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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Town Council Adopts FY 2025–26 Property Tax Rate and Budget

his month, I thought I would share key actions your Town Council has taken to keep Fairview fiscally strong and community focused. You will find highlights on the newly adopted property tax rate and budget, an update on the Fairview Texas Temple plat approval, the launch of a Special Taskforce to study McKinney National Airport impacts, and new opportunities to meet with the Mayor over breakfast and brunch. Our goal is simple: maintain excellent services, protect quality of life, and keep you informed and involved.

Property Tax Rate

At its August 25 meeting, the Fairview Town Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2025–26 budget and set the property tax rate at \$0.316658 per \$100 of assessed valuation—with \$0.239175 for Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and \$0.077483 for Interest & Sinking (debt service). This tax rate will raise more taxes for M&O than last year. The effective M&O increase is 6.83%, which equals annually about \$143.65 on the average home value in Fairview of \$939,200.

Budget highlights

The 2025-26 budget reflects the Town's continued commitment to fiscal responsibility, transparency, and long-term planning, while investing in essential services that keep Fairview a great place to live.

Despite inflationary pressures and increased costs across the region, the Town strives to maintain the same high level of service residents expect—while keeping property tax rates as low as possible. Public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and quality-of-life initiatives remain top priorities in the budget.

The adopted budget includes strategic investments in roads, parks, and emergency services, along with continued support for community events and long-term capital planning. Fairview remains on sound financial footing thanks to conservative forecasting, strong reserve policies, and a focus on efficient operations.

Congratulations to Town Manager Julie Couch and the Town Council for their thoughtful and diligent work to maintain this level of service and stability for our community. Their efforts reflect a deep commitment to balancing the needs of a growing town while preserving the character and charm that make Fairview unique.

Fairview Texas Temple Plat Approval

On September 2, after a lengthy public process, the Fairview Town Council approved the final plat for the Fairview Texas Temple. This decision follows nearly two years of debate and public input and, absent action by the 5th District Court to halt construction, clears the way for the LDS Church to submit its building permit and move forward with construction.

When the Conditional Use Permit was approved, the Council inadvertently left out the removal of two parking lot lights on the north side of the property. These lights shine directly into the homes of families living on Forrest Oaks. The Town reached out and

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asked the LDS Church if they would, out of kindness and consideration for the people living next door, their neighbors, take the poles down. The answer was no.

With the approved CUP, the Church is fully within its legal rights to keep the parking lot lights, just as it is within its rights to build a 120-foot steeple. But having the legal right doesn't make it the right thing to do. Good neighbors don't ask, "What can I get away with?" They ask, "How can I live in harmony with the people around me?"

That is what makes this process so disappointing to me. Rather than being remembered as a place of peace and community, the Fairview temple, called the "House of the Lord" by members of the LDS Church, now risks of being remembered as a place where rights are valued more than relationships, and where being a good neighbor was pushed aside.

New Special Taskforce on McKinney National Airport Impacts Approved

The Town Council has approved a Special Taskforce on the Impact of McKinney National Airport (TKI) to study how current and future airport activity may affect Fairview. Longtime community leader and former mayor, Henry Lessner will chair the taskforce and is assembling members now.

Focus Areas (Three Goals)

- Quality of Life Evaluate how aircraft noise, traffic, lighting, and related activity may affect Fairview's rural character and daily life.
- Health & Environmental Effects –
 Assess noise exposure, air quality, vibration, and other factors that could influence public health—especially around schools, parks, and senior neighborhoods.
- Property Values Analyze residential and commercial market trends to understand potential impacts on home equity, tax base, and business vitality.

