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FAIRVIEW Town News

Stacy Road Update

The contractor resumed the paving operations on Stacy Road in October which included asphalt base work, steel placement and the installation of the concrete lane sections. The side streets in Allen are being reworked for the connection into the new pavement.

The majority of the asphalt work at FM 1378 has been completed. Angel Pkwy's south east corner is being paved and then the traffic will be switched over to that corner (by the bank) at which point the south west corner will be completed.

SH 5 will have some further work done at the intersection after the first of the year to increase capacity into Fairview from Allen and vice versa. Due to the frequent rainfall in October, the switch to open up all four new lanes on both sides will most likely occur after the first of the year.



Holiday Closures

Town Hall will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Town Hall will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day. Please see pages 13-15 for the Bulk Trash Recycle Calendar to view the holiday schedule for bulk trash collection.

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At the Wednesday, October 3, 2018, regular Town Council meeting, the Town Council addressed the following items:

- Approved the minutes of the August 7, 2018 regular Council meeting.
- Approved the minutes of the August 8, 2018 special Council meeting.
- Approved the minutes of the September 4, 2018 regular Council meeting.
- Approved the minutes of the September 17, 2018 special Council meeting.
- Authorized the Town Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Collin County regarding jail services.
- Approved a Final Plat of the Ebersohl Addition. The proposed 6.9-acre, three (3) lot single-family subdivision is located on the south side of Hart Road, west of Country Club Road, and is zoned for the (RE-2) Two-Acre Ranch Estate District. Owners/Applicant: Jay and Katrina Ebersohl.
- Conducted a public hearing and approved a request for Major Warrants and a replat to accommodate the development of a fitness facility. The proposed 36,900+/square foot facility is located at the southwest corner of Indian Springs Road and Fairview Parkway and is zoned for the Commercial Planned Development District (CPDD) with the Urban Village Sub-district. Applicant: Tim Smith, Lincoln Property Management, representing 24-Hour Fitness.
- Discussed Council policies and procedures and take any necessary action.
- Discussed competitive architectural designs to pursue design alternatives for FS#1 prior to seeking competitive bids for the agreed upon designs /work.
- Discussed the availability of council packets online at the same time as delivery to Council and Mayor.
- Discussed Boards & Commissions and appointed new member, Jill Hawkins, to the EDC/CDC Board.
- Discussed upcoming Council work sessions.
- Received the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2018.
- Received a Stacy Road update.



Mayor's Note

Dear Neighbors,

We've eaten our turkey, we're bundling up a bit more and we've lit the Town Hall Christmas tree - I'd say it's officially the holiday season,

and perhaps my favorite time of the year. During this time of year I encourage you to spend time with family and friends decking the halls and truly enjoying this joyous season.

And, with family and friends visiting from out of town, why not show them what makes Fairview special? Whether it's dining at one of our local hotspots, shopping or spending the evening bowling or at the theatre, playing a round at Heritage Ranch or just spending time in one of our community parks there is plenty to do.

Finally, as we head into 2019, as always I would love hear your additional feedback about the Town, particularly ideas to improve Fairview and our services. One of the best parts of being Mayor is all the emails, letters, phone calls and time spent talking with the residents of the Town; it is extremely beneficial to me and to members of the Council as we strive to lead the Town to the best possible solutions for the vast majority of our residents. I personally can be reached at DCulbertson@FairviewTexas.org.

Have a Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years and be sure to be safe if you are traveling!

I'll see you around Town!





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Fairview Named Second Safest City in Texas

SafeWise, a leading online safety resource, recently released their annual Safest Cities list and placed the Town of Fairview at number 2, behind Seminole, Texas. Murphy, Allen, Frisco and Prosper were in the top 50 as well.

To identify the cities with the best safety records, SafeWise analysts looked at the number of violent crimes reported in the 2016 FBI Unified Crime Report. They also calculated the number of violent crime incidents per 1,000 people in each city. Analysts established population thresholds and, in the event of a tie, property crimes were considered.

