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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Neighbors,

Well it is Spring again – which I think is my favorite season in Fairmount. All of everyone is back outside – walking dogs, running, biking, gardening or just plain old porch sitting! The grass and flowers are incredible and so are the neighbors. We have an amazing and diverse group of residents which is what makes Fairmount so unique. This year we won the Spirit of the City award at the Mayor's Community Engagement Seminar.

We are in full Home Tour mode – the houses are picked and ready, the green space is getting spruced up, and the volunteers are preparing for a great weekend of showing off Fairmount. This is the association's way of promoting the neighborhood and raising money to fund improvements in the area. Over the years it has allowed us to install period street lighting, street toppers, historic district signs as well as support for our schools. It allows us to sponsor Santa in the Park, Festivus, and other activities. Please come out for the Fairmount Home Tour Parade – Saturday, May 13th at 10 a.m. (Line up is at 9:30 at the Fairmount Park on 5th.)

If you would like to participate please let me know - otherwise please come out and watch the Parade. Then the Home Tour kicks off at Noon.

I hope you love Fairmount as much as we do. Please consider getting involved – there are so many things happening here. I love the fact that we have neighbors all over the neighborhood and not just next door to us. I appreciate that neighbors help neighbors – I watch it time and time again. And I appreciate the fact that we have a wonderful NPO Sergio Guardarrama who is totally committed to Fairmount.



The Fairmount Neighborhood Association meets on the 4th Monday of the Month at 7 pm at Southside Preservation Hall on Lipscomb. It is a one hour meeting with time before or after to visit with others. We have a mid month social each month which is another great way to meet new neighbors and visit with friends. I hope to see you around the neighborhood!

Patricia Bradley  
President Fairmount Neighborhood Association

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 Street. Everyone is welcome to attend. We also have FNA applications at the meetings or online if you would like to join. Membership is open to homeowners and renters alike within Fairmount as well businesses and as friends of Fairmount to those who do not live in the neighborhood.

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(between 5th Ave and Henderson St)**

**Come help celebrate this as a community!**

**Saturday, May 13th  
2 PM**

It's taken us 25 years to do this as a neighborhood. Michael McDermott researched the marker and wrote it. Leigh Anne Neese did all the communication with Texas Historical Commission and Martin Dahl oversaw of all it, making sure it got done. Stacy Luecker getting her TEXAS marker last year paved the way for knowing how to do it. We appreciate all of you who understand and value the fact we live in a historic district. Come out and celebrate this wonderful dedication with us on Home Tour Weekend!

## Art & Soul by Autumn Warren

Anyone who has ever had the pleasure of entering Arts 5th Avenue has quite literally experienced grace. The woman who started it all, Gracey Tune, effuses Broadway charm mixed with a cozy familial love that instantly makes everyone feel welcome. Everything from her elegantly approachable side pony tail to her email etiquette (salutations ranging from "My dearest Autumn", "The sun is out - let's jump and shout!", and my personal favorite "Off to see the wizard!") makes her an instant favorite with students in any class, at any age.

I remember the evening after my son's first day in the Arts 5th Avenue homeschool program. He willingly went to bed early, exhausted (and to be honest, a little cranky) from all of the excitement - but when I asked him if he had a good time, his eyes dreamily sparkled and he said, "Mommy, it was the best day of my life." Which, coming from a kid who has been regularly involved in a myriad of arts programs across the city and who lives in what essentially equates to an urban zoo, really says it all.

With a modest inheritance, and a lifelong love for tap, Gracey began her journey to create an art studio with heart. Nearly 11 years into that dream, she and Eddie Dunlap opened Arts 5th Avenue on sheer will and a belief that a house full of rhythm in Fairmount would fly. And in fact, it soared! This April Arts 5th Avenue will receive the Arts Advocacy Award from the Live Theatre League of Fort Worth. Gracey credits her gracious landlord, Ralph Watterson, friends-turned-family who have taught classes with her since opening day, and, of course the support and care that Southside community has bestowed on them.

Located on the corner of 5th Avenue and Allen, Arts 5th Avenue has become a pillar of the Fairmount community. This neighborhood oozes the funky, crafty, mismatched vibe that has been contained inside those four walls since long before it was cool. Maybe this is why neighbors happily volunteer their time to help the studio and enthusiastically cheer on the one-of-a-kind productions done on the rickety outdoor stage.

As a non-profit, Arts 5th Avenue is dedicated to offering not only a steady stream of traditional and novelty classes - tap, ballet, drums, yoga, burlesque, meditation (and more!) - but also purposely affordable prices that allows the community to enrich its artistic side without the accompanying financial burden.

Gracey just wants to share her love of all things art, anything creative that people want to explore she says, "If today you want to learn how to make a kite, then let's have a class on kite-making!"

The doors are always open (even if the handle sticks a little), from the free 6 am yoga classes to the after-dinner tap classes, stop in and say hi, and it will be easy to understand why Arts 5th Avenue is the most beloved art studio in town.

And for anyone who's interested in that kite making class, I know Gracey would be delighted to hear from you!



