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ON THE COVER

Young Minds at Work



A young entrepreneur participated in the Children's Entrepreneur Market held Nov. 15 at Fairview Town Hall. Dozens of young vendors learned the basics of business ownership at the event.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Where Voices Blend: A Reflection on Service and Community

recently attended the celebration of life service for long-time Fairview residents Brian and Elaine Belcher, and I found myself reflecting on how they profoundly shaped my life and our community — each in their own distinct but deeply complementary ways.

I first met Brian nearly twenty-four years ago as a guest at a Vocal Majority rehearsal. He was one of the first people to welcome me, and before long, we became friends. That openness — simple, genuine, and unassuming were his defining traits.

About twelve years ago, my wife Marian and I were looking to relocate somewhere in the Dallas–Fort Worth Metroplex so we could be closer to her parents. While visiting the welcome center of a new subdivision in Fairview, the salesperson noticed I was wearing a Vocal Majority shirt and mentioned that Brian had recently moved into the neighborhood. I called Brian, and he generously shared everything he knew about the subdivision and the Town. He loved living in Fairview and he loved the Town. Before long, Marian and I moved there as well — and Brian and I became neighbors.

Elaine also was deeply invested in the life of the community. She was steadfast, caring, and approached community issues with both veracity and resolve. Elaine served on the Villas in the Park Homeowners Association Board, where she approached each concern raised by her neighbors with attentiveness, fairness, and a genuine desire to do what was right. She listened carefully, asked thoughtful questions, and worked diligently to ensure that people felt heard and respected. Her service was visible, engaged, and rooted in a strong sense of responsibility to those around her.

In contrast, Brian's service often happened quietly and behind the scenes. He was a life member of the McKinney Amateur Radio Club, where he served multiple terms as President and Vice President and was instrumental in securing repeater sites, including playing a key role in installing a radio tower at the Heard Museum.

When I ran for Fairview Town Council in 2020, Brian supported my campaign with both his time and resources. I remember one evening when he walked an entire subdivision with me, distributing flyers. He never sought recognition; he simply showed up.

For nearly ten years, Brian and I shared what I have come to think of as a small but faithful practice: carpooling. Every Thursday night, we rode together to Vocal Majority rehearsal. Just getting into the car, fastening seatbelts, setting out, and arriving again. Over time, those miles added up. More importantly, they gave us something increasingly rare —unstructured time together. Time to talk. Time to sing. Time to solve the world's problems. Our rides were never silent.

Brian and I came from very different backgrounds. He grew up in Colorado; I grew up in the inner city of Detroit. We held different political views, and we did not share the same faith. Yet none of those differences ever stood in the way of our friendship or our shared commitment to community. What mattered most was that we both cared deeply about making Fairview, and the lives of those around us, better.



John Hubbard

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Often, we became “half a quartet” on those drives, rehearsing our Vocal Majority songs together. Harmony, after all, isn’t about standing out, it is about listening your way into community. Not only must you know your own part, but it is just as important to listen closely to the voices around you. You adjust. You blend. You learn that the goal is not to be heard alone, but to help the whole song become more of what it was meant to be.

Brian understood this principle instinctively. His voice never dominated the room. He sang, and lived, with an awareness that he was part of something larger than himself. From him, I learned the value of listening, of restraint, and of being at peace with not having all the answers. I saw humility in Brian, lived out quietly and consistently.

In barbershop harmony, the magic is not in one voice, but in how four different parts lock together to create something greater than any one of them alone. Brian’s life was a steady, faithful note, always listening, always blending, always strengthening the chord. Elaine, too, strengthened that harmony through her steady presence, her willingness to engage, and her determination to care well for the community she loved.

That same understanding of harmony — knowing your part, listening to others, and strengthening the whole — came to

mind during our January Town Council meeting, when the Council passed what I consider to be a very important resolution concerning Town boards and commissions, encouraging broader civic participation while respecting the importance of continuity in local governance.

The resolution states, in part:

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the importance of boards, commissions, and committees in advising and assisting with the governance and operations of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Council seeks to outline a fair, transparent, and consistent process for the appointment of qualified individuals to serve on such boards, commissions, and committees; and

WHEREAS, the Council values both continuity and fresh perspectives, and therefore wishes to consider term limits while allowing flexibility when specialized expertise or institutional knowledge is needed ...

In many ways, that resolution reflects the very principles Brian and Elaine lived by — participation without ego, service without fanfare, and the belief that communities, like harmonies, are strongest when many voices are invited to listen, contribute, and blend together.

