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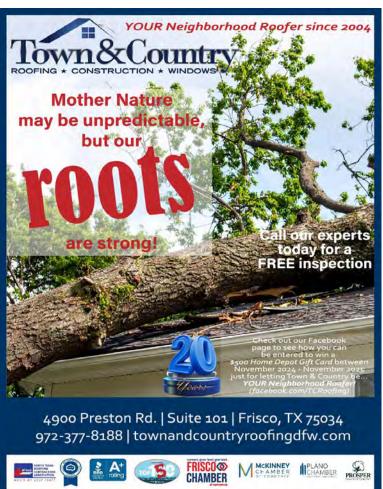


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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Why McKinney's Airport Expansion Still Fails the Test

or decades, McKinney National Airport quietly operated as a general aviation facility, serving corporate jets, flight schools, and air taxi services, without major disruption to surrounding communities. But in recent years, the push to convert it into a commercial passenger hub has grown louder and more aggressive. On July 18, 2025, McKinney National Airport broke ground on a new passenger terminal—despite voters rejecting the idea not once, but twice.

Voters have clearly spoken. In 2015, McKinney residents rejected a \$50 million bond for airport expansion. Then, in May 2023, voters soundly defeated a \$200 million general obligation bond for a new terminal and supporting infrastructure. Nearly 59% voted "no," sending an unmistakable message: the taxpayers do not want to shoulder this enormous financial burden, especially when the total cost with interest was projected to reach \$380 million. Voters recognized that McKinney would be competing with nearby D/FW airport, one of the best connected in the world serving more than 260 domestic and international destinations.

Unfortunately, McKinney's leadership has chosen to ignore their constituents. Instead of respecting the will of the voters, they have pieced together alternative funding through sales tax revenues, economic development corporations, tax increment zones, and federal/state grants. This patchwork approach still burdens the public, just less visibly, and ignores the fact that the communities most affected, like Fairview, have never had a real voice in the matter.

Fairview has always prided itself on its rural character and quality of life. Residents here value quiet neighborhoods, open spaces, and a pace of life that stands in stark contrast to the constant roar of jet engines and the traffic that follows commercial air service. Expanding McKinney National into a commercial airport will inevitably bring more noise, congestion, and environmental strain—costs that will not be borne by McKinney alone. Fairview and some McKinney residents will have to contend with the noise, traffic and pollution every day for the sake of a small number of travelers who will use the airport for very limited commercial service.

This is not about resisting growth. It is about responsible, balanced development that respects the will of the people and the character of the communities involved. Twice, the voters have said "no." It's time for McKinney leadership to listen.

This fight is far from over. A citizen-led coalition comprised mostly of Fairview and McKinney residents, The North Texas Conservation Association (NTCA) filed a petition

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in U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia challenging the Texas Department of Transportation's environmental assessment for the airport expansion.

NTCA contends TxDOT's environmental assessment, which included a finding of no significant impact on the environment, falls short of the requirements set in the National Environmental Policy Act. NCTA is asking the court to send the assessment back to TxDOT for a more thorough review.

In addition, I will be asking the Council to approve a Fairview Citizen's Taskforce on McKinney Airport Expansion. The purpose of the Fairview Citizen's Taskforce is to gather, analyze, and present credible information on how the proposed expansion of McKinney National Airport impacts Fairview residents. The taskforce will focus on:

- Property Values Assessing potential changes in residential and commercial property values resulting from increased air traffic and associated development.
- 2. **Environmental and Health Concerns** Evaluating the effects of airport operations on air quality, noise levels, and overall public health.
- 3. **Quality of Life** Identifying how increased noise, traffic, and other airport-related activities may affect the rural character, livability, and daily life of Fairview residents.

Based on its findings, the taskforce will recommend a plan of action to the Town Council, outlining strategies to mitigate negative impacts and protect the community's long-term interests.

