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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

**D**id you make it out to our pop-up dog park earlier this month? It was a huge success. We had over 200 people and dogs come out to enjoy family friendly activities and hot dogs. The soon to be open, Brewed Coffee & Pub, provided some choice craft beers and the necessary fencing to create the dog park. This event was a perfect example of what we can do when we partner with our neighbors. It was so much fun, we are planning to do it again (when it is cooler!).

Do you have an idea for an event or activity for the neighborhood? Brewed Coffee & Pub wanted to do something with the neighborhood, and together we came up with an awesome family (and pet) friendly event. If you have an idea that you want to see happen, please let us know. The FNA is always looking for new ways to reach out to the neighborhood and just have fun. Don't be shy.

Do you know any children or teens who need community service hours? Fairmount will have several opportunities to earn service hours coming up. I know that many programs require their participants to earn hours, and we would love to help. Also, mark your calendar for Aug. 11 as Fairmount will be having a work day at The Bastion. Work will begin at 8 a.m. and last until we are finished. Our storage area needs some tender loving care and we need to organize and inventory the FNA's property. We'll have more information at our next general membership meeting.

There are also several board positions that are open and must be filled. Voting for the position nominees will be at the general meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 28. In order to vote, your dues must be paid by Aug. 18. If you are interested in running for any of the available positions, please e-mail president@historicfairmount.com. Open positions are: communications, preservation, finance and safety.

Finally, please check on your elderly neighbors and those in need. We are in the dog days of summer, and the heat is here to stay. It may not be 100 degrees every day, but the heat can pose a serious health risk to some of our friends and neighbors. Be on the look out.

As always, I hope to see you at the next meeting.



Sean Lynch, President  
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### On the Cover

**Pam Barnum, east Fort Worth resident, sits with Marble, Motley and Mono during the Fairmount Pooch Park Social. See more on the social on pages 12-13.**

Photo by Stacy Luecker

# The Fairmount Beat *by Mark Russell, neighborhood patrol officer*

We have made it through our first month together, and I think we are beginning to work well as a team. As we all know, summer is the time of year where our Part 1 offenses increase. Part 1 crimes are burglary, robbery, assaults and thefts.

The spikes in crime are generally due to juveniles being out of school and not being properly supervised. I'm sure everyone has heard the old phrase, "Idol hands are the devil's tool."

In several e-mails and at the meetings this past month I spoke about "suspicious activity." In this month's newsletter, I want to focus on that particular topic.

I know that everyone knows what is or isn't suspicious activity, but I would like to list some things where people fail to call 9-1-1, then I hear about it later in an e-mail or phone call after the fact.

Anything that seems even slightly out of place for a particular area or time of day can indicate possible criminal activity such as burglary, theft or an assault. Some obvious situations to watch for and report include:

- A scream heard anywhere
- A stranger entering a neighbor's house when no one is home
- The sound of breaking glass, gun shots or loud explosive noises
- Anyone loitering around schools, parks or secluded areas such as alleyways
- A person who does not live in the neighborhood loitering on the sidewalks or slowly walking and looking at houses or cars. Particularly if they keep looking all around to see if someone is watching them
- Anyone removing license plates, ac-

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- cessories or gasoline from a car
- Someone looking into a car window
- Persons entering or leaving a place of business after hours
- Anyone selling merchandise at ridiculously low prices
- Anyone driving or walking door to door looking for work
- If you see a person knocking on a front door, and if no one answers they try and turn the knob or peer into the windows or walk into the backyard
- Persons acting as a "look out" while their partner is approaching the house, business or car
- Someone running while not wearing the appropriate attire
- Persons carrying property in pillow cases or covered by a cloth of sorts
- Excessive traffic to and from a house at all hours, especially after dark

These are just a few examples of the types of situations we see that should be reported.

When you see these types of activities and call the police, there are certain things that you can say that help us to locate them.

- What happened or is happening
- Location
- Whether anyone is injured and how seriously
- What is the exact time you observed the activity
- Description of suspects from head

to toe, hat, hair color and length, clothing type, approximate height, weight, age and marks such as scars, tattoos or piercings

- Description of vehicle(s), color, make, model and approximate year model
- Direction of travel

I am sure these are things that everyone knows but many tend to leave it up to someone else to call 9-1-1, or think they just don't want to get involved. It is ALL of our responsibility to watch out for one another and not to just sit on the sidelines and not be involved.

At some point and time everyone will be a victim of a crime as statistics will show.

We need to take ownership of our neighborhoods like we do our houses. We have to work together to limit criminal activity, and the way we do this is by being vigilant in our involvement in crime suppression.

The police can't be everywhere all the time but if you call us, WE HAVE TO RESPOND.

