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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The heat is on! Hopefully, if you're reading this, that means you haven't melted and you're sitting in the comfort of your air-conditioned house.

It seems the weather is all anyone can talk about. And although it's good to vent, there's not much we can do about it. Fortunately, there are other things in life that have a more lasting effect on us than the weather that we are, indeed, capable of influencing. Your neighborhood association is one of them.

It's August, and in Fairmount that means elections. There are four board positions coming available and you'll be voting on who fills those spots at this month's meeting. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard and elect your neighbors to keep Fairmount's best interest a priority.

The time and effort put out by the board is tremendous. Those who assume this huge responsibility are truly to be commended for their commitment and dedication.

I am content in knowing that each and every one of the nominees, besides being wonderful people, possesses the qualities that are necessary to lead Fairmount. So as voters, our job is made much easier. But the task remains for us to vote them in with confidence and our total support.

As this is my last letter as president of the association, I'd like to personally thank all of our outgoing board members, whether their term is expiring or who must resign, for a job so well done, that I'd be hard pressed to imagine getting through the last two years without them. They certainly made my position easier and deserve all the gratitude and appreciation that is their due.

Please come support your fellow neighbors by caring enough to vote for them.

And remember — *The oxen are slow, but the earth is patient . . .*

See you on Tuesday.



Robert Wedding, President
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On the Cover

Eve Chatterjee enjoys cooling off in a wading pool. With Fort Worth temperatures reaching record-setting highs, Fairmount residents are finding ways to beat the summer heat. See more photos on page 12.

Photo by Philip Cushing

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

This month we continue the discussion about “target hardening” in regard to securing and protecting a vehicle. Not only are we talking about a vehicle being broken into and items stolen, but other crimes such as the vehicle being stolen or parts being stolen from it.

New technologies are being utilized every day to help prevent crime. Many vehicle companies use LoJack or OnStar to help owners and police track stolen vehicles. There are also many devices available to lock steering columns making stealing a vehicle more difficult.

Take advantage of technology to “harden” your vehicle, which in this case is the target. Often, thieves are more interested in stealing parts from a vehicle. If you have a garage please use it. Parking a vehicle on the street makes it very accessible to thieves. Get in the habit of checking your vehicle before you leave a location. In the event that a part is stolen from your vehicle, you need to report it immediately at the location where the theft occurred.

Remember license plates as well. Criminals steal license plates and use them on another vehicle to commit a crime. If your license plates are missing,

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report it immediately.

Now I want to talk about vehicle burglaries. There are things that we can do to “harden” our vehicles against burglary and theft.

1. Lock your car at all times—even when leaving it for only a few minutes. Close windows all the way and make sure the trunk is closed.
2. Control your keys. Never leave an identification tag on your key ring. If your keys are lost or stolen, it could help a thief locate your car and burglarize your home.
3. Never leave important identification items in your car or your glove box.
4. Store all items in your trunk. Never leave items in plain view inside a vehicle.
5. Park in well-lit, busy areas.
6. When buying a car, ask about anti-theft options such as steering column locks, alarms, locks for spare

tires, batteries and gas tanks.

7. Keep your car’s VIN number, license plate number and complete description in a safe place at home for future reference.
8. Register your vehicle with H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft) as a way to assist in recovering your vehicle in the event it is stolen.
9. Attend an auto etching event to have permanent marking placed on your vehicle.
10. Make sure only trusted persons have access to your vehicle.

There are a lot of tips, but I know you now understand how to better protect your vehicle. Remember, it only takes a few seconds for someone to break into or steal a vehicle.

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

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Editors note: Officer Joel Stary recently underwent surgery and was home recovering when he wrote his monthly column. We sincerely appreciate his dedication to keeping our neighborhoods safe and wish him a speedy recovery.

FAIRMOUNT General Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 7 p.m.
1400 College Ave.

The next Fairmount Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be 7 p.m., Tuesday, August 23 at the College Avenue Baptist Church, 1400 College Ave.

This month the general meeting will host board elections. All members voting must have been current on their membership dues prior to August 13. No new members will be accepted prior to voting.

Membership applications are available on the Fairmount website at www.historicfairmount.com.