"On both state and city levels, Texans are seeing less crime and experiencing lower rates of incarceration than in previous years," SafeWise security analyst Laura E. Hilton says. The SafeWise report also notes that Texas is also experiencing fewer incidents of hate crimes, property crimes and sexual assault. Other interesting findings include:

- 84% of the safest cities had less than one violent crime per 1,000 people.
- Although Texas has higher violent and property crime rates than national averages, each of the safest cities is well below those rates.
- 86% of the cities reported zero incidents of murder or non-negligent manslaughter.
- Even though overall counts of sexual assault are going down statewide, 29 of the safest cities reported at least one incidence of rape.



SafeWise provides information to help individuals, families and communities make smart security and safety decisions. To view the full report, visit SafeWise.com/Blog/ Safest-Cities-Texas.

Christmas Tree FIRE SAFETY

Christmas is around the corner and you don't want a simple mistake to set your Christmas tree and home ablaze. Here are a few fire safety tips for both live and artificial Christmas trees from Fairview Fire Rescue:

DECORATING THE TREE

- Always make sure Christmas lights are in safe, working condition. Keep an eye out for exposed or wornout wires. It's best to use lights with a label from an independent testing lab.
- Do not connect more than three strands of lights together.
- Check manufacturers' labels for suggested lights and decorations that are flame retardant.
- Always turn off the lights on your tree when it is not supervised.
- Never use candles to decorate the tree.
- If a live tree develops brown and/or dropping needles, it is drying out and needs to be replaced.



PICKING THE TREE

• Make sure artificial trees

are flame retardant.

• Choose a live tree that

looks fresh with green

needles that do not fall off.

PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing a live tree in the stand, cut two inches from the base of the trunk.
- Keep your tree at least three feet away from exposed flames and heat sources.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Make sure your live tree stays hydrated and keep plenty of water in the base at all times.
- Watch children and pets to avoid the chewing of wires and prevent it from toppling over.



AFTER CHRISTMAS

• It is recommended to throw your tree away as soon as possible once the holidays are over. You can put your live Christmas tree out for removal on your regularly scheduled brush/bulk trash pick up week.





Fairview Youth Theatre

The fun and excitement at Fairview Youth Theatre (FVYT) does not slow down during the holidays and they have the perfect way to beat the winter break boredom! **Winter break camps will begin December 26** with an improv camp for children in fifth through twelfth grade from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. as well as a drama camp production of *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse* for students in fifth through twelfth grade from 10 a.m. to 6 pm. Beginning January 2.

The rest of January will be full of opportunities for kids of all ages with classes, auditions and productions. So if you're interested in honing your skills, learning new things or even turning your "double threat" into a "triple threat" then FVYT is the place you need to be.

FVYT and their parent organization have announced their Spring 2019 classes and registration is open. And, this semester will offer the broadest selection of



classes ever – from musical chorus and stage combat to Advanced Acting and College & Audition Prep. All classes and productions are taught by the very best directors & instructors including former Dallas Cowboy/Stars Cheerleader and dance instructor, award-winning directors as well as former college professors and Hollywood actors!

Most classes have less than ten students! All NTPA classes are now within the NTPA Academy and most are **eligible for credit towards an NTPA Academy Certification!**

Onstage soon, *Annie*, *Jr*. is a classic story about a plucky little red head who charms everyone's hearts. *Annie*, *Jr*. will be on stage November 30 – December 8. And, in a tale that will whisk you back in time to the foggy streets of Victorian London, *Magic Tree House's A Ghost Tale for Mr*. *Dicken's*, *Jr*. will be on stage December 13-16.

Go to FairviewYouthTheatre.org to purchase tickets and to take a look at all the classes and productions offered not only at FVYT but across all the NTPA theatres.



ACTOR OF FAIRVIEW: Felicity C.

This month's Actor of Fairview is Felicity C., an 8 year old working in her first major production. Felicity is a competitive dancer who decided to give theatre a try. Her mother signed her up this summer for a two-week intensive production of Disney's The Aristocats Kids. She won the role of Marie and was bitten by the acting bug.