*Veronica Alaniz Villegas of 1330 6th Avenue is Fairmount's May winner for Yard of the Month. This recognition marks her 20th anniversary in the home. Veronica recalls moving in during Home Tour, Mother's Day weekend, 1997. Passersby, seeing the activity and open doors, assumed that the home was open for touring, and wandered into the entryway to admire the tall ceilings and graceful columns. Since then, Villegas has been joined at 1330 by three children, Christopher, Michael, and Katherine, now aged 15-19, and more recently, her parents, Valdamar and Mary Helen Alaniz, who came to occupy a separate apartment connected to the rear of the home across a courtyard about two years ago. The home's exterior received significant repairs since 2015, including a new roof, siding, gutters, and paint. Renovations yielded some fascinating discoveries, like ladies' button-hook shoes and newspapers stuffed in the walls for more than 100 years. During the restoration, Veronica considered a San Francisco-style "painted lady" palette in multiple pink hues; however, she was outvoted by her multi-generational family, who liked the existing colors and wanted to see them refreshed, not replaced. The home has historic Kelly Moore paints, predominantly Federal Blue, with accents in Saltbox Blue and Victoria Plum. The result is a lovely, cool palette echoed by the lot's six Vitex (or "chaste trees") blooming amethyst every May.*

*The graceful, two-story Queen Anne Revival with a leaded-glass front door, and a dusting of decorative gingerbread across the front porch, was built in 1895 by Henry W. Lusher. According to Fairmount Historian Michael McDermott, the home "may be the oldest intact residence remaining" in our neighborhood. Lusher, a local carpenter, planer, and window-maker, added "delicate jig-sawed brackets and a spindled frieze" to the home's exterior as testimony to his professional skill. By the early 20th century, the home transferred to local physician Dr. Willie W. Paul, whose daughters Willie Nell and Alice were born in 1914 and 1916. The Pauls once owned most of the block, and they built homes at 1316 and 1324 for Willie Nell and Alice, who remained on 6th Avenue until the 1970's, while 1330 was divided and rented as a triplex.*

*Just a handful of Fairmount's imposing two-story Queen Annes, built between 1880 to 1910, survive on their original double lots (which may measure between 5000 and 13,000 square feet); Lipscomb is particularly rich in examples. The Benton house at Park Place and 6th Avenue, and the Cowan-Kuhlman house at 1800 Washington Ave, are two such homes: many of us remember fondly that both were featured on the 2012 Home Tour. Architectural features of the Queen Anne Revival period include high (12- to 14-foot) ceilings, lack of a central hallway, polygonal towers or pyramidal roof planes, tall and narrow multi-paned windows and doors, often with transoms, turned porch posts and spindles, asymmetrical front façade, and second-floor gables.*



**MAY YARD OF THE MONTH**



Veronica shared this photo from the 1970s.

1330 6th Ave. varied that asymmetric style initially, as the home's façade was a balanced rectangle with two triple-window bays, until a 1920 addition of a two-story sleeping porch on the Morphy Street side brought it into a rambling Victorian shape. A contemporary newspaper article, given to Veronica by neighbor Daisy Laughlin Young, lamented the addition, bluntly calling the home's beauty "marred" by the 1920 renovation. (Daisy Young and her husband Don had purchased 1316 6th Ave. from Willie Nell Paul, shortly after they married nearly 50 years ago, and Daisy lived there until her death in December 2016). In 1995, Frank and Patsy Cdebaca, who owned A. O. Prosthetics at 1401 W. Magnolia Ave. (now Hanger Clinic Prosthetics and Orthotics), purchased 1330 to renovate and sell it. Sadly, some wonderful features were lost in the flip, including original porch railings and a floor-to-ceiling fireplace mantle, but much of the home's Victorian splendor remains, and Veronica has added back in many period fixtures, like ornate chandeliers.

Veronica and her father, Valdamar Alaniz, design and maintain the yard themselves, with occasional help from neighbors. Desi Suasnovar, a past YOTM winner who lives just down the street, planted a vitex agnus castus for the birth of the Villegas' daughter, Katherine, now a high school student: appropriately enough, the trees are a symbol of purity, which is also the Greek etymology of Katherine's name. His wife Leah's larkspur (delphinium) wandered up 6th avenue with the assistance of some obliging birds and now blooms in Veronica's yard (and several others in between). The older sons, Christopher and Michael, also had their births marked with tree plantings. Christopher's live oak, (*quercus virginiana*) now 19 years' old, shades that infamous sleeping porch addition, where it may live hundreds of years. The South China Maple (*acer sino-oblongum*) celebrating the arrival of son Michael, now 17, did not survive, and was replaced by a thriving red oak.

Landscaping a vast lot requires a deliberative approach. Veronica has adopted a wise strategy, installing four to twelve examples of the same plant in sweeping arcs, to make a dramatic visual impact. Given the scale on which she must plant, Veronica's approach is to shop the "Lazarus" plants reduced for quick sale at the end of a season at big box stores. Many of the varieties treated as "annual color" will survive multiple years in our mild winters. More than five years ago, Villegas planted both sides of the path leading to the front door in a soft, fragrant carpet of frilly dianthus, mostly Drummond's pink and Devon red. Where they end, Stella D'Oro daylilies (*hemerocallis citrina*) are succeeded by creeping phlox, which curve left into Texas Rock Roses (*cistaceae*), and Blue daze *evolvus*, finally terminating in a bank of Autumn sage *salvia greggii* at the Morphy Street fence. Last April, Veronica turned her attention to the path leading to the rear apartments, where she put in dozens of Angelonia, dwarf coreopsis, speedwell (or gypsy weed), pincushions and cosmos under the feet of six young Vitex trees curving toward the porch. This March, Veronica and Valdamar planted twelve *loropetalum chinense*, or Chinese fringe flower bushes, skirting the parkway, where they march toward a hybrid tea rose, the Don Juan, that Veronica "thought she had eradicated," but which returned and insinuated himself once more.

Behind the massive house is a pocket garden joining the garage, new apartments, a deck and the original home. The 360-degree beds center around a fire pit and a fountain, providing a quiet space for her guests and family to enjoy. The lawn is planted in St. Augustine grass, and the encircling beds are lined with pansies, Gerber daisies, and miniature roses. Veronica is hoping to put in some raised vegetable beds and an herb garden here as well.

Our thanks, and a gift certificate to Avoca Coffee House, go to the Villegas family.  
The Yard of the Month committee is Susan Taylor Harper and Bonnie Blackwell.



