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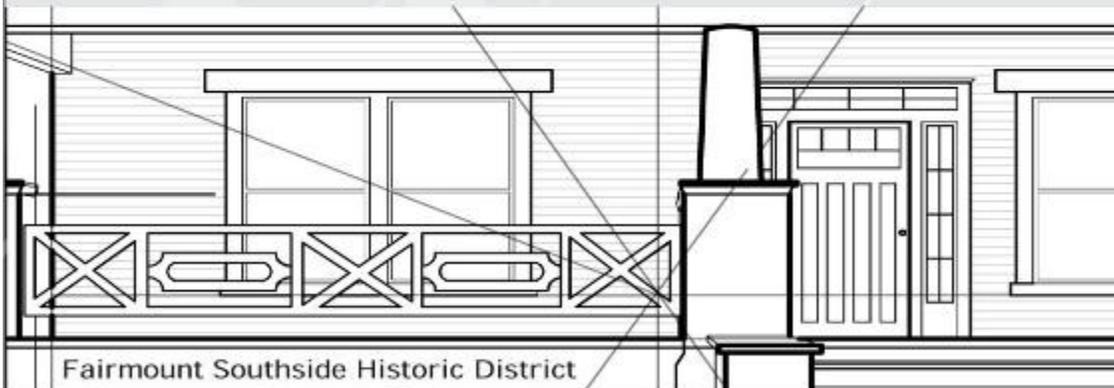
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Tuesday

April 27

7:00 p.m. at

College Avenue

Baptist Church

1400 College Ave.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fairmount members, residents and neighbors,

On behalf of the entire Fairmount Neighborhood Association, I'd like to extend a cordial invitation to you all to attend this year's 28th annual Fairmount Home Tour. Every year on Mother's Day week-end, we open a select few of our homes and show them off! This year there are three homes on the tour that are greeting their centennial year! We are so accustomed to seeing each of our houses in its duly appointed place that it's hard to imagine this area in the midst of a building boom with entire blocks still empty. But yet a hundred years later (or more) here they stand as testaments to the American spirit of pioneering, working hard, and the pursuit of happiness. The work and craftsmanship that went into these old houses are renowned for their high quality and the homeowners whose homes are on tour this year are proud of their efforts in having brought their homes back to their rightful place in Fairmount and their intended state of beauty.

Preservation was the reason for the inception of Fairmount and it is and will continue to be our 'raison d'être'. But along with our main goal, we have branched out and started to concentrate on other aspects of inner-city living that heighten our quality of living. We are a nationally recognized neighborhood and continue to push and fight for a safer, friendlier, and ever diverse neighborhood. Along with Home Tour, we have in place a community garden, monthly socials, a garden club, a newly formed family club, quarterly clean-ups and a myriad of other ways in which we give back to the community we are so proud of and still look for ways to improve what we already have.

To those of you who are so active and who make that difference, I'd like to thank you for allowing me to be a part of Fairmount and Fort Worth. I've never before had so many friends that I consider family. For those of you who are new to Fairmount or who haven't been as active lately, I'd like to invite you be a part of the BEST neighborhood in Fort Worth. And come see for yourself the difference that involved people can make in order to make Fairmount better for ALL its residents.

See you at Home Tour,

Robert.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO HELP WITH HOMETOUR!

Home Tour won't work without you. To volunteer, just contact us. We promise that you will have so much fun getting involved with Home Tour! volunteers get a free ticket to the tour and **are invited to the Wine Down Celebration (see p. 9).**

All proceeds from the Home Tour help revitalize the neighborhood. Don't miss out!

If you would like additional information, please contact our Home Tour Directors, Sara Lynch and Christen White

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THE FAIRMOUNT BEAT

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This month we will wrap up our discussion on "target hardening" by discussing what you can do to protect yourself. There are all kinds of things that we can do to protect ourselves in all situations, but for the sake of time and simplicity I would like to discuss three basic rules of personal safety:

First: Stay alert and tuned in to you surroundings, wherever you are. Don't be taken by surprise. Be aware and be prepared.

Second: Stand tall and walk confidently. Don't show fear. Don't look like a victim.

Third: Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave right away and get help if necessary.

It is very important for us all to understand "situational awareness" and know what is going on around us at home, in the supermarket or at a restaurant. Look around from time to time and see your environment. Who do you see, what are they doing and how are they acting? Whether you realize it or not, the answer to these questions will tell your brain and body what to get ready for. Whether you have to act or not in any given situation, asking yourself these questions and making this a common practice will prepare you in the event something does happen and you need to react. Preparing your mind for action is just as important as preparing your body. "What would I do if " scenarios help to get your mind prepared. As far as preparing your body is concerned, exercise gives anyone confidence as well as taking a self-defense class if you are interested in this. Your preparation and confidence level will prepare you to take care of yourself or someone else if the need ever presents itself. The single most important thing to making sure you remain safe is just to know where you are and who is around you. Don't allow yourself to operate on auto-pilot and stop paying attention to the little things that could be big dues to keeping you safe. Keep up the good work and please remember to be safe today and safer tomorrow

