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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Well, you made it. Whether you ushered in 2012 with Dick Clark or out in the streets, Fairmount met this new year ready for what's ahead.

I hope everyone who attended the Winter Gala had a great time. I want to thank everyone who had a hand in making that party such a success. Remember that we are successful because you, our members, take the time to volunteer. I also want to report that your spontaneous generosity resulted in over \$300 in donations to the North Side High Mariachi Band who entertained at the party.

2012 has brought with it some concerns. One of our residents suffered a mugging on Magnolia recently. He was fortunate that he only suffered minor injuries, but the incident highlights the need for more crime prevention in Fairmount. We have been fortunate to have not endured the burglaries and property crimes that Ryan Place is suffering. That does not mean we can drop our guard. As our neighborhood continues its growth, we will attract the unwanted attention of the less savory inhabitants of Fort Worth. Please remember, if you see something that doesn't seem normal, call 911.

We have much to look forward to this year. Home Tour is coming soon, and this is our signature event. Again, we need everyone to volunteer and help make it a success.

The Cowtown Marathon will also wind its way through Fairmount. Brenda Howell and Team FOO will be set up in Fairmount Park slingin' pancakes and cheering as thousands of runners trek down 5th Avenue. The Cowtown Marathon is Feb. 24-26.

Also, drive by and check out our new sign in the greenspace on Allen. The new sign is designed to match our existing signage in the neighborhood. Our old sign will be residing at the Bastion.

Speaking of the Bastion, we are on the move. The Bastion has been kind enough to allow us to move our meetings to their facility. Our first meeting at the Bastion will be the February general membership meeting. We will send out reminders throughout next month and change our meeting signs in case you forget.

I hope everyone takes the opportunity to be a part of our activities this year. And remember, if you have a project or an idea you would like the FNA to explore, tell us! I will talk to you soon.




 Sean Lynch, President
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On the Cover

Left to right: Chandra Ricetti and her son, Luca, stand next to Brenda Howell, Fairmount director of promotions, and Heidi Schwartz, executive director of The Cowtown Marathon, during the Fairmount neighborhood social. See page 16 for more.

Photo by Stacy Luecker

The Fairmount Beat

by Joel Stary, neighborhood patrol officer

I'm not someone that likes to look back very often and would prefer to look ahead. Unfortunately, looking back is something that is necessary in order to move forward more effectively.

2011 was another great year for my neighborhoods (Fairmount, Ryan Place and South Hemphill Heights) and I believe 2012 will be even better.

If you have lived in this area for any length of time, you know that with this being a predominately residential area, we constantly talk about burglaries.

During 2011, patrol officers and residents were responsible for capturing 12 burglars and worked hard to get another eight identified. Which is amazing since burglaries of homes, garages and vehicles happen fast and usually without witnesses.

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The neighborhood saw a four percent increase in crime this past year, which was largely due to an increase in burglaries of garages. These types of burglaries increased from 20 in 2010 to 60 in 2011.

Although we have had success in arresting many offenders, we have to do more in 2012 to keep property secure. Last year we saw 97 homes burglarized (down three percent from 2010) and in 26 percent of these, the home was unlocked.

We saw a total of 60 buildings burglarized (up 200 percent from 2010) and

in 28 percent of these cases the garage was unlocked. And, we saw a total of 86 vehicles burglarized (down 18 percent from 2010) and in 36 percent of these cases the vehicle was unlocked. The statistics show us where we are improving and where we need to focus, but I think we all would agree that it isn't worth it to leave anything unlocked.

Fort Worth saw a two percent drop in crime in 2010. There are 20 beats in the city, including ours. We fared better than 15 other beats with our crime numbers, but I know we can have the lowest crime numbers in the city if we work together.

Now that everyone is caught up, let me say that I am here for you all and look forward to another year of challenges and success with you.

FAIRMOUNT

General Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m.
1400 College Ave.

The next Fairmount Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24 at College Avenue Baptist Church, 1400 College Ave.

The speaker this month will be Robert Wedding. He will discuss historic preservation and the Fairmount design guidelines.

The monthly general meeting is a great way to find out what's going on in the neighborhood. It is also a good time to renew and sign up for FNA membership.

Join us for a "hair-raising"
neighborhood social

CUT Hair Salon
Tuesday, Feb. 7, 5-7 p.m.

620 S. Jennings St.

Anthony and staff will be offering complimentary style outs and sewing up hair during the event.