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# Wine Down

A splash of passion, a spoonful of selflessness, a heaping cup of time and yes, a pinch of crazy. That my friends, is what I call the recipe for a perfect VOLUNTEER.

Each year, on Mother's Day weekend, hundreds of residents, friends and family members of our treasured Fairmount community come together to freely give their time to Home Tour. From standing on porches in the heat (or pouring rain), to researching interior architecture to guiding guests through the ideal path of a home, these folks do it all and most importantly, they do it with a smile.

In an effort to appropriately thank them for their time, the Home Tour committee hosts an appreciation party called Wine Down. This year, Wine Down will be held on Saturday night, May 13th and once again, Jason and Kelly Bowden, the most gracious people in all of Fairmount, will welcome us into their backyard oasis at The Rosen House Inn located at 1714 S. Henderson Street.

Now no party is complete without food, drinks and entertainment and this year will be no exception. Get ready to get your feast on as the one and only Angie of Angie's Bikkles serves up her delicious Jamaican brown stew chicken with all the fixins! Of course, we will have a vegetarian delight as well. We are thrilled to have wine donated by our friends at Kent & Co. and Put a Cork in It and beer will be provided by Southside breweries including Rahr. Finally, we will dance into the wee hours (and by wee I mean 9 something) to the musical jams of The Fender Benders!

If that lineup wasn't enough already, we will continue the tradition of our famous silent auction to raise additional funds for the Fairmount Neighborhood Association. While the auction items are still coming in, to date we have some really unique items up for grabs and the variety is wild this year! From a custom made neighborhood library or porch pantry (complete with glass door and cat stencil), to swing dance lessons to gym memberships to Ballet tickets to a kids music class, the auction is destined to be epic and most important, a lot of fun.

So how can you come party with the cool kids at Wine Down?? VOLUNTEER! There are so many ways you can help with Home Tour and we are grateful for whatever role you may want to fill. Email Kim Worley at [kim.worley@live.com](mailto:kim.worley@live.com).

If you are interested in helping specifically with Wine Down OR have an item or service you would like to donate to the silent auction, please contact me directly at [noelleslater@jpar.net](mailto:noelleslater@jpar.net) or 817-682-8987.

We look forward to seeing you at Wine Down and thank you in advance for your time and dedication to this year's Home Tour!

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## Introducing the YOTM Fences of Fairmount scavenger hunt.

These quatrains describe painted wooden picket fences of varying styles located between Hurley and Lipscomb (east/west boundary), Maddox to Arlington (north/south boundary):

Take the attached map and the clues, walk a few blocks with your kids, and snap some cell phone pictures of the solutions. The first family to send in all five correct addresses, with or without pics, to [communications@historicfairmount.com](mailto:communications@historicfairmount.com) wins a \$20 gift card to Melt Ice Creams.



Ananas comusus is a tropical plant  
A symbol of hospitality in common cant  
'Piñas' in Spanish; 'upside down' in cake.  
Now prettily notched in a wooden windbreak.

Maritime birds hover near a ship's hull  
Family, Laridae; in English, seagull.  
Two landed in Fairmount on a white picket fence  
And have lived there in harmony ever since.

This railing's design was inspired by a famous bulb,  
That sent the Dutch economy into speculation & hubbub.  
One flower in 1637 cost as much as five acres of land  
It now marches 'round the garden in an orderly band

West Allen Ave. towards Hemphill is thoroughly traversed  
Brightened by a house painted peach and cloudburst  
The gates welcome the sun after a storm  
Or dismiss the moon, flaunting its successor's form.

This fence has a narrow picket, "Daytona" style  
& a curved arbor wider than a crocodile's smile  
The arched gate supports a giant wisteria  
Which thrives in poor soil, making its own bacteria

## Yard of the Month Fences of Fairmount

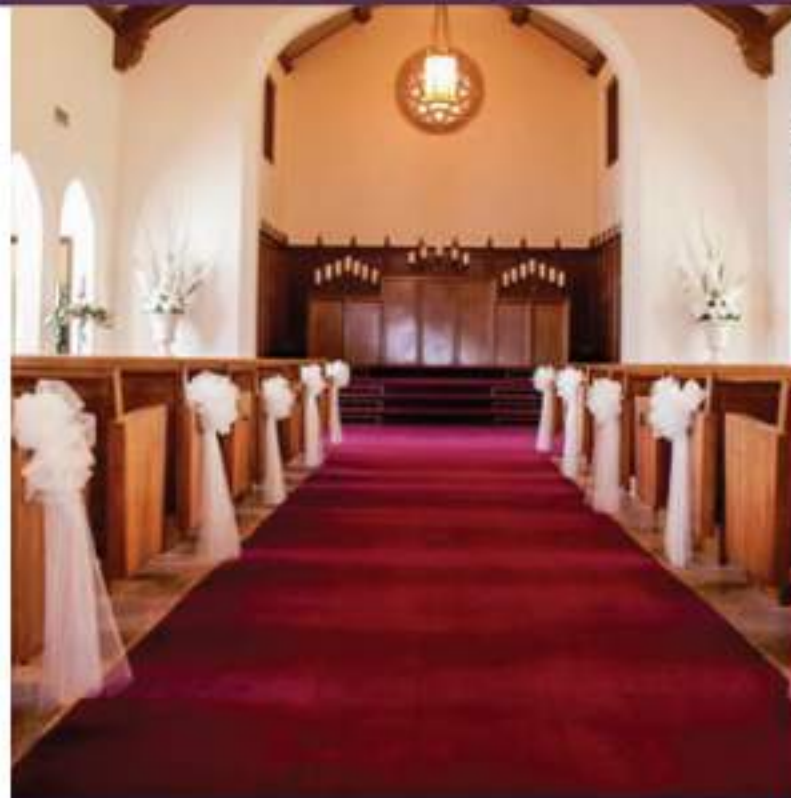


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*The heat wave of 1980 is when Kathye and James Rhodes and 3 children moved into 2100 Lipscomb, their former condemned fixer upper. We didn't have our air conditioning yet and it was Hot! We had a whole house attic fan which really helped with the cross breezes. We joined the Fairmount Association. Ralph Watterson, who owned Old Home Supply, Carolyn Patterson and others. Carolyn and I decided we should have a home tour like Ryan Place. We got 4 or 5 houses to agree and started advertising and selling tickets. On the morning of the tour Carolyn and I had prayed and were scared and thrilled at the same time. It was a success and has been ever since.*

