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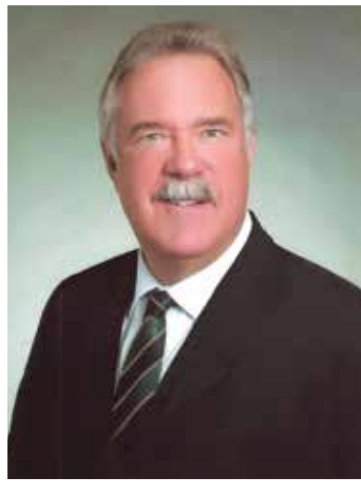
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# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



HENRY LESSNER



Town of Fairview

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*Hi Fairview!*

Welcome to summer! We have had a wet spring ... but for the next 3-4 months, rain is a rare occurrence. So this month, I wanted to address our water system.

Fairview receives all of its water from the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), which is a state-sponsored nonprofit corporation charged with providing water, sewer, and landfill services for 10 north Texas counties. Related to their water services, NTMWD builds and maintains reservoir, water treatment plants, pump stations, and an extensive water distribution network. NTMWD plans for growth at least for 20 years in the future.

NTMWD delivers treated water to two sites in Fairview. Fairview then stores and distributes that water to our residents. The Fairview water distribution system was expanded and upgraded in 2020 with the addition of the Country Club road storage and pump station. We now have the capacity built into the system where we will not need capacity additions for a long time.

Water (and sewer) rates for Fairview residents are set every year as the Council works to set the next year's budget and tax rate. Rates are set based on the following criteria:

- What NTMWD charges the Town of Fairview for water. Years ago, the Town would subsidize water rates with property tax revenues. The Council has decided that each city service should be self-supporting ... so price increases from NTMWD are usually passed through to our residents. In the past decade, the price charged by NTMWD has nearly doubled.
- Cost of operating the Fairview distribution network.
- Making payments on existing debt.
- Maintaining reserve requirements.

With all that being said, I hope you all stay well hydrated while also focusing on conservation. Saving water keeps your costs down and protects water reserves.

Have a safe summer, and remember that kiddos head back to school in August. Watch for school zones, buses, pedestrians and kids on bikes!

*Henry Lessner*

Henry Lessner  
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# Operational Procedures for Aug. 6 Council Meeting

**The Town anticipates significant interest in the Aug. 6, 2024, Town Council meeting and has scheduled the meeting to be held at 351 Southwind Lane, known as Accacia's Event Venue.**

The building has a seating capacity of 494 for the meeting. Other than Town staff, no more than 494 people will be permitted into the building for the meeting at any one time.

## Reserved Seating System

The Town is ensuring equal access and is streamlining entry to the meeting by establishing a seating reservation system for a portion of the available seating. This seating will be located in the main ballroom where the Council will be seated. The reservation system will become available to the public at 10 a.m. (Central Daylight Time) on July 29. A link to the seating reservation site will be available on [FairviewTexas.org](http://FairviewTexas.org) beginning July 29.

Residents and nonresidents may reserve one seat at a time, and reserved seating will be allocated equally and limited to approximately 140 residents and 140 nonresidents. When all reserved seats are claimed for the individual groups, the reservation system will display a "sold out" message for that group.

Staff cannot guarantee that families or affiliated groups will be able to sit together. Reserved seating guarantees a seat in the main ballroom but not a specific seat or location in the ballroom.

In order to reserve a seat, you must provide your name and a valid address for your residence, and you must certify that you are either a resident or nonresident. Reservations made with an address that doesn't match the corresponding category are subject to cancellation.

Tickets for reserved seats will be scanned upon entry into the facility, which will open to the public beginning at 6 p.m. Aug. 6. **Reserved seat holders must be seated by 7:15 p.m., or their seats will be released for non-reserved seating.** Anyone who does not bring a printed or an electronic copy of their reserved seating confirmation will not be allowed into the reserved seating area and will need to move to the line of people waiting for non-reserved seating.

