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# IN MEMORIAM

ary Ellen Wedding, mother of Fairmount President Robert Wedding and Fairmount Director of Finance Jane Wedding, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 23, in Gulfport, Mississippi after a long, brave battle with leukemia and lymphoma.

Many Fairmount residents had the delightful opportunity to meet Mrs. Wedding when she came to Fairmount to visit. Mrs. Wedding is survived by five children including Robert and Jane, three grandchildren including Jane's son David Lester Jr., and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 417 Security Street, Gulfport, MS 39507.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

## **General Membership Meeting**

The next Fairmount Neighborhood Association general meeting will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 at the College Avenue Baptist Church, 1400 College Ave.

Paul Paine of Fort Worth South will give a presentation regarding the progress happening on the South Side and especially where Fort Worth South is involved.

If you are not a member of the Fairmount Neighborhood Association, the general membership meeting is a great time to sign up.

Please join us and bring any interested neighbors.

# Joe's Run cheer station planned

Everyone in Fairmount did a wonderful job coming out to support the runners in the Cowtown Marathon! Thank you to everyone who participated.

Joe's 10K Run is coming through Fairmount Saturday, March 26 and there will be a cheer station to support the runners at the corner of W. Jefferson and Washington Ave.

Let's share the Fairmount spirit and show everyone another great turnout for the event. Corner of W. Jefferson and Washington Avenue March 26, 8 a.m.

#### On the Cover

Sara Lynch, Fairmount resident, encourages runners during the Cowtown Marathon. The event route took participants through the Fairmount neighborhood where a crowd of residents and visitors cheered. Fairmount also held Pancakes in the Park during the event. See article on pgs. 12-13.

Photo by Stacy Luecker

## The Fairmount Beat by Joel Stary, neighborhood patrol officer

Fairmount is about to get busy with Home Tour, and summer is right around the corner too.

With the activities and visitors that will be coming to the neighborhood, I wanted to take a minute to remind everyone when to call 911 and what information to try to provide when you call.

Keep in mind that when you call 911 you will speak with a call taker.

The call taker's job is to prioritize the call and pass the information on to a police dispatcher.

Once a dispatcher receives the information, a call will be set up and an officer will be sent to the call location. Officer response time will be determined by officer availability and based upon the priority level the call was given by the call taker.

Next, let's discuss suspicious behavior. Anything that seems strange to you would be considered suspicious behav-

#### Joel Stary

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ior. Anything that makes you stop and wonder what someone is doing would be considered suspicious behavior. These are the best guidelines to follow and you have to remember that if something looks, feels, smells or sounds strange to you then it is suspicious.

Now that everyone is on the same page with the definition of suspicious behavior, answering the question of when you should call 911 is very easy.

You should call 911 and have an officer come out any time you see, smell or hear something suspicious, or when you have a feeling that something is suspi-

Here are some things you need to

pay attention to and make the call taker aware of when you call:

Persons-race, age, height, hair description, facial hair, glasses/no glasses, clothing description, shoe description, bags/backpacks, direction of travel, and behavior and demeanor if you spoke with the person.

**Vehicles**—use the CYMBAL acronym

 $\mathbf{C} = \text{Color}$ 

Y = Year

**M** = Vehicle Make (Ford, Chevrolet, etc.)

**B** = Body Style (Van, Pick-up, etc.)

A = Additional Details (direction of travel, damage, bumper stickers, etc.

L = License Number (even partial plate numbers are helpful)

Thank you all so much for the help you provide to the police department and your neighbors.

Keep up the good work and remember, be safe today and safer tomorrow.

# The Bastion on Hemphill

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Left to right: Steve Halliday, Terry Trimble, Larry Schuessler and Sean Lynch toast to friends during the February Mid-Month Social at the T&P Tavern.

# T&P Tavern offers drink, eats for neighbors



Left to right: Pat Bradley, Steve Ellish, Shari Phoenix and Vida Phoenix enjoy drinks and conversation. Over 50 Fairmount residents attended the event.

The February Mid-Month Social at the T&P Tavern was a blast from the past. With more than 50 Fairmount residents and guests from other South Side areas the room was brimming with talkative neighbors.