*I am a retired interior decorator and live with my husband Ron in Granbury, Texas. I am grateful for the wonderful people in the Fairmount neighborhood and the amazing progress today! Have a wonderful tour!*

*Sincerely Kathye Buckallew*

## **Fairmount Home Tour by Julie Mathis**

*The Fairmount Neighborhood will once again open its doors for the 35th Annual Tour of Homes on Mother's Day Weekend, May 13th and 14th. The tour will feature six wonderful homes and the Law Office of James M Stanley located at 2200 Hemphill Street. Featured this year are four vintage bungalow style homes and one Foursquare design as well as a newer build in the Craftsman style.*

*Each year homes are selected from the neighborhood and their owners are gracious enough to allow tourgoers into their homes to honor our historic neighborhood. More than 1,000 guests attend the tour each year, many coming from out of town and some from out of state. Many families make the Fairmount Tour of Homes a Mother's Day tradition.*



The dining room at the Rose home at 2201 Washington features box beam ceilings and Carey's vintage mirror collection.

*appreciate the preservation of history all around Fairmount and the front porch lifestyle that is popular in the neighborhood.*



A "rose" stained glass panel complements the working 1950's Chambers Glass Stove in the Rose's kitchen.

### *2201 Washington Ave*

*The home of Carey and Mike Rose at 2201 Washington has a very colorful past. Once owned by the Beyers family the home fell into disrepair in the 1970's. The home deteriorated and was about to be condemned when it was purchased for restoration. The home finally received its Certificate of Occupancy in 2011 but still needed work when Carey and Mike Rose purchased the house in 2013. The final product is the showplace you see today. The Rose's*



The Rose's box beam ceiling, mantle and bookcases were reproduced using "before" pictures by the owners.

### 1330 Alston Ave

1330 Alston is a newer build from 2006 in the Craftsman style that fits nicely into the Fairmount neighborhood. The home was recently purchased by Lauren Campanello and Sean Ford who have quickly put their own stamp on the house.

Family heirlooms like Lauren's grandmothers sewing machine and curved glass cabinet combine with Sean's handiwork evident in the newly built desk and bookcases. Airplane pictures from the 1940s and a handmade chandelier make this home an eclectic vibe of old and new.

### 1601 Alston Ave

Mat and Lexi Pereda continue the Pereda family tradition of home restoration in Fairmount. As one of last year's work in progress homes, tourgoers were able to see the home in a bare-bones state of open walls and ceilings. This year 1601 Alston is a finished home with an upstairs master suite and balcony. Original pocket doors and original brick have been repurposed in the homes to keep the early 1900s historic charm.

The Pereda's finished the attic under the eaves and added dormers to create a cozy master suite and office area upstairs. A balcony was also added in the rear of the home.

### 1925 Fairmount Ave

The Fain's purchased 1925 Fairmount from a contractor who had begun restoration on the house which was vacant and stripped of it's historic charm. The home was gutted and reconfigured and the charm was added back in.



During renovation the Fain's opened the wall between the kitchen and dining room and the plank ceiling was added. The dishes were inherited from Kathy's grandmother.



The floor plan was opened up for a larger kitchen, and dining area, and the attic was turned into an inviting guest suite. Gorgeous finishes were added throughout the home. A big change to this home was the addition of a large back porch

with a fireplace and TV for a great outdoor lifestyle. As Kathy says "We bought two porches. There just happened to be a house between them."

### 1812 5th Ave

The home of Chris Mosley and Barry Diehl is featured on the cover of this month's newsletter. Chris and Barry purchased 1812 5th three years ago and have survived many renovation projects in that short period of time. The home was once a group home before being passed from mother to daughter in the 1990's.

The kitchen was the first renovation project and features antique milk glass hardware and antique light fixtures. Both bathrooms have been remodeled as well.

Chris and Barry's dining room features the original built in buffet and a vintage light fixture found at Old Home Supply.





*The home is full of antiques; some are family heirlooms and some were purchased for the home from places near and far. The latest renovation is the backyard English Garden. The garden is a relaxing place for the homeowners to unwind.*

The vintage lamps in the living room of 1812 5th Ave. are from Colonial Country Club.

2200 Hemphill St.

*The Law Offices of James Stanley purchased the Reeves Homes thirty years ago from the Zapata Funeral Home and have since updated the systems while preserving the home's amazing original features.*

*The two and one half story mansion displays design elements of the Queen Ann and Classical Revival Architecture. Walls and ceilings are covered in quarter sawn oak woodwork, raised paneling and box beam ceilings. A brass trimmed and studded tile fireplace in the main office (formerly the living room) and an Arts Nouveau tiled upstairs bathroom with a state of the art shower are unique features of the home.*

*The third floor ballroom has a massive imported table from Scotland and now serves as the boardroom.*

*We are grateful to the Law Offices of James Stanley for restoring this mansion as many were destroyed in the 1960's and 1970's. The Stanley's have preserved a great piece of Fort Worth history.*

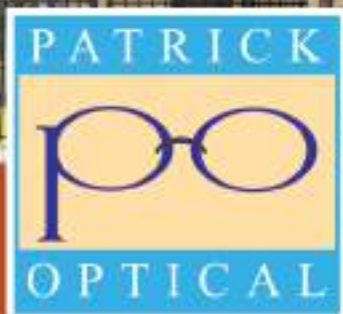
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## So you are thinking about chickens! by Sallie Trotter

It is quite the urban "thing" these days to have chickens. Everyone knows someone who has those awesome backyard eggs. My sweet better half has been trying to get me to have chickens for years... He was right, I was wrong... (Now he has it in print!) We currently have 11 chickens all hens. P.S. It is NOT cheaper to have chickens than to buy eggs.... At least not until eggs start costing \$20 a carton....

