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## HOME TOUR

Recapping a successful event in photos

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By the time this newsletter reaches your front porch, we will have completed another successful Fairmount Home Tour. Hundreds of people will have visited the houses on the tour, walked our streets and experienced what Fairmount has to offer. They will see the vibrant scenes on Magnolia (and probably me walking our dogs). They will see families walking together in the cool of the evening. They will get to experience what it is like to live here, and I believe they will leave our little neighborhood with a desire to come back.

Like everything Fairmount sets out to do, Home Tour relies on volunteers to make it a great event. It takes hundreds of volunteer hours to get this event off the ground.

First, I want to thank all of the homeowners on this year's tour. Without your willingness to let all of Fort Worth into your home over a weekend, we wouldn't have a tour. Also, I want to thank Chelsie Thornton, our tour director, and her hard-working tour committee for their dedication and hard work on this year's event. They started planning months ago and have made this one of the best tours yet. Rosen House Inn and the Bowdens also get special thanks for hosting Wine Down this year.

Great appreciation also goes to everyone who volunteered to make this event happen, and to Katie Clifton who took on the daunting task of volunteer coordinator. It is astonishing to see how many people come out to lend a hand when Fairmount calls out. There is the flag crew that added some patriotic flair to our streets. We had several different groups of people take on the monumental task of cleaning up the neighborhood. We also had volunteers schlep tables and chairs all over Fairmount as well. We had another great turnout for the parade. And the tour could not happen without the dozens of docents standing at every house to answer questions and lead our guests through the tour. And a special thank you to Stacy Luecker who squeezed in creating an entire home tour booklet between back-to-back Fairmount newsletters.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for our annual home tour in any way. Without such wonderful neighbors we wouldn't have the great neighborhood we do.



Sean Lynch, President  
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### On the Cover

Left to right: Caryl Catalde, Stasia Guess, Ralph Watterson and Nickie Avery, sit atop a hillbilly float by Old Home Supply that was created for the 30th annual Home Tour Kick-off Parade on May 12. The float was awarded Most Creative. See more on pages 12-13.

Photo by Stacy Luecker

# The Fairmount Beat

by Joel Stary, neighborhood patrol officer

Over the past couple of months hiring contractors has been a big issue for some. Unfortunately, many scams are associated with contractors, and as with anything else, it seems that Fairmount has experienced its fair share of these scams.

We have shared many discussions about this topic, but unfortunately the word did not get around enough before several residents in our area were victimized by a notorious couple who are now behind bars.

One of my missions as your neighborhood patrol officer is to keep Fairmount residents informed of anything that could result in someone being victimized.

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Although we live in an age of information, we all need to realize that not everyone spends time in front of the television, in e-mail, or on Facebook and some don't read a newspaper or neighborhood newsletter.

When it comes down to it, some people don't do these things because they don't care to, but there are others that don't simply because for one reason or another they can't.

The information that we get bom-

barded with from all angles on a daily basis has power if we choose to use it, but information that is received and that we do nothing with has no power.

We all have an obligation to share the information we receive, and especially when it is something that could help someone else.

Please remember, the next time you hear something that could help someone and you think that the word might not have gotten to them, please go and share it with them.

A simple act of thoughtfulness could ultimately be the difference between someone being able to protect themselves or being put into a situation where they are helpless.

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## FAIRMOUNT General Meeting Potluck

**Tuesday, May 22, 7 p.m.**  
**The Bastion, 2100 Hemphill St.**

The next Fairmount Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 22 at The Bastion, 2100 Hemphill St.

May has certainly been a busy month, and our neighborhood has reaped the rewards of another successful Home Tour.

Since this month has been so busy and our members have dedicated so much of their time to Fairmount activities, we will keep our May general membership light with an annual potluck.

FNA will provide BBQ and drinks and everyone else should bring a dish of their choice.

Please keep in mind that dishes will need to arrive ready to serve.

The general meetings are a great time to sign-up for FNA membership and is a good way to get out and meet some new neighbors.

## Property value protest deadline May 31

The Tarrant Appraisal District has completed the 2012 property appraisals and unless your value is unchanged, you should have received a valuation notice in the mail.

Overall, the value for most of the homes in Fairmount stayed the same or dropped from last year, but land value for many property owners west of 5th Avenue increased.