Alley closures solution for security, pest issues



A typical Fairmount alley.

by Jason Amon, Director of Infrastructure

Alleys can sometimes cause problems for our neighborhood. Worse is when they provide access or escape routes for thieves.

If not kept up, they can also harbor rodents and provide breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

If every homeowner on your block unanimously agrees, the city will consider re-platting the alley, effectively extending the back property lines to the mid-point of the (former) alley.

Another option is for homeowners to block alleyways, while the city would still retain ownership and a right of access. One way to do this is by installing gates at the ends of the alley that can be opened for people who have a legitimate need for access.

If you and your neighbors are interested in blocking or reclaiming your alley, or for more information on alley closures, please e-mail infrastructure@historicfairmount.com.

Resolution for safety goal of Code Blue classes

by Geri Cotten, Director of Safety

Citizens on Patrol is a cooperative effort between citizens and the Fort Worth police to reduce crime.

The next COP class will be held 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18 at the police training center. The class is free and is open to anyone wishing to participate.

In the new year let's make the following resolutions for our safety:

- Lock the doors on our homes,

storage sheds and cars;

- Put anything we wish to leave in the car in the trunk and out of site;
- Secure all bicycles, lawn mowers and other valuables;
- Call 911 and report people in the alleys that aren't police, fire or utility workers;
- Report any unknown people or strange happenings to the

police first and then our neighbors.

For information on Citizens on Patrol and the next Code Blue class, contact Calvin Clayton, volunteer co-ordinator for the Central Division of the Fort Worth Police Department and Fairmount resident at 817.392.3973 or e-mail calvin.clayton@fortworthtx.gov

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Tree planting program seed for beautification

by Jason Amon, Director of Infrastructure

Fairmount will soon be participating in Fort Worth's Neighborhood Tree Planting Program. This program supplies free 5-gallon trees to residents who agree to plant them in the parkway (the area between the sidewalk and the curb) and keep them watered for at least two years.

The city forester will determine the number of trees someone is eligible to receive based on their particular address.

A selection from the following species may be requested.

- Bald Cypress
- Bur Oak
- Cedar Elm
- Chinquapin Oak
- Chinese Pistache
- Desert Willow
- Eve's Necklace
- Live Oak
- Mexican Buckeye



- Redbud
- Red Oak

Trees benefit our community in many ways, including environmental, aesthetic and economic. In order to make this program successful, please share this information with all of your neighbors, whether they are members of the neighborhood association or not.

If anyone is not able to dig a hole and plant a tree themselves, we will try to find volunteers to help. If you have neighbors who are reluctant to commit to watering the trees, then we can help with that as well.

You can sign up for trees in person at our next neighborhood meeting, or by e-mailing infrastructure@historicfairmount.com.

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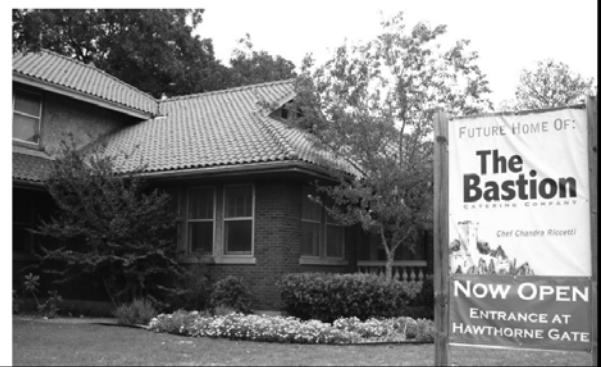
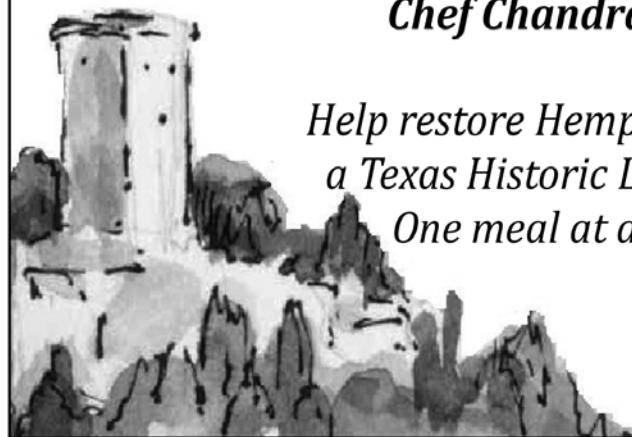
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1824 S. Adams in 2000. The house is painted grey, is beginning to lean to the south and is showing signs of disrepair.



