



JANUARY 2023 COUNTRY BUZZ



Mayor's Message

Happy New Year to all! I hope you had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. As we begin the new year, I want you to know that the City is already busy working on a strategic plan. Strategic planning is the process by which leaders of an organization determine what it intends to be in the future and how it will get there. It involves developing a mission and vision statement for the organization and determining the necessary goals, priorities, and action steps needed. A strategic plan serves as a roadmap that can be used to prioritize resources (including the budget), goals, and operational initiatives. The first step of this process has already begun with the New Fairview Citizen Survey that was posted on the website to gather residents' input on priorities for the City. The City Council will use this information in the upcoming strategic planning retreat and will have a workshop discussion in a February council meeting. Be on the lookout for more information on the strategic plan.

Welcome New Council and P & Z Members

We would like to welcome two new Council Members, Place 2, Councilman Peter Kozlowski and Place 5 Councilman Richard Greene and also two new P & Z Commissioners, Place 2, Lisa Cabrera and Place 4, Sarah Adams.

Thank you for your commitment to serve on the City Council and the P & Z Board.

The work of the Council and P & Z Members will help us lay the foundation for success for our City in the coming years.





Special Events

Thanks to all who attended the Winter Celebration event on Friday, Dec. 9 to meet with City Council Members, Planning and Zoning Commissioners, and city staff. We also want to thank our partner agencies for showing up: East Wise Fire Rescue, Justin Volunteer Fire Department, Wise County EMS and Wise County Sheriff Office Resident Deputies. We are also grateful to our sponsors Dunaway; Messer, Fort, McDonald; and McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen. Photos of the event have been posted on the website: <https://newfairview.org/documents/winter-celebration-2022-photos/>

We also had a great "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 10, and Santa gave out presents to all the kids, while East Wise Fire Rescue did a wonderful job making pancakes and sausages for everyone. There was cookie decorating and entertainment by Madison Gunter, and the Decatur High School Choir. Six lucky kids got to take home a bicycle thanks to our sponsors Dunaway; Messer, Fort, McDonald; and McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen. Photos of the event have been posted on the website: <https://newfairview.org/documents/breakfast-with-santa-2022-photos/?preview=true>.

The Community Clean Up on Saturday January 14, 2023 was a huge success. Please watch for the next Community Clean up date coming in March 2023.

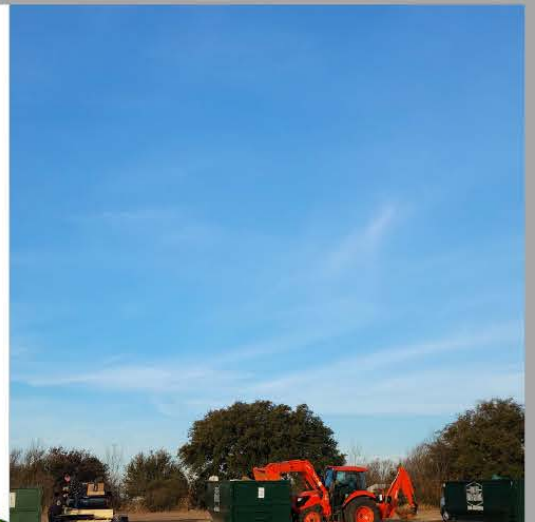
Where

New Fairview City Hall
999 Illinois Lane
New Fairview, TX 76078

MUST bring proof of residency

Items not accepted:

- Tires
- Any Appliances with Freon
- No liquids (oils or paints)