If you want more police presence in your neighborhood then call, call, call on any and every suspicious activity that you see. We don't have to know who you are or where you called from, please just CALL. Otherwise the police are responding to other areas where their presence was requested.

Thank you for indulging me in my long-winded article. It has been a pleasure meeting and speaking with each of you, and I look forward to working with your association to make our community a better place.

*Until next time, stay safe!*

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The Women's Policy Forum Foundation through their Starfish Project are raising money to benefit the students at Maude I. Logan Elementary School. A new bicycle will be awarded to all students with perfect attendance. (65 students achieved this in 2011)



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2216 Lipscomb Ave.

Photo by Eric Luecker

# July Yard of the Month

by Tim Appling

Fairmount's Yard of the Month for July is 2216 Lipscomb, the home of Barb Diehl and Peter Miller. Barb and Peter are not native Texans, but got here as quickly as they could. They moved from Pennsylvania to southwest Arlington, where they raised three daughters. "We had a beautiful home in Arlington," Barb said, "but it never really felt like home." They would come to Fort Worth to ride their bicycles, and that is how they discovered Fairmount. In 2006 they bought their home on Lipscomb and, after extensive restoration, moved in the following year. "We love it," Peter said.

Barb, a retired middle-school science teacher, and Peter, an entrepreneur, have established a veritable botanical garden outside their front door. The porch is lined with boxwoods and variegated pittosporum in the front, and a large magnolia tree punctuates the left corner. The right side of the porch is draped with a lush curtain of perennial clematis. The rest of the lawn, modest in size, is populated with almost every ornamental plant imaginable. There are sweet potato vines, vinca, Mexican petunia, santolina (two varieties), a gardenia bush, umbrella plant, phlox (two colors), hibiscus, begonias, germander, and salvia to name a few.

More and more, Barb and Peter are bringing in Texas native plants which thrive on less water. Examples of this are the

ageratum, butterfly weed, coneflower and blackfoot daisies that take the heat well. Water conservation is important to Barb and Peter, and they also prefer environmentally friendly organic fertilizers. "Fish emulsion is the best," they said, and provides natural pest control.

The porch is appointed with numerous ferns, palm trees and other plants in containers, making the walk from the street to the front door like a journey from a Texas prairie to a rain forest. Barb says the landscape is modeled after an English garden, "But I like a little bit of controlled chaos, too," Barb said.

Though Barb is recently retired, she remains active with her gardening and volunteer work. She and Peter have been docents for Fairmount home tours and also donate much time to CASA, a child advocacy organization. They are also proud grandparents.

Barb is tackling a new project in January when she will enter the master gardener program. One glance at the Diehl-Miller home on Lipscomb would suggest that she has a head start on that. In recognition of their gardening prowess, Barb and Peter have received a gift certificate from C.C.'s Touch of Nature.

If you have spotted a home in Fairmount that deserves consideration for Yard of the Month honors, please e-mail the pertinent information to [applingtimothy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:applingtimothy@sbcglobal.net).

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## Fairmount Trap Neuter Return Program for feral cats

Fairmount has a Trap and Release Program to aid in trapping feral neighborhood cats, taking them to a vet where they can be spayed or neutered, and then returning them to the neighborhood. The program is funded by the neighborhood association. The FNA has budgeted money to pay for the spay/neuter and vaccinating and will reimburse the \$15 cost for having a feral cat spayed or neutered. A receipt from the Humane Society of North Texas must be submitted for reimbursement. Fairmount has a number of live-animal traps to loan to residents with stray or feral cats. Contact Ashley Rihel at ashleyf.watson@yahoo.com if you need a trap. A \$50 check made out to the FNA is required for the loan of a trap and will be returned when the trap is returned.

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# Blocking sidewalks illegal in Fort Worth

by Patti Randle

Did you know that parking on the sidewalk is illegal? You would probably never do that. But did you know that parking your vehicle on your driveway so that your car crosses the sidewalk is also illegal?

A few years ago, there was an article in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* about a Fairmount resident who was ticketed for parking his vehicle so that it blocked the sidewalk. There were a lot of folks incensed about that. After all, it is their driveway, right?

Yes, it is your driveway, but everything between your front yard and the street, including the sidewalk and the parkway, belongs to the city of Fort Worth. The sidewalk is built to provide a safe place for pedestrians to walk in our neighborhood, and the parkway is necessary for installation and access of water meters.

Consider this: if you are in a wheelchair and trying to navigate through the neighborhood, you are obviously safest on the sidewalk. But if a vehicle is blocking the sidewalk, you must then drive your wheelchair into the street to get around that vehicle. Children walking home from school must also make that choice, as well as adults strolling or exercising by walking along the sidewalks. Once you are in the street, you are competing with cars and trucks for that space and are definitely less safe.

