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The Friends of Bowie Nature Park

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Historical Village Holiday Open House Dec. 3



Country music artist Sean Carson will provide holiday music at the Historical Village open house.

Kick off your holiday season at Fairview's Historical Village. Friends of Bowie Park is collaborating with the City's Parks and Landscaping Board and the Fairview Historical Association to provide a free family-friendly event on **Saturday, December 3rd**. Country music artist Sean Carson will play holiday music in the restored Triangle School. Visitors can explore the school, the old Jingo Post Office, and the Boone Street Clinic. Children will be able to write letters to Santa and mail them at the historical post office.

Music is sponsored by Friends of Bowie Park, and volunteers from the Fairview Historical Association will be on hand to answer questions about the buildings in the Historical Village. There will be potted poinsettias used as decorations for the event, and these will be given away as door prizes.

Village buildings will be open to the public from **11:30 to 1:30**. **Sean Carson** will provide **music from 12:30-1:30**. There will be limited seating for the concert, for about 25-30 people, plus standing room. **Westview United Methodist Church** is providing **parking**, and there will be cones and signs along Westview Drive to facilitate safe walking from there to the village. There is very limited parking at the Triangle School for people with disabilities.

“This is a golden opportunity for the community to see the Historical Village, while enjoying live holiday music by an excellent local artist,” said Scott McCoy, chair of the Parks and Landscaping Board.

To find Westview United Methodist Church on GPS, this is the address: **7107 Westview Dr., Fairview TN 37062**.

To learn more about Sean Carson, visit his website is at <https://www.seancarsoncountrymusic.com/> .

If you are able to volunteer to help with this event—no experience necessary, please contact Kathy Tarolli at ktfbnp@gmail.com .



History Village

Fairview Government Changes

Leadership in Fairview is undergoing major changes due to the November 8th elections and to recent resignations. Here is a brief rundown.

Election results, Mayor: On November 8th, Lisa Anderson won the election for Fairview’s Mayor, beating Commissioner Rod Dawson and incumbent Mayor Debby Rainey. Since Anderson was a Commissioner, her seat will need to be filled in the near future, either by special election or by appointment by the Board of Commissioners (BOC).

Election results, Commissioners: Two Commissioner seats were open this year, and Leslie Fisher-Street and Wayne Hall were the winning candidates, over Planning Commission member Chris McDonald. Fisher-Street is a lifelong Fairview resident, but this is her first time in a government position. Hall has been a BOC member in the past, and also served as City Manager before the current City Manager, Scott Collins.

All newly elected officials will be sworn in at the first BOC meeting after the Williamson County Election Commission certifies the votes. This could be as soon as December 1st.

Resignations: On October 26, City Manager Scott Collins tendered his resignation to the BOC, with the effective date scheduled for June 30, 2023, the end of the current fiscal year. On November 9th, Mayor Rainey announced her resignation as Mayor, effective immediately. Therefore Anderson, who is the BOC's Vice Mayor, assumed the Mayor's duties a few weeks early.

For more information about these events, see the article in *Main Street Fairview* titled "Fairview City Manager gives notice, Rainey steps down as mayor, Anderson assumes duties early" at

https://www.mainstreetfairview.com/news/fairview-city-manager-gives-notice-rainey-steps-down-as-mayor-anderson-assumes-duties-early/article_3c8681a2-610f-11ed-a010-571b7f7de41d.html

Arts and Crafts Fair



Sunny and colorful was the weather on October 8th for the second annual Fairview Arts and Crafts Fair, located in Bowie Nature Park, and sponsored by the City of Fairview. The Friends had a booth that provided free nature-based crafts for all ages. Booth visitors chose between making a pinecone owl, a pressed leaf bookmark, a pressed flower “painting” and decorating a Tennessee spinning top gourd. The point was to be creative, enjoy nature, and have a good time.

FCE Donates to the Friends



FCE president Linda Williams delivers a check for \$150 to members of the Friends' Board of Directors at the November meeting of the Friends.

Fairview's FCE (Family and Community Education) has been a regular donor to the Friends for a number of years. FCE focuses on strengthening communities. They donate to local nonprofit organizations, and use their craft skills to make items to sell as fundraisers. The organization was one of the larger donors to the Treehouse Playground. Check out their Facebook page to learn about other work they do in our community. <https://www.facebook.com/FairviewFCE>

Memory Tree 2022



Friends of Bowie are continuing the Memory Tree tradition in Joann's Outdoor Classroom in Bowie Nature Park.

This holiday season, remember a loved one who has passed on by placing an ornament in their memory on the Memory Tree in **Joann's Outdoor Classroom behind the Bowie Park Nature Center**. Janie Wells, who had Joann's Outdoor Classroom built in honor of her daughter, began this tradition the year the Classroom was completed. This year the tree will be in place from **December 1-December 31**. Hours for placing ornaments are from **9:00 am-3:00 pm**, 7 days per week. Please retrieve your ornaments between December 26 and December 31.

City to Host Holiday Wonders

The City is once again sponsoring a light show in Bowie Nature Park called Holiday Wonders, presented by ELS, Extreme Lighting and Sound, a lighting company in Fairview. Preparations for the show have already begun. The main staging area for the equipment is the equestrian area. Because of this, the park is temporarily closed to horses from November 7-December 31. All other park activities can proceed as normal. The show will be bigger this year than it was last year, and will include lighted features along the road to and from picnic shelter #2. The Show will be open from November 25 through December 23. The display will be open from 6:00-9:00 pm Thursday-Saturday between the dates of Nov 25 and Dec 10. It will run daily from Dec 15-Dec 23. The Nature Center will become Santa's Village and tickets include a visit and photo opportunity with Santa. Tickets are \$25 per car, including tax, and are available at [Holiday Wonders – ELS Nashville](#) or at City Hall.

