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TOWN NEWS



ON THE COVER

Learning Local Government



Sixteen second graders from the Academy at Church Eleven32, a private school in Allen, toured Town Hall Jan. 20. Mayor John Hubbard welcomed the students and gave them an overview of local government operations. The class then saw presentations from firefighters and police before getting up close to see their equipment and vehicles.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Where Voices Blend – March Community Update

As the days grow longer and Spring begins to take hold, Fairview continues to move forward through a blend of progress, partnership, and participation. Our Town's story is not written by any one person or project, but by many voices working together—residents, businesses, staff, and civic leaders—each contributing to the harmony of our community. Below are several updates that reflect that shared effort and invite your continued engagement.

Commercial Developments: Investing in Health, Retail, and Community

In early February, Councilmember Jill Hawkins, Mayor Pro Tem Gregg Custer, and I had the privilege of cutting the ribbon on the new Children's Health Specialty Center, located in the office building on the northwest corner of Fairview Town Center. This new facility brings more than 28,000 square feet of specialty pediatric care to Fairview and includes the Andrews Institute for Orthopedics & Sports Medicine.

Having leading-edge pediatric care right here in our Town is more than a convenience—it reflects a shared commitment to offering world-class services to our residents, strengthening our commercial district, and attracting enterprises that align with Fairview's values. I am grateful to the medical professionals and partners who made this vision a reality, and we proudly welcome Children's Health as a valued addition to our community.

Another exciting development is that Academy Sports + Outdoors has signed a lease to occupy half of the former Macy's building at Fairview Town Center. Remodeling is already underway, and the store may be ready to open as early as late spring or early summer. Leasing opportunities remain available for the balance of the former Macy's space.

Bringing Academy to Fairview represents a significant boost to our retail market and reinforces the Town Center as a destination for families across the region.

Supporting this momentum, Fairview's Economic Development Corporation helped secure the Texas Outdoor Economy Summit, which will be held here in April. Hosting this statewide event places Fairview in the spotlight and underscores our role in outdoor recreation, retail, and quality-of-life-driven economic development.

Fairview Town Center is also planning a **Spring Fling** community event on **Saturday, March 28**, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in the mall's park. The event will feature a large vendor fair showcasing popular shops and restaurants, an Easter egg hunt, children's activities, and live entertainment by musical artist **Morgan Hawkins**. Morgan is the daughter-in-law of Councilmember Jill Hawkins. I encourage you to come out, enjoy the festivities, and support our local businesses.

Road Update: Improving Connectivity and Planning Ahead

Getting around Fairview is now easier with Fairview Parkway fully open, providing smooth access between Ridgeview Drive and Fairview Crossing Boulevard. Please note that the current speed limit is 40 mph and will be strictly enforced. As development continues along the parkway, speed limits will be adjusted to reflect changing conditions.



John Hubbard

These conversations are an important part of how we ensure that Fairview grows thoughtfully while protecting the character of our residential areas.



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Gratitude for Town Staff: Service Through the Winter Freeze

As we welcome Spring, I want to take a moment to express sincere appreciation for our Police, Fire, and Public Works teams. During the January freeze, these dedicated professionals worked tirelessly to keep residents safe, respond to calls on icy roads, and ensured essential services continued without interruption. Thanks to their care, preparation, and professionalism, Fairview experienced no major incidents during challenging conditions.

Zoning Review and Community Dialogue

Last month, I was glad to meet with concerned residents from Bridlegate to listen and discuss questions related to zoning ordinances and neighborhood compatibility. These conversations are an important part of how we ensure that Fairview grows

thoughtfully while protecting the character of our residential areas.

As part of that commitment, the Town will be undertaking a comprehensive review of all zoning ordinances, with the goal of strengthening them where appropriate to better preserve Fairview's character and quality of life. Both the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Town Council will be reviewing zoning ordinances during the month of March.