Remember that the deadline to protest your value is May 31. You may file a protest online, and your value could be adjusted without a hearing with the appraisal review board.

Additional information including details of the protest process is available online at [www.tad.org](http://www.tad.org) or you may call TAD at 817.284.0024, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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### Letter

*Dear friends,*

An opportunity has arisen for me to serve the citizens of Fort Worth in a new area.

I expect to be transferred to my new area around the first of June. It has been an honor and my pleasure to serve the Fairmount, Ryan Place and South Hemphill Heights neighborhoods for the past three years and I will miss you all.

The good news is that I will not be far away and will be one of the neighborhood patrol officers for the downtown area.

The great news is that you all will be well taken care of when I leave, due to the fact that NPO Mark Russell will be taking over my area. Officer Russell knows the area well and taught me everything that I know when I came onto the Fort Worth Police Department as a rookie.

I appreciate all of the support you have shown me during my stay with you, and I know you will do the same for Mark as he works to improve the area with you.

I will be attending all meetings this month to say farewell and hope to see you there. Thank you again and continue to take care of one another.

— Joel Stary

*Neighborhood patrol officer*



Fairmount Facebook fans  
 comment on Home Tour

*“My mom and I really appreciated the hospitality of all the homeowners and the volunteers; your neighborhood makes anyone feel welcome. Thank you for allowing us “outsiders” to glimpse into an area of Fort Worth’s living history.”*

— Renee Ricks Hailey

*“Loved the community garden! Thanks for the inspiration—we may start one in our area. So enjoyed the tour.”*

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1501 Washington Ave.

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# May Yard of the Month

by Tim Appling

As I walked home from the neighborhood clean-up on May 5, a flurry of activity caught my eye when I turned a corner on Washington Avenue. Several people were busily engaged in digging, planting, watering and trimming. Here at 1501 Washington, Lorie Ramos and family were diligently tending Fairmount's Yard of the Month for May. The cool green grass and brightly colored blossoms brought a smile and made the unseasonably warm day a little more pleasant.

The lovely lawn is verdant with Kentucky bluegrass, a surprising choice for the heat of a Texas summer. But Ms. Ramos is no amateur and has already sewn seeds of later-greening Bermuda grass. When the bluegrass inevitably becomes brown grass, it will hardly be noticed. Another grass she calls "sea grass" has been put down in shady areas.

It is no wonder her own yard is a prize winner, because this is not just a hobby for Lorie. It is her occupation. She and her assistant, Carlos Garcia, maintain the grounds of numerous Fairmount homes, and for her it is a labor of love. This is not the first time Lorie has been selected for Yard of the Month honors.

Leading up to the house, the walkway is lined with compact boxwoods and impatiens. Hanging baskets of fuchsia petunias add more color to the porch. Plantings in front of the house

include gardenia bushes, begonias and chartreuse sweet potato vines. Under a tree is a large planting of more impatiens in a variety of colors. The yard is decorated with two fountains and an inviting bench. The fragrance of rosemary wafts from a large pot near the front steps. Since the house is on a corner lot, one can stroll around the side to view a neatly planted begonia bed with beautiful pink roses and sunny yellow chrysanthemums.

Lorie Ramos moved to her present abode several years ago, but has been a Fairmount resident "forever." In fact, her last home was in the 1400 block of Washington. She now shares her c. 1924 bungalow at 1501 Washington with her three daughters, Kayla, Lorena, and Kate, as well as a grandson, Noah. The family is completed by Gizmo, a friendly Shi Tzu.

"My birthday is in April," Lorie said, "and Mother's Day is in May, so this time of year, this is how I celebrate." Then she added, "My kids enjoy it, too. I do it for the kids and for all the people in the neighborhood who enjoy pretty things."

Thank you to Lorie for helping make Fairmount the beautiful place it is. In appreciation for her efforts, Lorie will receive a gift certificate from CC's Touch of Nature. If you would like to suggest a home that deserves consideration as a future yard of the month, please e-mail [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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# Fairmount Community Garden news

by Suzanne Mabe

The May 5 work day in the community garden had a good turnout of people doing lots of weeding and mulching.

