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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Summer is in full swing and man is it hot. This is only my fifth summer in Texas, but I hope more like this one are few and far between. But besides the weather, there isn't a whole lot going on besides everyone, including me, enjoying time spent outdoors and catching up on projects outside the house that either just can't wait, or can't be done when it's 35 degrees outside.

Soon though, we'll be electing a new slate of officers for the board. We have four positions expiring in August. So, if you're up for some dedication, hard but rewarding work, and putting several factors of your life on hold for the next two years, we've got a spot for you!

See page 14 for a delineation of the positions available and the description of duties per the bylaws. Please take a moment to see if you have what it takes to fill one of these positions. Your talents and skills may be just what Fairmount needs to continue its upward momentum. But if a board position isn't something you feel you can tackle right now, donation of your time and assistance is certainly welcome and most heartily appreciated. Why? Because it shows you care and that's the one thing that we who live here do above all else. We care. Sure there are other reasons to volunteer. It gets you out of the house, you meet your neighbors, you form some very real and important friendships, and you get a tremendous feeling of satisfaction knowing that you helped get something done that is for the good of all.

We've also got a few committees that are forming and some that have been around since the beginning. One of them may be right for you. But even if you just go out your front door and greet a new neighbor, or invite an old neighbor over for some porch time, that is enough to help weave the fabric that we call community and that's what makes Fairmount the very special place it is.

Our strength is our diversity and the relationship with have with our neighbors that doesn't exist in many other places. Help foster it, help Fairmount.

We're all in it together.

See you on Tuesday.



Robert Wedding, President
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On the Cover

Chef Chandra Riccetti (right) and her husband Richard serve hors d'oeuvres during the Fairmount mid-month social to celebrate the opening of The Bastion, a catering company and restaurant on Hemphill. See more on page 12.

Photo by Eric Luecker

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

This month I wanted to review target hardening with you. Target hardening is a term used in law enforcement that refers to better protecting or “hardening” the targets criminals take aim at, which include you and your property.

I want to start with discussing securing and protecting your home. You may want to do a security survey of your home during the day and also at night. Your home will look very different to you and to criminals during the daytime and at night. And, you will find different security weaknesses during both times.

Look at your home from all sides and make notes about what you see. For instance, can you see in through the windows and what do you see inside? Are there obvious potential hiding spots for criminals around your home? What can you see from the street or alleyway?

During a nighttime security survey you will want to pay attention to lighting around the house and what areas street lights may or may not be illuminating on

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your property. So, here is a list of things that you can do to “harden” the home target:

1. Install/maintain adequate lighting around your home or on your property.
2. Keep all shrubs trimmed low (don't allow them to cover windows).
3. Keep trees trimmed high.
4. Secure all exterior doors with deadbolts and other security devices (secure windows as well).
5. Keep property well lit at night.
6. Have an active alarm system and use it.
7. Don't leave garage doors open or unsecured (includes detached buildings).

8. Don't leave curtains/blinds open when you are not able to monitor a particular side of your home.
9. Place expensive items (TV, laptop, etc.) in areas that are difficult to see from windows or doors.
10. If you have a dog and it is barking, **PAY ATTENTION.**
11. Use only trusted contractors or lawn care specialists.
12. Limit access to the interior of your home to trusted persons.

There are probably a million more things that I could add to this list, but I think you are getting the picture now. If you are unsure where to start with the security survey, please contact me and I would be happy to complete a survey with you. Next month we will discuss what you can do to “harden” the vehicle target.

Until I speak with you again, please remember to be safe today and safer tomorrow.

FAIRMOUNT General Meeting Tuesday, July 26, 7 p.m. 1400 College Ave.

The next Fairmount Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 26 at the College Avenue Baptist Church, 1400 College Ave.

Alison Letnes from the city of Fort Worth Graffiti Abatement will be giving a presentation on graffiti and what you can do about it. Next month the general meeting will host board elections and if you want to vote you will need to be current on membership dues by August 13.

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

Membership applications are also available for download online on the Fairmount website at www.historicfairmount.com.

Annual Fairmount Family Swim Party

Saturday, Aug. 27
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Photos by Sue McLean

Once the Dunn Haven Apartments building, 1228 S. Adams still contains a concrete wall that pays homage to the building's previous life.