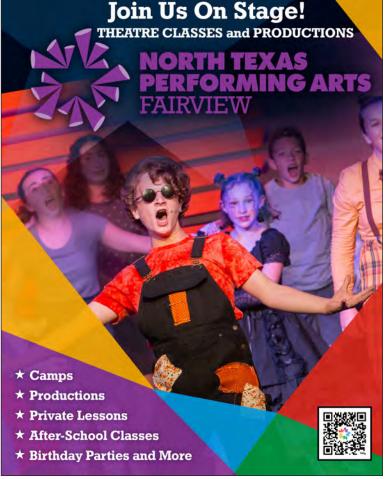
A 120-day work plan will culminate in a final report to Council with recommended actions, including advocacy with partner agencies and practical mitigation strategies.

Breakfast & Brunch with the Mayor

Thank you for staying engaged and for the thoughtful feedback we hear every day. Please join the conversation at Breakfast with the Mayor (first Friday after each regular Council meeting, next on Friday, October 10, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the Heritage Ranch Clubhouse) or our new Brunch with the Mayor (Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Neon Cactus). Your ideas help shape Fairview's future.

John Hubbard
John Hubbard
Mayor@FairviewTexas.org







Town Council Meeting

The Town Council held a **budget work session and a special meeting and public hearing Aug. 18** to consider, discuss and take any necessary action on the FY 2025-26 proposed budget and tax rate. The Council set a date to adopt the FY 2025-26 budget and tax rate.

At a **special meeting Aug. 25**, the Council approved the FY 2025-26 budget and tax rate and amended the FY 2024-25 budget. At the **Tuesday**, **Sept. 2**, **2025**, **regular Town Council meeting**, the Council:

- Approved/authorized the following items on the consent agenda:
 - a. Minutes of the Aug. 5, 2025, regular meeting of the Town Council and minutes of the Aug. 18 and Aug. 25 special meetings of the Town Council
 - b. An interlocal agreement with Collin County for dispatch, jail and animal control services
 - c. A negotiated settlement with Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2025 rate review mechanism filing

- d. An ordinance approving rate increases for solid waste services and water and wastewater rates
- e. An amending contract for the Town magazine
- f. A resolution adopting the Town's written investment policy
- Received staff monthly police, fire, code enforcement and construction project reports from staff
- Approved the final plat of the Fairview Texas Temple for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Created a task force related to the McKinney airport expansion and appointed former Mayor Henry Lessner to lead the task force
- Authorized the sale of surplus fire department vehicles through a broker
- Approved adding Martin Luther King Jr. Day as an observed Town holiday beginning in 2026
- Moved the October regular Council meeting to Wednesday, Oct. 8, to avoid a conflict with National Night Out







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Dear Olivia

OLIVIA ROGERS, RN, BSN, CHPN, CHPO, MBA, is a leading voice in health care and senior services and the Vice President, Chief Nursing Officer of VNA Texas.



Dear Olivia,

As a family, we believe it is time for hospice services, but there are many hospices to choose from! How do we start to decide which hospice is right for us?

~Overwhelmed with Options

Dear Overwhelmed with Options,

Selecting the right hospice for your loved one is crucial, and you need to ensure that you choose a provider that aligns with your values and care goals. Ask the following important questions:

- How often do staff members visit? You must ensure that nurses, chaplains, social workers, home health aides, and doctors are available to provide comprehensive support during and after business hours.
- 2. Do you offer all four levels of care? It's essential that the hospice provides:
 - Routine Care: The most common type of care, delivered in the patient's home.

- Respite Care: Temporary relief for caregivers, allowing them time to recharge.
- Continuous Care: A nurse on-site aroundthe-clock for managing difficult symptoms.
- General Inpatient Care: Higher-level support for severe symptoms when home care is insufficient.
- 3. Does your doctor make house calls? Confirm that the hospice offers home visits from doctors when necessary.
- 4. How can I assess your quality of care? Use Medicare.gov/care-compare to check the quality scores for Medicare-certified hospices.

These questions are vital in ensuring you choose the best hospice for your loved one. Don't settle for anything less than the support and care your family deserves.