A bake sale was also held to benefit the Panther City Feral Cat Coalition. Stir Crazy Baked Goods donated cupcakes, and PetSmart donated 40 cat collars. The event raised \$170—enough to neuter 27 cats. Rose Lynn Scott is the contact person for the feral cat program. She and Bonnie Blackwell are planning another bake sale for the fall with proceeds again going toward cat neutering. You can find out more online at <http://panthercityferalcatcoalition.org>.

A new green shade cover now covers the garden's chicken coup which will protect them from the sun. Several neighborhood chickens died last summer in the severe heat.

The community garden welcomed Home Tour visitors who stopped by and enjoyed the sights and sounds of the garden, the variety of things planted and doing so well, plus the personalization each gardener has done to their plots. The garden also inspired some visitors to start one in their own neighborhood.

David Thrapp's tomatoes should win a prize. He started them early, surrounded by walls of water contraptions, which seems to have paid off with some very healthy plants. David has hung old shiny CDs from the supports to scare away birds.

Desi Suasnovar and Blake Hestir have been so great, coming out when the garden needs help, working on everything from building the chicken coop, to cutting down the weeds, moving mulch, and lots of other hard jobs. Desi was one of the people who worked from the very beginning to make the garden a reality. So thanks to both of you, from all the gardeners.

A large load of mulch was delivered a couple of weeks ago. It helps hold mois-



*Photo by Stacy Luecker*

**Lori Werth (left) and her daughter examine plants in their Fairmount Community Garden plot. The Werths are University Place residents who come to Fairmount to garden.**

ture and nutrients in the soil, insulates and keeps roots of the plants cooler. You should apply 2-4 inches of mulch around the plants and reapply when it washes away or decomposes. Some of the best material to use is leaves. Being organic, you can apply them in the fall by covering the bed and letting them decompose. Then in late winter and early spring, turn

them over and mix with the soil. Leaves are also free, and we all have them, so instead of filling up the landfill with leaves, we can use them in the garden.

There will be a potluck in the garden on May 25. Watch Facebook and your e-mail for details.

The next garden work day will be June 9. Hope to see you there.

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**Left to right: Katie Clifton, Home Tour volunteer coordinator, Brian and Sheila Portwood, Home Tour participants, and Chelsie Thornton, Home Tour director, unpack a box of Home Tour preparation goodies the night before Home Tour begins. The Portwood's home at 1405 Fairmount is one of nine properties featured on this year's 30th annual Fairmount Tour of Historic Homes on Mother's Day weekend.**

## Volunteers offer time, support for annual event

A lot of effort goes into the annual Fairmount Tour of Historic Homes.

While Home Tour itself only lasts two days, preparations begin months in advance, and selecting the homes is just a small part of what happens prior to that fun-filled weekend in May.

Behind the scenes is a group of volunteers that make the event happen, and this year we had more than 200 of them.

From Home Tour meetings to posting flags and edging sidewalks, it is the dedication of neighbors and friends that make everything Fairmount does possible.



*Photo by Stacy Luecker*

**Jeff Nissen helps post American flags along Allen Avenue prior to Home Tour weekend.**



*Photo by Eric Luecker*

**Octavio Morales edges along Allen Avenue. Volunteers helped clean up debris along curbs in preparation for Home Tour.**



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# Everyone loves a parade

## Home Tour Kick-off Parade signals beginning of weekend festivities

by Pat Bradley, Home Tour parade coordinator

Fairmount neighbors and their friends came out in full force to watch The Annual Fairmount Home Tour Kick-off Parade which started a weekend full of activities for the 30th annual Fairmount Home Tour.

Spectators saw (and heard) several bands, lots of floats, antique cars, dancing girls and pirates to boot.

This year in addition to the usual suspects: Fairmount Greater Retired from Marching Band, Old Home Supply, Fairmount Community Garden and Circle LS Riding Group; we were lucky to have The Shriner Bedouin Band, Shriner Car-vettes, Ballet Folklorica and Jazzercise join us.

Celebrity Chef Judges: Chandra Riccetti, owner/chef of The Bastian; Martin Thompson, owner/chef Cat City Grill; and Mikel Steen, chef at The Live Oak, had the very difficult task of choosing the winners.