## Non-Reserved Seating

In addition to the reserved seating outlined above, approximately 214 seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis in auxiliary rooms in the building. These rooms will have audio and video access to the meeting. Those seats will be filled by those waiting in line on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## General Procedures

Admission to the facility will only be permitted as long as available seating remains, and seating is not guaranteed to anyone. Persons with disabilities may request accommodations such as wheelchair access if a request is made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to the Town Secretary.

No standing room or floor seating will be available inside the facility, and no outside chairs or other supplies, including canopies, umbrellas or ice chests, may be brought into the building.

Anyone wishing to address the Council during the meeting must be present inside the building and must follow posted procedures.

As people in any of the rooms exit the building, those seats will become available on a first-come, first-served basis to people waiting outside the building.

For safety, sections of some roads or some parking may be closed to traffic on Aug. 6. Please refer to [FairviewTexas.org](http://FairviewTexas.org) prior to arrival for information about road closures and detours. Please plan ahead for traffic delays. Seating reservations will not be held after 7:15 p.m. Aug. 6.

Live streaming of the meeting will be permitted outside of the facility, and access to the live stream has been increased for this meeting. Wireless Internet access will not be available at the site.

Please observe all signs and directions from staff, and do not block any designated parking spaces or traffic. No overnight camping will be permitted. Restrooms inside Accacia's Event Venue will not be available to anyone outside the building.

Some details of these procedures may be amended prior to the start of the meeting. Please check [FairviewTexas.org](http://FairviewTexas.org) for updates. The Town cannot guarantee that all technology will perform as planned, as unforeseen conditions may impact that performance.

For questions, or if you encounter problems with the reservation site, please email [Seating@fairviewtexas.org](mailto:Seating@fairviewtexas.org). The Town anticipates a high volume of inquiries, and assistance will not be available by phone. Email responses will be provided promptly and in the order in which emails are received.



# Council's Corner



## At the Tuesday, July 2, 2024, Regular Town Council meeting:

The Fairview Police Department received recognition from Allen Police Chief Steve Dye for assistance Fairview officers provided in response to the shooting at the Allen Outlet Mall on May 6, 2023.

Allen Police presented Fairview officers who attended the meeting with a challenge coin from the department and expressed sincere appreciation for the support Fairview Police provided to Allen.

The Council also:

- Approved the following items on the consent agenda:
  - a. Minutes of the June 4, 2024, regular Council meeting
  - b. Minutes of the June 24, 2024, special work session
  - c. A legal services engagement letter for zoning and land use matters
  - d. A resolution establishing policies for public meetings



- Received staff reports:
  - a. Monthly Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2024
  - b. Monthly Police Report for the period ending June 30, 2024
  - c. Monthly Fire Report for the period ending June 30, 2024
  - d. Monthly Code Report for the period ending June 30, 2024
  - e. Town construction projects
- Held a public hearing and tabled consideration of an ordinance that would grant Atmos Energy Corp. a franchise to construct, maintain and operate pipelines and equipment within the Town
- Approved a final plat of the Orr Road Estates Addition at the southwest corner of Stacy Road and Orr Road (FM 317)

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## Fire Department Anniversary Celebration Brought Community Together

**More than 100 people joined Fairview Town Council members and staff in late June to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Fairview Fire Rescue.**

During the event, the crowd watched as a monument dedicated to those who helped establish and build the Town's fire department was unveiled and Fire Station 1 was dedicated

to Dick Price, who served as the Town's fire chief for more than a decade. As you drive by the station on State Highway 5, look for the name "Richard K. Price" above the center bay of the station.

Staff and the Council offer their sincere appreciation to all who helped make the event possible and contributed to the success of Fairview's Fire Department, including longtime volunteer firefighter Steve Frank, who shared his insights on the growth of Fairview Fire Rescue from an all-volunteer crew to today's fully staffed department.

