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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



HENRY LESSNER



Town of Fairview
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Hi Fairview!

It is almost time for the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) Peanut Butter Challenge! Fairview really shows up for this event, where we compete against all the towns and cities in Collin County to see who can donate the most peanut butter to the NTFB. Until last year, Fairview being one of smallest municipalities in the County, we usually won for donating the most peanut butter per capita. Last year though, we blew away all competition and donated the highest total pounds of peanut butter, beating out cities more than 20 times our population! Thanks to all who participate for your generosity in helping to feed hungry people.

As most everyone knows, on August 6, the Council denied an application by the LDS church to build a large temple on the property at Stacy and Meandering Way. This property is in the residential side of Fairview and is zoned RE-1 with a maximum building height of 35 feet. The proposed building would be 65 feet tall, containing a little more than 45,000 square feet, which is twice the size of Town Hall, with a 109-foot spire on top of the building. The total height of the temple would be more than 173 feet, which is higher than any other structure in Fairview, including the Town's highest water tower. There are two other religious buildings near this property — Chase Oaks Church and the LDS Meeting House. The height of the Chase Oaks building is 42 feet, and the spire on the Meeting House goes up to 65 feet. The Council conveyed to the LDS Church that it could resubmit a new application for the temple building to be 42 feet high, with the spire going up to 68 feet, as this is consistent with existing religious facilities in the RE-1 zone. The Council's denial of the LDS Church's application was without prejudice, meaning that the Church can resubmit the application at any time, so long as the request has been substantially changed or incorporates the suggestions of the Town Council.

We all need to be sensitive knowing that this is a very emotional issue. We have neighbors to whom this temple building is very important ... and we have neighbors who think that the size of the building is totally out of place for this location given the residential zoning. Please continue to be respectful to our neighbors with whom we might disagree.

Associated with the August 6 Council meeting, our staff put together a complex plan to try to keep attendees and visitors safe. We were very worried how the high temperatures that day might cause health issues for those who might not have a seat inside the building. We had support from first responders from the cities of Wylie, McKinney, Allen and Lucas and the Collin County Sheriff's office. Fortunately, most of the expected out-of-town guests watched or listened to the Council meeting at in-home watch parties.

School is starting all across the area. Please properly stop for school buses, stay within the speed limit, and watch out for our precious children who might be preoccupied and not watching traffic.

Watch for some fun events coming to the Fairview Town Center. Aside from the bands and entertainment that Café Gecko and Lincoln Properties bring in, there might be a return of the very popular wine walks that occurred early in the life of this center.

Watch out for the kiddos.

Henry Lessner

Henry Lessner
Mayor@FairviewTexas.org



Council's Corner

At the **Thursday, July 25, 2024, Special Town Council meeting**, the Council held public hearings and approved requests for a major warrant to allow dooryard frontage in lieu of stoop frontage for three buildings of three townhome units each; a conditional use permit for a residential greenhouse and covered patio; and a conditional use permit for a residential multi-use sports court.

The council also approved a replat of the Southern Springs Farm Addition and approved an ordinance granting Atmos Energy Corp a franchise.

At the **Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024, Regular Town Council meeting**, the Council denied without prejudice a request for a conditional use permit for a religious facility.

Allen Public Library Temporarily Closed

The Allen Public Library closed in August for expansion and reconfiguration of the library. A temporary location is expected to open with most library services in mid-September at 800 E. Main Street. Anyone who checked out books or other materials prior to the move should hold them until the temporary location opens.

In the interim, Fairview residents may register for a digital-only library card to access digital library services while the Allen Public Library is closed. Visit AllenLibrary.org to register. Fairview residents are also eligible to register for a McKinney Public Library card.

If you would like to donate books or media while the Allen Public Library is closed, the Allen library asks that you donate them to All Community Outreach (117 N. Greenville Ave., in Allen), the Goodwill Store & Donation Center (113 N. Greenville Ave., in Allen) or the Salvation Army – Plano Thrift Store & Donation Center (5900 Ave. K, in Plano).

The revamped Allen facility is expected to reopen in Summer 2025. Learn more about the expansion and construction at AllenLibrary.org.



