# HISTORIC DISTRICT

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#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Fairmount Residents.

Dare we venture out? Could it be that Winter is finally over and Spring has finally arrived? Even if mother nature isn't quite ready, plenty of Fairmount residents are! The amazing amount of people that showed up to help plant Allen Ave. was proof positive that we are ready for a change, both in the seasons and in our quality of life.

Onward and upward!! That seems to be the prevailing spirit among our membership and it is indeed refreshing to see so many people giving of their time and energy to make our neighborhood better and stronger. Spring is also a harbinger of renewed activity and boy, is it evident! The trees on Magnolia will soon be lit up every night making that street even more attractive! and just one more aspect of our area to be proud of! And the gas drilling is rearing its head again (whether you believe it to be "ugly" is, as always, a matter of personal perspective) and we'll try to stay on top of it and give you the latest as we receive it. We've also got our annual garage sale coming up in April and, of course, waiting just around the comer is Home Tour.

None of this has been or will be possible without concerted effort and involvement by us, the residents of Fairmount. We make all this possible and we need to congratulate ourselves for doing a great job with a pat on the back first and then a swift kick in the pants to keep us moving on to the next project! If you haven't yet found your volunteer 'niche' please read the newsletter and find a way to meet your neighbors, get involved and become part of the living, breathing fabric that makes this neighborhood the best one in the city!!

See you on Tuesday night.

-Robert Wedding

#### **GOT THE WRITE STUFF?**

After nearly three years, my term as editor of the Fairmount Newsletter is coming to an end this summer. I'm looking for a dedicated, deadline-oriented, computer-savvy volunteer to take my place. It's not too much work and a lot of fun! Experience with Adobe Photoshop and Microsoft Publisher would be helpful—maybe essential. I will help you get started and train you before I step down. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the neighborhood in a big way!

Think you've got what it takes? Let's talk. Email me at fair mountnew sletter@gmail.com. —John Murphy

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#### FAIRMOUNT ASSOCIATION MEETING

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Tuesday
March 23
7:00 p.m. at
College Avenue
Baptist Church
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#### THE FAIRMOUNT BEAT

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We continue our discussion pertaining to "target hardening" this month in regards to securing and protecting your vehicle. Not only are we talking about your vehicle being broken into and items stolen out of it, but other crimes related to vehicles can include your vehicle being stolen or parts being stolen from your vehicle as well. We live in a time where new technologies are being utilized everyday to help us prevent crime. Many vehicle companies use



LoJack or OnStar to help owners and the Police track stolen vehicles. There are also many devices out there to utilize to lock the steering column of your vehicle to make the job of stealing it more difficult. Take advantage of technology to "harden" your vehicle, which in this case is the "target". Often times, thieves are more interested in stealing parts from your vehicle. If you have a garage please use it. Parking your vehicle on the street makes it very accessible for thieves. Get in the habit of checking your vehicle, especially license plates, before you leave a particular 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 your license plates as well. Criminals will steal license plates and use them on another vehicle to commit other types of crime. If your license plates are missing, report it immediately! Now we get to the major problem of vehicle burglaries. There are many things that we can do to "harden" our vehicles against burglary and theft and a few are:

- Lock your car at all time-even when you leave it for just a minute. Close all windows all the way and make sure the trunk is closed.
- 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.
- Never leave important identification items in your car or your glove box.
- Store all items in your trunk. Never leave items in plain view inside your vehide.
- Park in well-lit, busy areas.
- When buying a car, ask about anti-theft options such as steering column locks, alarms, locks for spare tires-batteries-gas tanks.
- Keep you car's VIN number, license plate number and complete description in a safe place at home for future reference.
- 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.
- Attend an auto etching event to have permanent marking placed on your vehicle.
- Make sure only trusted persons have access to use your vehicle.

Again, we could probably go on and on with the tips, but I know you are beginning to get the picture about how you can protect your vehicle. Remember it only takes a few seconds for someone to break into or steal a vehicle. "Harden" your vehicle and let's do what we can do to prevent this type of crime! Next month we will discuss what you can do to "harden" the most important "target" of all, YOU! Keep up the good work and please remember to be safe today and safer tomorrow.







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You may have on occasion seen some of your neighbors driving around real slow and wondered what are those nosey people up too. The cars with "Fairmount Citizen Patrol" logo's on the side of the car are watching out for criminal activity. All the others are just admiring your cool historic house.