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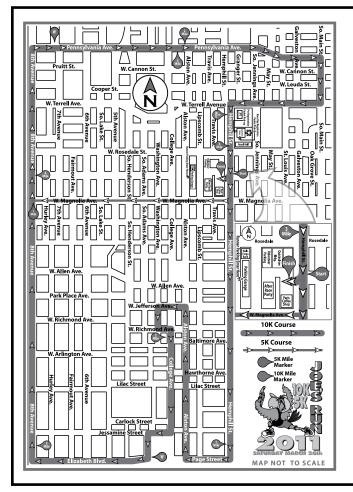
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The 14th annual Joe's Run 10K/5K is a running event where all proceeds will benefit Fort Worth's Samaritan House. The Samaritan House mission is to create a supportive community providing housing and resources for positive change in the lives of persons living with HIV/AIDS and other special needs.

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The Victorian Inn at 1800 Hemphill St. is a contributing structure to the Fairmount Southside Historic District and has been vacant since 2007.

# Victorian Inn awaits victory

by Sue McLean, Director of Preservation

longtime thorn in the side of Fairmount, the red brick two-story Victorian Inn building at 1800 Hemphill St. may finally have a viable future.

Michael Cocanower, son of Attorney Steve Cocanower, who both live in Fairmount, purchased the historic building at the March Tarrant County tax foreclosure sale.

But our fingers are still crossed, because the prior owner has a six month right of redemption in which he can pay the taxes owed and legally regain the property. So the best we can hope for in the next six months is that it will be cleaned up and re-secured.

Steve says, "In actuality, compared to what I had read, the property is really in better condition inside than expected (other than the debris). Most walls are in place and the flooring is substantially sounder than the roof leaks would have suggested."

Michael and Steve's ideas for its future, after the redemption period ends, include Ronald McDonald House type temporary residences, or 1,000-1,100 sq. ft. condos to be marketed to medical personnel, or perhaps offices like the buildings on Magnolia. A restaurant has been suggested for the ground floor.

Michael will be meeting with Code to review their investigations and will have an architect work on the feasibility of their ideas during the six month delay. He will be making a presentation to the Hemphill Corridor Task Force on the March 16, and hopefully by then there will be a more detailed plan in place.

The Victorian Inn, built in 1922, had been a public nuisance for many years as a haven for drug dealers, prostitution, and other criminal activities proven by its record of 682 police calls in a year spanning 2006-2007, and its continued occupancy in sub-standard condition while incurring citations for major health and safety violations.

In 2007, after a murder occurred there and Fort Worth Weekly gave it their award for "favorite place to pick up a hired escort," then-Fairmount President, Fred Harper, decided that something had to be done.

Fred spearheaded a collaborative effort between Fairmount and the Fort Worth Police, Fire, and Public Health Departments, a city attorney, then-Zoning Commission member Joel Burns, and then-city councilwoman Wendy Davis, which resulted in officers and staff from code compliance taking the owners of the Victorian Inn to the city's Building Standards Commission and successfully closing it down.

The building was secured and has been vacant ever since, except for the occasional homeless person who breaks in and camps out. But the police and Code have been quick to act on reports, and it was secured again.

As a contributing structure to the Fairmount Southside Historic District, requested demolition of the building by Building Standards was fought and stopped in the hope that in time Hemphill Street would become a viable place for the building's restoration and adaptive reuse. With the construction of the new Woman's Center building across the street, that prospect is looking more and more promising.

Be sure to stay tuned for updates.

#### **USA National Register of Historic Places**

# Photos requested of home before and afters



Example of a before and after kitchen project. After photo includes new hand-crafted cabinets, new countertops and a refinished pine floor.

Do you have a dramatic before and after photo of a room in your home, or even your home itself? We'd love for you to send us a few.

The next issue of the newsletter is going to be in color and we would like to feature one or two before and after projects that have gone from drab to fab!

With all of the care and passion Fairmount residents put into the restoration of their homes, wouldn't it be great to show those that may not be familiar with our neighborhood's efforts just how much we really care?

The May issue of *Fairmount* will be distributed neighborhood-wide as well as 200-300 copies at Home Tour.

Let's get the word out just how great our homes are!

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# **COP** member information leads to arrest



Penny Piavidal (left), COP member and Fairmount resident, with officer Joel Stary of the Fort Worth Police Department. Penny was awarded a certificate of appreciation at the last Fairmount neighborhood general meeting for a job well done when the information she provided to the police led to the arrest of a neighborhood criminal. by Joel Stary, neighborhood patrol officer

I had the distinct pleasure of presenting one of Fairmount's Citizen On Patrol members, Penny Plavidal, with a certificate of recognition from the Fort Worth Police Department at the Fairmount Neighborhood Association meeting this past month.