As we move forward as a Town, I invite our residents to consider how they might add their voice to the harmony of Fairview. Our boards, commissions, and committees are where thoughtful listening becomes meaningful action, where experience and fresh perspectives come together in service of something larger than any one individual. You do not have to have all the answers. You simply need to be willing to show up, listen well, and serve faithfully.

Service does not require that we be the same or agree on everything. It simply requires that we be like-minded in our desire to make Fairview better. When we lead with respect, listen with care, and work toward a shared purpose, our differences become strengths rather than obstacles.

Brian and Elaine Belcher understood that kind of civic harmony. One often worked quietly behind the scenes, the other more visibly and directly, but together, they strengthened the whole. Fairview is better because of lives like theirs, and it will be stronger still when more of our neighbors step forward.

If you have ever considered serving, now is the time. Your voice matters. And when we listen to one another and work together, the harmony of our Town rings richer for us all.

Dr. John Hubbard

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Town Council Meeting

At the Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, regular Town Council meeting, Mayor John Hubbard read a proclamation recognizing the Fairview Police Department for assistance it provided to federal law enforcement agencies in September 2025.

The Council also:

- Approved minutes of the Dec. 2, 2025, regular Town Council meeting
- Received staff reports for the period ending Nov. 30, 2025
- Held a public hearing and approved a conditional use permit for a sports court at 651 Louise Drive
- Approved a replat of 780 Country Club Road



- Tabled a discussion for an ordinance amending noise regulations within the Town
- Approved a resolution providing policies and procedures related to the selection and appointment of members to the Town's boards, commissions and committees, including establishing a Council Interview Committee to interview candidates, and setting term limits for members of various boards, commissions and committees

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Allen Public Library Reopens

The Allen Public Library reopened to the public on Dec. 8 following a major expansion project that began in 2024.

The library had closed to the public and moved to a temporary location during construction. The construction project included renovations throughout the library and 18,000 square feet of new space.

Fairview residents are eligible to obtain free library cards and check out books from both the Allen and McKinney public libraries with a current driver's license showing a Fairview address.

Visit the expanded Allen Public Library at 300 N. Allen Drive from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sundays.



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Election Update

The next Town of Fairview General Election will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, to elect members for Town Council Seats 2, 4 and 6.

Candidate packets are available 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 by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, to be placed on the ballot for the May 2, 2026, General Election. Electronic packets will not be accepted.



Other Important Dates:

Thursday, April 2, 2026: Last day to register to vote in the May 2, 2026, General Election.

Monday, April 20, 2026: First day of Early Voting by personal appearance.

Tuesday, April 28, 2026: Last day of Early Voting by personal appearance.

Saturday, May 2, 2026: Election Day. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

To check your voter registration status or register to vote, scan the adjacent QR code.



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The Town of Fairview values its partnerships with local Homeowner Associations. Two-way communication with HOAs helps us listen better to your concerns and helps us share Town-related information and news.

Some Fairview HOAs have not provided their contact information,

potentially leaving those neighborhoods out of the loop when events are happening.

We are asking every HOA in Fairview to send us updated contact information for board members.

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Occupational Therapist is Embracing her Passion





When Paula Phillips sees a patient, she sees more than an ailment.

"A person's health affects all areas of their life: relationships, career, personal responsibilities and hobbies," said Phillips, a licensed occupational therapist.

"My goal is to improve the quality of life of those whose lives are impacted by their medical condition by helping them to reengage in meaningful aspects of their life," she said. "I guide them through the process of adaptation and lifestyle modification."

Phillips opened her own virtual practice earlier this year, running it from her Fairview home. She meets with patients by videoconference to establish a care plan and walks them through exercises and methods for adapting to a new health challenge.

"I founded Calibrating Lyfe to — Number 1 — fill the gap in healthcare that does not address the impact of chronic and new medical conditions," Phillips said. "Number 2, to make occupational therapy more accessible and convenient for individuals that need therapy that focuses on real-life problem-solving for managing their health and not just exercise, and — Number 3 — to be proactive in preventing hospital-associated disability."

Hospital-associated disability is a condition that is often unrelated to the original medical concern that required hospitalization, she said, but it complicates recovery and brings new challenges not directly associated with the initial illness or injury.

Lying still for multiple days, especially for older adults, she said, can cause joints to lock, making movement difficult, painful or even impossible. Limbs are often affected,

but it can also cause immobility in the neck and may even impact the ability to swallow.

Family members may wonder, "Why can't dad hold his head up?" she said. "The tightness in the neck — it's not that it's just tight. It is literally stuck."