Painted cream and trimmed in pink, 1824 S. Adams sits for sale in 2005. The house also sports a new white picket fence.



Sitting for sale in 2008 on a new foundation, 1824 S. Adams is painted gray and green and the concrete siding has been removed.



1824 S. Adams with loose blocks, pavers and bricks strewn around the house following a collapsed foundation on Jan. 9.

A HOUSE FALLEN

by Sue McLean, Director of Preservation

Built in 1912, a small 1,200 sq. ft. Queen Anne cottage stood at 1824 S. Adams. By 1995 the house was painted yellow and still looked fairly well kept. It was standing straight and the original wrap-around porch had been enclosed as interior space. The front door was sided over, columns were replaced with wrought iron, and original 117 siding had been covered over with wide concrete siding.

By 2000 the house was painted gray. It was beginning to lean to the south, and was showing signs of disrepair.

“Fixed-up” and brightly painted in cream, trimmed in hot pink and sporting a new picket fence, the bungalow stood for sale in 2005.

In 2006 it was purchased by someone who intended to restore the house and live there. They said they would be opening up the front porch, for which they got a COA from Landmarks, once they found someone to redo the foundation cheaply, as all the recommended experts were too expensive.

The foundation was redone, apparently by someone who got no permits or inspections, because that foundation would never have passed code if it had been examined.

By 2008, the concrete siding had been removed to expose original gable shingles and 117 siding and it was painted gray with green trim. Sitting on its “new” foundation, with nothing redone

History of cheap repairs, neglect plagues property

inside, the owner had given up and the house was again for sale as a fixer-upper.

In 2010 the house was offered as a short sale, the porch floor had deteriorated and was unsafe, windows were broken and it often served as a canvas for graffiti.

In June 2011, Fairmount’s rescuer of some of the neighborhood’s most deteriorated houses, Jose Villalobos, bought the house from foreclosure. After restoring 1939 Hurley and 1906 Henderson, saving both from certain demolition, Jose moved on to restore this house, thinking it would be easy after those.

After removing the lower trim board from the south side of the house, it was discovered that the bottom plate which was replaced in 2006 (the beam the



Photos by Sue McLean

1824 S. Adams following a rain storm in January that resulted in it falling off its foundation. A request has been made for demolition.

house sits on) was turned 45 degrees outward, meaning that the house was now leaning severely toward the south.

The replacement piers, which had been installed in the previous renovation, had been nothing but stacks of blocks and patio pavers without anything holding them in place or together.

As a solution, Jose's foundation crew began building a concrete wall around the entire house for the house to sit on soundly again by digging a trench around the piers.

The next day it rained, the trench filled with water and the blocks began to move. The empty shell of a house, making a lot of groans, creaks and crunches, fell off the piers and slid four feet to the south, its interior floor heaving and buckling in all directions.

The house now sits on the ground and the front steps now lead to a wall.

Loose blocks, pavers, bricks and concrete cylinders are strewn like dominoes.

Jose was initially confident that if the house could be lifted back up, it could still be restored.

Foundation experts, structural engineers, insurance adjusters and house movers were called, but with walls sitting on the ground, the bottom plate detached and completely turned on its side, the majority felt that the house would fall apart if it were lifted, and there was too much danger in trying.

Jose didn't want to resell a non-quality product in the end.

As a result, Jose has reluctantly applied for demolition to be heard at the February Landmarks meeting. But he promises to build a new house using all of the salvaged materials that he can, not a McMansion, but a replica of the original 1824 S. Adams Queen Anne cottage

in its place, with the addition on the rear which had been approved only months before.

In the end, no matter what Jose might have done differently, the house is lost because someone in the past took a shortcut, saved money and hired someone to redo a foundation who didn't pull permits or get inspections.

Luckily no one was inside or standing to the south of the house when it fell, or someone might have been hurt or killed.

Speak to anyone who has redone a house, and you will hear complaints about city inspectors. But we can all learn from 1824 S. Adams, that they do inspections for good reason. Inspections can save lives and save houses.

The shortcuts taken to save some bucks could cost you your house or someone's life.