Special thanks go to

all who attended to support fire staff and to Chick-fil-A at U.S. 75 and U.S. 380 in McKinney for donating breakfast for the event, and Fairview Fire Engineer Nathan Janiga and his wife, who donated and served popcorn to the crowd.

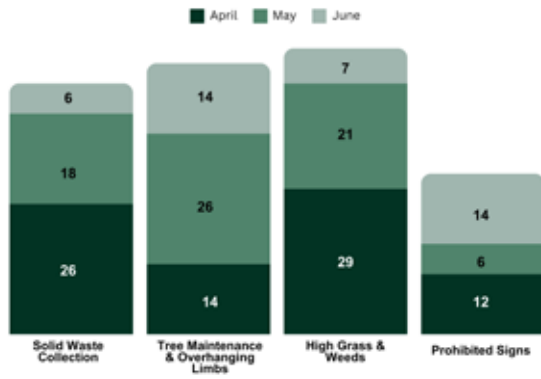


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## Code Compliance Cases



## Weather Changes Bring Fluctuating Code Compliance Concerns

Severe storms that passed through North Texas in late May caused significant debris from damaged trees. Fairview Code Compliance staff suspended enforcement for early placement of bulk items through July 1 and provided additional time for residents to resolve issues with mowing and tree trimming.

The adjacent chart shows the most common code compliance violations in April, May and June. Code Compliance Officer Richard Robertson did not issue citations during those months. Instead, he is working with residents to resolve matters.

## Save the Date

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# Young Entrepreneurs Shine at Market Coming to Fairview

The Children's Entrepreneur Market, a trailblazing nonprofit initiative committed to empowering children through entrepreneurial experiences, was launched in 2017 in Utah. After successfully operating for six years in multiple states, including Texas, the market is coming to Fairview Town Center Nov. 16!

Participating children develop valuable life skills in this family-centered project as they practice the fundamentals of running a small business, all while having fun!

"We believe the Children's Entrepreneur Market can positively influence a lot of young lives," said Lynée Fife, director of the program. "The principles of innovation, leadership and hard work are lessons that will stay with them throughout their lives."

Children are offered additional support, including a video course on how to set up their business, scholarships for growth and a blog series to share lessons and experiences from kids, for kids.

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## Construction Project Updates

Construction of Fairview Crossing (replacement of Frisco Road) is nearing completion, including connections and tie-ins to Spur 399. Connections to Medical Center Drive and FM 1378 are under construction, and a left turn lane from northbound State Highway 5 to Fairview Crossing will be added soon. An opening date for the road will be announced after final road improvements to SH 5 and the new traffic signals are operational.

In July, crews for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) were nearing completion of the Ridgeview Overpass. The old frontage lanes were being replaced with newly aligned lanes from the overpass to the Allen Outlet Mall, as well as improvements to the center driving lanes on U.S. 75.

TxDOT crews have installed protected left turn (green arrow) lights on FM 1378 (Country Club) at Stacy Road.

A contract for construction of the northern extension of Fairview Parkway is scheduled to be awarded in August.

## Application for Congressional Veteran Commendation



Applications are being accepted through Aug. 30 to receive a Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 3rd Congressional District of Texas.

The program recognizes U.S. military veterans who have demonstrated exceptional service to their communities. Nominations may be made by anyone for a qualified veteran who lives in the 3rd Congressional District.



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# Meet our July Actor of Fairview *Nate*

Nate is 16 and entering the 11th grade this year. His passion for musical theater was ignited during his time in a drama program in elementary school. The next pivotal moment came when he attended the *Jungle Book Kids* performance at NTPA-Fairview Youth Theater in the summer of 2018, sparking his desire to be on stage. Since then, he has been involved in a total of 23 shows with NTPA, with each experience shaping his love for performance.

Currently, Nate is immersed in rehearsals for the upcoming production of *Tuck Everlasting*, where he will take on the role of Hugo. He resonates with the character of Hugo, seeing similarities between them, particularly in the constant need to prove oneself. The emotional depth of the story captivates both Nate and the audience, prompting introspection on the concept of immortality.