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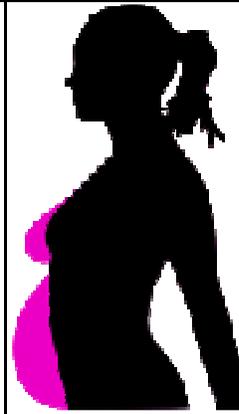
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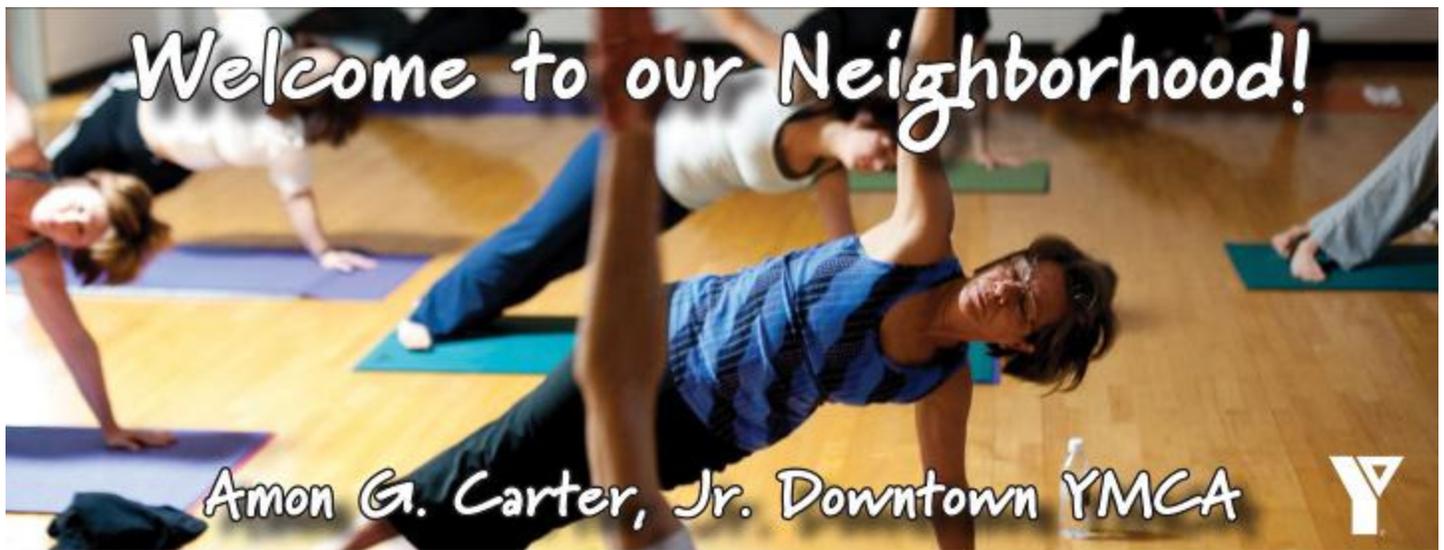
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Comerica Bank has revealed a new proposed design for the bank it intends to build at the corner of 8th Avenue and Magnolia, where the Brace Building was demolished last year. The new design is a much better fit for the Magnolia “urban village” than the suburban-bank style building Comerica proposed. The design still has to win City approval, but that should be forthcoming soon. Meanwhile, we applaud and thank Comerica for listening to our concerns about the prior proposal and coming up with a new design that fits well with the Magnolia streetscape and the overall visual appeal and feeling of the area. This is just more proof that when it comes to intelligent urban design and urban living, Fairmount is the place to be!





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FLAGS OVER FAIRMOUNT

If you're new to the neighborhood then you may not have seen the neighborhood flag display yet. It's a little neighborhood promotion started several years ago by wonderful, patriotic neighbors in Faimount. Several people liked the flags that were out, and wanted to know if they could help add more. Well, be careful for what you wish for in Faimount because it might happen!

The current 120 American flags will go back up for this summer's national holidays and special events. If you would like to add flags to the light pole near your house, the cost for 2 flags, bracket, and attachment hardware, storage, and putting up and down for the summer is \$25.00 per light pole. The Faimount Neighborhood Association will store all flags courtesy of Southside Preservation Association, and display them for all national holidays and special Faimount events. If you're not sure if flags go on your nearby light pole, look for the bracket on the pole. Some of your neighbors have bought their whole block flags.

Feeling especially patriotic? Volunteer to help put flags up for home tour Thursday evening May 6. It only takes about 45 minutes with 2 trucks.

Get involved in Faimount! Call David Thrapp at 817-734-3403 or thappville@sbcglobal.net.



GET YOUR A/C READY FOR THE SUMMER HEAT

Have your central air conditioning unit inspected, cleaned and tuned by a professional every two years to keep it going longer and using less electricity. If your refrigerant needs to be recharged, make sure it is done correctly. If it is overcharged, it will reduce operating efficiency and could damage the unit. If it is undercharged it will also use energy less efficiently.

While the technician is working on your central air conditioner, make sure s/he measures the airflow over the indoor coil. Average air flow rates tend to go down over time if there is poor maintenance. This could reduce your unit's efficiency by 5-10 percent. Also, make sure your duct system is well sealed. This could save you 10-15 percent of the electricity you pour into your air conditioner



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