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## New trash and recycling carts to be delivered to McKinney residents

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New trash and recycling carts are coming soon to McKinney residents. All residential trash and recycling customers will get new carts on one of their collection days from May 28 to July 19, according to the McKinney website.

The 95-gallon gray cart will be for trash and the 95-gallon navy blue cart will be for recycling. Each household will be given the number of carts they pay for every month currently.

When the new carts are delivered, old carts may be set out and will be removed. Waste Connections will be running weekly recovery efforts to remove all carts.

The new carts include an RFID chip and barcode to link carts to addresses. According to Director of Public Works, Ryan Gillingham in the Director's Column, this technology will help with accuracy and efficiency. Carts will have the City of McKinney logos on the sides.

"No changes are currently occurring with our service," the McKinney website said. "Frontier Waste Solutions, a new service provider, will take over the collections on October 1. The city will provide more information about this change later this summer."

These new recycling and trash carts are part of an effort to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of McKinney waste collection services, according to Gillingham in the Director's Column.

"We believe these new carts, along with the upcoming service provider change, will significantly improve our waste management system, making it more efficient and user-friendly," Gillingham said in the Directors Column. "This moment presents an opportune time to explore the full spectrum of trash and recycling services provided by the City of McKinney. We offer standard trash and recycling pickups to specialized e-waste and Household Hazardous Waste collections. Our goal is to provide a variety of options for responsibly disposing of unwanted items, ensuring they don't end up in our landfills or waterways. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work towards a cleaner, greener McKinney."

# BEAUTY OF WHAT ONCE WAS

## CHESTNUT SQUARE HISTORIC VILLAGE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

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COURTESY OF ROBERT YOUNG

In 1974, citizens of McKinney came together in an effort to preserve history through what is now the creation of Chestnut Square Historic Village. As a result of the preservation efforts starting in the 1970s this 50-year event was 1970s themed.

Chestnut Square Historic Village is a way to step back in time in McKinney history. The historic village has nine buildings where visitors can experience history.

"When you walk onto the property you feel like you literally step back in time, and it reminds you of community," said Deanna Stone, executive director of Chestnut Square Historic Village.

Chestnut Square is celebrating its 50th anniversary all year in 2024 by hosting several events.

Chestnut Square Historic Village is a collection of six historic homes, a replica of a one-room school house, chapel and store on 2.5 acres just south of the downtown McKinney square. The grounds also include a blacksmith shop.

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## CJ CUP TEES OFF!



Sunday is the final round of the CJ Cup Byron Nelson golf tournament at TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, and its last chance for fans to see defending champion Jason Day (for left) and Dallas fan favorite Jordan Spieth (left) on the course. Visit [www.starlocalmedia.com](http://www.starlocalmedia.com) on Monday for coverage of the final round.

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## 'A community of hope'

### How the Great Root Movement is helping women

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COURTESY OF THE GREAT ROOT MOVEMENT

The Great Root Movement's annual race is called the Love Never Ends Trail Run, which is held in McKinney.

When her children were buried, she was a part of Karen Sparks. Through her faith and family, and starting a nonprofit Sparks has been able to find her identity and purpose again, despite her circumstances.

As a survivor of filicide, Sparks is passionate about helping others through their journeys. The Great Root Movement exists to help other women and honor her own children. The nonprofit organization was born in 2019, providing resources to women who are in recovery.

"We're just a community of hope, that wants to provide a safe place for women just to be seen, heard and loved, through their journey and recovery with mental health."

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MUSIC CONCERT Emmanuel Kwok, a versatile cellist who performs across Europe, Asia and the United States is coming to McKinney in collaboration with the Arts & Music Guild of McKinney to perform at 7 p.m. on May 10 and 11.

SUPPORT YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS Actom Academy McKinney is hosting a Children's Business Fair for young entrepreneurs to highlight their business.

R&B PICNIC FEST Come out to TUPPS Brewery from 3-8 p.m. on May 11 for an R&B Picnic. This is a community-based, family friendly music festival with a picnic setting.

VENDOR EVENT AT WEDDING PEARLS VENUE Come out to Wedding Pearls Venue in McKinney to celebrate spring on a 12-acre historic farmland.

MOVIE NIGHT District 121 is hosting McKinney's movie night from 7-9 p.m. on Saturday, May 11. The movie showing is the "Bee Movie."



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OUR NEIGHBORS Let's strive to build up our communities rather than divide them

As I scrolled through my Facebook feed this morning, I came across a post that struck a chord: "I saw a post I didn't agree with... I didn't feel the need to change their mind... I still like the person... I just kept scrolling and went on with my day... More should practice this."



RICK ROGERS Star Local Media President/Publisher

that fundamentally focus on local governance, community needs, and practical solutions, not national party lines. Local elections are supposed to be about the merits of individuals who they are, what they stand for, and how they can serve our community.

respectful discourse. This morning's Facebook post served as a refreshing reminder of the decorum that used to pervade our local political discussions. It made me think about the essential civility we are starting to lose, not just in politics but across all areas of disagreement.

our modern lives. But we can choose to engage differently. We can decide to scroll past comments that serve no purpose but to inflame. We can choose to contribute positively, to uplift rather than tear down. Imagine how much more productive and positive our local elections could be if we approached them the same way we interact in the local diner on Main Street — where discussions are face-to-face, and disagreements don't dissolve into animosity.

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health, child loss, grief, domestic abuse and domestic

violence," Sparks said. In 2015 Sparks lost her children when her husband Grant and Reagan, she has killed them. A couple months after her children died, she started boxing, then began

running and has been running ever since. In honor of Grant and Reagan, she has put on a race the last couple years to honor her children. The Great Root Movement

puts on its race the Love Nevils Ends Trail Run in September, with multiple different race levels available.

a result, there are scholarships available to graduating high school seniors to help with college costs, named after Reagan and Grant.

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