Reflecting on his past roles, Nate fondly recalls his portrayal of Leaf Conebear in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* as his favorite. The character's carefree spirit and humor allowed Nate to infuse his own creativity into each performance, even in moments of silence.

Through his involvement with NTPA-Fairview Youth Theatre,



Nate has discovered a sense of belonging within the tight-knit community of actors, directors and volunteers. The shared respect and camaraderie among members have created a supportive environment that Nate considers to be a second family.

Come out to see Nate and the talented cast of *Tuck Everlasting* at NTPA-Fairview Youth Theatre from Aug. 16-24, 2024, as they bring this captivating story to life on stage.

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## A Drive to Succeed

**Lincoln Lewis, the young Fairview golfer who was featured in the October 2023 edition of Fairview Town News, has achieved more success on the greens.**

The 6-year-old recently won a series of local U.S. Kids Golf tournaments (based on his age group) and then captured the state title in June.

After shooting his personal best three times (four under par), Lincoln will represent Texas at the U.S. Kids Golf World Championship Aug. 1-3. Congratulations, Lincoln!



## National NIGHT OUT

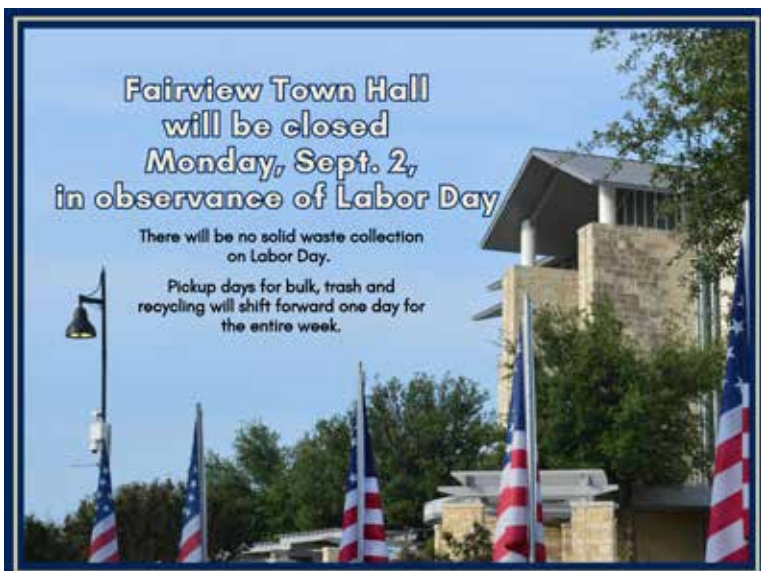
*Get Your Neighborhood Involved*

The Fairview Police Department is starting preparations for the annual National Night Out, which will be held Oct. 8 in neighborhoods throughout Fairview. The 2024 community-building program is expected to be bigger than ever. To participate in this year's National Night Out or if you have any questions, please contact Officer Kaylee Herrera at [kherrera@fairviewtexas.org](mailto:kherrera@fairviewtexas.org) or Officer Victoria Fritzler at [vfritzler@fairviewtexas.org](mailto:vfritzler@fairviewtexas.org).

## Reader Submitted Photos

Nature takes center stage again with beautiful photos submitted by our readers. Thank you Achyut Ansa, Carter Boone and Russell and Debbie Herbst for sending these fantastic images.

Send your photos for the September and October editions of Fairview Town News to [TownNews@FairviewTexas.org](mailto:TownNews@FairviewTexas.org). To be considered for the cover photo, images must be at least 300 dpi.



# Experience *Prehistoric Wonder* at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual “Dinosaurs Live!” Exhibit at Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary

The Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary is thrilled to announce the return of its most popular exhibit, “Dinosaurs Live!,” now in its 19th year. Opening on Aug. 31, 2024, and running through Feb. 17, 2025, this exhibit promises to captivate visitors of all ages with life-size animatronic dinosaurs and a prehistoric experience like no other.