Felicity decided to audition for Fairview Youth Theatre's upcoming all-girl production of Annie Jr. although she had never seen the show. "I love theatre because I love acting out the character you've been given—you get to be you on stage, but also get to be someone else." Felicity was cast as Annie in the upcoming production and is thrilled to play this iconic character. "I love Annie because she is really fun. She can be tough and stand up for her friends, but also be really kind." Felicity hopes to do another show in the near future. Starting November 30, you can see Felicity and all the hard-working kids bring Annie Jr. to life on the MainStage at Fairview Youth Theatre.

HEARD HAPPENINGS

Heard Museum to Bring Holiday Festivities into Nature for Fundraiser

Bundle up your family, get out of the house, and experience the most unique family-friendly holiday event in North Texas. On December 14 and 15, 2018 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., Holidays at the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary will bring the beauty of the holiday season into nature.

Holiday lights and holiday décor will accentuate a lovely half-mile Heard nature trail. Your family will be enchanted by this nighttime hike through the woods. Also, you'll get a glimpse of the Dinosaurs Live! exhibit along the trail (please note that the dinosaurs will not be animated during the event). In keeping with the Heard's role as a nature preserve, this light display is designed to enhance, rather than overpower, the sanctuary's natural beauty.

Local musicians Anthony & Marina will delight audiences with live jazz holiday music under the

stars in the Heard outdoor amphitheater. Children and the young at heart will enjoy the opportunity to take a photo with Father Christmas and Mother Nature in a festive setting. Hot beverages

and treats will be available for purchase.

Support the Heard and have fun with the whole family at this holiday fundraiser. Tickets will be available to the public



beginning November 3, 2018 at HeardMuseum.org/Holidays. Tickets at the door are only \$9 for adults & seniors and \$5 for kids 3-12 (children 2 and under are free). Save \$2 per ticket by purchasing tickets online from November 3 through December 13! The public is also welcome to purchase event tickets as gifts. Holidays at the Heard is sponsored by NBC5.







Cut Down Your Own Christmas Tree

Christmas memories are some of the best memories for many of people. The traditions that have been passed down, delicious holiday dishes served year after year and families gathered around the Christmas tree are favorite celebrations during the season.

This year perhaps make a new memory or bring the tradition back to your family and go to a Christmas Tree Farm to cut down your own tree. There are several Christmas Tree Farms near the North Texas area. Here two farms you might want to visit.

Elves Christmas Tree Farm

601 Harvey Ln. • Denison, Texas 75020 http://www.elvesfarm.com/ 903-463-7260

Opens the Friday after Thanksgiving from 10 am - 5 pm Open weekdays 3 pm - 5 pm, Saturdays 10 am - 5 pm and Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm

At Elves Christmas Tree Farm you can cut down your own tree as well as enjoy a hayride, mazes, farm zoo and free hot cider or coffee. They also offer pre-cut trees, flocked trees and fresh evergreen wreaths.

Wintergreen Christmas Tree Farm

2907 F.M. 121 Van Alstyne, Texas 75495 http://www.wintergreenchristmastreefarm.com/ 903-364-2832

Opens November 23rd, 9 am - 5 pm Closed on Mondays, Tuesday to Friday 2 pm - 5 pm Saturday 9 am - 5 pm and Sunday 11 am - 5 pm

Wintergreen Christmas Tree Farm offers choose and cut your own trees, pre-cut trees, a hay ride, handmade wreaths and a gift shop. There is a concession stand with cold drinks, hamburgers, barbeque sandwiches, hot dogs and more.

Fairview Fire Rescue Receives Donated SCBA Cascade Fill Station

The Friends of Fairview Firefighters Association (FoF) donated a three station SCBA cascade fill station for Fire Station #2. The cascade filling system is a high-pressure gas cylinder storage system which is used for the refilling of smaller compressed gas cylinders such as the self-contained breathing apparatus air cylinders the fire department uses.

