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FAIRWIEWS



At the Tuesday, March 2, 2021 Regular Town Council meeting, the Town Council discussed the following items:

- Approved the following items on the consent agenda:
 - » The minutes of the February 2, 2021 Regular Council meeting.
- Received reports from Staff, including any updates on project tracking reports and department activities
 - » Monthly Financial Report Period ending January 31, 2021
 - » Monthly Police Report Period Ending February 28, 2021
 - » Annual Fairview Police Department Racial Profiling Report
 - » Monthly Fire Report Period Ending January 31, 2021
 - » Town construction projects
- Conducted a public hearing and approved of an ordinance granting a request to rezone a 31.05-acre tract of land from the (RE-3) Three-acre Ranch Estate District to a (PC) Planned Center District with modified (RE-2) Two-acre Ranch Estate District standards. The site is located at 930 Country Club Road, on the south side of Country Club Road, east of Stoddard Road. Applicant: Keith Hamilton, Hamilton Duffy, PC, representing owners Mark and Morgan Stoddard. (ZA2020-05)
- Received a staff update on the recent weather event and take any necessary action.
- Discussed and approved policy amendments related to the Town drainage system regulations and take any additional necessary action.
- Considered and approved of an engineering contract with Huitt-Zollars for engineering consulting and related items and take any necessary action.
- Discussed COVID-19 activities and actions and take any necessary action. April Council meeting will be reopened for public attendance

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MESSAGE MAYOR



HENRY LESSNER



We are back into beautiful weather! I wonder if you are like me and have lost numerous shrubs in our landscaping. I am going to be doing a LOT of work this spring to get my yard back into shape.

Dark Skies

As you know, Fairview has a dark skies ordinance. I have a special request related to this - there is a major migration of birds expected to come through the north Texas area during the period of April 19 through May 7. It is estimated that 1 in 3 birds migrating from their wintering place to their summer place will pass through this area. Former first lady Laura Bush is asking that everyone in the DFW region turn off their landscaping lights during this time period. It is especially important to turn off lights that are in trees or those that are pointed towards the sky. The City of Dallas implemented this practice in 2020. It seems only right that Fairview should join in this effort to prevent the deaths of birds. If you have landscaping lights in your yard, please turn them off at night during this time period. In addition to helping the migrating birds let's see if this enhances our view of the night sky during this period.

Covid

Many people have been vaccinated and the numbers of Covid patients in our hospitals has diminished greatly. We do need to continue to be aware of being in large crowds. I continue to hear of children getting Covid. This has hit close to home as one of my granddaughters has tested positive for Covid. Luckily, like many of the younger folks, she has minimal symptoms so far.

Neighborhood Activity

Bluebird Lane – There has been a follow-up meeting with our Town Engineer and residents are still thinking about the proposed engineering solution to their lot-to-lot water issues.

Countryside – A new resident in this neighborhood has experienced water coming into his house. Our Public Works folks have made a temporary fix to prevent further damage to this residence. As a result of our staff investigation and recommendation, the Council agreed to have the Town move forward to do an engineering study and price out the cost of mitigating the surface water problem in this neighborhood. The Town staff will be handling the study and, if approved, doing any necessary construction work.

FoxGlen – Our Town Engineer James Chancellor and Council Member Ricardo Doi made a presentation to members of this neighborhood and as result of the residents' input/feedback, the Council has voted to expand the contract with Huitt-Zollars to include more properties in this neighborhood study.

Fire Station #1

This large project is on budget and on schedule. Our fire fighters should be able to start moving into the new building in late July. After Fire Department personnel and equipment are completely out of the old building,



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the temporary mobile home will be removed, the old house will be torn down, and the equipment bays will be repurposed so that Public Works equipment can be stored and maintained inside, out of the weather.