Historic properties nominated for awards

by Sue McLean, Director of Historic Preservation
Mike McDermott and Phil Bordeleau

The Fairmount Southside National Historic District Preservation Committee has nominated two properties for Historic Fort Worth's 2011 Historic Preservation awards.

Submitted nominations had to have work completed in 2010 and will compete with other projects throughout Fort Worth.

Award winners will be notified prior to the public announcement of the Historic Fort Worth, Inc. Preservation Honor Awards ceremony.

USA National Register of Historic Places

1912 Alston

Nominated for the Residential Rehabilitation Award because it has been sensitively restored not once, but twice by the same owner, Phil Bordeleau's home at 1912 Alston was constructed c. 1910.

This home is an endearing example of Craftsman foursquare design. The compact (1,470 square feet) two-story house with matching garage apartment has a shingled upper-story with 117 clapboard siding, a shirtwaist style which is prevalent in the Fairmount Historic District.

The original wood windows are almost all intact, and display a diamond pattern in the top of the upper sash.

After restoring 2230 Lipscomb where he was living, Phil initially purchased 1912 Alston in January of 1991. It had suffered as a rental property, had been divided into two apartments and was not well maintained. Much of the original craftsman detailing had been removed from the formal areas when the downstairs was modernized in the 1960s with paneling, popcorn textured ceilings, and heavy texturing on

the walls.

Phil returned the house to single family and exposed what little Craftsman detailing was still intact. This included removing many heavy coats of enamel paint from the box-paneled staircase and the mantel above the fireplace.

Phil also had to reconstruct some missing window sashes from other similar diamond-patterned sashes to replace those which had been removed from the front of the house. Total work at that time included foundation repair and leveling, new roof, exterior and interior painting, refurbishing floors, upgrading the kitchen, repairing plumbing, electric service brought to code, and installing central air and heat.

Both the house and the garage apartment were substandard when purchased, so the main goal was to return the house to be functional and visually appealing from the street. Within one year Phil managed to complete this work, move into the house, and then move out of it upon receiving an offer to sell.

Because this area of Fairmount was so severely blighted with slum rental property, Phil also restored and sold 1908 Alston, 1909 Alston, 1953 Alston, 1965 Alston, and 1969 Alston and was singly responsible for turning these blocks of Fairmount around. Phil finally left the district in 1994, and moved out of state in 1999. When a job opportunity found him moving back to Fort Worth, he immediately looked at the Fairmount Historic District again for a home. He kept returning to Alston Avenue and the block where he had renovated six houses. After making a call to the owner of 1912 Alston, the third owner since he had sold the house in 1991, a deal was struck and Phil again took possession of the house on June 28, 2010.

Once again Phil took action to further restore the house. Phil's work in 2010 included interior decorative work such as removing popcorn texture from ceilings, smoothing and filling the heavy "crows-foot" texture from the walls, stripping all interior woodwork and either refinishing



Above: Phil Bordeleau's home at 1912 Alston has been nominated by the Fairmount Historic Preservation Committee for Historic Fort Worth, Inc.'s Residential Rehabilitation Award.



Left: Living room showing the original fireplace and staircase at 1912 Alston.

or repainting it including all of the original five panel doors, repairing and refinishing the one "problem floor" long-covered by carpet that none of the homeowners had ever tackled, creating some much needed closet space, and adding kitchen cabinets.

On the exterior; 117 wood siding, shingles, and columns were heat stripped and repainted, a ribbon of siding had to be replaced all the way around the house where a prior owner had poorly patched holes in it to add blown insulation, the garage apartment was also stripped and painted, repaired and made livable, the yard was re-landscaped, garage doors were built to replace the rotted garage doors to exactly match the originals, storm windows were added over the original wood diamond pane windows, the front door was stripped and refinished, and

canvas awnings of a style suitable to the period of historic significance were added. Phil even hand made a style-appropriate mailbox for the house. 1912 Alston was featured on the 2011 Fairmount Tour of Historic Homes.

1228 S. Adams

Nominated for the Preservation Award, which recognizes excellence in the restoration, rehabilitation or adaptive reuse of historic buildings or sites, is 1228 S. Adams.