FoF also donated the cost of the installation. The total value of the donation including installation is approximately \$9,000.



This fill station was purchased from another larger fire department that is upgrading their inventory. This system is in like new condition with less hours on this system than the current system located at fire station #1. New systems can cost as much

as \$30,000 to \$40,000 depending on size and function.

Anytime Fairview firefighters enter a hazardous environment they must take their own air supply with them in the form of an SCBA which they wear on their back. Each air tank is good for approximately 30 minutes of activity at which time the firefighter must leave the hazardous environment to replace the depleted air bottle with a fully charged bottle. The SCBA cascade fill system is used to recharge these air bottles.

The Town can't thank the FoF enough for their continuous efforts to help the Fairview Fire Department.

About Friends of Fairview Firefighters Association

The Friends of Fairview Firefighters Association is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, independent of the Town of Fairview, whose mission is to raise funds to help support the health and well-being of Fairview Firefighters. Through fundraising raising activities, they are able to provide additional items for these brave men and women that are not included in the Town or fire department budgets.

FoF raises funds through in-kind donations as well as their Holiday Flag program in which they place flags at participant locations around town. They also host an annual Pancake Breakfast which is open to the public and provides an opportunity for the community to really get to know the men and women of the Fairview Fire Department.

GOLF CART SAFETY —

For the safety and security of everyone on the Town's roads, the Town has an ordinance regulating the operation and permitting of golf carts and other undersized motor vehicles while on any publicly-owned or publicly-dedicated road, street, drive or other right-of-way within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Fairview.

GOLF CART RULES OF THE ROAD

- The vehicle **must have a permit** issued by the Town of Fairview
- The time when the cart is being operated must be after sunrise and **before sunset**
- When in motion on a public street, the driver and every passenger in the golf cart must be seated in a seat designed to hold passengers; no person may stand or ride in the lap of the driver and/or other passenger of a golf cart while it is moving on a public street
- Golf cart or undersized motor vehicle use in a public park, trail or on a public sidewalk is strictly prohibited.
- Any person operating a golf cart must

use proper hand signaling to illustrate intent of direction being traveled or the golf cart must be equipped with turn signal lamps

- The cart must be driven by a person with a valid driver's license
- The driver must maintain current financial responsibility (**insurance**) for the golf cart, as required of other passenger vehicles in the Texas Transportation Code
- The maximum posted speed limit on the public street must be **30 miles per hour** (MPH) or less; a golf cart may cross a public street that has a posted speed limit of more than 30 mph, if otherwise legally crossing at an intersection
- The cart must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and ordinances governing the operation of a vehicle
- Animals must be reasonably secured (i.e. safety harness, crate, passenger lap)

This means that golf carts must be driven by a licensed driver over the age of 16 or a permitted driver with a licensed passenger in the front seat. Additionally, any driver with a minor's provisional license may not drive with more than one person under the age of 21 that is not an immediate family member. Finally, in the State of Texas, there is also a Zero Tolerance Law for a driver under the age of 21 to have any detectable amount of alcohol in their system, which could lead to a driving while intoxicated (DWI) charge for the minor driver.

On September 1, 2017, it became illegal in the State of Texas for all drivers, not just minors, to read, write or send any form of electronic messages while operating a motor vehicle, unless the vehicle is stopped.

By ordinance, anyone who violates the Town's ordinance or is unpermitted could be fined up to \$500 for each occurrence. If you see minors operating a golf cart or other rules being violated, please report the offending residence or driver to the Fairview Police Department nonemergency number, 972-886-4211, so an officer can inform the operators or parents of the ordinance rules so they can avoid future penalties.



PERMITTING

The cost to obtain a valid Town-issued golf cart permit is \$60; permits are valid for two years and have a biennial renewal fee of \$60 to maintain it. To obtain a permit, the golf cart is required to have headlamps, tail lamps, reflectors, mirrors, a parking brake, horn, turning signals, and a slow-moving vehicle emblem in good working condition on it. Golf carts purchased after the effective date of the ordinance are also required to have brake lights.