- 1st Place—Best in Show—The Northside High Mariachi Band
- 2nd Place—Most Creative: Old Home Supply float
- 3rd Place—Best Float: Ballet Folklorica de Fort Worth
- 4th Place—Best Music: Fairmount Retired from Marching Band

- 5th Place—Most Spirit: Jacqueline Bender's Jazzercise

A special thank you to the judges who took time out of their busy schedules and to Ralph Watterson, Old Home Supply, for donating the fun, funky vintage trophies.

While a lot of people have told me what a great job I did with the Parade—it would not have been the huge success without these wonderful people: Larry Schuessler who knows the ropes to getting the permit and creating the route that makes the city happy, Kathy Halliday and Patti Randle for getting participants and brainstorming for ideas to make the parade a success.

Thank you Sheryl for the flyers, award certificates, and even driving the truck for a float; Shirley and Terry Gober for hand outs for participants, and for helping with line up along with Selena Burns and Nanci Hutchison. Thanks to Ameera Hallek for face painting after the parade. Thanks to Ashley Paz and Tracy Halliday, Kinder Care Learning Center's Dani De Los Santos, Cheryl Yant and Sandy Line for the children's activities in the park.

Also, thank you to Home Depot for donating pots and Kinder Care for donating painting supplies.



Photo by Stacy Luecker

Members of Ballet Folklorico de Fort Worth wave to Fairmount neighbors and parade onlookers along Park Place Avenue.



*Photo by Stacy Luecker*

The Moslah Shrine Bedouins set the beat for a merry processional through Fairmount streets for Home Tour. The Bedouins' performance instruments include a number of percussion pieces ranging from tambourines to bass drums and the rolling Big Bertha.



*Photo by Eric Luecker*

Above: Gracey Tune waves from the Arts 5th Avenue float in the Fairmount Home Tour Parade. Above right: Sean Lynch, FNA president, waves to parade visitors. Right: Bicyclists ride through Fairmount streets to kick-off Home Tour.



*Photo by Eric Luecker*



*Photo by Stacy Luecker*

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Photo by Eric Luecker

A line forms in front of 1730 6th Avenue. Originally known as the Benton house, it was a popular stop on this year's Home Tour.



Photo by Stacy Luecker

Carol Standerfer (right) greets visitors at 2114 Hurley Ave., the new construction house on this year's tour.



Photo by Eric Luecker

Home Tour guests arrive at the Pereda home at 1425 Alston Ave. The home was this year's restoration in-progress house.

# Fairmount's 30th annual HOME TOUR

Homeowners open homes  
to hundreds of visitors

by Chelsie Thornton

The pedestals and tour signage have been returned to storage, featured homeowners and volunteers are beginning to unwind, and the final numbers are being tallied. All in all, the 30th annual Fairmount Tour of Homes was a huge success.

As has been said many times, the greatest asset that Fairmount has is its sense of community. That was certainly on display as visitors came from far and wide over Mother's Day weekend to experience all that the neighborhood has to offer.

Nine properties were opened to visitors and rave reviews were heard all weekend. SiNaCa Studios served as the ticket booth location and was a hub of activity as people stopped by for tickets and to peruse the glass art in SiNaCa's gallery. A croquet tournament on the Rosen House Inn lawn reminded guests and residents alike of a simpler time in Fairmount. And a food truck rally in Fairmount Park helped everyone keep up their energy during their journey through the 'hood.

Home Tour simply wouldn't be possible without the hard



*Photo by Stacy Luecker*

**Eliud Castro, Gepetto's Pizza Truck, presents a piping hot pepperoni pizza from his pizza truck at Fairmount Park for Home Tour. Gepetto's was one of three food trucks that were available to hungry guests during the Home Tour event.**

work and dedication of numerous individuals and businesses.

A sincere "thank you" to the nearly 200 volunteers who gave both time and energy to make the event a success.

Thanks to the Fairmount homeowners for being crazy enough to open their doors to hundreds of guests over the weekend.

The Home Tour committee members deserve extra special recognition too for a job well done. The event simply would not have come together without the knowledge and expertise (and countless hours of service) provided by Pat Bradley, Katie Clifton, Stacy Luecker, Sean Lynch, Mike McDermott and Nolle Smith. And, finally, thanks to Wells Fargo, Helen Painter Realtors, Chadra Mezza and Grill and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for sponsoring the tour, and to the many businesses who purchased ads in the tour program.



