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THE FAIRMOUNT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hey there Neighbor!

2022 is upon us and with a new year, I hope you will join me in making a few neighborhood resolutions that I think will continue to improve our health and happiness here in the historically preserved plot we call home. For instance...

Did you know that neighborhood safety is improved by the simple act of turning your porch lights on and reporting downed or dark streetlights? So why not invest in a low-cost, energy efficient LED bulb for that front porch and light up our streets or report those burned out bulbs via the City of Fort Worth's MyFW app! Look for more details on how we plan to LIGHT UP Fairmount in coming months!

Choosing a home isn't just about the real estate, it's about the sense of community you get by knowing your neighbors! So why not join the Fairmount Neighborhood Association and find out what we are all about, participate in a Committee, or help us run an event like the 40th Anniversary of the Home Tour, coming to a street near you on Mother's Day Weekend 2022. We host regular socials and are responsible for larger community events like Festivus and last year's Fall Fest! We also are your liaisons to the City and surrounding neighborhoods! Membership renewals went out in January, but if you missed it you can join on our website at www.historicfairmount.com or email Membership Director, Barbara Crotty at membership@historicfairmount.com!

Finally, our neighborhood becomes a real community when we demonstrate respect for each other by following the rules and looking out for one another. Is your neighbor doing bulk trash all month long? Are those budding musicians keeping you up all night? Have you observed suspicious activity on you or your neighbor's porch or encountered a bad actor while walking the dog? Why not try addressing these issues with a direct conversation or note between neighbors, and when that fails, report code violations to Officer Zuniga at 817-932-3451 or via the MyFW App or report criminal activity to our Neighborhood Police Officer, Officer Garner at 817-944-1316 -- or in an emergency, to the City of Fort Worth Police Department via 9-1-1. These guys are ready and willing to help and are a great resource for the entire community.

With that, let's get out there and have a great 2022. I look forward to seeing you soon!

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The Festivus Committee and One Safe Place would like to thank everyone who participated in Festivus 2021!

The Fairmount neighborhood welcomed visitors from all over DFW to share in dazzling holiday festivities. Neighbors provided everything from porch entertainment to spectacular light displays. The event is in collaboration with One Safe Place where the adventure begins. Participants received a “top-secret” FESTIVUS map highlighting all the special festivities happening in the neighborhood. After giving a wave to Santa and Mrs. Claus and trying their luck at winning a sponsored Christmas tree, participants headed into the neighborhood. The event was a magical night for kids of all ages. Toy donations from the event helped to make Christmas special for children and families across Fort Worth. Thanks again to all of our sponsors who helped to create a magical evening. Special shout out to Lockwood Distilling Co. who sponsored one of our six raffle Christmas trees. Over 500 raffle tickets were sold and the majority of those votes went towards Lockwood Distilling Co. Congratulations Lockwood, you have our vote!!

Festivus 2021
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Are You Recycling Right?

by Barbara Crotty

If you are going to the effort of separating recyclables into the recycling bin, you probably hope and expect that they will not end up in the landfill with the other trash. Unfortunately, when a load is contaminated with non-recyclables, much of it must be sent to the dump. One of the common mistakes is putting plastic bags in that bin. The way that the aluminum, glass, plastic and paper are sorted is by riding over a shaking conveyor belt. Filmy plastic, like shopping bags, get tangled up in the sorting process. That creates a lot of work for the staff at the sorting center as well as damage to the equipment. Fort Worth wants all our trash to be bagged, but NONE of our recycling. Just put dry, fairly clean plastic (if it has a triangle stamped on it), paper, cardboard, aluminum, metal cans and glass into the recycling bin loose – no bagging! For more details on how to properly recycle, see www.timetorecycle.com and take the quiz on what can be recycled in North Texas. Also there is great information and a video at www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/code-compliance/solidwaste/recycling. AND, download the Forth Worth Garbage and Recycling app to your smart phone!



Attend a Neighborhood Meeting!

The Fairmount Neighborhood Association (FNA) hosts monthly membership meetings on the fourth Monday of every month. Meetings are held virtually as needed, but often in person.

Attend these meetings to get updates on neighborhood safety, code compliance, neighborhood events, and more! Announcements of future meetings are posted at www.historicfairmount.com and on the Fairmount Neighborhood Association Facebook page.

Following each meeting, minutes are approved by the board and posted at www.historicfairmount.com/meeting-minutes/. You can easily find the information you missed here. If you have any topics you would like to see addressed at a future meeting, contact President, Amber James, at president@historicfairmount.com.

Join Reading Partners!

