

FAIRMOUNT



FALL 2021

THE FAIRMOUNT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



LET LOVE BE YOUR SUPERHERO
BECAUSE WE CAN
GIVE IN LOVE
WE CAN SAVE THE WORLD

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hey there Neighbor!

When Past-President David Weuste called me a few months ago and asked if I'd consider becoming President of the Neighborhood Association, I didn't hesitate...much. :) I had been stewing over on 1316 5th Ave just long enough (since 2018 exactly) to finally feel like I had the appropriate experience and perspective to jump in with both feet and (hopefully) guide our neighborhood into what I see as a really new phase of its life here in the near southside of Fort Worth.

In the 3 years we've been here, I've seen our little historically preserved parcel of Fort Worth come alive with new folks, new families, and really a renewed energy that I hope we will see further reflected in our Neighborhood Association soon. Fairmount has all the hallmarks of a really great neighborhood—geographic desirability, racial and economic diversity, and beautiful and historically-preserved, high-function homes. These attributes are absolutely unmatched in Fort Worth (and really anywhere else in Texas), so it'd be easy to sit back and let this steam train keep on rolling—but what fun would that be? I see tons of opportunity for growth and improvement, all around, and my agenda for the next 2 years reflects that perspective and will be focused on at least starting to answer some of these questions:

How do we get our Association membership to more closely reflect our neighborhood and improve inclusivity?

How do we maximize our connectedness and sense of belonging through our shared experience in the neighborhood?

How do we capitalize on the truly walkable urban neighborhood experience and improve safety for our residents?

How do we promote historic preservation without stifling growth and development?

So whether you are a life-long member, an active participator who never joined up, a new comer whose interested in getting involved, or even if you've literally never heard of us and have no idea that we exist or why, I hope to see you at a meeting or event (like Fairmount Fall Fest!) real soon!

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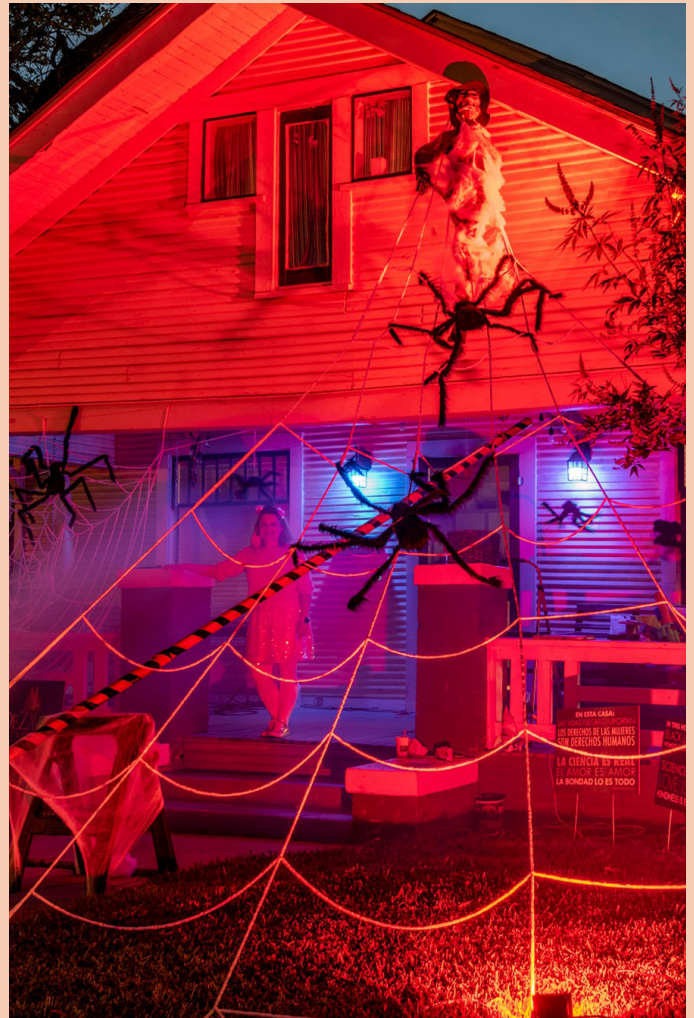




Welcome to Scaremount!

Halloween in Fairmount is always a spooktacular time. Last year, in the midst of the pandemic, neighbors adorned their houses and yards with all kinds of eerie finds and submitted them for the inaugural Scaremount Scavenger Hunt. From velociraptors to Scooby's pumpkin patch, flaming pumpkins and everything in between, there were plenty of haunted stops for trick-or-treaters to make around the neighborhood.

The tradition continues this year and we're so excited to see what everyone has in store!