Exploring the city's historic site tax incentive

by Sue McLean, Director of Preservation

HISTORIC SITE TAX INCENTIVE

Owning a historic property in the Fairmount Southside Historic District could entitle you to receive a partial property tax incentive. This would freeze your property value for 10 years, reducing the Fort Worth city tax portion of your property tax.

Tax Year	XMPY	Appraised Land	Appraised Impr	Appraised Total
2011	000	\$30,000	\$45,200	\$75,200
2010	000	\$8,000	\$48,300	\$56,300
2009	000	\$8,000	\$44,000	\$52,000
2008	000	\$8,000	\$38,000	\$46,000
2007	000	\$8,000	\$36,600	\$44,600

CONTRIBUTING PROPERTIES

To qualify for the incentive, your property must have been deemed "contributing" in the original historic survey which was done around 1990. Only structures built prior to 1939 are on this list. Check the list of "contributing" properties on the FNA website at www.HistoricFairmount.com. Click on About Fairmount and then Contributing Structures.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for the Tax Incentive requires that an amount equal to or greater than 30 percent of the Tarrant Appraisal District (TAD) valuation of the "improvements" (buildings) on your property be spent on rehabilitation (or a minimum of \$3,000).

PROCESS

There is a 2-part process whereby you file an application using your current TAD "improvements" valuation. Once it has been approved by Landmarks, you begin collecting receipts for your project. When you have reached your 30 percent total expenditures, you return for the verification, and even if it is years later, your valuation is frozen at the figure on your application.

But if you just found out about the incentive, have already spent the big bucks, and think it is too late to apply, you are in luck. You can do a combo application and verification using the current valuation and receipts gathered from the past 5 years to equal the 30 percent.

30 PERCENT CALCULATION

Your "TAD" valuation can be found online at www.tad.org and then click on Property Data Search in the sidebar.

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In the Five Year History Table under "Appraised Impr" you will find the amount for which you must spend the 30 percent.

In this example you must spend 30 percent of \$30,000 = \$10,000.

After verification of completion of the project and the receipts, and approval of the Landmarks Commission and the city council, the tax incentive will go into effect Jan. 1 of the following year.

The city portion of your property taxes will be figured at this lower "Appraised Impr" amount instead of any increase for the next 10 years.

Application to the Tarrant Appraisal District must be made each year of the 10-year incentive by the owner.

When that 10 year period expires, you must wait another 10 years before applying for this incentive again. The incentive stays with the property transferring to the next owner.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Costs directly related to the exterior appearance or the structural integrity or viability of the building are eligible.

IS IT WORTH IT?

City taxes are roughly one quarter of your total property taxes.

Here is an interesting website to see where your own property taxes go.

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/applications/mypropertytaxdollar/>

LET'S DO IT!

The application is available online at FNA's website by clicking on Resources and then on Fairmount Design Guidelines. You can then choose to download a copy of the Certificate of Appropriateness and Historic Site Exemption Application.

Complete pages 2 and 7 of the application, and submit them to Planning at City Hall with your supporting receipts. Then you will be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled Landmarks Commission meeting, which is held the second Monday of the month. Applications are due by the third Monday of the month.

Contact the city Planning Department for more information at 817.392.8000.

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Home tour volunteers update

by Chelsie Thornton, Home Tour Director

It's hard to believe that we're less than four months away from the 30th Annual Tour of Homes. Please consider volunteering or serving on the Home Tour committee. The following committee positions are still available:

Signage and Set-up Coordinator—responsible for the creation and hanging of promotional banners; recruits and oversees the set-up crew for the weekend of Home Tour

Volunteer Coordinator—recruits and organizes docents, ticket takers, house captains, runners, and sales booth volunteers

Don't have the time to serve on the Home Tour committee but still want to be

involved? Volunteers are needed to act as tour guides, ticket takers, and ticket sales agents. We will also need a handful of volunteers to assist with event set up and tear down.

Volunteer forms will be available at the next general meeting or visit the website to download yours today.

Nominations for tour homes are still being accepted. If you know of a property that should be featured on this year's tour, please send the address and pertinent details to HistoricHomeTour@gmail.com.

The committee will soon be making decisions and the more homes we have to consider, the better the tour will be!

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, e-mail HistoricHomeTour@gmail.com.

Yards awaiting spring blooms to show beauty

Yard of the Month will be on hiatus for a couple of months as Mother Nature takes a long winter's nap.

