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**Fairview Town Hall will be closed Thursday, July 4,
in observance of Independence Day.**

CORRECTION

An article accompanying reader-submitted photos in the June 2024 edition of *Fairview Town News* incorrectly stated that Friends of Fairview First Responders organized the Inaugural First Responder's Appreciation Day (IFRAD), which raised more than \$42,500 to cover the costs of advanced health screenings for first responders in Fairview. The fundraising events were actually organized by the IFRAD committee of Heritage Ranch. Thank you, IFRAD committee of Heritage Ranch, for your hard work and generosity!

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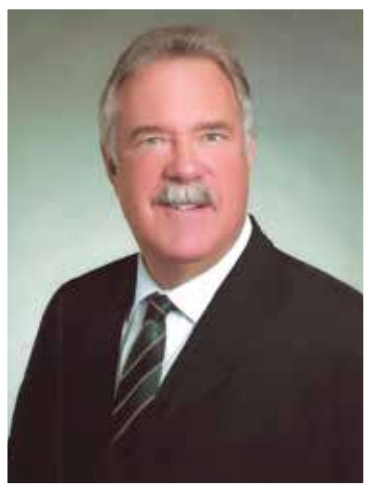


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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



HENRY LESSNER

Hi Fairview!

Summer is heating up now, and I'm hoping for dryer weather for the June 29 events at Fire Station 1. In addition to a big celebration of Fairview Fire Rescue's 50th anniversary, we will be unveiling a brand new Firefighter Honor Wall and dedicating Fire Station 1 in honor of former Fairview Fire Chief Dick Price. You are all invited to this celebration, which will include fun for the kids. It all starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 29.

If the ground is dry, parking will be available on the north side of Fire Station 1 (510 S. State Highway 5.) If it's muddy, flaggers will direct visitors to available parking.

When I get back from my trip to France, I'm excited to check out two new businesses that have opened up in Fairview Town Center: Larks Entertainment, where Bowlero used to be, and Neon Cactus, where Wild Salsa was.

Larks is introducing shuffleboard to Texas, and the Fairview location is the first of a planned chain of venues across the country, so we get to be the first to try it out! In addition to shuffleboard lanes, there's an arcade and an interactive trivia game that big groups can play together. Larks also serves food and drinks.

Like Wild Salsa, Neon Cactus serves Mexican food, but they've changed up the menu to include entrees inspired by Asian cuisine and other spicy new options. I hope you'll stop in for dinner. We need to support our local businesses.

Speaking of Fairview Town Center, I'll be helping to kick off the annual bike parade at the mall fountain at 9 a.m. July 4. This is a fun tradition for families, where kids decorate their

bikes and wagons and go around the mall. Prizes will be awarded for the most patriotic outfits and bikes.

Please remember that fireworks are not allowed in Fairview. We want a fun holiday, so our police officers and fire marshal will be patrolling and making sure everyone is celebrating safely. If you're looking for a fireworks show, check out the show in Allen on Saturday, July 29, at Celebration Park. Tickets (free) will be required for entry this year. You can get more information at AllenUSA.org.

Please mark your calendars for the annual Peanut Butter Drive to benefit the North Texas Food Bank. Fairview always shows up big for this event as we compete against other area cities for largest donations. Collections will begin Sept. 1.

The Town has six different boards/committees/commissions that advise the Town Council on its policies and decisions. Many of the terms for members of these boards will expire next month. If you're interested in filling one of the vacancies, please take a look at the roles and responsibilities for the various boards and consider completing an application to serve. Descriptions of each committee, board and commission are posted on FairviewTexas.org. Go to the "Government" tab and click "Boards and Commissions." Applications to serve are due by July 31.

Henry Lessner

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Fire Station 1 Receiving Dedication

Dick Price helped create and fulfill a vision for Fairview Fire Rescue.

Price served with the Fairview Fire Department for 18 years – including 13 years as chief – beginning in 1998, when the department was staffed entirely with volunteers using hand-me-down equipment from other area fire departments.

Price’s involvement began when he saw the department’s volunteer crew battle a residential fire. The next day, he met with the volunteers to review their equipment needs and his suggestions for improving procedures and training. Working with the Town’s administration at the time, Price helped map out a plan for bringing Fairview’s fire response to the level of a fully staffed, well-funded department.

Price’s experience with firefighting tactics had begun more than two decades earlier, when he became a certified firefighter and EMT in Indiana. His background in the business world – managing disaster plan development for MCI-Verizon – helped Price bridge the communication gap between Town staff and the volunteer firefighters.

