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Our monthly neighborhood association meetings are the fourth Monday of the month at 7 PM. They are held at Southside Preservation Hall located at 1519 Lipscomb St. Everyone is welcome to attend. We also have FNA

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On the cover is GNAR foster dog available for adoption, Dita. Photo by Angela DeQuesada

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The Fairmount Furside- Good Neighbors Animal Rescue (GNAR) Adoptable Spotlight

Sweetheart Dita would love to meet you! She is a 45 pound Pit Bull Mix and approximately two years old. Dita was found as a pregnant stray and shortly afterwards had a large litter of puppies (all pups were successfully rehomed). Dita is very cuddly and playful, walks well on a leash, and loves car rides and belly rubs! Dita has a big maternal instinct and gets along well with other dogs, cats, and children. Contact GNARanimalrescue@gmail.com for more information on sweetheart Dita!

Good Neighbors Animal Rescue is a nonprofit animal rescue based in the Fairmount neighborhood of Fort Worth, Texas. G.N.A.R. holds a weekly adoption event every Thursday from 6:00-8:30p at the PetSmart in Montgomery Plaza (415 Carroll St, Fort Worth, TX 76107). www.goodneighborsanimalrescue.org/ Follow us on Facebook & Instagram @goodneighborsanimalrescue



As seen on the cover, photo by Angela DeQuesada

The Fairmount Furside- Feathers Edition

Spacey, Buffy, and Wendy are free-range chickens residing at 1925 Hurley Avenue in the care of Ms. Annie Parsons, a local realtor. Buffy is a Buff Orpington (blond plumage), Spacey is a white Plymouth Rock and Wendy is a golden-laced Wyandotte. Spacey is the youngest at 18 months yet is also the ringleader and "boss" hen. Buffy and Wendy are both over 2 years old with Wendy being the "sweetest with people" and easiest to handle. Aside from their layer feed, the trio gets leftovers and treats like watermelon (their favorite) and apples. Annie reports that the hens are good layers and she typically collects four to five eggs a week per chicken. The chickens share their backyard space with Annie's Catahoula leopard dog, Lou and her black Chantilly longhair mix named Zoe.





SEPTEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH

September's Yard of the Month winners are Kathy and Robert Fain of 1425 Fairmount Ave. The Fains have lived in the home, their tenth in 45 years of marriage, for about one year; in 2018, they will celebrate the home's centennial. The 1910 Sanborn Fire maps show the 1400 block of Fairmount Ave. (then called King) was undeveloped, but by the 1920's, there were homes at all along the block in Craftsman and Foursquare architectural styles. 1425's first owner was John A. Ford, a conductor for the T & P railroad. In 1930 Ford sold the home to William Johnson, a chiropractor born in 1898 in Ohio. Also living in the home were Johnson's wife Loretta, born 1903 in Illinois, and their son Willard C. Johnson, who was born in New Mexico in 1929 (www.uscensus.gov). In 1957, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson retired and returned to New Mexico, and their son Willard, a utility service repairman, sold the house to Sophia Grace Dell before moving to Denton. Ms. Dell was in the process of buying up the 1400 block of Fairmount for rental properties. Mrs. Dell owned 1417, 1423 and 1425 Fairmount until her death in 1979, when they were inherited by daughters Betty Dell Keniff and Ruth Carline Dell Simmons. In 1996, Juan and Bonnie Mata purchased 1425, where they raised daughter Cassandra and son David. After their departure, 1425 was unoccupied for several years in the 2000's. Fairmount veterans will remember the yellow house on the corner at Myrtle, missing several windows, sometimes housing a transient population both indoors and underneath the home. It was a tragic shell at the point that the Fains bought it and began the arduous process of renovation.

The Fains welcomed us into their beautiful home on the Fairmount home tour May 2017. Those lucky enough to walk through saw a beautiful eat-in kitchen with unique green granite countertops, and new Craftsman-style built-ins in the dining and sitting rooms. The Fains also turned the house from a 2/1 to a 3/2 by renovating the attic. They installed a specially permitted outdoor fireplace on the back porch, which they use as an outdoor living room year-round. To the exterior, they added period-appropriate windows and doors (most were boarded up), and painted the cladding in Sherwin Williams' Gauntlet Gray with Benjamin Moore trim on the eaves and windows in Dove Gray.