But when those tulips and daffodils start poking their heads above ground, the wisteria is in bloom and the budding trees burst forth in chartreuse splendor, we will be out scouring the neighborhood to find the next honoree.

If you spot a yard that is a prime example of the beauty of Fairmount and should be recognized, contact Tim Appling, applingtimothy@sbcglobal.net.



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1915 5th Ave.

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HOLIDAY Yard of the Month

by Tim Appling

Tough another Christmas has come and gone, we cannot resist one last look back as we recognize 1915 5th Avenue for being FNA's Holiday Yard of the Month. The c. 1918 bungalow that is home to Kerri and Chase Jones was selected through a Facebook vote as the most festively decorated house for the season. There were many entries from which to choose, but the Jones' house emerged as the neighborhood favorite.

Kerri and Chase, who took second place in last year's vote, worked for several weeks to make their home a shining example of how beautiful Fairmount can be this time of year. Kerri gives most of the credit to Chase, who has enjoyed decorating for the holidays ever since his childhood when he helped his father go all out in lighting his family's house. Using a tasteful mix of different varieties of clear lights, Chase outlined the roof, wrapped each column, and then used light swags between the columns.

A lighted garland surrounded the front door. Kerri made her contribution by wrapping the lampposts in the yard with lights, a feat which she says "made me dizzy, going round and

round and round." And they didn't stop there. The photo of their home appearing on this page was taken before the yard was outlined with C-9's and the shrubbery was trimmed with lights as well. A lighted wreath with bright red bow was the crowning touch.

Passersby may have caught a glimpse of a nine-foot real Christmas tree (generously lighted, of course) while visitors inside the home could enjoy a Christmas village, crafted in metal, that adorned the buffet.

The Joneses moved to Fairmount three and a half years ago from the Wedgwood area. On a recent uncharacteristically warm January evening, Kerri sat on the Jones' ample front porch and shared her feelings about Fairmount. Her words were as warm as the weather. "We love it here. We will never move out," she said. "Love the neighborhood feeling."

We congratulate Kerri and Chase for making 1915 5th Ave. our Holiday Yard of the Month. They have been awarded a gift certificate from C.C.'s Touch of Nature in recognition of their selection.



Above: Cakes, cookies and all sorts of festive goodies sit awaiting the highest bidder. Proceeds benefitted the Neighborhood Library.



Left to right: Mickey Bradley, Steve Ellish and Pat Bradley, smile for the camera during the Fairmount Winter Gala in December.



Photos by Eric Luecker

Members of the Northside High School Mariachi program perform following dinner during the Fairmount Winter Gala at The Bastion.

Fairmount Winter Gala

Neighbors celebrate friendship, festivities, raise funds



Left to right: Geri Cotten and Calvin Clayton enjoy conversation with Roger and Emily Hsieh and John and Amy Lystig over dinner provided by The Bastion Restaurant.



Jane Wedding (right) and Robert Wedding (center) sit at a reception table to check people in and accept Fairmount Neighborhood Association membership dues.

by Ashley Paz, Director of Membership

Thank you to all who attended this year's Fairmount Winter Gala fundraiser.

A great time was had by everyone that attended and the event managed to raise a pretty penny that will be donated to The Neighborhood Library.

The neighborhood association board would like to thank The Bastion Restaurant for playing host, the Northside High School Mariachi Band for their surprise performance, Rhar Brewing Company for donating their finest brews and Hear Hear Winery for the wine.

Also, a very sincere thank you to all of the neighborhood members who work tirelessly to make Fairmount events and the neighborhood association successful.



Brenda Howell, director of promotions, pretends to look under Steve Ellish's kilt.

Santa delights all ages at Arts 5th Avenue

by Brenda Howell, Director of Promotions

Santa and Mrs. Claus made a list and checked it twice to see if attendees had been nice to all the neighborhood children and pets in Fairmount.

Thanks to Sheryl Helt for coordinating Santa's arrival (this is his busy season you know) and Gracie Tune, owner of Arts 5th Avenue, for allowing Santa to visit with everyone on a cold and rainy day in December.



Photo by Sean Lynch

Mrs. Claus (left) and Santa pose with Sara Lynch, Fairmount first lady, (right) during a December visit to Arts 5th Avenue.



Photo by Matt and Sally Gulde

Left to right: Mrs. Claus, George Gulde, Santa, Sam and Francis Gulde visit about their Christmas wish list and upcoming holiday plans.



