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TOWN NEWS



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 1, 2021. The terms of office that will expire in May 2021 are **Town Council Mayor and Seats 1, 3 and 5**. Town Council Seats 2, 4 and 6 will expire in May 2022.

Potential candidate information packets will be available for pickup at Town Hall beginning January 4, 2021. 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 13, 2021**. The deadline for filing applications to be placed on the ballot is 5:00 p.m. **Friday, February 12, 2021**.

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 or call 972-886-4234.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



HENRY LESSNER

Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

Covid-19

Covid is in our community and people I know have been gravely ill and some have recently died. Please continue to maintain social distancing, try to stay away from large gatherings, and wear your mask.

As I write this on January 8, the thing that I am hearing most about from our residents is trying to figure out where to get the Covid vaccination. It is confusing and frustrating. For those entities giving these vaccinations, it is extremely time consuming as scheduling appointments and the administrative follow-up are manual. There is a lot more to this than simply jabbing a needle into your arm.

The good news is there is a faint light at the end of the tunnel as vaccination dose deliveries have started. The two best places to get information are the Collin County website and the Texas Department of Health website. Fairview is posting information as we get it on our website as well. The County is working with the Towns/Cities in Collin County to develop mass vaccination centers. Fairview is participating and assisting the County as this process is developed and will support the centers whenever they are set up.

The biggest issue slowing everything down is the lack of vaccine. Next week the State of Texas is supposedly shipping out 200,000 doses. The problem is – no one knows where these doses are going – and those locations lucky enough to get doses don't find out until literally hours before the doses arrive. Until some of this is figured out – I'm telling folks to get on any waiting list you can find. Collin County, Allen Fire Department, Medical City McKinney, Kroger, Tom Thumb, and eventually CVS and Walgreens will be setting up appointments.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Something to put on your calendar: Saturday, April 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – hazardous waste collection at Fire Station #1. Briefly, this is not for electronics or prescriptions. Bring paint, gasoline, oil, garden chemicals, batteries of all sizes - check out the details of what can be disposed at this event on the Town's website or in this magazine.

Drainage Issues

The Council met in a work session in mid-December to go over proposed ordinance changes and now the staff is taking those specific changes and plans to present the modified ordinances to Council at the regular February meeting to vote on and adopt. The neighborhood meeting with the Bluebird Lane residents is being scheduled as we found a place to safely meet. Neighborhood meetings with FoxGlen and folks in Montecito Estates along Sloan Creek will be scheduled over the next couple of months. As drainage is not a one and done type issue; there are other individuals/

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neighborhoods where the Town will be working with to see what can be done on specific problems.

Neighborhood Common Areas

The Town has a requirement when a new neighborhood is developed that a certain amount of space be left open or that the developer pay the Town a fee in lieu of the open space. In some of our older neighborhoods, this space was used for large neighborhood parks. These parks needed to be at least 5 acres. As Fairview is getting built out and the new neighborhoods are getting smaller and most of the lots in those neighborhoods are two acres, the developers are now paying the fee which the Town uses to build out our Trail network. Associated with some of the common areas that were set aside years ago, our staff has been working with several neighborhood HOAs to codify which maintenance activities are the responsibility of the HOA or the Town. For example – who mows the grass, who trims the trees, who pays for the water, etc. Agreements have recently been completed with the Villas in the Park and Bridlegate neighborhoods. Thank you to the HOA leaders in those neighborhoods for working cooperatively with the Town to accomplish these agreements.

Finally

I want to quote a columnist Cal Thomas who said this past week after the attack on our Congress “the Kingdom of God is not going to arrive on Air Force One.” Being an elected official – whether a Town Council member or the President of the USA is a duty to be in service to others. You have also seen me quote my favorite passage from Pastor Rick Warren “It is Not About You.” I expect our elected leaders at all levels to try and bring people together. Elected leaders are human and they do make mistakes. Elected leaders also have strong opinions about ideologies and I appreciate that, in that we can always learn something new from others; but when reality strikes you need to get over yourself. None of us are idols to be worshiped – worship is for our God – and the God of the Christian Bible instructs us with two commandments – Love God and love others. Join me in carrying this reminder all year.