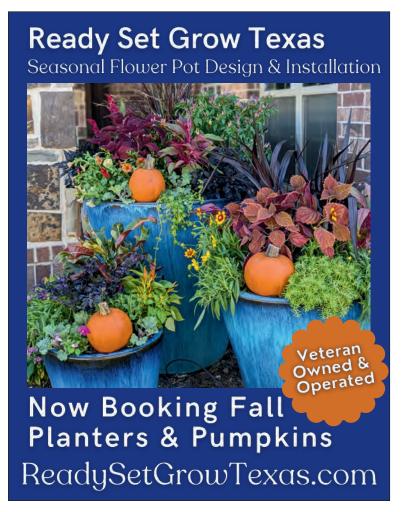
While McKinney pursues its vision for the airport, Fairview will remain steadfast in protecting the interests of its residents. The Citizen's Taskforce will ensure that decisions affecting our property values, environment, and quality of life are backed by sound data and a clear plan of action.

Our goal is clear: safeguard Fairview's quality of life and ensure that any growth respects both the will of the people and the values of our community.

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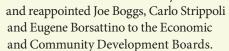
Town Council Meeting

The Town Council held a **budget work session** on **July 31**, and no action was taken.

At the **Tuesday**, **August 5**, **2025**, **regular Town Council meeting**, the Council:

- Approved/authorized the following items on the consent agenda:
 - a. Minutes of the July 1, 2025, regular meeting of the Town Council
 - b. Minutes of July 31, 2025, special meeting of the Town Council
 - A resolution authorizing the Town's participation with three other Texas political subdivisions in a group settlement of litigation against defendants associated with opioid crisis litigation
- Received staff monthly and quarterly finance, police, fire, code enforcement and construction project reports from staff for the period ending June 30, 2025
- Denied without prejudice an application for a conditional use permit to allow daycare services at Chase Oaks Church
- Scheduled a public hearing for 7 p.m. August 18, 2025, on the proposed FY 25-26 tax rate and budget and scheduled a vote on approval of the budget and tax rate for 3 p.m. August 25, 2025

- Approved a contract with Advanced Metering Infrastructure for replacement of water meters in Town with smart meters*
- Approved an amending ordinance and resolution related to Town social media policies
- Approved a resolution setting Council policy regarding adding items to a Council agenda
- Authorized staff to request a reallocation of roadway funds from Collin County designated to Fairview for additional road construction
- Appointed Renee Powell to the Planning and Zoning Commission, which left a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA); appointed William Basom, previous alternate member, to fill that ZBA vacancy; reappointed Chris Lee and Mary Price to the ZBA; reappointed Willis White, Dennis Swingle and Darrell Sims to the Planning and Zoning Commission; appointed Robert Cullum to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board;





*To learn more about the water meter replacement project and how it will affect you, scan the adjacent QR code.





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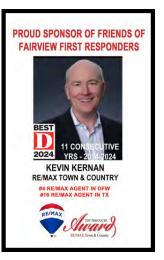














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What Every Household Should Know

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ome security is no longer just about locks and alarms. Today, the front line of defense often starts with something we can't see: our Wi-Fi network. Smart

thermostats, lights, TVs and even refrigerators now link to our home networks. This "Internet of Things" (IoT) offers convenience but also creates risk. Each connected device represents a potential entry point for hackers. The average household in the U.S. had over 17 connected devices in 2023, a number expected to rise significantly. Cybercriminals exploit weak passwords, outdated software and unsecured devices to sneak into our homes digitally, often without our knowledge.

The good news? Protecting your digital space is easier than you think. All it takes is a layered approach, a little know-how and action before problems arise.

Start with Your Router

Your router is the digital gatekeeper of your home. Start by changing the default administrator username and password. Enable the newest and best Wi-Fi Protected Access Protocol encryption – WPA3 – if your router and devices support it. It's the most secure option today. If WPA3 isn't available, use WPA2 with a strong, unique password, and consider upgrading to a newer router.

Keep your router's firmware updated. Manufacturers often release patches that fix security flaws.

Disable remote management, which allows access to your router from outside your home and often isn't necessary.