Street Maintenance



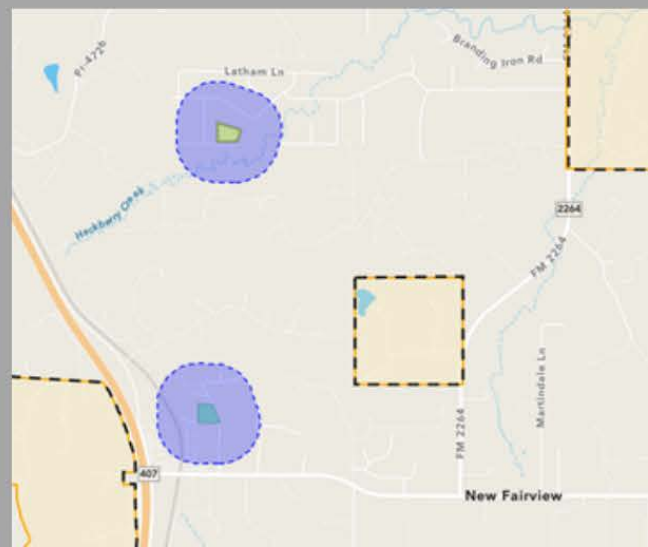
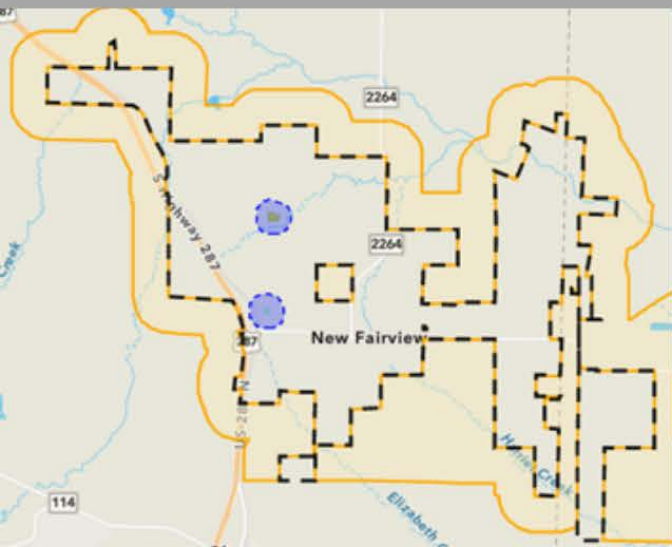
David Plankey is our new Maintenance Technician for Public Works

The City Council has directed staff to focus on maintenance and reconstruction of our public infrastructure including streets. In an effort to accomplish this staff assessed equipment and personnel needs and determined that the addition of a crack seal trailer and hotbox trailer is needed. In January, the City received the Super Shot 60D Crack Seal Trailer that was authorized by the City Council on November 7, 2022. This piece of equipment will allow staff to do proper preventive maintenance on our asphalt roads by sealing road cracks and preventing further degradation of the street. This trailer will allow a single person to do that actual crack sealing, as compared to the three people needed for a cold seal process. This equipment also holds 240 linear feet per trailer load of emulsion so it allows us to work more efficiently by being able to do more road maintenance in less time. The vendor delivered the trailer and provided training for staff on the use of the equipment. The City is still waiting on the delivery of the hotbox trailer that was also authorized back in November. This piece of equipment will allow staff to do proper preventive maintenance on asphalt roads by allowing the application of hotmix to our pot repairs. Based on a three-foot (3) by three-foot (3) size pothole this equipment will allow us to repair approximately 12 to 15 potholes. This will also give us a longer, up to two days, period to keep the hotmix in usable form, compared to the couple of hours that it lasts now. Be on the lookout for the Public Work crews using these trailers to do street maintenance.

Child Safety Zone

On August 1, 2022, the City Council passed an ordinance establishing a "Child Safety Zone" (CSZ) within the city limits of New Fairview. The City Council established the CSZ and distance restrictions for registered sex offenders in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of children. Staff has created a map of the Child Safety Zones and placed it on the city website (<https://dunaway.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=98a6ada20e1a468780d67c6e0dce9c20>).

The two CSZ's currently in the city are the City Park at 150 Stewart Street, and the Sports Complex at 301 Graham Road.



