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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fairmount has another reason to celebrate. We were honored twice at the Neighborhoods, USA Awards in Indianapolis this past month.

First, I am happy to report that the Fairmount Pancakes in the Park event won another award. This time NUSA recognized this event with first place in the Social Revitalization Neighborliness Single Neighborhood category. Our Pancakes in the Park was recognized as the best single event they saw this year across the U.S. That is huge! Who could have imagined that this one event would win us nationwide recognition? It is further proof that we are one of the best neighborhoods, not only in Fort Worth, but in the whole country.

Our newsletter was honored again as a Gold Level publication as well. We all owe Stacy Luecker a huge thanks for the countless hours she puts in to ensure that every newsletter is the very best. I also want to thank everyone who contributes articles every month. I know Stacy is always looking for new articles and stories, so do not be afraid to submit something you think is interesting.

None of this could have happened without the hard work of our team of volunteers who represented us at the awards. Brenda Howell and Geri Cotten fielded questions and led a presentation about the event. They also found new and exciting ways to reach out and be a positive change in Fairmount. They will use what they learned to lead new programs and events that we hope will bring more people into our association. I believe that we are a "big tent" with room for everyone who wants to be involved. The more friends and neighbors we bring into our association, the greater effect we will have.

Speaking of friends and neighbors, I want to ask everyone to be on the lookout for neighbors who may be in need. If you have elderly neighbors or neighbors with special needs, please take the time to check on them during these long hot days. The more we know about their needs, the quicker we can get them help.

As always, be sure to check out all of the events we have going on this summer, and please come to our next general membership meeting. It's always good to see you.



Sean Lynch, President
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On the Cover

Left to right: Hannah, Mavah, Ella V and Haedan enjoy the sunny weather and blow bubbles as they play outdoors in the garden of their Fairmount bungalow.

Photo by Stacy Luecker

The Fairmount Beat *by Mark Russell, neighborhood patrol officer*

As many of you know I am now your new NPO. I know trying to fill Joel's shoes will be difficult and no one really likes making changes, but I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

I am also now in possession of Joel's phone. If you call me, and try to leave a voice mail and the recording lists a different number, don't be alarmed as I forward all calls from my city phone to my private number. This is so I don't have to carry around two cell phones. Please don't hesitate to call or type up an e-mail.

I have worked on and around this beat and area as a patrol officer and helped out as an NPO attending meetings, Halloween events, parades and runs for 14 years now, so I am aware of many of the issues and events that take place in the area.

I may not know everyone's name and face, but before long we will come to know each other well. I am confident that we can all work together to make a positive impact in the Fairmount and Ryan

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Please be patient with me as I try to get up to speed on current issues that officer Stary has been working on. If you have any concerns that I need to be made aware of just shoot me an e-mail and we can discuss it.

This was not the perfect time for me to come into this new venture as my first week was also Indy race week out at Texas Motor Speedway, and I was also working at the race track.

The following week I was at the academy helping with the second annual Explorer Academy that runs Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. But even when other things come up I want everyone to know that I am still available.

Again, I look forward to working with everyone and I know that we can make great strides to continue the great work that you all and officer Stary have made.

Until we come together again there are a few thoughts I would like you to remember:

- Keep from becoming a victim of crime by removing items such as electronics, purses and any type of bags from inside of your vehicles.
- Always lock your cars when walking away and be aware of your surroundings.
- Remember, if it's not nailed down, someone will try to take it.
- You are a community of family and friends, so please be vigilant and watch out for each other and each other's property. Don't be the one that saw something suspicious and didn't call 9-1-1.

Graffiti — All graffiti should be reported to the non-emergency police number at 817.335.4222 or use the MyFortWorth smartphone app. **Please do NOT paint over graffiti until it has been reported and photographed.**

July Pool Party

Saturday, July 21, 5-7 p.m.
2243 College Ave.

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August Neighborhood Social

Mijo's Fusion
Thursday, August 16, 6-8 p.m.
1109 W. Magnolia Ave.

The FNA will provide appetizers and neighbors can purchase drinks and food from the menu.

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General Meeting

Tuesday, June 26, 7 p.m.
The Bastion, 2100 Hemphill St.

The next Fairmount Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 26 at The Bastion, 2100 Hemphill St.

Brenda Howell, director of promotions, will be giving a presentation on the Neighborhoods, USA Conference in Indianapolis and the awards Fairmount received.

The general meetings are a great time to sign-up for FNA membership and is a good way to get out and meet some new neighbors.