Unemployment remains very high and food insecurity in America, and even in the DFW region, is widespread. Remember ACO, the Samaritan Inn, the North Texas Food Bank, or any of the hundreds of other non-profits that focus on helping those less fortunate than us. I will be wearing blue on Monday, January 11 to honor our local Treasured Vessels non-profit on National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Stay safe.

Henry Lessner

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COUNCIL'S CORNER

At the Tuesday, December 1, 2020 Regular Town Council meeting, the Town Council discussed the following items:

- Administer Oath of Office to new Councilmembers: Gregg Custer, John Hubbard and Larry Little.
- Approved the following items on the consent agenda:
 - » The minutes of the November 4, 2020 Regular Council meeting
 - » The minutes of the November 9, 2020 Regular Council meeting
 - » The minutes of the November 16, 2020 Special Council meeting
 - » The resolution suspending rates with Coserv.
- Received reports from Staff, including any updates on project tracking reports and department activities
 - » Monthly Financial Report – Period ending October 31, 2020
 - » Monthly Police Report – Period Ending November 30, 2020
 - » Monthly Fire Report – Period Ending October 31, 2020
 - » Town construction projects
- Conducted a public hearing on a request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the existing home to serve as an accessory structure (guest house). The subject site is located at 900 Old Stacy Road and is zoned for the (RE-1) One-Acre Ranch Estate District. Owner/Applicant: Luis Martinez. **(Case No. CUP2020-02)**. This item has been continued to the January Regular Meeting.
- Conducted a public hearing and approved a request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an accessory

structure. The 3.62-acre site is located at 80 Seattle Slew and is zoned for the (RE-2) Two-acre Ranch Estate District. Owners/Applicant: Michael Adkins. (CUP2020-03).

- Conducted a public hearing and approved a request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an accessory structure. The 1.55-acre site is located as 1290 Camino Real and is zoned for the (PC) Planned Center District. Owner/Applicant: Keith Coffey. (CUP2020-04).
- Discussed and approved authorizing the Town Manager to execute an agreement with Blackmon Mooring for restoration services.
- Discussed Council work session dates, including drainage and other topics and take any necessary action.
- Discussed COVID-19 activities and actions and take any necessary action.
- Discussed disaster declaration and take any necessary action.
- Discussed Boards & Commissions and take any necessary action.

At the Wednesday, December 9, 2020 special council meeting the Town Council discussed the following items:

- Held Town Council work session to discuss the Town drainage system including Town policies, procedures, processes, activities and related matters and take any necessary action.
- Discussed Boards and Commissions and approved appointments to Planning and Zoning.



Friends of Fairview contribution aids Fairview Fire Rescue

A special thank you to the Friends of Fairview for contributing \$50,000 toward the purchase of 19 new Scott Air-Pak X3 Pro Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Please help thank them as you see them around town and when they are putting out the US flags during holidays.

The many Fairview residents who have supported Friends of Fairview over the past 13 years should take pride in knowing their donations via the Flag Program and Pancake Breakfasts were integral to enabling this important contribution.

Friends of Fairview was created in 2007 as a 501(c)(3) organization with a purpose of improving the health and well-being of Fairview firefighters by raising funds to provide recognition and appreciation of those who serve our community.



Fairview Named 5th Safest City in Texas

SafeWise, a leading online safety resource, recently released their 2020 Safest Cities list and placed the Town of Fairview at number 5, behind Fulshear, Hutto, San Elizario and Trophy Club. Murphy, Allen and Frisco 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:

- All of the cities that made the safest list are well below both state (4.1) and national (3.7) violent crime rates.
- Every safest city came in under both state (23.7) and national (22.0) property crime rates.
- 19 cities (38%) reported fewer than 100 total property crimes.

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



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 or 972-562-0522 ext. 5003.

Valentine's

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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.

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.

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.



All We Need is Love... Well and a Little Chocolate Wouldn't Hurt



Ahh...it's that time again – time for chocolates, roses, and Hallmark cards. It's February, which means it's time for that made-up holiday to celebrate the Love we feel for that special someone. While some may feel cynical towards this tradition, this year, I think we could all use a little reminder to Love. Love not only our spouse or loved one, but our neighbors.

