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## IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Fairmount Neighborhood Association membership renewals are due by January 31. You will find a membership renewal form on the back page; simply send it along with your dues, or come to the Association meeting on January 27. Your timely renewal will ensure that your Association benefits continue without interruption. Dues are \$15 per individual or \$20 per family or business—such a bargain!



## RESOLVE TO GET INVOLVED IN 2009!

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- Home tour—Robert Wedding
- New sletter editing, advertising, and delivery—John Murphy
- Neighborhood cleanup—David Thrapp
- Flags over Fairmount—David Thrapp
- Monthly FNA meetings—Paul Holt
- Streets & sidewalks—Robert Wedding
- Parties—Jerry Hawkins & Paul Holt
- Code enforcement—Robert Wedding
- Crime prevention/neighborhood watch—David Thrapp & Sue Maclean
- Graffiti abatement—David Thrapp
- Yard of the month nominations—Diana Koch (see p. 5)
- Historic streetlight program—Robert Wedding

There are too many volunteer opportunities to list here; contact Patti Randle for more info. Together, we can make the best neighborhood in Fort Worth even better!

## February 2009

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**FAIRMOUNT  
ASSOCIATION  
MEETING  
Tuesday  
January 27  
7:00 p.m. at  
Hemphill  
Presbyterian  
Church**

**Program:  
To be announced.**



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## FAIRMOUNT CALENDARS NOW ON SALE

"The Gables of Fairmount," our 2009 calendar, will be available for \$20 at the January Association meeting, or contact Sue Maclean, 817.924.6100 or Preservation@historicfairmount.com, to reserve your copy. Calendars feature the Benton house on the front, the coolest Fairmount upper porch on the back, and a selection of close-ups of some of the coolest gables from houses in Fairmount on each calendar page. See if you can figure out which houses they are!



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Doug & Chris Dillman, 1812 College Ave  
Steve & Susan Kline, 2421 Shirley Ave  
David Greenway, 1423 S Henderson St  
Heather Gavin, 1423 S Henderson St  
Lacey & Michael Perkins, 2233 Fairmount Ave  
Molly McCook, 1501 Magnolia Ave  
Richard King, 1501 Magnolia Ave  
Jo Losen, 1627 Alston Ave  
Marie Boisvert, 1608 South Adams St  
J Newton, 1608 South Adams St  
Pete Locke & Jenell Thomas-Locke, 2201 Lipscomb St  
Daisy & Don Young, 1316 6th Ave  
Cameron & Yadira Goodpaster, 1112 Lilac St  
Sandy & John Brown, 2824 Willing Ave  
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## SPOTLIGHT ON DIRECTORS

Paul Holt, Director of Membership

Our resident Brit Paul Holt got here as fast as he could from East Yorkshire, UK. Paul's father is from the rival county of Lancashire, famous from the line '4,000 holes in Blackburn, Lancashire' from the Beatles' "A Day in the Life". Paul is full of wonderful stories about history!

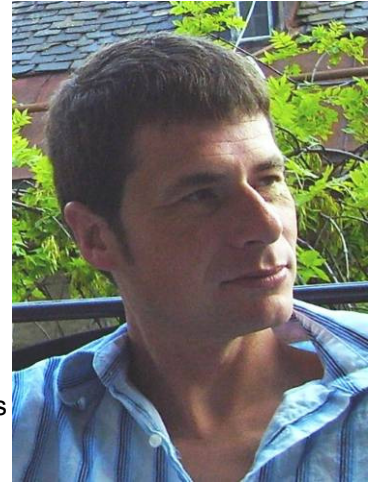
Paul has been with BAE Systems for 25 years, originally as an electrical installations engineer, now working on aircraft fuel systems at their partner company, Lockheed. He gets involved in design and flight testing, a pretty exciting career. He says he tries to make sure these aircraft get the best gas mileage, to keep our taxpayer bills down. Go Paul!

He arrived stateside 6 years ago for a 2 year stint. Then he discovered Fairmount and, as he says, "I realized that Fort Worth had some real character!" Fortunately for him and for us, his company has managed to keep him gainfully employed here.