## A Journey Back in Time

“Dinosaurs Live!” transports guests back to the age of the dinosaurs, featuring a thrilling display of life-sized, moving, and roaring dinosaur models. Highlights of this year’s exhibit include the towering Tyrannosaurus rex, the ceratopsian Chasmosaurus, and the formidable Suchomimus. These representations, complete with realistic movements and sounds, offer a fascinating glimpse into the prehistoric world.

## Interactive and Educational Fun

The exhibit not only showcases impressive dinosaur models but also includes interactive elements and educational opportunities. Visitors can explore a fossil dig site, engage with informative displays, and participate in hands-on activities designed to spark curiosity and wonder. Educational programs and guided tours led by knowledgeable staff are also available by reservation to enhance the learning experience for school groups,



families, dinosaur enthusiasts, and more.

## A Perfect Family Outing

“Dinosaurs Live!” is a perfect outing for families seeking adventure and education. The exhibit is set amidst the beautiful, natural surroundings of the Heard Wildlife Sanctuary, offering a unique blend of outdoor exploration and scientific discovery. The sanctuary’s scenic trails and wildlife habitats provide a serene backdrop for a day of fun and learning.

## Special Events and Activities

The Heard has a number of fun events planned around the 19th annual “Dinosaurs Live!”:

- **Jurassic Night Out:** On Sept. 7, 2024, the Heard will host an epic adults-only evening under the stars featuring a showing of the original 90s blockbuster Jurassic Park in their outdoor amphitheater.
- **Halloween at the Heard:** On Oct. 12, 2024, this premier family-friendly Halloween event will offer the joy of trick-or-treating along the eerie



“Dinosaurs Live!” exhibit trail.

- **Holidays at the Heard:** On Dec. 6 and 7, 2024, Holidays at the Heard brings the beauty of the holiday season into nature.

## Plan Your Visit

Tickets for “Dinosaurs Live!” are available now and can be purchased online at [www.heardmuseum.org/dinosaurs-live](http://www.heardmuseum.org/dinosaurs-live). Members of the Heard enjoy free admission to the exhibit. For more information on exhibit hours, ticket prices, and special events, please visit the Heard website or email [info@heardmuseum.org](mailto:info@heardmuseum.org).

## About Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary

Founded in 1967, the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary is dedicated to bringing nature and people together. Located in McKinney, Texas, the museum offers a variety of exhibits, educational programs, and outdoor activities aimed at fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of the natural world.



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## Kiddos Flocked to Independence Day Parade at Fairview Town Center

Mayor Henry Lessner served as the master of ceremonies for Fairview Town Center's annual July 4 celebration and bike parade.

About 200 youngsters joined the parade on their patriotically decorated bikes and scooters, and more than 500 adults participated in the event, which is shown on the cover of this edition. Thank you to Willie Howard of Willie and Kim Photography for providing the photo.

Felicity Cleveland, a featured Fairview Youth Theatre featured actor, performed the National Anthem for the festivities.

## Bird of the Month



**Belted Kingfisher**

*By Paul Marto Jr.*

The belted kingfisher is one of the larger species of these water birds. They have gorgeous blue-grey coloring on their heads and wings, and they have a white breast area. The female of the species will also showcase a chestnut-colored belly band.

They can sometimes be spotted perched alone along riverbanks, streams and lakes.

More often though, you won't see them. Their loud warning chatter is what you will hear as they fly away, once they detect your presence, and you'll be left thinking, "Darn! I just missed spotting that elusive belted kingfisher again."

They live mostly on a diet of fish, crawdads, various insects, reptiles, and occasionally wild berries they may encounter while out foraging. Heard Wildlife Sanctuary is one of the best areas here in the Fairview/McKinney area to try your luck at spotting one. Happy birding!

