



Town Hall News


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WATER SAVING TIPS

ATTENTION:

- **Town Council Meeting:** May 7, 2013.
- **Planning and Zoning Meeting:** May 9, 2013
- **Town Elections:** May 11, 2013 at Lovejoy Gymnasium located at 256 Country Club Rd. 7am-7pm 
- **Stage 2 Water Restrictions:** You may water 2 times per week. For more info, please visit the town's website.
- **Town Hall Closed:** Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.



The month of May brings warmer temperatures, and for some, this might mean using more water on the lawn and garden to keep up with the heat. It's important to remember that although our community prides itself on its natural beauty, we must be conscious of our water usage—especially amid the current Stage 2 drought conditions. Below are some regulations established by the town related to water use:

- Do not water your lawn between the hours of 10:00 am. and 6:00 p.m. from April 1st through October 31st.
- Do not allow water to overspray on impervious surfaces such as paved roads and sidewalks.
- Do not water your lawn during rain or freeze events.
- Lawn and landscape irrigation is limited to twice per week.
- Home car washing can be done only when using a water hose with a shut-off nozzle.

But that's not all. There are many other opportunities to help conserve water. Below are a variety of other tips that you might find helpful.

- Repair leaks, running toilets, dripping faucets, and broken sprinkler heads.
- Water in the morning or evening when the temperatures are cooler.
- Plant native, drought tolerant plants that require less water.
- Adjust your lawn mower at least one notch. A taller lawn holds more moisture.
- Water only when plants look like they need it. Most plants die from over watering.

Some excellent resources regarding smart landscaping and water conservation are: www.txsmartscape.com, www.dirtdoctor.com, www.texaswatersmart.com, www.wateriq.org, and www.savewatertexas.com.

So, remember, whether you're enjoying time in the garden, working on keeping your lawn beautiful, or enjoying some other summer activity, there are many opportunities to help conserve water. If any changes occur related to the status of what drought stage the town is in, town staff will keep all residents apprised of what those changes mean and when they would become effective.



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MAY TRASH & RECYCLING

Memorial Day will be celebrated Monday, May 27th. Due to the holiday, please note that this will move trash and recycling collection back one day. The pickup day for residents living in Heritage Ranch will be delayed until Wednesday, May 29th and the remaining parts of town will be scheduled for Thursday, May 30th.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The town is deeply saddened to announce the loss of longtime resident and recent Planning and Zoning Chairman, Brayton Campbell. Our thoughts are with his family.

BOARDS / COMMISSIONS

Dozens of citizens volunteer their time and talents every year to serve their community as a volunteer member of a Fairview town board, commission, or committee. If you have an interest or calling to serve on any of the town's boards, please contact the Town Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni at 972-886-4234 or mlsirianni@fairviewtexas.org for more information or to receive an application you can also visit the town's website at www.fairviewtexas.org.

**NOAH'S OF FAIRVIEW
OPENING IN MAY**

Noah's of Fairview, a public/private partnership between the Town of Fairview, the Fairview Economic and Community Development Corporations and The Noah's Corporation is under construction with completion planned in May. The land and the building are owned by the town and the facility will be operated and managed by Noah's, who has a long term lease with the Town. The Community and Economic Development corporations of Fairview back the debt with sales taxes committed to economic and community development. Noah's of Fairview is a neighborhood event center that offers an alternative to traditional meeting venues. The 9,000 square foot building is constructed of high quality materials, including a solid walnut floor and state of the art electronics. Space is designed to be multi-functional to meet the needs of both corporate and family users. Noah's does not engage in food and beverage functions, so patrons are free to choose their own caterer or even bring in their own food and beverage.

Noah's will hold an open house on Saturday May 18 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. to give people the chance to see the facility up close. There will be food, beverage and entertainment. While the set up will be primarily focused on weddings, the public is encouraged to tour this great addition to our community. On May 23 at 5:30 p.m., Noah's will hold a ribbon cutting and a business gathering for the Allen-Fairview Chamber of Commerce and local businesses. The public is welcome to this event as well.

**SH5 ROAD PROJECT
UPDATE**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) has an upcoming construction project on State Hwy 5 (Greenville Ave) to straighten out the sharp curves at the RR tracks just south of FM1378. This project will construct two 12' wide lanes with 10' wide shoulders and smooth out the curves. Drainage will be improved, and sight distance will be increased. The project is scheduled to begin May 1, if all of the utilities are moved. Some work can begin without closing the road and TXDOT has identified these items to town staff. The project will require a complete road closure for up to six months once it is officially closed. This closure could happen as early as mid-May even though Fairview has requested that they wait until after schools lets out for the summer. US75 and FM1378 will be the alternate routes during this construction. A temporary U-turn will be installed on the south side of the bridge at the entrance to the Sloan Creek subdivision for cars and trucks that inadvertently miss the warning signs. Any further questions that you have can be directed to the local TXDOT office in McKinney. The local area engineer is Barry Heard, PE and the office number is 972-542-2345.