When he's at home, he is working on restoring his home on College Avenue, but he loves winter sports and skis and snowboards as often as possible in the winter months. Summer finds him country hiking or mountain biking (he says that Fort Worth has some great off-road 'mountain' bike trails!), and he's a great fan of his home town "football" ("that's Soccer to you guys") team. This past year, his team made it to the playoff finals in London, and of course, he had to buy a plane ticket to be there with his family!

He does love Fairmount, and that shows by his constant cheerful willingness to help out in the 'hood. He may come to a fight with the historic preservation committee though—he'd like to put an English Fish and Chip shop in the middle of the 'hood. "Maybe I'll open one on Magnolia someday!"

Paul, thank you for all you do for us!



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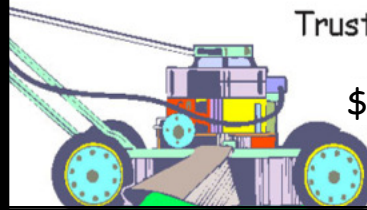
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Our choice for January's Yard of the Month is the landscape enhancing the charming home of Shirley and Terry Gober. Their brightly-colored plantings are truly a welcome shot of color during the somewhat bleak winter days.

Rows of Variegated Privet shrubs line the porch and step walls, providing an ever-green background which contrasts nicely with the home's red and yellow paint color scheme. A variety of herbs including Rosemary, Oregano and Lavender scent the brick-bordered beds lining the front walkway. Giant Pansies in shades of yellow, purple, white and gold are interspersed with the herbs and brighten up the landscape considerably. Lamb's Ear and Salvia fill out the remainder of the planting beds.

The oversized wrap-around porch is an inviting space furnished with an iron table and matching chairs that are topped with plump cushions. A comfortable rocking chair and wind chimes complete the décor.



Shirley and Terry will receive a \$25 gift certificate courtesy of CC's Touch of Nature. If you would like to make a nomination for Yard of the Month, contact Diana Koch. 817-988-7079 or [Diana-koch@excite.com](mailto:Diana-koch@excite.com)



## DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

*Note: The December board meeting occurred after the December/January newsletter was published; thus, this newsletter contains both the December and January minutes.*

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the last meeting – 7:10 – 7:15

Directors' Reports - 7:15-7:35

- Director of Membership – Paul - Membership drive in progress. Renew get one month free.
- Director of Finance – Chewy - \$15,000 CD to mature in March. \$11,000 in cash.
- Director of Administration – Serena - Santa on Green Space update.
- Director of Historic Preservation – Sue - protest Magnolia and 8th Avenue building coming down without public notice. Channel 8 news interview planned. Revised design plans look better for planned new construction home on 1900 block of Alston. Three streets left to upload with pictures on [www.historicfairmount.com](http://www.historicfairmount.com) website.
- Director of Infrastructure – Robert- Street lights will be put in in March from the city. List is available. Would like to meet with Fort Worth South to find out more about their banners on Magnolia. Robert would like for Fairmount to have its own banners along Allen. Allen Street adoption in progress. Garbage cans for Allen looking into.
- Director of Promotions – Jerry - Christmas party lining up. We are excited to announce that we have a new home tour director, Marianna Thrapp. Let's all be sure to thank her and give her all the support she needs to make home tour a success. Thank you, Marianna!
- Director of Public Safety – David - Graffiti has increased along Allen especially at Lipscomb. Discussed idea of street signs offering awards for reporting graffiti. Discussed need for volunteer to organize and revive block captain idea.
- Director of Communication – John - Printer will charge \$1300 twice a year to print neighborhood wide distributed newsletter. All other issues will be pro-bono. Within our \$2700 budget for year. Need volunteers to distribute newsletter.

Old Business – 7:35-8:10

- Fairmount bumper stickers - finalizing design.
- Salvation Army Building update - is not pursuing this property.
- Non-profit organization – New Corporation Update - in the works.
- ER Zoning before City Council November 11 –2006 Hemphill exclusion request
- Ellerbe Fine Foods proposed restaurant at 7th & Magnolia -board members looked at proposal and believe it will be a contributing business to the area.