Much of the business district along Magnolia Avenue did not exist when the Dunn Haven Apartments were under construction in 1914. There were still several homes facing Magnolia, a few early businesses and this remarkable three-story,

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six-flat apartment building.

Constructed of 14-inch thick hollow tile walls faced in fine dark ochre-red brick, it has a three-story portico, recessed in the center, with handsomely proportioned brick arches on each level.

This architectural style is unusual for Fort Worth early apartment buildings, with elements of Romanesque Revival, Arts and Crafts, and Prairie styles all having been incorporated into its solid construction.

Ken Schaefer and his wife, Lori, purchased the building in October of 2009.

Earlier that year they made the decision to begin looking for a historically significant structure that they could sustainably renovate and make home to their fifteen-year-old firm, Blanchard Schaefer Advertising and Public Relations.

Never having undertaken a major rehab on this scale, Schaefer says that neither of them envisioned all that it would entail. But having grown up with his father a civil engineer and a sister who was an early pioneer in sustainable architecture, he figured they would have it all pretty well in hand.

With guidance from TerraLogos eco architecture of Baltimore, Maryland, and the very creative work of Ally Arlington of Tallulah & Company, interior designers located in Arlington, Texas, the building has become a masterpiece of “dramatic” creative reuse.

Schaefer describes the renovated interior design as Anthropologie meets Restoration Hardware, but among the innovative restyling, architectural elements from the original apartments were kept or repurposed. The building is now comfortable, open and functional with wonderful unique light fixtures and paint treatments blending with repurposed building materials salvaged or kept “as is” during the renovation.

Beautiful wide beveled glass pocket doors in each apartment now separate spaces within the offices either in their original locations or reused as glass walls enhancing the natural light that pours through the many windows.

USA National Register of Historic Places



1228 S. Adams, home to Blanchard Schaefer Advertising and Public Relations, is a Fairmount nominee for the Historic Fort Worth, Inc. Preservation Award. The ceremony to announce winners will be held Sept. 21 at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center.



Interior of 1228 S. Adams in 2009. The building has since been rehabilitated while retaining many original features which have either been left intact or reused in other areas.

Original beveled glass Prairie and bungalow style doors lead out to the terraces on each floor. The third story balcony is still adorned with its elaborate tin ceiling.

The designer and Schaefer also continued the green architecture by wrapping the added steel support beams in wood planks removed from the interior walls,

while exposing the original 14” thick brick walls with all their character and flaws intact. The same leftover 90+ year-old wood was used around many of the original apartment fireplaces kept among the office spaces.

One of the other original features that remain in the building is a wide central staircase with its paneled coffered ceiling.

For a unique touch, the elevator doors are clad in coins from Zambia, Honduras and Mexico — three countries in which Schaefer's parents were missionaries.

Completed in late 2010, this building is one of the best and certainly most creative examples of a waning former residential structure turned offices in the region. Thanks to the architect, the designer, and Schaefer's vision, this amazing building will be around for another hundred years. The building was featured on the 2011 Annual Fairmount Historic Tour of Homes, and is soon to be featured in *360 Magazine*.

The Historic Fort Worth, Inc. Preservation Honor Awards ceremony will be held at 7 p.m., Sept. 21 at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center, 1300 Gendy St.

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Kids Hope USA volunteers work to paint and repair 2229 College Ave. The project was part of a summer work camp for two local churches.

Fairmount home project for volunteers



Adults and teenagers worked at 2229 College Ave. as part of Kids Hope USA, a summer work camp for St. Paul Lutheran Church and Como First Missionary Baptist Church.

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Fairmount infrastructure works toward future

Neighborhood to receive streetlamps, signs, bike racks and public art

by Sean Lynch, Director of Infrastructure

A lot is going on in Fairmount and at the last general membership meetings the general membership approved three expenditures.

First, the FNA will purchase five additional streetlamps for installation in the neighborhood. These streetlamps help add to the historic appeal of our neighborhood and while they are new, they have the appropriate look and feel to go with the homes in Fairmount.

Also, more streetlamps means less places for those with bad intentions to lurk. In addition to providing light they also serve as a beautiful form of crime prevention.

The five new streetlamps will be installed where they are needed the most. That need will be determined by the FNA and the city of Fort Worth.

