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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hi Fairview!

hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving.

We are so fortunate to be able to live in a town like Fairview in this booming region of DFW. As best that we can, we try to keep it quiet, a bit slower, greener and darker at night than our neighboring towns and cities. When I was first elected Mayor, I wrote that one of my main jobs was to try to protect Fairview from unwanted outside forces. We have done a good job on getting AT&T fiber across the Town (Summer Hill Farms: It is coming). TxDOT has done an exceptional job in redoing Country Club for us. We have a robust water system. We have outstanding first responders and facilities to support them, and our Town taxes have stayed low. I am looking forward to the opening of Fairview Crossing, Ridgeview and Fairview Parkway. In our commercial district, we will soon see activity on Sloan Corners (the Billingsly property), and Fairview Town Center seems to have new life thanks to Lincoln Properties' new staff. Bottom line: Things are pretty good in our Town.

There are two big challenges that still require our attention and energy: How we deal with the large LDS temple and the expansion of the McKinney airport.

The temple. As you know, the Town recently entered into a non-binding settlement with the LDS church. The church made a big concession when they reduced the size of the building – from a 45,000-square-foot building that was 65 feet high with a 109 foot spire on top that took the structure up to 174 feet from the ground – to a 30,000-square-foot building that is mostly 35 feet high with a center core that goes up to 45 feet and a tower that goes up to a maximum of 120 feet from the ground. Part of the process was to take this revised building design to our residents and get their comments. We had a feedback session at our Dec. 3 Council meeting, and I visited Heritage Ranch on Dec. 6. At this point, our residents are very concerned with two things: the tower that goes up to 120 feet (our old water tower at Stacy and Greenville is 105 feet tall, for perspective) and the precedent that approving such a large structure would have on other potential religious buildings that could go into our residential zone (i.e., We have already allowed a 68 foot steeple. This is a 120 foot tower. What if a group comes in and wants to build a 200 foot tower?) At this point, the LDS folks will be working up the documentation to refile for P&Z review in February. Through our attorneys, we have told them that there is a good chance that the new design with the 120 foot tower will not be accepted. If this happens, it moves us closer to being sued by the LDS church and the potential dire financial consequences of that action for the Town, should the Town lose in court. In my meetings with over 100 residents this week, the sense I get is that the overwhelming number of residents want this to get to court. The constant question I get is, if our residents and businesses have to follow our zoning laws, why does a religious building get a pass? I know the answer: It is the federal law, RLUIPA. But it doesn't seem right.

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Henry Lessner

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McKinney Airport Expansion. This was an issue when I moved to Fairview in 1990 and still is. Noise is the problem: The McKinney airport runway is oriented north/south and is located on the far eastern part of their town – away from almost all of their residents. But every single plane that takes off or lands at that airport flies over Fairview. The Heritage Ranch clubhouse is less than a mile from the southern end of the runway. We have residents that live about a half mile from the end of the runway. The current group of McKinney elected officials are hellbent on bringing commercial passenger service to this airport. Their residents have twice rejected bond issues (most recently two years ago) that would fund the construction of a passenger

terminal. The elected McKinney officials say that the bond rejection simply told them not to use bond money for this expansion. But as one who was very much involved in working with McKinney residents to defeat that bond issue, their residents don't want the passenger terminal expansion. Recently, McKinney has been successful in getting FAA grant money and has over \$100 million in EDC/CDC funds that they will use for a passenger terminal. As I have said many times, I think the passenger terminal will be a money pit for McKinney. There is a much better location for a third DFW-area passenger service terminal: the North Texas Regional Airport in Grayson County. I will be meeting with the FAA before the end of December and will write our elected

officials at the national level to remind them about this better option.

Finally, I will end with happy news. I hope you got to attend the Town's annual Christmas tree lighting. For the first time, the Fairview Town Center participated, and it was awesome. I am guessing that there were over 1,000 folks there – and lots of kids. In January there will be no "Breakfast with the Mayor." We will pick this up again in February.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Remember those who are not as fortunate. Be generous!

