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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



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I hope that you are enjoying the moderate temperatures and the rain that we have received recently. While the Fall/Autumn season technically began Sunday, September 22nd, it is nice to begin to actually feel the transition from Summer.

Let me provide you with a brief update on a few topics and a brief reminder on a few others. Here we go....

Town Bond Rating Improvement - I am pleased to share the Bond Rating Agency Standard & Poor has improved our bond rating two levels, from AA- to AA+. Simply, the better our bond rating, the cheaper the cost of our debt for expenses such as street improvements. Among other reasons, Standard & Poor cited conservative financial management, as a principal reason for the improvement.

New Hotel - The Town Council approved, and we have executed an agreement with Lowen Hospitality for a beautiful Residence Inn, that will be built across from the sand volleyball courts in the Village. While we do not have an exact opening date, we expect construction to begin in December, 2015, and completed by June 30, 2017.

Milligan Water System Transition - For years, some residents on the far Eastern part of Town were part of the Milligan Water System. I am pleased to report, in November, we will transition residents off of the Milligan System and on to the Town's Water System. In addition to an improvement in service, the rates will be lower. Effected residents will receive direct notification from the Town.

State of the Town Meetings - Please join the Town Council on October 22nd and October 30th for additional updates at Town Hall meetings. The October 22nd meeting will be held at Sloan Creek Middle School and will start at 7pm. The October 30th meeting will be held at Heritage Ranch and will begin at 3:30pm.

Keep Fairview Clean - On Saturday, October 26th, the Town Council will be joined by many residents who have volunteered to pick up trash along Stacy Road and FM 1378, plant trees in some of our Parks and to do some minor maintenance along some of our Trails. We plan to start at 8:30am and be finished at 10:30am. If you would like to participate, please contact Town Secretary, Michelle Sirianni at 972-886-4234.

## ATTENTION:

- **Town Council Meeting:** November 5th @ 7:00 p.m.
- **Town Hall Meeting:** October 30th @ 3:30 pm/ Heritage Ranch
- **Planning and Zoning Meeting:** November 14th @ 7:00 p.m.
- **Daylight Savings:** November 3, 2013
- **Election Day:** November 5, 2013

## Thanksgiving

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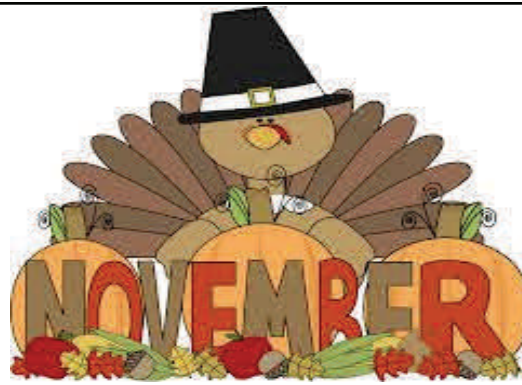
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## TOWN HALL CLOSED

Town Hall will be closed Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.



## WATER RATES

Reminder that the new water rates will be effective November 1st. You may visit the town's website for more details by clicking on the water and trash link.

<http://www.fairviewtexas.org/index.php/departments/water-trash>

## VOTING LOCATIONS

On November 5th a Special Election will be held to vote on Constitutional Amendments and propositions pertaining to Lovejoy ISD.

Early voting dates and times are as follows:

- Monday, October 21-25: 8 am—5 pm
- Saturday, October 26th: 7 am—7 pm
- Sunday, October 27th: 1 pm—6 pm
- Monday, October 28-November 1st: 7 am—7 pm



Closest early voting locations for Fairview residents are:

- Lovejoy ISD Admin. Bldg—259 Country Club Rd..
- Collin Co. Election Office—2010 Redbud Blvd.
- Allen Municipal Courts Facility—301 Century Parkway.

Election Day Voting on Tuesday, November 5th is from 7 am to 7 pm. Locations include:

- Allen Municipal Courts Facility—301 Century Parkway.
- Lovejoy ISD gymnasium—256 Country Club Road.
- Lucas City Hall—665 Country Club Road.
- Collin County Elections Office—2010 Redbud Blvd.

Additional locations, sample ballots, and more information may be found at the Collin County website :

[www.collincountytx.gov/elections/election\\_information/index.jsp](http://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/election_information/index.jsp) or you may contact the Town Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni at 972-886-4234.

## FALL PARTY

Come join the Lovejoy Preschool on November 3rd from 2:00—4:00 pm and celebrate Fall with an afternoon of family fun at Owens Spring Creek Farm! Enjoy hay rides, feed the goats and take a self-guided tour of the farm, animal pens and historic museum. There will be crafts, face painting, barrel train rides (\$2) and more!



