-4234.

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# The History of Valentines Day

Every year on February 14, people across the United States and Canada as well as Mexico, England, Ireland, Scotland, France and Australia exchange candy, flowers and gifts with loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine.

## Who is St. Valentine?

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

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

Another legend claims an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine"

to a young girl he fell in love with when she visited him during his confinement; signing it "From your Valentine."

## Origins of Valentine's Day

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

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Valentine's Day should be a day for romance.

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



## Valentine's Cards and Gifts

By the middle of the 18th century in both the U.S. and Europe, it was common for friends and lovers to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes. In the 1840s,

Esther A. Howland, known as the "Mother of the Valentine," began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures. And, by 1900 printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. These ready-made cards made it easy for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged.

## HEARD HAPPENINGS

### Did you know the Heard Museum has a Pioneer Village?

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

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

The Heard Nature Photography Club is hosting the 42nd Annual photography contest benefiting the Heard Museum. Contest categories will provide opportunities for participants of any age and skill level to



submit their work. All photos are submitted electronically beginning February 1. The submission deadline is February 23. Winners will be notified by mail in March in time for the award ceremony on March 22. Contest information and rules are available at [HeardNaturePhotographers.com](http://HeardNaturePhotographers.com).

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

### Heard General Admission Information

#### GENERAL HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5p.m.  
Sunday 1-5 p.m.

#### GENERAL ADMISSION:

Adults: \$12  
Seniors 60+ & Children 3-12: \$9  
Heard Museum Members & Children 2 & under: free

#### LOCATION:

Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary  
1 Nature Place  
McKinney, TX 75069

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[info@heardmuseum.org](mailto:info@heardmuseum.org)  
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## BE OUR GUEST

*Overnight Guest Will Feel at Home in Your Home*

Having overnight guests in your home? There are several thoughtful ways to create a comfy, cozy feeling for your guests to enjoy.

A comfortable mattress or comfy place to sleep is important. Whether you have an actual guest room with a bed, sleeper sofa or air mattress, your guests need to relax and sleep well. A pillow top mattress topper can be placed on any mattress, a Memory Foam sleeper sofa mattress can be used on any sofa and air mattresses are so much better than they used to be. Your guests will be so grateful for a good night sleep.

Consider having side table or desk for your guests to place items such as wallets, phones, and glasses. An electrical outlet close by sleeping arrangements for guests can be convenient and helpful for charging phones or iPads. Be sure and offer to let your guest use your Wifi



while they visit. Your guests will feel welcome and save on data.

Another way to help your guest feel welcome, especially if they are staying more than one night, is to make space in a closet for their clothes along with extra clothes hangers. Your guests will very special.

In the bathroom, it is a nice touch to have travel size toiletries available such as toothbrushes and tooth paste,

face wipes for removing make-up, mouthwash, shampoo and conditioner and having paper cups on hand for rinsing is so helpful. Always have towels and washcloths handy as well as a mat for the floor. Your guests will have all they need even if they forgot something.

Enhance any room or space with a vase of fresh flowers. Gather a few seasonal magazines, a paperback book and fresh flowers on a tray. Set on the tray on the end of the bed, sofa or air mattress along with a soft throw for added happy and fun. Your guests can keep warm and cozy as they enjoy some quiet time.

Welcome your guest in the morning with coffee or tea; offer decaffeinated coffee as well as real coffee and an assortment of teas. Bagels, fruit, yogurt or breakfast bars are easy and will satisfy any taste. Your guest will feel welcomed and be well prepared for the day ahead.



# Fairview Youth Theatre

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

The idea for Plano Children's Theatre (PCT) began 29 years ago during Grace Presbyterian Church's production of *The Wizard of Oz* directed by Sara Akers. When the production was almost over the families asked Sara what they were going to do next because they had such a great time they couldn't imagine not doing another show.

So, Sara, along with three founding board members Rebecca Egelston Caso, Dick Anthony and Lanny Wren got busy developing plans for a permanent theatre home. Their mission was simple: to provide arts opportunities for youth, ages 4-18, which promote life-long learning, creativity, communication skills, teamwork, integrity and good citizenship. And, just a few months later in the Spring of 1992 they had 50 students enrolled in classes and by summer break they had 175 students.

Plano Children's Theatre moved into their home at 15th and Custer in 1994 and renovated their overcrowded space in 2007. But, even before then, parents saw a need



for a youth theatre north of Plano; so in 2005 they began renting space for classes and productions in McKinney. However, they wanted a permanent space to call their own, and with the help of the Fairview Economic Development Corporation, Fairview Youth Theatre (FVYT) was born.