During his 18 years of service, his contributions helped build the department to today’s full-service department with advanced life support capabilities and an Insurance Services Organization (ISO) rating of 2 (compared to an original rating of 5). As the department approaches its 50th anniversary, the Town Council and administration wanted a way to honor Price for his service.

So, beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 29, Fairview Fire Station 1, which sits at 510 S. State Highway 5, will bear a new identity: The name “Richard Price” will be added above “Fire Station 1.”

Just to the south of the fire station, an Honor Wall will also be dedicated to past, current and future firefighters to recognize them for their contributions to Fairview Fire Rescue.

The Town Council and administration thanks all the community leaders who have served and helped strengthen Fairview Fire Rescue.

Please join us as we celebrate the department’s 50th anniversary and honor our firefighters and supporters. Refreshments, including food donated by Chick-fil-A in McKinney, snow cones and popcorn will be available, and children can have fun in the bounce house.

Parking will be available north of the fire station.



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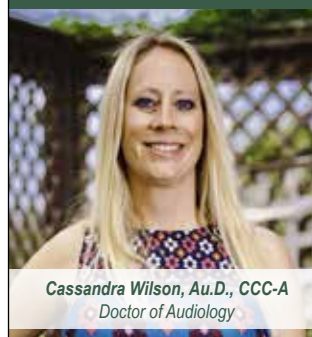
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Fourth of July Celebration

at Fairview Town Center

Fairview Town Center will hold its annual July 4 Bike Parade from 9-11 a.m. at The Fountain.

Families are invited to decorate their bikes, scooters, strollers and wagons in honor of the holiday and join the parade around the center building at FTC. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated parade vehicle and for the most patriotic outfit.

The parade will start promptly at 9 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. Family activities will continue through 11 a.m., including:

- Face painting
- Balloon twisting
- Visits with Uncle Sam and the Statue of Liberty
- A fire truck and visits with Fairview firefighters (unless called away for duty)
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Council's Corner



At the Tuesday, May 7, 2024, Regular Town Council meeting:

Town Council members Larry Little (Seat 4) and John Hubbard (Mayor Pro Tem, Seat 6) took oaths of office for their new terms, and Mayor Henry Lessner presented a proclamation for Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

The Council also:

- Voted to reelect John Hubbard as Mayor Pro Tem
- Approved the following items on the consent agenda:
 - a. Minutes of the April 2, 2024, Regular Council meeting
 - b. An interlocal agreement with Collin County for shared expenses on repairs for roads that share Town/County maintenance
 - c. An interlocal agreement with the City of Allen for water service for the Creekwood Addition replat
- Received the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2024
- Received the Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2024
- Received the Monthly Police Report for the period ending April 30, 2024
- Received the Monthly Code Enforcement report for the period ending April 30, 2024
- Received the Monthly Fire Report for the period ending April 30, 2024
- Received an update on town construction projects
- Held a public hearing and approved a request for a conditional use permit for an accessory structure at 1370 Camino Real
- Held a public hearing and approved a request for major warrants to accommodate the development of a one-story

office building at 350 Highway 5

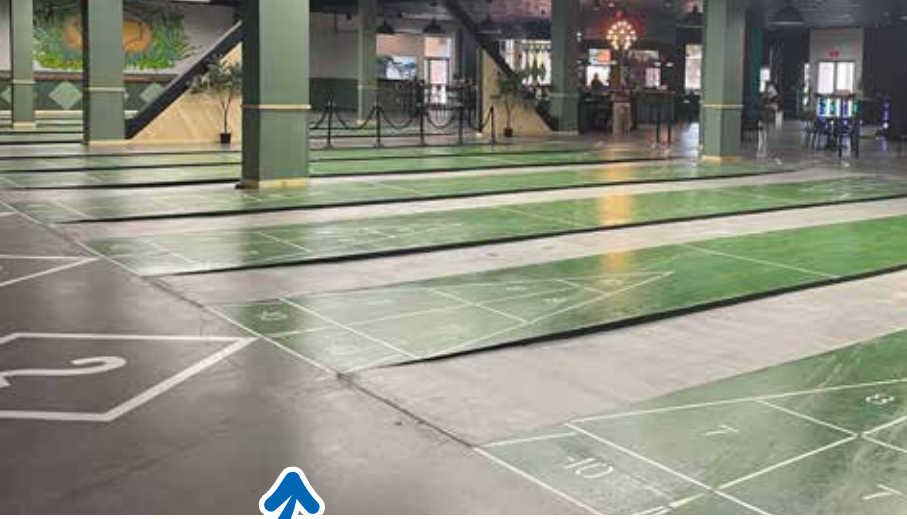
- Approved a minor final plat of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Addition at 301 Country Club Road
- Approved a preliminary plat of the Orr Road Estates at the southwest corner of Stacy Road and Orr Road (FM 317)
- Approved a replat of the Creekwood Addition at the southwest corner of Stacy Road and Country Club Road
- Scheduled a budget work session for June 24, 2024