~Olivia



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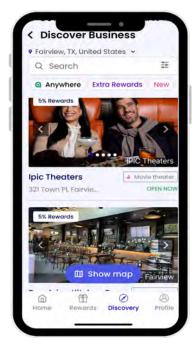
Get Rewarded for Shopping Local

The Fairview Economic Development Corporation

has launched its own economic stimulus package – a new program that rewards you for shopping, dining and purchasing services in Fairview.

In partnership with Open Rewards, anyone who spends at a Fairview retail business is eligible to receive up to 5 percent in cash rewards for every dollar spent.

To take part in the free program, download the Open Rewards app and create your account. Earn rewards automatically when you link your payment card in the app or submit a receipt through the app. After banking rewards,



redeem them when you make a qualifying transaction in Fairview. Full instructions for receiving cash back are available in the app and on the Open Rewards website.

Virtually all Fairview businesses are automatically enrolled in the rewards program, and business owners don't have to pay or enroll to participate. They simply enjoy the benefits of seeing their customers rewarded.



To see if a business you love is included in the program, click "Discovery" in the app. The percentage of rewards you'll earn is listed in the top left corner of the business profile. Please note, while some other area cities also participate in Open Rewards, only rewards earned in Fairview are eligible for redemption in Fairview.

Start getting rewarded when you shop local! Visit ShopFairviewTexas.com for full details.

New Tax Rate and Budget Approved

t a special meeting held Aug. 25, the Town Council adopted a higher property tax rate and the 2025-26 Fiscal Year Budget, which includes pass-through increases for water, sewer and solid waste services.

The tax rate increased from \$0.310281 per \$100 of assessed value to \$0.316658 per \$100 of assessed value, an increase of \$0.0064. Property tax revenue will increase from new property on the tax rolls by \$255,365 and by \$908,505 for existing property. Overall, the average homeowner will pay \$148.39 more in Town-levied property taxes compared to the 2024-25 rate.

The Town continues to provide one of the lowest tax rates of any full-service municipality, including full-time police and fire service, in Collin County.

The North Texas Municipal Water District has increased the rates it charges the Town for water and sewer service, and the Town will pass those increases along to residents. The increases of 9 percent for water and 15.51 percent for sewer will be reflected on bills received in November. On average, residents will see a monthly water rate increase of \$6.94 and a monthly sewer rate increase of \$24.45.

Some of the items funded through the 2025-26 Fiscal Year Budget include an additional maintenance worker in the public works department, an additional police officer and adjusted pay levels to maintain the ability to retain and recruit staff. Capital projects include planning for addition of police and fire equipment and expansion of police facilities.

Republic Services, which provides solid waste services for the Town, is increasing the rate it charges residents by 4.5 percent. Most residents will pay 94 cents more per month for collection of trash, recycling and brush/bulk. Residents who receive a senior discount will pay 86 cents more per month. The cost for special carryout service for residents who request the service but who do not qualify for disabled carryout service will increase by \$1.55 each month.

The cost for additional carts will increase to \$9.27 per month for standard and disabled carryout service and to \$11.61 per month for special carryout service.

» For full details of the new solid waste services rates, the adopted tax rate and the new budget, visit the Town website at FairviewTexas.org.



Smart Water Meters Coming to Town

s part of our commitment to serving you, the Town of Fairview is replacing water meters at all homes and businesses in Fairview. The project will be completed in stages. Work began in August in the Sloan Creek Estates subdivision. The Town-wide project is estimated to be complete by April 2026.

The new smart meters (Advanced Metering Infrastructure, also referred to as AMI) can provide alerts if there is a leak, and an associated web portal and app can also provide you with detailed information about your water use and send you customized alerts to help you manage your water consumption and accurately predict your next water bill.

Your account information remains secure and exclusively under your control - other users will not have access to your personal information, and data sent from the meter is encrypted from end to end.

All water meters in Town will be replaced. Customers may not choose to retain an older model of meter. You won't be billed for the replacement, and the app and all its features are free to use.

