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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

When Voices Blend: The Power of Participation

As I write this, the roaring winds of early spring are offering a reminder of Mother Nature's potential for delivering strong storms here in North Texas. It is a good reminder that preparation matters. If you have not signed up for **Nixle alerts**, now is a great time to do so. Registration is simple—just text "**Fairview**" to **888-777**, and you will receive alerts whenever our area is under a weather watch or warning.

It is also important to remember Fairview's outdoor warning sirens are designed primarily to alert people who are outside to seek shelter indoors. The warning sirens are not intended to be heard by everyone inside buildings. That is why Nixle alerts can be so helpful. They provide real-time information about the severity of a weather threat and help residents stay informed and prepared.

Spring Events

Spring in Fairview is also a time when our community comes alive with activity. Many of our favorite events return this month, offering opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and connect with neighbors.

One of those special gatherings is the **Star Party**, planned from **6 to 10:30 p.m. on April 4 at Sloan Creek Intermediate School**. Fairview resident **Gary Carter** hosts this monthly event, inviting residents to look up and explore the wonders of the night sky together.

Another opportunity to get involved is the **Townwide Cleanup event**, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Volunteers will meet on the east side of Town Hall from **9 to 11 a.m. on April 18**. This year, Fairview is competing with other cities across the region to see who can collect the most litter. I encourage everyone to participate and help showcase what we already know—Fairview's beauty is truly something special.

That same day, **April 18**, residents can also take advantage of the **Document Shredding and Household Hazardous Waste Collection events**, held from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Works Yard on State Highway 5**.

Later in the month, the Fairview Police Department will host the **Drug Enforcement Administration's National Drug Take Back Day** on **April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** on the west side of Town Hall. This program provides a safe and responsible way to dispose of unneeded prescription and over-the-counter medications.

Fairview residents also have a unique opportunity this month to receive a **discounted membership to the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary**.



John Hubbard

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Through **April 19**, residents can receive **25 percent off any membership level**, with benefits lasting for a full year. One major perk is early access on **April 17** to the Heard's annual **Spring Native Plant Sale**, which often sells out quickly.

These events and opportunities highlight something that makes Fairview special—a **community that comes together**. They also reflect a theme I have written about before: **when voices blend, communities grow stronger**.

Civic Participation

That idea becomes especially meaningful during election season.

Fairview residents will soon help shape the future of our Town by selecting **three members of the Town Council. Seats 2, 4, and 6** are up for election this year, and the choices we make as voters will help guide Fairview's leadership for years to come.

Local elections may not generate the same headlines as national politics, but they are among the most important decisions we make as citizens. Town Council members help guide decisions that affect our everyday quality of life—from public safety and infrastructure to parks, development, and the character of our community.

I encourage every resident to **reach out to the candidates**, learn about their ideas, and ask questions about their vision for Fairview. The strength of our community depends on informed citizens who are willing to listen, engage, and participate.

When I think about the qualities I hope to see in those who serve on our Council, three things come to mind.

I am looking for leaders who **lead with respect, listen with care, and work with the shared purpose of making Fairview better**.

Public service should never be about personal agendas, a single issue, or individual recognition. It is about working together,

listening carefully, and making thoughtful decisions that serve the entire community.

That is where the idea of **"When Voices Blend"** truly comes to life. Fairview works best when residents, staff, and elected officials listen to one another and work toward solutions that reflect our shared values.

The upcoming election provides an opportunity for each of us to participate in that process.

Early voting will take place April 20 through April 28, 2026. Election Day is Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Voting is one of the simplest—and most powerful—ways we can contribute to the future of our Town.

Beyond the election, spring also brings many opportunities to gather and serve together as neighbors. Events like the Townwide Cleanup, community programs, and volunteer activities remind us that Fairview's strength comes from the people who care enough to get involved.

Each act of participation—whether voting, volunteering, attending a Town event, or simply reaching out to a neighbor—adds another voice to the harmony of our community.

And when those voices blend, Fairview becomes even stronger.

I hope to see many of you at our spring events and, most importantly, **at the polls**.

Because in Fairview, the future of our Town is shaped not by a single voice—but by the many voices of the people who call this community home.