Henry Lessner

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Town Council Meeting

At the Tuesday, December 2, 2024, Regular Town Council meeting and workshop:

Fairview Police Sergeant Ricardo Hernandez took the oath of office.

The Council:

- Approved the following items on the consent agenda:
 - a. Minutes of the Oct. 31, 2024, special meeting of the Town Council
 - b. Minutes of the Nov. 5, 2024, regular meeting of the Town Council
 - c. An amended plat creating Lots 15 and 16 of the Ascot Heath Addition.
- Held a public hearing and approved a conditional use permit for an accessory structure at 203 Dumont Court



- Held a public hearing and approved major warrants to accommodate revisions to existing billboards along U.S. 75

- Approved a final plat of the Bentley Addition, a 1.12-acre site at 350 State Highway 5
- Approved a change order for the Fairview Parkway construction project
- Allocated votes for the Collin County Appraisal District Board of Directors election
- Approved allocating remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds toward replacing two Public Works fleet vehicles
- Appointed John Stanley to the Technology Advisory Committee
- Held a workshop to review, discuss and hear comments regarding the non-binding settlement agreement with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



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May General Election Information

The next Town of Fairview General Election will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, to elect members for Mayor and Town Council Seats 1, 3 and 5.



Important Dates

Monday, January 6, 2025: First day for application packet pickup. Candidate packets will be available for pickup at Town Hall, or you may email the Town Secretary at townsecretary@fairviewtexas.org to receive a candidate packet electronically. Completed original applications must be filed with the Town Secretary, and electronic packets will not be accepted.

Wednesday, January 15, 2025: The first day to file an application for a place on the ballot.

5 p.m. Friday, February 14, 2025: Last day for a candidate to file an application for a place on the ballot for May 3, 2025 General Election.

Thursday, April 3, 2025: Last day to register to vote in the May 3, 2025 Election.

Monday, April 21, 2025: First day of Early Voting by personal appearance.

Tuesday, April 29, 2025: Last day of Early Voting by personal appearance.

Saturday, May 3, 2025: Election Day. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Construction Starting on Northern Extension of Fairview Parkway

A contract to build the northern extension of Fairview Parkway between Ridgeview Drive and Fairview Crossing was awarded to Indus Road and Bridge at the November Fairview Town Council meeting.

The bid was lower than anticipated, which will allow two additional lanes of pavement to be built between Fairview Crossing and Ridgeview Drive plus an additional 1,000 feet of pavement south of Ridgeview. Work on the intersection with Ridgeview is expected to be completed first, allowing traffic to travel between Fairview Parkway and the newly completed Ridgeview overpass.

A grant from Collin County for \$7,890,000 will cover the vast majority of construction costs, and Billingsley Company will pay \$2,745,324. The Town's portion of costs, \$1,719,104, will come from remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Construction is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2025.



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Time to Update Your HOA Contacts

If your homeowner association elected new officers recently, now is the time to submit new contact information to the Town of Fairview. Please complete and submit the new online HOA Board Contact Form for each new board member using the adjacent QR code.

We appreciate your partnership and look forward to sharing valuable and timely information with you.



MOVING?

We're sorry to see you go!

Before you pack your last box, don't forget to contact the Fairview Utility Billing office to stop water service to your home.

Call 972-886-4242 or scan the QR code to fill out a Stop Water and Sewer Service Form online. It's quick, easy and protects you from unexpected charges.



New Software to Deliver Agenda Notifications

The Town of Fairview is transitioning to new software for notification and distribution of public meeting agendas. The CivicPlus system will go into effect Jan. 1, 2025, and agendas, minutes and meeting recordings will all be available through CivicPlus.

Information and instructions on how to sign up for the new agenda notification system can be found under the "Agenda and Minutes" tab on FairviewTexas.org. Sign up today to continue receiving agenda notifications.

If you have further questions or require additional assistance, contact the Town Secretary at TownSecretary@FairviewTexas.org or 972-886-4234.