Penny was instrumental in the arrest of an offender that was targeting children in the neighborhood to expose himself to. She does an outstanding job of serving the Fairmount Neighborhood by constantly keeping an eye out for suspicious behavior and also reporting it.

One of the things that makes Fairmount so special is its COP group. There are so many jobs that are often thankless with the benefit of the work going unnoticed. Being a member of COP is one of these jobs, but the job gets done and it is invaluable to the residents of the neighborhood.

The team that Penny is a part of and that serves the community so well, has taken the time to go through training and sit through countless meetings each month to educate themselves on what is going on in the neighborhood and discuss how to protect the neighborhood better.

I encourage everyone to get involved with the Fairmount COP team and to speak with our active members about how to get started.

Thank you again to Penny and the whole Fairmount COP group for everything you do to help the Fort Worth Police Department and Fairmount residents.

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Start collecting Rahr glasses and bring your friends to Rahr and Sons Brewery on April 30, 1-3 p.m., 701 Galveston Ave. Fairmount will be the charity of the week and for every Rahr glass that you bring with you on that day Rahr will donate \$2.50 to Fairmount charities.



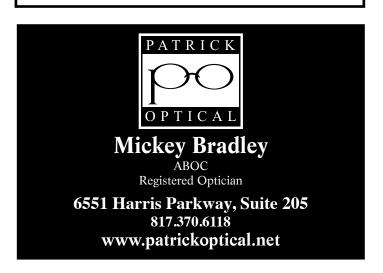




# The Greater Fairmount (Non)Marching Band NEEDS YOU!

Did you play in marching band in high school or college? Still have your instrument, or can get one? Would you like to re-live the fun of a marching band without all the marching, and think sitting in a truck is easier? Are you rusty, but can play most of the notes? Do you hate to practice? Then the Greater Fairmount (Non)Marching Band is for you! We are gearing up now for the Home Tour Parade in May.

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#### **Board Member Profile**



by Fred Harper

Sue McLean has one of the most visible board member positions in Fairmount as the Director of Historic Preservation.

Sue formally represents Fairmount at Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission meetings in cases involving properties in Fairmount. She also interfaces frequently with neighbors, potential neighbors, developers, builders and real estate agents — anyone who wants advice or has a question regarding historic preservation comes to her.

Historic Preservation Committee meetings, which Sue chairs, can be quite lively regarding cases that are to go before HCLC. She also keeps a photographic record of all the homes in Fairmount.

This position requires an in-depth knowledge of the history of Fairmount structures — the architectural varieties, what homes have undergone changes (both historic and not) and a tremendous amount of patience and persistence. Sue has served Fairmount for 20 years in numerous capacities. While many of us have worked with her, few know the full extent of her service.

# Fairmount Neighborhood Association participation:

**1990** Her house was on Home Tour (how she first got involved)

**1992-1996** FNA newsletter editor and board member.

**1995-2010** Worked on every by-laws rewrite

**1995** Home Tour assistant

1995-2001 Created home tour program1995 Guidelines Revisions Committee member

**2004-2006** Director of Infrastructure **2006** Citation of Merit by Historic Fort Worth, Inc. "For her work on behalf of the Fairmount Neighborhood Association."

**2007** Assistant to Director of Historic Preservation

**2008-2011** Director of Historic Preservation

**2009-2011** Guidelines Revisions Committee Chair

**2011** Chair of Historic District Re-Survey team.

#### Fairmount Photograph Archive:

In 1995, Sue rescued the Fairmount photo album from the neighborhood's expired website by copying each photo to her computer one by one. Here's a chronology of events leading to today's current online photo archive. **January 2005** Acquired 1995 survey photos from former FNA president David Cantu-Crouch, organized and labeled into books, and scanned them as time permitted for the next four years.

**2005** Began taking digital photos to fill in photos missing from 2002-2004.

Winter of 2005-2006 and 2008-2009 took photos of all structures.

**June 2009** Renamed all photos which were then posted on the new Fairmount website.

**2010-Present** Converting files scanned by city from 2000 photo survey to files to post on website.

**2010-Present** Takes photos of changed structures.

**2011** Renaming 2010 city photo survey photos to post on website, and helped city complete 2010 survey with about 200 photos.

In addition to her FNA accomplishments, Sue has been an active member/leader of Citizens on Patrol since 1993, winning Patroller of the Year for our division in 2001 and again in 2005.

She is also a former board member and past President of Southside Preservation Association, and member/organizer of the Greater Fairmount Marching Band.