FAIRVIEW'S NEWEST WINGED RESIDENT

Our New Friend

In what is surely a product of Fairview having the lowest property tax rate in the immediate area, a hawk recently set up its nest in our town! All jest aside, this is a wonderful addition to our community. As such, we are providing our residents the opportunity to watch the hawk via a weekly media feed on our website! The feed is available on the home page of our website: <http://www.fairviewtexas.org>. It will include snapshots and short video clips of our new feathered friend and will be updated once or twice per week.

Please note that we are purposefully keeping the location of the hawk undisclosed in order to protect its nesting site.

The Importance of Hawk Conservation

Hawks belong to a group of birds called raptors, which is a general term for birds of prey. Raptors include hawks, eagles, falcons, owls, osprey, and kites. Their main features include hooked beaks and long, sharp talons.

Due to their predatory nature, hawks and other raptors face distinct challenges in terms of species conservation. Changes to their food supply (including a decreasing amount of options, poisoned prey that can cause secondary poisoning to the raptors, and un-retrieved game birds that have been hunted with lead bullets) negatively impact raptors' ability to thrive in nature.

As such, hawks and other raptors must be treated with the utmost respect and care if they are to continue to take advantage of Fairview's natural beauty. For more information on raptors in the area as well as raptor conservation tips, check out the website of Blackland Prairie Raptor Center, a raptor conservation and education center based out of Dallas: <http://www.bpraptorcenter.org/>.

NATIVE TEXAS BUTTERFLIES



The Heard Museum will be hosting a Butterfly House and Butterfly Garden from May 25-September 29, 2013. You'll be able to walk among free-flying native butterflies within the Butterfly House and

Garden. The butterfly house includes native species, which vary by season and what is available. The butterfly garden is filled with host plants that naturally attract these lovely creatures. For more information or to learn more about native Texas butterflies, visit www.heardmuseum.org/attractions/exhibits/NativeTexasButterflies.asp.

LOVEJOY COUNTRY RUN



The 7th Annual Lovejoy Country Run will take place on Saturday, May 18th with race day registration beginning at 7am. The 5K race and the 1K Fun Run will begin at the back of Lovejoy High School, 2350

Estates Parkway in Lucas. Awards will go to the overall male and female winners and male and female master winners in the 5K, as well as age group awards up to 70+. All 1K participants will receive ribbons and pre-registered runners will be guaranteed a race shirt.

For additional information including course map and sponsors visit www.theLovejoyCountryRun.org or to register visit www.lukeslocker.com or by visiting the store located in Allen, TX.

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P U B L I C H E A R I N G S

Notice is hereby given that the Fairview Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Thursday, May 9, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, located at 372 Town Place in Fairview.

- Conduct a public hearing, consider, and take any necessary action on an ordinance amending Chapter 14 (Zoning), Article 14.02, in order to amend the principle permitted uses of the One-Acre (RE-1), and the specific zone requirements for the One-Acre (RE-1), One-and-One-Half -Acre (RE-1.5), Two-Acre (RE-2), and Three-Acre (RE-3) Ranch Estate Zones. **(ZA2013-11)**
- Conduct a public hearing, consider, and take any necessary action on a request for approval of Conditional Use Permit (CU) Zoning in order to allow for an accessory structure on a property that is zoned One-Acre Ranch Estate (RE-1) and is specifically located at 111 Summer Hill Lane, being Block 3, Lot 21 of the Summer Hill Farms subdivision. **(ZA2013-13)**
- Conduct a public hearing, consider, and take any necessary action on a request for approval of an Amended Concept Plan for a proposed multi-family residential development on a 20.168± acre tract of land that is situated in the Joseph Dixon Survey, Abstract No. 275, zoned Commercial Planned Development (CPDD) District, Zone D, and is generally located west of SH 5 and north of Meandering Way. **(CP2013-01)**
- Conduct a public hearing, consider, and take any necessary action on an ordinance amending Ordinance #2005-62, the Planned Center District for the Blue Grass Farms Subdivision, in order to amend the permitted uses, other uses, and restrictions, and the specific zone requirements. **(ZA2013-14)**
- Conduct a public hearing, consider, and take any necessary action on an ordinance amending Ordinance #2008-63E, the Planned Center District for the Montecito Estates Subdivision, in order to amend the permitted uses, other uses, and restrictions, and the specific zone requirements. **(ZA2013-15)**
- Conduct a public hearing, consider, and take any necessary action on an ordinance amending Ordinance #2010-83A, the Planned Center District for the Collinwood Acres and the Collinwood Acres North Subdivisions, in order to amend the permitted uses, other uses, and restrictions, and the specific zone requirements. **(ZA2013-16)**