Stoddard Road Traffic Signal

The Texas Department of Transportation has installed a traffic signal at Country Club Road (FM 1378) and Stoddard Road. The signal light will be controlled by a sensor, and timing of the light may be adjusted based on school schedules. Puster Elementary School is located on Stoddard Road, near the traffic signal.

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Winter Weather Preparedness

Forecasters believe we're in store for a relatively mild winter, but that doesn't mean a cold snap can't happen.

Preparing for the worst can make it easier and safer to endure extreme winter weather if it does hit North Texas.

At the beginning of the cold season, ensure you have working flashlights and fresh batteries on hand. Stock up on bottled water and unperishable foods, like dried fruits, granola, nuts and nutrition bars. If you're relying on supplies set aside from previous seasons, check the expiration dates on all food and drinks. Don't forget that canned and bottled water expires too.

Keep various tools, trash bags and a manual can opener at the ready. If you have power banks for your electronics, confirm they're fully charged and operational.

Visit the pharmacy and ensure you have extra prescription medication and other necessities for every member of the family, including pets.

Use waterproof containers to store items that could be ruined or become useless if a pipe bursts inside your home. This includes blankets, matches and emergency candles. Keep insurance policies and identification in a safe, dry place too. Remember to install and keep carbon monoxide detectors in good working order.

If you have a fireplace, have your chimney swept by a professional to prevent a chimney fire.

Finally, take these steps to avoid frozen pipes:

Before a freeze:

- Insulate outside faucets with a weather-proof covering. Special covers are available at home improvement stores.
- Disconnect garden hoses from outside faucets.
- Wrap exposed pipes inside and outside your home.
- Inspect fire sprinkler systems annually.
- If you will be traveling and your house will be unoccupied for several days, call the Fairview Utility Billing desk at 972-562-0522 and request for the Town to shut off water to your house. After the water is turned off, drain all outside water faucets.

During a freeze:

- Open cabinet doors under sinks that are adjacent to outside walls.
- If temperatures are expected to dip to 28 degrees or colder for at least 4 hours, drip both cold and hot water faucets slowly.
- If your washing machine is in an unheated room, or if you lose power, shut off water to the machine.

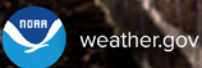
If you experience a water emergency at your home and you're unable to turn the shut-off valve, call Town Hall at 972-562-0522, and press 5. After hours, call 972-886-4229.

During normal business hours, you can reach the Utility Billing Desk for assistance at 972-886-4242.

» Important notes: If you plan to use a portable generator, follow all safety measures, including keeping the generator outdoors and away from all doors, windows and vents. Always ensure fireplaces and other heat sources are properly ventilated.

Are you ready for ICE STORMS?

- Trim weak or damaged branches around your home
- Don't leave vehicle wipers raised
- Have a week's worth of food and prescriptions
- Don't park your car under trees
- Keep devices charged



Senior and Disabled **Mobility Service** for Fairview Residents

Did you know?

Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) provides transit service for Fairview residents who are 65 and older or who have a qualifying disability through a program called Collin County Rides.

The DCTA Collin County Rides service features a dedicated fleet of standard and wheelchair-accessible minivans to transport residents where they need and want to go within Collin County on an appointment basis.

Qualified riders can use the RideDCTA mobile app (available in the Apple iOS App Store and through Android-Google Play) to make appointments.

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Additionally, users can make an appointment by calling the DCTA Customer Service Center at 940-243-0077.

Reservations can be made by phone from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Saturdays.

New customers must first set up an account. Going online is the easiest and most efficient way to apply for the program.

Applicants may also go to the website to download and complete a form to submit to DCTA Customer Service. Instructions are on the downloadable form.

Keep these service parameters in mind:

- Collin County Rides operates from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for major holidays. (Please note all trips must be started and ended within the service hours. The service does not operate on nights or weekends.)
- Riders can make reservations up to seven days prior to a trip, but trip appointments must be made at least the day before traveling. (Same day appointments are not available.)
- Trips are available to permanent residents of Fairview who are registered in the system.
- Trips must begin or end in Allen or Fairview and will be limited to locations within Collin County.
- Trips must be paid for using a credit or debit card via your online account. (No cash, checks or money orders will be accepted.)