At the Tuesday, June 4, 2024, Regular Town Council meeting:

Town Council member Gregg Custer (Seat 2) took the oath of office for his new term.

The Council also:

- Held a public hearing and approved a conditional use permit for a greenhouse at 100 Seattle Slew
- Held a public hearing for a conditional use permit for a religious facility on the north side of Stacy Road, west of Meandering Way. The council voted to continue the public hearing at its Aug. 6, 2024, regular meeting
- Approved a bid award for the Foxglen groundwater drainage project
- Appointed John Sunny to the Technology Advisory Committee
- Approved the following items on the consent agenda:
 - a. Minutes of the May 7, 2024, regular Town Council meeting
 - b. A resolution adopting the Town's written investment policy
- Received staff reports regarding finances, fire and police activity, code enforcement and Town construction.



New Open in Fairview Town Center

Larks



Stop by Larks Entertainment and beat the heat as you enjoy a game of shuffleboard! No reservations are required to play, and walk-ins are encouraged. During the month of July, mention this article to receive a free appetizer with a purchase of at least one meal. (Limit one free appetizer per party.)

The Fairview entertainment spot was the first of eight planned locations to open across the U.S. and features 10 shuffleboard lanes along with the engaging Game of 1,000 Boxes trivia game, an arcade and a fully stocked bar and kitchen. Situated at the corner of Watertower Way and Indian Springs Road at the northeastern edge of Fairview Town Center, the new entertainment venue officially opened May 11.

Neon Cactus



Neon Cactus brings a bright twist to Mexican cuisine with a fusion of tastes from across the globe. Everything on the chef-created menu is made from scratch and served with special care. Unique cocktails from the bar are delivered to your table enclosed in a small terrarium filled with smoke.

The restaurant is a second-chance employer, offering individuals an opportunity to build a career and rebuild their lives.

Neon Cactus is open for dinner Wednesday through Sunday and open for lunch and dinner on weekends.




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Grilling Safety



There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

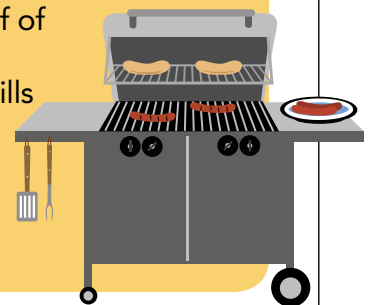
PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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Town Construction Project Updates

Asphalt has been poured for Fairview Crossing between Spur 399 and State Highway 5, and crews are working connections to Medical Center Drive and State Highway 5. A left turn lane from SH 5 is being added, and the road will be ready to open soon.

Design is complete for the extension of Fairview Parkway north of Ridgeview Drive, and a construction contract could be presented to the Town Council for consideration in July.

Additional work in the Foxglen subdivision will begin this summer to mitigate groundwater issues. Bids for that project were presented to the Town Council in June.



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Butterflies *and* Dancing at the Heard

Visitors to the Native Texas Butterfly House and Garden at Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary will have the opportunity to walk among free-flying native butterflies and other pollinators through Sept. 28. Guests will be able to view butterflies up close while learning about their life stages and more.

The butterfly house is regularly stocked with an assortment of native butterfly species, which varies throughout the exhibit. Guests may even get to see a butterfly emerge from a chrysalis. Inside the butterfly house, nectar plants are also available to feed the adult butterflies. There are even a few host plants for caterpillars to feed on (“host plants”).

The butterfly garden, too, is filled with nectar plants and host plants that naturally attract these lovely creatures. Guests may even find a few ideas to try in home gardens, which can in turn help pollinators on a broader scale. From time to time, other species of wildlife that feed



on insects or the nectar plants may also be found in the butterfly garden, including hummingbirds. This area is also a great setting for nature photography.