Photo by Sheryl Helt

John Murphy (right) sits with Santa and his family (Jeanne, Emily, Julia, Bill, Maggie and Kate) during a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus.



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Gracey Tune (left) displays her Christmas sweater to celebrate the holidays next to Francis Gulde outside Arts 5th Avenue.



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Cowtown races gain support, hosts FNA social

by Kelly Bowden

Fairmount neighbors celebrated the first social event of 2012 with a running start as neighbors gathered at the Cowtown Marathon headquarters located on Park Place Avenue.

Heidi Schwartz, executive director of the Cowtown Marathon and its events, provided neighbors with a summary of what their non-profit organization does and said that registration for the Cowtown Marathon is up by 47 percent.

Promoting the Cowtown C.A.L.F. Program (Children's Activities for Life & Fitness) is a main focus of the Cowtown Marathon. The program educates children about the importance of creating a healthy lifestyle through physical fitness and nutrition. Donations help the Cowtown C.A.L.F. reach every Cowtown kid, Heidi said.

The Cowtown Marathon Expo will be 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24 and 6 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3400 Burnett-Tandy Dr. The races will be held both Saturday, Feb. 25 and Sunday, Feb. 26.

Fairmount sends a special thank you to Greer Carlisle and Daniel Carbajal representing Ravash Ram of the Amona Group. Their corporation has been restoring homes in Fairmount. They are currently working on 1621 S. Henderson St. with plans to be completed by the end of January. Also, they are working on the remodeling of 1968 Alston Ave. and have completed 2236 College Ave.

The Amona Group provided the wonderful food that was served along with wine and Rahr beer.

If you are interested in hosting a social event in your home or business, please contact Kelly Bowden at 817.996.6630 or e-mail kbowden@rosenhouseinn.com.



Christina Elbitar enjoys sandwiches and snacks during the first Fairmount social for 2012 held at the Cowtown Marathon headquarters. The Cowtown Marathon will travel through Fairmount again this year and the social helped gain support for the upcoming event.



Photos by Stacy Luecker

Left to right: Kerry Coy, Sara Herron, Gracey Tune and Loren Eaton at the Fairmount social.

Photos grow nostalgia for garden club memories

by Susan Harper

I was recently gifted with two cash boxes that had belonged to the Fairmount Garden Club. Really. No money, but a treasure trove of memories about what the garden club used to be.

The list of members included 57 names. It reads like a roster of Fairmount pioneers. In the '90s they were members of the Texas Garden Clubs, a membership that lasted through 2003 when the club informally disbanded.

The annual plant sale, treasured by residents of Fairmount and surrounding neighborhoods for years, was usually held on the corner across from Old Home Supply and was run by the garden club. The garden club also took on boarding up vacant houses and planting wildflower seeds along Allen Avenue.

Members were a wealth of information about what would grow well in our Texas climate, when to plant and how to prune.

I was happy to see the photos, read the names and remember old times. Today, the garden club still has a small following. It would be nice to see it grow into what it once was again.



A collection of old photos from the Fairmount Garden Club found in old cash boxes. The garden club was comprised of 57 members prior to 2003.

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FNA Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 5, 2011

Call to Order: 7:03

Directors present: Sean, Brenda, Ashley, Jason, Stacy, Sue, Tyler, Geri

Ex officio: Robert

I. Old Business

- Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Sue to approve, seconded by Ashley. Vote approved.
- Historic Preservation Booklet: Robert is new chair of the pamphlet/booklet committee. Committee will produce a 35-37 page educational booklet. Will be divided into paint color, interior, and exterior sections. Booklet will be informational only. Only section that will overlap with guidelines is exterior, which will be restatement of guidelines with examples. Discussion of content of booklet and ordering of different sections.
- Fairmount Park. FNA officially adopted the park. Trinity Bicycles installing bike racks soon. Discussion of sprinkler system for park.

II. Director Reports

Historic Preservation – Sue

- Curb number paintings. Finishing up 6th and then moving to Lake.
- Code Compliance is taking top three problem houses to HCLC to get request for determination whether these properties can be reasonably rehabilitated to continue their contribution to this historic district. Discussion of this process.
- Liz Casso starts as new HP officer tomorrow. She wants to have a meeting in January with HP committee to discuss modifications to the new guidelines.
- Discussion of appraiser wanting

to do class on historic home appraisal and possibility of having class during Home Tour.