Shortly before home tour, Bob Fain reports, they realized they needed to quickly shift focus from interior décor to improving the yard. First, they addressed the hardscaping – non-horticultural, built-in elements such as paths and paving -- on the lot. They hired the DFW company Buzz Fence to install the black iron fencing which provides structure and some pedestrian routing: 1425 is situated on a busy street corner where pedestrians had for years cut directly across the lawn. Improved sidewalks and the fencing encourage more orderly foot traffic. Secondly, they hired Manuel Villegas to lay a driveway and patio in the side and back yards, using salvaged antique bricks from the South Main \$6.8 million revitalization project begun in May 2015. With the hardscape in place, they next enlisted Villegas to help them lay St. Augustine turf. They were so thorough that they even laid the St. Augustine grass in the alley they share with the Suasnovars, past winners of YOTM for their fabulous full-lot garden at 1425 6th Ave. With hardscaping and sod in place, the home had not only two porches, but also several outdoor 'rooms' to decorate with potted plants, furnishings, and statuary.

Both spouses confess that they are still in the “trial and error” stage of planting in this new environment. One trial is their first Western-facing front yard and the rigors of full sun all afternoon: “you have to plan your social life around being home at dusk to water,” Kathy quips. The garden’s size and shape presented some additional challenges. The Fains’ previous home had a ½ acre yard, for which they employed a variety of landscapers and pest control companies. The current yard is just 1/10 of an acre, and they do all the maintenance themselves. In downsizing, the Fains retained just a fraction of their yard ornaments gathered over the last 4 decades. One favorite is a statue of St. Frances embracing a deer and a wolf, a gift from Kathy’s 96-year-old mother, currently nestled under a 100-year-old pecan tree in the side yard. Nearby, the goddess Demeter rests her foot on a sheaf of wheat while sheltering two young children from some rather assertive plants: A Rasputin-like crape myrtle that survived being cut down and ground into sawdust, and the persistent, shade-loving ground cover, *transcendentia fluminesis*, or green wandering Jew. Also known as purple heart, these plants take their name from the anti-Semitic legend of a Hebraic cobbler who supposedly taunted Christ during the crucifixion, and as punishment, must walk the earth until the Second Coming.

One strategy for a smaller yard is to explore multiple strains of one plant with many varieties. As their statement plant, the Fains collect coleus, also known as “painted nettle,” which come in a spectacular range of colors from nearly black to vivid red and neon chartreuse. Coleus need overnight temperatures of at least 60 degrees to survive. To maintain theirs as perennials, the Fains grow theirs in pots, and have some examples which they have moved around for years. Favorite varieties include “Apocalypse” (velvety black ruffled leaves trimmed in pale green), “Camp Fire,” (rusty red), and “Dexter” (absinthe green with blood-splattered red flecks), which liberally blanket the front and back steps. The Fains note that the coleus protected on the Eastern exterior’s shade exhibit more brilliant colors, and suggest that other gardeners consider maximizing color before placing them in the landscape. In the front, porch planters setting off the home’s dark gray exterior are filled with upright “Plat’s Black” New Zealand flax (*phormium tenax*), called harakeke by the Maori, who use it to make ceremonial cloth, rope, and sails. The flax share large planters with trailing, grasshopper green sweet potato vines which provide textural contrast. Verging the front steps are potted lobelia, Popcorn drift spray rose (a peach-colored glossy-leaved groundcover rose that spreads up to 2.5 feet), periwinkles, an annual vinca, and two young sweet olive trees (*osmanthus fragrans*). Several Indian hawthorn shrubs (*rhapiolepis*) with pink and white blooms and dark purple fruits lead visitors to the Northern side yard, where dwarf Mondo grass cluster around stepping stone leading to the utility yard. From the front beds, the Fains are particularly fond of the “Soft Caress” Mahonia, a bamboo-like plant with dramatic yellow fall flowers, which was named Southern Living’s plant of the year in 2016. When shopping locally, the Fains prefer to buy their plants at Archie’s on Boaz, and Hermann’s Wholesale Nursery, between S. Hughes Ave. and Windowmere St.