Use a Separate Network for Smart Devices and Guests

Create a guest network for visitors and for smart devices like smart thermostats, TVs, cameras and kitchen gadgets to separate them from your phones, computers and other personal devices. This limits access to sensitive data on your personal devices and

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reduces the risk if a connected gadget or guest device is compromised. It's an easy way to create a digital boundary without sacrificing convenience.

Check Your Wi-Fi Devices Regularly

Take a few minutes each month to check what's connected to your Wi-Fi network. Most routers have a built-in app or dashboard that shows a list of devices using your internet. If you spot something unfamiliar, it's time to investigate. Also, make sure your devices have the latest software/firmware updates. Staying on top of this helps catch problems early and keeps your network safer. And enable two-factor authentication (2FA) on apps and accounts that support it, which adds a second layer of protection in case your password is ever compromised.

Advanced Home Wi-Fi Security: Smart Moves Beyond the Basics

For even stronger protection, there are several advanced steps you can take to secure your home Wi-Fi network.

- Start by enabling MAC (Media Access Control) address filtering. This allows only approved devices with known hardware addresses to connect to your network, blocking any unfamiliar or unauthorized devices by default.
- Activate your router's firewall and disable unnecessary features like Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) or port forwarding, which can create security loopholes hackers may exploit.
- Consider hiding your Wi-Fi network by disabling SSID broadcasting (SSID stands for service set identifier, which is essentially your network name) to make it less visible to casual snoopers.
 If you choose to broadcast it, use a custom network name that doesn't reveal your name, address or device brand.

Build Smart Habits: The Best Defense Is You

The most powerful way to secure your home network isn't just technology, it's awareness. Whether you're checking your router settings, updating your devices or creating a guest network, small steps go a long way. These habits, repeated regularly, make your household a much harder target for digital intruders.

While advanced tools like virtual private networks (VPNs) and domain name system (DNS) filters can add extra protection, they're most effective when paired with good everyday practices.

Think of your Wi-Fi security like locking your front door: It should be routine, not reactive. In a world where more of life is lived online, protecting your home Wi-Fi is not just smart, it's essential.



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Beloved Longhorn Left a Legacy

Fairview lost one of its most recognizable residents in 2023, when Josh, a longhorn bull, passed away.

Josh spent more than 20 years grazing near the intersection of Meandering Way and State Highway 5, greeting visitors with gentle affection. Now, his descendants are following in his hoof steps.

"Josh was the patriarch," said Larry Little, a Fairview Town Council member who lives near the pasture and has taken an interest in the well-being of the small herd of Josh's descendants.

"Josh was big!" Larry said, in both size and reputation. "When Josh died, that was a huge deal."

The longhorn family has become an icon for Fairview, and over the last few years, Larry's commitment to the herd has grown. Their owner lives in Allen and reportedly doesn't spend much time at the property other than to drop off hay when it's needed.

"I'd come out to pet them, you know," Larry said. "I used to feed them cabbage, lettuce, vegetables, that type of thing.

And then I said, 'Well, they probably need more than that,' so I started feeding them range cubes."

Range cubes are pellets or cubes of cattle feed packed with protein, vitamins and minerals.

Worried that a pond on the property wasn't sufficient, Larry also added a few water troughs and hooked up a hose to fill them using a nearby tap. The water bill he pays is only about \$30 a month, but the feed to supplement the cattle's grazing costs considerably more. Larry estimates he spends about \$500 each month caring for the longhorns.

"It's fun, but I mean, it's really rewarding," Larry said of the time he dedicates to the herd.

According to The Cattle Site, which reports on cattle industry news, longhorns may be the hardiest of herds. The breed is known for its resistance to common bovine diseases and can thrive by foraging on a wider range of grasses, plants and weeds.









The herd was already sturdy before the extra feedings, but Fairview's longhorns have plumped up with the extra nutrients and loving head pats Larry doles out.

Another neighborhood family had shared responsibility for the animals' care, but they've been out of the country, and Larry said the family may be making plans to move. Larry checks on the longhorns just about every day.

"Every time I see him, Larry's out here doing his thing," said MacKenzie Miller, a Fairview resident.