The Fairmount Bylaws specify the qualifications and requirements of each director on the board and it requires that each board member act in the best interest of Fairmount.

Sue McLean has set a high standard for all to follow.

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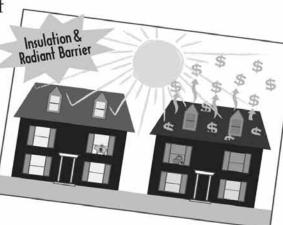
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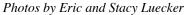
















Left: Tabitha Burns cheers as Cowtown Marathon runners pass by.

Above: Serena Keeler and her daughter Devon show Fairmount spirit for race participants. Several Fairmount residents came out to support runners and enjoy pancakes and sausage in Fairmount Park.

by Brenda Howell, Director of Promotions

It was a picture perfect day in Fairmount with American flags blowing in the wind and beautiful daffodils bursting with color. People cheering and the Mondo Drummers playing in the background gave everyone that hometown feeling.

As an official cheer station on the Cowtown Marathon website, Fairmount was the happening place to be Sunday, Feb. 27.

Over 50 Fairmount neighbors and 25 guests cheered for 2,500 marathon runners. Spectators at Fairmount Park ate pancakes and sausage, drank coffee and juice, and cheered as the runners ran down 5th Avenue.

Runners' spirits were lifted again at the corner of Fairmount and Allen Avenue as Steve Cocanower hosted a fun and lively cheer station in the front of his grocery store home.

The Cowtown Marathon staff was extremely

pleased with Fairmount's support quoted saying "You guys are the best!" "That was awesome!" "Hope to see you next year." and "Love, love the video!"

You can view the Fairmount Pancakes in the Park video on YouTube at http://youtu.be/78g0stpPrvU

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# Pancakes in the Park

Fairmount neighbors, guests show support for runners during Cowtown Marathon



Left to right: John Howell, Susan Harper and Dan Burns monitor pancakes and sausage for race goers.



Ashley Paz uses a megaphone to announce praise and support for runners.



Left to right: Jane Wedding, Ashley Paz and Chelsie Thornton play cheerleaders during the Cowtown Marathon.





Above: Mondo Drummers provide musical accompaniment as runners pass by. Left: Children hold signs encouraging their mother, a runner in the Cowtown Marathon.

## **SP**TLIGHT

# Fairmount resident sets goals, on the mooove for marathons

Cowtown run stepping stone for Sarah Brinkgoodall-Rogers



Photos by Eric Luecker

Sarah Brinkgoodall-Rogers, Fairmount resident, runs through Fairmount during the Cowtown Marathon recently.

by Suzanne Mabe

You may have seen Sarah Brinkgoodall-Rogers running through the neighborhood at various times. Sarah was among hundreds of other runners when the Cowtown Marathon came through Fairmount this year.

While visiting her aunt, Suzanne Mabe, Sarah fell in love with the neighborhood and in 2006 purchased 1322 5th Av-



enue, a small Queen Anne style house which was one of the first in Fairmount to be restored.

After graduating from the nursing program at TCC in 1988, she has worked for Cook Children's Hospital.

In 1992 she became a Flight Nurse for Teddy Bear Air and says it is "the best job in the world."

Sarah married musician Ed Rogers last December. Ed ran the half marathon this year and is looking forward to a full marathon.

After running sprint triathlons a few years ago, Sarah decided to join the Fort Worth Running Company and their training program for marathons. Her goal is the STAR. It sounds like a medal but she receives a point of the STAR for every marathon she completes until she gets all five points which completes the STAR.

Sarah is very proud of Fairmount's turn out for the Cowtown Marathon this year. All the runners were surprised and pleased when they came into the neighborhood and saw such a great reception waiting for them.

Sarah says that no other neighborhood came close to Fairmount's welcome.

Runners she talked to during and after the race told her that they were not only surprised but energized by Fairmount's clapping, cheering, drumming and encouragement.

Sarah's aunt was at the sidelines cheering Sarah on and it was evident from the looks on the runner's faces and their reactions that running through Fairmount was a special moment in the race.

The next time you see Sarah running down your street give her a cheer and an atta-boy, and look for her when she is running for her 4th point on the STAR.