Photos on page 5 and 6 by Stacy Luecker

Our 2020 Scaremount house decorating contest winner was Kelci Cox for the spooky luau!



**Decorating your house for Halloween
or planning a Spooky experience in your front yard?**

**Let us know and we will include your house on the official
2021 Scaremount Scavenger Hunt Map.**

Prizes for Best Decorations and Experiences!

Deadline: October 25, 2021



**To participate, send your name, address, and a
brief description of your house or experience to
Rachel Jenkins at communications@historicfairmount.com.**



FAIRMOUNT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESENTS...



Fall Fest



Come out to Fairmount Park on Halloween for some family fun before the real trick-or-treating begins!

Face Painting, Fortune Teller, Sack Races, Photo Booth, Costume Contests, Games, Snacks, Candy and Prizes!



Fairmount Park
October 31, 2021
3:30-5:30 PM



Costume Contest Schedule:

3:30 – Kids contest

4:00 – Pet contest

4:30 – Grown Up Costumes

If you'd like to volunteer or donate contact Amber James at president@historicfairmount.com.

FAIRMOUNT COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Fairmount Community Garden has several exciting events coming up in October. Enjoy some fall fun at this beautiful community space!

The garden will be open on the weekends (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) in October for photo opportunities with the fall pumpkin patch display!

The weekend of the 23rd there will be a pumpkin painting event for kids.

On Friday Oct 29th, there will be a photographer available for mini sessions from 4:30 - 6:30. Space is limited, each slot is 15 minutes. Payments will be made directly to the photographer.

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The Fairmount Trash Pirates

by Ace Eichler

We are a Texas non-profit organization that doesn't wait for change, we create it. We were founded during the pandemic as we all locked down and searched for ways to entertain ourselves, often by venturing outdoors. As we walked around our city, we were forced to come to terms with the fact that Fort Worth is covered in litter and that not enough is being done to mitigate that fact. Our aim is to create change at the government level to clean up the city of Fort Worth and the State of Texas.



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TRASH
PIRATES**

**HALLOWEEN
STREET
CLEANUP**

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RE-TREE INITIATIVE

What a crazy year 2020 was, and 2021 has continued to be!

One constant through it all is that **trees beautify our neighborhood**, and so much more. Trees provide shade, filter air pollutants and capture carbon, assist with rainwater retention, provide food and shelter for wildlife, improve our mental, physical, and personal well-being, and add value to our homes.

So, if trees are so great, aren't free trees even better? We again are partnering with the Fort Worth City Forestry Department to distribute free saplings to area residents. As a general rule, these trees are intended for the parkway (between sidewalk and curb), or your front yard. They will be small initially, but with proper care, they can provide shade for many generations to come. Fairmount has numerous mature trees to behold that past Fairmount residents from many decades ago planted. Together, let's continue their fine example of future-forward thinking.

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/emfjzw>

Deadline to submit form to request trees is 10/22/2021.

Tentative delivery date to Fairmount is 11/05/2021.

Questions? Send them to peredabj@gmail.com

Explore History with the Fort Worth Public Library!

*by Linda Barrett,
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Did you know that the Fort Worth Public Library has a unit dedicated to preserving and helping people access historical information? Now you know! The Genealogy, Local History, and Archives (GLHA) unit is currently located in the Central Library at 500 West Third Street in downtown. We are currently only available by appointment or virtually, because changes are a-comin'!

If you haven't already heard, the Seminary branch of the Fort Worth Public Library will be moving into a new space in La Gran Plaza soon. After the current Seminary building is vacated, the GLHA unit will move in. We are looking forward to having a parking lot to make things more convenient for researchers. The Genealogy, Local History and Archives unit is the official municipal archives of the City of Fort Worth. When City departments have records they no longer use for business purposes, an archivist evaluates them for possible transfer to the municipal archives. Although some records are legally required to remain permanently in the department that created them, many others are transferred to us. The Development Department is one of our most frequent contributors. One of their most recent records transfers to us contains a lot of records from the Office of Historic Preservation.

In addition to the municipal records, the Archives also has collections that document local

individuals, families, businesses, clubs, churches, and other organizations. We also have a large collection of photographs of people and places around Fort Worth—you can browse the Historic Photograph Collection in our digital archives at <https://fwpl.info/photo-archive>.

The photographs have been donated to the Fort Worth Public Library Archives by individuals and organizations throughout the last 70+ years, and mostly date from late-1800s and early to mid-1900s. It's important to note that because of the way the collection was amassed, it is hit-and-miss as to whether or not the Archives has a photograph of a house or building at a specific address. Our Local History collection has city directories that date from 1877-2016. The city directories are a great tool for learning about the history of the people who lived in the city. The data in the books is arranged by name and also by address (recent years are only by address or telephone number), and the older directories also provide statistical information for the city and categorically arranged information about a variety of businesses, schools, churches, and other institutions.