Dr. John Hubbard

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Town Council Meeting

At the **Tuesday, March 3, 2026, regular Town Council meeting**, the Council:

- Approved minutes of the Feb. 3, 2026, regular Town Council meeting
- Approved a resolution authorizing the Town of Fairview to continue participation in the Oncor Cities Steering Committee and payment of assessed dues for 2026
- Received staff reports for the period ending Jan. 31, 2026
- Set dates for upcoming budget meetings, including a budget retreat at noon July 30, 2026, and a public hearing for 7 p.m. Aug. 18, 2026
- Tabled a decision to enter into a contract with Sciens Consulting Group for needs assessment, system selection and implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning software
- Appointed Imran Khan as the chair of the Technology Advisory Committee; appointed Lee Moore to serve as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and appointed Susan Whigham, Shawn Carter and Deborah Malafsky to serve on the Public Art Committee

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Town Council Elections

The Town of Fairview operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The Town Council consists of a Mayor and six Councilmembers who are volunteers elected at-large.

The 2026 General Election will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, and includes the following candidates for Fairview Town Council:

Seat	Candidate
2	Joe W. Boggs
4	John Stanley
4	Ricardo Doi
6	Lakia Works
6	Ryan Riyad

The last day to register to vote in the May election is Thursday, April 2. Residents who are registered voters with a “valid from” date of registration on or before May 2, 2026, may vote at any of the listed early voting locations or Election Day voting centers that are open under full contract services with the Collin County Elections Administration.

The chart below lists early voting dates and hours of operation. Early Voting will begin in Collin County on Monday, April 20, and end on Tuesday, April 28.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 19 Polls Closed	April 20 Early Voting 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	April 21 Early Voting 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	April 22 Early Voting 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	April 23 Early Voting 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.	April 24 Early Voting 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	April 25 Early Voting 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
April 26 Polls Closed	April 27 Early Voting 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.	April 28 Early Voting 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.	April 29 Polls Closed	April 30 Polls Closed	May 1 Polls Closed	May 2 Election Day 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Election Day Voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Fairview Town Hall, 372 Town Place.

Early Voting will not take place at Town Hall.

Below is a partial list of Collin County voting centers near Fairview.

Lovejoy ISD Administration Building	259 Country Club Road Allen
Collin County Elections Office	2010 Redbud Blvd. McKinney
Collin College Higher Education Center	3452 Spur 399 McKinney
Allen Municipal Court/Parks and Recreation	301 Century Parkway Allen
Old Settlers Recreation Center	1201 E. Louisiana Street McKinney
Smith Library	300 Country Club Road Wylie

For a complete list of voting locations, visit CollinCountyTX.gov/Elections or scan the adjacent QR code.

For other information regarding Fairview’s general election, please contact the Town Secretary at TownSecretary@FairviewTexas.org or visit the Town’s elections page at FairviewTexas.org.



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April 18

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of Town Hall,
372 Town Place

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Public Works Yard, 500 S. SH 5

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Public Works Yard, 500 S. SH 5

April 25



DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
West side of Town Hall,
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Biking Group Exploring Town's Beauty

Three mornings almost every week of the year, a cluster of bicyclists emerge from Heritage Ranch clad in high-visibility gear. The routes they take vary, but they often trek more than 20 miles on area trails and roads before they return.

"It's not all about 'We've got to get miles in,'" said Jim Salinas, the organizer of the group. "That is part of it, but it's also so mentally refreshing just to get out and ride."

Jim rode 76 miles in a single day with a friend last year in honor of Jim's age. The year before, they took a 75-mile ride, and Jim is looking forward to 77 miles this year. Covering that kind of distance on a bike is a challenge, but he says cycling feels better than walking.

"Somebody might see me and think, 'Oh, that poor old man. He's out walking that dog, and I don't know if he's going to make it home or not,'" he said, laughing. "But then, I can get on that bicycle and go and go and go. I feel like I'm 12 years old again."

Jim had been a casual cyclist before he and his wife, Roxanne, moved to Heritage Ranch a little more than 10 years ago. He looked for a cycling group to join, but the only groups he found limited their rides to just a few miles.

"I wanted more than that," Jim remembered.

At the same time, he didn't want a formal club with dues and a litany of rules. He was just looking for a few people to join him as he explored Fairview, Allen and McKinney on his bike.

Eric Hoyle, who was the Heritage Ranch activity director at the time, sent an email to residents inviting them to meet Jim and learn more.

"Lo and behold, about nine or 10 people showed up," Jim said.

More than a decade later, several of those people are still riding with the group. Over the years, other riders have joined, and a few have left. On average about eight people join the morning rides.