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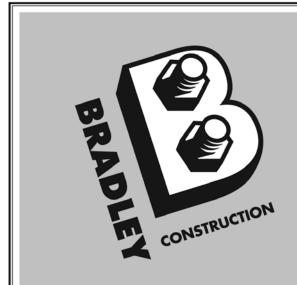
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# Home Tour date getting closer

Home Tour is right around the corner and all Fairmount residents are encouraged to participate in order to make this year's tour the best ever. Here's how you can help:

Volunteer — Volunteers are the driving force behind the success of this event, and we need YOU! Volunteer opportunities are available for docents, ticket takers, ticket sales, set-up crew, and more. Contact Dena Silva at historichometour@gmail.com to put your name on the list. And don't forget that volunteering is the only way to get into the Wine Down celebration!

Neighborhood Cleanup — Prior to Home Tour, volunteers are needed to help clean up the neighborhood. This is also the perfect time to spruce up our own homes to make a great impression for our Home Tour guests. Remember, the last

bulk trash pickup prior to Home Tour is April 18, so please plan accordingly. Code Compliance will be making rounds and issuing citations for violations.

**Parade** — Did you know that it's FREE to have a float in the Home Tour parade? And if you aren't planning to be in the parade, please be sure to come out and cheer on the parade participants!

Artist Expo — On Saturday and Sunday of Home Tour weekend, local artists will showcase goods at the primary ticket booth location at Zio Carlo Italian Brewpub. If you would like to reserve booth space, please contact us ASAP. Although the opportunity is offered at no cost, space is limited and booths are filling up quickly.

To become involved with Home Tour, contact Chelsie Thornton or Ashley Paz at historichometour@gmail.com.

## **About Home Tour**

The annual Fairmount Tour of Homes will be held Mother's Day weekend, Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8. Tickets will be available for purchase at area locations and online beginning in March.

The tour highlights the beautiful homes that we have in the Fairmount neighborhood.

Each year, five homes, a business and a work in progress house are selected for the tour. Hundreds of people tour these homes to appreciate the architecture and take a step back in time.

Proceeds from the tour are the primary source of funding for Fairmount Neighborhood Association endeavors.

## **Homeownership is still the American Dream!**

Fannie Mae has increased its contact to the American people and recently sent out its 99 page National Housing Survey. The document represents a pretty interesting look into the minds of consumers and what they feel about the future of housing. The web link to the survey is <a href="http://www.fanniemae.com/media/pdf/2011/National-Housing-Survey-q42010.pdf">http://www.fanniemae.com/media/pdf/2011/National-Housing-Survey-q42010.pdf</a>; jsessionid=Z5VLEZ3ZMTSLVJ2FQSHSFGQ

Here are a couple of key points for those who like a look at the bigger picture.

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# Spruce up for spring

# Home Tour

# Code violations, junk make bad impression

by Ashley Paz, Home Tour Co-director

y name is Ashley and I am a slob. Whew, there I said it and now we can all move on! It's actually a bit liberating to get that out in the open. Not as if everyone didn't already know. My neighbors pop in to drop off dinner or borrow a cup of sugar and the first thing I do is apologize for the mess. What can I say? I'm a mother to two small girls, business owner, wife to a husband who (like many of us) works grueling hours, and last but not least codirector of this year's Home Tour.

We all have a lot on our plates and it seems that, for me at least, the first thing to suffer is the façade of my home. If you drove by, you might say something along the lines of "Wow, that would be a nice house if they would just clean it up." Well, now with spring coming I'm turning over a new leaf and sharing tips that I have learned with my Fairmount neighbors. A daily 15 minute pickup is all it takes to stay on top of things but, trust me, finding that 15 minutes can be a challenge!

With the upcoming 29th Annual Home Tour rapidly approaching, it is the prime time to take a moment to spruce up the exteriors of our homes. On Home Tour weekend (which is May 7-8 this year), we will have over 1,500 guests in our neighborhood. And it's only appropriate to clean for our guests! We must remember that not only are the tour homes on display, but our entire neighborhood will be under the microscope. This is the time to show others just how great Fairmount is!



Photo by Ashley Paz

A Fairmount home with code violations that needs some attention. Neighbors should strive to clean up clutter and avoid code violations.

# What's wrong with this house?

- Furniture Although my grandmother's rocking chair is a priceless heirloom, it does not belong on my porch. Not only is it broken and weathering in the elements, but it's also a code violation.
- Trash I need to take 15 minutes to pick up all the trash on my porch and throw it in the waste receptacle on the side of my house. (Did you know that it is a code violation for your trash cans to be visible from the street?)
- Toys My children love to play in the yard. However, when they leave their toys out, not only does it junk up my yard, but it also weathers the toys, reduces their life expectancy and costs me money!