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Summit veteran Angi Burns will emcee the event, and Erin Greggor returns with her real-world wisdom as moderator of the power panel featuring Nickquolette Barrett, Heather Bowers and Fairview's own Pamela Sailor.

Register by Oct. 15 for big discounts. Then, mark your calendars for Nov. 13 and join us at Accasia's Event Venue to discover or revive your inner champion. Visit WEInspireTX.com to learn more and to register.

WEInspireTX draws women entrepreneurs from across the region and is designed to ignite creativity, foster innovation and provide a supportive platform. The summit will guide participants through launching businesses, nurturing growth and achieving long-term success.

Reader Submitted Photos

Residents continue to submit images of spectacular nature scenes, like the swallowtail butterfly (shown bottom left). Special thanks to Diane Neathery and Achyut Ansa for sending in this month's featured photos!

For October, we would love to see the colors of fall, your favorite back-to-school moments and fun Halloween memories. We will consider high-quality photos from previous years. Send your high-resolution images to TownNews@FairviewTexas.org.



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Friends of Fairview First Responders Association Annual Pancake Breakfast



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Please join Fairview First Responders on Sat. Oct. 5th at Fire Station #2 for our Annual Pancake Breakfast. This is fun for the whole family, and kiddos will get to experience the fire trucks, ambulances, fire equipment and more. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice while catching up with friends, family, Fairview staff, and volunteers. Shuttle available at Heritage Ranch!!



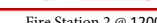
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Fall into Nature at the Heard

Located just across the street from Fairview, the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary offers a variety of activities and experiences for visitors of all ages, especially in September. The sanctuary comes alive in early autumn with special events and seasonal exhibits that highlight the beauty and wonder of nature.

One of the key attractions this September is the "Dinosaurs Live!" exhibit, which features life-sized animatronic dinosaurs placed along one of the museum's scenic trails. This exhibit allows guests to walk among these moving and roaring prehistoric giants, offering an educational and thrilling experience for families and dinosaur enthusiasts alike. The exhibit includes informative signage, a hands-on fossil dig and photo opportunities that provide unique opportunities to step back in time, making it both fun and educational.

The sanctuary is home to a variety of animals, including over 240 bird species, mammals, and reptiles. Visitors can participate in a variety of guided tours that showcase the habits and habitats of these



incredible creatures. Additionally, the museum's indoor exhibits feature an array of natural history displays, showcasing fossils, minerals and Texas ecosystems.

Nature lovers will find the Heard's network of trails particularly appealing in September. The cooler weather makes it an ideal time for hiking through the diverse landscapes, which include wetlands, prairies, and forests. A number of native plants also have a fall bloom season. Additionally, the sanctuary offers bird-watching opportunities, with many migratory species passing through during this month.

For those who enjoy learning more about wildlife, the Heard's educational programs, which showcase the habits and habitats of these incredible creatures, are a must. For

a more interactive experience, visitors can join programs such as 1st Saturday Guided Trails, 2nd Saturday Bird Walks and 3rd Saturday Bird Walks led by knowledgeable staff and volunteers who provide insights into the local flora and fauna. Plus, an array of other educational programs are also available by reservation, providing guests with the chance to deepen their knowledge and appreciation of the natural world.

In addition to these regular offerings, the Heard Museum will host special events in September, such as "Jurassic Night Out," where guests age 21+ can enjoy an evening under the stars featuring the original 90s blockbuster "Jurassic Park" and more. School teachers from across north Texas are also invited to Teacher Appreciation Day on Sept. 21.

Whether you're a family looking for a fun day out, a nature enthusiast eager to explore, or a student of science seeking to learn more about the environment, the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary in September is a destination that promises memorable experiences and a deeper connection to the wonders of nature.

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Meet our July Actor of Fairview *Addison*

Addison is 11 years old and in 6th grade, and has embraced a passion for musical theatre. Inspired by friends performing at North Texas Performing Arts-Fairview Youth Theatre, she auditioned for and has performed in 5 shows to date. She has portrayed diverse characters like Lavender in “Matilda,” Elsa in “Frozen,” and will soon play Edwina Spoonapple in “Dear Edwina Jr.” “Dear Edwina Jr.” is a heartwarming musical about the joys of growing up.