Dark Skies Community

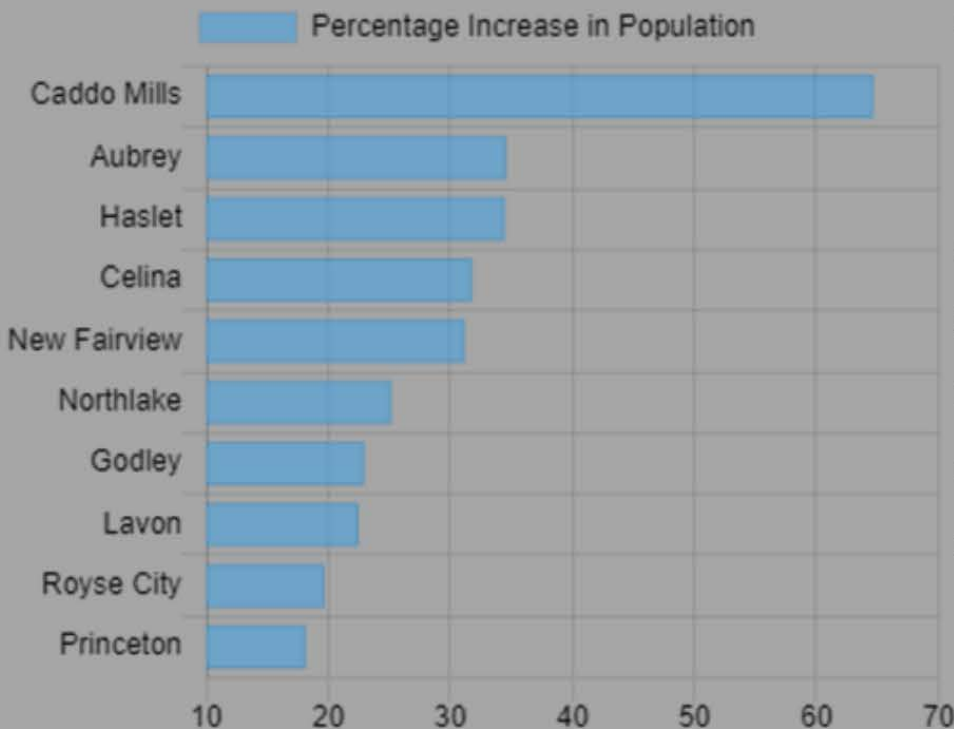
Staff met with the Planning and Zoning Commission on September 26, 2022 to discuss amendment of Section 31 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding outdoor lighting. Staff received feedback to further research how the City can better regulate outdoor lighting. In our research staff found that in 2019, the State Legislature passed a bill (HB 2439) which took away municipal authority to enforce outdoor lighting ordinances or to approve new ones. The only exception to this rule is that the community has to be certified as a Dark Sky Community with the International Dark Sky Association (IDSA). On October 4, 2022, staff contacted IDSA to begin the process to become a Dark Sky Community, and we were provided the following tasks to undertake prior to filing a formal application.

1. A sky brightness measurement program needs to be initiated in the community. This involves several measurements over time of the ability to currently see the star field and will provide a baseline analysis of the amount of light that needs to be mitigated through the ordinance. The City is investigating the ability to doing this process in-house.
2. Develop a quality lighting ordinance. The City is in the process of editing the ordinance to comply with the Dark Sky Association and be able to be implemented in the City.
3. Community Commitment to dark skies through quality lighting by city-owned lighting conforming with the lighting policy/ordinance. New Fairview is currently evaluating the instruments on the municipal building as well as looking at the types of lighting instruments which will be installed in the newly developed subdivisions.
4. Additionally, with the City's agreement with the developer of Settlers Glen, this development will comply with public lighting conforming to the goals of dark skies as well as lighting on individual homes.
5. Advocacy for dark skies through community events and education and awareness. The City will be working with the Planning and Zoning Commission to provide public education on the Dark Sky Community initiative.

The IDSA application, review, and approval process usually takes one to three years from initial inquiry to the formal designation. The City will put out more information later as progress is made on IDSA assigned tasks. For more information, or to share any thoughts on this, please email pzboard@newfairview.org.

New Fairview is Growing

Fastest Growing Cities by Percent Last Year



The 2022 Population Estimates from the North Central Texas Council of Government (NCTCOG) were released earlier this year. Each year cities in the region submit their building permit information to the NCTCOG so that they can use that information to update their annual population projections. The City of New Fairview is one of the fastest growing cities with our estimated growth increase of 31.2% from 2021 to 2022. Our population estimate was 1,570 in Jan. 1, 2021, and estimated at 2,060 in Jan. 1, 2022. Of that estimated population, 110 are located in Denton County and 1,954 are in Wise County. The estimated January 1, 2022, population for the NCTCOG region is 8,097,170. Last year the region added 157,570 people. In 2021, 21 cities grew by 10% or more. Wise County grew by 550 (0.8%) for an estimated population of 69,740 and Denton County grew by 23,830 (2.6%) for an estimated population of 950,660. For more information visit <https://popestimates.nctcog.org/>.

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FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
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5	6 Council Meeting 7 pm	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13 P & Z Meeting 6pm	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20 Council Meeting 7 pm	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27 P & Z Meeting 6 pm	28					

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