It is a code violation to leave strollers, car seats, and other items outdoors for an extended amount of time, as the weather could cause them to become decrepit.

- Sporting goods I really need to put away my bicycles. Their current location leaves them vulnerable for theft. A better place is covered up on my back deck.
- Cars Although I have a driveway, I have my vehicle parked in the road (which is not illegal). However, it does make you car more vulnerable to break-ins and damage. Also, it hides my beautiful home! (FYI It is illegal to park on your lawn or to park across the public sidewalk.)
- Grass Even though grass is still dormant, when it wakes up, you can count on mine staying below the average 12 inches that is allowed by city code. This year I vow to mow my lawn every Saturday morning to keep it under control!

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For a full listing of code violations please visit the city's website: www. fortworthgov.com/codecompliance.

# Parade planned to kick-off Home Tour

Event begins weekend festivities Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m.



Photo by Stacy Luecker

Members of the Shriner's Bedouin Band wave at crowds from a float during the Fairmount Home Tour Kick-off Parade last year. The event is held the first day of the Home Tour and several organizations and individuals participate in the event.

by Pat Bradley, Home Tour Parade Coordinator

Planning is in full swing and a route is being set for the Fairmount Home Tour Kick-off Parade. Please let us know if you wish to help or have ideas for the parade. We would like to know what you would you like to see in it.

We are encouraging groups of friends or entire blocks to participate

We have the most creative people in our neighborhood so who plans to win Best of Parade this year?

We need everyone that is not participating to be out watching. If you are on the route, plan a parade porch party. If you are not on the parade route the parade will be passing by Fairmount Park so how about a parade watching group there? There was a great turnout for the Cowtown Marathon — what fun! We'd like to have the same for this event.

For more information or to participate, please contact Pat Bradley at 817-915-5436.



## FNA General Meeting Minutes Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011

7:05 p.m. Call to Order (Ricky chaired the meeting in Robert's absence)

Welcome to our new neighbors representing 5th Avenue and Washington Streets.

Joel Stary presented a certificate to Penny Plavidal for her valuable assistance in apprehending a flasher in the neighborhood. Penny not only gave officers an accurate description of the individual, but stayed on the phone with BSs as she followed him at a discreet distance, providing information on his exact location.

Crime in our neighborhood was down 11 percent despite the holidays which normally see an uptick in criminal activity. It was noted that of the 13 burglaries reported, eight of them were related to unlocked doors. Please lock doors and garages.

Aaron Segal, representing Samaritan House, spoke about Joe's Run on March 26th. The race starts at 8 a.m., and consists of 5 and 10k events. Funds generated from the race support homeless, low income and HIV/AIDS assistance activity. You can even register your pet to participate.

**Announcements** — FWISD gas drilling activity information will be presented in the near future, so look for information in upcoming newsletters.

#### **Director Reports:**

- Membership still processing memberships for this coming year.
   Please renew if you haven't already done so. The projector to be used at the meetings has been ordered (currently on a back order status from the vendor).
- **Finance** no report available
- Public Safety Code Blue training is being offered April 9th. Auto

- etching (windshields) is still being offered. Contact Geri (Public Safety) for more details.
- Infrastructure clean up will be Feb. 26 at 7:30 a.m. We will concentrate on 5th Avenue and Allen streets as that is where the Cowtown Marathon activity will take place. April 2 has been designated as Cowtown Cleanup, and more detail will be provided on our website. Volunteers are needed to assist with the design of a gazebo for the park. Contact Shaun (Infrastructure) for more details. We also need volunteers and location suggestions regarding hosting of the monthly social hour.
- Administration asking block captains to make sure the word gets out about helping cheer runners through Fairmount during the Cowtown Marathon.
- Communications Fairmount is on Facebook, and thanks to all who submitted photos of their snow activities. Please read Constant Contact messages as they appear it is crucial to keep abreast of events and issues as they arise. A vote was taken (and passed) to allocate \$1,360 for the purpose of a color edition of the newsletter that will be distributed to the entire neighborhood. This issue will also have an additional 200-300 copies to be given out during Home Tour.
- Historic Preservation Landmarks Commission approved activity for 1400 Fairmount and 2000 Alston. They are going to be wonderful renovations. Also, take a look at the activity at 1405 Fairmount. Please take the opportunity to let the owners of these homes know that you appreciate their restoration work!
- Promotions Pancakes in the Park

on Sunday, Feb. 27 in support of the Cowtown Marathon volunteers. We need as many people as possible to come out and cheer the runners on as they pass through the neighborhood.