We also have an extensive school year book collection where you might find a photo of a student or teacher who once lived in your house once you find their name in the city directory. The Local History Collection also has books about Fort Worth businesses,

industries, clubs, churches, neighborhoods, and people.

We have Texas's third-largest collection of books of genealogical information, which focuses on the Atlantic states and those in the common migration pattern to Texas, but also includes books on genealogy covering every state in the United States, and several countries. Any of the staff can assist you with genealogy questions, but if you're really stuck, our Genealogy Specialist Librarian Suzanne Fritz can help you get un-stuck.

The Fort Worth Public Library also offers access to several genealogy and history databases. Some of these require a library card for access (if you don't already have a card, you can apply for an e-card online <https://fwpl.info/card>). One of our most popular databases for genealogy and local history research is Ancestry Library Edition. It is normally only available in a FWPL location (you can use your device or one of our public PCs), but due to COVID the folks at Ancestry.com have graciously permitted libraries to temporarily allow remote access through December 31, 2021. Library cardholders have access to Newsbank's Fort Worth Star-Telegram database, too! If you need help with search strategies for any of the Library's databases, you can reach GLHA staff at 817-392-7740 or genlhst@fortworthtexas.gov. Due to the nature of our collections, items in the

Genealogy, Local History and Archives unit are not available to be checked out. Until we move to our new location, you can contact us using the information above to schedule a research appointment. Just let us know if there are specific titles or collections you need to use, or staff will discuss your research with you and make selections and have the items

ready for you at the time of your appointment.

Fun fact: in 1962, the Fort Worth Public Library Board explored the possibility of locating the Seminary branch library in the then-Seminary South Shopping Center instead the standalone building it ended up in. After deciding against a location in the

shopping center, the final note in the minutes indicated that they would remain open to a location in the shopping center in the future. The future is almost here!

ArchivesSpace: <https://fortworthlibrary.lyrasistechnology.org/> <https://fwpl.info/archive-search>

The Joy of Medicare

by Frances Look, "MissMedicare101"

Check Up... Tune Up... See What's New

Let's open Pandora's Box! YIPEE!!! NEW Medicare Advantage Plans are coming out October 1st! Were you too Pandemic panicked to think about Medicare Plans last year? Or bought from that NFL TV star hawking Medicare programs on TV? Oops. Guess what- now you can CHANGE! Your needs change- so can your Medicare plan. The insurance companies have been planning all year how to add new whiz, bangs, and whistles to win your business.

Medicare's annual election period ("AEP" in insure-speak) is when Medicare plan enrollees can reevaluate and make changes to their plan. You are not married to your Medicare Advantage plan. This enrollment period runs from October 15 to December 7 each year, and changes you make during that time are effective January 1. You might, in fact, have the best plan for you right now, many people do. It helps to check up your plan to be sure. And the tune up is no charge, usually by phone or ZOOM.

So just what can you do at this time?

Change from one Medicare Advantage plan to another
Move out of MediGap/Medicare Supplement into Medicare Advantage Plan
Switch from one Medicare Part D prescription drug plan to another Medicare part D plan
Move from Original Medicare to Medicare Advantage
Switch from Medicare Advantage to Original Medicare (plus a Medicare Part D plan, and possibly a Medigap plan)

Enroll in a Medicare Part D plan if you didn't enroll when you were first eligible. If you haven't maintained other creditable coverage, a late-enrollment penalty may apply. Just as a pop quiz, to enroll in Medicare Advantage, you must be enrolled in both Medicare Part A and Part B. Your Medicare Advantage plan replaces both parts and usually also includes Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage.

OK-wait for it. Here comes the tricky part. Ding Ding Ding- the annual enrollment period does NOT apply to Medigap/Medicare Supplement. I call these the "Alphabet Plans"- A, B, C, N, F, G, K, N. Another pop quiz to past articles! These plans can be changed any time during the year, BUT (caps intentional), unless in your original enrollment period or a "Special Election Period" you will have to go through that Big Bad Wolf called underwriting. So, call your agent after October 1st to see what is new, see if your old plan still "fits" or if there are any new whiz, bangs, and whistles. Good surprises may be in store for you.

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National Night Out





Fairmount came together again on October 5 to celebrate National Night Out! National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. We had such a great time celebrating this annual event and we so appreciate the work and support of all our first responders. We look forward to celebrating with everyone again next October!