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1939 Hurley - current



1939 Hurley (c. 1915) - before

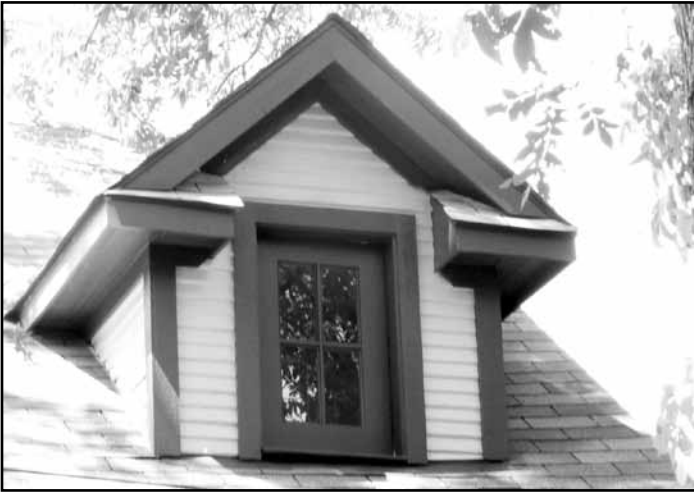
ONE HOUSE at a time

Three houses saved,
three lives changed

by Sue McLean, Director of Historic Preservation
Second in a series on Fairmount restorations.

Three side-by-side former slumlord houses are being restored and will soon have a new life. 1207/1209 W. Richmond and 1900 S. Henderson are back-to-back houses that were purchased by Kevin Khorrami at a foreclosure sale. They share a three-car garage that sits on the property line which will forever connect the two properties.

Kevin has done a beautiful job restoring the



1207/1209 W. Richmond new rear dormer.



1207/1209 W. Richmond - 2010



1207/1209 W. Richmond (c. 1924)

Richmond duplex which has original fireplaces with built-in bookcases. The windows were in good shape, and the prior owner had already begun some renovation which included adding a stairway to a new second floor bedroom and a bath on each side.

Kevin had to make a lot of corrections to unpermitted renovations, including adding egress from the second floor by

building matching dormers to the back of the roof. He also installed new kitchens and his wife refinished the heavily painted wood floors. Kevin is now looking for worthy tenants who will not mess it up again.

Kevin will be starting the renovation of 1900 Henderson soon. Unfortunately this house went through a 1980s remodel



1900 S. Henderson



1824 S. Adams



1906 S. Henderson (c. 1918) - before



1906 S. Henderson - front porch column illustration.

that destroyed all of the original features and added cheap aluminum windows. The house was also undergoing a modernization that relocated the kitchen to the middle of the house at the time of foreclosure.

Appropriate columns and windows will do a lot for the exterior of this house, but the interior renovation will have to simply spruce up what is there and may include faking some box beams and woodwork to return a little historic feel.

1906 S. Henderson, which appears to have been built by the same builder as 1900 S. Henderson, was in much worse condition, and was thrown into the deal for less than the price of a vacant lot.

Kevin assumed he could demolish the house and sell the lot if the restoration proved too costly. He asked the Fairmount Historic Preservation Committee to approve a demolition, but the committee felt that the house could be restored and saved.

Although Kevin preferred that the house be saved, after getting some pricey estimates, the project was more than he wanted to attempt. Several neighborhood restorationists then looked at the property and made Kevin an offer.

Kevin sold 1906 S. Henderson to Jose Villalobos, Jr., who

had just finished 1939 Hurley which he had rescued from demolition by the city. Because Fairmount would have lost the Hurley house if not for Jose, the historic preservation committee and the city Landmarks Commission were more lenient with a two-story addition on the house, which normally would not have been approved because it overpowered the original house (so don't try this at home).

When Jose finishes the work at 1906 S. Henderson the house should look similar to the mock-up pictured here with the original wrap-around porch opened up again, once it is unduplexed, with all new wood windows and more appropriate columns added.

Lifting the house up off the ground will also make a huge difference for this very non-descript house.

Jose has worked with Shawn Fite building new houses in Fairmount, and is now restoring historic ones on his own with his father, Jose, Sr.

He recently purchased 1824 S. Adams at a tax foreclosure sale, and will begin working on it as soon as the last owner's right of redemption period has run out and he officially owns the house.

Annual Fairmount Family Swim Party

Saturday, Aug. 27
Jason & Kelly Bowden's home
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Photo by Brenda Howell

Jane Wedding, left, Fairmount director of finance, chats with Brenda Howell, center, during a recent fund-raising effort hosted by Amphibian Stage Productions for the FNA.



Photo by Martha Jones

Wine was served to guests preceding the play, *Wittenberg*, at Amphibian Stage Productions.