As we deal with the pandemic's stress and the political divide facing our country now more than ever, we must find a way to love one another. One of my favorite comedians growing up was the Southern Good-ol'-boy storyteller, Jerry Clower. I remember him sharing then how the answer to the nation's trouble then was L.O.V.E. I can still hear him proclaiming this at the top of his lungs on one of the many cassettes I listened to back then. It struck me that it seems so simple. If you are a believer like me, you will recall the second greatest commandment from Jesus: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

So simple yet so incredibly hard. It seems we have lost our ability to love our neighbors, especially when we disagree with them. It's easy to shower our Love on those who are like us and who share our beliefs. But when it comes to loving those that may be different from us or hold a different opinion than us, we seem unable to muster up even a hint of Love.

If you are fearful of our nation's future and feeling helpless

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“ Alone, we can do so little;
together, we can do so much. ”

– HELEN KELLER

to make a difference in our world, let me give you some hope. You can start right here in our community. Begin to love thy neighbor. Even the one who doesn't believe as you do. Find a way to move past your divergent opinions and come together to create something positive. Spend some time working to help a charity you can both agree is worth your time. Explore ways to have meaningful conversations that start from a place of understanding and without judgment.

Street by street, neighborhood by neighborhood, we can begin to change the fabric of our country. We cannot control a lot of things, but we can all control who and how we share our Love. So, as we begin the month-long celebration of Love, I ask that each of you take some time this month to explore this concept of loving your neighbor as yourself.

One way you can start is to consider your neighbor's small business as you begin to search for the perfect Valentine's gift for your special someone. We can all make a small difference in our own way, and together, these small differences will make a big difference.

Oh, and as for Valentine's Day being made up by Hallmark, my research turned up this interesting little fact. As it turns out, Valentine's Day — and Valentine's Day cards — existed long before commercialization. Apparently, the Victorians exchanged tokens, notes, and handmade cards on February 14.

As the postal infrastructure improved, the tradition really took off. It was the English penny post that made sending romantic notes both affordable and anonymous. Meaning the otherwise stuffy Victorians were free to express risqué flirtation or to mail scandalous productions that were what the London Review called vilely drawn, wretchedly engraved, and hastily dabbed over with staring colors.

Corporate interests were quick to capitalize on Victorian traditions. It was Cadbury who first put chocolates in heart-shaped boxes in 1868. Mass-manufactured greeting cards were introduced in the United States in 1849 and sold by Hallmark in 1913. And that my friends, as Paul Harvey used to say, is The Rest of the Story.

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

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 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. 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.



Did you know that Fairview Residents can enjoy all the benefits the Allen Library has to offer?

Anyone five years or older can get a library card all you have to do is show proof of Texas residency. A valid photo ID with current address is required at the time of application and children under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign for them.