Home Tour — Chelsea Thornton: currently contacting sponsors for the upcoming Home Tour. Also looking for nominations for homes to be included in the Tour and for volunteers to act as docents, to help with set-up, etc. A discussion board has been created on the Fairmount website for this purpose. The design of the tour booklet and t-shirts is underway. Daisy Cromer (cromers13@ yahoo.com) is managing Wine Down and is looking for volunteers to assist with the party and silent auction.

**Daffodils** — please take a few minutes to appreciate this year's crop of daffodils that will soon be appearing on Allen Avenue. Thanks to the donations of bulbs from 5th Avenue Greenhouse and to the efforts of volunteers who planted them last fall.

**Speaker** — Bonnie Bradshaw of 911 Wildlife is a wildlife rehabilitation expert, and gave a presentation on urban adapters — those animals who take well to city life.

Fabulous Fairmount Familiares — Chandra and Richard Richetti gave an overview of the Bastion which will soon open on Hemphill St. Chandra is a graduate of Le Cordon Bleu, and if judging by the food that she and Richard provided as part of the meeting, you are definitely going to want to visit the Bastion when it opens.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped set up the meeting, and to Paul Allen for supplying the coffee, and to Chandra and Richard for the wonderful food. And thanks to Jerry and Sue for the door prizes.

# Join Fairmount on Facebook



Did you know Fairmount is on Facebook? Log in to www.facebook.com/historicfairmount and 'LIKE' us to join in the fun.

#### **Tom Meunier**

I ran the Cowtown Marathon last Sunday, and I wish I could've put your neighborhood on a parade float and carried it along with me! Amazing, amazing, amazing. Thank you so much, Fairmount people! I wish you'd been at miles 22 through 25.

#### **David Power**

Channel 5 did a news story on our neighborhood, or rather the Near Southside neighborhood, though it was our houses and such that they were filming. They talked a lot about the businesses on Magnolia and how this area is up and coming and a more appealing place to live now days. They need to be straightened out about maybe mentioning the Fairmount National Historic District name too, but it was a pretty interesting story and made me proud to live in this area.

#### Chadra Mezza and Grill

Our wonderful neighbors in Fairmount National Historic District cheered on the Cowtown Marathon runners and made them pancakes. Our community is wonderful!





### **Tomato Basil Soup**

#### Ingredients

(2) 28 oz. cans whole, peeled tomatoes, crushed

3 cloves garlic, minced

2 tbl. onion, minced

2-4 leaves fresh basil, cut up OR 1 tsp. dried basil

1 tsp. crushed red pepper

1 tsp. dried oregano

1/4 c. blush wine

1 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp black pepper

2 tbl. butter

2 tbl. flour

1 1/2 c. milk

#### Directions

Combine first 9 ingredients in a stock pot and simmer 10 minutes. Remove from stove and place in blender on puree until desired consistency, return to pot. Make a white sauce using the butter, flour and milk. Add to ingredients in stock pot slowly, stirring constantly. Cook awhile to thicken and serve immediately.

## Fairmount recycling program

General membership meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month. During these meetings cell phones, PDA's and ink cartridges are collected for recycling. There is also recycling available for fluorescent light bulbs and batteries. If you have any of these items you would like to recycle, please bring them to the meeting and leave them in the box provided.

# Fairmount membership signs for sale

Fairmount house signs are being offered for sale to be displayed outside on the front porch of your home.

Two designs are available: one that resembles the street signs and another that is reminiscent of the original house signs that feature the Benton house.

Signs are \$10 each and orders may be placed at the Fairmount general meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 22 or by e-mailing president@historicfairmount. com.





# Fairmount

### Neighborhood Garage Sale

Help beautify the neighborhood by selling your junk!

Join us Saturday, April 9 for our annual neighborhood garage sale.

The FNA will advertise the sale, set up signs, and take care of city fees. Cost is \$10 per participating address.

Please contact Sean Lynch at infrastructure@historicfairmount.com more information.

## Lost or found pet?

If you have lost or found a pet, please visit the Fairmount Neighborhood Association website at www.historicfairmount.com to post a notice. Click on the Discussion Board link in the sidebar and sign-up to post comments or notices.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 22	Fairmount Neighborhood Association general meeting
March 26	
April 1	First Friday on the Green
April 1	
April 4 (First Monday)	
April 7	
April 9	Fairmount Annual Garage Sale
April 10	
April 11	Landmarks hearing
April 17	Full Moon
<b>April 18</b> (Third Monday)	Bulk trash collection
April 18	Landmarks filing deadline (5 p.m.)
<b>April 26</b> (Fourth Tuesday) .	Fairmount Neighborhood Association general meeting



## Historic Plaques Available

Is your home a contributing structure in Fairmount? If so, then why not show it off proudly with a bronze plaque?