The Fains also have a number of seating and dining arrangements in the back porch and back yard: a full-size dining table and six chairs between the porch and driveway invite visitors to an alfresco meal. In the side yard, an ornamental iron bench and chair painted beryl green lure us to sit among the potted “physic garden,” which features herbs and medicinal plants, including chives, mint, basil, rosemary, and parsley. On the back porch, the Fains treasure a potted plant made for them by Matt Pereda to display during Home Tour. Caladiums and more coleus cluster near the back stairs. Nearby, a chiminea, or free-standing Spanish fire pit with a characteristic pear shape and tall vent, makes outdoor dining possible in four seasons. Also flanking the driveway, the Fains planted two Japanese maples, several types of begonia, and lemon-lime nandina, a less invasive alternative to the *nandina domestica* which can be widely spread by birds consuming the seeds. They also have a climbing Mandevilla (*cibotium barometz*), which, like the *transcendentia*, has a somewhat suspect legend in its past: Mandevillas were rumored to be the ‘vegetable lamb of Tartary’ because the rhizome is woolly like a lamb’s foot.

For combining so many rich legends and palettes in their urban oasis, the Fains receive our thanks, and a \$30 gift certificate to 44Bootlegger.

The YOTM committee is Bonnie Blackwell and Susan Taylor Harper.



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We're the keepers of the Standards and Guidelines, but we're more than that; we're the ones who answer your questions, or find the answer to your problem, help you navigate the system, and cheer you on as you remodel and restore. We want you to love your old house but more than that, we want you to love living in your old house. All that said, we also need your help in keeping tabs on all the projects going on. Not everyone who lives in Fairmount is a member of the Neighborhood Association and some aren't even aware they're in an historic district. Projects that get started without permission or permits are much more expensive to correct than they would be to stop and get directions. So, please, let us know when you see something you're not sure about. Stop any one of us or email preservation@historicfairmount.com.

Last, but certainly not least, attend one of Martin Dahl's seminars at the Fairmount Community Library. It's open to all and answers a lot of questions about how the Standards work in Fairmount. There is a question and answer period during each session so you can ask questions specific to your house. I look forward to working with you!!

Susan Harper

A Tale of Two Toads *by Andrew Brinker*

Thursday August 24th I was enjoying a beautiful evening on the porch when I heard the unmistakable “trill” call of a Gulf Coast Toad (*Incilius nebulifer*). This is the only toad species that lives in Fairmount, and they are quite common. I have known for years of a couple homes that have small water features with resident Gulf Coast toads that can be heard calling after heavy rains. These locations have always been off-limits, so taking photos and making observations were impossible. On this particular night as hurricane Harvey was nearing the Texas coast, a couple of males had decided to claim dominion over new territories. The temptation to locate these toads was too much, so I grabbed my headlamp and started walking. As I was about to turn south onto 5th avenue from Lilac, I decided a lap around the Daggett Middle School track would probably get me closer to the toad. The calls stopped as I approached the side of the track closest to the fence, and I noticed a little lump in the grass near a small pool of water that had formed next to the track. I had found the mysterious maestro and couldn't believe it, as this tiny pool would be dry within a couple days. While photographing the toad a second male began calling nearby, and a short walk down the track to the “large” pool that frequently forms over the clogged storm drain revealed a second male. These two males were engaging in a battle of vocalizations with each answering the other!



Gulf Coast toads are easily identified by a light colored strip that extends along the center of the back, as well as a wider stripe along the sides. This species grows to 2.5-5 inches, with females significantly larger than males. Fairmount is on the northern edge of this species range which extends south into much of Mexico. Gulf Coast toads can lay up to 20,000 eggs at a time, which in wet years (like 2017) can lead to a population explosion. Keep your eyes and ears open after the sun has set and you may also have the pleasure of encountering one of these neighbors that have called Fairmount home for thousands of years.