The general membership also approved funds for new street sign toppers. These are the Fairmount signs that sit on top of the street signs. Broken signs will be replaced, and new signs will be added to intersections that don't have them. These new and replaced signs will help remind those traveling through Fairmount



of the pride we have in our neighborhood.

Finally, the addition of bike racks in Fairmount Park was requested and approved. This is the first step in the plan to renovate Fairmount Park. It is a goal of the neighborhood association to transform this park into the heart of our community and the bike racks are the first attempt to do just that.

Finally, as reported last month, the FNA was awarded a \$50,000 grant through Fort Worth Public Art. We will be meeting with the FWPA to start the process of bringing some original and uniquely-Fairmount art to our community.

Volunteers will be needed for a committee to steer this project to completion. The general membership will then vote on a design once options are available.

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1816 6th Ave.

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July Yard of the Month

This month's Fairmount Yard of the Month belongs to Don and Sandy Yeandle at 1816 6th Ave. Sandy and her daughter Cheyenne have lived in the house for 11 years and Don joined them 6 years ago. Both come from families of gardeners and love to spend their time together outside tending to the plants.

They have a mixture of native plants, drought resistance plants, and others that have lived many lives through generations of Sandy's family. One of the owner's favorite family heirlooms is the strawberry lily that even in the July heat is blooming to perfection.

The two front gardens are lined with Austin Chalk rocks that add a contrast between all the variety of green foliage and the white of the rock. Magical glass balls fill the gardens that are lit up at night using the sun's energy. And they always feed the

birds with multiple bird feeders hanging from iron hooks while their two cats look on with interest.

The home has also benefited from Don's love of water features. A pond was installed on the right side of the yard up against the porch. Currently, several white and pink water lilies show their presence during the day along with a symphony of sounds provided by the waterfall.

The owners say that the best time to view the gardens is at night when the outdoor lighting is shining on the trees and you can hear the soft trickle of the waterfall in the pond.

Don't forget to look up in the pecan tree and say hello to the Ent, Treeberd. He welcomes all guests to 1816 with grace and warmth.

Thank you to CC's Touch of Nature for the \$35 gift certificate that Don and Sandy will receive.

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Photos by Eric and Stacy Luecker

Chef Chandra Riccetti talks to server, Dre, during a recent event celebrating the opening of The Bastion with the Fairmount neighborhood.

A night at *The Bastion*
Friends find food and festivities at Fairmount social



Fairmount neighbors and friends were invited to a social gathering and opening celebration for The Bastion, a catering company and restaurant located on Hemphill Street. The Bastion is owned and operated by Chef Chandra Riccetti and her husband Richard.

by Patti Randle

Chef Chandra Riccetti and her husband Richard Riccetti opened the doors of The Bastion Restaurant to the Fairmount Neighborhood Friday night, July 15.

Situated in a historic property at 2100 Hemphill, The Bastion Restaurant has been long-awaited by local residents and visitors to the Near Southside. The Riccetti's bought the old Edna Gladney Home for Unwed Mothers in 2009 from its previous owner, the Salvation Army. They have worked tirelessly to restore the property, a Texas Historic Landmark, which covers almost an entire block.

The Bastion will begin with catering and lunch orders to go, as they continue restoring the property and expanding culinary services. Presently the property houses the main kitchen, an outdoor seating area, herb gardens, and living space for staff.

Gradually, on-site dining as well as culinary classes, and eventually a culinary school with on-site housing for students, will be offered.

Chandra was trained at the original Le Cordon Bleu cooking school in Paris and has spent decades traveling internationally, discovering and refining her own unique style. Now in Fort Worth, she is ready to begin "a culinary adventure of her own."

Though trained in the tradition of classical French cuisine, the restaurant website offers this description of Chandra's cooking style: "Incorporating culinary influences from around the world, the final result is a modernist menu combining classical French technique and the freshest local ingredients available as well as handcrafted artisan breads."

The logo for The Bastion was painted by Richard's mother, ShirI Riccetti, a Houston artist, as an engagement present. The painting is based on photos from Richard and Chandra's 2000 engagement trip through Italy. Richard, Chandra and their son Luca live in Fairmount.



Top: Hugo Sanchez, Bastion operations manager, arranges a tray of hors d'oeuvres.