Fund-raising effort brings fun, funds for FNA members

Amphibian Stage Productions recently invited Fairmount Neighborhood Association members to a performance of the critically-acclaimed play, *Wittenberg* by David Davalos.

As part of a Friends and Benefits cross-marketing collaborative effort, Amphibian dedicated the performance to the FNA and donated 20 percent of the day's ticket sales, plus all tips from the tip jar, raising a donation totalling \$516.

The event started with a pre-show reception, and following the show FNA members and friends hobnobbed and enjoyed champagne with the cast of *Wittenberg*.

"We are hoping to find a home of our own very close to the Fairmount area, so it's important to us that the residents start getting to know us and our work," said Kathleen Culebro, artistic director. "We're pretty sure they will understand and appreciate the edgy ideas we like to explore in our plays."

The FNA would like to thank Culebro and Amphibian Stage Productions for their wonderful donation.

For more information on Amphibian Stage Productions, visit online at www.amphibianproductions.org.



Photo by Brenda Howell

Fairmount residents (left to right) Kelly Bowden, Christy and Brad Pierce, Sara and Sean Lynch.



Photo by Martha Jones

Sean Lynch, left, talks to Jason, center, and Kelly Bowden at a Fairmount fund-raiser recently.

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Fort Worth Sister Cities brings cultural exchange for Fairmount resident

by Nan Miller

Karen Gomez enjoyed a farewell breakfast at Esperanza's recently following a weekend stay at Nan Miller's Sixth Avenue home.

Karen, a university student from Toluca, Mexico, was a facilitator during the Fort Worth Sister Cities' annual International Leadership Academy held at TCU.

Fort Worth has eight sister cities located in Italy, Germany, Mexico, Hungary, Swaziland, Japan, Indonesia and China.

High school students from Fort Worth and the sister city locations participated in a two-week program of cultural awareness, team building, problem solving and Fort Worth fun.

A performance by Fairmount's Mondo Drummers was also a part of the program.

For more information on Fort Worth Sister Cities International, check out www.fwsistercities.org/?q=getinvolved.



Photo by Nan Miller

Karen Gomez, Toluca, Mexico university student, displays a menu at Esperanza's Cafe. Gomez is a participant in the Fort Worth Sister Cities International program and was hosted by Fairmount resident Nan Miller.




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1600 Alston Ave.

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August Yard of the Month

The August Yard of the Month is 1600 Alston Ave., home of Tim Appling and Philip Combs. Tim, a high school science teacher, and Philip, a master florist, have been Fairmount residents since 2006. The house, which turned 102 years old this summer, is a stately two-story four-square that had once been condemned. The house was restored by the last owner, so when Tim and Philip moved in, they immediately turned their attention to the yard.

The landscape is an eclectic mix of perennial shrubs (such as possum haw, yaupon holly, spirea, variegated privet and pittisporum) as well as numerous flowering annuals (including coneflower, periwinkle, fan-flower, pentas, and purslane). From mid-spring to late summer, the dominant flowering plant is phlox, in a light shade of purple. A few tropical plants in containers can also be found. These are taken in during the winter, but add interest and lushness to the outdoors from April through October. A rustic stone walkway allows for casual strolls through the garden.

There are more than 50 different plant species in the front yard, with an equal variety along the sides and in the back garden. “We see a plant that we don’t have, and it’s hard to resist the temptation to add it to our garden. We have a lot of plants in containers, which allows us to control the watering. It also allows us to move plants around more easily to change the scenery or fill in a hole,” Philip said.

Though this summer is proving to be one of the hottest, driest ever, Tim and Philip have worked diligently to keep the yard green and colorful. “There have been a few heat-related casualties,” Tim said. “But for the most part we’ve managed to keep the garden going. It’s something we enjoy.” The yard is also enjoyed by Mullet, the cat, who keeps a watchful eye on things.

If you are out walking the neighborhood, consider strolling by 1600 Alston Avenue. Be sure to stop and say hi if you see Tim and Philip out puttering in the garden.

Thank you to CC’s Touch of Nature for the \$35 gift certificate that Tim and Philip will receive.

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Photo by Penny Plavidal

Chris Plavidal and his daughter Roxie enjoy cooling off in a neighbor's pool on Lipscomb Street.

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A squirrel finds sanctuary from the summer



Photo by

Elizabeth Standerfer pours water over her head with a garden hose at her grandmother's College



Photo by Pam Sorrells

er heat at a birdbath at a 6th Avenue home. Keeping water available for pets and wildlife will help them survive the unusually high temperatures.