She says playing Edwina is particularly fun because the character is loud, funky, funny, and imaginative—qualities she loves embodying. However, Lavender in Matilda remains her favorite role due to her kindness, messy charm, and the joy of performing her humorous monologue.

Beyond performing, theatre has been a transformative experience, helping her manage ADHD and anxiety by providing focus and enjoyment. It’s taught her valuable life skills like overcoming challenges, making friends, and having fun, all while exploring her creativity on stage.

Come out to see Addison and the talented cast of Dear Edwina Jr at NTPA-Fairview Youth Theatre from Sept. 12-15, 2024.



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When it rains, water runs from yards and down driveways, parking lots and roads into our storm drains. That runoff collects in the stormwater drainage system and is then released into local creeks, eventually making its way to Lake Lavon, a main source of Fairview's drinking water.

According to the North Texas Municipal Water District, these pollutants can cause water quality issues, including toxic algal blooms, fish kills and floating trash and debris. It also leads to higher water treatment

costs just to get safe, clean drinking water. You can do your part to ensure stormwater doesn't contaminate the water we all rely on.

- ▶ Pick up your pet's waste.
- ▶ Ensure yard clippings and debris don't end up in storm drains.
- ▶ Don't litter.
- ▶ Maintain your vehicle to avoid chemical leaks.
- ▶ Properly dispose of oils and chemicals.

▶ Seek organic alternatives to commercial pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.

Howard Garrett, a leading local expert in organic gardening, landscaping, pet health, pest control and natural living, offers an extensive list of organic products on his website DirtDoctor.com. He also offers tips and advice for creating a pest-free outdoor environment.

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Passwords 101: Building Strong Foundations for Digital Security (Part 1)

Contributed by the Technology Advisory Committee

In today's digital age, passwords are our first line of defense against cyber threats. Yet, many people still use weak, easily guessable passwords, putting their personal information at risk. Imagine your online accounts as vaults holding your most valuable digital treasures. Weak passwords are like flimsy locks – easily breached by thieves. This article, the first of a two-part series, will guide you through the essentials of creating strong passwords and understanding their importance.

Strong Passwords Matter¹

Just like you wouldn't leave your house unlocked, don't leave your online accounts vulnerable. Strong passwords are key to keeping your digital castle secure. By using strong, unique passwords, you significantly reduce the risk of unauthorized access to your accounts.

Long, Complex and Unpredictable²

A strong password is one that's easy for you to remember but difficult for others to guess. The ideal password strikes a balance between memorability and security. You may be tempted to use information that is easy for you to remember, such as names, birthdays or other personal information, but this should be avoided. Instead, passwords should use a combination of letters, numbers, cases, and symbols to form an unpredictable string of characters.

Tips on Creating a Strong Password³

- 1. Use at least 12 – 16 Characters:** Longer passwords significantly reduce the likelihood of successful attacks. Aim for at least 12–16 characters for optimal security.
- 2. Create or Use a Passphrase:** A passphrase is a sentence-like string of words used for authentication that is longer than a traditional password, making it easy to remember and difficult to crack. Examples of famous movie quotes turned into passwords include:
 - Th3Y3llowBr1ckR0@d! (The Wizard of Oz)
 - MayTh3F0rc3BWithU!" (Star Wars)
 - T0Inf1nity&BeYoNd!" (Toy Story)
- 3. Avoid Personal Information:** Do not use your name, birthdate, children's or pets' names or any personal information as your password.
- 4. Avoid Sequential Letters or Numbers on your Keyboard:** Do not use patterns like "12345," "qwerty," "asdfg," or other sequential characters.

- 5. Avoid Using the Same Password for All Your Accounts:** Reusing passwords increases vulnerability. If a site gets hacked, your details and passwords can be leaked or sold. It is recommended to use different passwords for each account.

Managing Multiple Passwords⁴

With numerous accounts, it's tempting to reuse passwords, which increases vulnerability. Consider a **password manager**, which is a digital vault that generates and stores strong, unique passwords and unlocks them with ease for you to use. Accessing them is simple – using a single master password, or, for added convenience, unlock the password manager with biometric authentication like your fingerprint or face scan.

Utilize breach monitoring services to keep track of compromised passwords or email addresses and receive alerts if your information appears in a data breach.