Fairview Town Center (FTC)

I regularly get questions from both residents and non-residents about what is happening in the FTC. First, it is important to know that Lincoln Properties (LPC) owns/runs/ operates the FTC. The Town is not involved in any way of the day-to-day operations of this facility or in the decisions as to what businesses that LPC brings to the FTC. LPC has several new restaurants coming (including Pie314 and Dickies BBQ), Destinations Wine Bar is going to reopen, Killarney's Irish Pub is going to reopen, Wild Salsa would have already reopened except that they had several pipes break during our recent cold snap and are now doing repairs. I have been told that the restaurants and retail establishments currently open in the FTC are doing well, and that you can rent one of the iPic theaters for a private party for a very reasonable price and iPic has a bar and excellent food. Outside entertainment is already in full swing several days during the week in the performance area. If you want to keep up with activities and events at the FTC, here are some ways:

- Join their VIP email list at FairviewTownCenter.com
- Join their VIP text list. You can do this on their website or text FTCJOIN to 59224
- Follow Fairview Town Center on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- Visit the Happenings page of their web site at FairviewTownCenter.com/Events.

The new office building is nearing completion and LPC is talking to several businesses about locating there.

Please read the informational story inside this Newsletter about alzheimers disease from Fairview resident Joan van Vliet. Joan is another of the many folks in Fairview who dedicate much time and resources to helping others. Also, remember the Veterans Center of North Texas, the North Texas Food Bank, Allen Community Outreach and Treasured Vessels who all do so much to improve people's lives and are all run by dedicated Fairview residents.

If you are a subscriber to the Fairview Rotary Club or the Friends of Fairview Fighters flag program, watch for an email sometime in early May. As we place flags for the Memorial Day holiday, we will be conducting a food drive for the North Texas Food Bank.

See you around Town. Remember – if you see or hear something that you want more information about – please drop me an email at Mayor@FairviewTexas.org

Henry Lessner

Henry Lessner Mayor@FairviewTexas.org



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THE HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is celebrated in many ways around the world and can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele. This year Mother's Day will be celebrated on May 10.

The origins of Mother's Day, as it's celebrated in the United States, date back to before the Civil War when Ann Reeves Jarvis helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children. These clubs soon became a unifying force in a region still divided by the Civil War when mothers gathered former soldiers to help promote reconciliation. In 1870, Julia Ward Howe, an abolitionist and suffragette wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation" asking mothers to unite to help promote world peace.

The efforts of Jarvis and Howe inspired others to organize small local Mother's Day celebrations; but it wasn't until after the death of Jarvis, in 1905, that her daughter, Anna thought Mother's Day should be about honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. Anna worked with a Philadelphia department store owner and together they organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at a Methodist church in Grafton, WV while simultaneously hosting a celebration at the department store in Philadelphia.

By 1912, many states and towns celebrated



Mother's Day but Anna didn't want to stop there. She argued American holidays were biased toward male achievements so she started a letter writing campaign to newspapers and politicians urging the adoption of Mother's Day. In 1914, her persistence paid off when President Woodrow Wilson officially recognized the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

More than one hundred years later Mother's Day is one of the biggest consumer holidays in the U.S. with families honoring the women in their lives with flowers, gifts, special meals or even a day off from household chores. Mother's Day in France and England is very similar to ours; in that families spend time with each other and exchange gifts and cards. Mother's Day in Mexico is taken very seriously - flowers are a must and the day is filled with music, food and celebrations. In Russia the day is reserved for honoring women and reflecting on the goal of gender equality. Thailand's observance of Mother's Day marks the birthday of their Queen, Sirirkit, and jasmine is the go-to gift. While the idea of celebrating Mother's Day is relatively new in China and India it's definitely gaining momentum. However you choose to celebrate Mother's Day this year we wish you the very best.



RANCHERS FOR THE CURE

Visualizing the brain may help us better understand cognitive decline and how it effects our physical and mental wellbeing, especially as we age. Different areas of a healthy brain enable us to carry out everything we think, do and speak. When these areas stop functioning properly, our cognition and body functions are impaired. Cognitive decline is often referred to as dementia, an umbrella term covering various kinds of dementia including Alzheimer's.



Izheimer's is a very complicated and puzzling disease. The common symptoms cause fear and anxiety which result in withdrawal and secrecy. It has always been associated with the elderly as part of the aging process. However, it is now being identified in younger populations. The unfortunate fact is that there is still no cure, nor adequate treatment. But the good news is through awareness, extensive fundraising and research; great strides are being made toward identification and a cure.