Remembering Assistant Police Chief

Fairview is mourning the loss of our Assistant Police Chief **Michael Sullivan**, who died unexpectedly Nov. 10, from complications following a recent medical procedure.

Assistant Chief Sullivan joined the Fairview Police Department in April 2024 and had previously served as Assistant City Manager and as Police Chief for the City of Farmersville. He had also previously worked for the Desoto Police Department, the Dallas County Constable's Office and the Heath Police Department. Combined, he had more than 38 years of law-enforcement service.

During his brief service with Fairview Police, Assistant Chief Sullivan had made significant contributions, including helping the department receive accreditation for best practices through the Texas Police Chief's Association.

Services to celebrate Assistant Chief Sullivan's life were held Nov. 19.

Alan Tompkins & Friends

Are you ready for a night of rollicking, hand-clapping bluegrass tunes? Then let the soul of the Appalachians stir your spirit when Alan Tompkins & Friends perform old-time favorites as well as modern tunes at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at Allen Heritage Village's Allen Christian Church, 252 E. St. Mary Drive.

Banjo and bass player Alan Tompkins will be joined by a remarkable lineup of musical colleagues. The concert will feature a talented ensemble of guitar, fiddle, mandolin and vocal artists. With Alan's masterful banjo playing and deep groove on bass, the band will deliver heartfelt traditional acoustic melodies. The rich harmonies, skillful instrumentation and infectious spirit of live bluegrass music are sure to stir the audience.

A native of the farming and coal mining country of western Kentucky, Alan grew up steeped in the sounds of classic country, gospel and bluegrass music. Texas country artist Deryl Dodd inspired him to play live music again. With a passion for bluegrass, the music of his home state, Alan was motivated to learn banjo, upright bass and other instruments used in traditional bluegrass.

Alan had the privilege of sharing the stage with many other talented musicians and singers, including Grammy winner Rusty Goodman of the Happy Goodman Family.

A graduate of Glenville State College, Alan holds a bachelor's degree in bluegrass music. He also earned an associate degree in bluegrass and a certificate in audio recording from the Kentucky School of Bluegrass & Traditional Music.

» *Sponsored by the Allen Public Library, the concert is free. Call 214-509-4911 for more information.*



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Bird of the Month

By Paul Marto Jr.

Greetings fellow birders! Keeping with the theme of kinglets started last month, today I salute the super elusive golden-crowned kinglet. Like its close relative we discussed last month (ruby-crowned kinglet), this tiny songbird calls North Texas its home for just the winter months and it is even less frequently spotted than the ruby.



They have a black and gold helmet with black legs, and yellow feet. Their namesake "golden crown" is usually just a small stripe, however, it can be flared into an expressive fiery-orange crest when agitated.

They never sit still and can drive a photographer mad when attempting to get a clean photograph of this energetic avian gem. But don't let that stop you from heading out to spot this guy. If you do manage to see one, it will be well worth your efforts.

Happy Birding!

» *Reach out to Paul Marto with questions or comments: pjmartojr@gmail.com.*

Young Golfer Lincoln Lewis Honored by U.S. Rep. Keith Self



Lovejoy Superintendent Katie Kordel and Puster Elementary School Principal Holly Haynes joined Fairview Mayor Henry Lessner and friends and family of Puster first grader Lincoln Lewis at Fairview Town Hall Nov. 8 as U.S. Rep. Keith Self recognized Lincoln for his accomplishments in golf.

Meet our January Actor of Fairview - **Quinn!**

At NTPA, we believe in developing the “Character of Youth” by blending the magic of theatre with our core principles, referred to as the “Ten Characters”, which include traits such as: teamwork, leadership, responsibility, respect, self-confidence, integrity, discipline, gratitude, a positive attitude, and love for one another. These traits prepare young actors for both the stage and for life.