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Mail form and entry fee by **Aug. 13** to:
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1626 Lipscomb Ave.

Photo by Stacy Luecker

June Yard of the Month

by Tim Appling

When a Fairmount house that has been vacant for years once again becomes a beautiful home for a charming young couple, it is, as Martha Stewart would say, “a good thing.” When the couple transforms an abandoned yard into a beautiful garden, we think it merits designation as Yard of the Month. That is the case with 1626 Lipscomb Ave., our selection for the month of June.

Crystal Rehling and Christian Macdonald moved to the corner of Lipscomb and Allen from Addison about three months ago, but in that short time have created a landscape which exemplifies the Fairmount renaissance. “Here we’ve met so many people already and found a real sense of community,” Christian said.

Approaching the property, the first thing noticed is vibrant purple bougainvillea blooming against a white picket fence. Just beyond the fence is a quaint wheelbarrow filled with plumbago, sweet potato vine, petunias, and assorted succulents. Corner plantings outlined by small white stones are populated with yellow lantana, blue salvia, burgundy dianthus and sunny marigolds. Various shrubs and desert grasses occupy the beds immediately in front of a comfortable front porch decorated with numerous pots of petunias, dianthus, chartreuse potato vine and geraniums.

The couple acknowledges that the effort has been a family affair, with her mother and his sister pitching in to create the colorful space, which Crystal likens to a blend of Texas prairie and English garden. “We weren’t blessed with green thumbs,” Christian said. But the lush Bermuda grass indicates otherwise. He has revived the once brown sod to its current condition with a mix of nitrates, iron, and an acid treatment that effectively turns compacted clay into more productive soil. To control lawn pests, he eschews harsh chemicals, opting instead for a natural insect repellent.

Both speak excitedly about future improvements. Crystal plans roses along Allen Avenue and Christian has staked out the location of a new fence along the back to enclose a patio and barbecue area. “We’re right at the entrance to Fairmount from Hemphill, the first Fairmount home people see coming from that direction. We feel it’s important to have great curb appeal, because that’s the first impression of Fairmount a lot of people are going to have,” they said.

Crystal and Christian will receive a gift certificate courtesy of CC’s Touch of Nature.

If you have noticed a home that might be due for recognition as Yard of the Month, please e-mail Tim Appling at appling-timothy@sbcglobal.net.

Historic and Cultural Landmark District

Fairmount Trap Neuter Return Program for feral cats

Fairmount has a Trap and Release Program to aid in trapping feral neighborhood cats, taking them to a vet where they can be spayed or neutered, and then returning them to the neighborhood. The program is funded by the neighborhood association. The FNA has budgeted money to pay for the spay/neuter and vaccinating and will reimburse the \$15 cost for having a feral cat spayed or neutered. A receipt from the Humane Society of North Texas must be submitted for reimbursement. Fairmount has a number of live-animal traps to loan to residents with stray or feral cats. Contact Ashley Rihel at ashleyf.watson@yahoo.com if you need a trap. A \$50 check made out to the FNA is required for the loan of a trap and will be returned when the trap is returned.

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FNA tax exempt status maintained through diligence

by Ashley Paz, director of membership

The Fairmount Neighborhood Association currently has 345 members in the association. That's the highest number ever, and these members are active volunteers for various committees and activities hosted by the FNA.

Since most Fairmount volunteers are having their first experience volunteering for a tax exempt organization there are a lot of things that are very important to understand in relation to the FNA's tax exempt status.

Each year non-profits are audited just like private citizens, and they must pass an operational test from the federal government that verifies the organization is working to further their tax exempt purpose by limiting certain activities and absolutely refraining from others.

As volunteers it is highly important that everyone is aware of the five activities that can jeopardize the FNA's tax exempt status:

- Private benefit/Inurement—A tax exempt organization can not be operated to provide a substantial private benefit to any individual or organization.
- Lobbying—This is activity designed to influence legislation. A 501(c)(3) is attempting to influence legislation if it contacts, or urges the public to contact, a member or employee of a legislative body to propose, support, or oppose legislation, or if the 501(c)(3) advocates or opposes legislation
- Political campaign activity—501(c)(3)s are prohibited from engaging in any “political campaign activity”—that is, directly or indirectly participating or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- Unrelated Business Income—If an organization is selling goods or services to generate income, even if it is conducting the activity within a larger group of activities related to its exempt purpose, the activity is a trade or business. So, while the 501(c)(3) is carrying on its daily exempt function, it could also be carrying on activities that are taxable. When UBI reaches a substantial portion of activities within an organization the tax exempt status may then come under review.
- Failure to report information—

Although the FNA is tax exempt we still must report information to the federal government, and can suffer serious consequences if we fail to do so.