It is very difficult for any family to break the silence concerning a loved one's diagnosis of Alzheimer's. Unlike other diseases people are terrified about this, as yet incurable disease. Many people are petrified, causing isolation and detachment from relatives, friends and neighbors due to its unpredictable nature and often socially embarrassing situations. This denial and retreat are absolutely understandable. However, education leads to greater awareness and opens the door to positive strategies in traveling the Alzheimer's journey. Life does not end with the diagnosis; it is simply a new chapter.

There are numerous resources available locally to assist in this journey. The Greater Dallas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association website (ALZ.org/DallasNETexas) contains



a vast variety of information and resources. The Alzheimer's Association is extremely powerful and active worldwide in providing support and in fundraising for research. It is engaged in the greatest efforts to raise awareness and to generate funding for research toward effective treatments and a cure.

In Fairview, the Ranchers for the Cure Alzheimer's Walk Team at Heritage Ranch organizes numerous awareness and fundraising events throughout the year, all of which are open to the public. Even during the 2020 Pandemic year the Ranchers for the Cure raised more than \$35,000 for the Alzheimer's Association. The Team goal this year is \$40,000. The first event in 2021 will be the Chip-in Fore Charity Golf Tournament on June 7. We urge community participation in this Tournament, either as a sponsor or as a golfer. As a Sponsor, you can contribute by advertising your business for a fee on one of our tournament holes. As a player you will have a chance to win some exciting prizes. To register, please call the Heritage Ranch Pro Shop in early May (972-886-4700 EXT 106).

The Heritage Ranch Silent & Live Auction and Walk for the Cure will take place on September 25. It is a Family Fun Filled Event: walking or pushing strollers on a section of the golf cart path, listening to music, winning door prizes and attending the Auctions which contain very useful items as well as some more frivolous pieces to satisfy your fancy. Mark your calendars and come out to support a very good cause.

Heritage Ranch also has an Alzheimer's/ Dementia Caregivers Support Group which meets monthly and educational programs which are scheduled on certain evenings during the year. For information concerning Alzheimer's Events at Heritage Ranch, please email JoanVanVliet@gmail.com. Please help crush this horrific disease! Donations may be securely made via the Alzheimer's Ranchers for the Cure Walk Team at http://act.alz.org/ goto/RanchersForTheCure

This Month at the Allen Public Library

Black High School Football in Texas

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, May 13 at allentx.swagit.com Former Dallas Morning News columnist James Ragland will moderate the program. James is a 32-year veteran of *The Dallas Morning News* and *The Washington Post*.

Thursday Night Lights was named one of the 30 best Texas books for the 2010-2019 decade by the Texas Observer, and one of the 30 most essential books about Texas by the *Houston Chronicle*.

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.

Michael is also the author of *Black College Football*, 1892-1992, the only book that comprehensively documents the legacies of football programs at historically Black colleges, and he currently serves on the selection committee for the Black College Football Hall of Fame. He is also a board member for the Writers' League of Texas, a trustee with the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, and a member of the Texas Institute of Letters.

Call Allen Public Library at 214-509-4911 for additional information.



RBFCU thanks Town Staff



On March 18, 2021 representatives from RBFCU, Jesse Sanchez and Tim Price delivered Chick-fil-A sandwiches for the entire Town Staff. RBFCU wanted to show their appreciation for all the hard work staff does throughout the year – especially over the past year during the pandemic. Thank you RBFCU — we appreciate you too!

Holfday Closures

Fairview Town Hall will be closed Monday, May 31, 2021, in observance of Memorial Day. Please see page 15 for the 2021 Bulk Trash Recycle Calendar to view the holiday schedule for bulk trash collection.

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MOSQUITO PREPAREDNESS

As we begin to spend more time outside on beautiful spring and summer days, we should all be thinking early about steps that can be taken to protect against West Nile virus (WNV), Zika virus (Zika) and Chikungunya virus.

Local municipalities as well as Collin, Dallas and Denton counties work together to share data as well as best practices and that seem to be working well in the fight against mosquitos. As in past years, the Town of Fairview has contracted with Municipal Mosquito to perform trapping and testing every week. They will also be proactively applying larvacide where needed.