Since its doors in January 2017 FVYT has seen more than 3,000 students in more than 200 productions, classes and camps. A weekend rarely goes by without a major

production being staged on either the mainstage or in the black box theatre and many times both spaces are filled.

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

On stage February 7 - 9 & 13 - 15 is Disney's *The Aristocats, Kids*. Based on the beloved Disney animated film, and featuring a jazzy, upbeat score, this show is a non-stop thrill ride of feline fun, complete with unbelievable twists and turns.

*Urinetown*, on stage February 21 - 23 & 27 - March 1, is an hilarious musical satire of the legal system, capitalism, social irresponsibility, populism, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement, municipal politics and musical theatre itself! Hilariously funny and touchingly honest, this show provides a fresh perspective on one of America's greatest art forms.

Upcoming auditions include *Aladdin, Jr.* (grades 3-8) beginning February 11, *Miss Nelson is Missing! The Musical* (grades 1-5) beginning February 12 and *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* will begin auditions on February 17 for grades 6-12.

To purchase tickets or sign up for auditions and classes visit [FairviewYouthTheatre.org](http://FairviewYouthTheatre.org).





## ACTOR OF FAIRVIEW: Sophie

on something as big as a show. Watching all the pieces come together is interesting. I always learn from the experience, no matter how big or small my part in it is.”

Sophie will be in the musical Urinetown in February at Fairview Youth Theatre. She says this show will be special because, “While at first glance the show seems kind of ridiculous, Urinetown tackles a lot of serious topics in an interesting and funny way. The show talks about environmental issues and class struggles, all while parodying other styles of musical theatre. It’s interesting how something first performed 20 years ago is still so relevant today.” She will play Mrs. Millennium, one of the members of the Urine Good Company. She says “the characters in the Urine Good Company are the villains of Urinetown. They oppress people through taxation of bathrooms. They are rich, selfish and reflect on real life political corruption.”

Having done other shows with NTPA,

Sophie says her favorite role so far was Snow White in NTPA Frisco’s production of Game of Tiaras. “I really liked getting to play a character everyone knows while doing something unexpected with it.”

When asked what advice she would you give an actor coming to Fairview Youth Theatre for the first time she says, “Say hello to everyone you meet. Everyone at NTPA is friendly, and you never know who you’ll end up working with in the future.” She says Fairview Youth Theatre is special to her because she was homeschooled for the last 5 years thus making it harder to make friends. “Doing shows at NTPA Fairview has allowed me to hang out with people my age while doing something I love. I’ve grown so much since I started doing shows here, and I’m very grateful for the whole experience.”

Come see Sophie and the rest of the cast in Urinetown performing at Fairview Youth Theatre February 21 - March 1.

## COMING SOON

To a Podcast Channel  
Near You

Getting Neighborly, a new Podcast being launched by the Fairview Economic Development Corporation, will focus on sharing what makes our town a community; the people. Join us as we have real conversations with Fairview residents and introduce them to our listeners.

Our guests will be varied for sure, including nonprofit founders, CEOs, small business owners and others doing exciting things to make a difference in our world. But; the one thing they all have in common is their love of Fairview. They are all your neighbors, living right here in the Town of Fairview. Join as we start Getting Neighborly in Fairview, Texas



## GETTING NEIGHBORLY



FAIRVIEW  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEXAS





## Insulated Garage Doors

As energy costs go up, many homeowners look for ways to make their homes more efficient and lower costs. One way to lower costs and improve energy use in your home is to install insulated garage doors. An attached garage that is not sealed or insulated may actually be a significant link in high energy costs.

Since garages are not considered actual living spaces, building standards are lower. As a result, garages have gaps and some air leakage making them the least efficient part of your home. This could mean that the rooms sharing a wall with your garage may allow cold air in and heat out in winter.

Besides lowering energy costs, insulated garage doors are sturdy and stronger than ordinary single layer garage doors. An insulated garage door frame is usually steel or aluminum filled with insulation then sandwiched between door panels, creating a much durable garage door.

An added benefit to replacing your garage doors with insulated doors is that they are much quieter especially to the walls attached to the garage. Insulated doors are layered tightly together and are often heavier making them less likely to vibrate on the garage door track.

Expensive items such as your car, lawn equipment and machinery in an insulated garage are more protected from freezing conditions. Freezing temperatures affect battery life, air pressure in tires and fluids in your car. If you store paint, cleaning and other supplies in your garage, an insulated door will help extend the life of these products.

And finally, if you use your garage for more than parking your car, such as woodworking or other hobbies, an insulated garage will be warmer in winter and cooler in summer.