Please pull up into your driveway, if possible, to keep the sidewalk clear. If you cannot do so, park in the street to provide pedestrians a safe place to walk.

# U.S. flags should be displayed correctly

The federal flag code says the universal custom is to display the U.S. flag from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaffs in the open, but when a patriotic effect is desired the flag may be displayed 24-hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. Also, the U.S. flag should not be displayed when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.

## Displaying the Flag:

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Do not fly flag upside down unless there is an emergency.

Do not carry the flag flat, or carry things in it.

Do not use the flag as clothing.

Do not store the flag where it can get dirty.

Do not use it as a cover.

Do not fasten it or tie it back. Always allow it to fall free.

Do not draw on, or otherwise mark the flag.

*Note: Please contact your local VFW Post if you'd like assistance or more information on proper flag disposal.*

**Graffiti** — All graffiti should be reported to the non-emergency police number at 817.335.4222 or use the MyFortWorth smartphone app. **Please do NOT paint over graffiti until it has been reported and photographed.**

## July Pool Party

Saturday, July 21, 5-7 p.m.  
2243 Fairmount Ave.

*Home of Katie Clifton*

## August Neighborhood Social

Mijo's Fusion  
Thursday, August 16, 6-8 p.m.  
1109 W. Magnolia Ave.

*The FNA will provide appetizers and neighbors can purchase drinks and food from the menu.*

# FAIRMOUNT

## General Meeting

Tuesday, July 24, 7 p.m.  
The Bastion, 2100 Hemphill St.

The next Fairmount Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 24 at The Bastion, 2100 Hemphill St.

Code Compliance will deliver a refresher course on code requirements, upcoming code changes and what to look for.

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**Questions? Call Brenda at 817.360.8019  
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**Historic and Cultural Landmark District**

# Fairmount Community Garden news

by Suzanne Mabe

It hasn't been too bad, this weather of ours. I think we have all been dreading the late spring and upcoming summer, but so far the weather has been pleasant. We could use more rain, but the heat does not seem to have done much damage to community garden plots so far.

There have been lots of tomatoes which are slowing down now because of the warmer weather. There were also some pretty peppers but beets did not fare well and neither has squash.

We have been interviewing some of our community gardeners about what they are planting, how their gardens are doing and what would they do differently. If you had some good experiences this year we would like to hear from you.

E-mail Suzanne at sbmabe@flash.net with information on what you have planted, how well it turned out and any suggestions or questions that you may have.

Recently, a brand new gardener, Ashanti Williams, started her first plot in the garden. She was not a Fairmount resident at the time, but will be shortly. Ashanti wanted to do some gardening and found the community garden on the Fairmount web site. The corn she is growing is getting pretty tall, and she has planted green beans and squash.

Ashanti says that she has not had a lot of luck with her first crops, but she is very hopeful about the corn she is growing. When asked if she had any questions, she said that what she needed most was advice from someone who was experienced in gardening. She has learned a lot by reading articles online, but says she is looking forward to learning more from some of Fairmount's resident gardeners.

Just a row or two from Ashanti's plot, is Terry Swift's garden. Terry has a beautiful plot full of bush bean plants. Terry and his wife live on College Avenue and also has a large garden in his



Photo by Stacy Luecker

**If you haven't been to the garden lately, the chickens are still there. There is a cover to try to protect them from the heat. Even if gardening isn't your thing, stroll through the community garden and check out the interesting plots and stop by and say hi to the chickens.**

yard. He uses his plot in the community garden for things he doesn't have room for at home.

Terry said he likes to give fresh vegetables to friends and neighbors who don't get home grown vegetables very often.

When asked for gardening tips, Terry says it is all in the soil and how you prepare it. He starts in the fall with compost, manure and leaves that he mulches with a lawn mower. He turns the mixture in the bed and says it will be ready to plant in the spring.

We had a good turnout for the re-

cent community garden potluck. You can check out the Facebook page for pictures.

There are currently four plots available in the garden for the second half of the year. The lease is from July to January and costs \$25.

Fall is the best time to prepare a plot for very early spring planting, so now would be a good time to sign up for a lease and get started.

Visit the community garden Facebook page for work days and more information about what is happening.

Hope to see you there.





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# Pooches party at dog social

by Patti Randle

Fairmount residents and friends love their dogs. On Saturday, June 30, Fairmount Park temporarily became a “pooch park.” Brewed Coffee & Pub and the Fairmount Neighborhood Association joined efforts and welcomed four legged friends and their owners to enjoy a pop-up dog park (by way of a temporary fence), complete with doggie pools filled with ice water, dog treats and drinking water tanks.