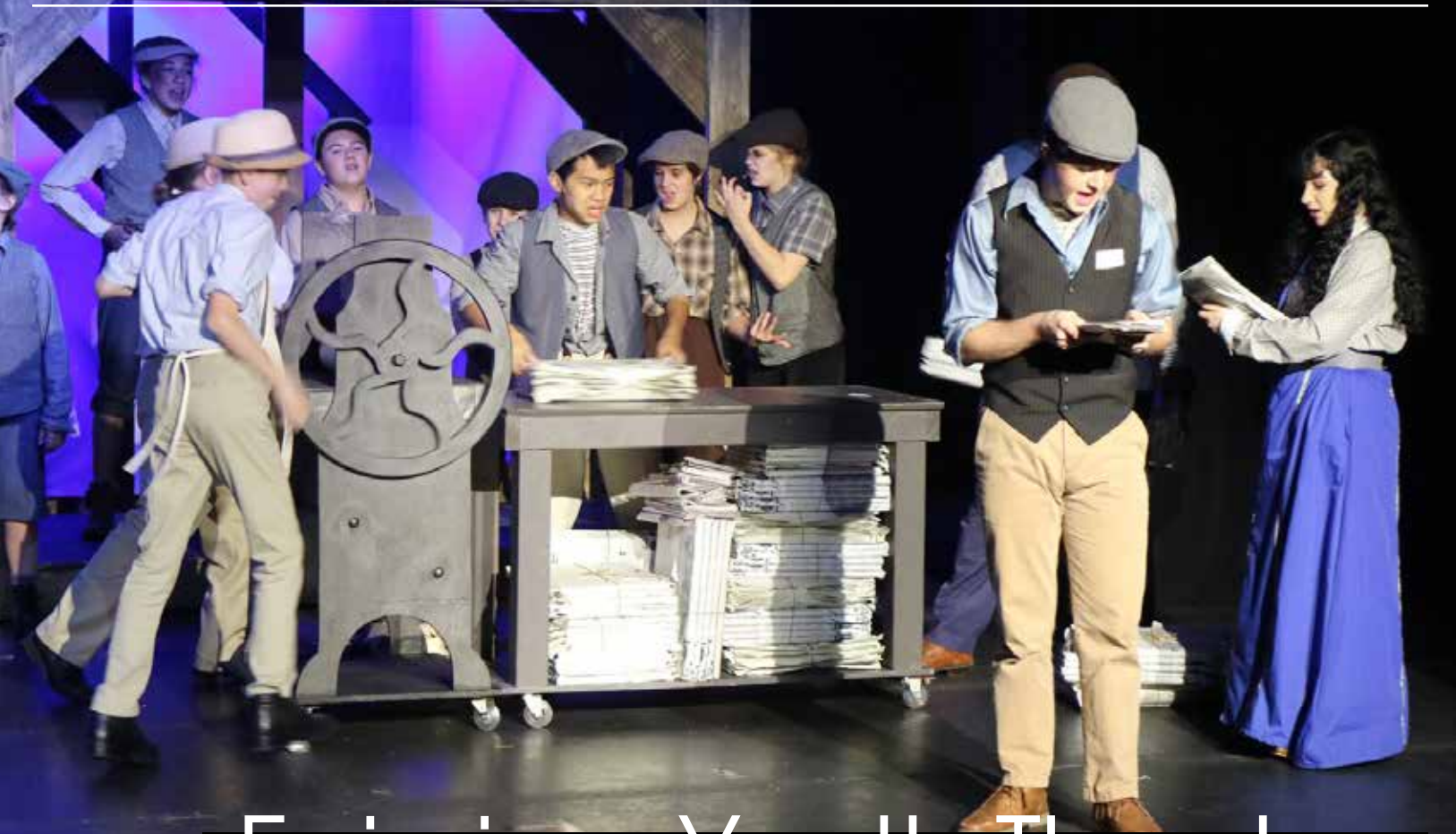
The Allen Library hosts a multitude of events each month from virtual story time for kids to book clubs for teens and adults to Library After Dark Mystery Nights to cultural programs. And anyone can join these free activities.

Special live programs coming up in February include:

U.S. Army's Only Female Buffalo Soldier – Rosie Leetta "Lee" Reed portrays Cathay Williams, the first documented African American woman to enlist in the U.S. Army and the only woman to serve in the U.S. Army as a man. She shares this amazing story at a live virtual event at allentx.swagit.com, 3:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Allen Public Library and the program is free. Submit questions until 4:00 p.m. that evening through liveonstage@cityofallen.org.



Black High School Football in Texas – *Thursday Night Lights* tells the inspiring, largely unknown story of African American high school football in Texas from 1920-1970. The segregated high schools in the Prairie View Interscholastic League (the African American counterpart of the University Interscholastic League) included future NFL greats such as "Mean" Joe Green (Temple Dunbar), Otis Taylor and Bubba Smith Pollard. Listen to Michael Hurd, the author of *Thursday Night Lights, The Story of Black High School Football in Texas*, at a live virtual event, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 at allentx.swagit.com. Submit questions until 8:30 p.m. that evening through liveonstage@cityofallen.org.



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 30 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 opened in January 2017 FVYT has seen more than 4,000 students in more than 400 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 4 - 7 is *Hamlet*. One of Shakespeare's greatest plays, this is the story of Hamlet, the son of the late King of Denmark avenging his father's death by

killing his uncle.

A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder, on stage February 6-16, tells the story of low-born Monty Navarro finding out he's eighth in line for an earldom in the lofty D'Ysquith family, he figures his chances of outliving his predecessors are slight and sets off down a far more ghoulish path.

Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip hip Hippo and, of course, those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound on stage February 11 - 14 in the musical adventure of a lifetime - *Madagascar Jr.*

Beauty and the Beast on stage February 26 - March 6. The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress.

Upcoming auditions include *Tuck Everlasting*, *The Musical*. (grades 6-12) *Romeo and Juliet* (grades 8-12) both with video submission deadlines of February 6. Video auditions for *Matilda, Jr.* (grades 4-12) are due February 20.