Beating the *HEAT*



by Carol Standerfer

er head with a
6th Avenue home.



Photo by Ashley Moss

Brenda Howell (left), Fairmount director of promotions, gets sprayed with water by Fairmount resident Madison Black.

With Texas temperatures reaching record highs at well over 100 degrees, Fairmount residents were asked to submit photos of ways to combat the heat.

Thank you to everyone that submitted photos and showed their great Fairmount spirit.

Also, during this time of extreme summer weather, please don't forget to check on neighbors that might not have air conditioning and take care of pets and wildlife that need water and shelter to stay cool.



Photo by Kerri Jones

Phoebe cools her feet in a wading pool. Pets and people alike have found creative ways to cool off.

Historic and Cultural Landmark District

Board positions to be voted in at next meeting

Candidates express interest, introduce selves, prepare for upcoming FNA election

Five board positions will be voted on and filled at the FNA general meeting Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. You must be an FNA member in good standing prior to August 15 to vote and no new members will be accepted prior to voting.

The open positions to be filled are administration, infrastructure, membership, president and promotion. Below is some information on each candidate that is running and the position they are running to fill.

ADMINISTRATION

Shari Beers Phoenix — Shari is running for director of administration to fill Greg Taylor's remaining one-year term. Her partner, Vida, and she moved to Fairmount in October, 2010. Shari is a realtor with O'Brien Real Estate Group. The couple had looked at many homes but one Sunday after church, they were going to Magnolia to eat lunch and Vida commented that she had always wanted to live in Fairmount. That was it and so here they are. Shari loves the uniqueness and closeness of the neighborhood and wants to do her part to make Fairmount "the place to live."

INFRASTRUCTURE

Jason Amon — For many years Jason has felt passionately about the areas covered under the position of director of infrastructure for Fairmount. In particular, he wants to lead efforts to improve the neighborhood's sidewalks. Also, Jason thinks that Fairmount as a community could take better advantage of the city's tree program. Fairmount Park is just a block from his home, and Jason and his family use the park regularly. Also, his experience as a teacher would help him reach out to area schools. As the owner

of a local law firm and member of Fort Worth South, Jason has ties to the business community as well. Jason looks forward to working with the community as director of infrastructure and has lots of ideas to improve the neighborhood.

MEMBERSHIP

Ashley Paz — Ashley Paz lives on College Avenue with her husband Eric and daughters Vera 3 and Vivian 11 months. They have been in Fairmount since the fall of 2006. Ashley has been very active in the neighborhood's home tour, serving as docent, docent coordinator, and most recently co-director of the event. She has been very dedicated to the Fairmount neighborhood through volunteer efforts assisting the group with neighborhood socials, pancakes in the park, and other activities that enrich our community. Not only does Ashley live in the neighborhood, but she also owns a boutique event planning business located on Magnolia Avenue. Fairmount and The Near Southside are where she works, lives, and plays and she is highly motivated to contributing to its progress and preservation. As director of membership her goals are to educate members about the importance of historic preservation and community involvement. "Part of what makes our neighborhood so great is the fact that we are like a little family. And as more people move into our neighborhood it is important to share our mission with them and recruit them to help out," Ashley said.

PRESIDENT

Susan Harper — Susan has lived in Fairmount for 13 years and has served on the Fairmount board in the past as director of administration, finance, publications/newsletter and membership. She has worked in various areas of Home Tour for 10 years; worked on the Zoning Committee and with Code Compliance as well as other city departments to help come

up with logical solutions to problems that are unique to Fairmount. Susan has been a member of the Fairmount Historic Preservation Committee for years and an important member of the Fairmount Guidelines Revision Committee, and feels that historic preservation is integral to the identity of Fairmount. Susan spearheaded the formation of the community garden and the Fairmount Rescue Committee, almost single-handedly saving 1405 Fairmount from demolition by working with the city and finding a buyer to restore it. Susan is always a community activist on issues that affect Fairmount including helping with the campaigns of Wendy Davis and Joel Burns. It was Susan's idea to plant the daffodils along Allen which came up this past spring. Susan recently traveled to Anchorage, Alaska to represent Fairmount at the Neighborhoods USA awards, and her presentation on the community garden won us national recognition and first place in the Social Revitalization/Neighborhoodness category. Married to Fred Harper, a past president of Fairmount, her vocations have spanned administration, real estate and relocation, and she is a master gardener.