Children cooled off by playing in sprinklers, and grown-ups and children alike enjoyed hot dogs, chips and water (courtesy of FNA) and craft beer (courtesy of Martin House Brewery). Tents and misting coils provided cooling shade, so in spite of the heat it was a cool time.

Brewed Coffee & Pub, which will open in September on Magnolia Avenue, will offer a full menu, including breakfast, lunch and dinner. Miranda Holland, one of the partners of Brewed, spearheaded the pop-up dog park. She, along with her five business partners, plan to be an integral part of Fairmount. Their dream is to help host other events in Fairmount and surrounding neighborhoods that will help make our area an even better place to live.

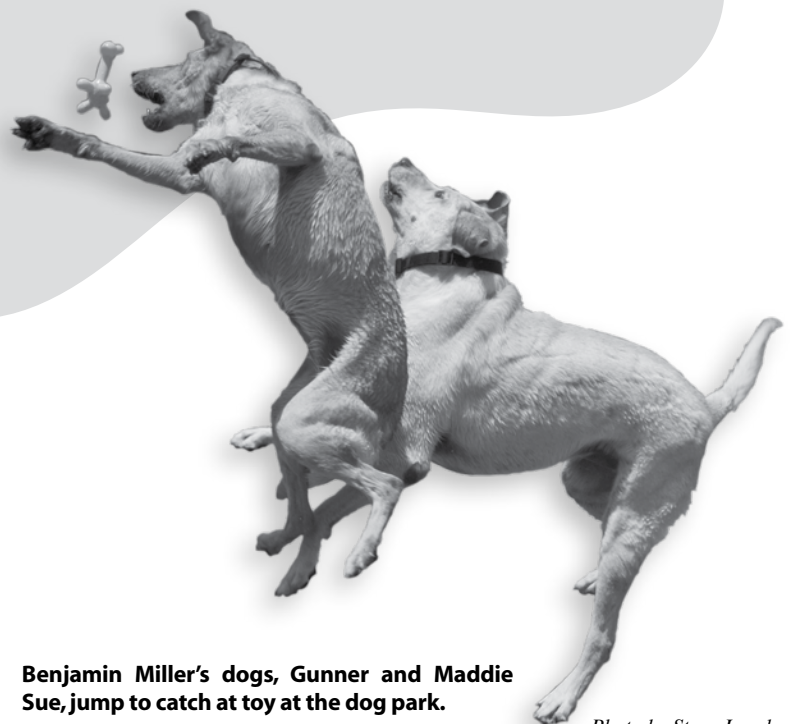
Because this was the first Pooches in the Park, everyone hoped that 50 people and their dogs might participate. Instead, over 200 people came to the event. We apologize to the friends who showed up after all the hot dogs, chips and beer were consumed. But there are plans to partner with Brewed again in the fall for another pop-up dog park. Yes, Fairmount and friends do love their dogs. And they are excited about all the new ideas that keep popping up.



Photo by Eric Luecker

**Martin House Brewing Company provided free beer in the Community Garden for Fairmount dog park attendees.**

## Pop-up dog park offers summer fun for dogs, owners during Fairmount event



**Benjamin Miller's dogs, Gunner and Maddie Sue, jump to catch at toy at the dog park.**

Photo by Stacy Luecker





**Left: Melodye Trest, Ryan Place resident, poses with her three children and their dog, Daisy.**

**Below left: Dog park visitors enjoy wading pools and a fenced free space to run during the Fairmount pop-up dog park. Park goers enjoyed free hot dogs, chips and drinks during the event and rewarded themselves with a refreshing moment at a misting tent.**

**Below right: Mickey Bradley offers a treat to his dog, Gus, for showing how well he can stand up.**

*Photo by Stacy Luecker*



*Photo by Eric Luecker*



*Photo by Stacy Luecker*



*Photo by Stacy Luecker*

**The Bomar building at 1507 Alston Ave. has been nominated for Historic Fort Worth's Preservation Award.**

## *Historic Preservation nominations made*

Two Fairmount properties chosen to compete for Historic Fort Worth's rehabilitation, preservation awards

*by Sue McLean, director of historic preservation*

**T**HE FAIRMOUNT SOUTHSIDE NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT Preservation Committee has again nominated two properties for Historic Fort Worth's annual Historic Preservation awards. Submitted nominations had to have been completed in 2011 and will compete with other projects throughout Fort Worth. Award winners will be notified prior to the public announcement at the Historic Fort Worth, Inc. Preservation Honor Awards ceremony.