Conclusion

Creating and maintaining strong passwords is essential for safeguarding your digital presence. In the December issue of Fairview Town News, we'll delve into password management tools and multi-factor/two-factor authentication (MFA/2FA), which enhances security by requiring a secondary verification method. We'll also discuss additional best practices to ensure your digital security. Stay tuned, and stay secure!

¹ National Cybersecurity Alliance - <https://staysafeonline.org/online-safety-privacy-basics/passwords-securing-accounts/>

² Boston University - <https://www.bu.edu/tech/about/security-resources/bestpractice/passwords/>

³ Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency - <https://www.cisa.gov/secure-our-world/use-strong-passwords>

⁴ Carnegie Mellon University - <https://www.cmu.edu/iso/governance/guidance/password-managers.html>



Solving Hunger is a Heavy Problem

What weighs 50 tons?

By rough calculations, the combined weight of seven African bush elephants and a monster truck is about 100,000 pounds.

That would also be the equivalent weight of peanut butter Fairview and other North Texas residents contribute toward the North Texas Food Bank's annual Peanut Butter Drive *if this year's goal is reached.*

That's a lot of peanut butter! But hunger in North Texas is big, which is why cities across Collin County compete against each other every year to collect the most donations to benefit North Texas Food Bank Child Programs. These programs serve as many as 11,000 chronically hungry children each week.

Last year, the Town's residents donated the most peanut butter per capita of any Collin County municipality. If you'd like to help Fairview win bragging rights again, drop off peanut butter donations at either Fairview fire station by Sept. 30.

The food bank is also collecting financial donations to purchase peanut butter throughout the year. To send a monetary gift to the North Texas Food Bank, scan the adjacent QR code.



Bird of the Month



Red-shouldered Hawk

By Paul Marto Jr.

Red-shouldered hawks are beautiful, medium-sized raptors. Adults are colorful hawks with dark-and-white checkered wings and soft reddish barring on the breast. The tail is black with narrow white bands. A fairly common avian predator, it is often spotted soaring

over forests or perched on utility wires and tree branches. Frequently found in deciduous woodlands, it prefers to be near swamps and small streams. Their diet consists mainly of small mammals, amphibians and reptiles. Happy birding!

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





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Construction Update

Ridgeview Overpass construction is continuing, primarily on the Allen side and the center of U.S. 75. Concrete lanes in the center of U.S. 75 and frontage roads are being poured. The project is planned to be completed in the Summer of 2024.

The work has begun on the Stoddard Road traffic signal and should be completed before the end of the year.

The connections and tie-ins from Fairview Crossing (formerly Frisco Road) to Spur 399 are complete, and the connections to Medical Center Drive and FM 1378 are under construction. The City of McKinney be bidding out Medical Center Drive widening to four lanes soon. After Oncor connects power to the new traffic signals at FM 1378, the old poles/signals will be removed, and the construction of a left turning lane from northbound SH 5 to Fairview Crossing will begin.

The Town Council is scheduled to approve a bid award for construction of the northern extension of Fairview Parkway on Aug. 26.

A regional sewer pumping station is on track to go live soon. Old Frisco Road is currently closed, because North Texas Municipal Water District sewer infrastructure is being installed near the road.

A joint project with the City of Allen to replace degraded manholes is nearing completion. This project is necessary to replace the 12 manholes that were degrading due to hydrogen sulfide gas.

The Foxglen drainage project has been completed. A follow-up, smaller project to deal with some groundwater issues has also been completed.

Three new residential subdivisions are getting infrastructure installed: Chamberlain Park, Starland Court and Creekwood. Sharon Road is also being extended with a new cul-de-sac for a single residential structure.