New Business – 8:10 – 8:30

- Traffic Calming Committee – New Chair required to replace Alex Seleny. Robert is checking with Alex to get pertinent information.
- New use for Home Tour Funds – Proposals required. What does membership want? Do we need more street lights? Discussion of a branding project to set our neighborhood apart. Such as, banners along Allen, historic pillars at neighborhood street entrances, sign toppers, and historic stop signs.
- Need for readdressing zoning issues was discussed. No conclusion.

Adjournment 8:30



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2008 was a busy year in Fairmount and we certainly rewarded all of our hard work and efforts with a real blast of a holiday party on December 21, once again, held at Arts 5th Avenue (A5A). Fundraiser proceeds went towards A5A in recognition of the fabulous work they do for entertainment and education in our community. A5A truly defines the artistic and creative nature of our neighborhood and many people from outside of the Fairmount boundaries come and see that.

The party once again featured the hugely popular Black Jack tables (no cash winnings of course, all chip winnings going towards some fabulous drawing prizes). Thanks once again to Mr Vegas himself, Jerry Hawkins for organizing the gaming and prizes. This year we added some fabulous live entertainment in the form of local funk and blues band, Villain Vanguard.



Some great dance music got y'all up on the dance floor once you had lost all your winnings at the tables.

As ever, there was a great spread of food. Supporting the turkey and fixin's organized by Sue, those that attended brought a tasty selection of side dishes to provide a fabulous holiday feast. While you were all having your fill from the buffet tables (surely a match for the famous Vegas buffets!) background music was provided by local acoustic folk singer DeAnna Wendolyn.

Some 80 people showed up, for what proved to be a highly enjoyable and thoroughly deserved year end celebration for the Fairmount membership. We certainly look forward to doing it all again this year,

but I guess we'd better get on with some tough neighborhood work first!

Well, now I've started talking about business, I hope you don't think it scrooge like to remind you that 2009 membership renewals are due, so if you could all get your checks to me at the earliest opportunity I would be really grateful. Remember, if you have a new neighbor, a gift of membership would make a great welcome to the neighborhood (it'll be worth it just for this year's holiday party, trust me!).

See you all at the January general meeting where we will present the fundraiser proceeds to Gracie of A5A.

—Paul Holt, Director of membership services

*Membership information and application can be found on pages 1 & 12*

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**Thanks for donating prizes:**

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**Terry Jackman** – won by Barb Diehl

Mirror Ball – donated by **Dan & Tabitha Burns** – won by Lynda Dahl

Slow cooker – re-gifted by **Susan Harper** – won by (sorry no one can remember, but enjoy!)

Double dipper slow cooker – bought cheap at Lowes by **Jerry Hawkins** – won by Tabitha Burns

Wine picnic pack – re-gifted by **Sue McLean** – won by David Helt

Speaker soft cooler – re-gifted by **Sue McLean** – won by Steve Elish

Turkey Deep Fryer – bought cheap at Lowes by **Jerry Hawkins** – won by Pete Miller

Holiday bottle of Absolut – bought cheap in the Caribbean by **Jerry Hawkins** – won by Todd Parch-

man  
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Electric Wine Chiller/Opener – re-gifted by **Sue & Jerry** – won by David Thrapp

Thanks for helping at the door:

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Thanks to blackjack dealers:

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

## January 2008

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. 2009 is off and running, and plans for activities in and around Fairmount are gearing up.

Robert Wedding has agreed to be our 2009 Home Tour Director, and we are so grateful for his energy and creativity. He is already talking to home owners, and the entire committee is designing banners, talking to City staff about placement, placing ads in state and national magazines. Tabitha Bums is assisting Robert, and her organizational skills are going to make planning for this year's Tour better and easier. As Tabitha says, "It might not take a village to produce Home Tour, but it sure takes a lot of Fairmount!" So if you are interesting in pitching in, we need you!

Serena Keeler, Susan Harper, and Dan Bums are putting together the organization for a Community Garden, which they expect will be the prototype for other Community Gardens throughout the City. They are receiving support from many corners, including Fort Worth South, Inc. and City staff. It is exciting that another 'first' for the City will be right here in Fairmount.