### **1405 FAIRMOUNT AVE.**

Nominated for the Historic Fort Worth 2011 Residential Rehabilitation Award, the circa 1910 wood frame bungalow had been owned by a slumlord since 1977 who had carved it into four apartments. With minimal maintenance, by 2008, the house was badly deteriorated, covered in graffiti and abandoned. By 2010, with its roof caving in, and numerous code citations ignored, the property was tied up in a bankruptcy.

In June 2010, Code Enforcement deemed the property hazardous and took it to the Landmarks Commission seeking demolition by the city. Fairmount felt that the house was still salvageable, fought the demolition, and worked with the bankruptcy attorneys and judge to allow the property to be sold.

In September 2010, demolition was approved by the Landmarks Commission, and





*Photo by Eric Luecker*

**Above: The living room at 1405 Fairmount prior to renovation by Brian and Sheila Portwood.**



*Photo by the Portwoods*

Fairmount implored code enforcement officials to wait, as they finally had a verbal agreement to sell. In November, the Fairmount Neighborhood Association created a rescue committee with a special fund using Home Tour proceeds, and partnered with Fort Worth South to purchase and stabilize the property. It took only weeks to find buyers, Brian and Sheila Portwood, who became the owners in

December. Intrigued by the Fairmount neighborhood, Magnolia Avenue, and the challenge of this particular house, the Portwoods, who had been restoring houses elsewhere since 2005, wanted to downsize from their ten-acre property in the country.

Among paneled walls, caved-in ceilings and holes in the floor, remained the original woodwork and fireplace with its

bookcase and storage bench—all covered in many layers of paint. After foundation work and completely rebuilding the failed roof structure and chimney, the house was gutted to the studs, and new electrical, plumbing and HVAC were installed. During interior demolition, one interior wall was amazingly discovered to be made of cardboard, duct tape and paint. The original Classical Revival style boxed columns and unique porch railing were able to be reused. A single-pane pocket window found in a hallway that had once been an exterior wall was reused in a bathroom. Brian rebuilt eight of the original wood windows himself by salvaging the remaining parts, and he had the others custom built to match.

Other than a 200 square foot rear addition, Brian was careful to restore the original layout of the house where he could determine what it had been, and modernized only where necessary in the kitchen and bathrooms. The original fireplace was found to be crumbling and non-restorable, but a replica was built in its place. The house, in its early stages of renovation, was featured as a work-in-progress on the 2011 Fairmount Tour of Historic Homes.

With the renovation completed in December 2011, the TAD “improvements” value went from \$100 to \$138,600. The Portwoods moved into the house in January 2012, and their fully renovated home was again featured on the 2012 Fairmount Tour of Historic Homes. Fairmount may have rescued the house, but the Portwoods truly saved it.

#### **1507 ALSTON AVE.**

Nominated for the Preservation Award, which recognizes excellence in the restoration, rehabilitation or adaptive reuse of historic buildings or sites, is the Bomar Apartments.

From the *Fort Worth Press*: The structure was built in 1907, and in 1920 it was converted into six apartments that became known as the Bomar Apartments. The building is among only a few



*Photo by Stacy Luecker*

#### **1405 Fairmount following renovation.**

remaining examples of early-20th century Fort Worth apartments and is listed in the Southside Historic Survey.

Michael McDermott, Fairmount historian, said “As far as early apartment houses go, it was kind of ahead of it’s time for 1907. David Bomar, the man who built it, developed subdivisions in what is now Fairmount and in much of the upscale Rivercrest area. He built an enormous oversized bungalow style house there, across the street from Rivercrest Country Club, in 1915. It was purchased in 1922 by Amon G. Carter. Bomar was also prominent in banking, and major real estate development and was a key figure in Fort Worth late nineteenth and early twentieth century history.”

In August 2010, Alyssa (a-LEE-sa) Banta bought and began restoring The Bomar Apartments—a 6-unit apartment building that was built in 1907 as a wood structure; its iron brick façade being added in the 1920s or 1930s.

Alyssa is the third owner since 2007 who attempted to restore this beautiful brick building. Each owner did a little more work on it, but the brick falling away from the sides was the stumbling block that stymied all the rest and more than a few potential buyers. Prior to 2007, it had been neglected slum property, then sat abandoned for many years, so it had been on Fairmount’s Endangered Properties list with slim hope for restoration.

When Alyssa bought the building, there were citations from the city of Fort Worth Code Compliance taped to the front door, and a notice declaring the building uninhabitable.

Three stories of bricks on the north and south sides were hemorrhaging away from the building’s walls, the back third of the building was falling away from the front two-thirds, the front porch floors were barely staying in place, and there were vast areas of roof and ceiling missing. Previous owners had attempted to restore it since it was last occupied, but each had walked away

defeated, which left Alyssa having to deal with inspectors and responsible for inspections on their work.