*Photo by Stacy Luecker*

**Steve (left) and Pam Tackett examine a wall cabinet at the McDermott/Tucker home.**



*Photo by Eric Luecker*

**Thomas Rinn, co-owner at 1906 S. Henderson St., greets guests at his home.**



*Photo by Stacy Luecker*

**David Cory (right), volunteer, shows a Fairmount Home Tour T-shirt to a Home Tour guest. The ticket booth at SiNiCa Studios on Magnolia was the starting point for visitors purchasing or picking up tickets, needing directions, or catching a ride with the Fairmount Bike Taxi.**



Home Tour volunteers enjoy food and conversation at Rosen House Inn following the first day of Home Tour.

## Volunteers relax, celebrate Home Tour

by Noelle Smith, Wine Down coordinator



Wine Down guests take advantage of an assortment of dinner items. Food was catered by Chadra Mezza & Grill.

Chelsie Thornton (left), Home Tour director, poses with Jane Wedding, FNA director of finance.



Another successful Wine Down is in the Fairmount history books. The special evening was hosted at the Rosen House Inn by owners Jason and Kelly Bowden and it was a night to remember.

Volunteers were greeted with a celebratory décor of balloons, handmade centerpieces featuring all 30 years of Home Tour booklet covers, and the sweet musical sounds of The Slyders.

No one left hungry as they feasted on a fantastic dinner of Chadra's hummus, salad, ablama, penne ala vodka, vegetables, rice and everyone's favorite—garlic knots.

Fairmount is very grateful for the wine donation from Chris Keel at Put a Cork in It and the cold beer from Rahr Brewery.

Thanks to Kyle Slater and Kelly Bowden for the desserts.

The silent auction was a lot of fun and raised more than \$2,000 which will go directly toward the preservation and development of Fairmount.

It is the support of friends and neighbors who helped make this year's Wine Down a success.



*Photos by Eric Luecker*



**Above: The Slyders provide musical entertainment.**

**Right: Steve Halliday fills a plate at the Fairmount Wine Down. The event is held for Home Tour volunteers following the first day of the Home Tour event.**





*Photos by Stacy Luecker*

**Jane Wedding (right), Fairmount director of finance and Home Tour volunteer, shows Lauren Nugent (left) and Matt Peppes a Home Tour T-shirt at the Fairmount booth during Open Streets in April. Visitors stopped to purchase Home Tour tickets and learn more about Fairmount.**

**Jaci Syptak (left), Fairmount resident and Kindercare employee, paints the face of Gannon McDonald (right) while his sister, Olive, watches. Kindercare and Fairmount sponsored a children's play area in Fairmount Park during the Open Streets event.**





**Calvin Clayton (left), Central Division Code Blue coordinator and Fairmount Resident, talks with Erin (center) and Jeremy (right) in front of a Fort Worth Police Department mobile storefront to promote Operation Safe Child, a program that provides free identification cards for children.**



**Above: Trellise (left) and Pat Brennan examine a copy of the Fairmount newsletter at the Fairmount preservation display during Open Streets sponsored by Fort Worth South, Inc. Photos of restored and renovated houses were available for viewing during the event.**



**Left: Caston Fitzwater (right), Kindercare volunteer, blows bubbles with Ava Johnson in Fairmount Park.**

# Open Streets urban playground

by Stacy Luecker, director of communications

For three hours on April 30, Magnolia Avenue between 8th and 5th, and 5th Avenue between Magnolia and Allen, were closed to car traffic for Open Streets, the Near Southside's car-free festival that made its debut in 2011.

Walking, biking, roller skating, skate boarding and any other form of people-powered transportation was encouraged on the streets along with vendors, food trucks and street performers.

On Magnolia, Fairmount volunteers staffed a table to sell Home Tour tickets, T-shirts and provide information about the neighborhood. Photos of restored and renovated houses were on display, and Sue McLean, Fairmount director of historic preservation, was available to answer questions.

Fairmount residents also helped out in other areas during

the event. Calvin Clayton, Central Division Code Blue coordinator and Fairmount resident, greeted visitors at a Fort Worth Police Department mobile storefront that provided identification cards for children. "We've had several people stop by for information and to get ID cards. I've been keeping pretty busy," he said.

Many children found their way to Fairmount Park where the Fairmount Neighborhood Association and Kindercare Learning Center provided supplies to offer children with a safe play area offering face painting, a sand box and volunteers to supervise and entertain.