To learn about the tax exempt status for charitable organizations and unrelated business income, the IRS website has some great and easy to understand tutorials. Each one takes a little under 30 minutes to complete and are very good at helping to understand the ins and outs of non-profit volunteering. So if you have a little time to spare on a lunch break or on a lazy Sunday night, this would be a great way to pass that time.

www.stayexempt.irs.gov/virtualworkshop/TaxExemptStatus.aspx

www.stayexempt.irs.gov/virtualworkshop/UnrelatedBusinessIncome.aspx

Also, please visit the Historic Fairmount website for a copy of our association bylaws to learn more about the FNA's mission as a tax exempt organization. Download the bylaws at www.historicfairmount.com/pdfs/fairmountbylaws2008.pdf

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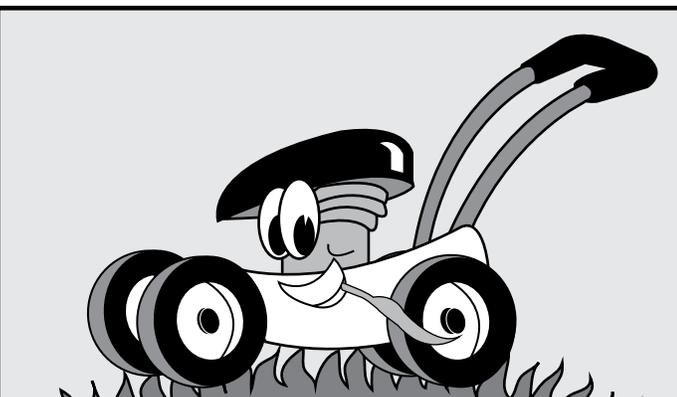
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Fairmount finds local bar and grill ideal social spot

by Kelly Bowden

The Fairmount neighborhood hasn't stopped socializing even after the 30th annual Home Tour on Mother's Day weekend.

May ended with a great social hosted on an all new patio at Shaw's Patio, Bar and Grill located at 1057 West Magnolia Ave.

Owners, David and Ann, served up great appetizers and many visitors ordered dinner for their families and took advantage of half-price burgers. Shaw's also extended their Happy Hour deals just for Fairmount attendees.

Children had fun meeting new playmates and colored, created paintings and played board games on the stage area of the patio.

Come out and support Shaw's during Happy Hour, or enjoy their Hamburger Happy Hour on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday when hamburgers are half price from 4-7 p.m. Shaw's also offers a brunch from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sundays. Visit them online at www.shawsburgers.com.



Mickey Bradley fills a plate with appetizers at an outdoor snack bar. Appetizers were provided by Shaw's and many social attendees also purchased food and drinks.



Photos by Eric Luecker

Fairmount neighbors gather at Shaw's Patio, Bar and Grill on Magnolia at a May FNA social.



Christen White (right) shares some bubbles with her daughter on the patio of Shaw's.

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Brenda Howell, Fairmount director of promotions, holds awards from Neighborhoods, USA. Fairmount won first place in Social Revitalization and Gold level award for the Fairmount newsletter. Brenda Howell, Geri Cotten and Susan Harper attended a conference in Indianapolis in May where

Social revitalization, neighborliness recognized by national association

Pancakes in the Park, Fairmount newsletter win awards at Neighborhoods, USA Conference



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*awesome achievement and thank you so
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 addition the Fairmount Neighborhood has
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— Heidi Swartz, Cowtown Marathon executive director

Photo by Susan Harper

**Neighborliness for Pancakes in the Park as well as a Gold
 neighborhood awards were given.**

NUSA
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Building Stronger Communities

by Brenda Howell, director of promotions

The Fairmount Neighborhood Association received a first place award in Social Revitalization/Neighborliness at the 37th annual Neighborhoods, USA Conference in Indianapolis. Neighborhoods, USA is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations.

Each year the NUSA board of directors recognizes the commitment and work of neighborhoods in awarding the Neighborhood of the Year recipients. The Neighborhood of the Year award has been presented since 1984 as a collective appreciation for the hard work by neighborhoods, and is the only national award given on an ongoing basis to neighborhood organizations for their self-help initiatives.