The first item scheduled for review will focus on zoning regulations related to houses of worship, including building height standards in residential zoning districts and the operation of commercial activities within residential areas. Public discussion and careful consideration will be central to this process, and resident input is an important part of that dialogue. A joint Planning and Zoning Commission/Town Council workshop is planned, which will

provide Town residents the opportunity to review any proposed changes and offer their input before ordinances move forward for formal consideration.

Your Voice Matters

Whether through attending events, supporting local businesses, serving on boards and commissions, or simply staying informed, your participation strengthens Fairview. Community, like harmony, works best when many voices are willing to listen, engage, and contribute.

Thank you for being part of what makes Fairview such a special place to live, work, and serve. I look forward to seeing many of you around Town this spring.

Dr. John Hubbard

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Town Council Meeting

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

- Approved minutes of the Jan. 6, 2026, regular Town Council meeting
- Approved an ordinance calling the May 2, 2026, General Election and authorizing the Town Manager to execute a joint agreement with Collin County for the provision of election services
- Received staff reports for the period ending Dec. 31, 2025
- Received the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending Dec. 31, 2025
- Received the 2025 Annual Racial Profiling Report for the Police Department
- Received an update regarding the McKinney airport
- Approved an ordinance updating building, construction and fire codes
- Approved an ordinance amending noise regulations within the town
- Scheduled a joint meeting with the Economic and Community Development Corporation Board for Feb. 24, 2025
- Established Council liaisons to the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Economic and Community Development Board of Directors and the Technology Committee
- Appointed Janice James and Vanessa Buccella to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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County Service Keeps an Eye on Your Property

Collin County Clerk Stacey Kemp offers a free online service that will let you know if anyone attempts to change your property's documents on file in Collin County. A Property Fraud Alert will notify you of changes made to your deed. (Alerts are based on the name of the property owner.)

This notification system is set up to help thwart people filing fraudulent land records with the county clerk, making it look like they own your home or business property.

And it happens.

Scam artists pick a house to steal then assume the homeowner's identity using any information they can find to create fake IDs, forge signatures and notarizations and file a fraudulent deed transferring the property away from the legitimate homeowner. Next, they record the deed and sell the property or remortgage it and pocket the proceeds. The criminals can be long gone before the homeowner is aware of what's happened.

Property Fraud Alert is a team effort with the county clerk to help keep you informed if someone tries to file a land record using your name.

For more information, visit PropertyFraudAlert.com. Select "TX" on the map and then "Collin County" from the drop-down menu.

Construction Update

Construction is complete on the northern extension of Fairview Parkway, and the road is open to traffic, months ahead of schedule.

The newly opened road allows traffic to bypass State Highway 5 for two miles, connecting directly with Fairview Crossing Boulevard on the north end and Indian Springs Road, just west of State Highway 5, on the south end.

Speed limits on the road are set at 40 mph in preparation for planned high-density development of the adjacent property. Additional southbound lanes will be built just north of Latham Road by a private developer.

Later this year, construction is expected to begin to rebuild the west portion of Latham Drive. That portion of the road will be closed during construction, which is anticipated to be completed by early 2027.



Shed Paper Clutter at Shredding Event

Bring your unneeded paper documents to be securely shredded from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Fairview Public Works Yard, 500 S. State Highway 5.

A maximum of 10 boxes measuring 10x12x15-inches per resident will be accepted for shredding on a first come-first served basis until a maximum capacity is reached.

If you're unsure whether a document should be saved, refer to recommendations from the Internal Revenue Service. (Scan the adjacent QR code to view the IRS recommendations.)

Residents must present a valid driver's license with a Fairview address or a Town-issued water bill to participate.

The shredding event is hosted by the Fairview Public Works Department in conjunction with household hazardous waste collection and is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union-Allen.