Middle: Hyry and Sullivan provide evening musical entertainment at The Bastion.

Below: Richard Riccetti, Bastion owner, speaks to guests during the Fairmount social held at The Bastion recently.

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Board positions open to interested applicants

If you feel inspired to volunteer, the Fairmount Neighborhood Association has a few board positions becoming available in August. The positions needing to be filled include president of the association, director of membership, director of infrastructure and director of promotions.

Board members serve a two year term and will be elected through popular vote by the general membership at the general membership meeting Tuesday, Aug. 23. Below is a description of duties for each of the positions per the FNA bylaws.

President of the FNA

Current: Robert Wedding

- The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the board.
- Appoint chairs of and monitor the action of committees.
- Be a member ex-officio of all committees except the nominating committee
- Act in accordance with the rules of the Fairmount association.
- Oversee the activities of the directors.
- Vote in meetings of the general membership and of the board only in case of a tie.
- Be the official spokesperson for the Fairmount association.
- Prepare a written agenda for all meetings.

- Perform all other duties pertaining to the office.

Director of Membership

Current: Ricky Pike

- Keep an accurate membership roster and make available current lists of members' names, addresses and telephone numbers to officers and committee chairs.
- Be responsible for generating new members and communicating with new residents in the neighborhood.
- Arrange general membership meeting programs in coordination and consultation with the board.
- Oversee social activities and coordinate refreshments at meetings. Be sure that meeting reminder signs are placed around the neighborhood the weekend prior to the general membership meeting, and that they are picked up afterward.

Director of Infrastructure

Current: Sean Lynch

- Oversee neighborhood Public Works (streets, parks, transportation), and beautification.
- Act as liaison with code enforcement, public utilities, and other city services.
- Act as liaison to neighborhood

schools, childcare facilities and recreation programs.

- Act as a liaison to neighborhood businesses.
- Oversee that Fairmount Park is being maintained by the Park and Recreation Department, and the greenspace on Allen Avenue between 5th and Smith is maintained by the neighborhood.

Director of Promotions

Current: Brenda Howell

- Coordinate and oversee the annual home tour.
- Be responsible for training of a Home Tour assistant (who is appointed by the board and approved by the general membership) to take over this office in the future.
- Promote development in the neighborhood.
- Keep a scrapbook of the history of the Fairmount Neighborhood and make research available upon request.
- Be responsible for maintaining research into the history of the Fairmount Neighborhood and its houses.

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Parade brings celebration for the Fourth

The annual Ryan Place Fourth of July Parade brought enjoyment for neighbors and visitors alike. Fairmount residents participated as well as watched as horses, antique cars, bicyclists and more marched through the Ryan Place neighborhood in honor of the holiday.



Left: Geri Cotten, Fairmount resident, decorates her car for the Ryan Place Fourth of July Parade. Lower left: The Greater Fairmount Non-Marching Band provides music for visitors. Below: The Ryan Place parade marches down Elizabeth Avenue.

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Chalkboard on cabinet couple's unique solution to awkward space issue

Rachel Tindall and her husband have come up with a unique idea to utilize an awkward, unused space in their South Adams home.

Turning the end of a kitchen cabinet into a message center has given the Tindalls a special space to leave messages for each other and display their children's artwork.

"I painted the end of the cabinet with a magnetic primer and then painted over that with chalkboard paint," Rachel said.

"My husband framed it out with picture frame moulding and added the wood counter to match the kitchen countertops."

With recycling and trash cans fitting perfectly under the counter, the Tindalls are enjoying their new, more functional space.

If you have a unique Fairmount project you'd like to share, send photos and a brief description to fairmountnewsletter@gmail.com.

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Cost: \$100 for the class.

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FNA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

7:00 p.m. Call to order.

Welcome to new neighbors representing 5th Ave, Chase Ct., Lake St.

Robert W announced officer Joel Stary suffered a rotator cuff injury and will be out for a few months. He is still monitoring e-mails. We had 22 crimes, the majority being burglary and theft. Some of the thefts were the result of unlocked doors, and an auto theft was the result of an unlocked car with keys in the ignition. Start of summer months with increased kids on the street, be observant, especially if the kids are wearing all blue, all black, all red or all khaki (gang-related colors). If you are going on vacation, let police know so they can check the house on a periodic basis. There have been a number of UPS package thefts in Ryan Place — if you have a package delivered, tell the delivery folks to place it out of sight on the porch whenever possible.