Parks Operational Master Plan Updates

As of the November 3rd BOC meeting, City Manager Scott Collins was in negotiations with ESP Associates, an engineering and planning firm located in Brentwood, to develop a parks master plan for the City of Fairview. According to Collins, the contract should be ready for consideration at the next BOC meeting. ESP's services include gathering input from the community, developing a community-wide design, and identifying grant opportunities for funding. The City of Fairview owns three parks: Bowie Nature Park is the largest, at 720+ acres. There is also the Historical Village located at Highway 100 and Deer Ridge Road. Veterans' Memorial Park is just off Highway 96 in the Evergreen Industrial Park.

Possibilities for the master plan include connecting the parks through greenways, sidewalks and bike lanes, adding amenities as appropriate, and partnering with Williamson County to develop additional recreational opportunities on county properties such as the Fairview Recreation Complex and the Fairview Ball Park. Watch for the Parks Operational Master Plan to be on the BOC's agenda.

Playground Fence Update

Fencing around the new Treehouse Playground is in the works. All fencing material, including the personalized pickets, should be delivered within four weeks. Installment will be scheduled as soon as materials are on hand. As of this writing, it looks like the playground fence will be installed in mid-late December.

Friends' Garden Crew Wraps up for the Season



Gardening has been the Friends' most successful and long-term project in Bowie Nature Park. The Friends' Garden Crew meets weekly during the growing season to care for the flower beds around the Nature Center and in front of the restroom building. They focus mainly on Tennessee native plants, while supplementing with annuals to ensure color throughout the growing season. They also decorate the park for special events, and plant wildflowers in wooded areas. They are off-duty until spring. Thank you Garden Crew!!



Calendar Announcements

Fairview Planning Commission: The Fairview City Planning Commission typically meets on the second Tuesday of each month. This month they are meeting on the third Tuesday instead. Its next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 15, from 7-9 p.m. at Fairview City Hall**. There are often workshops beginning sometime before the meeting, where the commission discusses proposed development plans and other issues to be voted on later at the meeting. Check the meeting agenda. Citizen Comment rules are the same as for the BOC meetings, below. You can find agendas at <https://www.fairview-tn.org/category/meeting-agenda-posts/>

Fairview Board of Commissioners Meeting: The Fairview Board of Commissioners (BOC) is ultimately in charge of Bowie Nature Park. They meet at Fairview City Hall on the first and third Thursdays of each month at **7:00 pm**. The next meeting is **November 17**. Meeting agendas are at <https://www.fairview-tn.org/category/meeting-agenda-posts/> or at City Hall just before the meeting. To make a comment during Citizen Comments, you have to sign up before the meeting starts, and comments are limited to the first 5 people to sign up, and must be under 3 minutes in length. If there is a workshop, it will begin before the BOC meeting. Check the agenda for time. Workshops are where the commissioners discuss issues but do not vote on them.

Historical Village Open House and Holiday Concert: Saturday, Dec. 3, 11:30 am-1:30 pm at the Fairview Historical Village. Parking is at Westview United Methodist Church on Westview Dr. See article above.

Fairview Parks and Landscaping Meeting: This board advises the BOC about all park related issues, plus Tree City USA status. They usually meet on the **first Monday of most months at 7:00 pm in the Triangle School in Fairview's Historical Village**. They are going to let the Historical Village Open House count for the December meeting. So the next P&L Board meeting will be on **Monday, January 2**. The public is welcome.

Friends of Bowie Park Monthly Meeting: The Friends organization typically meets monthly on the second Saturday of the month at **9:00 am in the Bowie Nature Center**. However, the December meeting has been canceled because of all the holiday events. The Friends will be involved with the Historical Village Open House on December 3rd. The next meeting will be **Saturday, January 14**. This will be our election meeting.

Other City Events: The following events are listed on the City of Fairview's Facebook page. As these dates draw closer go to <https://www.facebook.com/FairviewTNgov> for more details.

Holiday Wonders at Bowie Park: November 25th - December 31st. The display will be open from 6:00-9:00 pm Thursdays-Saturdays. The Nature Center will become Santa's Village and tickets include a visit and photo op with Santa.

Tree Lighting Event (to include vendors) and **Tinsel Tree Trail at City Hall: December 3rd from 2:00-6:00.** The actual tree lighting will be at 5:30. To download a vendor application OR to download an application to participate in the Tinsel Tree Trail, go to <https://www.fairview-tn.org/2022/11/announcement-christmas-tree-lighting-tinsel-tree-trail-december-3rd/> Tinsel Trail Trees can be sponsored by businesses, organizations, or individuals. They will be lit from December 3rd through December 30.

Christmas Parade: December 10th beginning at **4:30 pm** from **Westwood Elementary** to the **France plant**. Applications to be in the parade are available at City Hall or at <https://www.fairview-tn.org/2022/10/announcement-2022-christmas-parade-sat-december-10th/> . They are due Dec. 1st.

The mission of the Friends of Bowie Nature Park is to preserve, protect, promote and enhance Bowie Nature Park for use by the general public as a nature reserve and park. To become a member of the Friends or to make a donation, please visit our website at <http://www.friendsofbowienaturepark.org/> .

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