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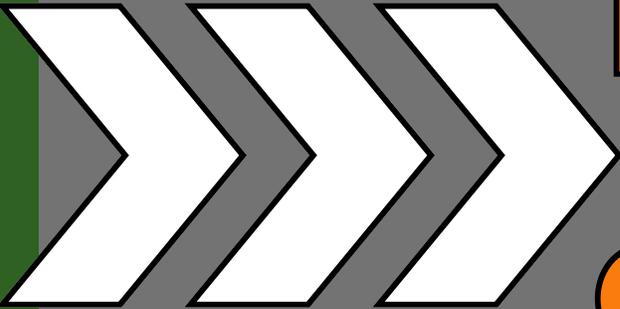
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*View the full list of acceptable and prohibited items on Page 11

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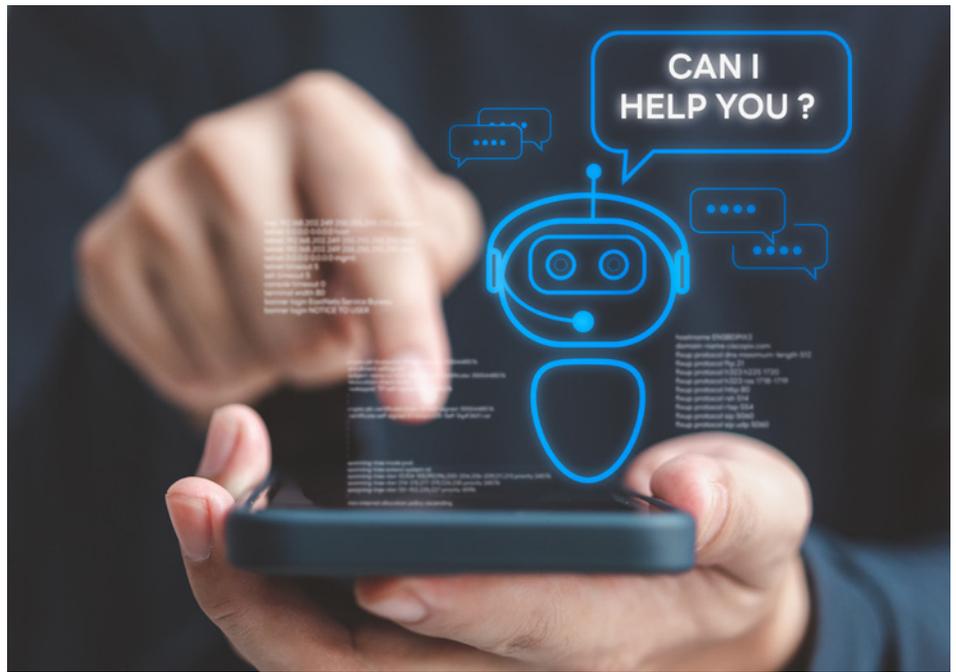
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Practical AI for Everyday Life:

Simple Ways to Save Time and Stay Safe Online

Contributed by the Technology Advisory Committee

Artificial intelligence, often called AI, is becoming part of everyday life for many people, including those who may not think of themselves as tech users. If you use a smartphone, ask questions of a voice assistant, or read summaries online, you may already be using AI. When used thoughtfully, AI can make daily tasks easier, save time, and reduce frustration. This article offers practical ways to use AI for everyday tasks, along with simple safety habits.



Real Ways AI Helps Everyday People

- Understanding medical information**
 Health information can be overwhelming. Research from the University of Michigan shows that many adults, including older adults, use AI-powered tools to help explain medical instructions, clarify unfamiliar terms, and prepare questions before doctor visits. This can help people feel more confident and informed about their care.¹
- Getting help with paperwork**
 Forms, insurance letters, and benefit applications can feel exhausting. A CBS News report described how a California woman used an AI tool to help prepare an appeal after her health insurance denied coverage for a medical claim. AI helped her organize her information, draft a clear explanation, and submit a structured appeal. The insurer later reversed the denial. This example shows how AI can assist with complex paperwork and save time.²