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Sean Lynch — Sean and Sara Lynch moved into Fairmount in 2008. They have been very active in the Neighborhood Association since joining. Sara co directed the 2010 Home Tour while Sean has served as director of infrastructure for the last 2 years. In that post Sean has led Allen Avenue Cleanups, garage sales, and worked with the city in the installation of street lamps and street signs. He has also led an initiative to adopt and develop Fairmount Park. He applied for and won a \$50,000 grant for the association for the installation of art in the park. Sean is an attorney in private practice in Fairmount.

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Children's health center to open on Southside

by Steve Cloer

JPS hospital, Fort Worth ISD, South Central Alliance of Churches, and Southside Church of Christ have teamed up to start a school-based health clinic for the Southside area.

A school-based health clinic is typically on school property and provides quick, efficient health care at a low cost for needy families. The clinics are often staffed by a middle-level provider, like a physician's assistant or a nurse practitioner. Any child under 18 that attends a Fort Worth ISD school, or has a sibling at school, can receive health care. The clinics do basically what any pediatric clinic does, including vaccinations, physicals, well baby exams and regular doctor visits. The charge is five dollars for those who can pay.

What is particularly unique about this clinic is that it will be on the property of the Southside Church of Christ at 2101 Hemphill Street. The clinic is located just south of the church building and plans to be open this month. The JPS School-Based Health Center Southside clinic will have a full-time physician's assistant, as well as another part-time provider. The goal through this clinic is to help keep children in school and not home sick, as well as bolster health care for the neighborhood as a whole.

A formal grand opening is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2 p.m. If you know of a family or a child in need of adequate health care, please refer them to this new clinic. Also, while the



Photo by Steve Cloer

JPS School-Based Health Center Southside, scheduled to open soon at 2101 Hemphill St., will provide health care for low income families. A grand opening is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 18.

clinic will be run and staffed by JPS, there will be opportunities to volunteer and help. If you are interested, please contact Steve Cloer, minister at Southside Church of Christ, by e-mail at scloer@sscofc.org.

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Open Streets is an event modeled after the famous Ciclovía in Bogotá, Colombia. Over the last several years, cities throughout the U.S. have adapted the successful Ciclovía concept to create a variety of similarly themed events that promote healthy living and build stronger communities.

Two Open Streets events will be held on consecutive Sundays, October 23 (Magnolia/Fairmount) and October 30 (S. Main/Jennings). Fort Worth's Open Streets will close roughly one mile of Near Southside roadways to automobile traffic, transforming those streets into an urban playground where residents and visitors are free to ride their

bikes, skate, or just stroll along with children or pets and enjoy the city from a different perspective, free from the noise and emissions of car traffic. The event will also be packed with on-street entertainment, fitness classes and other events designed to get participants moving and inspire healthy lifestyles.

The streets will be closed as shown on the included map. The event will take place from 12 noon to 4pm. Street closure will begin at 10:00am to allow time to set up tents before the event. All tents will be disassembled and the streets reopened to traffic by 5:00pm.

We're looking forward to a great event and hope to see you there. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at 817-798-2004 or matt.acuff@tcu.edu or the City Outdoor Events Coordinator at 817-392-7894 or cynthia.alexander@fortworthgov.org

Sincerely,
Matt Acuff
Open Streets Event Planner

Street Closure Notice for Open Streets

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5th Ave. between Magnolia Ave. and Allen Ave.
Allen Ave. between 5th Ave. and Lipscomb St.

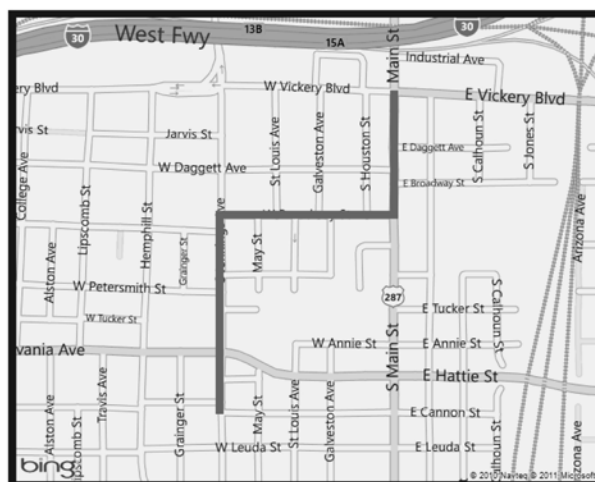


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Historic and Cultural Landmark District

FNA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

7:07 Call to Order

Welcome new neighbors representing Chase Ct., Alston St.