The Native Texas Butterfly House and Garden is included in museum general admission and is free for Heard Museum members. The Native Texas Butterfly House and Garden is sponsored by NBC5. Learn more about this exhibit at HeardMuseum.org/butterflies.

Heard Museum’s Night Out Fundraising Event

Night Out at the Heard will be a fun, outdoor fundraising event benefiting Heard

Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary. This event will offer live music, dancing, a cash bar, and food vendors from 6 to 10 p.m. July 20 at Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary.

The event is exclusively for adults ages 21 and over. Tickets are now available to the public (while supplies last). Additional information and online ticketing is available at HeardMuseum.org/Night-Out. This event is sponsored by NBC5.

About Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary

The Heard was founded in 1967 by Bessie Heard. Miss Heard was 80 years old when she saw the need to preserve a place where future generations could experience nature. Today, the Heard's mission of bringing nature and people together to discover, enjoy, experience, restore, and preserve our priceless environment is carried out through education, particularly of young people, emphasizing an appreciation of nature and its conservation. For more information, visit heardmuseum.org.

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Make Safety Part of Summer Traditions

July 4 marks the height of summer fun. Safeguard your family's holiday celebrations by remembering these important tips:

1. Vacation Watch

The Fairview Police Department offers a special watch program for vacationers. Fill out a form on the police department web page, and officers will provide extra patrols for your home if you're traveling out of town.

As you fill out the form, you'll be asked to note:

- The dates and times you'll be away from home
- How you can be reached if there's an emergency while you're away
- Whether any animals will remain at the home
- Whether any lights will be left on in your home, and if so, where
- The make, model, color and license plate of vehicles that should be at your home. (Don't forget about cleaning services or pet sitters)
- If you have an alarm system, whether an emergency contact has an access code to reset it

2. Ban on Fireworks in Fairview

Thousands of injuries are reported annually from sparklers and other seemingly harmless novelties purchased from fireworks stands. Many of those injuries involve children.

Fireworks pose a significant safety hazard for you, your family and pets, nearby structures and our natural surroundings. The Fairview Fire Marshall issues citations for violations of the Town's fireworks prohibition.

If you want to enjoy fireworks this summer, take in one of the professional shows organized by our neighbors in McKinney, Allen or surrounding communities.

Enjoy a safe and fun summer and have a happy Independence Day!

Reader Submitted Photos

Residents responded abundantly to the call for photos to include in this edition of Fairview Town News magazine. We are grateful to Michelle Countryman, Judy Haddox, Pamela Sailor and Achyut Ansa (cover photo) for sending such rich images of life in Fairview.

Keep the pictures coming! To submit your photo for a future edition of the Town magazine, email the high-resolution image to TownNews@FairviewTexas.org.





Meet our July Actor of Fairview *Stella*

Stella is 11 years old and is in fifth grade. She attends a dual language program for Spanish at an elementary school in McKinney.

“I’ve always loved singing, acting and dancing but had never tried theater until the summer going into fourth grade. My friend Rachel invited me to audition with her for *Junie B. Jones Jr. The Musical*, and it was such a fun experience that I instantly knew I wanted to audition for another show at North Texas Performing Arts - Fairview Youth Theatre.”

She is currently in production for her eighth show, *Matilda The Musical*, at Fairview Youth Theatre.

“Every show I have been a part of has been so much fun. The directors are incredible, kind and inspirational. I have loved both meeting new friends and reconnecting with old friends from past shows. Not only are the students nice, but the families are so involved and have become like family to me also. I recently played Lumiere in *Beauty and The Beast Jr.*, which was one of the most fun roles I had ever played, because it’s such a bold character.

“I got to be funny and make creative choices. But the character Matilda Wormwood has been an inspiration to me, since I read the book in my third grade class. I have since watched and listened to *Matilda The Musical* over and over, and the songs are so unbelievably great and powerful, so when NTPA - Fairview Youth Theatre announced it as an upcoming show, I knew I wanted to be involved in any way possible! And now, after completely diving into the world of Matilda, I believe I have a new favorite role!

“In *Matilda the musical*, I play Matilda Wormwood and I like the character, because she has a very strong and clever personality. At first, she hides it on the inside and battles her fears of being trapped in a story she can’t change. As the show carries on, she begins to grow in confidence and understand who she is. She is a brave little girl who is not afraid

“*They focus on growing you as a human and teach positive character traits above anything else.*”



to use her words, and she finds that with courage and standing up for what is right, she can change her story and that helps encourage others around her.”