Check out the Fairmount Neighborhood Biology Facebook page for more information on the plants and animals of the neighborhood.



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Do We Have To Talk About The Hotel Again?

by Angela Gaither

Fairmounties are known for being passionate people. We love our homes and our neighborhood—on this much we all agree. But whether it's our take on best breakfast taco in the area, or how much we actually love all these porch cats, there are things on which we don't all see eye to eye. A recent example is City Council's approval of the hotel to be built at the intersection of Magnolia and Henderson Streets, which in January was at the center of a controversial debate between neighbors who supported it, and neighbors who did not.

The arguments for both sides have been well documented, and for the sake of good Fairmount manners need not be rehashed. But like any good argument, folks on both sides walked away with some really good questions and later came back together to have some solid conversations to clarify issues and concerns, and to talk like neighbors do. Since January, several officers and other members (and non-members) of the Fairmount Neighborhood Association have engaged in a series of dialogues with developers and other interested stakeholders about the plans for the project and some neighbors' concerns. Here are some of the points of clarification that came of those meetings that may be of particular interest to the neighborhood:

1. Henderson Street

- a. Current lanes and widths remain, but on-street parking will be removed to create wider sidewalks, and a turn lane for southbound traffic will be added.
- b. Street improvements will be funded primarily by TIF, and the "plaza-like" design for the street will no longer be pushed forward.

2. Traffic Study

- a. Michael Bennett, primary architect for the project, agreed to a comprehensive traffic study that has been completed; the City will review it and then release it to the public.
- b. City will also conduct a traffic study to help determine street design.

3. Delivery Service Area

- a. Hotel will be designed to run like similarly sized hotels in downtown where semi-trucks are not needed or allowed.
- b. Project team of City staff, NSI and FNA is working to address current existing truck delivery issues affecting the neighborhood.
- c. Loading dock will be recessed so trucks won't block Henderson traffic.

4. Restaurant

- a. Bond Partners desire to have a destination restaurant rather than a typical hotel restaurant.
- b. Restaurant and its delivery needs further study on how to mitigate negative impact on surrounding neighborhood and traffic patterns.

5. Storm Water Issues

- a. A flood study will be completed.
- b. The footprint of the project necessitates a solution to contain storm water runoff, which will most likely be some form of large cistern.

6. Parking Garage

- a. Current design has 200 plus public parking spaces, but if underground parking construction is too expensive, the number drops to 150.
- b. TIF will be meeting to negotiate parking options; the hotel garage is expected to be a key player in alleviating neighborhood parking congestion near Magnolia.
- c. If other transportation methods become widely used, garage space could be converted to office or other uses in the future.

7. Upper Level Patio/Event Space

- a. Bond Partners does not want noise to be an issue for the neighborhood, so the space will be designed more as a cocktail lounge rather than a space for live bands.
- b. No exceptions to the noise ordinance for businesses adjacent to residences will be given.

8. Next Steps

- a. Hotel is not scheduled to be completed for 2 plus years.
- b. Hotel is not yet branded and a Hotel Feasibility Study is likely
- c. Brick will be used on the exterior.

As the project moves forward, questions will inevitably arise and plans will surely evolve—as it is clear that few things are set in stone at this point. FNA is committed to obtaining and disseminating clear information, maintaining an open dialogue with interested parties and stakeholders, and advocating for what is in the best interest of Fairmount, even if it sometimes feels like pulling a Band-Aid off of an old feral cat scratch. Because knowledge is power, and we are all in this together.

The Fairmount Furside

By: Angela DeQuesada

One of the pleasant benefits of living in Fairmount is the walkability. With that walkability comes foot AND paw traffic. Here we feature the furry companions of a new Fairmount household.

In July, Hans and Daniella Wiedel relocated from East Fort Worth to 1905 Hurley Avenue. Hans is currently a law clerk with Parker Strauss, LLP and Dani works as an Internal Communications Specialist with General Motors Financial.