The Town will distribute door hangers and other forms of communication to let you know when the project is scheduled to start in your area.

Statement Town of Fairview ACCOUNT INFORMATION 372 Town Place Fairview, TX 75069 ACCOUNT: SERVICE ADDRESS: 06/13/2025 TO: 07/14/2025 BILLING DATE: 07/31/2025 **AUTO***SCH 5-BIGIT 75Gb9 1 P\$5 1000002Z00-A-11 1 CURRENT METER READING DATE: August 15, 2025 <u> Եվրգելին Սլ</u>ինքիին թիգեր Անդրվգ ՍԱիգր Մինի CURRENT WATER CHARGES JOE CITIZEN FAIRVIEW TX 75069-8000 Meter Previous Amount

Water service will be disrupted for approximately 30 minutes during meter replacement. Because your water will be turned off temporarily during the meter change process, you may experience a brief period of air or discolored water. In most cases, briefly running your cold water will clear up this situation.

Meters at homes will be replaced during the day, and crews will swap out meters at businesses either overnight or early in the morning, before business hours. Residents are not required to be home for the replacement to occur.

You will be notified when work is complete or if workers need to return to complete any remaining work.

My Water Advisor 2.0

My Water Advisor 2.0 is the web portal and free app that will provide you with real-time access to your water usage data and the ability to set customized alerts, view consumption trends and identify when a leak may be occurring in your home or on your property.

The app is available for both iOS and Android devices. Download the app from the iPhone App Store or Google Play by searching for "My Water Advisor 2.0."

The web portal is available at MyWaterAdvisor2.com.

To register your account on My Water Advisor 2.0, you will need to locate your water account number and the name associated with your account on your water bill from the Town of Fairview.

After navigating to the web portal or opening the app, select "Sign up with account number" on the login page.

Enter your account number and your full name as it appears on the bill. Then click "Continue."

Use My Water Advisor 2.0 to monitor unexpected or unauthorized usage while you're away from home. Get a better understanding of how much water you use for various activities, such as gardening, and compare your usage with similar households. You can even set budget alerts to end surprises that come with high water bills. Go into "Settings" in the app or web portal and set your personal consumption limit. Then choose your preferred notification method (email or SMS text messaging). Enter your cell number to receive SMS text alerts.

Using real-time data, you can check for leaks by turning off all taps and appliances that use water and monitoring the meter. Smart technology will also alert you if your meter registers continuous flow for 24 hours.



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October Activities at the Heard

As October rolls in, the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary is buzzing with excitement, offering a variety of engaging activities for all ages. From thrilling animatronic dinosaurs to much-anticipated Halloween events, there's something for everyone to enjoy this month. Tickets for all Heard programs are available at HeardMuseum.org.

The 20th Annual "Dinosaurs Live! Life-Size Animatronic Dinosaurs" exhibit, open through March 1, 2026, promises to transport visitors back in time. The exhibit features 14 life-size animatronic dinosaurs that move and roar along a newly paved half-mile nature trail, providing an immersive experience that is both educational and entertaining. Visitors will learn fascinating facts, and children can delight in playing on stationary baby dinosaurs.

Created by Dino Don, Inc., the world's leading supplier of robotic dinosaurs, this exhibit is crafted under expert scientific supervision. The founder, "Dino" Don Lessem, is a celebrated dinosaur authority, having served as an advisor for "Jurassic Park" and authored 40 books on dinosaurs. The exhibit is included in general admission and is free for Heard Museum Members.





Mark your calendars for Oct. 18, as the annual "Halloween at the Heard" event returns, offering a family-friendly experience that consistently sells out. This beloved event features a safe trick-ortreating experience on the Dinosaurs Live! trail, where children and families can enjoy spooky fun surrounded by the animatronic dinosaurs. The evening includes a variety of activities, including a family-friendly movie in the outdoor amphitheater.