Announcements:

Four board positions up for election — president, infrastructure, membership and promotions. Flags will be hung for the July 4 holiday — please help.

Director Reports:

Membership — Ricky P — speakers lined up for the next meeting, but need to find a speaker for September meeting to make a smooth transition to new director.

Finance — Jane W — Have \$67,743 in the bank. Since we are a non-profit organization, funds need to flow back into the community. We will be finding projects. Home Tour realized net profit of \$25,495. Previous year's Home Tour audit completed.

Administration — Greg T — Fairmount Business Incubator Business Fair cancelled due to lack of response. FBI com-

mittee continues to write grants. Has funding available for projects.

Public Safety — Geri C — remember no-one needs to be in alleys. If you see people wandering there, call 911. If you find a red "x" on your fence, call the police and report immediately. Citizen Police Academy soon starting a 12 week class. COP classes give insight into what police do for you on a daily basis, and how you can assist in making neighborhoods safer.

Infrastructure — Sean L — Fairmount voted the recipient of \$50,000 grant from Fort Worth Public Arts. Will be looking for volunteers for a five to seven person committee headed by Sean to assist with the grant.

Three votes taken for new infrastructure projects:

- Request for replacement sign toppers to fill in missed signs. All intersections with street signs will have toppers. Project cost \$1,983. Passed.
- Request for five street lights installed, with priority to areas without lights and with access to power. City used to pay half, but now the Fairmount Neighborhood Association must incur total cost. Project cost \$17,500. Passed.
- Request for three bike racks for Fairmount Park. Units will be installed with neighborhood volunteer assistance. Project cost \$375. Passed.

Communications — Stacy L — our newsletter received a Gold Award from Neighborhood USA (NUSA). The award was announced at NUSA's meeting in Anchorage, Alaska last month. Stacy, thanks all those who contribute articles for the newsletter. August 5 is the deadline for September newsletter articles.

Historic Preservation — Sue M — Land-

marks meeting information:

1315 Lipscomb — Live Oak lounge building renovation passed. 1601 Adams — renovation approved to include the removal and moving of windows and doors on the rear of the house. 1960 Alston — windows replaced with vinyl windows (not permitted). Owner will have to replace with wood. 1724 Adams — demo of house denied. Owner in talks with Code to refurbish. 1721 Henderson — garage demolition denied. It can be restored. 1909 5th — construction of new garage approved. Forest Park Pool — Joel Burns started the process to reclaim the pool for Fort Worth residents. It needs lots of work, and the city floated two proposals for development, neither of which were deemed acceptable. Contact Joel Burns if you have ideas, or even better, attend the next meeting in July to express ideas.

Promotions — Brenda H — Encourage folks to have block party. July 15 is the date for opening of The Bastion (2100 Hemphill), and Chandra and Richard have agreed to host monthly social hour. Kathleen, director of Amphibian Stage Productions (1300 Gendy St), will provide Fairmount a check for 20 percent of proceeds from their Saturday, July 23 performance of "Wittenburg".

Speaker: Susan Harper and Brenda Howell gave a repeat performance of the presentation which resulted in a first place finish at the NUSA conference in Anchorage, Alaska (we received a plaque and a \$400 check for our work developing a community garden project under Susan's leadership).

Thanks to the volunteers who helped set up the meeting, and to Paul Allen for supplying the coffee. And thanks as always to Jerry and Sue for the door prizes!

FNA Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 5, 2011

Present: Geri C, Stacy L, Sean L, Sue M, Ricky P, Greg T, Jane L, Robert W,
Ad Hoc: Mickey B, Fred H, Patti R
7:05 Call to Order

Speaker — Rodney Wade addressed the board regarding his work developing an overview of tax valuations for the neighborhood. Appraisal mapping data shows a disparate range of tax valuations in the neighborhood, ranging from \$.06 to \$155 per square foot. Formation of a committee was suggested to study how best to evaluate the disparity. Rodney will provide the Board a list of potential committee members. Patty R. will serve on committee.

Director Reports:

Historic Preservation — Sue M.