When the Cowtown Marathon changed its route to run past Fairmount Park, Brenda Howell, Fairmount director of promotions, contacted Heidi Swartz, executive director for the Cowtown Marathon, to see how Fairmount could be involved. FNA board members decided it was a great opportunity to get residents more involved, not only with the association, but also with the city.

Heidi and Brenda devised a plan that would include, of course, pancakes, volunteers to cheer on the runners, music at Arts Fifth Avenue and other fun activities for race participants. The event brought in new members and strengthened commitments by existing members.

The first Pancakes in the Park in 2011 was so successful that Brenda was asked by the Cowtown organization to be their neighborhood liaison with the specific directive to use the Fairmount Pancakes in the Park cheer station concept to create something similar for all of the neighborhoods along the Cowtown marathon route. Brenda and a host of other Fairmount volunteers were also asked to manage the first booth for neighborhoods at Cowtown's Health and Fitness Expo held on race weekend at Will Rodgers Memorial Center.

Fairmount newsletter awarded Gold

Neighborhoods, USA awarded the Fairmount newsletter a 2012 Gold Level award. This is the second year the newsletter has been awarded Gold. Newsletters were evaluated individually and awarded points based on criteria that included layout, consistency, content, relevance and overall appearance. A big thanks goes to Stacy Luecker for all of the countless hours she dedicates to the Fairmount award-winning newsletter.



Watch the NUSA presentation video at <http://youtu.be/I7wR3jeRHL8>



Brewery pours out welcome

Social, fundraiser held to benefit Fairmount projects

by Kelly Bowden

Neighbors and friends gathered at Rahr & Sons Brewing Company on Saturday, June 2 for a social and fundraiser. Representatives from Fairmount talked about the revitalization of the neighborhood, the community garden, Pancakes in the Park, and the award-winning newsletter.

Rahr hosts a Saturday beer tasting and tour each week from 1-3 p.m. All ages are welcome. Admission is free for anyone under 18 and \$10 for those 18 and older. Guests who are 21 and older receive a Rahr pint glass and three beer tastings.

For more information on Rahr, visit online at www.rahrbrewing.com.



Photos by Sean Lynch

Kevin (left) and Megan Sisk with daughters Claire and Zelie wait at the bar at Rahr & Sons Brewery.



Above: Volunteers staff a table for the FNA to hand out neighborhood information and newsletters.



Left: Maritabeth Caruthers smiles for the camera during the FNA social and fundraiser at Rahr & Sons Brewing Company.



Photos by Eric Luecker

Fairmount residents visit Hot Damn Tamales on Magnolia Avenue during a June Fairmount Neighborhood Association social.



Left to right: Jason Sabotin, George Achziger, Bradley Helmer, Martha Jones and Meghan Dennis share conversation and food.



Salsa, chips and a variety of tamales were supplied for Fairmount neighbors by Hot Damn Tamales.

Tamales wrap up neighborhood event

by Kelly Bowden

The Fairmount area has a great selection of culinary treats and FNA socials are a great way to experience what's available.

On Thursday, June 7, the owners of Hot Damn Tamales opened their doors to Fairmount and offered an amazing buffet including: black bean and Oaxaca cheese tamales, meat and vegetarian tamale pies, and Anchu pork tamales with their homemade salsa.

The event was BYOB so neighbors were able to bring their own beverages as well as purchase some traditional Mexican beverages available at the restaurant.

Hot Damn Tamales is open seven days a week. They offer great lunch specials and a Sunday brunch. Join them at 713 W. Magnolia Ave. for some outstanding dishes.

To view a list of available tamale flavors, visit online at www.hotdamntamales.com.

Hot Damn, Tamales!

Historic and Cultural Landmark District

Non-contributing structures find new life in 'hood

by Sue McLean, director of preservation

The Fairmount Historic District contains contributing, new, and non-contributing houses.

Many of the historic houses, both contributing and non-contributing, have been restored into beauties after being neglected for decades, duplexed, badly burned, or just plain botched-up. There have also been some really good new construction houses with a nod to historic influence.

According to our historic guidelines, a non-contributing house which was built later than 1940 can be demolished and a new house built. But sometimes someone decides that it is more economical or recyclable to take the time and effort to remodel the house to "fit in" with the neighborhood instead.

Most of these houses are what historians call Minimalist Traditional. The houses are very plain post-war structures that were built with very little decoration and often little or no eaves. In remodeling, roof overhangs, shingled gables,



Photos by Sue McLean

1423 Alston Ave. — remodeled by John and Brenda Pereda in 2011.



1944 5th Ave. — remodeled by Jerry Hawkins and Robert Bull in 2007.