Open Streets is sponsored by Fort Worth South, Inc. and will return again in late October. For more information, visit the website at [www.FortWorthSouth.org](http://www.FortWorthSouth.org).

**Historic and Cultural Landmark District**



Scoutmaster Dan Turner watches as Eagle Scouts work to clean up Fairmount Park.

## Fairmount Park service project for Eagle Scouts

by Sean Lynch, president

In Fairmount's continued efforts to make improvements to Fairmount Park, the neighborhood recently had an opportunity to host an Eagle Scout project for Canston Fitzwater.

Completing a community project is the last step in a Boy Scout's trek towards earning the rank of Eagle Scout and it is a monumental task to undertake.

A candidate for the award, in addition to earning 21 merit badges and holding a leadership role in their troop, must develop, plan and execute a project in the community. This is a big undertaking for anyone, but the Boy Scouts require it to be completed before the scout's 18th birthday.

Canston installed flower beds around several trees in Fairmount Park. Troop 17, Canston's Troop, worked diligently to ensure the project was completed and looked great. Be sure to stop by the park and check out the improvements.

Canston Fitzwater is always seeking community service opportunities. If you have any ideas for future Boy Scout projects, please e-mail them to [president@historicfairmount.com](mailto:president@historicfairmount.com) and we will pass them on to Canston's troop.

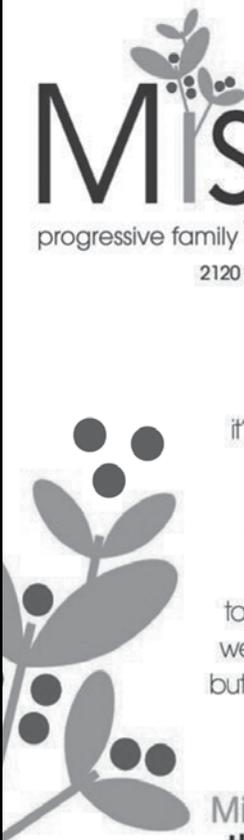


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Scouts work to move a wheelbarrow with excess dirt from the park project site.



Members of Troop 17 plant native plants to enhance the landscaping around trees.



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## Having a ball at croquet

Kelly Bowden plays croquet in period clothing on the lawn of the Rosen House Inn during the 30th annual Fairmount Home Tour.



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## FNA General Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 24, 2012

### Call to Order: 7:02

#### Welcome and Announcements

Introduction of new members representing Lipscomb Street.

#### Neighborhood Patrol Officer Report

Report from Officer Stary.

The Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD) arrested four different burglars in the neighborhood last month. Good job patrol officers. The neighborhood had a few more offenses last month than the previous month, mostly resulting from an increase in vehicle break-ins.

Today FWPD arrested a couple that is believed to be the group Officer Stary discussed last month that were robbing homes as a team. The investigation is ongoing, but these individuals are now in custody. Officer Stary noted that this arrest occurred because an alert resident of Ryan Place called 911 after seeing a couple that matched the description circulated via email.

#### Director Reports

##### Historic Preservation—Sue

812 Morphy St.—recommend approval for renovation of non-contributing structure as requested. HCLC approved.

##### Infrastructure—Jason

The neighborhood yard sale went well. Around sixty-five houses participated and the Fairmount Neighbor-

hood Association raised about \$500.

The next neighborhood cleanup will be May 5 at 10 a.m.. This is the most important cleanup of the year, as it will be the last on before Home Tour. Meet at Fairmount Park. Ashley Paz will have a family cookout at her house after the cleanup. Look for more details soon via email and the FNA Facebook page.

##### Public Safety—Geri

Next Code Blue class is on May 19. Contact Geri or Calvin if you would like more information about the Code Blue class.

##### Administration—Tyler

No report.

##### Home Tour (Chelsie Thornton)

Home Tour is coming together nicely. Home Tour parade will be on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 10 a.m. The Home Tour Committee still needs volunteers. Remember that volunteering gets you a ticket to the Wine Down Party and a complimentary ticket to Home Tour.

##### Promotions—Brenda

Two upcoming events for children are planned: Directly after the Home Tour parade there will be an event at Fairmount Park where children will be able to paint and make Mother's Day gifts. The second event will be a booth of children's activities at the

Open Streets in Fairmount Park.