Laws: In the city of FTW, by law you are allowed to have 12 chickens on a property less than ½ an acre (two of those may be roosters, but DON'T). Just in case you didn't know... (and I didn't when we got started) you DO NOT need a rooster to have eggs. You DO need a rooster if you want baby chickens. Roosters are noisy, can be aggressive, and will certainly aggravate your neighbors with their incessant crowing. Then you will get a nice letter from code compliance stating that someone in your immediate vicinity has filed a noise complaint for crowing... not that this has ever happened to us...

For good Karma and by law, your chickens will need to be treated humanely meaning they need food and shelter. Since chickens like to hang out with other chickens, you should have at least 2-3, they will form a small flock. The actual coop should be located 50 feet from any habitable building. More info in the Code compliance ordinances section of the FTW city gov site. Coops are as varied as the people that build them or buy them and many plans are available online.

Where do you get them: Online, feed stores, hatcheries, reputable breeders, farmers markets... etc. Personally I prefer getting teen-age chickens and not worrying about raising little chicks. However, if you have kids or maybe homeschool, it can be a great teaching experience. Go with someone reputable and try to make sure the chickens are sexed (meaning you know if they are male or female) and healthy. I if not you might end up with several roosters... not that this ever happened to us...

Safety: Chickens need a safe place to roost at night, a coop that is enclosed so that nefarious animals cannot get to them. Dogs, opossums, raccoons, coyotes, foxes are all nefarious and will kill your chickens! (and just chew off their heads and leave, well you get the picture... not that this has ever happened to us...) Cats are not nefarious and just hang out and stare at the chickens (UNLESS they are little chicks and then the Cats will eat them). If you decide to raise them from chicks you have to keep them at a certain temperature and protect them until they are big enough to not be threatened by cats. (usually 2-3 months). You HAVE to let them out of the coop every morning and lock them in EVERY night (or see above for the consequences of not locking them up). P.S. Chickens die randomly... so if you are a super sensitive person... maybe not for you. Breeds: Rhode Island Reds are the best egg producers... so if your goal is just eggs then that is what you want. Other various good breeds Wyandottes, Orpingtons of various types and colors, Ameraucanas lay really pretty green/blue eggs (called Easter eggers by some). Bantams are smaller types of chickens of the same breed. Smaller chicken = smaller eggs, so... again if you just want egg production. There are also several really pretty breeds with showy feathers, but be sensitive to climate hardness. Most chickens start laying eggs anywhere from 4-5 months old, each breed is a bit different. That is the exciting moment when you have your first egg! Health: For humans, wash your hands... seems obvious... but really wash your hands! They poop a lot, so it helps to have them in a fenced in area to contain poop. For the chickens, they will eat almost every piece of green foliage that lives in the fenced area. Put down straw or hay or leaves, they have to scratch and dust bathe (fluffing up their feathers and covering themselves with dirt is a way for them to keep clean and manage mites), they MUST have adequate water.

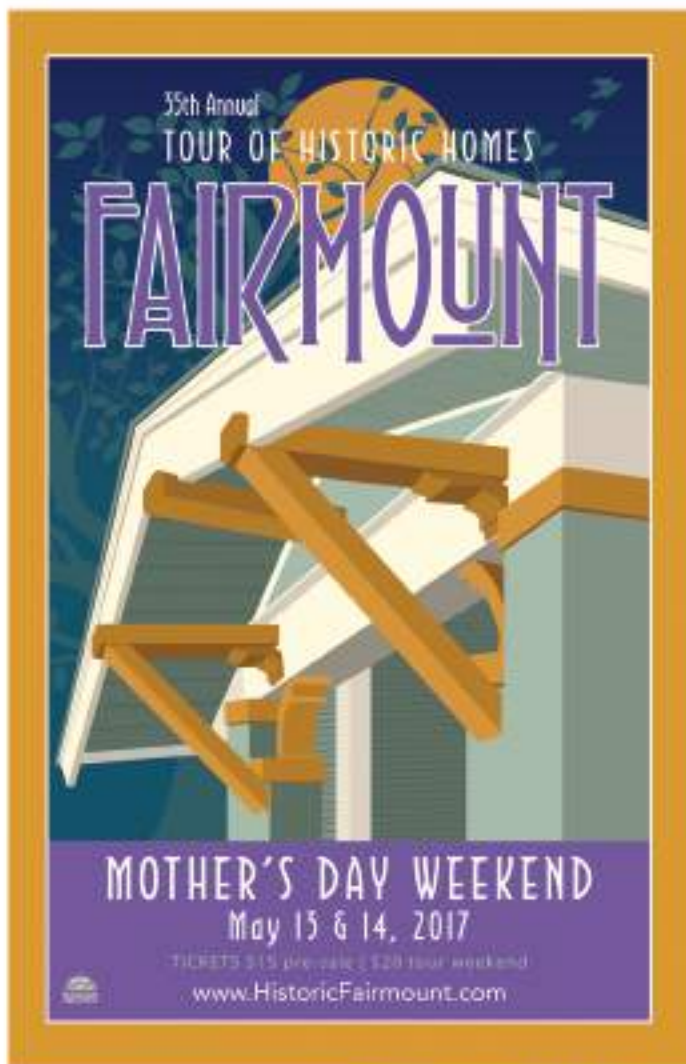
If you add, raising chickens to composting it works pretty well. Composting straw or bedding from the coop with grass cuttings and table scraps etc... you end up with really nice dirt!