Reading Partners is seeking virtual and in-person volunteers to work with students in Fort Worth ISD and Dallas ISD. Volunteers are trained to work with the same K-3 grade student for a minimum of 1 hour each week. It's rewarding, fun, and makes a huge difference in your student's academic success. No experience is required and volunteers follow a structured lesson plan. A team member from Reading Partners is always present to lend support.

readingpartners.org/volunteer



"I have loved my time volunteering with Reading Partners! My initial interactions were entirely online. However, that did not diminish the relationship. My first student was so excited to work with me, and we accomplished so much in our year online together. This school year, I'm working in person with a student, and it's even better! All the lessons are easy to follow and really help the student improve their reading skills. I can see improvement each time we meet. Reading Partners does the hard work to ensure both tutor and student have success at each session with researched-backed lessons and fun interesting books to explore. I'd encourage anyone to volunteer their time with Reading Partners. It will be time well spent!"

- Leann Findley Maxwell, Fairmount Resident

Go to <https://readingpartners.org/volunteer-north-texas/> to sign up.

Join us as we create new worlds through enriching books, yoga, art & crafts, and adventure!

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Fairmount Community Garden

By Suzanne Mabe

It is 2022 and time for plot renewals for the year! Plots are leased from February thru January. We supply the 4x8 plot, water, soil, mulch and compost for \$55 a year. We welcome all gardeners new and old for what we think will be an exciting year in 2022.

Some of our activities of 2021 that we will repeat in the coming year are our 2nd Saturday workdays, a very successful Easter Egg hunt, a plant, seed and tool swap that was set up by neighbors Bonnie Blackwell and Rachael Gollay, and a fall pumpkin display with a photographer available for family photos. Also our board members are planning even more events for this year. We also welcome suggestions from our neighbors. We decorated the garden for several occasions. Thanks to Board members and volunteers the garden looked great for the Holidays, Home tour and Fairmount's own Festivus celebration. Last year we had two short seminars by 2 of our gardeners. One was on proper composting by Dr. Chris Parker, a former board member, and the second one by Saraswathi Pandey on propagation of vegetables she grows that are common to her native Nepal. She grows turmeric and taro in her beds and she gave us a good understanding of how to propagate it and use it.

If you are a first time gardener we have lots of members who are happy to share their expertise and experiences in gardening in raised beds. We have plans to have more talks by volunteers to enhance our chances of improving our outcomes. There are many sites on the internet about gardening in Texas. Our state is so big and has so many different climate areas that you can find lots of advice for our particular area of Texas. It can be a challenge to garden in our area due to the unpredictable weather patterns. We have already had days of beautiful warm sunny days followed by Arctic cold fronts and temps in the teens. It can pay off though when you have a delicious salad from lettuce you grew, or a BLT with a home grown tomato and or you make a pesto with home grown basil. You might even get the kiddos to enjoy spinach if they grow it themselves.

If you're not ready to lease a plot and try your hand at growing something please come by and stroll through the garden and see what is happening. We have several plots that are open to the public to pick some samples of what we can grow here. Talk with the gardeners and just enjoy the atmosphere. We enjoy meeting our neighbors and answering questions about the Fairmount Community Garden. And we would like to invite you to volunteer or give a talk on some of your success with growing things

in this part of Texas even if you don't want to lease a plot. We are on Facebook and Instagram plus the website www.fairmountcommunitygarden.org for more information and pictures of the garden. The garden is located on 5th Ave just across street from Fairmount Park. Please take time to visit us anytime. The garden is open to the public and we especially welcome the children.



Photo Credit: Fairmount Community Garden

Plots can be renewed at www.fairmountcommunitygarden.org



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FAIRMOUNT TRASH PIRATES

The Fairmount Trash Pirates schedule regular cleanups in the Fairmount Neighborhood. Now a registered 501(c)(3) organization, the group aims to eliminate waste in our communities and encourage the reduction of the use of single use items that comprise most of the waste we see on the high seas. They collected more than 60 pounds of trash at their March 5th cleanup!

You can join the Pirates at their next cleanup or make a donation to support their work. Follow them on Instagram (@fairmounttrashpirate) or Facebook (Fairmount Trash Pirates), or visit their website www.fairmounttrashpirates.com to find out more.

FIRE STATION PARK

Members of the Near Southside community gathered on January 12 to celebrate the construction kickoff of Dickie’s Skate Plaza at Fire Station Park. The celebration included hot cocoa, beignets, and several remarks from community leaders. The expansion of the park is made possible by a generous donation from VF Foundation – the philanthropic arm of Dickies’ parent company, VF Corp. – and Dickies, the Fort Worth-based global workwear brand. At least \$70k has also been raised through a grassroots effort led by the local skate community. Construction will begin this year with plans for completion by the end of the year.