- Navigating veteran and public benefits**
 An Elmhurst University project explains how AI tools can help veterans and families better understand education benefits, housing programs, and health-care resources. AI can gather information from different places and present it in simpler language.³
- Learning and troubleshooting technology**
 Many adults use AI to get step-by-step help with everyday technology, such as setting up a new phone, transferring photos, or fixing basic settings. Organizations like AARP note that this kind of guidance helps people stay independent and reduces frustration.⁴
- Supporting small businesses and household tasks**
 The U.S. Chamber of Commerce reports that small businesses use AI to write reminders, create simple advertisements, and organize paperwork. Even at home,

AI can help draft emails, create shopping lists, or summarize long documents.⁵

What AI Can and Cannot Do

AI can explain, summarize, and organize information. It can help you write and think through ideas. However, it is not perfect. It may make mistakes or miss details. Anything important should always be reviewed before you rely on it. For medical, legal, or financial decisions, use AI as a resource, but confirm guidance with a qualified professional.

Why Cybersecurity Still Matters

AI can be used by criminals to enhance the realism and efficiency of scam messages. The FBI has warned that criminals may use AI-generated messages or fake voices. Be cautious with unexpected calls, texts, or emails, especially those asking for money or personal information. When in doubt, pause and verify through a trusted source.⁶ Verify unexpected requests by independently confirming them through a trusted phone number or the organization's official website.



Four Simple Tips for Safe AI Use

1. Choose well-known and trusted tools with clear privacy policies.
2. Avoid entering sensitive personal, financial, or medical information.
3. Double-check important information before acting on it.
4. Be cautious of urgent messages that pressure you to act quickly.

Final Thoughts

AI does not have to be complicated or intimidating. When used carefully, it can help explain confusing information, reduce everyday stress, and save time. With simple awareness and good habits, AI can support independence and peace of mind, while you remain fully in control.

This article was written by the Technology Advisory Committee and edited with the assistance of an AI writing tool.

Endnotes

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March Adventures in Nature

As spring begins to bloom, Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary comes alive with flora, fauna and a variety of exciting activities for nature enthusiasts of all ages.

Nature Sightings

March heralds the start of transformation in the sanctuary's landscape. Visitors can witness the awakening of native Texas wildflowers. The trees will bud with fresh leaves, and the trails are a perfect place to spot migratory birds returning from their winter havens. Keep an eye out for birds building nests and the playful antics of squirrels and rabbits emerging from their winter homes. In the wetlands, amphibians and reptiles will be busier too.

Spring Break Camps for Kids

For families looking to make the most of Spring Break, the Heard offers engaging Camps and Mini Camps March 16-20 for young explorers. These camps are perfect for children eager to learn about the environment through hands-on activities, guided hikes and wildlife observation. Kids will have the opportunity to connect with the natural world around them while making new friends and creating lasting memories.



Family Campouts

Nothing brings a family together like a night under the stars. The Heard's Family Campouts (March 16 and 20) offer a unique opportunity to camp in the scenic surroundings of the sanctuary. Participants can enjoy a range of activities such as guided night hikes, storytelling sessions by the campfire and a morning nature walk to explore the trails in the fresh light of dawn. It's an unforgettable experience.

Bird Walks: 2nd Saturday and 3rd Thursday

Bird enthusiasts will not want to miss the 2nd Saturday and 3rd Thursday Bird Walks March 14 and 19. Led by knowledgeable guides, these walks provide a fantastic opportunity to spot and learn about the diverse bird species inhabiting the sanctuary this spring. Bring your binoculars and prepare to be amazed by the vibrant plumage and varied calls of local birds.

Owl Prowl Night Hike

For those intrigued by the mysteries of the night, the Owl Prowl Night Hike on March 19 offers a thrilling adventure. Participants

will explore the sanctuary's trails under the cover of darkness, listening for the calls of different owl species and learning about their nocturnal habits. This guided hike is an exciting way to discover the hidden nightlife of the sanctuary's forested areas.

Wetland Canoe Trails

Embark on a tranquil journey along the sanctuary's Wetland Canoe Trails on March 15 and 22. This unique experience provides paddlers with a close-up view of the wetland ecosystem, home to various aquatic plants and wildlife.