Fairmount has a group of volunteers that have taken special training classes to be on the alert for criminal activity. They carry their own police radios and are the extra eyes for the Ft. Worth Police. COP's are never allowed to carry guns or engage with any criminals. Members just report what they see and are notified by their Neighborhood patrol Officer of problem areas or events in the neighborhood. Members also report street lights out for repair and receive monthly crime stats for the neighborhood.

The next training dass for Citizens on Patrol will be Saturday April 17 at the Fort Worth Police Academy. If you have an interest in fighting crime in Fairmount, please contact David Thrapp 817-734-3403 thrappville@sbcglobal.netto enroll in the next dass.



#### News you need to know:

Cell Phone Numbers go public this month and that could cost you. Call 888-382-1222 from the phone you wish to have blocked.

Spring is around the corner, Home Tour is in a couple months and summer will be here before you know it. March is a great time to get a head start on it all.

- Check irrigation system
- Prepare planting beds for flowers and fertilize budding plants
- Deadhead spent bulb blossoms
- Plant Petunias in early March
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#### **OUTSIDE YOUR OLD HOUSE**

The sun is shining! Did you think it would never happen again? I was certainly beginning to think so. As I'm writing this cheerful yellow daffodils all over Fairmount are in bloom as are the white daffy down dillies. Flowering Quince and Forsythia too are putting forth their spring display along with woods violets and, of course, the pansies

which have kept us company all winter. Soon the iris and redbuds will add their color, followed by all the other spring shrubs and flowers. If you haven't been in your garden unburying your seedlings from their cover of last year's leaves, get going! Leave the mulch but gently rake the left over leaves out of your beds. You can mulch them or add them to the compost. Be sure your iris rhizomes aren't too buried. Their tops should be ex-



posed and they should have good drainage to bloom well and stay healthy.

Cut off the dead stalks of perennial flowers—you should be seeing seedlings coming out at ground level up to 6 inches on phlox, larkspur, asters, columbine and Monarda. Is your compost bin full? Check and see if you've got a supply of compost to spread on your beds. Work it in if you can and give it a week or two to add its richness to your soil. If you've never done a soil test, this is a good time. You'll want to know the alkalinity of your soil as well as the rates of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash or potassium in your soil. Using a complete fertilizer like compost or manure helps be sure your soil has all the micronutrients it needs also. Mulches, which are so important to help retain moisture in the soil and keep plant roots protected, use nitrogen to break down. In the early years of a garden bed, this can mean you need to add just nitrogen to your garden. Just be sure not to overdo and give yourself a lot of green with little fruit or flower production.

Work coffee grounds into the beds around acid loving plants like azaleas, camellias, hydrangeas or gardenias and/or water them with vinegar water at a rate of 1 teaspoon per gallon. Our soil tends to run to alkaline at 7.0 to 7.5 which makes it overly alkaline so acid loving plants will need extra help to look their best.

Have you added a rain barrel yet? I wish I had one at every downspout when I think about the water bills I'll have in July and August.

This is the most lush time of year for a garden. Enjoy it!

PS—In case you're wondering, the birds are American Goldfinches in full regalia. It's taken years to get them. Aren't they gorgeous?

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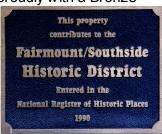
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#### **Coming Events**

8 pm \$15 April 2 **MONK! Live Music** April3 **Chocolate Workshop** 1-3 pm \$30 **Details TBA** April 10 **House Party: Live Music** May 1 **Chocolates Workshop** 1-3 pm \$30 **Arts Goggle** 5-10 pm FREE **May 15** May 22 **National Tap Dance Day** 8 pm FREE

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you!

We are sponsored by Southside Preservation Hall and get together at least once a year to participate in the Fairmount Home Tour Parade (morning of May 8<sup>th</sup>), the Ryan Place, Berkeley, and Mistletoe Heights morning 4th of July parades, and have also appeared in the Cowgirl Hall of Fame

Parade. We hardly ever practice, and have a lot of

fun!

PAINTER

In case you've managed to miss us in the past, the band sits on genuine Fairmount curb-find couches and plastic chairs on a decorated flat-bed trailer, drinking a beverage of choice between numbers in the shade of a tent & umbrellas. If we don't get enough participants to justify All-Tex's flatbed, we just hook up a trailer to a pickup truck. We play



about 6 songs that are at medium high school level. We need folks who play all types of marching band instru-

ments, especially trumpets, drums and cymbals. If you are interested, contact Sue McLean at <a href="mailto:sue.mclean@att.net">sue.mclean@att.net</a>. (We're called "Greater" Fairmount because several of the members do not live in Fairmount, so pass the word!)