Joel is recovering from rotator cuff surgery and doing well. "If you want to stop it, you have to report it" is an admonition to heed. Shoplifting and vehicle burglary crimes in the neighborhood are probably not committed by locals — usually done by individuals who make a three to four day visit to neighborhood move on. Barking dogs may be an indicator of unwanted activity. Check for permits should door to door salespeople knock on your door.

- Brenda H introduced officer Chris Monday, beat is east of I-35, who outlined a successful adaptation of the Christmas Angel Tree at Carol Peck school. Program provided a backpack and age-appropriate toy for every child in the school. Great opportunity for kids to see police officers in a role other than officer. Contact Brenda to volunteer.

Announcements:

Contact Stacy L if you are not receiving our FNA e-mails.

FNA Membership signs are available at \$10.

Curbside house number painting — Done section by section. Will announce the next portion that will receive the free number painting.

Property Tax Committee — Rodney Wade chair — to study tax appraisal data impacts on Fairmount. Currently a wide range of appraisal rates. Committee will recommend how to use appraisal data to get a consistent tax rate structure.

Board elections: position and current candidates:

President — Susan Harper, Sean Lynch

Membership — Ashley Paz

Infrastructure — Jason

Promotion — Brenda Howell

Administration — open

Director Reports:

Membership — Ricky P — no speakers lined up for the next meeting as it is our election meeting.

Finance — Jane W — We have approximately \$66,000 in checking, savings, CD accounts. Bills paid. Next planned expenditure is for street lights.

Administration — Greg T — FBI committee continues to write grants, and currently has funding available for projects.

Public Safety — Geri C — Citizens Police Academy — 12 week course meets once per week and starts August 4. Citizens On Patrol class starts August 13. Anyone other than police and utility workers in alleys is not supposed to be there — please call and report. Increase in bb-gun problems.

Infrastructure — Sean L — additional street sign toppers ordered. New street light locations and installation dates currently being studied by the city. Working to create a committee responsible for developing a master plan for Fairmount Park and the grant for the art project in the park. Allen St. and Fairmount Park cleanup scheduled for Aug. 13 at 7:30 a.m.

Communications — Stacy L — Newsletter articles needed by Aug. 5.

Historic Preservation — Sue M — Landmarks meeting postponed due to lack of quorum. July cases:

1960 Alston — vinyl window request denied again, this time with prejudice, meaning owner can only go to appeals board.

1906 Henderson — new columns and doors approved, being restored to a

3/2 with office in back.

1615 6th — permission to install solar water heaters toward back of side roof.

1820 Washington — new home to be built

1937 Fairmount — new front door and window replacement, permission to paint brick columns because current brick out of character with guidelines.

1623 Alston — new columns, aprons and steps approved

1314 Alston — shotgun house granted Historic Significant Endangered status, and permission given to add a wood pergola covered deck along north side of the building and door entering onto the deck. Zoned mixed use, owner applied for liquor license. Fairmount board voted to join neighbors in opposing liquor license because too close to residential property and DeZavala school.

Promotions — Brenda H — The Bastion's social a success — good music, good food, good people and a chance to see the Bastion up close (its grand opening is Aug. 10). Received \$316 from Amphibian Theater's Fairmount Night. Next social Aug. 27 at Bowden residence at 1714 Henderson — family swim from 5-7 p.m., adult swim after.

- Matt Acuff, an MBA student at TCU, gave presentation of a health and wellness event that he is coordinating as part of his MBA education. Working with Fort Worth South, the event will occur on two consecutive Sundays (Oct. 23 and Oct. 30), and will consist of shutting down urban streets to create an urban playground with vendors and activities and artists.

Speaker — Alison Lentes presented a talk about graffiti abatement.

FNA Board Meeting Minutes Monday, August 1, 2011

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

Reports

Historic Preservation — Sue M. No agenda yet for Landmarks meeting next Monday.

1314 Alston — Mike Brennan states Fort Worth South will oppose liquor license. We need to know the date of the next TABC meeting (when in August?) City will hold a hearing that should be the focus of our dissension. Robert to speak with principal of DeZavala.

Curb number painting on Henderson completed, and \$20 remains from the \$300 allotment. 6th Avenue is next target: 2000 to 2100 blocks will cost \$345; 2200 block will cost \$470.