Hans and Dani have kindly taken a break from unpacking to acquaint us with their furry trio.

The Wiedels brought their three adopted animals with them to Hurley Avenue: a 10-year-old terrier mix named Starski, a 10-year-old calico domestic shorthair named Cali, and a 6-year-old orange tabby domestic shorthair named Mimosa or “Mimi” for short. The pets form a very harmonious triad as reported by the Wiedels.

Starski is possibly a Heeler or Corgi mixed with Cairn Terrier who loves everyone and has recently taken up tunnel digging, as discovered when the Wiedels boarded him during their last vacation. Thankfully Starski’s tendency is to return to home base as evidenced by the time he escaped the backyard of the Wiedels’ former East Fort Worth home only to be discovered “sitting on the front door step wagging his tail and smiling.”

Cali, an indoor cat, tends to stay mostly hidden apart



from appearing promptly at meal times demanding to be fed. As reported by Dani, Cali somehow stays skinny despite her affinity for eating. Mimi, also an indoor cat, is a carefree and mellow fluff who “just loves and cuddles” and sports stylish pink kitty caps on her nails.

Cali was adopted by Dani out of a New Mexico animal shelter prior to meeting her husband Hans. Starski was jointly adopted by Hans and Dani after they volunteered together at the Fort Worth Trick or Trot 5K with SteerFW. Dani remembers that Starski was “sitting all alone in the adoption trailer” and that it may have been the “stately red and white polka dot necktie” that convinced them to take him for a walk that day. Mimi was found a year after Starski at a Fort Worth Petsmart adoption event where the “bond was instant.”

Starski’s favorite place in town is the Riverside Kennel on Lancaster avenue where he attends doggie daycare. Dani says Starski squeals with delight when they pull up to the building.

Luckily the Wiedel pets have had few health problems aside from a couple bouts of kennel cough and upset stomach. All three animals are cared for by the veterinarians at Hurst Family Animal Clinic who Dani describes as “very thorough and supportive.”

Pictured top to bottom:
Cali, Mimi and Starski
Photography by Angela
DeQuesada

The cats are fed in the morning a combination of dry and wet food and have lately favored Fancy Feast gravy lovers. Starski is fed a combination of dry and wet food twice a day, favoring Blue Buffalo brand. Favorite treats include Pet Botanics and Hambone & Dogs based out of Springtown, TX.

Mimi loves her scratching post and catnip while Cali can occasionally be coaxed from hiding to play with a laser pointer. Starski favors a Kong chew and although he has a very comfortable dog bed and blanket, he really loves sleeping in his humans' bed.

Many thanks to the Wiedels for providing a look into their furry Fairmount home.



National Night Out

Tuesday, October 3

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This is a covered dish event. We ask you to bring something to share. Anything to go with Chicken Fajitas. Such things as Fresh fruits, salads, beans, rice... use your imagination and show off your best dessert! We usually have a large amount of hungry police and firemen so quantity counts.

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Oct 3 - National Night Out 1800 Washington

Oct 21 - ArtsGoggle on Magnolia

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Neighbors, as you walk your babies, pets, or just yourself through Fairmount, swing by the green space on Allen St. between Henderson and 5th and admire the new Fairmount Historic Marker that was dedicated during Home Tour. It is displayed quite nicely thanks to Jacinto Perez, Mike McDermott and Stan Tucker. They worked hard cleaning out the space, planting the beds, and setting the marker. Also, big thanks goes to Leigh Ann Neese for navigating the process of application and approval with the Texas Historic Commission; Stacy Leucker for the suggestion and showing us how after acquiring a marker for her home, and to Ellen Timberlake-Volz of the Tarrant Count Historic Commission for her guidance.



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Socials Need Host Homes in 2018! Want to host an upcoming social?

The Fairmount Neighborhood Association provides beer/wine and hors d'oeuvres for the guests. Socials usually take place mid-month on a Friday evening from 6:30-8:30. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and we've found having them in our neighbors' homes had a better turnout. If you are interested in being a host for a future social in 2018, please reach out to membership@historicfairmount.com.



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