To purchase tickets or sign up for auditions and classes visit FairviewYouthTheatre.org.



ACTOR OF FAIRVIEW: Abigail

Abigail is 16 years old and a sophomore at North Texas Performing Arts (NTPA) Academy. She has been acting since she was in third grade. Her NTPA career began with the show *Fiddler on the Roof* where she played the role of Shprintze and she has now completed 12 shows at NTPA.

She says she loves to act because, "Acting is a way to become someone else, and step into their shoes. You can learn a lot about the world by playing different parts. You can also learn a lot about yourself as well. It's amazing to be able to take on a new persona when performing and actors are lucky enough to get to do that! To fully become someone else and tell a story that is meaningful and can impact audiences, is so gratifying. That is why I love theatre."

Abigail is currently in rehearsal for the show *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*. It's a comedy that audiences are sure to enjoy! In this show Monty Navarro, desperate to become Earl of Highurst and gain the D'Ysquith family fortune, begins to kill all his relatives in unimaginable ways. With a love triangle, and the wild D'Ysquith family, comedic madness ensues. Abigail is excited to be doing this show because, "It has a different style of music, which is very difficult and classical, and I was thrilled to perform a style of music we don't typically see in musical theatre. I will be playing Phoebe

D'Ysquith, and I am so excited to bring her kindhearted and madly in-love character to life! I'm so grateful to be playing this amazing role!"

When asked what advice she would give someone considering auditioning for their first show she said, "Totally do it! Performing is the best experience ever and I think that there is no doubt about whether to audition or not! Theatre has something to offer for everyone, and everyone has a different way they experience theatre. Just be yourself, work hard, and be kind to others and you will have so much fun! It is totally worth it! Audition! NTPA Fairview is a home for me and so many other people! I know that I can come to the theatre and feel loved by so many people. The theatre is truly a community that supports and accepts everyone, and I am so lucky to be with so many amazing people each week. I could not imagine my life without NTPA and the amazing people that I get to see! I know that regardless of anything that has been happening in my life, I can come to the theatre and forget any stress or worry. I'm so lucky to be able to be in such a wonderful environment!"

Come see Abigail and the rest of the cast of *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* February 6-14, 2021. Showtimes and ticket information can be found at <https://northtexasperformingarts.org/event/gentlemen-guide/>

To fully become someone else and tell a story that is meaningful and can impact audiences, is so gratifying. That is why I love theatre.

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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 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.

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.

FAIRVIEW FIRE STATION NO. 1 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

All roofing has been completed and the station will be completely dry. So, as of press time (January 1) exterior walls have been waterproofed and plastered and the masonry façade is finished. The exterior walls have also been bricked and all glass windows have been installed. Interior wall framing has started and interior electrical and plumbing is in process. Overhead ductwork for HVAC system has been completed and installed as well.



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 schoolhouse, 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 43rd 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 22. Winners will be notified by mail at the beginning of March. Contest information and rules are available at HeardNaturePhotographers.com.