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#### FLAGS OVER FAIRMOUNT

If you're new to the neighborhood then you may not have seen the neighborhood flag display yet. It's a little neighborhood promotion started several years ago by wonderful, patriotic neighbors in Fairmount. Several people liked the flags that were out, and wanted to know if they could help add more. Well, be careful for what you wish for in Fair-

mount because it might happen!

The current 120 American flags will go back up for this summer's national holidays and special events. If you would like to add flags to the light pole near your house, the cost for 2 flags, bracket, and attachment hardware, storage, and putting up and down for the summer is \$25.00 per light pole. The Fairmount Neighborhood Association will store all flags courtesy of Southside Preservation Association, and display them for all national holidays and special Fairmount events. If you're not sure if flags go on your nearby light pole, look for the bracket on the pole. Some of

your neighbors have bought their whole block flags. Feeling especially patriotic? Volunteer to help put flags up for home tour Thursday evening May 6. It only takes about 45 minutes with 2 trucks.

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#### MEETING MINUTES—FEBRUARY 23, 2010

Ricky Pike led the meeting in the absence of the President

**NPO Joel Stary**: Free woman's personal protection class – information at www.protectinglives.org Next class is April 13th at 7pm, reserv ations required. Introduced Crimeview where you can do your own neighborhood crime. Quiet since burglars were arrested on January 5th. Recent arson of vehicle was domestic quarrel. FWSouth hired MPI Security Patrol which includes Fairmount from Magnolia to Allen - Fri, Sat, Sun 8pm – 4am. They drive marked white dodge Nitros with yellow lights.

Code Officers Oscar Reyes/Shelli Garcia: Safety Neighborhood Initiative – special detail in certain area of Fairmount about to start – looking for code and animal violations. Will give 10 day warnings, citation if not abated, not sure when it will begin. No citations will be given for brush piles due to snow storm. March 13, is next Code Ranger class

Ricky gave Serena's report – Need volunteers to help plant trees along Allen Ave. Saturday March 6th, meet at 9 a.m. at 1712 Sixth Avenue. For those who have signed upforfree parkway trees, trees can be picked up Saturday March 6th at 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at 1712 Sixth Avenue. See Greg Taylorfor welcome packets, let him know if you have new neighbors

**David** – y ard sale 4/17/10

Sean – City will no longer install speed humps as they are cost prohibitive. February Social at Mama Mia's was well attended. Next traffic calming meeting coming up soon. Signatures needed from residents on 5th & Henderson between Allen & Magnolia before new street lights can be installed

Sue - no agenda yet for March HCLC meeting

Sara Lynch – Home Tour report, all houses have been chosen, looking for location for winedown, T-shirts for sale in advance, volunteers needed

Aaron Segal – Samaritan House sponsored event, Joe's Run March 27th, 8am. 10K is finished by 8:40. \$18 to enter or cheer them on from the curb. Also at College and Alston, "Sing Fort Worth" bands performing in Magnolia Green benefiting "Doctors Without Borders" for Haiti relief. Yucatan Taco Stand opens 10:15am with half-price Margaritas.

**Michael Folz** – with the Census Bureau has 400 temporary job openings, soon 1400 more, 37 people from this area needed, veterans and wives of veterans get preference. Job testing at Samaritan House

Speaker Libby Willis from League of Neighborhoods – League is 25 years old. Strength in Numbers, mostly made up of former presidents of neighborhoods to share knowledge. Keeps abreast of City Hall agenda. Includes 290 registered neighborhood assns Adv is enew groups on how to organize. Holds gas drilling information sessions. Topic of next meeting will be on city budget. Parliamentarian training, by laws revision, board member duties. Gets neighborhood prospective on issues

#### Announcements:

Geri Cotten - City Council about to abolish Crime Control & Prevention District Board

Greg Taylor - Need more Block Captains, suggestion for inclusions in welcome packets

David Thrapp – announced time and date of memorial service for Tom Linton, recognized his partner Ted and parents in attendance

Don Maunder - City Council considering Botanic Gardens privatization, encourage Joel Burns to postpone for Citizen input

**Jerry Hawkins** gave out doorprizes in absence of Director of Promtions – prizes included Jerry's yard-raised fresh eggs and fresh ground coffee courtesy of Paul Allen (who also donates prepared coffee at the meetings)

Sue McLean, in absence of Secretary



### **FAIRMOUNT PLUMBING**

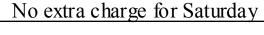
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#### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

March 1, 2009

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the last meeting - 7:05, sent via email, motion to accept, seconded, carried Director's Reports -7:10

• Director of Home Tour - Sara Lynch/Christen White

Artwork for poster, t-shirts, tickets, etc. has been finalized. Waiting on sponsor logos. 4 sponsors so far. Tribute to Tom Linton, who drew the beautiful drawings of each home on tour for many years, is being planned. Drawings for 7 homes are finalized. Each original drawing will go to the homeowners on tour. 3 new banners are being planned. Advertising deadline is end of March. John Murphy will email new sletter advertisers list to Sara and Christen.