"I always assumed [the group] would just get bigger and bigger. It wasn't like a goal of mine to have 40 or 50 members, but I did think it would grow, and it never really did," Jim said. "But almost





magically, over the years, if we would lose a rider — relocation, health issues or unfortunately, a couple of deaths — we would pick up a couple of new riders, and the size of the group has remained very steady.”

Jim had business cards printed to hand out to other cyclists he saw around town. About two years ago, he spotted John Baumgratz.

“I rushed over there to say hello and gave him one of my cards,” Jim said. “That typically does nothing. I will usually never see them again.”

John, who is 66, lives in the Thompson Springs neighborhood and was sporting an Evel Knievel-style helmet when Jim approached him.

John remembers the conversation well. “I’m a pretty avid cyclist, and I thought, ‘I really don’t want to go with these guys,’” he said. “I thought, they’re going to be slow, you know. They’re probably more into socializing. But I decided I would go ahead and show up. . . . I’ve been riding with them ever since.”

The dynamics of the group surprised John.

“They were serious. They were committed. They were passionate about cycling,” he said.

John, who rides more than 6,000 miles a year, treats the three days he rides with the group as an opportunity to slow his usual pace. He showed the group a few trails they’d never explored, and coaxed them into trying new routes.

“The camaraderie of these guys is amazing,” he said. “I just enjoy being around them . . . and you wouldn’t believe the stuff I’ve learned from these guys.”

He credits the group with a tip that saved him \$3,000 a year in insurance costs.

When Nancy Cramer first heard about the group, the idea of riding 20 miles scared her.

“It kind of held me back from going on rides with them,” she said. “I was worried I wouldn’t be able to keep up.”

Unlike most of the other riders, Nancy isn’t retired, so Saturdays are her primary opportunity to ride. When she eventually joined, she said the distance wasn’t as difficult as she had imagined.

“I love the feeling of freedom,” Nancy said. “I love the challenge of keeping up with the guys. Actually, I kind of pass the guys sometimes.”

Mid-point breaks for coffee at Whole Foods help refresh the riders, and if anyone is struggling to keep pace, another rider will slow down to ensure no one rides alone.

“There’s all kinds of beautiful neighborhoods and country, and we pass by horse ranches and things like that,” Nancy said. “It’s great that they’re showing these different areas of Fairview and Allen that I didn’t know about.”

The companionship and exercise drew Ron Winkler to the group. The 80-year-old drives from Melissa to join the rides every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, as long as the weather is nice.

“I have an orthopedic surgeon friend who says you have to keep moving,” he said. “As long as you keep moving, you’ll be OK.”

And there’s safety in numbers. Riding with a group helps everyone be more visible. Some of the riders also carry tools and a spare tube in case someone gets a flat.

Riding regularly has helped several in the pack regain their strength and feel healthier after suffering a heart attack.

Bob Drey often biked with a friend in Wisconsin before moving to Texas. When health issues threatened to end cycling for his friend, both men both switched to e-bikes. E-bikes are heavier than standard bikes, but a battery provides pedaling assistance when needed.

Even though Bob still owns a standard bike, he enjoys riding the e-bike more.

“This is a way for me to extend my life,” he said. “Biking has been a really great outlet for me, and it’s also a good way to spend three mornings a week with a great bunch of guys.”

Wayne Sekerke agrees.

The 69-year-old calls Jim Salinas his hero.

“He is just a motivator,” he said. “I really look up to older guys, and I’m getting there pretty quick.”

The members of the group encourage each other, he said.

“There’s no competition, and we take good breaks and share life and fix the world’s problems.”

To learn more about joining the riding group, contact Jim Salinas at SalinasJim@gmail.com.



Drug Take Back Day Set for April 25

The Fairview Police Department is participating in the Drug Enforcement Agency's Drug Take Back Day to collect and dispose of unneeded medications to prevent medication misuse and opioid addiction.

Bring unneeded medications to the west entrance of Fairview Town Hall, 372 Town Place, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain in the original container and tightly sealed to prevent leakage. Medication in tablet or capsule form may be poured directly into the disposal box or disposed of in its original container.

Inhalers and injectables, including intravenous solutions and pre-loaded syringes, will not be accepted because of potential hazards.



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Fairview Parkway Fully Open to Traffic

The northern extension of Fairview Parkway opened to traffic following a ribbon cutting ceremony Feb. 11.