New this year, "Fright at the Museum" is an adults-only Halloween event. With activities inspired by the family-friendly event but with a grown-up twist, attendees can expect a night of eerie excitement and entertainment. This event promises to be a unique way for adults to celebrate the spooky season in the enchanting surroundings of the Heard.

About Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary

Founded in 1967 by Bessie Heard, the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary is a private 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting people with nature. Its mission is to foster an appreciation of nature and promote conservation through educational programs, especially for young people. The museum continues to serve as a vital space for learning and preserving nature in the rapidly expanding Metroplex.

>> For more information about these events and to purchase tickets, visit HeardMuseum.org. Don't miss the opportunity to make lasting memories with your family and friends this October at the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary!





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Reader-Submitted **Photo**

An Opossum with a Payload

James Rhoten's quick thinking helped him capture a fun photo.

James writes: "You never know what you are going to run across when walking our beautiful trails along Sloan Creek. While walking it is not uncommon to meet a mother with her baby in a stroller but this morning I met a mother with her babies on her back. This is something that you don't see every day!

This is a different meaning of having a six pack." Thank you, James!



>> We could feature your photo taken in Fairview in a future edition. Send images to TownNews@FairviewTexas.org.







Meet our October Actor of Fairview - Dizzy

eet Dizzy — 9 years old, third grader and allaround theater enthusiast! When he was little, Dizzy remembers watching videos of singers and actors lighting up the stage and telling his mom, "I want to do that!"

Fast forward a few years, and Dizzy has already performed in his 12th musical with North Texas Performing Arts!

When he's not rehearsing his lines or performing on stage, you'll find Dizzy singing around the house, making cool animations or playing Minecraft.

Dizzy recently performed as Gavroche in "Les Miserables School Edition." He loved every minute - the rehearsals, performances and getting to work alongside the talented cast and crew. After that, he immediately stepped into the role of Pumbaa, the hilarious and lovable warthog in "The Lion King Jr." This was a dream role for Dizzy, and he was thrilled to bring the kindhearted character to life for audiences.

Dizzy loves everything about NTPA – the shows, the opportunity to learn and grow, and especially the friendships he's made along the way. He's not slowing down anytime soon and is excited for whatever role comes next.

>> Want to audition or catch an upcoming show? Visit NTPA.org to see what's on stage next!







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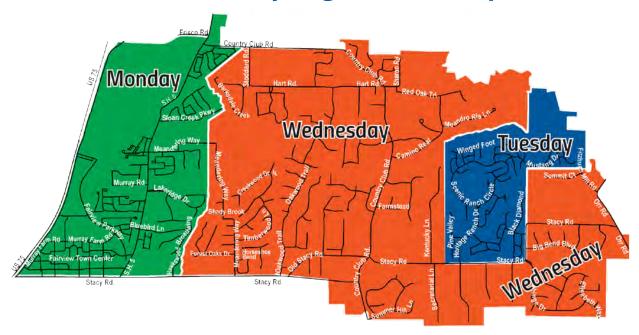
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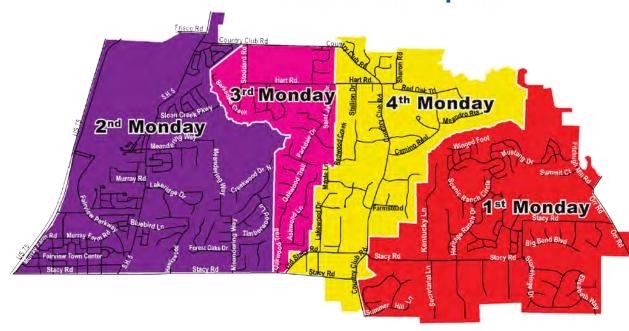
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Trash & Recycling Collection Map



Brush & Bulk Collection Map



2026 Collection Calendar

Holiday



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.

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