- 1811 Fairmount. Owners rehabilitating and want to add porte-cochere on right hand side. Staff is recommending denial. HP will discuss at next meeting.
- Benton House. Owners applying for historic tax exemption.
- 2216 5th. Owner wants to restore garage. HP working with him.
- Patrick Caddou is building a four square house next to his own at 1908 Fairmount.
- 2021 College. Owner wants to alter roof to eliminate rain runoff from existing porch and roof alignment. HP to review proposal.
- 1401 5th building a new garage.

Infrastructure – Jason

- Allen Avenue Cleanup. Discussion of dates for cleanup. Scheduled for Dec. 17 at 8 a.m.
- Tree Program. The City of Fort Worth tree program is back up and running. Discussion of advertising and timing for tree pickup.
- Proposal for \$290 for tree gators. Motion by Geri to approve, seconded by Stacy. Vote approved.

Membership – Ashley

- Holiday Party. 92 guests and 10 that got their meal for free. \$1425 (preliminary total) for tickets. \$311 for auction. \$290 membership dues.
- Working on processing new memberships.
- Storage. David Thrapp moved out of neighborhood and access to Preservation Hall is now limited. Possibility of new storage arrangement. Discussion of storage possibilities and potential compensa-

tion. Motion to relocate property to new location made by Geri, seconded by Jason. Vote approved.

- Motion to move meeting to new location—made by Brenda, seconded by Stacy. Vote approved.

Communication – Stacy

- Color newsletter is out. Next newsletter out late January.
- Facebook is a great tool. We need to be aware that Facebook posts go out to persons outside the FNA.
- Green space sign is ready. Discussion of timing for installation.

Promotions – Brenda

- Santa in the Park. Arts 5th went well.
- FOO. All kids adopted.
- Curbside coffee at Daggett.
- Neighborhood Awards. Send out e-mail with info. on awards. Discussion of timing of submittal and strategies for applications.

Safety – Gerri

- Be especially careful during holiday season.

Administration – Tyler White

- Discussion of storing audio recordings of meetings.

III. New Business

- Insurance. Term of insurance coverage is about up. Need to investigate alternatives.
- Home Tour Owner's Dinner. Discussion of happy hour and dinner before Home Tour with owner's of homes on Home Tour.

IV. Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Tyler, seconded by Ashley, and vote approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:26.

FNA Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2012

Call to Order: 7:02

Directors Present: Sean, Brenda, Ashley, Tyler, Jane, Geri, Sue

Ex officio: Mickey

I. Old Business

- Approval of Minutes for 12-5-11 meeting: Motion made by Jane to approve, seconded by Geri, and the vote was approved.
- Discussion of moving all FNA items in storage to The Bastion. We will arrange a workday to use workers at Preservation Hall and move everything from Preservation Hall and the storage locker to The Bastion.
- Additional work needed on new green space sign to complete installation. Should only be a two or three man job and will be completed within the next few weeks.

II. Director Reports

Historic Preservation – Sue

- House at 1924 Adams fell off its piers today due to recent rain and exposed bad piers. The new owner hopes to continue renovation.
- Appointment of Robert Patterson as new member of HP committee to replace David Thrapp. Motion made by Ashley to approve, seconded by Brenda, and the motion was approved.
- 1611 6th Ave. unrestorable garage;

demo approved at Landmarks.

- 1940 5th. New addition on the back plus a carport. Very well done. Approved by HCLC.
- 2004 Alston approved rear addition, replace lower siding, add wider columns and railing to front porch, replace/move some windows.
- 2124 Fairmount and Mitchell. Demolition approved for side apartment building where person died.
- 1124 Arlington. Building garage that will face Baltimore Avenue.
- 1811 Fairmount. Adding two story garage apartment.
- Discussion of survey of homes in the district for contributing status in connection with new guidelines review by city staff.

Membership – Ashley

Discussion of speaker for next meeting.

Promotions – Brenda

- Neighborhood Awards. FNA turned in two award applications: one for spirit and one for collaboration. Discussion of awards applications and scheduling of the various award presentations.
- Discussion of collaboration with the City and the Cowtown Marathon, including booth at the registration pickup and matters related to the cheer station during the next race.

- Winter clothes drive was a great success. All 16 children were adopted.
- Mid-month social is this Wednesday at Cowtown Marathon headquarters.

Safety – Geri

- Discussion of several recent incidents and increased crime in Ryan Place area. See constant contact message regarding Ryan Place meeting about increased crime.