Coming Soon: Dragon Exhibit

Exciting news is on the horizon with an upcoming exhibit about dragons set to debut in March. This exhibit promises to be a captivating exploration of dragon lore and the natural history that inspired these mythical creatures. Stay tuned for more information as the launch approaches.

Whether you're a seasoned nature lover or a curious newcomer, March at the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary offers something for everyone to explore. Gather your family and friends, and immerse yourself in the wonders of the season.

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Actor of the Month

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Meet our March Actor of Fairview - Collins

Collins is a 14-year-old 8th grader who has practically grown up in the world of theater. After watching his older brother light up the stage at NTPA Fairview years ago, Collins knew he wanted in on the fun. Now, he and his sister are both proud regulars in NTPA productions and are loving every minute of it!

Through theater, Collins has made some of his closest friends. Everyone is kind, supportive and always having a great time, which makes each show even more special. So far, Collins has appeared in seven productions, most recently wrapping up “Peter Pan Jr.,” where he took on the daring and devious role of Captain Hook. It was his first time playing a villain, and he had a blast bringing the infamous pirate to life.

Choosing a favorite role isn’t easy – each one has meant something different to him – but playing the Baker in “Into the Woods Jr.” stands out as the role where he grew the most as a performer.

When he’s not on stage, Collins can be found on the football field representing his middle school or traveling and making memories with his family.

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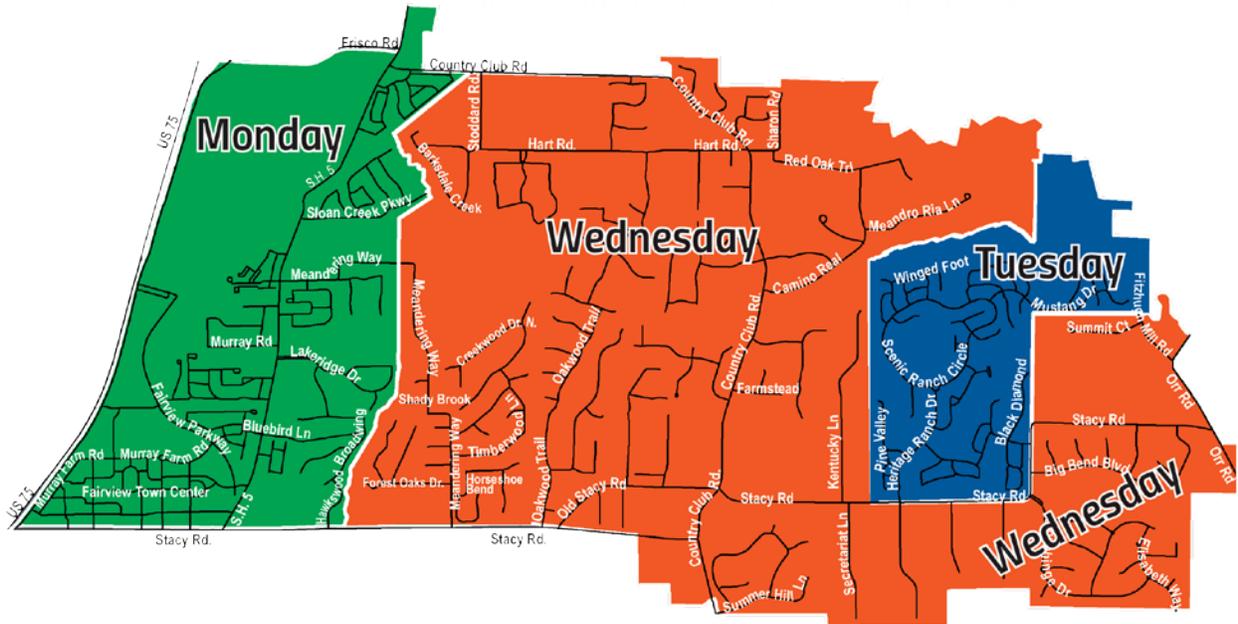

The ABCs of Weekly Trash and Recycling Collection

Remember these tips to ensure efficient trash and recycling pickup:

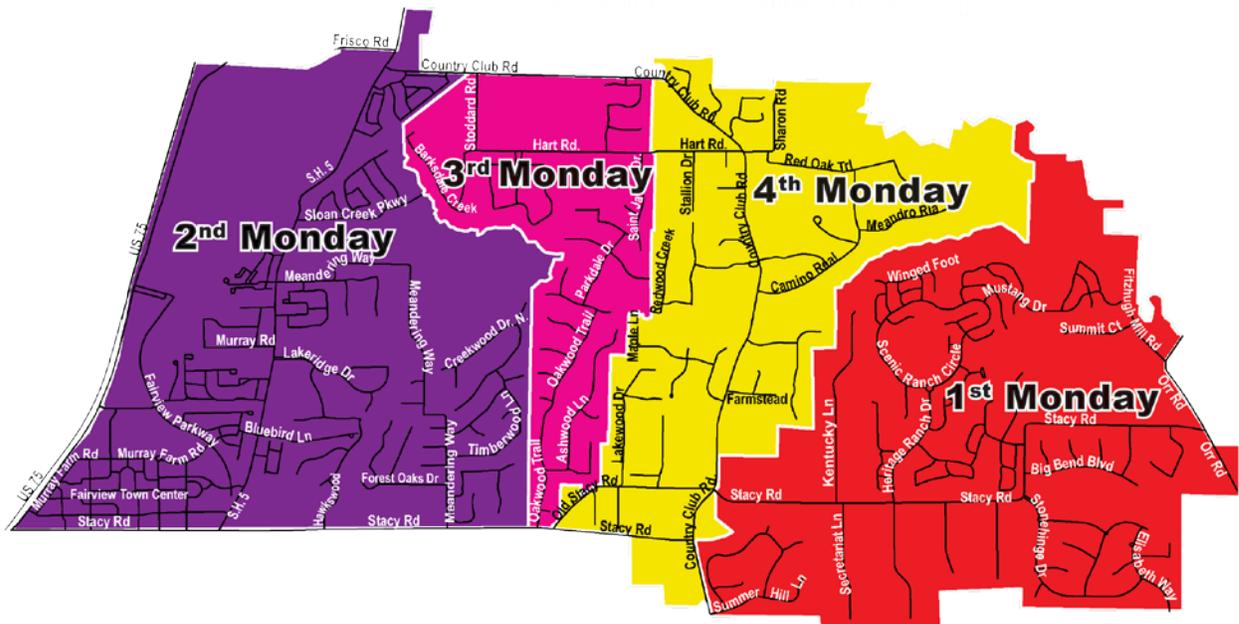
- 1. Arrange** carts carefully with handles facing your home, lids open toward the street, and 2 feet of space between carts and other objects.
- 2. Be** punctual by placing carts at the edge of the street no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before collection and no later than 7 a.m. on collection day. Roll carts back to your house by 6 a.m. the day after pickup.
- 3. Close** lids without clamping or locking. If your trash cart is full, purchase a pink tag for \$2.32 from the Town. Only bags with Town-issued tags will be collected outside carts (except during bulk pickup week).