According to the Near Southside, Inc., Fire Station Park will feature an urban skate plaza for all skill levels, pump track for BMX bikes, market plaza for local vendors and other gatherings, central green for open play and public events, and fenced dog park for unleashed fun.



For more info and project updates, visit <https://www.nearsouthsidefw.org/>

The Joys of Medicare

Should I use an agent or just call that 800 number? I know- that X-NFL Football player hawking insurance plans looks & sounds convincing. And all those goodies he offers! Soooo you dial..... hmmm, that just does not happen to fit “your case”. But wait- they have a plan that does! Sound familiar? So, let’s talk 800 numbers. First of all- it is an 800 number (or any of the new combo’s for freebie numbers). How much luck have you had calling 800 number on bills or your accounts? Right! The agent probably will be knowledgeable, bubbly, and friendly but you will never get that same agent again. Usually only representing 1 company. My Grandad used to call those “One Trick Ponies”. Then you have an issue with the policy or a claim or even getting your ID card.

Back to the 800 number with a gazillion transfers to some overseas person that sounds a gazillion miles away. Sometimes with a rooster crowing in the background. What are the advantages of using an independent agent? They are usually local and know your area hospitals, facilities and doctors. Choose an independent that has dealt with your friends, family, or financial adviser- if they like them, you probably will too.

Choice of carriers | Independent agents represent many different insurance companies that offer a wide variety of coverage options and prices, not just one company. They analyze your personal needs, find intersection of your current Doctor, Prescriptions, and Plans with any current or future needs. And, YES, you can change every year if in a Medicare Advantage Plan. (*But not a Medicare Supplement Plan!)

Licensed and trained experts | Independent agents can explain the complexities of insurance in simple terms, helping you make the best decisions. Insurance is a complicated subject. It is an agent’s job to understand it and communicate so you understand it as well. Not in “insure-speak” and acronyms but plain English.

Continuing Education | It is MANDATORY and ongoing. Then it changes every year- for all independent agents.

Advocate for client | For questions on policy or claims, Agents have separate “agent channels” to get or resolve issues, not the endless loop 800 number purgatory a client can fall into. Much of an agent’s job is the client service portion.



So- you can choose the 800 number on your TV or use an independent agent. What comes to mind is “Who ya gonna call?” Ooops- now the Ghostbusters theme song will be in your head all day.

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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

JOIN THE FNA!

Existing memberships expired at the end of 2021. Renew your membership for 2022 or join for the first time!

Memberships are just \$20 for individuals and \$25 for families. We even have Friend of Fairmount or Business options!

Visit [historicfairmount.com/join](https://www.historicfairmount.com/join) for more info!



Dates to Remember!

MARCH 28 | FNA MARCH MEETING

APRIL 23 | ARTSGOGGLE

APRIL 25 | FNA APRIL SOCIAL + MEETING

MAY 7-8 | FAIRMOUNT HOME TOUR



STREET CLOSURE NOTICE

Event: ArtsGoggle April 23, 2022 Noon-10pm

Street: Magnolia Avenue

Closed 8th Ave. to Hemphill Street

Hemphill remains open to vehicles

Closed Hemphill to S. Main Street

Closing Friday April 22, 2022 at noon

Reopening Sunday, April 24, 2022 by 10am



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Residents and Business Owners:

ArtsGoggle 2022 presented by Trinity Metro is planned for Saturday, April 23. Now in our 19th year, we are excited for a return after 2 years of pandemic-related postponements. ArtsGoggle is a **free public event** that closes W. Magnolia Ave. to auto traffic and opens the street to the district’s largest community event of the year. Neighborhood residents and visitors are able to spend the day enjoying live music and browsing art on display from **700+ artists**. We’re getting the word out to to make you aware of the street closure and high traffic volume for this big day. **Please help us make ArtsGoggle successful by REMOVING ALL CARS from the event route and REROUTING ALL DELIVERIES ahead of noon on Friday, April 22, 2022.** We also ask that you, your employees, visitors, and deliveries please seek alternative routes that avoid these sections of Magnolia during the street closure period. The side streets north and south of Magnolia will experience considerable traffic, especially during artist arrival hours of 8am to noon and again for departure from 10pm to midnight on April 23. We’re happy to discuss any questions or concerns. Thanks for your support of ArtsGoggle. **More information is available at www.artsgoggle.org**

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