Replacing your existing garage doors with insulated doors may cost more than single layer doors but the benefits and lower energy bills are a great investment in the future of your home.



## School District Ratings

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) recently released its 2018-19 accountability ratings for more than 1,000 school districts and charter schools. The system rates multi-campus school districts on an A-F scale.

With more than 160 districts in the Dallas/Fort Worth (D/FW) area, 75 earned the top A grade – including **Lovejoy**. In fact, all but three Collin County districts received an A. Lovejoy had an overall score of 98, which tied with four other districts for the highest score in D/FW. **McKinney's** overall score was a 89.



The TEA graded schools on a curve, giving them more points in the areas they do best. This is based on how students perform on the STAAR tests as well as graduation rates and how many students earn college credit.

To view scores from other districts visit [TxSchools.org](http://TxSchools.org).



## STORM SHELTER AND SAFE ROOM DATABASE

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

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



## Flag Program Sign-Up

The Friends of Fairview Firefighters Association is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Our mission is to find financial and non-financial solutions to improve the health, safety, and well-being of our career & volunteer firefighters who are active members of the Fairview Fire Department. Proceeds from the Holiday Flag Program will be utilized to help fund our initiatives. Your help and generosity would be greatly appreciated!

**William Baxter—Flag Coordinator**

Questions: (214) 383-8012 | [wbaxter@baxterit.com](mailto:wbaxter@baxterit.com)

Holiday	Full Subscription	* Pro-Rated
President's Day	\$45.00	
Memorial Day		\$45.00
Flag Day		\$40.00
Independence Day		\$40.00
Labor Day	Extended Display, 9/4—9/11	\$30.00
Patriot's Day		\$30.00
Veteran's Day		\$30.00

\* The Pro-Rated fee includes all remaining holidays for that calendar year. Subscriptions must be renewed each year

### For Credit Card Payment:



Sign-up and pay online at  
<https://app.helpingwithflags.com/>

### For Cash or Check Payment:



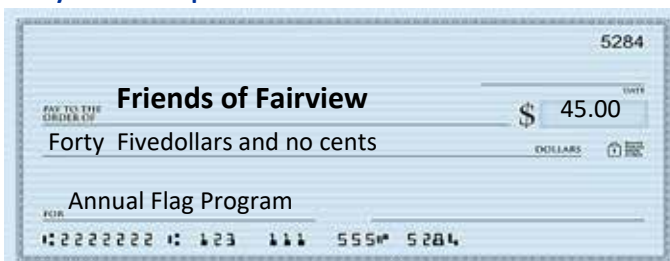
Fill out the form below. Do not mail cash. Please deliver cash personally.

Yes, I wish to participate in the Holiday Flag Program of the Friends of Fairview Firefighters Association. For an annual subscription fee, the Friends of Fairview Firefighters Association agrees to place an American Flag at the address listed below on seven (7) selected flag holidays between sunrise & sunset. I agree to advise the Friends of Fairview Firefighters Association of any sprinkler, plumbing, or electrical service that might interfere with the flag placement.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: ( \_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Example:



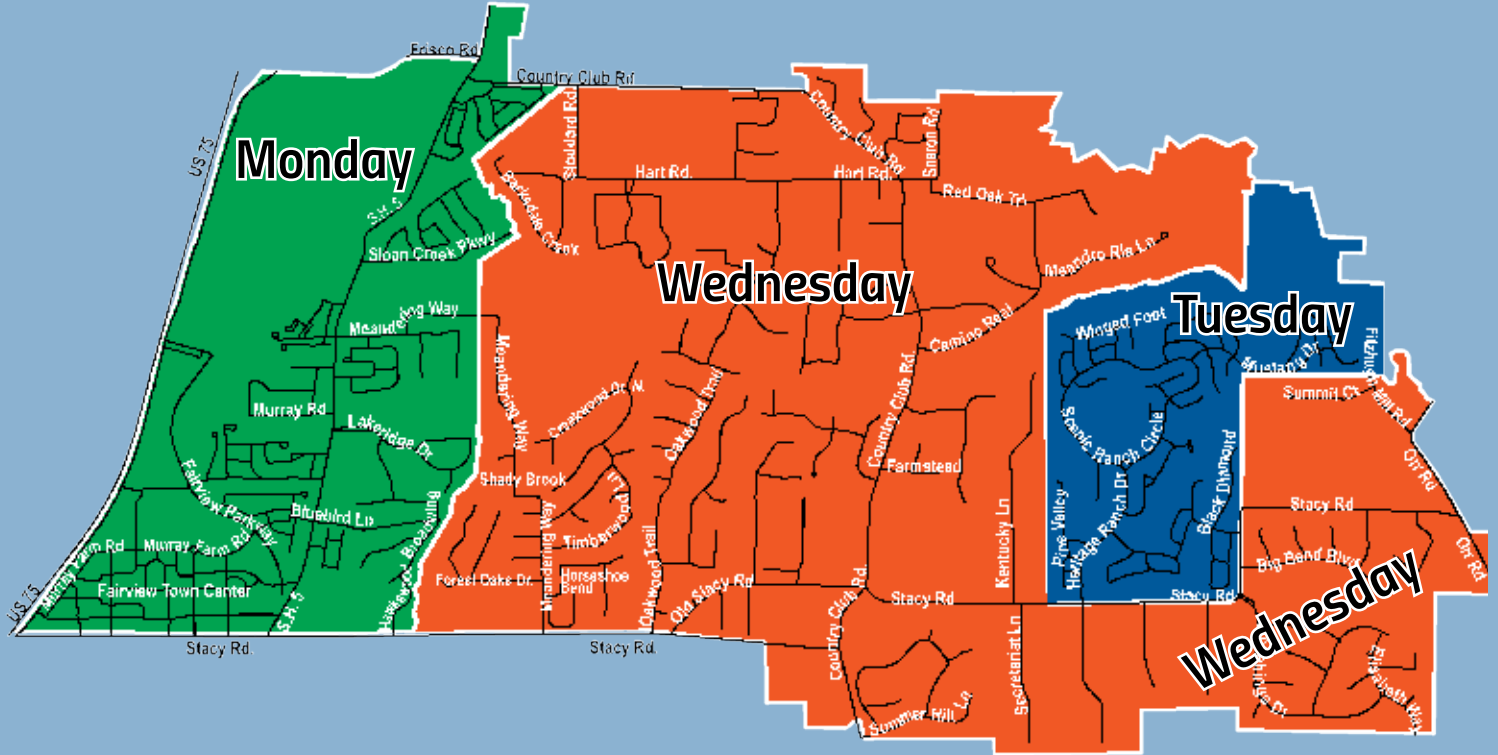
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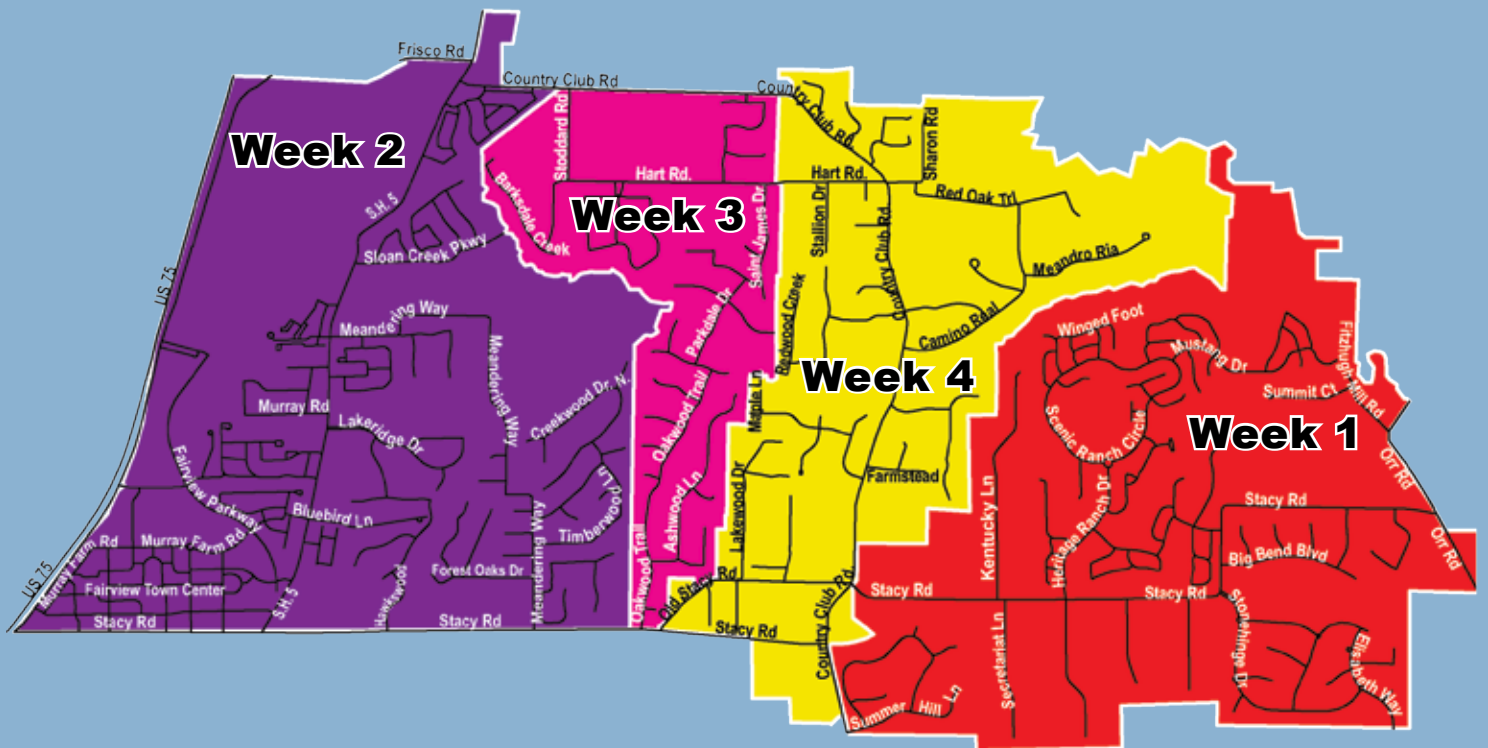
**Friends of Fairview Firefighters Association**  
**Fire Station #1**  
**500 St. Hwy. 5**  
**Fairview, TX 75069**