- 1960 Alston — owner again requesting approval of vinyl window installation which was denied last month.
- 1937 Fairmount — replace front door and sidelights, replace metal front window, paint non-original brick columns.
- 1820 Washington — new house construction.
- 1301 Hurley — monument signage requested as advertising for company moving into building.
- 1623 Alston — replacing wood steps with concrete, installing half columns (brick with square uppers), and brick skirting around porch.
- 1314 Alston — Tyler White asked for a discussion of the owner's request to convert the 590 sq ft house to a bar/restaurant (alcohol permit has been requested by owner). Home is within 300 feet of DeZavala. Various nearby neighbors are opposed to the bar, and would like instead to see a new house con-

structed on the lot and the adjoining 1312 Alston lot. Issues discussed included preservation of the last remaining shotgun style house in the neighborhood, replacing the house with a new construction, the role of the Historic Preservation Committee with respect to house preservation vs. proposed property usage, and the desire to keep a bar from opening in the neighborhood (the lot is zoned mixed use).

- **Motion** by Sean L: FNA Board will not support proposed usage for 1314 Alston as a bar/restaurant. **Second** — Geri C. Passed with one abstention.
- Fort Worth says that a B&B variance change to B&B Inn requested by Kelly Bowden was submitted as a B&B Home in error. Kelly will accept the B&B Home variance for now.
- House number painting for curbs, starting on the newly re-worked Henderson blocks and paid for by the FNA, is ready to commence. Sean L to ask Ray when he can start.
- Series of power line arcing incidents reported by residents. Sue M has requested from Bob Allen a history of his reports to Oncor, PUC. Jane W. to follow up on request.

Administration — Greg T.

No report

Infrastructure — Sean L.

Allen Ave cleanup will take place in early August, prior to the start of school.

Bike racks for Fairmount Park have been ordered.

Green space sign to be re-done.

Fort Worth Public Arts grant project — meeting will be held in the near future to introduce the FNA to the process of working with the grant guidelines. Committee to be formed of neighborhood residents — Sean will provide the Board

a list of potential committee members.

A letter from the city regarding street lamp purchase details is due in approximately two weeks.

The Amphibian Theatre is sponsoring a July 23 performance of "Wittenberg", and 20 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the FNA.

Promotions — Brenda H (absent)

No report

Public Safety — Geri C.

Code Blue class changed to Aug. 13.

Communications — Stacy L

The Bastion is opening, and will host our neighborhood social on July 15.

Deadline for newsletter is July 10.

Discussion of the need for signs to advertise the neighborhood socials in front of the venues at which they are occurring.

Membership — Ricky P.

Speaker for next General Membership meeting — Alice Letnes will speak about graffiti abatement. No speaker for August since that is a meeting devoted to voting for new board positions.

Kelly Bowden expressed interest in hosting a pool party for the neighborhood. Discussion of potential of 100 adults and 50 kids as attendees. Discussion of using this as the August neighborhood social.

Finance — Jane W

Budget and chart of accounts needs to be reconciled with respect to a naming convention for accounts.

Current balances: checking \$10,309, savings \$42,749, CD \$15,253

New Business:

Discussion of potential new FNA Board candidates: Ashley Paz — Membership; Sean Lynch and Susan Harper — President; Brenda Howell — Promotions; Infrastructure — open

Motion to adjourn — Jane, second by Sean

Amon Carter Museum hosts anniversary event

The Amon Carter Museum of American Art would like to invite you and your neighbors to be a part of museum history at our 50th Anniversary celebration, 50 Fest, Saturday, Aug. 13, at the museum. This fun-filled event includes activities for all ages from 5:30-9 p.m.

50 Fest is a family-friendly party. Guests will be treated to hot dogs, ice cream, and live music from The Marshall Ford Swing Band and award-winning Latin band Del Castillo. We'll also have bubbles, hula hoops and photo booths where you can pose for a souvenir of the celebration.

The extended gallery hours for 50 Fest (until 9 p.m.) will allow plenty of time to visit all your favorite Amon Carter artworks. Special art-exploration guides have been created for adults and children to use while inside the galleries, and docents will be stationed throughout the museum to enrich the experience.