Sue M — Motion to allocate \$300 to 6th Ave curb painting, and to add the \$20 remaining from Henderson curb painting. Second — Jane L. Approved

Phil Bordeleau and Mike McDermott are working with HP to create paint color recommendations pamphlet.

Administration — Greg T. — No report. Shari Beers Phoenix will take over Greg's

remaining year appointment. Greg to coordinate info transfer with Shari.

Infrastructure — Sean L. — Waiting for Fort Worth legal department to make decision about street lamp locations.

Waiting for Fort Worth for signs info.

Caitlin Diehl has volunteered to coordinate the Trap and Release Program.

Promotions — Brenda H (absent, but notes sent to Robert for meeting discussion). Planning group for back-to-school supplies and backpacks at Christmas will have first meeting on Aug 3. Group to discuss donations and distribution.

Received check for \$316 from Amphibian Stage Productions. Can funds go to school supplies and backpacks (see #1)? Family Swim on August 27 at Kelly and Jason's. Family swim 5-7 p.m., open swim thereafter. Discussion of need for a lifeguard (Kelly knows an available lifeguard). Board will buy hot dogs, and will need help setting up and cooking.

Public Safety — Geri C. absent

Communications — Stacy L (absent)

Membership — Ricky P. — Two speakers for September General Membership meeting (Christy Lemmon from City of Fort Worth, Matt Acuff from "Open

Streets" activity in October. No speaker for August — voting for board positions.

Finance — Jane W — Budget details at next board meeting for approval to present to the next general meeting.

Discussion of current account reconciliation/alignment process with respect to QuickBooks. Noted need to amend bylaws to include that QuickBooks used for FNA accounting. Discussion of where to put miscellaneous expenses (ex. Cowtown Marathon) — consensus to leave it under miscellaneous.

New Business

Patti R. recommends mission statement for bylaws. New board can review.

New board to approve standing committees.

Need for new board to form Asset Audit Committee.

Greenspace sign ordered. Cost = \$300.

Fred Harper suggested purchase of a recorder for use during board meetings. Approximate cost \$100.

Jane W — Motion to approve purchase of a recording device. Second — Sue M. Approved.

Motion to adjourn — Jane, Second by Sean.

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The Bash is a tongue-in-cheek, family-friendly festival that celebrates the legend of the Lake Worth Monster (aka Goatman).

Forty-two years ago, Fort Worth was abuzz with reported sightings of the monster. Although the creature — described as a hairy, scaly 7 ft. tall man-goat-beast — hasn't been seen regularly since that memorable summer of 1969, Fort Worth residents can attend Monster Bash to celebrate the local legend and the habitat he calls home.



Activities include hayrides, bison viewing, canoeing, a festival with vendors, food and games, guided interpretive hikes, storytelling, archery, a monster musical and much more.

Music will be provided by The Skip Pullig Band, Barbara Taylor, and Joel McElhany.

Author Ken Gerhard (*Monsters of Texas*) will give a free lecture on the monsters of Texas.

The festival is located at 9601 Fossil Ridge Road. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$3 for seniors; \$2 for ages 3-17; free for children under 3 and for Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge members.

A \$1 discount is applied for military personnel with their ID. Most activities will be free but some will require \$5 (i.e. hayride, canoeing).

For more information please call 817.392.7423 or visit online at www.fwnaturecenter.org or e-mail michelle.villafranca@fortworthgov.org

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Fairmount News

Fund-raiser scheduled to help buy school supplies for Fairmount children

Amphibian Stage Productions and the Fairmount Neighborhood Association are partnering for a night of dark comedy, wine and hors d'oeuvres Thursday, Sept. 29. The theater company will present *VIGIL* by Morris Panych.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 7 p.m. with a performance at 8 p.m.

If FNA members and their friends purchase at least 40 tickets, there will be a post-show champagne cast party.

Purchase tickets and learn about the show online at www.amphibianproductions.org.

Twenty percent of all tickets sold for the Sept. 29 performance will be donated to Fairmount and the funds will be used to help buy school supplies for Fairmount children.

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2011 property tax values subject for new committee, volunteers needed to help

Volunteers are needed to participate on a committee that has been formed to address issues related to property value. The committee will take a close look at 2011 property tax appraisal data and will develop a set of recommendations to present to the FNA board.

The committee will hold its first meeting in August (date and time will be based on availability of committee members).