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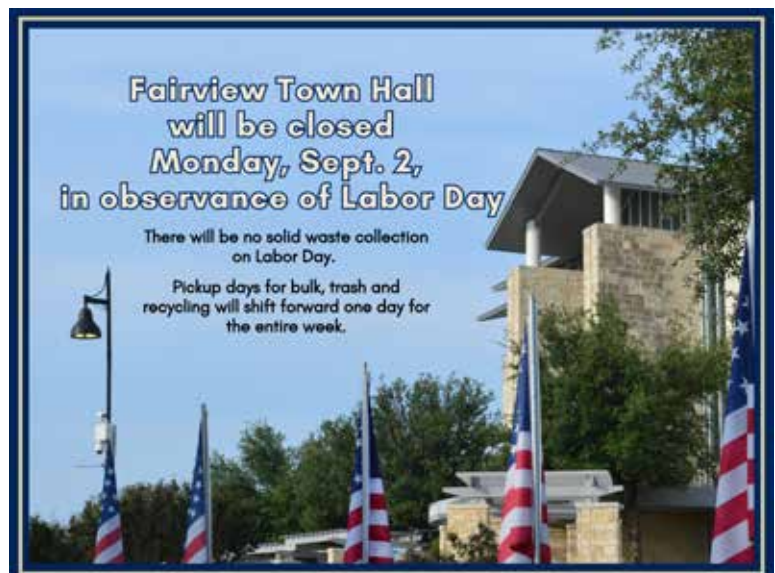
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There will be no solid waste collection on Labor Day.

Pickup days for bulk, trash and recycling will shift forward one day for the entire week.

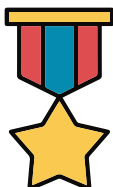
Applications Being Accepted for Service Academy Nomination

An informational forum for high school students interested in applying for a congressional nomination to attend a U.S. Service Academy will be held at the Collin College McKinney Conference Center from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 14.

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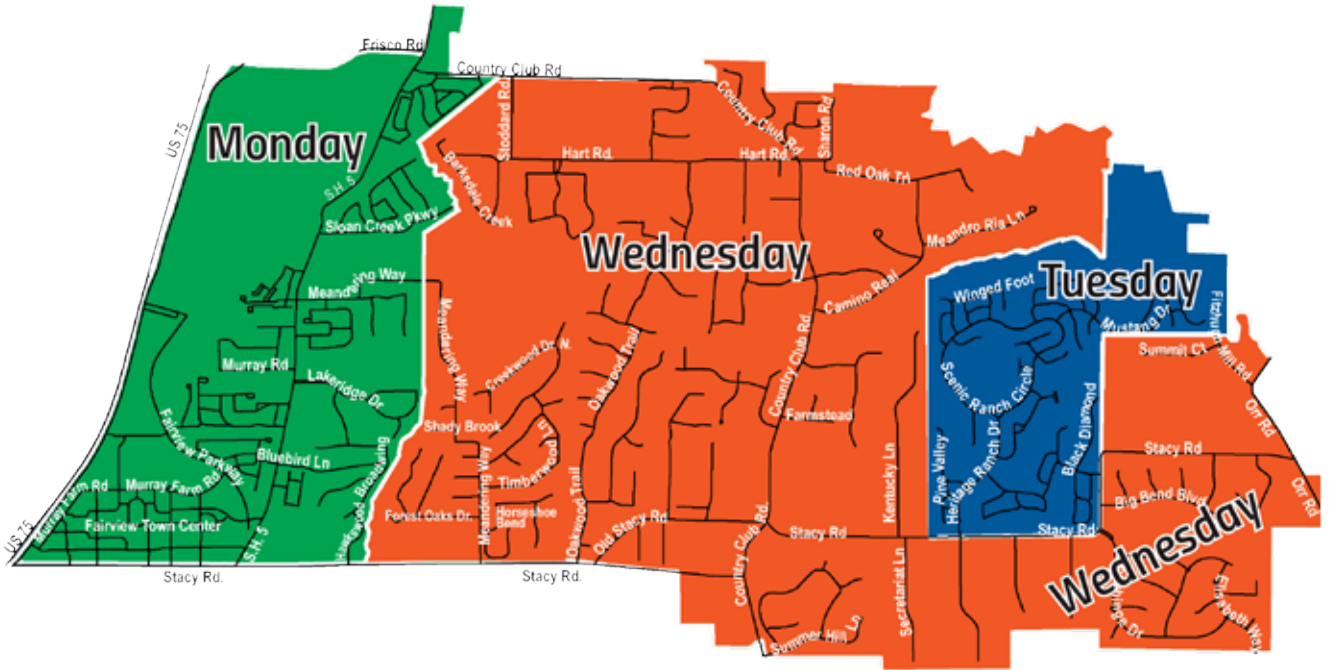
The ABCs of Weekly Trash and Recycling Collection