It is a commitment and hens do not lay forever. Happy chickening!!!

Tons more information at [www.backyardchickens.com](http://www.backyardchickens.com)







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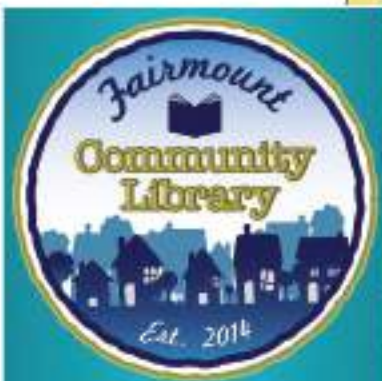
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## A TREE GROWS IN FAIRMOUNT ~ many of them! by Brenda Pereda

*"The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The next best time is now."*—Chinese proverb

A chilly Saturday morning in mid-January 2011, a conglomeration of energetic volunteers converged on De Zavala Elementary's playground with shovels, wheelbarrows, and mulch. For this tree planting venture, Fairmount Neighborhood Association (FNA) purchased four 50-gallon trees (Cedar Elms and Shumard Red Oaks) to pack more wallop to the Fort Worth Forestry Department's contribution of twenty 1-gallon saplings (Trident Maples, Red Oaks, Live Oaks and Red Buds).

Pre-dug holes helped move the process along, but there was still a lot of work— additional digging, tree placement, applying of mulch and root stimulator, and finally watering. Within a few hours, the trees were planted in their new home. De Zavala students and teachers helped mulch and decorate the trees with plastic ribbons to increase their visibility--important as the saplings were about three feet tall with their trunks as narrow as pencils. Many realistically wondered about these trees' life expectancy in this dog-eat-dog tree snapping world that we live in.

Four households that live close to De Zavala agreed to water the trees faithfully twice a week in the summer and once a week in the winter for two full years. The third year, during the heat of August, nature's rain needed augmenting as well. The first three years they were also treated with fertilizer spikes twice a year. Other than that, these trees have been on their own.

Now six years later, it's rewarding to know that all but one tree have survived, flourishing even. It was heartwarming for this tree lover to see parents watching their children practice baseball while in the shade of some of these very same trees recently.

Is there a moral to this story? Find a need, make it happen, follow through with like-minded folks to make Fairmount a shadier place—"shady" as in tree-shade.



Sara Karashin, Joe Hyun and Sean Lynch helping plant trees.



Greg Taylor, John Pereda and Mark Zeilke moving trees to plant.



*"Step outside for a while - calm your mind. It is better to hug a tree than to bang your head against a wall continually"*

Rasheed Ogunlaru

*"She said that the planting of trees, like the education of children, was a gift to the future."*

Cassandra Danz

*"We're merely one tree with various types, shapes and sizes of leaves that all wave differently in the breeze"*

Rasheed Ogunlaru

*"The planting of a tree, especially one of the long-living hardwood trees, is a gift which you can make to posterity at almost no cost and with almost no trouble, and if the tree takes root it will far outlive the visible effect of any of your other actions, good or evil."*

George Orwell

*"To be without trees would, in the most literal way, be without our roots."*

Richard Mabey, *Beechcombing: The narratives of trees*

*"Trees are corrupting our parks. They should be arrested for loitering. For deciduous trees, add littering and indecent exposure to that list of offenses."*

Bauvard, *Some Inspiration for the Overenthusiastic*



Fairmount is famous (or infamous) for our porch cats and feral population. Our softball team is even named after them! There is now also a Facebook page devoted to fawning over kitties owned and fostered by Fairmount residents. Kitten season has officially begun in Fairmount and the first orphan kittens of the year have been found on our local streets and there are more to come.

What do you do if you find a kitten (or a litter of kittens)? Your first instinct is probably to pick it up and protect it, but that's not always the right thing to do. Unless it is injured or in danger (middle of the street, exposed to aggressive animals, etc) please take the time to review the poster below to determine your correct course of action. Momma cats are not always around (they have to hunt to feed themselves) and if they are gone when you check back later, don't worry, feral mothers often have a number of "hides" and they move their babies on a regular basis.

Watch for the momma and other kittens. Once all kittens have been located and accounted for, it is time to catch the momma to get them off the street before the babies get injured, too old to tame and adopt out, or worse get old enough to become pregnant themselves and perpetuate the overpopulation problem. Call a rescue. Never dump an unweaned litter at a shelter. They will likely be euthanized for lack of resources. Borrow a trap from a rescue like GNAR or contact GNAR's TNR team to come help by sending an email to gnaranimalrescue@gmail.com with their location, numbers, and descriptions. (TNR volunteers needed!) GNAR is an all-breed local Rescue initiated in Fairmount and Ryan Place that takes strays of any and all species from the street and saves them from uncertain fates in shelters.

Good Neighbors Animal Rescue has been able to help hundreds of homeless, stray, low income-owned, and neglected pets in our neighborhoods since we started in early 2015 thanks to your donations and time. We are grateful we have been able to do as much as we have, in order to alleviate and prevent the suffering of animals on our streets and at risk of being dumped at high kill shelters. Contact us to find out how to get involved. Fostering saves lives!

**Animals helped by GNAR from Fairmount, Ryan Place, and adjacent neighborhoods since 2015:**

- Dogs saved - 106
- Dogs adopted out so far - 100
- Kitties saved - 366
- Kitties adopted out so far - 199
- Dogs treated for heartworms - 4
- Kittens taken in, in 2016 - 139
- Feral and porch cats neutered (TNR) - 700+!