Stella offers this advice to anyone considering trying acting or musical theater for the first time: “For anyone young or old wondering if they should try acting, NTPA offers so many different shows for so many different ages and different kinds of people.

What I like most about NTPA-Fairview Youth Theatre is that you might start off nervous about trying a new role, but the directors here focus on so much more than just teaching you how to act in a role on stage. They focus on growing you as a human and teach positive character traits above anything else. Everyone here supports each other and contributes something to the NTPA-Fairview Youth Theatre family.”

Come see Stella and the rest of the *Matilda the Musical* cast performing at NTPA-Fairview Youth Theatre July 12-20, 2024.

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Bird of the Month



Greater Roadrunner

By Paul Marto Jr.

One of my all-time favorite birds to photograph is the Greater Roadrunner. While they inhabit much of the Fairview/ McKinney area, they are still quite an elusive bird and can be tricky to spot as they are masters of disguise

and blend in well with their surroundings. They are ruthless and very capable predators. Their diet consists of insects, spiders, scorpions, lizards, snakes (including rattlesnakes) small rodents and even other birds.

Fun facts about roadrunners: They are very fast runners and can reach speeds of up to 26 mph. They get fluid from the food they eat and do not need to drink water. They are mostly ground-dwelling birds and rarely fly. And they are monogamous, mating for life and raising their little ones together.

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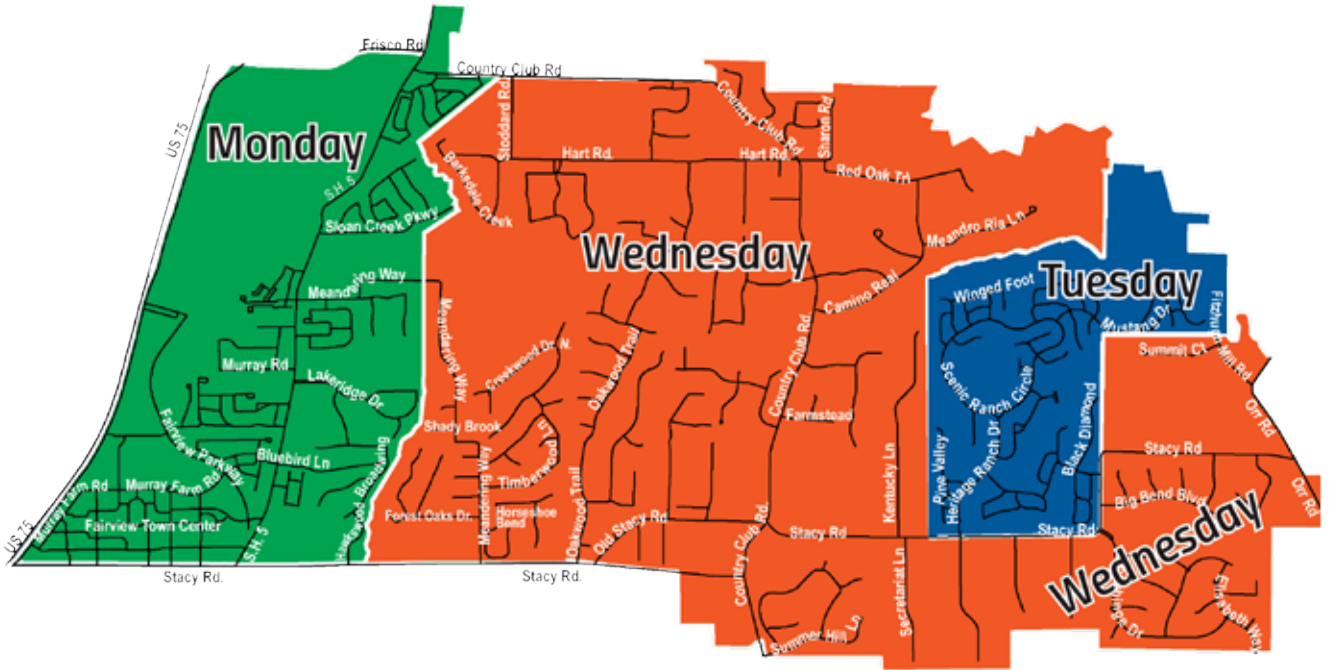
The ABCs of Weekly Trash and Recycling Collection

Remember these tips to ensure efficient trash and recycling pickup:

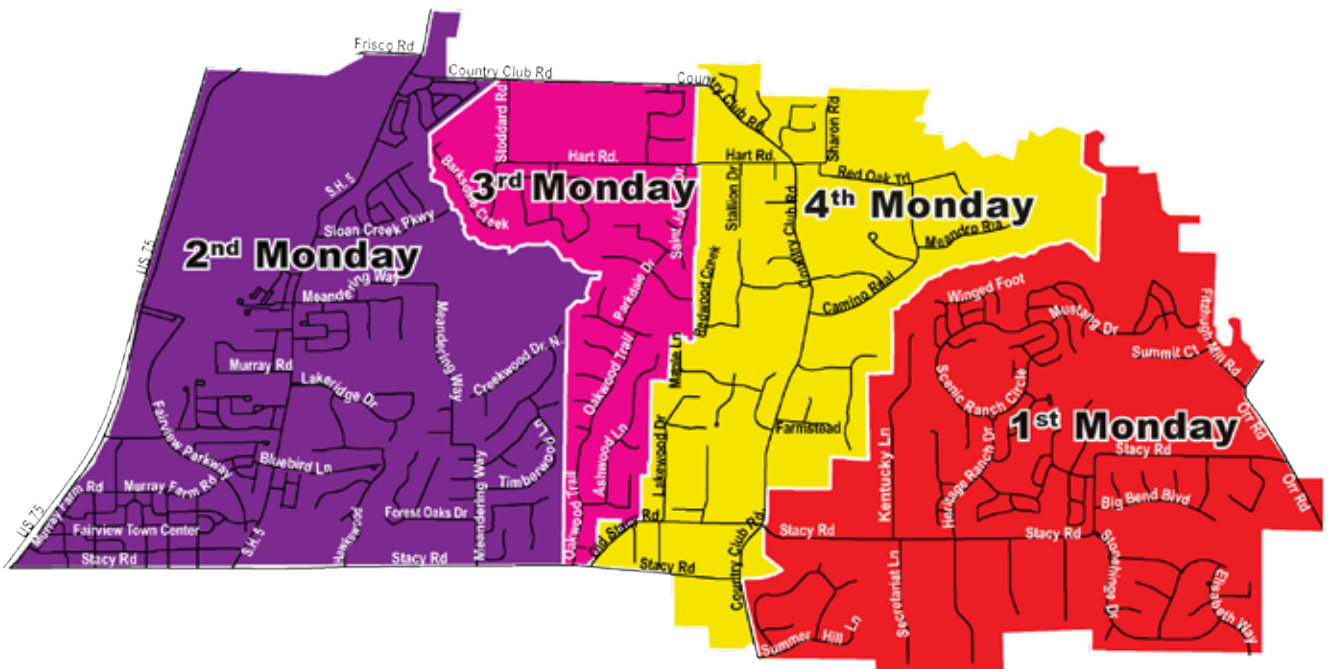
- a. **Arrange** carts carefully with handles facing your home, lids open toward the street, and 2 feet of space between carts and other objects.
- b. **Be** punctual by placing carts at the edge of the street no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before collection and no later than 7 a.m. on collection day. Roll carts back to your house by 6 a.m. the day after pickup.
- c. **Close** lids without clamping or locking. If your trash cart is full, purchase a pink tag for \$2.14 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

■ Holiday

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

MAY

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

JUNE

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

JULY

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

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

Avoid Missed Trash Collections

Republic Services has added more drivers, which allows collection of trash and recycling to occur more efficiently. Because of the change, collection trucks may reach your street earlier than in the past.

Please ensure all trash and recycling carts are at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on scheduled collection days to avoid a missed collection.

Other things to keep in mind:

- All trash going to the landfill should be contained inside securely tied plastic bags, and all bags should fit inside your

solid blue cart with the lid closed.

- Pink tags may be purchased from the Town for \$2.14 each and placed on excess bags that don't fit inside your trash cart. Other than during bulk collection weeks, bags sitting outside of carts without a Town-issued tag won't be collected.
- Recyclables should be placed loose, without bagging, into recycling carts, which are either solid green or dark blue with a lighter blue lid.
- Clean and dry empty cardboard boxes may be cut down and

folded flat to fit inside recycling bins.

- Never clamp or lock lids on trash or recycling carts.
- Place carts with handles facing the house and lids opening toward the street or alley.
- Carts must be placed 2 to 3 feet apart and away from objects that may obstruct the pickup arm.

To report a damaged cart or request collection for a missed pickup, contact Republic Services at 972-422-2341 or RepublicServices.com/Customer-Support.

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