Signed permit applications must be accompanied by a copy of a driver's license and proof of financial responsibility consistent with the minimum requirements of the Texas Transportation Code. Upon approval of the scheduled inspection with a Town of Fairview police officer, the permit stickers shall be issued. The permit stickers shall be attached and displayed upon the right front panel (driver's side) of the golf cart and upon the left rear panel as to be clearly visible.

Permit application forms are available at FairviewTexas.org or in person at Town Hall. For more information about permitting, please contact Simone Doss at SDoss@FairviewTexas.org or 972-886-4209.

NEW YEAR'S YAD •••••

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& HOW THEY GOT STARTED

The clock strikes midnight, the ball drops, you kiss your loved one and sing Auld Lang Syne. Then on New Year's Day you eat a big bowl of black eyed peas for luck and prosperity. Have you ever wondered where these traditions came from?

Kissing your Loved One

Kissing at midnight is a tradition that comes form the English tradition of "saining" which is the offering of a blessing or good luck. Anthropologist and author, Anthony Aveni says, kissing on New year's

is "thought to bring good luck as people entered the new year and you want to be closest to those who support you."

Auld Lang Syne

This classic tradition was originally a Scottish poem first recorded on paper by Robert Burns in 1788. The literal translation is "old long

times,' but historians say it means something more along the lines of "days gone by." It quickly became a mainstay at British and Scottish funerals, farewells and group celebrations. But, it wasn't until 1929 that Auld Lang Syne was first performed in the United when the Guy Lombardo orchestra played it at a hotel in New York.

Ball Drop in Times Square

It all starts with "time balls" used by sailors to set their timepieces while a sea. They would set their chronometers by using a spyglass to scan the harbor looking for balls that were dropped into the water at

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certain times. In 1907 the first Time Square ball was made from wood and iron and had 100 light bulbs. The idea for the ball came from festival planners after fireworks were banned from the celebration and they wanted something equally bright and festive. According to the Time Square Alliance since then there have been seven balls. The current ball is 12 feet in diameter and weighs 11,875 pounds and is illuminated by 32,256 Philips Luxeon Rebel LEDs. It is covered with more than of 2,500 Waterford Crystal triangles ranging in length from 4 3/4 inches to 5 3/4

inches per side.

Prosperity

Wishing for luck and prosperity is a time honored tradition for the New Year. Different countries all have their traditions and even different parts of the U.S. have traditions. In the south, we eat Blackeyed peas. While there

are many theories as to why black-eyed peas bring good luck; most historians believe it dates back to the Civil War when General Sherman's Union Army raided the food supplies of the Confederate people. The soldiers took everything except black-eyed peas and salted pork because they believed it was unfit for human consumption. Southerners considered themselves lucky to be left with some supplies to help them survive the winter.

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However you celebrate the New Year - we hope you have a safe and happy one!

DRUG TAKE BACK RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Town's prescription drug take back day on October 27.

The DEA coordinates a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies to establish a safe collection site for expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceuticals, controlled and non-controlled substances as well as over-the-counter medications. This one-day effort brings national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. The anonymous program



yielded 13 boxes of controlled, non-controlled and over-the-counter medications from individuals, weighing in at 306 pounds. The Fairview Police Department hosts this event twice a year – once in the fall and once in the spring. Be on the lookout in the next couple of months for the date of the spring Drug Take Back event.

14th Annual Creekwood UMC Live Nativity

Creekwood United Methodist Church will once again be hosting a live nativity December 5 and 6 featuring live animals with a 15- minute storytelling featuring actors portraying Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the three wise men as it was on that cold night in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago.