**What did GNAR spend donations and adoption fees on in 2016?**

89.5% of donations were spent on vet services. 10.5% was spent on medicine, flea & heartworm prevention, pet food, website fees and office supplies. 0% on paid employees or overhead, as GNAR is ALL Volunteer & pets are fostered in volunteer homes!

In 2016 we took on several complicated cases such as dumped pets with injured and deformed limbs that needed amputation, stray dogs with heartworm infections, neighbors' accidental litters of puppies, and so many unweaned orphan kittens that we put with nursing kitty mothers to be raised.

**Please adopt, don't shop.**

GNAR volunteers work hard to market and put on adoption events to find high quality adoptive homes, and are able to place most of the pets that we care for within a few weeks to a few months. GNAR is a Petsmart Adoption partner so all adoptions go through Petsmart Charities.

Many of our events are held at local Breweries and bars! Join us at our upcoming adoption events in May! Locations and dates can be found under EVENTS on our Facebook page: Good Neighbors Animal Rescue. Watch our available pet albums on our facebook page or on our website: goodneighborsanimalrescue.org, and on Petfinder to find your next rescued pet. Share your favorites to help find them a home! Please LIKE us: www.facebook.com/GoodNeighborsAnimalRescue

**HELP, I FOUND A KITTEN!**

Found kittens outside and don't know what to do? This flowchart will help you take steps to make the best decisions for their care!

**ARE THE KITTENS 8 WEEKS OR OLDER?** (If unsure, call a professional.)

- NO:** ARE THE KITTENS WITH MOM?
  - NO:** DID MOM COME BACK A FEW HOURS LATER?
    - NO:** KITTY CARE
    - YES:** FAMILY CARE
  - YES:** FIND NEW HOME
- YES:** ARE THE KITTENS FRIENDLY?
  - YES:** FIND NEW HOME
  - NO:** LEFT-NEEDED PETS

**Kit Notes:**

- Kitty Care:** If you have a safe, secure place to house the kittens, please contact a local animal rescue organization for advice.
- Family Care:** If you have a safe, secure place to house the kittens, please contact a local animal rescue organization for advice.
- Find New Home:** If you have a safe, secure place to house the kittens, please contact a local animal rescue organization for advice.
- Left-Needed Pets:** If you have a safe, secure place to house the kittens, please contact a local animal rescue organization for advice.

**Alley Cat Alliance** - This chart is part of the public version of what is provided to clients. For more information, please contact us at 410-528-1111.

**Prince**

**Gender:** Female, spayed  
**Markings/Color:** Black and white tabby  
**Birthdate:** Unknown  
**Age:** 21 year old  
**Born:** July 12, 2012  
**Name of Foster:** Doreen Pugh

**Background and Description:**  
 Prince was surrendered by an owner who took her in as a stray with the "family dog" litter who she raised even though she was not their mother. She has taken on 22 more litters to date for GNAR.

**Bali**

**Gender:** Female, spayed  
**Markings/Color:** Black and white tabby  
**Birthdate:** Unknown  
**Age:** 1 year 3 months  
**Born:** August 2015  
**Name of Foster:** Maria Sanchez

**Background and Description:**  
 Anissa, Bali and Corby were found along with their mom, Poshie, in the Fairmount neighborhood.

**Chirpie**

**Gender:** Male, neutered  
**Markings/Color:** Black and white tabby  
**Birthdate:** Unknown  
**Age:** born April 1, 2016  
**Name of Foster:** Ann White

**Background and Description:**  
 My little girl and I were found in a dumpster after we had our mom for about 2 1/2 weeks and I have been fairly well and you know why for the longest time.

**Bandita**

**Gender:** Female, spayed  
**Markings/Color:** Black and white tabby  
**Birthdate:** Unknown  
**Age:** 1 year 3 months  
**Born:** August 2015  
**Name of Foster:** Maria Sanchez

**Background and Description:**  
 My little girl and I were found in a dumpster in a house off of 2nd Ave and fell out near to a stray dog who only 5 weeks old. We can be a little bit shy at first but we are loving our beds.

## Are Y'all Ready to See Your Fixer Upper? Near Southside... Welcome to Your New Home

We picked the worst building in the best neighborhood and we're turning it into a restaurant everyone can call home.

My husband is a chef and had crazy big vision to feed people. When he first told me his idea, I thought he was just thinking about hosting a dinner party for some people in need. But his vision for Taste Project was so much bigger!

Taste Project invites our community to taste and see. We are a community solution to the problem of hunger in our community. People in need can meet people who want to help; all with dignity, love and respect. Our initial project is a pay-what-you-can full service restaurant. Once open, patrons can:

- 1) pay what they can afford including enjoying a free meal,
- 2) pay what they would typically pay at a restaurant in the area, or
- 3) pay more than they would typically pay to cover a neighbor's meal.

Those in need and those wanting to help are not segregated and instead create an environment that is approachable and refreshing.

We have secured a location at 1200 South Main Street, just a couple steps from West Magnolia. It was most recently used by a printing business, and likely used by several businesses before that. The earliest known date of construction is 1920. We have completed demolition of the building addition to meet current building codes. We have installed a new roof, and secured final permits for the interior finish work. But after several months, I found myself wondering, do I have what it takes for this fixer upper?

Have you ever felt overwhelmed by a home project? For me, this felt like a home project on steroids!

Just like the television show, I feel like there are three distinct stages of every Fixer Upper. In the first stage, you are completely overwhelmed at the project and there's always one extra unforeseen problem that comes with an additional cost. Second, you start to see some momentum with a couple of key projects under your belt; but the home remains completely hidden by dust and plastic tarps. And lastly, there is the stage when it starts to feel like a home.

We signed our lease in May of 2015 and construction started right away. But, the roof took longer to complete than planned. The windows cost more than we planned. The permit process was more complicated than we thought. ...Oh, and then there was a port-a-potty that appeared on our doorstep when the street improvements began. After what felt like eternity, we still stood in front of a mound of work, rubbish, and broken tile and wood, completely covered in dust and dirt without knowing exactly what to do next.