Construction was completed ahead of schedule on the portion of the road north of Ridgeview Drive. Fairview Parkway now connects with Fairview Crossing Boulevard, forming the southern leg of a four-way intersection. Medical Center Drive aligns with Fairview Parkway north of Fairview Crossing.

Completion of the road was made possible by contributions from Collin County (nearly \$8 million) and Billingsley Company (almost \$2.75 million).

The road crosses the heart of Sloan Corners, a mixed-use development being planned by Billingsley Company. When completed, Sloan Corners will include commercial, office, residential and retail space supported by open space and trails.

Eventually, Fairview Parkway is expected to be traveled by as many as 30,000 vehicles a day, relieving congestion on State Highway 5. Speed limits on Fairview Parkway are currently set at 40 mph north of Ridgeview Drive and remain 35 mph south of the Ridgeview intersection.



Free Jazz Concert at Heritage Ranch

The Allen Community Jazz band will perform a free concert starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, in the ballroom of Heritage Ranch Golf & Country Club, 465 Scenic Ranch Circle.

The performance is open to the public and will feature tunes dating from the 1940s to the 2000s.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Arrive early to dine at the Corral Grill prior to the concert. But don't be late — the ballroom fills up quickly.

The Allen Community Band, a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2013, includes the Jazz Band and other small ensembles. For more information regarding the band, contact Director Craig Logan at CraigL@allencommunityband.com.



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Fairview Residents Eligible for Discounted Heard Museum Membership

Now through April 19, Fairview residents are eligible for a 25 percent discount on any level of membership at the Heard Natural Science Museum thanks to a partnership with the Fairview Economic Development Corporation. To receive the discount, residents must purchase the membership in person at the Heard and present proof of residency.

Some benefits of an annual Heard membership include unlimited free general admission to trails and permanent exhibits during regular operating hours; a discount on purchases at the Heard Nature Store; discounts on preschool and homeschool classes, summer camps, birthday parties, facility rentals and travel opportunities; invitations to member-only events and other popular programs; and admission a day before the annual Spring Native Plant Sale opens to the public.

The 2026 plant pre-sale for members only will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 17. The sale will be open to the general public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 18, and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 19.

Volunteers from the Collin County Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas and the Blackland Prairie Master Naturalists will be at the sale to help visitors select plants.

Donations to ACO Could Double Impact

As a result of a partnership with the Town of Fairview Community Development Corporation (CDC), your donations to All Community Outreach (ACO) could have double the impact with corporate matching.

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All Community Outreach Chief Community Development Officer Rhonda Ptak (front row, right) and Fairview Town Manager Julie Couch (back row, center) joined members of the Fairview Economic and Community Development Corporation board of directors to celebrate the CDC partnership with ACO.

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Meet our April Actor of Fairview - **Laila**

Laila, 15 years old and a 10th grader, has been living her best theater-kid life for as long as she can remember. From the moment she stepped onstage in “Aladdin Kids,” she was hooked and hasn’t looked back.

Laila has performed in 15 shows with NTPA and 21 shows total. She recently wrapped up “The Addams Family” and is now preparing for an upcoming production of “Newsies.” Seize the day? She absolutely does!

Over the years, Laila has taken on so many incredible roles, but a couple hold a special place in her heart. Playing Gretchen in “Mean Girls” was a blast — she loved exploring Gretchen’s hilarious side and her more vulnerable moments. Plus, getting to share the stage with her best friends as fellow “Plastics” and ensemble members made it even more iconic.

Another dream role? Sally Jackson in “The Lightning Thief.” As someone who loves playing the mom in a story, stepping into Sally’s shoes in her “comfort musical” was truly a dream come true.

Through NTPA Fairview, Laila hasn’t just grown as a performer — she’s found some of her favorite people and is thankful for the theater community.

When she’s not onstage, you can find Laila singing in her school choir, crafting — crocheting and bedazzling — blasting her favorite music, or spending time with friends and family.