At this event, families across DFW will have the chance to experience the first Christmas in a setting reminiscent of the original event, The Fourteenth Annual Live Nativity has become a tradition for so many families in our community. The two night live event will again be held in the red barn at Creekwood UMC. After enjoying carolers, children's crafts activities and complimentary hot chocolate, cookies, and other refreshments guest then will be ushered back in time, and towards the North Star, to the night Jesus was born. Shows will be held at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. The shows are free and will be first come first served.

"This portrayal of the very first Christmas will delight and inspire," said the senior pastor David Lessner. "Assembling in a humble barn, likely akin to the structure Mary and Joseph huddled in, brings an authentic depth to the true story of Christmas. We invite all in our community to share in this experience."

In addition to the Live Nativity events, Creekwood will host two Christmas Eve services in the red barn at 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Additionally, Christmas Eve services will be offered in the Creekwood worship center at 3:00 for children, 4:30 & 6:30 contemporary worship and 7:30 traditional worship. All services are open to the public. Creekwood UMC is located at the corner of Stacy Road and Country Club at 261 Country Club Road in Allen. For more information, please call 214-544-8050 or visit CreekwoodUMC.org.







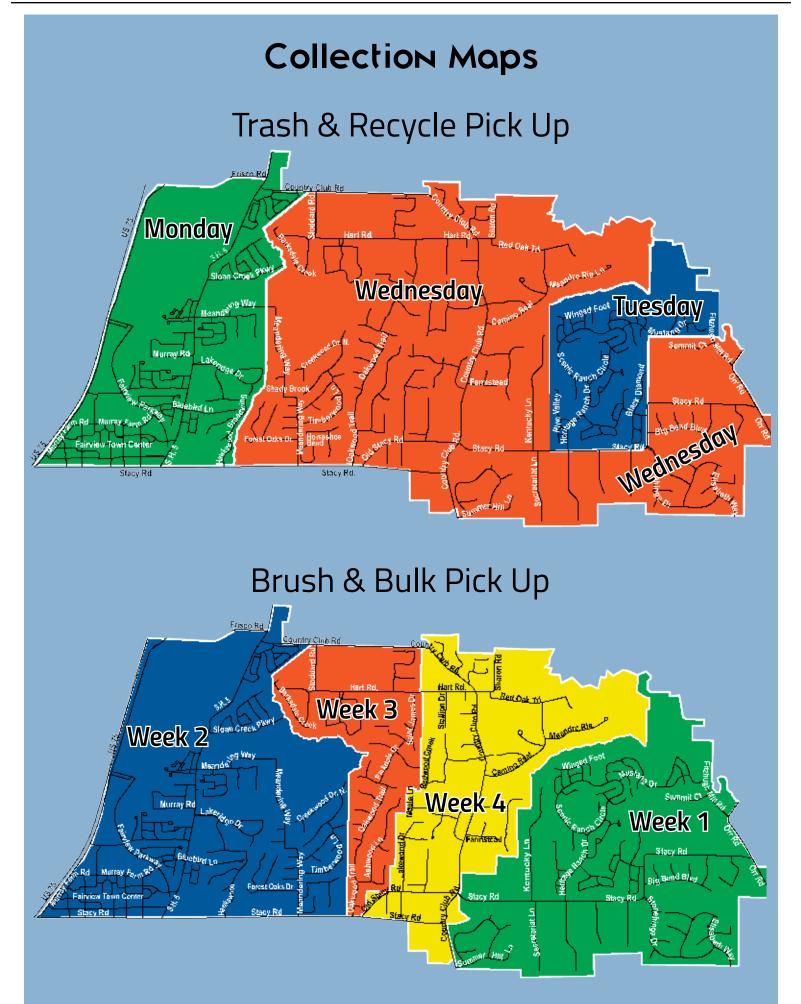
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Collection Schedules

Trash, recycling and yard trimmings are collected weekly on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

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.

2019 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.

January 1, New Year's Day May 27, Memorial Day July 4, Independence Day September 2, Labor Day November 28, Thanksgiving December 25, Christmas Day

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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the next page.

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 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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> Check us out for all the current news about your community, schools, businesses and events happening around town.



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>.