

COUNTRY BUZZ November 2022



Mayor's Message

Fellow residents, we are reinstating a community newsletter in an effort to keep you informed about City programs, services, events, and other important information. If you recall the City had started a newsletter in the summer of 2020, but it was discontinued in the fall 2021. However, the council has made it a priority to keep the community informed about City news and happenings. New Fairview has much to be proud of, and we have lots of things happening in our community. We plan to put this newsletter out every other month, post it on the website, and provide hard copies at City Hall. If you want to be notified every time we post the newsletter, or any other newsworthy item, then go the website and subscribe

(https://newfairview.org/subscribe/).
Please make sure you check out the upcoming special events and calendar of events and let us know what you think of this newsletter by emailing the city administrator at john@newfairview.org

EMS Station 4 Opens:

On June 24, the City Council and Wise County Commissioners held a ribbon cutting event for the opening of Wise EMS Station 4 at the New Fairview Municipal Complex. The City has spent approximately \$44,000 to build this station of the benefit of the residents of New Fairview, but the residents of Rhome and the unincorporated areas in southeast Wise County will also benefit from this station. wise county ems covers approximately 900 square miles with an estimated population of 65,000 and respond to approximately 7,000 calls for service every year. wise ems has five (5) full time Mobile intensive care ambulances that are staffed 24/7-365 days a year. prior to opening the new station 4, the average response time for the citizens of the city of new Fairview was significantly greater than it is now.

- average response time to the skyview edition was 12-14 minutes, and now it is 2-3 minutes
- average response time to lone tree/prairie view neighborhoods was 12-1 minutes, and now it is 5-6 minutes
- average response times to the hilltop edition ranged from 15-17 minutes and now it is 6-7 minutes
- Average response time tot he coyote trails edition was 18-20 minutes, and now it is 7-9 minutes

So, as you can see emergency medical services have significantly improved in New Fairview and surrounding areas





New City Park:

The City is building its first public park on seven acres of land that was dedicated to the City in October 2013. The land is located on Stewart Street in the Chisholm Hills subdivision. The City was awarded a Texas Parks & Wildlife Department grant of total project cost of \$300,000. The City also received a financial contribution from a local developer for the construction of a pavilion in the park. The City recently contracted with Heartland Park & Recreation for the construction of the park for a total project cost of \$358,356. The City is waiting for final approval from Texas Parks and Wildlife so that we can hold a groundbreaking event and begin the construction of the park. We are hoping to have the park completed by late spring 2023 so that we can begin hosting special events in the park. The pavilion will also be available to rent for birthday parties, or other events.

Wilson Court and Creasser Lane Improvements:

The City received a Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) in the amount of \$350,000, with a local match of \$83,784 for the reconstruction of Wilson Court and Creasser Lane. Wise County Commissioner Biff Haynes has agreed to reconstruct these roads for the City through an Interlocal Agreement (ILA). However, some drainage work must be don first before the roads can be reconstructed. The City has contracted with JR West Texas Construction to do this drainage work for a total of \$426,991.50. The City is waiting on final approval from TDA so that the drainage work can proceed. The County will be out when the weather \$150,000 with a local match of \$150,000 for awarms up to lay down the asphalt on the roads. Contact Public Works (joshua.barnwell@newfairview.org) with any questions.



NEW FAIRVIEW PARK LONGVIEW, TEXAS







FY 2022-23 Budget:

The City Council adopted the fiscal year 2022-23 Budget for the City that is estimated to bring in \$1,793,185.51 in revenues and have \$1,793,021.25 in expenses. The Budget contains a property tax rate of \$.261384/100, which is a reduction from last year's property tax rate of \$.300000/100. The budget was developed through an extensive process of meetings with staff and council, reviewing requests and then prioritizing them in a manner that utilizes resources effectively, within fiscal constraints, while working to achieve the City's goals. The budget focuses on several City Council priorities including the maintenance of public infrastructure with \$135,000 budgeted for street maintenance, and \$192,000 budgeted for the purchase of a new public works truck, a crack sealing trailer, and a hotbox trailer. These will all be used for the performance of more street maintenance including the patching of potholes with asphalt (hot mix). There is a significant increase to the Public Safety budget for the contracting of fire protection services with East Wise Fire Rescue and with Justin Volunteer Fire Department. There is also an increase to the contract deputies amount so that we can increase the number of contract deputies from Wise County Sheriff Office, under the Resident Deputy Program, for law enforcement services. For more information on the budget visit https://newfairview.org/documents/adopted-budget-fiscal-year-2022-2023/.



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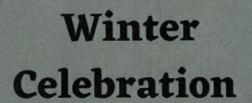




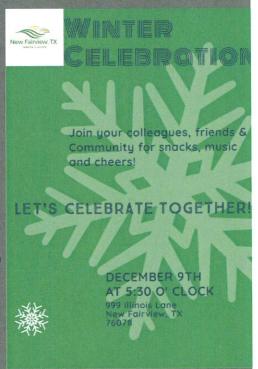


Truck or Treat

We had a great Truck or Treat event on Oct. 30, 2022. There were games, free ice cream and hotdogs, and of course lots of candy. We had over 85 kids and their families show up and visit with public safety officials from East Wise Fire Rescue, Justin Fire Department, Rhome Fire Department, Air Evac Lifeteam, Wise County EMS and Wise County Sheriff Office. We want to thank our sponsors who helped us cover the costs for this great event. We have posted photos on our website (https://newfairview.org/halloween-event-2022/).



at the City of New Fairview December 9th starting at 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.





Breakfast with Santa

Come join us for the next event at the City of New Fairview. We will have bike raffles, gifts for the kids, cookie decorating, & more!

STAFF DIRECTORY

Hours of operation 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



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