Administration – Tyler White

No report

Finance – Jane

- \$61,463.67 balance in checking and CD.
- Final Holiday Party totals: \$1,346 in ticket sales, \$1,515.86 in expenses, \$532.19 in Silent Auction proceeds
- Motion by Jane to give proceeds from the event to The Neighborhood Library, Ashley seconded, motion approved.
- Discussion of Community Garden tax and insurance issues.

III. New Business

- None.

IV. Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Tyler, seconded by Jane, and vote approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:13.

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Photo by Stacy Luecker

Right to left: Chelsie Thornton, Ashley Paz and Jane Wedding cheer on 2011 Cowtown Marathon runners as they pass through Fairmount.

Pancakes in the Park returns for marathon runners

by Brenda Howell, Director of Promotions

Please join the Fairmount Neighborhood Association again this year for Pancakes in the Park, Feb. 26.

There will be an estimated 2,500 marathoners and ultra marathoners running through Fairmount.

The marathon is 26.2 miles long and the ultra marathon is just over 31 miles (50K). These runners appreciate seeing spectators come out to cheer them on and offer their support along the journey.

Runners will be at mile mark 12-13 coming into the Fairmount neighborhood between 8-10:30 a.m. They will be needing a little incentive to keep going by then so let's show them our neighborhood spirit.

Volunteers will receive free Cowtown t-shirt and are needed for the following positions.

- **Spectator booth at the Health and Fitness Expo**—Volunteers are needed

ed for the spectator booth Friday, Feb. 24, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 25, from 6 a.m.-5 p.m., to inform runners and visitors of cheer corrals along event routes.

- **Pancakes in the Park on 5th Avenue**—Volunteers needed for Pancakes in the Park on Sunday, Feb. 26, from 8-10:30 a.m.
- **Course monitors**—Needed to direct runners when to make crucial turns or intersections. Safety vest and flag is provided along with specific instructions. Monitors are needed at Hemphill and W. Magnolia, 5th Avenue and W. Magnolia, 5th Avenue and Allen, 8th Avenue and Allen, and at Park Place Avenue and Allen.
- **Cheer Corrals**—Neighbors and spectators should come out and cheer for the runners.
- **Setup and tear down crew**—Volun-

teers are needed to help with putting up and taking down flags, tents and tables, etc.

- **Cooks**—Good in the kitchen? Come out and help with cooking pancakes and sausages.

How to register for Cowtown Races:

If you would like to participate in the Cowtown Marathon, help Cowtown "go green" by registering online at www.cowtownmarathon.org

For additional information, or to volunteer, please contact Brenda Howell, director of promotions, at 817.991.2834 or e-mail promotions@historicfairmount.com

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- Feb. 6 (First Monday)** FNA Board Meeting
- Feb. 7** FNA social at CUT Hair Salon (5-7 p.m.)
- Feb. 9** Historic Preservation Committee meeting
- Feb. 10** Newsletter submission deadline
- Feb. 11 (Second Saturday)** Fairmount Community Garden work day
- Feb. 13 (Second Monday)** Landmarks hearing
- Feb. 14** Valentine's Day
- Feb. 20 (Third Monday)** Bulk trash collection
- Feb. 20 (Third Monday)** Landmarks filing deadline (5 p.m.)
- Feb. 28 (Fourth Tuesday)** Fairmount Neighborhood Association general meeting

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Maddox Street traffic change to aid parking

To increase parking for Fairmount Park, the neighborhood association has requested Maddox Street, from 5th Avenue to Henderson Street, be changed from a two-way street to a one-way.

The city's Traffic Engineer is reviewing the request.

Traffic would flow one way, west to east, to allow parallel parking next to Fairmount Park. The width of the street will accommodate a parked vehicle and a vehicle to pass in the southbound traffic lane.

This change will not impede access to property adjacent to the park.

The next step will be input from Fairmount residents. Please e-mail Sean Lynch at president@historicfairmount.com by Jan. 31 to voice your opinion on this proposed change.

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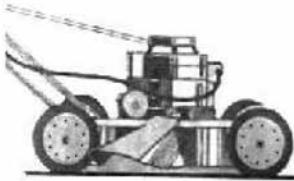
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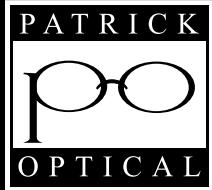
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