# Collection Maps

## Trash & Recycle Pick Up



## Brush & Bulk Pick Up





## Collection Schedules

**Trash, recycling and yard trimmings** are collected weekly on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Please place trash in the BLUE cart and recyclables in the GREEN cart.

**Bulk waste and loose brush** are collected once a month. Please refer to the map on the previous page to determine your pick up week. Bulk trash may be put out after 6 p.m. on the Friday before collection but no later than 7 a.m. on Monday of your collection week. Bulk trash may be picked up anytime during the collection week.

**2020 Holidays:** Trash, recycling, bulk and brush will not be picked up on the holidays listed below; instead the collection will slide one day after the holiday.

January 1, New Year's Day  
May 25, Memorial Day  
July 4, Independence Day  
September 7, Labor Day  
November 26, Thanksgiving  
December 25, Christmas Day

**Missed Collections/Damaged Carts:** Call The Town of Fairview Utility Billing Department at 972-886-4242 to schedule a pick up for a missed collection or to report a damaged cart.

## February 2020

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Week 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Week 2	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Week 3	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Week 4	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

## March 2020

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

## April 2020

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

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

## Remember These Simple Guidelines For Putting Your Trash Out

1. Place carts on the edge of the street/alley with handles facing the house and with the lids opening to the street/alley.
2. Keep carts two to three feet apart and away from fences, cars, gates, gas meters, etc...
3. All trash should be contained in securely tied plastic bags. All bags should fit into the cart with the lid closed.
4. Do not place hazardous household waste in your cart.
5. Place your carts out by 7 a.m. on pick up day; carts should not be left out after 6 a.m. the following day.
6. Do not place any items out side your carts; unless it's for bulk pick up.
7. Brush and bulk trash must not be more than 12 cubic yards which is equal to 4 truck loads.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Residents can request additional curbside collection?  
Contact Utility Billing for pricing information.

**Still have questions about trash, recycling, bulk or brush pick up? Contact the Town of Fairview Utility Billing Department at 972-886-4242 or via email at [UtilityBilling@FairviewTexas.org](mailto:UtilityBilling@FairviewTexas.org).**

# We Hope You Are Enjoying

## *The Fairview Town News*

A monthly publication delivered to residents.



*Check us out for all the current news about your community, schools, businesses and events happening around town.*



## Sign Up for Nixle Notification System for Emergency and Community Information

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

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

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

There are three ways to sign up:

- Sign up by texting the word **Fairview** to **888777**
- Sign up using the Nixle widget

on the homepage of the town website at [FairviewTexas.org](http://FairviewTexas.org). Using this sign up method will result in you needing to enter the Town of Fairview **75069** zip code.

- Sign up through Nixle's website at [Nixle.com](http://Nixle.com). Using this sign up method will result in you needing to enter the Town of Fairview **75069** zip code.

No matter which method you decide to use as a means of signing up it's recommended that you register an account at Nixle's website to customize what messages you receive and how you receive them. Registering an account through Nixle's website will also allow those signing up via text message to add an email address for receiving alerts and notifications.

### **How will I receive messages?**

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

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

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