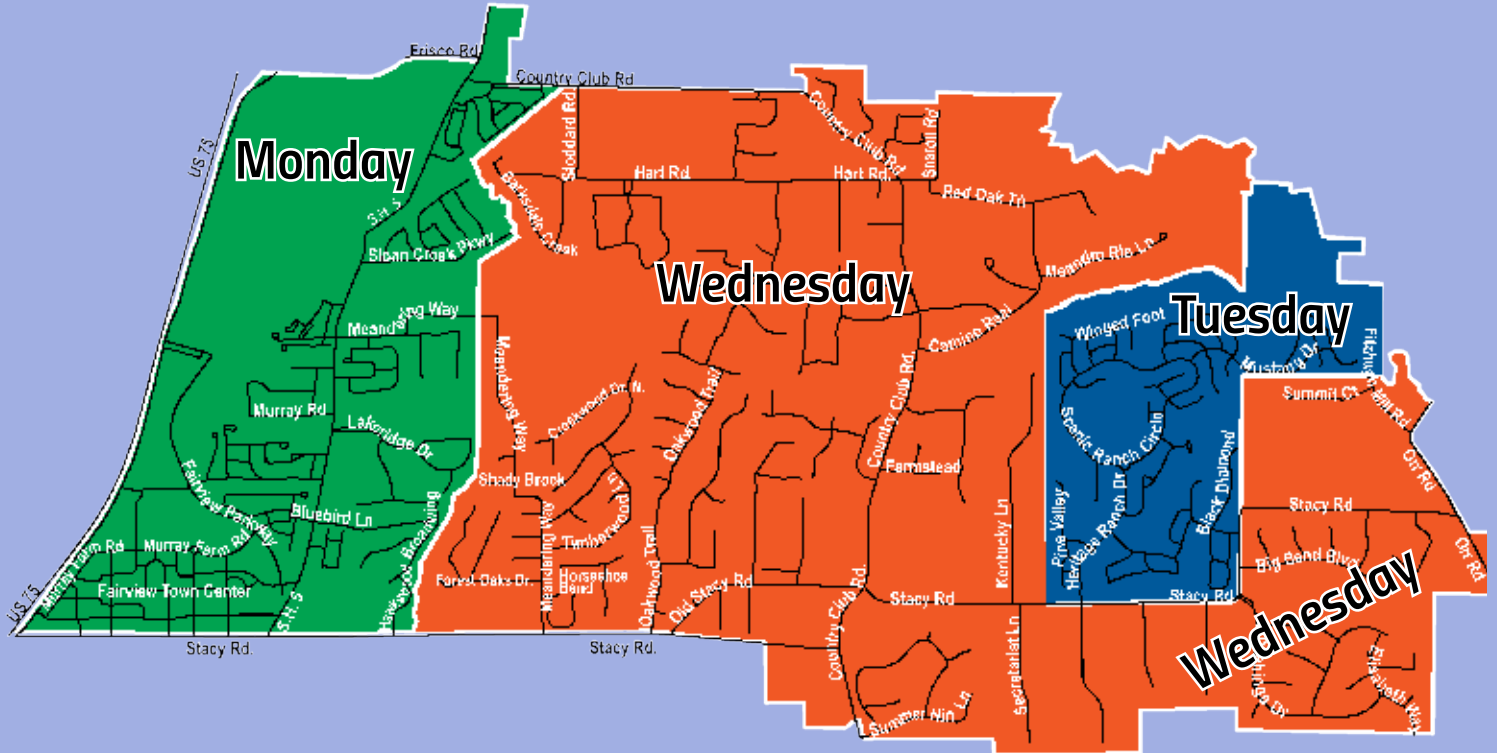
Also coming up this month – The Heard will be hosting a 3-Hour Wetland Canoe Trail on February 20 and a Zip Line Day on February 28.

The Heard museum will be hosting a Kids' Spring Break Mini Camp the week of March 8. Each mini-camp explores a different topic from reptiles to mammals and learning about the wetlands for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. They are also offering a Keeper Jr. camp on March 12 for students in third through ninth grades. Campers will learn about what it takes to care for the museum's animal ambassadors, and they'll see what happens behind the scenes. The Heard Museum also has safety protocols in place to keep campers healthy.