You can better protect yourself and your family by following the Four Ds*:

- **DUSK/DAWN:** Stay indoors during evening to early morning hours-from about 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. This is when mosquitoes are most active and hungry.
- **DRESS:** Wear long sleeves and pants when outdoors. Clothes are that magic barrier to keep mosquitoes from finding skin to bite.
- **DUMP & DEFEND:** Get rid of any water outside that has been standing for more than three days, including stagnant swimming pools, birdbaths, pet dishes, empty pots and planters, clogged rain gutters, etc. Mosquitoes only need a few inches of standing water to breed. Also, keep mosquitoes out of your home by repairing or installing window and door screens.
- **DETERRENT:** Use insect repellant containing DEET or other proven deterrents on your outer clothing and exposed skin. These products are safe when used according to their directions. They help keep mosquitoes and other insects

like ticks away. Having mosquito-deterring plants in your yard such as marigolds or lavender is a good idea too.

Preventative actions taken at the individual level will go a long way in combating the potential for exposure to the viruses. Everyone should look for places around their home or business that contain standing water and drain them. A few examples of places where standing water can occur are:

- Playground equipment can collect water after rain showers or after watering the lawn.
- Lawn furniture and equipment can easily accumulate water.
- Gutter downspouts can cause water to accumulate on the ground underneath. Splash guards can be utilized to better disperse water and prevent collection.
- Stacks of aged wood can hold water and become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Discarding old wood and keeping new wood in dry locations is ideal.
- Buckets and other items commonly found in the back of truck beds can collect water and should be dumped out regularly.
- Boats contain many places where water can accumulate; keep boats drained and covered.
- Avoid overwatering plants and drain drip trays, if necessary.

The preventative measures provided above are just some of ways individuals can actively combat disease. The Town encourages all residents and local business owners to assess and monitor their properties on a regular basis and to take appropriate actions so that any potential hazards can be eliminated before they become a real threat to public health.





As of press time (April 1) the fire station interior doors and hardware work is continuing towards completion. The large red main apparatus bay doors have been installed and tested as well as the back bay doors. The apparatus bay equipment has also been installed. And the kitchen equipment and appliances have been installed. Exterior sidewalks are complete as well. Everything is getting close to being complete.

Stay informed and up to date with Town News and Alerts

eBlasts

Signing up for Town news alerts is easy. Visit the Ton website at FairviewTexas.org and click on the Sign Up for Agendas and eNews Updates link in the right side of the page.

You can choose to sign up for the following eBlasts:

- Town News and Alerts
- Town Hall Newsletter
- North Texas Municipal Water District Water Line Information
- Stacy Road Updates
- Town Council Meeting Agendas
- Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Agendas
- Economic and Community Development Meeting Agendas
- Board of Adjustments Meeting Agendas
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Agendas
- Environmental Committee Meeting Agendas
- Public Art Committee Meeting Agendas
- Technology Advisory Committee

Meeting Agendas

 Special Events Committee Meeting Agendas

You may select as many categories as you'd like, and you will begin receiving updates as they are produced and sent out. Agendas are posted on the Town bulletin board at least 72 hours in advance of a scheduled meeting and then sent to the appropriate subscribers via email.

Nixle Alerts

Nixle is a digital platform that the Town added in 2013 that allows residents to receive text messages and/or email alerts related to Fairview news, events and other urgent updates. Emergency alerts and advisory notifications can be sent instantly, allowing for immediate and accurate information straight from Town staff during an emergency. The Nixle notification system allows residents to receive the following types of alerts and notifications:

 Emergency Alerts (i.e. tornado warnings, missing persons)

- Advisory Notifications (i.e. road closures, police activity, severe weather)
- Community Notifications (i.e. Town updates, event information)

Residents may sign up by texting the word FAIRVIEW to 888777, or by using the Nixle widget in the "Sign Up For Alerts" column on the far right side of the Town homepage. On Nixle's website you are then able to choose what types of messages you want to receive and how you want to receive them. There is no charge from the town for this service, but message and data rates may apply if you choose to receive alerts through your cell phone or other smart devices. 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. You can even choose to receive messages from municipalities/agencies other than Fairview. For more information on either of these services, please contact the Communications Specialist at <u>SCraft@FairviewTexas.org</u>.