For helpful information about 50 Fest parking and accessibility, please call 817.989.5030 or e-mail visitors@cartermuseum.org. Admission is always free. No reservations required. Please leave alcohol, coolers and pets at home.



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Free curb numbers, to be made available for neighborhood



Fairmount is offering to pay to have new curb numbers painted along with the Fairmount logo at all addresses that would like to take advantage of the offer.

The process will be progressive and offered one area at a time. The availability of the official Fairmount curb painter, Ray Feyen, will also play a role in how fast they are completed.

Numbers will only be painted at addresses where permission has been given and Fairmount will pick up the tab.

Notices will be left on homes as this process progresses to notify when that area will be next.

The first area to receive painted numbers is the new street in the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Henderson.

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, June 28 or by e-mailing president@historicfairmount.com.

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Richard encourages Fairmount residents to support The Bastion with orders and getting the word out. "Fairmount's support is vital to the success of The Bastion. We promise you that as The Bastion restaurant prospers we will restore the property completely. The Bastion can play a key role in Hemphill's revitalization. Fairmount's section of Hemphill is well on its way with the patronage of its residents," he said.

Lunch orders may be phoned in by calling 817.913.6972 between 8-11 a.m., Monday-Friday. Orders will be ready for pickup between 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The soft opening for locals is July 18-27. A grand opening is scheduled for August 10.

You can visit The Bastion online at www.bastionrestaurant.com.

In Memory

Don W. Young, Fairmount resident, passed away July 7, 2011. Thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Daisy Laughlin Young and their family.

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Daisy is a former association board member and has been active at Fairmount activities. She has also been a fairy godmother to all the kids on the north end of the hood.



Fairmount recycling program available

General membership meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at College Avenue Baptist Church, 1400 College Ave. at 7 p.m.

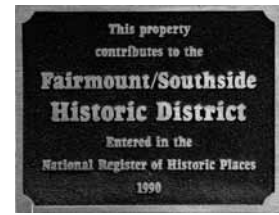
During these meetings cell phones, PDAs and ink cartridges are collected for recycling.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 26 (Fourth Tuesday)**Fairmount Neighborhood Association general meeting
August 1FNA Board Meeting
August 4Historic Preservation Committee meeting
August 5Newsletter submission deadline
August 5 (First Friday)..... Buddy's Big Band at Southside Preservation Hall
August 5 (First Friday).....First Friday on the Green
August 8 (Second Monday)Landmarks hearing
August 13 (Second Saturday) Community Garden work day
August 15 (Third Monday)Bulk trash collection
August 15 (Third Monday)Landmarks filing deadline (5 p.m.)
August 23 (Fourth Tuesday) .Fairmount Neighborhood Association general meeting
August 27 (Fourth Tuesday) Fairmount Neighborhood Association swim party



Historic Plaques Available

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

\$145 each (price change due to increased metal cost).

Contact Sue McLean
 preservation@historicfairmount.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Trap and Release Program Help Needed

A volunteer to coordinate the Fairmount Trap and Release program for neighborhood cats is still needed. 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. This program is funded by the neighborhood association. If you are interested in taking on this project as an individual or as a group, please contact Robert Wedding at president@historicfairmount.com.

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.

Neighborhood resources

Looking for a carpenter, wooden window repair or plumber? The Fairmount website has a page for you! Visit www.historicfairmount.com and click on Resources in the sidebar and then select Neighbor's Resource List. You may also make recommendations. For more information visit the website.

USA National Register of Historic Places

COP classes in 2011

Citizens on Patrol (COP) classes will be held on the following dates: Aug. 13 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.

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.

August newsletter deadline change

The deadline for newsletter article and advertising submissions for August has been moved to Aug. 5. This is due to the way the deadline falls in order to allow enough time to meet the printer's deadline as well as the newsletter editor's summer schedule. Thank you for your help.

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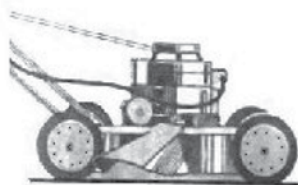


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Citizens on Patrol

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

Sue McLeansue.mclean@att.net

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.



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 pole-mounted signage, we will keep using the traditional "F" design for curb numbers in the new burgundy color.*

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 do not let anyone use a color other than the new burgundy.

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