## NEW CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEES

At the October Town Council meeting, the council approved an ordinance authorizing all town departments to assess a processing fee up to 3% for credit card transactions in order to recover processing costs. Previously, only the municipal court had authorization to collect this fee. Effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, all credit card payments made to the Town of Fairview will now incur a processing fee of 3%.

Currently, we are spending a great deal of money that we do not recover on the processing charges for credit card payments in both permits and utility billing. In the past, this has not had an impact on our ability to provide services, but as the town continues to grow, these non-recovered charges would continue to increase and have an adverse impact on the town budget.

Please be aware, residents choosing to pay by credit card will now incur a 3% fee. Cash and check payments will not incur processing fees.



## SHOWDOWN SUCCESS

The 2013 Showdown Half Marathon took place Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, attracting more than 1,500 runners and visitors from across the nation. Our event generated interest from first-time runners, veteran half-marathon runners, spectators and several area media outlets, such as the Dallas Morning News.

Throughout the race, runners were praising Fairview for a well-developed race and a welcoming community. Residents lined the course to help cheer on participants, giving our runners an extra boost of energy and support. As a runner, I appreciated all of the homemade signs of encouragement and humor, such as “*It’s only a 5K with a 10 mile warm-up.*” I was beyond relieved to see the reversed version letting me know “*10 miles down, only a 5k left*”.

Perhaps one of the biggest accomplishments of the Showdown came from one of the smallest participants. Keelan Glass, a 6-year-old first-grader from Abilene, broke the single-age world record according to the Association of Road Racing Statisticians with a time of 2 hours, 47 minutes and 30 seconds. Even more impressive, Glass used her running ability to raise nearly \$3,000 for charity.

The top male finisher was Karl Huchthausen (1:22:50), and our top female finisher was Stephanie Carroll (1:40:16).



***By Caiti Scalley, Management Intern***

## TOWN HALL HOLIDAY EVENT

The Town of Fairview will be hosting a Christmas event on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 5K fun run for the entire family, runners and walkers alike are welcome. There will be a way to register on line on the town website beginning November 1. The day’s line-up includes: youth choirs, Heritage Ranch dancers, an ice rink and various children’s activities. There will also be a brief Pearl Harbor ceremony and a tree lighting ceremony.

On November 1st, the town website, [www.fairviewtexas.org](http://www.fairviewtexas.org) will have the details posted. For more information, or to participate, contact Ray Dunlap at [rdunlap@fairviewtexas.org](mailto:rdunlap@fairviewtexas.org) or 972-886-4222.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Fairview Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Thursday, November 14, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, located at 372 Town Place in Fairview.

No complete development applications at this time and date of print of this newsletter.

## NATIONAL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE



On October 26, 2013 from 10am-2pm, the Fairview Police Department in coordination with the

DEA will host National Pharmaceutical Take Back Initiative. Residents will be able to drop off expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances, and other medications at the drop-off location, which will be at Fire Station #1, 500 S. State Hwy 5. Residents may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into the disposal box. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. It is also important to note that your information will be kept completely anonymous. More information may be obtained on the town’s website at [www.fairviewtexas.org](http://www.fairviewtexas.org) or by contacting the town’s Police Department at 972-886-4211.

## CALLING ALL HOA'S



Stay informed with town news and updates by keeping your HOA information up to date. Please contact the Town Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni with any changes at 972-886-4234 or by email at [mlsirianni@fairviewtexas.org](mailto:mlsirianni@fairviewtexas.org).



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### **S A F E T Y   T I P S**

With Daylight Savings Time approaching, more cyclists, joggers and walkers will take to our residential neighborhoods before or after dark. Here's a few tips for outdoor activities before sunrise or after dark.

- Wear light colored clothing. Comfortable, lightweight reflective vests are available at almost any sporting goods store. Don't depend on the reflective materials in many running shoes to be adequate in all weather and lighting conditions.
- Carry a small LED flashlight in your hand and point it at the ground as you move along. A quick wave of the light at any approaching cars can also get the driver's attention. Human eyes are excellent at detecting both light and motion in a dark environment. Bigger flashlights works better, choose one that you are comfortable with and uses inexpensive batteries.
- Make sure your bike's safety reflectors and front and rear lights are working properly.
- Stay alert, if you use headsets, keep the volume low enough to hear oncoming traffic.
- Riding or running down the middle of the road puts you in harm's way with less time to react.
- If you're unsure or uncomfortable with oncoming traffic, stop and step off the road and wait for the vehicle(s) to pass. Don't try to keep moving on dark or uneven ground.
- If you bring your dog(s) along at night, bring them back to a short leash in the presence of oncoming traffic. Your dog can't carry a flashlight, wear reflective shoes or a vest.
- As a driver, assume people are on the streets at all hours. Use low-beams and fog lamp to increase visibility.