Taking action during the hospital stay or other period of immobility can help prevent the issues that people often see an occupational therapist to correct.

"I'm here on the end of their disability," she said. "So let's try to get ahead of it. And I think the best way to get ahead of it is through education."

Each month, Phillips visits senior-adult communities to talk about hospital-associated disability. She wants people to be aware of the risks, watch for signs of potential issues and ask for help. That includes ensuring caregivers and visiting family members know what to watch for.

"You want to be mindful of, what does the skin look like on the heels? What does the skin look like on your bottom? Are we able to do range of motion, moving the legs and the arms and turning the head and looking up and down, engaging the vestibular system?" she said. "Because if you don't do that, the chances of having a full recovery from whatever caused you to end up in the hospital is less likely."

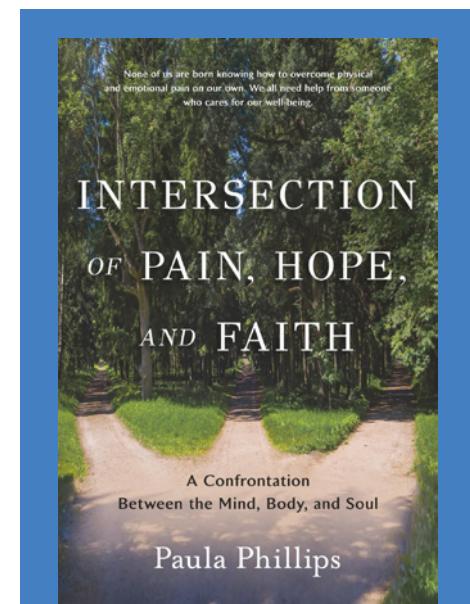
It's shockingly common, she said, to see older adults who were active and independent before a hospital stay now unable to care for themselves.

"Now they're trying to figure out long-term care or a group home or what to do next," she said. "For many families, it is just devastating."

Although hospital-associated disability isn't the only reason patients come to her, it's something Phillips is passionate about.

"I feel like the lone wolf. I'm leading the charge, [telling] people, 'Please know that this doesn't have to be the outcome. And this is likely going to be the outcome if there's not a change in how we address individuals that are in hospital,'" she said. "How do we take care of them from a family perspective, as a community?"

► **To contact Phillips about hospital-associated disability or another topic related to health and wellbeing, visit CalibratingLyfe.com.**



Personal Experience Inspired Book

Paula Phillips has also written a book, *Intersection of Pain, Hope, and Faith: A Confrontation Between the Mind, Body, and Soul*, based on her own experience with chronic pain.

"I didn't realize I was in the stages of grief myself," Phillips said, about the process of coping with chronic pain.

The book, she said, is about her own journey and the strategies she learned to gain peace.

"There is a way that I can have a relationship with my pain that is not defeating me every single day," she said.

The book is available online through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Bookshop.org.

ACO Golf Tournament Helps Area Families

All Community Outreach (ACO) will hold its annual ACO Charity Golf Classic March 23 at the TPC Craig Ranch golf course in McKinney.

ACO's mission is "to help our neighbors to prevent hunger and homelessness while working toward financial stability."

The annual golf tournament provides a significant portion of funds raised for the nonprofit organization. In 2024, ACO served more than 12,000 individuals through its summer food program, holiday toy distribution, food pantry, school supplies, household supplies and education and employment services.

» To join the golf tournament as a sponsor, visit ACOcares.org/golf.