2219 5th Ave. — remodeled by Josh Jones in 2011.



1821 Henderson — currently undergoing remodeling by Fairmount Dream.



1716 Washington — currently undergoing remodeling by Renato Rosales.



recycled or new wood windows, knee braces, pergolas and historic columns are often added. A front porch or porte cochère may be expanded or added as well. The end result is a more attractive house that blends well with the historic houses in the district.

Non-contributing houses should not be overlooked. These structures can add to the charm and appearance of the neighborhood if their remodels are approached and researched properly.



2223 5th Ave. — remodeled by David King in 2011.



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Blank Cottage	Flat Tile	Brick Veneer	Gas	Lamps
Duplex	Flat Tile	Brick Veneer	Wood Coal Oil	Gas
Apartment	Flat Tile	Brick Veneer	Gas Furnace	Gas
Hotel	Flat Tile	Brick Veneer	Gas	Gas
Office Building	Flat Tile	Brick Veneer	Gas	Gas
Storage	Flat Tile	Brick Veneer	Gas	Gas
Factory	Flat Tile	Brick Veneer	Gas	Gas
Filing Station	Flat Tile	Brick Veneer	Gas	Gas
Garage	Flat Tile	Brick Veneer	Gas	Gas
Sign Board	Flat Tile	Brick Veneer	Gas	Gas
Foundation	Flat Tile	Brick Veneer	Gas	Gas

PLAT

RENDERED FOR TAXATION

YEAR	LOT	VALUATION	VALUATION CHANGED TO	VALUATION PENAL	DISCOUNT	AUTHORITY FOR CHANGE
1935	8	2000.00		2000.00		
1937	8	2000.00		2000.00		

UNIT VALUE FACTOR

SUMMARY

Total Land Valuation . . . \$ 790.00

Total Improvement Valuation . . . 3189.80

Grand Total . . . 3979.80

A deed card for 2232 College Ave. contains information such as the first owner and buildings on the property. Deed cards with information prior to 1984 can be downloaded online.

Deed cards starting point for research

by Stacy Luecker, director of communications

Deed cards are a great place to start when researching the history of a property. The information contained in these cards can indicate a build date as well as the first owner.

When looking for information prior to 1984, images of old deed cards are available for download online at <http://taxoffice.tarrantcounty.com/TaxDeed.htm>.

Original building materials, any additional structures on the property and the original construction date may be shown on the cards.

Some information will also be needed before performing an online search including a subdivision name and geore-

ference number which can be obtained on the current Tarrant Appraisal District site at www.tad.org.

Place the georeference number in the box requesting the legal description for the property. Every field does not need to be filled in to perform a search, and actually, that may prevent you from finding the result you are looking for. Each property record has two pages.

By looking at the deed card for 2232 Collge Ave., we can determine that the first owner of the house was Mrs. N. E. Grammer and that she purchased the house on Nov. 8, 1917. We already know that this house existed prior to this date due to additional records found at the li-

brary, but this is the first owner listed for the property. The card also shows a sale price of \$5,800 and evidence of a garage and servant's quarters in the rear of the property. The servant's quarters no longer exist.

Names found on deed cards can be cross-referenced through online searches at Ancestry.com, newspaper articles, the Fort Worth library at www.fortworthgov.org/Library and courthouse records. Historic Fort Worth also maintains an archive that has some files on Fairmount houses.

More information and additional links can be found online at www.HistoricFairmount.com under resources.

FNA Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 6, 2012

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Directors Present: Sean, Tyler, Jane, Sue, Jason, Geri, Brenda, Ashley
Ex Officio: Robert, Mickey, Patti

I. Director Reports

Home Tour—Chelsie (per Sean)

Approximately 1800 guests attended the 2012 Home Tour. The net proceeds from the event were \$25,432.41. The board discussed the requirements and timing for the audit of the Home Tour finances. The audit committee will meet on June 12 at 7 p.m. at Sean Lynch's house.

Historic Preservation—Sue

New solar panel case with TXU and Solar City. The Historic Preservation Committee plans to meet with Solar City to discuss placement of the panels. 1900 5th—New construction house by Shawn Fite. 1500 block of College Avenue—Two new construction houses by Fairmount Dream. 1512 Adams—Application to remove second front door and one window on side. 1309 Fairmount—Application to add window in front and side dormer, add metal carriage style garage door. Sue noted that the Historic Preservation Committee has a meeting scheduled with the city to review the revised draft FNA guidelines. The Committee will update the board after the meeting.