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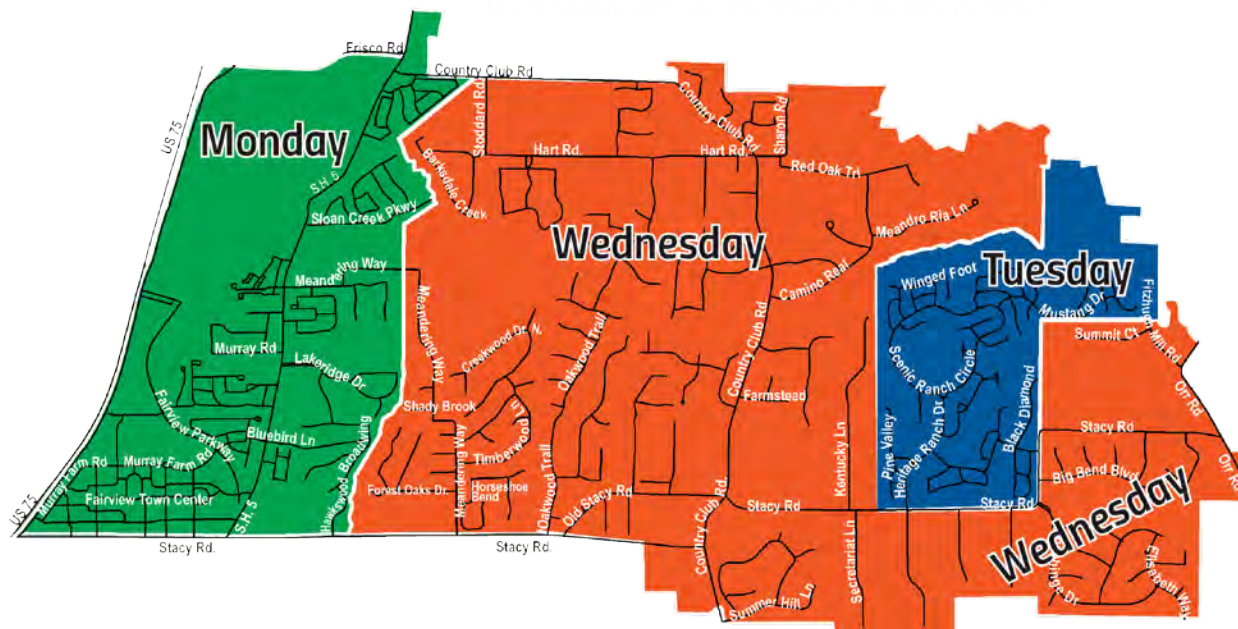
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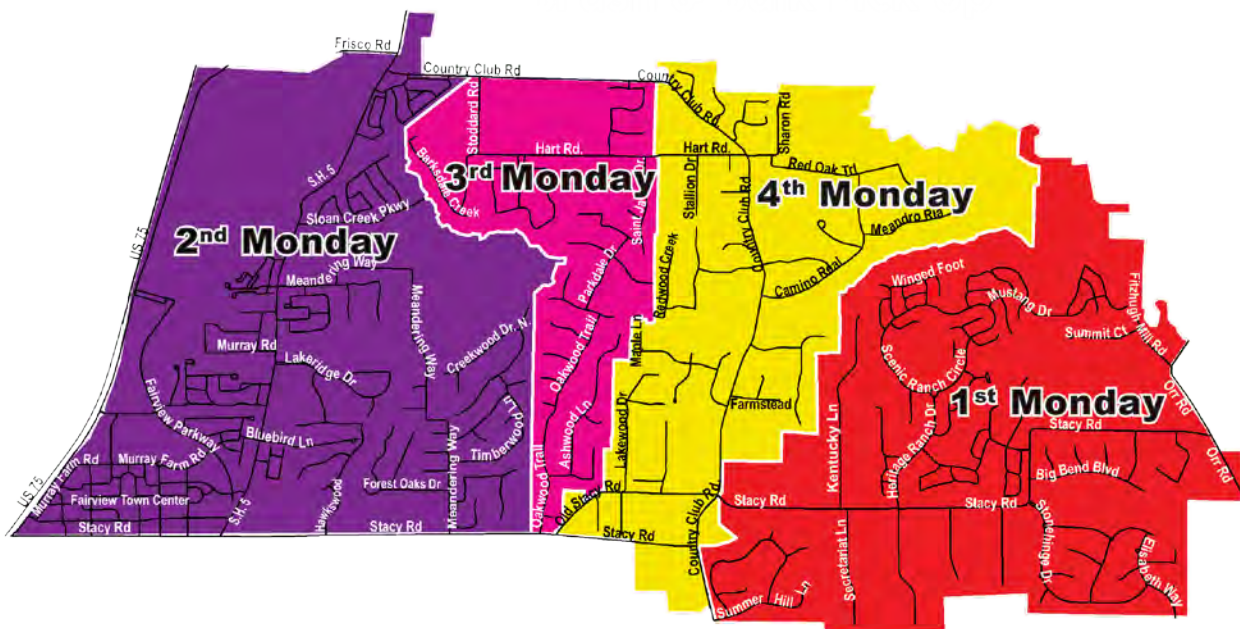
- 1. Arrange** carts carefully with handles facing your home, lids open toward the street, and 2 feet of space between carts and other objects.
- 2. Be** punctual by placing carts at the edge of the street no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before collection and no later than 7 a.m. on collection day. Roll 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 \$2.32 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