Did you know in many North Texas communities 30 to 50 percent of the total water used during the summer is used for landscape irrigation?

Having an irrigation system that does not function properly can damage a landscape by creating areas that are too dry or too wet. It can also result in water loss and high water bills. Checking the system at least twice a year can help alleviate these issues. Texas A&M AgriLife Research Center and Water University have some helpful tips to help save water and money.

The first thing to do is to make a copy of the original irrigation design plan to take notes on. If the original plan isn't available, simply sketch the system layout and number all the sprinkler heads in each station.

Run each station for a few minutes to see if sprinkler heads are functioning and distributing water properly. Make notes about which sprinkler heads need attention. Some problems to look for are:

- Water spraying onto the sidewalk, driveway or street/alley
- Sprinkler heads that are missing, not operating, have reduced water flow or have a poor distribution pattern
- Broken sprinkler heads gushing water out the top or not popping up
- Sprinkler heads that are no longer straight
- Clouds of mist coming from sprinkler heads
- Grass, shrubbery or trees blocking distribution pattern
- Dry landscape areas possible causes can be low system water pressure, a plugged nozzle or wind
- Sprinkler heads installed too far apart or not in a recommended square or triangle pattern

The next thing to do is to fix the problems either DIY or hire a professional irrigation specialist. Most repairs require a simple cleaning out a sprinkler head. Once the repairs or adjustments are made it will be time to determine how long to run each station and to check for uniform distribution. The easiest way to do this is to collect empty, straight sided cans such as cat food or tuna fish cans. Mark the inside of the cans, similar to a rain gauge, with markings for $\frac{1}{2}$ ", $\frac{3}{4}$ ", and 1".

Place approximately 3 cans per sprinkler head throughout one irrigation station and run for 15 minutes. Write down how much water

is in each can. The ideal irrigation system distributes water uniformly in the area and therefore each can should have the same amount of water. Repeat for each station.

When determining the amount of water required, take the following into consideration: the amount of sunlight, type of plants, type of soil, time of year and amount of precipitation that is typical for North Texas. Texas A&M AgriLife suggests the following summer watering schedule:

- Turf areas in full sun on clay soil require about 1 inch of water every 5 to 7 days.
- Turf areas in full sun on sandy soil require about 1.5 inches of water every 5 to 7 days.
- Shrub, groundcover and perennial areas require about half the amount of water turf areas require if 2 to 4 inches of mulch is covering the root area.
- Water plant containers and vegetable gardens as required.

Now it's time to set the irrigation system controller according to how much time is necessary for each station to provide the estimated amount of water for the plants in that station.

One last bit of advice from Texas A&M AgriLife is to be sure to change the schedule each season. A good rule of thumb for watering amounts during the year (based on summer amounts) is to use 20 percent less in the Spring and Fall and to turn off the irrigation system in the Winter and only water if there is no precipitation in a 30 day period.

Following these simple steps and guidelines will not only help save water and money but will also help provide a beautiful landscaped yard.

TOWN OF FAIRVIEW 2021 GENERAL ELECTION

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. The 2021 General Election will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 and includes the following candidates for Fairview Town Council:

Seat <u>Candidate</u>

Mayor	Cynthia Brugge				
	Henry Lessner				
Seat 1	Rich Connelly				
Seat 3	Jeannette Grazioli				
	Ricardo Doi				

Seat 5 Ken Logsdon

Residents who are registered voters with a "valid from" date of registration on or before May 1, 2021 may vote at any of the listed early voting locations or Election Day voting centers that are open under full contract services with the Collin County Elections Administration. The chart below lists early voting dates and hours of operation.

Early Voting will begin in Collin County on Monday, April 19 and end on Tuesday, April 27.

Election Day Voting will take place at Fairview Town Hall at 372 Town Place on Saturday, May 1 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early Voting will not take place at Town Hall.