MacKenzie offered to help fill the gap, especially when the Littles go on vacation.

She joined Larry and Pam Little on a recent visit to the pasture. While Pam petted the calves and talked softly to them, MacKenzie broke several pumpkins into pieces and fed the produce to the gathered herd.

"This is fun for me and for the kids," the mother of two said. "Kids love looking at the longhorns when they pass by.

I would just now and then give them a little piece of pumpkin, and it made [the longhorns] so happy. I mean, they would come running."

She gets a thrill knowing that pumpkins she fed the longhorns in January seeded on the property, and a pumpkin patch sprouted as the seasons shifted.

The longhorns consumed the fresh foliage before the pumpkins grew recognizably big, but MacKenzie snapped a photo of a young bull she calls "Steve" happily chomping down on a squash.

MacKenzie runs Pumpkin Decor Co., a business that offers grand porch designs using pumpkins and other gourds. At the end of the season, she collects the pumpkins from her clients and feeds them to animals at local farms.

"When I started the company, and I started seeing all the posts on Facebook saying, 'Hey, I've got pumpkins ... Who wants them to feed animals?' I thought, 'I'll just feed them to the longhorns."

Before feeding the last batch in January, she removed the seeds and planted them in a garden at her home. Pumpkin vines are now taking over her raised garden beds. The longhorns will eventually enjoy the benefits of the new bumper crop.

MacKenzie also bought some range cubes and plans to buy more to help share the cost with Larry.

"It's so rewarding," she said. "They're so special to the neighborhood, and they're so special to everyone in Fairview. You will not find a day that you go down Meandering Way and someone's not stopped taking pictures or showing their kids the longhorns."

Larry and MacKenzie are open to receiving donations to help offset the expenses of caring for the herd.

) If you're interested in donating, contact Larry Little at 214-876-3127 or MacKenzie Miller at 310-433-3165.

Business Spotlight

Custom Porch Displays take the Sweat out of Sweater Season

acKenzie Miller is well-known in Fairview as an active supporter of Lovejoy schools, the Town's first responders and – now – longhorns.

But much of her fame came from the extravagant pumpkin displays that take over her front yard every autumn. It's the kind of thing where passersby stop the car and pile out to take family photos.

MacKenzie worries that a day will come when her kids lose their enthusiasm for pumpkin patches and may resist posing for pictures amid hay bales and gourds.

Still, she doesn't let that fear "squash" her passion. Instead, she started a business, lavishly decorating porches with piles of pumpkins and cascades of gourds. She also sets up temporary displays for special events and shops.

Initially, the business was a side hustle – she already owns Mobility Outdoor Media. Her newest customers found her through word of mouth and occasional cold calls. But this year, MacKenzie is all-in on the newest venture.

"I love just the fall foliage. As my leaves are falling, it's just oranges, and burnt orange and reds and yellows and greens, and it's just a beautiful color combination," she said. "It makes me happy."

The Pumpkin Decor Co. offers full-service porch decorating, including hand-selecting pumpkins grown by Texas farmers, building custom displays around trees, mailboxes and porches,



and removing the pumpkins at the end of the season and donating them to local farms for animal feed and compost.

Prices range from \$325 for a vivid display in a small yard to more than \$2,000 for what MacKenzie calls the "Thanksgiving Feast."

» Visit PumpkinDecorCo.com to learn more and book service for Fall 2025.

Infrastructure Updates

The intersection of **Fairview Parkway** at Ridgeview Drive opened to traffic July 21, allowing drivers to head west on

Ridgeview Drive from Fairview Parkway or north or south on U.S. 75 via access from Ridgeview. Drivers may also exit U.S. 75 at Ridgeview and drive south on Fairview Parkway.

Scan the QR code on the right to learn more about the full plans for this road.

Fairview has started a project to replace all the water meters in Town with **smart meters**, allowing residents immediate information about their water





consumption and helping them spot a leak within minutes.

Scan the QR code on the left to learn more about this important project and how the new smart meters will work.