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

Trash & Recycling Collection Map

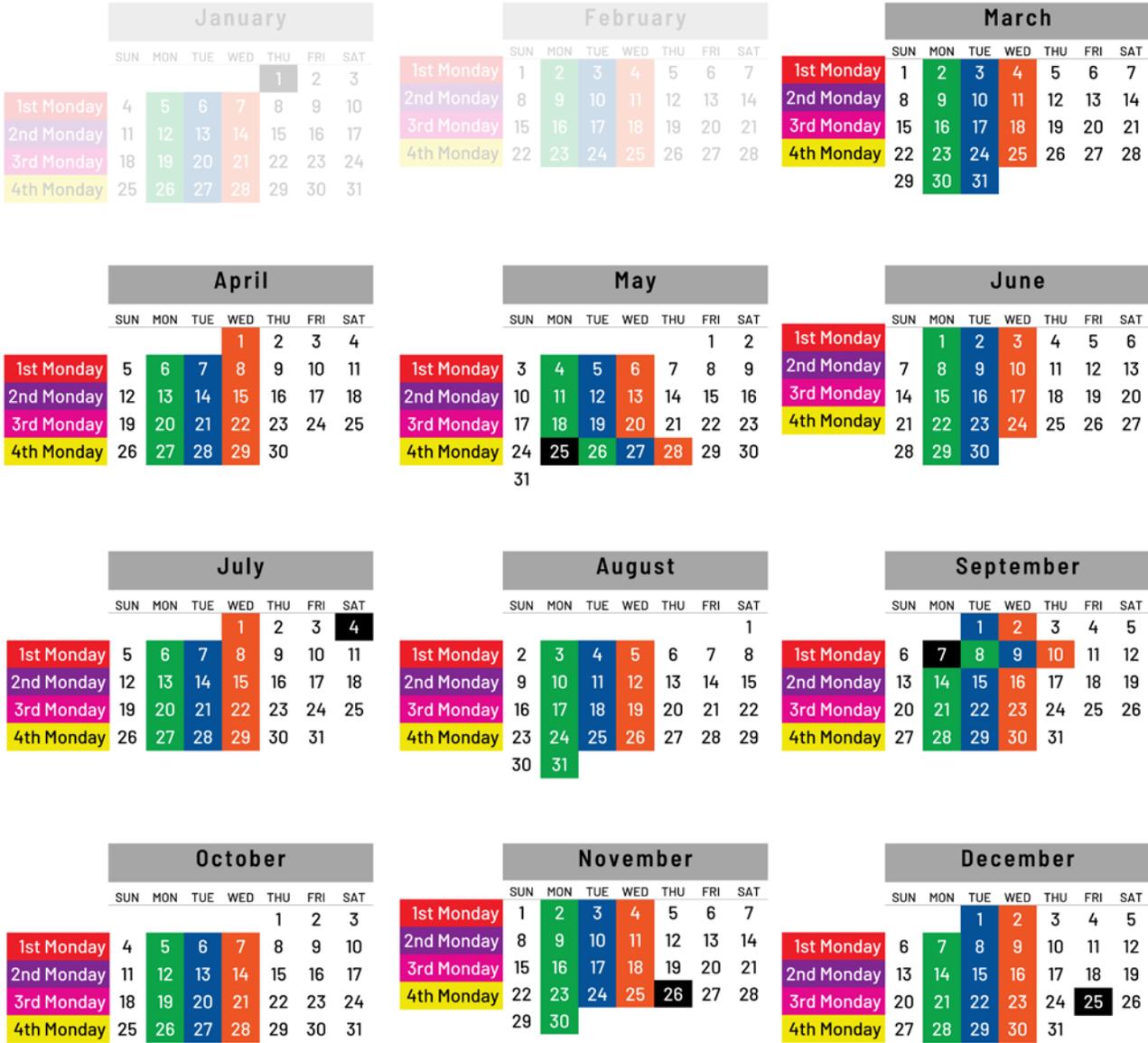


Brush & Bulk Collection Map



2026 Collection Calendar

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Avoid Missed Trash Collections

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

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

Other things to keep in mind:

- All trash going to the landfill should be contained inside securely tied plastic bags, and all bags should fit inside your solid blue cart with the lid closed.
- Pink tags may be purchased from the Town for \$2.32 each and placed on excess bags that don't fit inside your trash cart. Other than during bulk collection weeks, bags sitting outside of carts without a Town-issued tag won't be collected.
- Recyclables should be placed loose, without bagging, into recycling carts, which are either solid green or dark blue with a lighter blue lid.
- Clean and dry empty cardboard boxes may be cut down and folded flat to fit inside recycling bins.
- Never clamp or lock lids on trash or recycling carts.
- Place carts with handles facing the house and lids opening toward the street or alley.
- Carts must be placed 2 to 3 feet apart and away from objects that may obstruct the pickup arm.

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