Remember these tips to ensure efficient trash and recycling pickup:

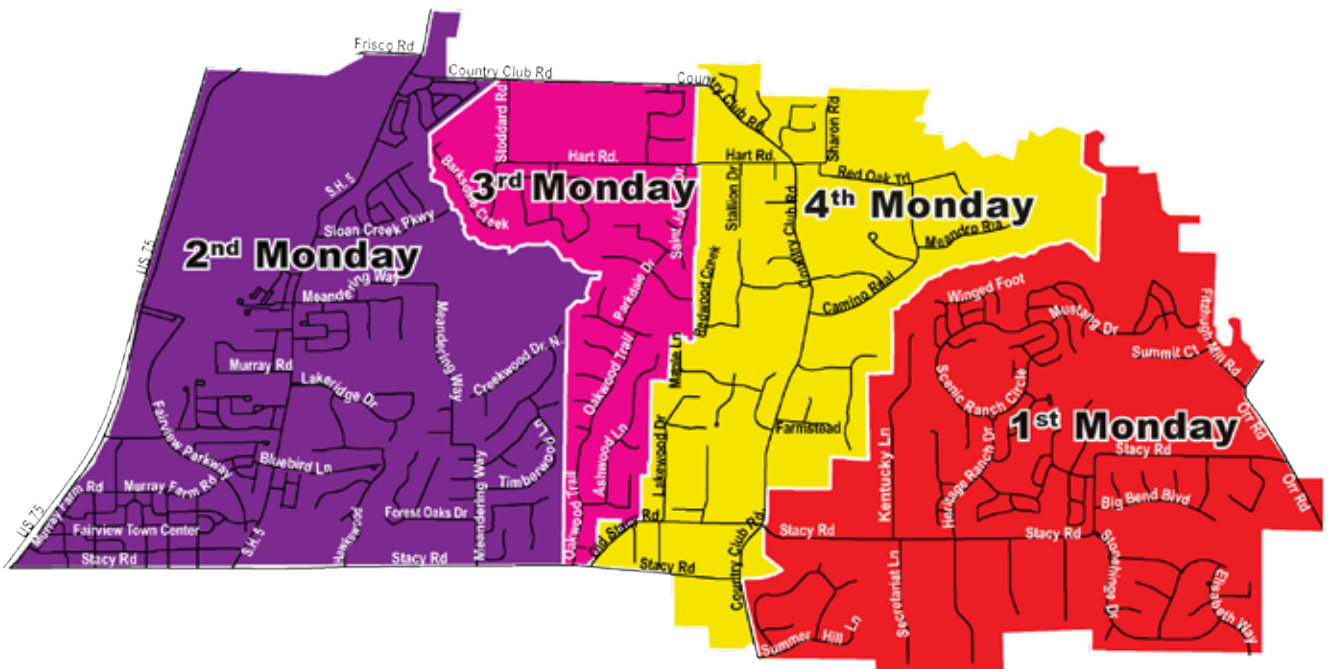
- a. **Arrange** carts carefully with handles facing your home, lids open toward the street, and 2 feet of space between carts and other objects.
- b. **Be** punctual by placing carts at the edge of the street no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before collection and no later than 7 a.m. on collection day. 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
1st Mon.	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2nd Mon.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3rd Mon.	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4th Mon.	25	26	27	28	29		

MARCH

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

APRIL

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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				

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2nd Mon.	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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4th Mon.	26	27	28	29	30	31	

JUNE

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JULY

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3rd Mon.	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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AUGUST

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2nd Mon.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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4th Mon.	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER

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1st Mon.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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3rd Mon.	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4th Mon.	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30					

OCTOBER

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3rd Mon.	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4th Mon.	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31		

NOVEMBER

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1st Mon.	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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3rd Mon.	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
4th Mon.	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

DECEMBER

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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.

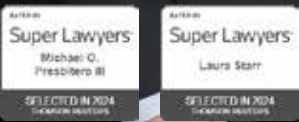
- Pink tags may be purchased from the Town for \$2.14 each and placed on excess bags that don't fit inside your trash cart. Other than during bulk collection weeks, bags sitting outside of carts without a Town-issued tag won't be collected.
- Recyclables should be placed loose, without bagging, into 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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