In restoring the building, Alyssa wanted to include as many historic architectural features as she could, to bring it as close to its original layout and feel as it had been when it was built, while adding a few modern touches to make it more appealing.

Under layers of peel and stick tile, carpet and linoleum, were the original hardwood floors. To patch the missing areas she used salvaged wood flooring found in Fairmount neighborhood trash cans and from demolitions, and she found several interior doors this way as well. She moved in the original claw foot tubs from the Dunn Haven building at 1228 Adams which was undergoing rehabilitation from apartments to offices at the same time. (That building won this same award last year.)

All of the original iron bricks on the north and south sides were removed, cleaned, and reused with 2,700 additional bricks found to replace missing and broken ones. The foundation was stabilized, and its signature front porches made structurally sound. In all, Alyssa hired about 35 different tradesmen, many of them Fairmount neighbors. And she did a lot of the work herself.

During its rehabilitation, the building was burglarized several times of tools and three air conditioning condensers, until Alyssa began sleeping there at night with a loaded shotgun.

The certificate of occupancy was granted in mid-October 2011, and it was fully leased by January 2012. In February, the tenants, a bunch of friendly Bohemian artist types, opened their homes to participate in a grand opening celebration with food, beer and tours.

The Historic Fort Worth, Inc. Preservation Honor Awards ceremony will be held at 7 p.m., Sept. 20 at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center, 1300 Gendy St.



*Photo by Stacy Luecker*

#### **Stairs inside the Bomar Apartment building.**



# Nominees sought to fill positions

## Board directors end terms, election to be held in August

Several board positions are coming available this year and the vote will be at the August FNA general meeting 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 28 at The Bastion.

Available board positions are: director of safety, director of finance, director of historic preservation and director of communications. A description of all positions as it appears in the FNA guidelines follows.

If you are interested in running for any of the positions, a nominating committee has been formed and is currently looking for potential candidates. Please contact Sean Lynch at [president@historicfairmount.com](mailto:president@historicfairmount.com) for additional information.

If you would like to vote, you must be a current FNA member in good standing. Dues must be paid prior to the August general meeting with a deadline of Saturday, Aug. 18.

### Section 2

#### Qualifications and Requirements for Board Members:

- A. Must be a voting Association Member in good standing.
- B. The president of the association must be a Fairmount resident.
- C. A minimum of six directors must be residents of the Fairmount Neighborhood.
- D. Board members of any other neighborhood's neighborhood association or equivalent may not serve as president or directors due to a possible conflict of interest.
- E. Board members must be committed and actively participate toward the betterment of the neighborhood, plus actively participate in association functions, particularly the annual Fair-

mount Tour of Historic Homes.

F. They must work with others in a professional manner, regardless of personal conflict.

G. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings (board and general membership meetings) without an acceptable excuse given to the president shall be considered a formal resignation.

### Section 4

#### Duties of the Board shall be:

A. To transact necessary business in the intervals between general membership meetings, and other such business as may be referred to it by the membership, and to present a report of such at the general membership meetings.

B. To create committees as needed.

C. To approve plans and supervise work of committees.

D. To prepare and submit to the general membership for approval, budgets for their term.

#### Director of Communications:

Be responsible for the editing, publication and distribution of the monthly newsletter and other printed material as needed as well as the development and collection of newsletter advertising income.

Oversee notification of members of meetings and other activities by voice, written or other electronic communication.

Act as a public information officer for the association and coordinate with the media.

Responsible for website content.

Oversee the Yard of The Month project.

#### Director of Finance:

Keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures, coordinate and oversee collection of funds, make disbursements of funds and deposit all funds in the name of the Fairmount Association in financial institutions as designated by the board.

Present an accurate financial statement at every regular meeting of the Association, and at other times when requested by the President or the Board.

Submit all vouchers, receipts, cancelled checks and other records to an auditing committee for annual review, no more than 15 days following the committee appointment.

Have custody of all records relating to the Association, including copies of financial records.

Maintain a list of location and custodian of all Association assets.

Submit all records to an auditing committee for annual review, no more than 15 days following the committee appointment.

#### Director of Historic Preservation:

Oversee historic district issues and guidelines.

Serve as liaison from the Association to the Landmark Commission, and other historic agencies.

#### Director of Public Safety:

Act as liaison to city crime prevention organizations such as Citizens on Patrol and Crime Watch.

Act as liaison to Fort Worth police and fire departments and emergency medical services.