Membership—Ashley

Ashley reported that the new welcome packet is finished. Ashley asked the board to review the packet and provide comments before it is finalized. The board discussed recent phone calls, e-mails, and online comments

from members regarding problems with the monthly newsletter delivery. Ashley updated the Board on speakers scheduled for upcoming general membership meetings and the Board discussed ideas for speakers in the future.

Administration—Tyler White

No report.

Finance—Jane

\$87,266.70 in the bank accounts and certificate of deposit.

Jane provided a year to date progress report on the budget. The Board discussed projects in the pipeline in this year and additional possible expenditures for this year.

Infrastructure—Jason

The Traffic Calming Committee plans to ask the City to perform a traffic survey in order to further analyze areas in the neighborhood that may need traffic calming improvements. Jason mentioned that some other organizations he is a part of use a lapsed member voting program where members that are not current on their dues are allowed to vote. The board discussed the possibility of instituting such a program for the FNA. Jason reported that he is now on the Development Committee for Fort Worth South and asked that the FNA to let him know if Fort Worth South can assist our association in any way.

Communications—Stacy (per Sean)

Deadline for the next newsletter is the June 10.

Safety—Geri

Geri reported that she returned from

the Neighborhoods, USA conference with several good ideas to improve safety in the neighborhood.

Promotions—Brenda

Brenda reported that the Neighborhoods, USA conference was a great success. Brenda proposed that the FNA help buy Daggett Middle School a popcorn machine, as the school has indicated this is an item of need. The Board agreed to bring popcorn machine purchase before the next FNA general membership meeting. The next Mid-Month Social is June 7 at Hot Damn Tamales from 6-8 p.m. This will be a BYOB event.

II. New Business

The proprietors of Brewed, a new establishment on Magnolia Avenue, have asked for the neighborhood's help to do a "pop-up" dog park. Their plan is to put a fence around Fairmount Park and have drinks and food vendors around the perimeter. They have asked for our help in reserving the park and providing volunteers. The proposed date for this event is Saturday, June 30, 2012 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sean advised that it is time to form a nominating committee to start getting nominations for the upcoming Board of Directors openings. The Board discussed the positions opening up and how the nominating process will work. Sean and Patti provided an update on the Fairmount Park art project. The art project committee is in the process of selecting an artist out of the three finalists.

Motion to adjourn made by Ashley, seconded by Tyler, and vote approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

BROADWAY

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Admission is free with a suggested donation of one of the following for Broadway's community ministries: canned vegetables or fruit, socks (adult or children), travel size toiletries, school supplies.

July 4: **nawlins gumbo kings**, a six-piece new orleans style jazz band, playing traditional dixieland, patriotic americana, and contemporary jazz.

July 11: **brian piper jazz trio**

July 18: **rosana eckert**, a marvelous jazz vocalist, backed by brian piper's jazz trio

July 25: **brasuka!**, a brazilian jazz/pop band

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- June 26 (Fourth Tuesday)Fairmount Neighborhood Association general meeting
- July 2 (First Monday) FNA board meeting
- July 4 Berkeley Fourth of July Parade, 9 a.m. (www.berkeleyplace.org)
- July 4 Ryan Place Fourth of July Parade, 9:30 a.m. (www.historicryanplace.org)
- July 5Historic Preservation Committee meeting
- July 6 (First Friday)Buddy's Big Band at Southside Preservation Hall
- July 9Landmarks hearing
- July 10Newsletter submission deadline
- July 13 (Second Friday)..... Friday on the Green (www.FortWorthSouth.org)
- July 16 (Third Monday)Bulk trash collection
- July 16Landmarks filing deadline (5 p.m.)
- July 21 FNA pool party (See page 3)
- July 24 (Fourth Tuesday) Fairmount Neighborhood Association General Meeting
- August 3 (First Friday).....Buddy's Big Band at Southside Preservation Hall
- August 6 (First Monday) FNA board meeting



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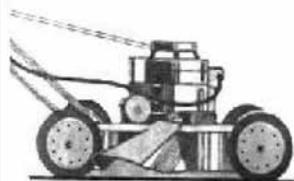
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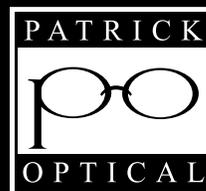


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