*Reach out to Paul Marto with questions or comments:  
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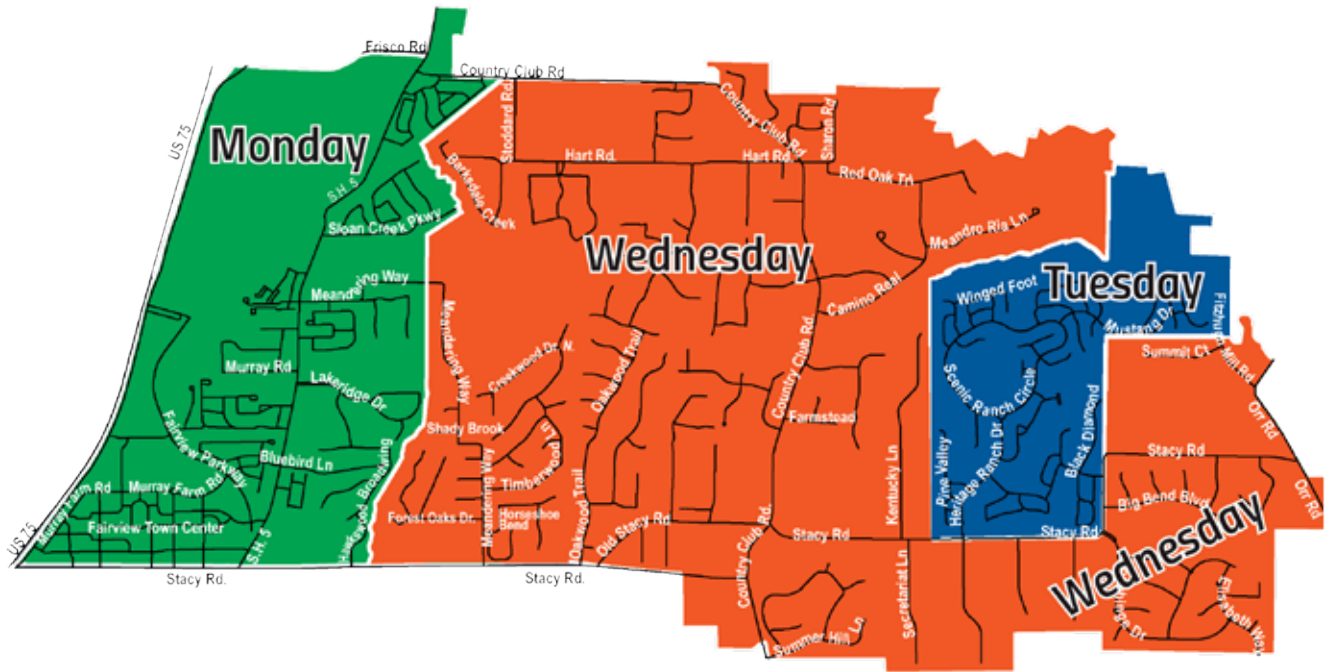
# The ABCs of Weekly Trash and Recycling Collection

Remember these tips to ensure efficient trash and recycling pickup:

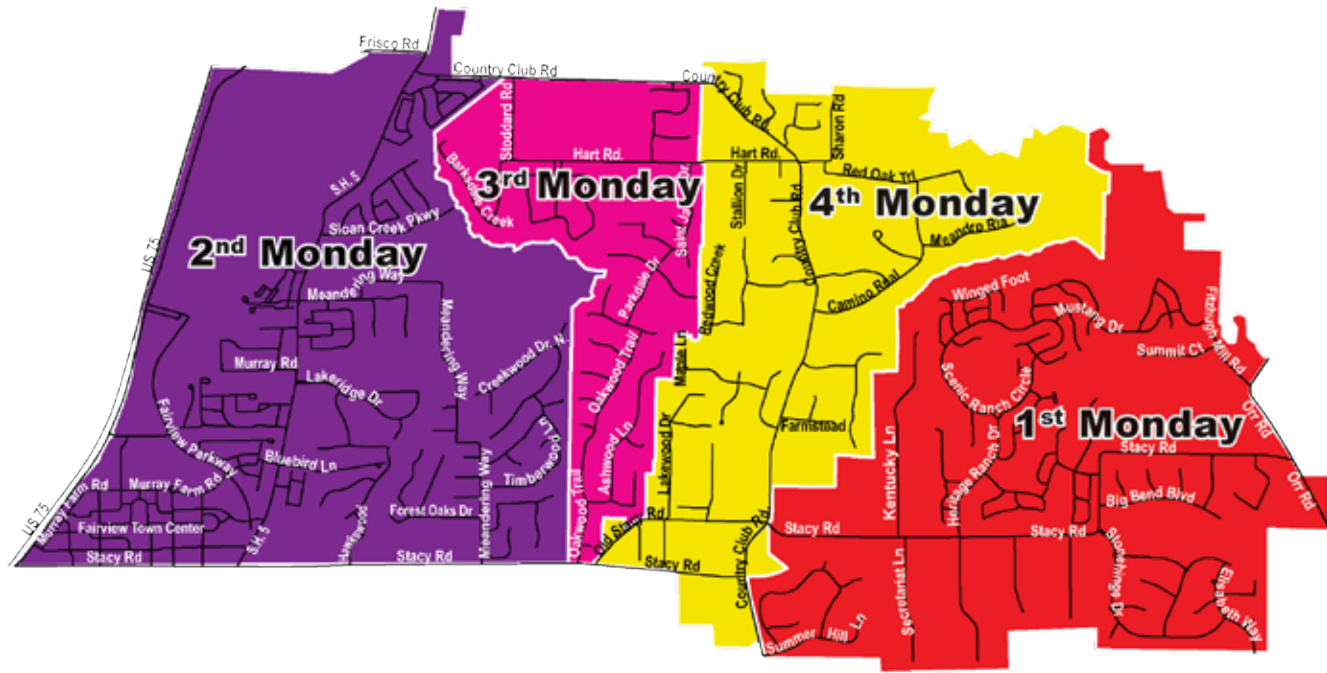
- a. **Arrange** carts carefully with handles facing your home, lids open toward the street, and 2 feet of space between carts and other objects.
- b. **Be** punctual by placing carts at the edge of the street no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before collection and no later than 7 a.m. on collection day.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

## MARCH

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

## APRIL

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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				

## MAY

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

## JUNE

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

## JULY

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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			

## AUGUST

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

## SEPTEMBER

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

## OCTOBER

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

## NOVEMBER

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

## DECEMBER

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

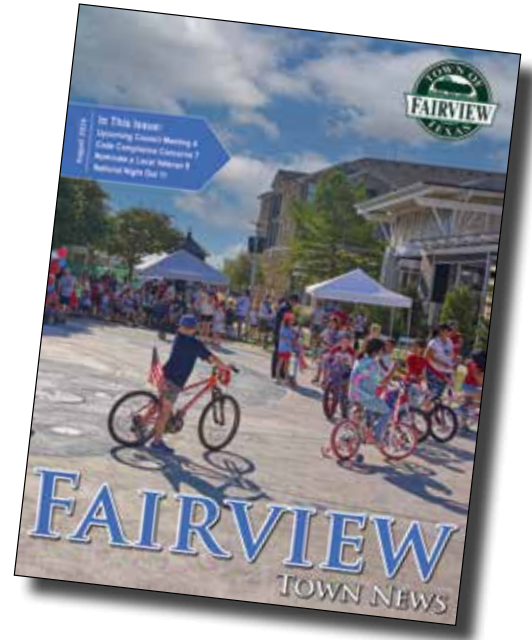
- Never clamp or lock lids on trash or recycling carts.
- Place carts with handles facing the house and lids opening toward the street or alley.
- Carts must be placed 2 to 3 feet apart and away from objects that may obstruct the pickup arm.

To report a damaged cart or request collection for a missed pickup, contact Republic Services at 972-422-2341 or [RepublicServices.com/Customer-Support](https://www.RepublicServices.com/Customer-Support).

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