Reader-Submitted Photo

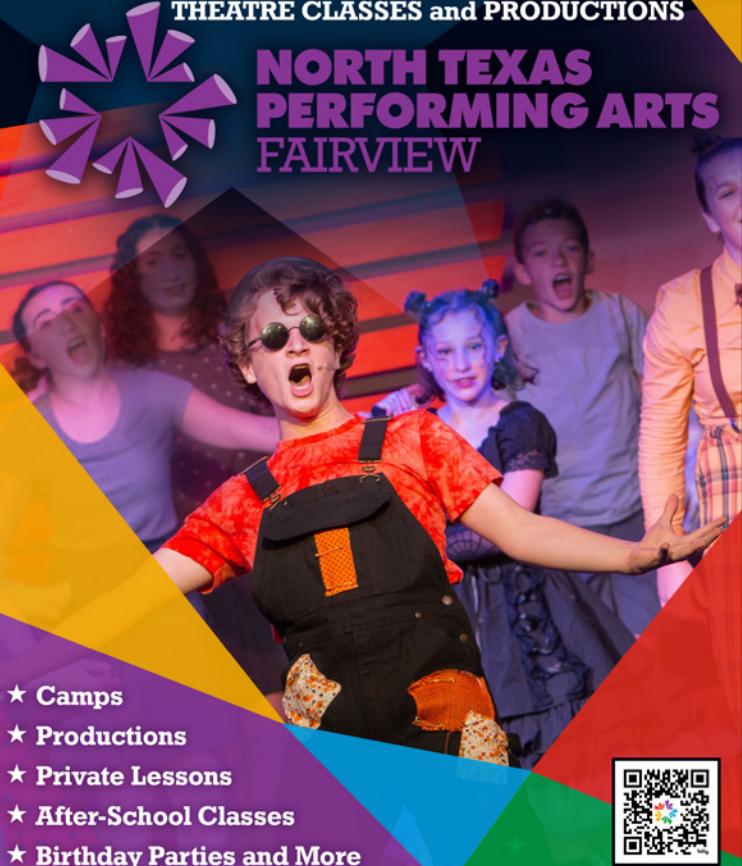
Paul Westbrook provided this photo of a mother bobcat and one of her kittens. Paul reports that the mom and three of her offspring live on his property in the heart of Fairview. Thank you, Paul, for this purr-fect snapshot!

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CPR and Stop the Bleed Class Offered by Fire Department

Fairview Fire Rescue will host a Bystander CPR and Stop the Bleed class from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. The class will be held in the Town Council Chambers on the first floor of Town Hall, 372 Town Place.

Participants will meet local firefighters and learn valuable life-saving skills. It can take several minutes for first responders to arrive on scene, so knowing and using critical life-saving skills until help arrives can significantly increase the chances of survival.

The class includes Hands-Only CPR instruction that focuses on teaching high quality chest compressions and using an automated external defibrillator (AED).

During the "Stop the Bleed" portion of the class, participants will learn methods to help control major bleeding. Taking the class does not result in any official certifications.

The number of participants is limited, so reserve a spot today. Participants must be at least 18 years old.



Free Jazz Concert to Feature Sounds of Mardi Gras

The Texins Jazz Band will present a free Big Band Mardi Gras concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Allen Public Library Civic Auditorium, 300 N. Allen Drive.

The full 18-piece big band will feature the music of Mardi Gras and the music of New Orleans in full big band style. You'll hear selections such as "Basin Street Blues," "Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans?" "Carnival Time," "Mardi Gras Mambo," "Old Man River" and many more.

The Texins Jazz Band's origins date back to 1986. All the original band members worked at Texas Instruments, including Fairview resident Paul Westbrook, who now serves as the band president.

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Meet our February Actor of Fairview - Brynn

Brynn is a 15-year-old ninth grader whose love for theater began in second grade. After a friend recommended North Texas Performing Arts, she jumped in and never looked back. Since then, Brynn has performed in an impressive 32 productions with NTPA.

She is currently rehearsing for the upcoming community production of "Tuck Everlasting" as part of the ensemble and is thrilled to be sharing the stage with so many of her friends. Her favorite role to date was the Witch in "Into the Woods Jr.," a part that pushed her vocally and allowed her to grow within a loving, supportive cast.

NTPA holds a special place in Brynn's heart – it's where she found her best friends and learned lessons that helped shape her into a better person. When she's not on stage, Brynn loves dancing and spending time with friends.