Fairview's Critters Steal the YouTube Spotlight

s a fun way to show off what makes our Town unique, the Fairview Economic
Development Corporation has posted a series of "Neighborly by Nature" short videos on YouTube featuring images captured by Fairview residents – some via backyard video feeds – of wildlife and other tamer animals.

The video shorts are proving popular. Many received more than



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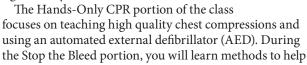


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Please note: Completing the class does not result in any official certifications.

The number of participants is limited, so reserve your spot using the QR code on the left. Ages 18 and older are eligible to participate.







Reader-Submitted **Photos**

Sandy Grayson, who submitted this month's cover photo, writes: "As a 30+ year resident of Fairview I've enjoyed the nature our beautiful town has to offer. Our yard is alive with birds. I encourage them to visit by offering various foods and feeders. Hummingbirds are especially fun to watch. This female ruby-throated hummingbird stands guard over one of the feeders. She is very territorial."

Special thanks to Mary Ann Moon, Renee and Gene Jantzen and Kerry Gilmore for the beautiful photos they submitted of Fairview and its animal inhabitants.



Mary Ann Moon



Renee and Gene Jantzen



Kerry Gilmore





Meet our September Actor of Fairview - Charlie

eet Charlie! She is 12 years old and in the 7th grade. Ever since she was little, Charlie has loved entertaining people. She has tried all kinds of activities - ballet, stand-up comedy - but nothing has captured her heart like theater. Since joining North Texas Performing Arts - Fairview in 2021, Charlie has performed in 11 productions (and counting)!

When not on stage, Charlie loves hanging out with her friends and family, swimming, and jamming out to her favorite music.

Some of her favorite past roles include Pinkalicious in "Pinkalicious," Greylag in "Honk Jr." and Silly Girl in "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Every show has been an adventure, and she is so excited for what's next!

Charlie is preparing to perform in her 12th show and is thrilled to be playing Scar in "The Lion King Kids." It's her first time playing a villain, and she can't wait to dive into the role! Come step into the heart of the African savanna and join Charlie and the amazing cast on their journey from the majestic Pride Rock to the wild jungle in this adventure full of heart, humor and unforgettable music.

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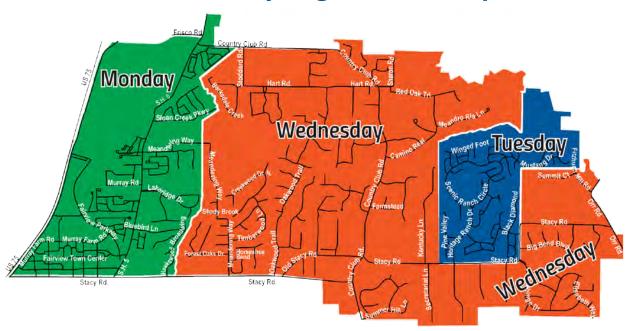
The ABCs of Weekly Trash and Recycling Collection

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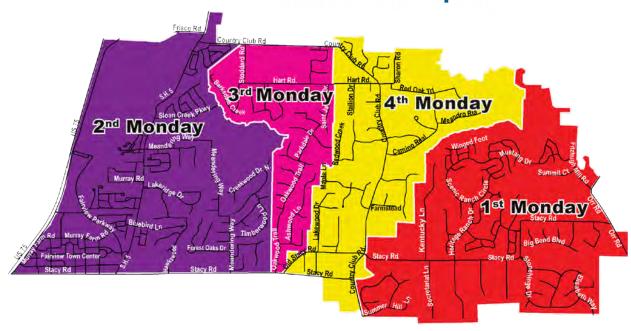
- 1. Arrange carts carefully with handles facing your home, lids open toward the street, and 2 feet of space between carts and other objects.
- 2. Be punctual by placing carts at the edge of the street no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before collection and no later than 7 a.m. on collection day. Roll carts back to your house by 6 a.m. the day after pickup.
- 3. Close lids without clamping or locking. If your trash cart is full, purchase a pink tag for \$2.22 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



2025 Collection Calendar

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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 \$2.22 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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