#### Presentations

Presentation by Julie McCreary from the Bike Fort Worth Program. She is employed by the City and manages the City's bike programs. Julie gave a presentation on the city of Fort Worth's bike plan and other bicycle related topics followed by a question and answer session.

A representative from Fort Worth Bike Patrol Support Group, a non-profit that supports the FWPD's bike officers, made an announcement regarding the group's annual bike ride fundraiser. Their annual bike ride is being moved to the Near South Side this year, in partnership with One Safe Place. The family friendly bike ride will be held on the morning of May 19, with the proceeds raised going toward to support FWPD's bike officers.

#### Door Prizes.

**Meeting adjourned: 7:41**

*Editors note:*

*Looking for  
meeting minutes?*

Past meeting minutes from the Fairmount General Meetings and the Historic Preservation Committee can be found online at [www.HistoricFairmount.com](http://www.HistoricFairmount.com).

## Please pick up after your pets

*Pet waste left on the ground contributes harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our waterways, so it's important to clean up after your pet. After all, you have to drink that water.*

# FNA Board Meeting Minutes

## Monday, May 7, 2012

### Call to Order: 7:02

**Directors present:** Sean, Ashley, Tyler, Jane, Sue, Jason, Chelsie, Stacy, Geri

**Ex Officio:** Robert, Mickey

### Director Reports

#### Home Tour—Chelsie

Chelsie advised the board that the planning for Home Tour was generally finished, with the only remaining issues related to the coordination of the volunteers.

The Wine Down Party will be at 7 p.m. at 1714 South Henderson (The Rosen House Inn).

The board discussed the amount of change needed for the Home Tour ticket booth.

#### Historic Preservation—Sue

1518 Lipscomb—historic tax exemption verification (inappropriate columns, kneebraces reapplied upside-down will be an issue)

**2221 6th Ave.**—COA to install solar panels to cover south-facing gable roof (will be visible from the street)

**2261 Hurley**—COA to demolish garage and rebuild. COA to construct side entry canopy with brick columns and aprons, gable roof, wood floor, steps, and railing.

**1508 Washington**—COA to construct new one-story house and garage by Glen Mace homes (Staff recommending denial, would rather see a true Craftsman or Victorian or change to 5/12 roof pitch and no bay windows.)

**1966 Alston**—COA to add rear addition

#### Membership—Ashley

The June general membership meeting is the annual potluck meeting. The board discussed the logistics of the meeting and the food to be served.

#### Administration—Tyler White

No report.

#### Finance—Jane

\$66,683.29 in the bank accounts and certificate of deposit. Jane reported that both newsletter advertising and membership dues paid are significantly up over last year.

#### Infrastructure—Jason

**Tax Committee**—The tax committee is considering inviting a representative from TAD (Tarrant Appraisal District) to come speak to the membership about property tax issues. The board discussed and Jason agreed to review the possibility of having special meeting in May to host a property tax forum.

**Emergency bulk trash pickup**—Jason asked that everyone send him information about any bulk trash that needs to be picked up prior to Home Tour. He will contact the City of Fort Worth and ask them to pick up any identified trash.

**Tree Program**—Jason provided an update on the status of the tree planting around DeZavala Elementary School that was approved at the last general membership meeting: Brenda Pereda and Serena Keeler are working together on a plan for the tree planting based on a combination of their previous separate proposals.

**Feral Cat Program**—Jason advised the board that the revitalized feral cat program is going wonderfully with the only limitation on the number of cats being caught being the number of traps. The board discussed the possibility of purchasing more traps for the program.

#### Communications—Stacy

Deadline for the next newsletter is the May 10. Stacy asked that all submissions for the newsletter be in by the deadline.

#### Safety—Geri

FWISD is going lease the firehouse building on the 2700 block of Lipscomb Avenue. Geri advised that if the FNA would ever like to use the facility, then we need to consider whether to ask to be included in the lease with FWISD. Sean Lynch to discuss the lease issue with FWISD.