We are excited to recognize Quinn, 11 years old and in 6th grade, who exemplifies these traits and has been passionate about music and singing since she could walk. Her journey with NTPA began when she saw her friend perform in *Junie B. Jones*. Feeling inspired, Quinn took a leap of faith and auditioned for *Pinkalicious*, landing the lead role. She loved playing the spunky, fun character and sharing the stage with her friend. Quinn’s love for theatre blossomed, and NTPA became a place where she found lifelong friends, mentors, and a supportive community.

Quinn will be performing in her 9th show—*Annie Jr.*—where she will take on the iconic role of Annie, the orphan determined to find her parents. Directed by Samantha Reser, this production promises to be a heartfelt and memorable experience. Be sure to catch the show from January 24 - February 1.



» For tickets, visit <https://ntpa.org/event/annie-jr/>

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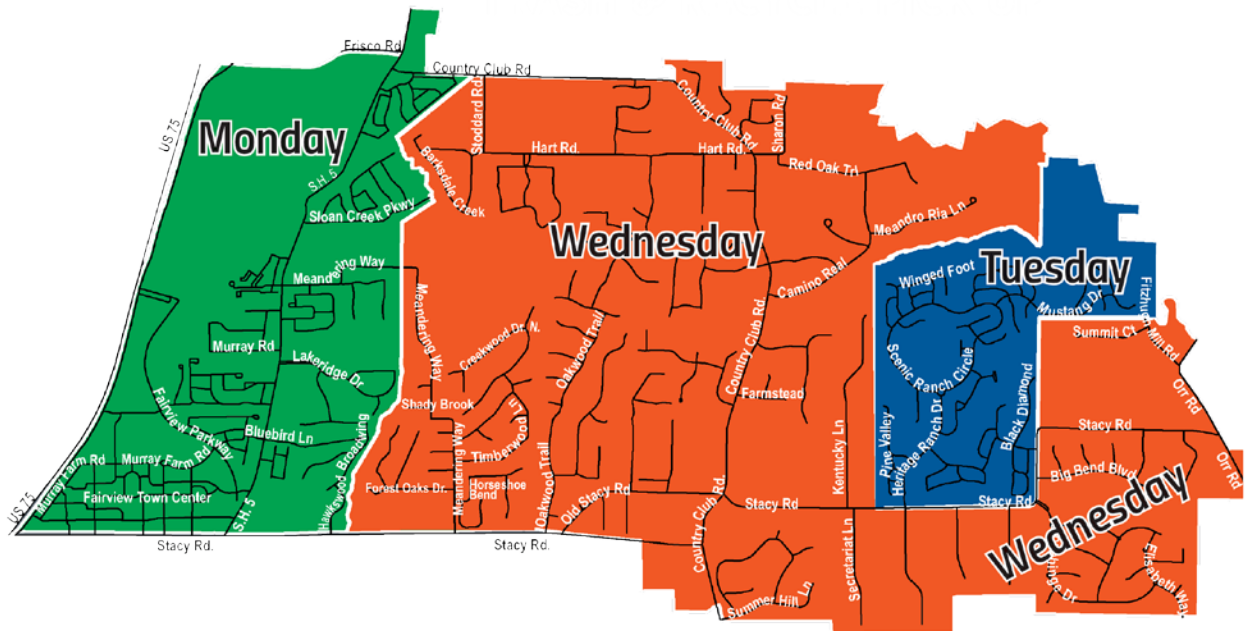
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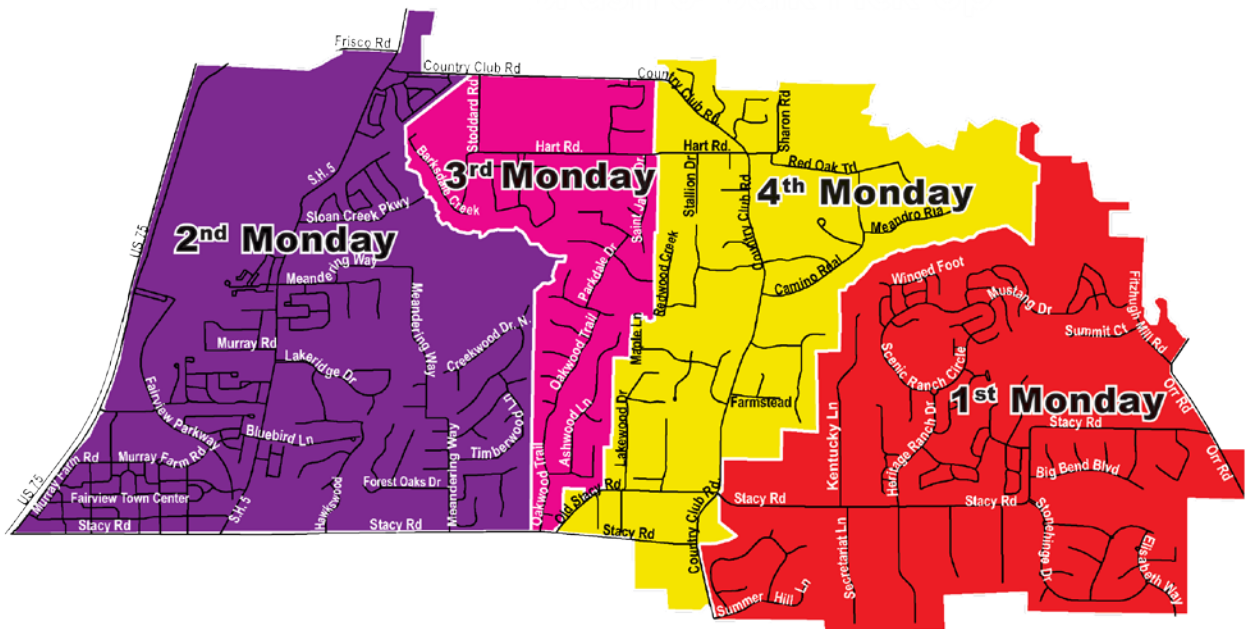
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- 2. Be** punctual by placing carts at the edge of the street no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before collection and no later than 7 a.m. on collection day. Roll carts back to your house by 6 a.m. the day after pickup.
- 3. Close** lids without clamping or locking. If your trash cart is full, purchase a pink tag for \$2.22 from the Town. Only bags with Town-issued tags will be collected outside carts (except during bulk pickup week).