Many of our committees took a little time off during the holidays, but they are gathering steam again. Sue McLean and Rodney Wade have been leading the Historic Preservation Committee in updating our Historic Guidelines. As more individuals and companies seek to relocate within the Fairmount District, having clearer and more usable guidelines will assist all of them while still preserving our wonderful history.

What do you want to see happen in Fairmount over the next year? At the next general meeting on Tuesday, January 27, you will have an opportunity to give us your ideas. So put on your thinking caps, look around your block and all of Fairmount, and come to the meeting ready to share your ideas for our next projects.

See you on the 27th!

Patti Randle  
President

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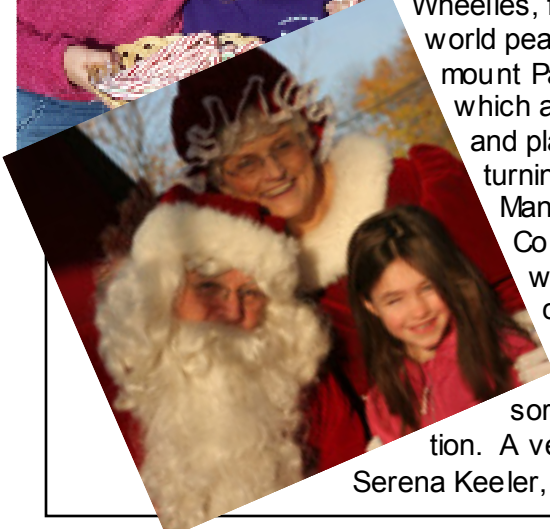
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### ENA'S SANTA IN FAIRMOUNT PARK A HUGE SUCCESS

Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the neighborhood kids, both two legged and four legged, on Saturday afternoon, December 6th. We were fortunate enough to have wonderful weather which resulted in our best turnout yet. Easily over 100 people participated in the event. Kids asked for everything from video games, American Girl Dolls, Wheelies, full size rocket ships to world peace. It was held in Fairmount Park for the first time, which allowed the kids to run and play safely before and after turning in their lists to Santa.

Many thanks to members of College Avenue Baptist Church who provided yummy cookies, hot cocoa and coffee. We hope Santa was good to everyone. If you missed it, we hope to see you next year! This free event is sponsored annually by the Fairmount Neighborhood Association. A very special thanks to Santa's helpers, Cheryl Helt and Serena Keeler, for organizing Santa's visit!



**RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Earn cash for Fairmount Neighborhood Association by recycling your old cell phones, inkjet and laser cartridges, iPods and PDAs. Please bring these items to the Neighborhood meeting and drop them into the Cartridges for Kids box. We will also recycle your bummed-out compact fluorescent light bulbs and dead AA, C, and D-cell batteries for you; just bring them to the next meeting.



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

- Sue McLean 817-924-6100**
- Geri Cotton 817-926-6507**
- David Thrapp 817-923-4807**
- FM Cops@att.net.**



**FAIRMOUNT CALENDAR**

- Jan 27 FNA general meeting
- Feb 2 FNA board meeting
- Feb 10 Article/ad deadline for March newsletter
- Feb 16 Bulk trash pickup
- Feb 24 FNA general meeting
- Feb 27 Charity Antique Show—see p. 12.
- May 9-10 Home Tour

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- 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 Paul Holt, Director of Membership, 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 or email Paul Holt at 817.291.7296, [Paulholtfaimount@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Paulholtfaimount@sbcglobal.net).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a  new  renewing member (check one)

I have lived in Faimount for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Individual (\$15)  Family (\$20)  Business (\$20)

*Membership has its privileges—just ask your neighbor!*

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**Champagne Shopping Party:** Fri., Feb. 27, 6-9pm  
**Shopping Days:** Sat., Feb. 28, 10am-5pm  
Sun., March 1, 11am-5pm

A tea room will be open during the Shopping Days.

**Admission:** \$10.00 (Good for both shopping days)

**Private Shopping Party:** \$100.00 per person (Includes Champagne Shopping Party and admission to the show for all days)

For more information contact Corry Smith at 817.336.2344 x 100 or at [Corry\\_Smith@historicfortworth.org](mailto:Corry_Smith@historicfortworth.org). or visit the website at [www.historicfortworth.org](http://www.historicfortworth.org)