These lovely plaques are available for \$100.

### Contact Sue McLean

817.924.6100

or e-mail preservation@historicfairmount.com.



### Liaison needed

Someone is needed to liaison with economically disadvantaged homeowners to help them avail themselves of city programs such as Cowtown Brush Up, Emergency Repair and others. A working knowledge of Spanish would be most helpful. Would require perhaps 10 hours a week of time to meet with home owners and the Fort Worth Housing Department.

### Trap and Release Program help needed

Fairmount recently lost its Trap and Release Program coordinator. Diana Koch always did an excellent job and now we are looking for someone to replace her. Responsibilities include aiding in trapping feral neighborhood cats, taking them to a vet where they can be spayed or neutered and then returning them to the neighborhood. If you are interested in taking on this responsibility, please contact Robert Wedding at president@historicfairmount.com.

#### COP classes in 2011

Citizens on Patrol (COP) classes will be held on the following dates: April 9, July 16 and Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. until approximately 3 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Geri Cotten at safety@historicfairmount.com. COP meets every third Monday at 6 p.m. at the police station at 1289 Hemphill.

### Citizens Fire Academy

The Fort Worth Fire Department is hosting a Citizens Fire Academy. Classes are scheduled to begin Thursday, April 21 and run every Thursday evening for 10 weeks. Anyone interested in attending can contact Captain Larry Bilbrey at larry.bilbrey@fortworthgov.org or call 817-392-6861.

### Automobile window etching

The Fort Worth Police Department offers free window etching on automobiles. Etched window glass sends a message to car thieves that they don't want to steal the car. Please pick up the phone and dial 911 if you see anyone walking the streets or alleys that look suspicious. No one should be in an alley unless it is the homeowner cleaning up, the utility company, fire department or police department personnel.

## **Community Policing Forum**

In this meeting, community groups and residents will have the opportunity to hear about the latest projects and programs, ask questions and give feedback to numerous police officials.



Tuesday, March 22
7-8 p.m.
Trimble Technical High School
1003 W. Cannon St.



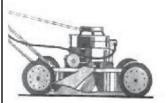
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## Citizens on Patrol

Citizens on Patrol is a cooperative effort between citizens and the Fort Worth police to reduce crime. For information, call the Fairmount coordinators:

 Sue McLean
 817.924.6100

 Geri Cotten
 817.926.6507

 David Thrapp
 817.923.4807

E-mail: FMCops@att.net

COP meets every third Monday at 6 p.m.

at the police station at 1289 Hemphill.

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## **Daggett Paper-Recycling Program**

Daggett Middle School invites Fairmount to participate in its paper recycling program. You will find a green recycling bin on the east side of the campus, accessible from Lilac St. Daggett uses the money from the recycling program to purchase plants for the school flower bed and trees for the campus.

## Get Your Fairmount Curb Numbers

Show your neighborhood pride and help the pizza delivery guy find your house by having the Fairmount logo and your house number painted on your curb.

For only \$15, neighborhood resident Ray Feyen will paint your house number in two locations. The cost per address is \$15. Although the association has selected a new design for polemounted signage, we will keep using the traditional "F" design for curb numbers.

Contact Ray Feyen at 817.924.6729 or e-mail rfeyen@sbcglobal.net



Be aware there is another curb painter also offering a smaller F stencil. Choose as you like but please never let anyone use a color other than the historic brown or new burgundy.

## We're Online! ►

# Visit www.historicfairmount.com or join us on Facebook

Visit the Fairmount website for a calendar of events, news announcements, resources for your historic home, a gallery of Fairmount homes and more!

## JOIN the Fairmount Neighborhood Association

Why join?

- Get the newsletter delivered to your doorstep 11 times a year.
- Know what's going on in Fairmount and the city that will affect you and your property.
- Meet old and new friends at members-only parties.

Annual dues are \$15 per individual. \$20 per family or \$20 per business.

Fill out this form and (1) send it with your dues to Fairmount Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 12348, Fort Worth, TX 76110-8348 or (2) bring it to the next Association meeting (see meeting notice on front page). Questions? Call Ricky Pike at 817.727.4577 or e-mail membership@historicfairmount.com.

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