#### New Business

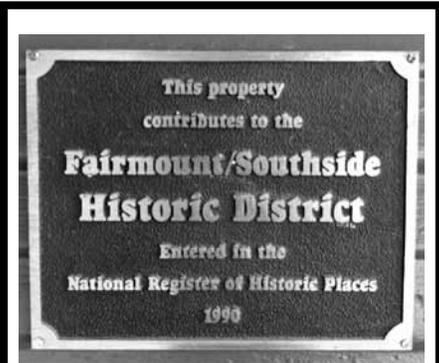
**Arts Goggle**—The next Arts Goggle is May 19. The board discussed FNA's participation in the upcoming Arts Goggle and agreed that the FNA will once again have a booth at the event. Sean Lynch to contact Fort Worth South and register for a space.

Motion to adjourn made by Geri, seconded by Tyler, and vote approved.

**Meeting adjourned: 7:56**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 20.....Hidden Gardens of Fort Worth Tour ([www.HistoricFortWorth.org](http://www.HistoricFortWorth.org))
- May 22 (Fourth Tuesday).....Fairmount Neighborhood Association general meeting
- May 28.....Memorial Day
- June 1 (First Friday).....Buddy’s Big Band at Southside Preservation Hall
- June 4 (First Monday).....FNA Board Meeting
- June 7.....Historic Preservation Committee meeting
- June 8.....Friday on the Green ([www.FortWorthSouth.org](http://www.FortWorthSouth.org))
- June 10.....Newsletter submission deadline
- June 11.....Landmarks hearing
- June 18 (Third Monday).....Bulk trash collection
- June 18.....Landmarks filing deadline (5 p.m.)
- June 26 (Fourth Tuesday).....Fairmount Neighborhood Association general meeting
- July 2 (First Monday).....FNA Board Meeting
- July 4.....Fourth of July
- July 10.....Newsletter submission deadline



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## ➤ Historic guidelines revision timeline ➤

by Sue McLean, director of historic preservation

**2008 (January)**—Volunteers were requested, and guidelines committee was formed with Kathleen Seleny as chairperson. Research was done on other historic district guidelines from all over the country.

**2009**—Rodney Wade, new chairperson after the Seleny's moved away. Guidelines began to be revised by rewording to clarify them. Hardy board and other synthetic products were discussed and addressed.

**2010**—Sue McLean, new chairperson after Rodney adopted his son. Questions of staff and city were answered. Guidelines revisions were revised by rewording to clarify them, and additions made as new cases came up with items not included or not clear in the original guidelines.

**2010 (January-March)**—Photo survey was done by city but unfinished due to staff cuts.

**2011 (January)**—Photo survey was finished by Sue McLean.

**2011 (February)**—Completed guidelines revisions were turned in to staff for review.

**2011 (August)**—Sue worked with Mike McDermott and Phil Bordeleau to determine predominant structure styles, descriptions and examples for city-required format.

**2011 (November)**—Guidelines revisions were reformatted into city-required format by Sue and submitted to staff.

**2012**—Staff began working with Sue on graphic examples to be incorporated into the document (such as appropriate doors).

**2012 (May)**—awaiting staff review of guidelines revisions. Awaiting staff to create forms for Fairmount volunteers to do a new structure survey to re-determine which are contributing and non-contributing structures, then survey must be completed.

After staff review of the guidelines revisions, and any suggested changes are discussed with the guidelines committee and incorporated or rejected, the document will be sent to the city legal department for review, with the expectation for it to be stuck

in Legal for quite some time.

Only after Legal has reviewed and returned the approved document to Fairmount, will it be allowed to be reviewed and voted upon by the neighborhood.

After the neighborhood approves the revisions, (and after the structure survey is completed), the document and survey are submitted to the Landmarks Commission for their approval.

Once the Landmarks Commission has approved the revisions, the document and survey are submitted to the city council for their approval.

Once approved by the city council, the revised guidelines replace the original 1990 guidelines.

If the revised guidelines fail to be approved by either the city legal department, by 51 percent of the neighborhood, by the Landmarks Commission, or by the city council, then the original 1990 guidelines remain in place.



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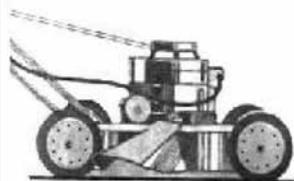
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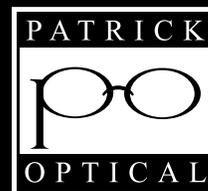


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