We reached out to our community in the Near Southside and the community responded! Volunteers came, rolled up their sleeves, and jumped into action. The interior walls came down in a day. Another team cleared the debris. And a third team removed all the plaster from the walls showcasing the original brick from 1920. It is absolutely amazing what a team can do.

We have a few more projects before we the space is transformed into a restaurant, but the reveal day is within sight! Our design team has chosen flooring, lighting fixtures, tables, and chairs from traditional consumer retailers to create a feeling and atmosphere just like your own home. And one day this summer, we will have a move-in party where we'll serve pizza and assemble furniture into the wee hours!

It's hard work, but work worth doing. Throughout this project I am reminded of the similar struggles our neighbors in need face. Many reach a point of despair with a mountain in front of them that feels completely overwhelming. A simple meal served with dignity, love, and respect in an atmosphere of anonymity, can be the catalyst that changes someone's life. And, then we all get Joanna's job of making sure everyone feels right at home. Are y'all ready to see your fixer upper?

Julie Williams is the wife of Chef Jeff Williams, founder of Taste Project. You can learn more about Taste Project at [www.tasteproject.org](http://www.tasteproject.org) or find us on Facebook.

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## Special Offer to Fairmount Residents

Old House Journal is a fantastic resource that covers a variety of topics relevant to these old Fairmount houses! OHJ is giving Fairmount residents a special offer on their magazine: One year for \$10. However, subscription requests must be sent in batches of 10 or more. The Fairmount Neighborhood Association is acting as coordinator and will submit a lump sum payment to OHJ when 10 or more people express interest.

If you would like to receive this special offer please fill out the following form, staple your cash or check payment to it, and drop it off at the monthly FNA meetings (4th Mondays of the month at 7pm at the Southside Preservation Hall) or email our current Historic Preservation Officer at [preservation@historicfairmount.com](mailto:preservation@historicfairmount.com) to coordinate drop off/pick up. Checks will not be cashed until 10+ people sign up.

Please write checks payable to the Fairmount Neighborhood Association.

If 10+ people do not sign up, all moneys will be returned within 4-8wks.

## Updating Your Front Porch?

Spring is sprung and many of us are out refreshing our houses and gardens. As you do so, please remember you live in an historic district, bound by standards. If you are thinking of repairing or replacing your front porch, please remember that the "flooring shall be 3 1/2" tongue and groove wood installed with a floor nailer..." Decking is not appropriate for the front porch.

For a longer life, prime the wood on all four sides before you install it.

Please feel free to contact us for assistance.

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### Why Join the Fairmount Neighborhood Association?

- Receive priority free consultation, guidance and quick tips for all things "historic guidelines" from our Historic Preservation team. - Gain free admission to enjoy food and beverage at 8+ monthly socials AND our holiday party. - Receive our exclusive, members-only newsletters. - Enjoy FNA voting privileges helping shape Fairmount's future. - And, celebrate friendships old and new ... all along the way! The Fairmount Neighborhood Association is entirely volunteer-driven, and your membership dollars will be used to support the association and the good works (AND BIG FUN) it creates.

### JOIN the Fairmount Neighborhood Association

#### Why join?

- Get the newsletter delivered to your doorstep. We're bringing back a monthly printed newsletter.
- Know what's going on in Fairmount and the city that will affect you and your property.
- Meet old and new friends at our monthly socials. About 10 a year and the Christmas party!

Annual dues are \$20 per individual. \$25 per family or \$50 per business.

Fill out this form and send it with your dues to Fairmount Neighborhood Association,  
P.O. Box 12348, Fort Worth, TX 76110-8348 or bring it to the next Association meeting.

You can also sign up online at [www.historicfairmount.com](http://www.historicfairmount.com).

Questions? Email [membership@historicfairmount.com](mailto:membership@historicfairmount.com).

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 13 - Home Tour Parade 10 AM  
(line up at Fairmount Park at 9:30 AM)**

**May 13/14 - Home Tour Weekend**

**May 19 - Social at 1800 Washington**

**May 22 - FNA General Meeting**

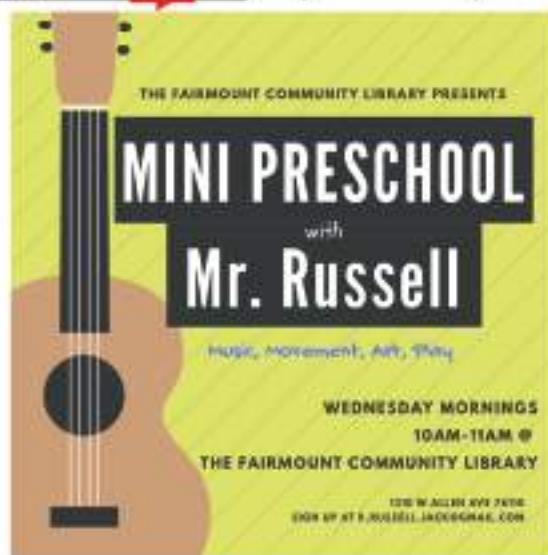
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# 2017 Home Tour Parade Map



## Socials Need Host Homes! 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, please reach out to Nathan Spitzberg for more details at [nathanleo478@gmail.com](mailto:nathanleo478@gmail.com).



Happy Spring to our friends, family and clients in Historic Fairmount. From Hemphill to 8<sup>th</sup> and Magnolia to Jessamine, we have had the privilege of helping families call this wonderful neighborhood home for over 20 years. With median home prices rising above \$278,000.00 in the area, we continue to see record growth. Call to see how your home's value has been impacted.



Here's to our continued growth together, Thank you!

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