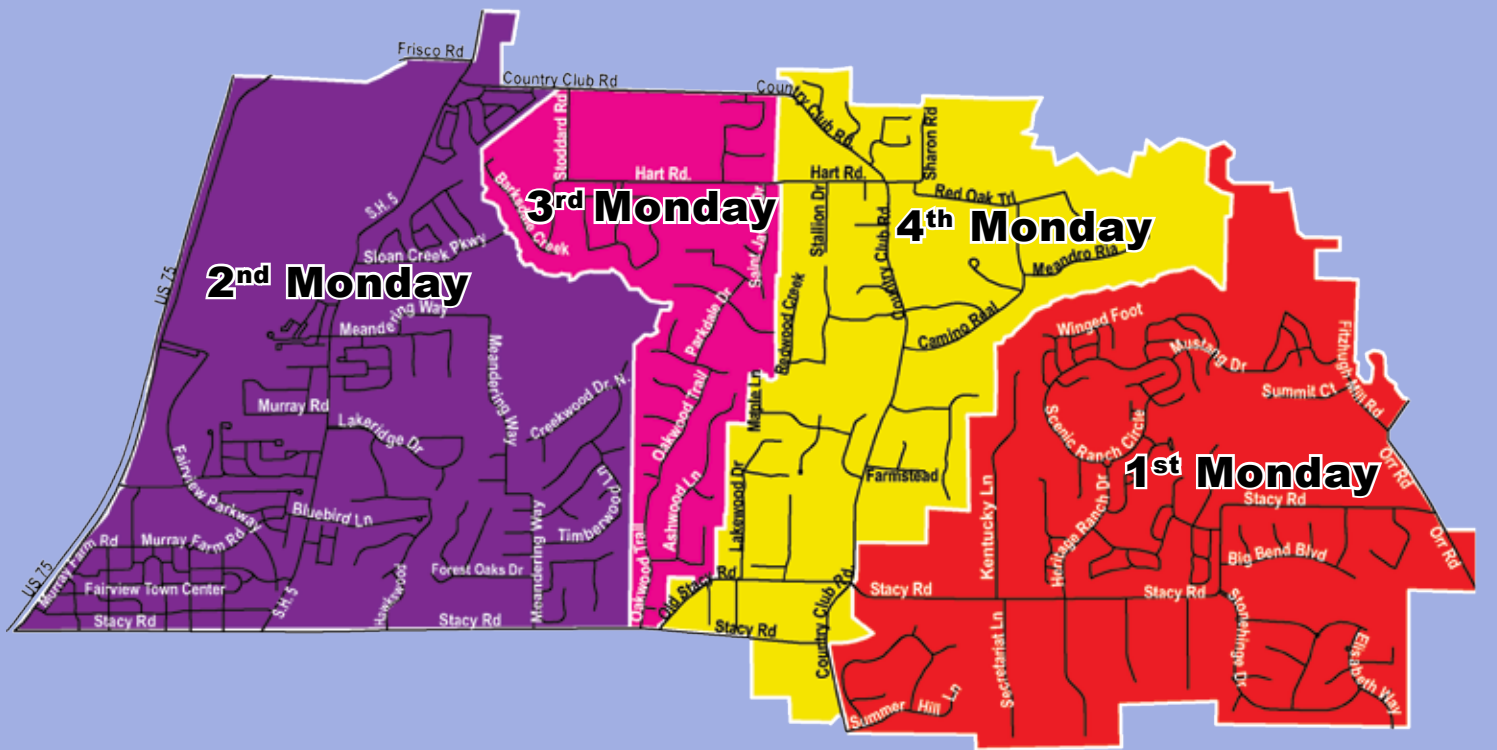
And, as always, the Heard Museum offers many other programs to keep you and your family busy, from scouting workshops and weekly story time to nature hikes and zip lining. You can check out all their offerings at HeardMuseum.org.

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 if all items are placed inside the cart with lid closed. 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. **See #7 in the guidelines below for size limits.**

2021 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-unless otherwise noted.

January 1, New Year's Day-No effect
 May 31, Memorial Day-Roll Forward One Day
 July 4, Independence Day-No effect
 September 6, Labor Day-Roll Forward One Day
 November 25, Thanksgiving-No effect
 December 25, Christmas Day-No effect

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 2021

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

March 2021

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

April 2021

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2	3
1 st Mon.	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2 nd Mon.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3 rd Mon.	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4 th Mon.	25	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 pick-up 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.

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection



SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021

9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

**FAIRVIEW FIRE STATION #1
(500 STATE HIGHWAY 5)**

What to Bring From Home

The following items will be collected, free of charge.

Acid-based cleaners
Acid-based, lithium & rechargeable batteries
Aerosol cans
Ammonia-based cleaners
Antifreeze
Automobile batteries & battery acid
Car wax & cleaners
Cleaning solvents
Drain & oven cleaners
Fats, oils & grease
Filters & power steering fluid

Floor care products
Fluorescent bulbs
Furniture polish & varnish
Gasoline & diesel fuel
Ink cartridges
Kerosene & lighter fluid
Paint (latex & oil-based) stains, remover & thinners
Mercury thermometers & thermostats
Metal polishes
Motor oil

Pesticides, insecticides, herbicides & fertilizers
Pet care products
Pool chemicals
Transmission & brake fluid
Window cleaner
Wood preservatives

DO NOT BRING

Ammunition & explosives
Asbestos, arsenic & cyanide
Business/Commercial waste
Expired medications & prescription drugs

Fireworks
Medical, infectious, bio-hazards & sharps
Radioactive materials

To participate in the collection a valid driver's license with a Fairview address or a town issued water bill must be presented at the time of drop-off.