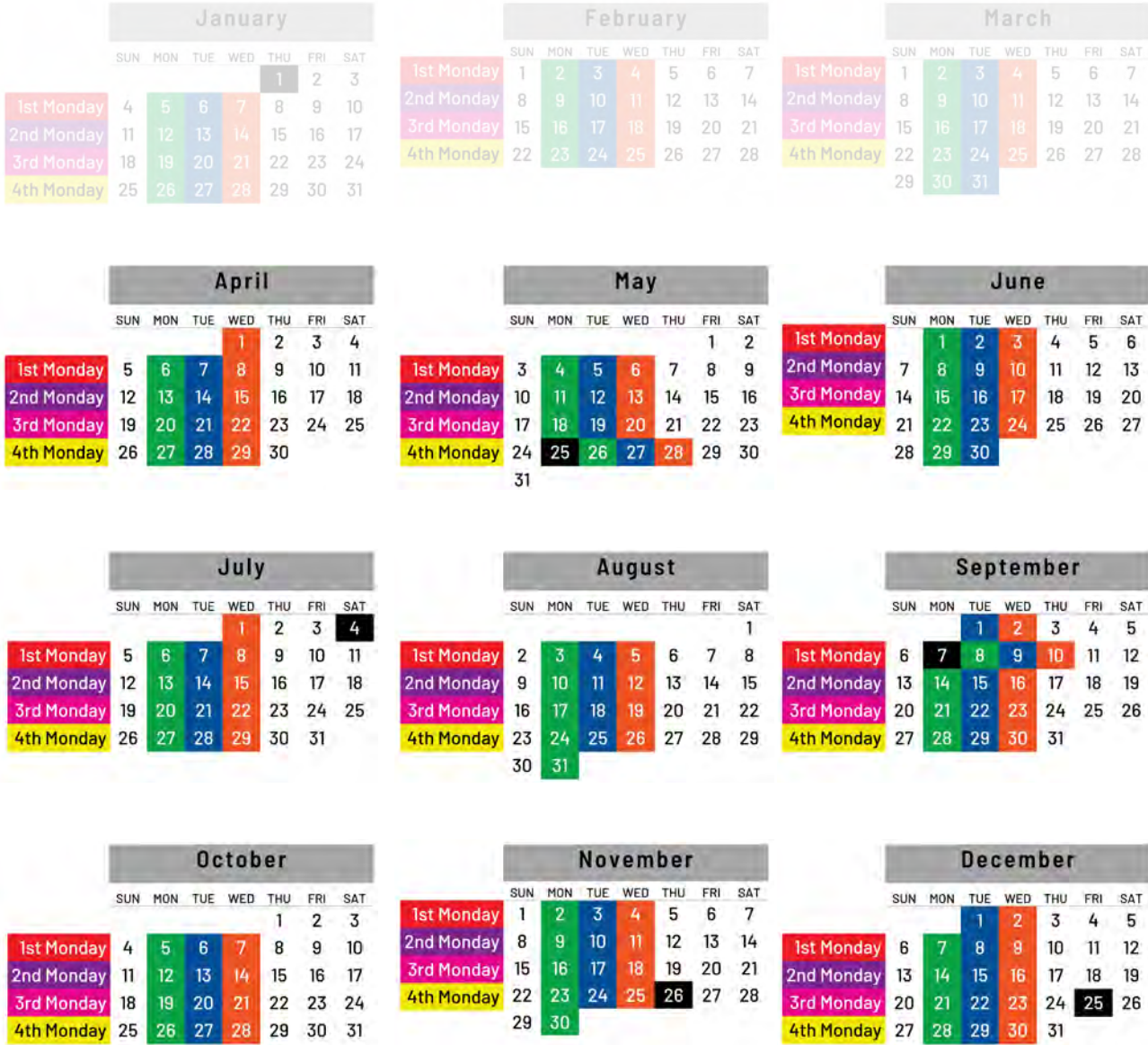


Brush & Bulk Collection Map



2026 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 \$2.32 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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