## FNA General Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 26, 2012

### 7 p.m.—Call to Order

**7:05 p.m.**—Introduction of new members

**7:10 p.m.**—Office Marcus Russell's update—Remember there are no fireworks allowed in the city. Officer Russell introduced himself as the new NPO for Fairmount and urged everyone to call 911 if they see anything suspicious.

**7:15 p.m.**—Announcements—Helen Sides and the Cultural Arts Center introduced Representatives from Fire Station Community Center. They provided information on their upcoming programs.

Sheran Goodspeed Keyton from DVA productions announced Fairmount Night at DVA Productions on June 29. 25 percent of ticket sales from the neighborhood would come back to the neighborhood. Ms. Goodspeed Keyton also performed the song "At Last."

### 7:15 p.m.—Director's Reports

**Finance**—We have \$85,553.54 in our accounts.

**Promotions**—There are several upcoming events that are listed in the newsletter. Requested \$500 for a popcorn machine for Daggett Middle School. Susan Harper made the initial motion to approve the expenditure and it was seconded by Robert Wedding. The motion was amended to approve an expenditure of \$1000 for the purchased. The motion passed unanimously.

**Communications**—Deadline for the newsletter is July 10.

**Public Safety**—Flags will be put on for the Fourth of July on Monday, July 2 at 6 p.m..

**Infrastructure**—No Report

**Historic Preservation**—Landmarks cases for May and June:

New houses at 1504 College Ave., 1510 College Ave., 1508 Washington, 1900 5th Ave.

1966 Alston—approved rear addition

2261 Hurley St.—approved construction of a side entry canopy with brick columns, demolition of garage and rebuild facing Richmond.

1518 Lipscomb—denied south gable roof returns removed, kneebraces re-applied upside-down, inappropriate columns

2221 6th Ave. and 1937 Fairmount Ave.—approved installation of solar panels on south-facing roofs.

**Administration**—No Report

**Membership**—No Report

### 7:45 p.m.—Presentation

Brenda Howell and the Fairmount NUSA Presentation. Announcement made by Sean Lynch for volunteers to fill the vacant Director of Membership position on the Board. Sean Lynch also announced that the board needs volunteers to man a nominating committee. Directors of Finance, Historic Preservation, Public Safety and Communications will be elected in August.

**8:00 p.m.**—Door prizes

**8:05 p.m.**—Adjournment

## Interactive 2010 Census map online

The *New York Times* recently published on their web site an interactive 2010 Census map. You can browse population growth and decline, changes in racial and ethnic concentrations and patterns of housing development. To view the map, visit online at:

**<http://projects.nytimes.com/census/2010/map>**

## FNA Board Meeting Minutes

### Monday, July 2, 2012

#### 7 p.m.—Call to Order

**Present**—Sean Lynch, Stacy Luecker, Sue McLean, Brenda Howell, Geri Cotten, Jane Wedding, Patti Randle, Robert Wedding and Mickey Bradley

#### Old Business

**Pop-Up Dog Park**—Patti Randle reported to the board that the event was a huge success. Over 200 people attended with their pets. Code did issue a warning. Board agreed that this event should be repeated and have tentatively scheduled it for October.

**Nominating Committee**—There are four board positions coming up for election. Historic Preservation, Communications, Finance and Public Safety are all up for election this August. Patti Randle, Sue McLean, Jane Wedding will head up the nominating committee. According to the bylaws, we still need two members, who are not on the board, to complete this committee.

**New Director of Membership**—As previously announced, the board is looking to fill the currently open Director of Membership. Board agreed to advertise the opening through a Constant Contact.

#### Director's Reports

**Infrastructure**—No Report

**Promotions**—Tentatively scheduled a Back to School event for August

**Finance**—FNA has \$85,553.54 on hand.

**Public Safety**—Flags went up on July 2 for the Fourth of July Holiday. Flags will come down on Monday, July 9. Need people with trucks to assist. Geri suggests that the FNA need to inventory their flags to determine which ones are in good condition and which flags should be disposed of properly. Robert Wedding volunteered to purchase trash cans to use to store the flags when not in use. The FNA must also determine where new flag brackets are needed and where they should be installed

**Membership**—No report. Sean Lynch will find a speaker for the next meeting and Jane Wedding has agreed to help with refreshments as well.

**Administration**—No report.

#### Historic Preservation—

1309 Fairmount Ave.—4' addition to the north side of the current rear addition, addition of a front porch, restoration of two covered window openings on the north side;

1320 Henderson St.—non-original garage demolition;

1710 Richmond Ave.—demolition of contributing house;

2245 5th Ave.—original garage demolition;

1805 6th Ave.—demolition approval of collapsed original garage;

1724 Adams St.—restoration of original full front porch with 3 round columns which had been enclosed and bricked over.

**Communications**—Newsletter deadline is July 10.

#### New Business

The board will investigate buying additional tents of varying sizes to accommodate the crowds our outdoor events now draw.