Subsequent meetings will occur every other month or as needed.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Rodney Wade by e-mail at rodneywade@gmail.com or call 817.689.2527.

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House color education subject of discussion, new group being formed

While many Fairmount residents are great devotees of the neighborhood's unique style and architecture, not everyone has had the opportunity to be educated in the area of color.

Phil Bordeleau has agreed to spearhead an effort to compile a distributable pamphlet to assist our residents seeking to create the look and feel we now associate with the early 20th century housing we find in our area.

There are those in the neighborhood that have amassed photos of houses in various locations which demonstrate the very architectural heritage we see in Fairmount. Some may also have bookmarked websites on Craftsmen and bungalow era houses.

If you have an interest or a skill which could be useful in this soon to begin "think tank" please contact Phil Bordeleau at pbongreene@aol.com.

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Mid-month social event to be held at local salon chance to meet neighbors

Mark the date! The next Fairmount Mid-Month Social will be held Wednesday, Sept. 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at SPAtaneity, 618 S. Jennings Ave.

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Fairmount's socials allow residents to visit and meet as well as experience neighborhood businesses.

The event is BYOB and SPAtaneity will provide hors d'oeuvres.

Name that group contest helps define volunteers, aids in outreach efforts

It's no secret that our wonderful neighborhood boasts some big hearts that are dedicated to making our neighborhood a better place for everyone.

A special group is being formed that is directly involved with community outreach, and they want YOU to help come up with a name containing the word Fairmount that is easily identifiable for news releases, newsletter purposes and easy recognition by the general public. This will be especially useful if the group is wearing t-shirts while performing community service.

We have actively promoted our neighborhood and raised awareness through fund-raisers and activities such as Allen Avenue clean-ups, National Night Out, monthly socials, the Home Tour parade and flower pot painting in the park. Fairmount neighbors have also gathered to support events such as The Cowtown Marathon and Joe's Run.

The most recent effort is to gather back-to-school supplies for area schools and hopefully there will be many more opportunities in the near future.

E-mail Brenda Howell at promotions@historicfairmount.com by Saturday, Sept. 3 with your name suggestions. The winner will be notified through a Constant Contact e-mail on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

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Neighbors recommend area businesses, individuals

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 submit recommendations. For more information visit the website.

Historic and Cultural Landmark District

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 23 (Fourth Tuesday)**Fairmount Neighborhood Association general meeting
Aug. 27 Fairmount Neighborhood Association swim party
Sept. 2 (First Friday) Buddy's Big Band at Southside Preservation Hall
Sept. 6FNA Board Meeting
Sept. 8Historic Preservation Committee meeting
Sept. 10Newsletter submission deadline
Sept. 10 (Second Saturday)..... Fairmount Community Garden work day
Sept. 12 (Second Monday).....Landmarks hearing
Sept. 14 Fairmount Mid-month Social at SPAtaneity (7:30 p.m.)
Sept. 19 (Third Monday)Bulk trash collection
Sept. 19 (Third Monday)Landmarks filing deadline (5 p.m.)
Sept. 27 (Fourth Tuesday).....Fairmount Neighborhood Association general meeting
Sept.29 Fairmount fundraiser - Amphibian Stage Productions, *VIGIL*

COP class to be held Oct. 8

A Citizens on Patrol (COP) class will be held 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.

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PROMOTIONS

Brenda Howell — Brenda joined the neighborhood association shortly after she and her husband moved to Fairmount five years ago. During her five years in FNA she has volunteered and had her home on Home Tour, become a member of the garden club, and was responsible for Yard of the Month for the past two years. Last summer Brenda assumed the position of director of promotions. The past year has been very busy for her organizing Cowtown Marathon Pancakes in the Park, being a Home Tour parade committee member, organizing Mother's Day painting in the park for kids, mid-month socials, holding fund-raisers, traveling to Alaska with FNA and currently working on the Back-to-School project. Brenda says if she is re-elected to the board it would be her pleasure to be director of promotions again.

If you are a current FNA member, be sure to support your neighbors by attending the Aug. 23 general meeting and casting your vote.

FNA general meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 1400 College Ave.

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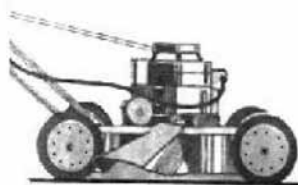
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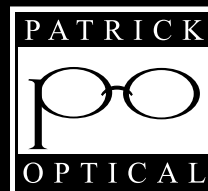


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