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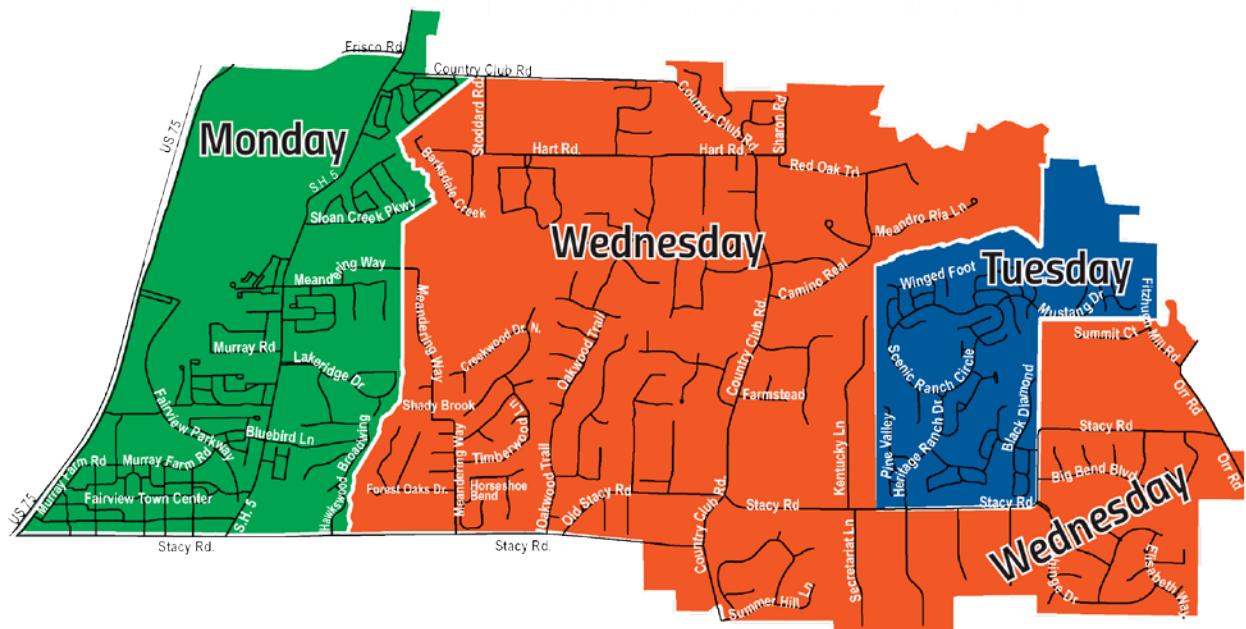
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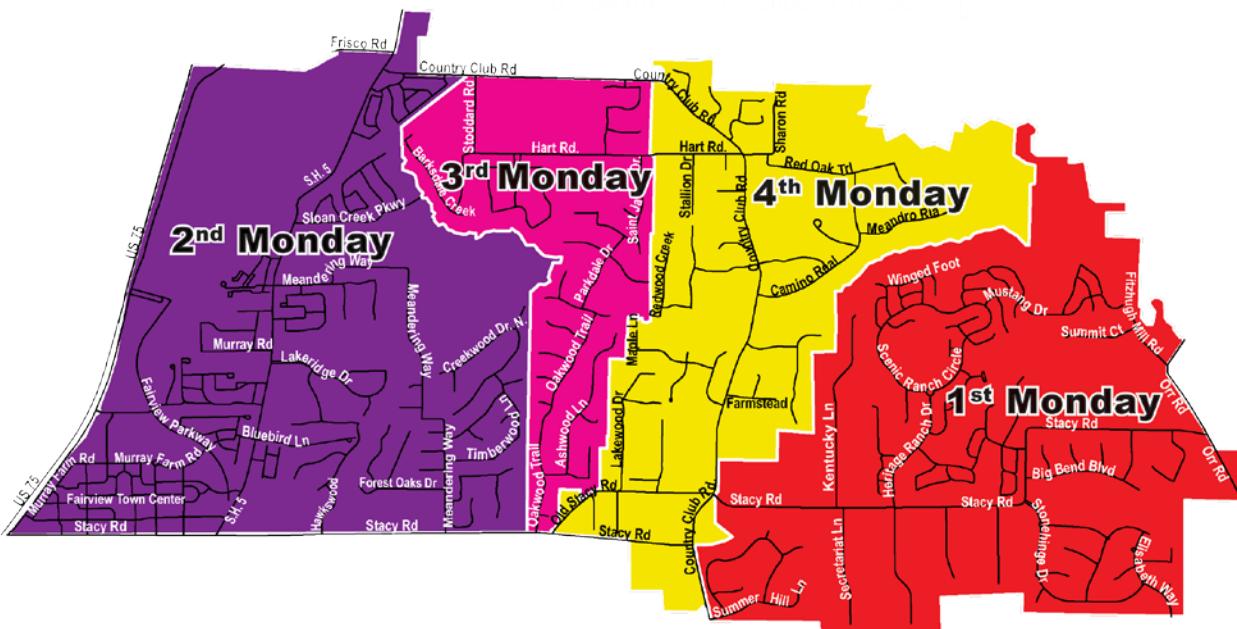
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Trash & Recycling Collection Map



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2026 Collection Calendar

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3rd Monday	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	3rd Monday	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4th Monday	26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	4th Monday	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
October							November							December								
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
1st Monday	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1st Monday	1	2	3	4	5	6	
2nd Monday	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	2nd Monday	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3rd Monday	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	3rd Monday	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4th Monday	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	4th Monday	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
November							December							January								
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
1st Monday	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1st Monday	1	2	3	4	5	6	
2nd Monday	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	2nd Monday	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3rd Monday	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	3rd Monday	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4th Monday	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	4th Monday	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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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