Possible speaker suggestion—Board agreed that a good speaker would be a representative from code enforcement to hold a discussion and refresher course for the neighborhood at our next general membership meeting.

Board discussed a need for a Fairmount Workday at the Bastion. The purpose of this event would be to clean, organize, and inventory the FNA's property kept in storage at the Bastion. A tentative date of Aug. 11 was discussed, but must coordinate with the Bastion and its schedule.

The final item discussed by the board was an incentive suggested by the membership to encourage families to send their children to schools in Fairmount. The board discussed the great work Brenda Howell has done with Daggett Middle School. The board also discussed an FNA (not a director) member's recommendation that the board investigate a FWISD tax freeze for the homes in Fairmount.



## School supplies, clothes needed at middle school

by Brenda Howell, director of promotions

Please help Fairmount sponsor Daggett Middle School again this year with back to school supplies.

The first day of school is Aug. 27 and the goal this year is to be able to provide uniform shirts in navy blue or white collar polo's (all sizes needed), spiral notebooks, pencils and pens.

Drop-off location through end of August is 2222 Fairmount Ave. You may leave donations on the front porch or call Brenda to have items picked up.

For additional information, contact Brenda Howell, director of promotions, at 817.991.2834 or e-mail [promotions@historicfairmount.com](mailto:promotions@historicfairmount.com)

## Fairmount resident finds favorite brunch spot on Magnolia Avenue

by George Achziger

It is summertime and it is hot outside, but at Hot Damn Tamales!, it is haute cuisine inside. Sunday Brunch is just too fabulous, and now with live entertainment.

Each week the menu offerings change slightly, but always dependable on being delicious and gracious. Refreshing sangria and Mexican teas compliment the cuisine.

The weekend I visited, there was a beautiful display of salad offerings, complete with fresh salsas and two (count them, TWO) cheese plates.

Featured were chilled nectar champagne soups and pastries, tamale pie, quiche, sausages, bacon, seasoned chicken legs, and powerful Mexican spicy meatloaf and mashed potatoes. Maybe food just tastes better when it comes from a chafing dish, but the food here is all larapin good! For the young ones, or the young at heart, there are HOT DOGS with chili and all the condiments you could imagine, and then quite a bit more. Plus sweet endings galore. Haute food is like comfort food run amok, but it's all right, you will survive the experience.

Each week I count down after Sunday: Six days until Hot Damn Tamales! brunch. Three days until Hot Damn Tamales! brunch. Two HOURS until Hot Damn Tamales! brunch. The standard by which I now measure time. Six more days until Hot Damn Tamales! brunch. . .

For more information on hours and menu options, visit Hot Damn Tamales! online at [www.hotdamntamales.com](http://www.hotdamntamales.com).

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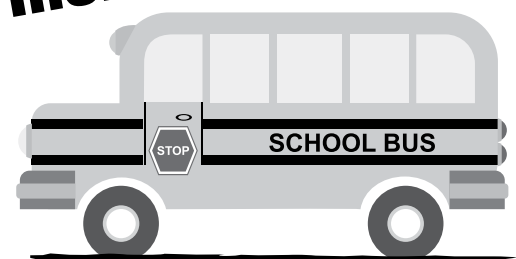
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 21 .....FNA pool party
- July 24 (Fourth Tuesday) ..... Fairmount Neighborhood Association General Meeting
- July 31 ..... Early primary voting
- August 3 (First Friday).....Buddy’s Big Band at Southside Preservation Hall
- August 6 (First Monday)..... FNA board meeting
- August 9 .....Historic Preservation Committee meeting
- August 10 .....Newsletter submission deadline
- August 10 (Second Friday) ..... Friday on the Green (www.FortWorthSouth.org)
- August 11 .....Fairmount work day—The Bastion (8 a.m.)
- August 13 .....Landmarks hearing
- August 16 ..... FNA Social at Mijos Fusion
- August 18 ..... Last chance to pay dues to vote in board election
- August 20 (Third Monday) ..... Bulk trash collection
- August 20 .....Landmarks filing deadline (5 p.m.)
- August 28 (Fourth Tuesday) .....FNA General Meeting—board election



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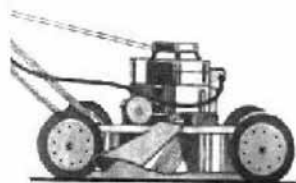
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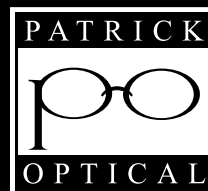


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