Here is a list of some of the many Collin County voting centers local to Fairview and are open for both Early Voting and Election Day voting.

- Collin County Elections Office, 2010 Redbud Blvd. Ste. 102, McKinney
- Lovejoy ISD Administration Building, 259 Country Club Rd, Allen

- Collin College Higher Education Center, 3452 Spur 399, McKinney
- Allen Municipal Court/Parks and Recreation, 301 Century Parkway, Allen
- Old Settlers Recreation Center, 1201
 E. Louisiana, McKinney
- Smith Library, 300 Country Club, Wylie



For a complete list of voting locations go to CollinCountyTX.gov/Elections

For questions about Fairview's general election please contact the Town Secretary, Tenitrus Bethel at TBethel@ FairviewTexas.org or visit the Town of Fairview's Town Elections webpage at FairviewTexas.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 18 Polls Closed	April 19 8 a.m. – 5 p.m .	April 20 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	April 21 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	April 22 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.	April 23 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	April 24 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
April 25 Polls Closed	April 26 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	April 27 7 a.m. – 7 p.m .	April 28 Polls Closed	April 29 Polls Closed	April 30 Polls Closed	Election Day May 1 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.







Dalton

Actors of Fairview: Senior 2021 Spotlight

ary Kate (MK as her friends and directors call her) and Dalton are high school senior dual credit students at Collin College and have been friends since first meeting in preschool. Even at the tender age of three they were hamming it up in their Christmas show at Crème de la Crème; now 15 years later they are getting ready for their last show at NTPA after having been in more than 15 shows each.

MK's first foray into theatre at NTPA was in 2015 when she joined a summer camp. Her directors that summer were Jon and Caitlyn and they noticed right away that MK had something special, and they convinced her to audition for shows. The first show she did was Romeo & Juliet with Jon.

MK's most memorable production was when she was cast as Mercutio in her second time to do Romeo and Juliet. She has always loved the works of William Shakespeare especially Macbeth and Julius Caesar.

Some other memorable roles for MK include Madame Thenardier in Les Misérables, Lydia Bennett in Pride & Prejudice, Scanlon in One Flew Over the



Cuckoo's Nest and Mickey in the female version of The Odd Couple.

Dalton started taking theatre classes when he was 3 and has loved it ever since. He took some time off in elementary school to play sports but realized his heart is in the theatre. His first NTPA show was a Woody Allen play, God, A Comedy in One Act with the Fun House Troupe.

Dalton's favorite production was Avenue Q when he played Trekkie Monster. Like MK, Dalton has a love for Shakespeare as well and has performed in Macbeth, Taming of the Shrew and A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Some of his other favorite roles include Caesar in Julius Caesar, Martini in One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest and Jesus Costazuela in The Odd Couple, Female Version. Dalton also supports productions behind the scenes with sound and lights and as a stage combat choreographer.

When asked what about NTPA has meant the most to them over the years, MK told us, "It's been making what I know will be lifelong friends. And the directors who push us to be our best and what at times feels like pushing us beyond our limits until we realize we have no limits." And Dalton says it was the fact that theatre literally saved his life.

We spoke with one of their former show managers, Elizabeth, who said, "Both MK and Dalton bring such intensity to every role they're in along with professionalism and commitment to everything they do. It's amazing to watch them on stage."

And, while neither are sure where they want to transfer to when they're done at Collin College, they both know they want to continue in theatre. Dalton recently got a job that incorporates all his loves – acting, stage combat and horses.

Elizabeth added, "Not only do MK and Dalton have amazing talent on stage but they take on leadership roles off stage too with each production they are in and that's what will serve them well in the future."

BE PREPARED



Severe Spring Weather Storm Warning Systems

As spring is here, often times, it brings severe weather conditions. Now is a good time to make sure everyone in your family is prepared for this weather.

reparations should include a safety plan for your family and emergency supplies, such as water, flashlights with fresh batteries, a working cell phone with

back up batteries or a pre-charged power supply and a weather radio. More information on preparations can be found at KnoWhat2Do.com. Click on "SEVERE WEATHER" to learn more about severe weather. You can also click on "Make a Plan" to create your own personal plan and learn how to build an emergency supply kit.