Did You Know? Empty cardboard boxes don't have to go to the landfill. If they're clean and dry, they can be cut down and folded flat to fit inside your recycling cart.

Trash & Recycling Collection Map



Brush & Bulk Collection Map



2025 Collection Calendar

■ Holiday

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

MAY

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

JUNE

	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
	29	30					

JULY

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

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

	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				

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

	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			

Avoid Missed Trash Collections

Republic Services has added more drivers, which allows collection of trash and recycling to occur more efficiently. Because of the change, collection trucks may reach your street earlier than in the past.

Please ensure all trash and recycling carts are at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on scheduled collection days to avoid a missed collection.

Other things to keep in mind:

- All trash going to the landfill should be contained inside securely tied plastic bags, and all bags should fit inside your solid blue cart with the lid closed.
- Pink tags may be purchased from the Town for \$2.22 each and placed on excess bags that don't fit inside your trash cart. Other than during bulk collection weeks, bags sitting outside of carts without a Town-issued tag won't be collected.
- Recyclables should be placed loose, without bagging, into recycling carts, which are either solid green or dark blue with a lighter blue lid.
- Clean and dry empty cardboard boxes may be cut down and folded flat to fit inside recycling bins.
- Never clamp or lock lids on trash or recycling carts.
- Place carts with handles facing the house and lids opening toward the street or alley.
- Carts must be placed 2 to 3 feet apart and away from objects that may obstruct the pickup arm.

To report a damaged cart or request collection for a missed pickup, contact Republic Services at 972-422-2341 or RepublicServices.com/Customer-Support.

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