One of the key areas of preparation is to make sure you have the ability to receive alerts about approaching severe weather. There are a variety of processes and systems that can be used to notify you of severe weather.

Outdoor Warning Systems

These systems consist of pole-mounted speakers or sirens that are used to alert people who are outside of a building of a pending severe event. These systems are activated by the local public safety authorities based on specific criteria. The Fairview system is activated by the Allen Public Safety (APS) dispatchers, as Fairview does not have our own dispatchers or other personnel at our Town Hall on a 24-hour schedule. The Fairview and Allen systems are provided by the same manufacturer, so it is very easy for APS to activate our system as they are activating theirs. Our system can be used for a variety of warning purposes (ex: shelter in place for a hazardous material spill, assist in the search for a lost person, etc.) as it is essentially a very powerful public address system.

The Fairview system will be activated when:

- Wind speeds are greater than 70 mph
- There is a threat of large damaging hail
- During severe thunderstorm warnings where local storm spotters have witnessed lowering/rotating clouds in the immediate area
- There is a tornado warning for the immediate area with or without local storm spotter visual confirmation of lowering/rotating clouds
- The Fairview Fire or Police Chief requests activation

Weather Alerting Radios

These radios can be purchased from a variety of retail and online outlets for less than \$50. They are referred to as All Hazards NOAA Weather Radios. You should look for radios with the SAME (Specific Area Messaging Encoding) feature. This allows you to dial in a code for the Collin County area. By entering the code for Collin County, your radio will only sound for events affecting Collin County. Be sure to get a radio that has a back-up battery that will allow it to work in the event your power goes out. Having one of these radios is an excellent addition to your storm warning preparedness plan as they are activated by the National Weather Service in severe weather events.

Automated Notification Sources

The Town of Fairview uses Nixle alert you via your email and/or text messages to your cell phone. You can sign up using the widget on the FairviewTexas.org homepage. You may also want to sign up for a weather alert app from any number of the local TV and radio stations that cover the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex.

As you can see, many systems can assist you in the case of severe weather. Each system has specific design purposes and can have some technical difficulties. You are encouraged to have several warning methods for your personal severe weather plan.





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 Foward One Day July 4, Independence Day-No effect September 6, Labor Day-Roll Foward 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.

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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 Residents can request additional curbside collection? **KNOW?** 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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HEARD HAPPENINGS

The Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, founded by Miss Bessie Heard, opened on October 1, 1967. Miss Heard devoted her life (1886-1988) to the community of McKinney and its residents and it was her vision for the future and her commitment to the North Texas community that left a legacy of accomplishment few people attain.

When Miss Heard was 80 years old, she saw a need to preserve a place where future generations could experience nature. So began the beginning of the Heard Museum we know and love today. The museum's mission, in keeping with Miss Heard's vision, is to educate, conserve and preserve. And it's through education that the Heard emphasizes an appreciation of nature and its conservation.

One of the most popular exhibits is Animals of the World. This exhibit emphasizes the importance of animals in nature. The Heard currently provides a home to non-releasable



native and non-native animals in exhibits that teach people about animals and the pertinent role they have in nature worldwide.

The Heard Natural Science Museum does not collect animals from the wild nor does it encourage such activities by others. Most of the animals living in captivity at the Heard Museum are abandoned pets or those that were illegally taken from

the wild by people who quickly discovered that wild animals don't make good pets. Many of these animals were not cared for properly and now have health or behavioral problems; making them un-releasable; they will always have to live in captivity. The Heard Museum's mission is to inspire love and appreciation of nature in our visitors. Our hope is that these animal ambassadors will motivate our visitors to care deeply enough about the natural world to take steps to restore and preserve ecosystems here in North Texas and around the world.

> Current animal ambassadors include Northern Racoon, Patagonian Cavy, Ringtailed Lemur, White-nosed Coatimundi, White-tailed Deer, Screech Owls, Sulcata Tortoise, Common snapping turtle, Bobcat and a Gray Fox.

> For more detailed information about events and programs at

the Heard please visit HeardMuseum.org. The Heard Museum looks forward to your visit.