Director of Finance - Chewy

\$40,926.53 in bank account. Separate account has been set up for the community garden. This will keep garden expenses completely separate from FNA expenses.

Director of Administration - Serena

Trees for Allen update. Recycling at Staples information.

• Director of Historic Preservation - Sue

New landmark cases: new 2 story house going in at 1722 Lipscomb, 1916 S Adams wants to build a garage, 1315 7th window issue, Mehl building wind turbine.

Director of Public Safety - David

Yard Sale April 17th. Checking into getting "real" signs for event. Fallen tree in greenspace called in to Forestry. No feedback from code run email that was sent out. COP meets the third Monday of month. Magnolia security vehicle on weekends will come down to Allen. Checking on lights on Magnolia. HT banner up for Joe's Run.

Director of Communication - John

His term will be up in August. He would like to find someone who is interested in taking over the new sletter so that the switch over will go smoothly. Person will need to know Microsoft Publisher and Adobe Photoshop.

• Director of Infrastructure - Sean

April 10 Cow town Clean Up. Posted info on website and through constant contact. Green Space spinklers will be checked out in the next month. Looking for homeowners who want to host the monthly social hour. Will send out a constant contact. Between 40 and 70 attend. Streetlight signatures are done except for 5th Avenue. Big thank you to Greg Taylor for getting all those signatures. City has started to mark parkways for streetlights. Sean would like to have TX Dot do a complete street plan for Fairmount that encompasses biking, pedestrian, and car traffic.

Old Business - 7:45-8:10

- Holiday party proceeds will present to College Ave Baptist church at next general meeting.
- Curb Change Color-painter will use burgundy paint once brown runs out.
- Signage- City has the check. Prototype is supposed to arrive by end of week.

New Business - 8:10 -8:30

- City Insurance Requirements FNA may potentially be faced with having to have insurance. Chewy would like to address insurance needs in the new August budget. Discussed the idea of creating a policy that covers multiple neighborhoods as a pool to share the cost.
- Legal Services- Discussed the possibility of having a law yer on retainer when issues come up in the neighborhood.
- Checking into street cleaners to go along Allen.
   Adjourned 8:30
- —Serena Keeler



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keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house. It works if you park in your driveway or gar-



age. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.



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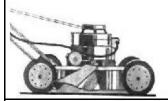
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# FAIRMOUNT HOME TOUR KICK OFF PARADE

Plans for the 2010 Home Tour Parade are in the works! Let's make this Parade the best yet.

- If you have any ideas on what you think should be in the Parade;
- If you know anyone who wants to be in the Parade;
- OR IF YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FLOAT IN THE PARADE,

Please let us know!!

Let's have a bit of friendly competition! I know Fairmount residents are very creative - show us what you've got.

NO Entry Fee.

Parade is Saturday May 8, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. (line up starts at 9:00 at Henderson and Magnolia).

If you don't participate - you at least have to watch it. Let everyone know.

Main viewing areas will be Magnolia between College and 5th - Fairmount South of Allen to Mitchell and College from Lilac to Magnolia.

Information/Ideas? Contact Pat Bradley at 817-915-5436 or patmik91@swbell.net



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#### THANKS OLD HOME SUPPLY

For the last many summers Old Home Supply (1801 Collage Ave) has been once a week cutting the grass in the Green Space on Allen at 5th. Old Home Supply continues to support the Neighborhood and is very much appreciated in making Fairmount a better place to live. Next time you're in Old Home Supply, tell Ralph how good the Green Space is looking.

If you have a green thumb, the two flower beds between 5th and S. Henderson have been adopted by the neighborhood association. There is a sprinkler system to the North side of Allen for plants that require it. The South side of Allen Ave has been left for Native Texas Plants and is not irrigated. The corner of S. Adams at W. Allen remains to be developed. This is a great place to express your gardening talents and everyone is welcome to express your green thumb at anytime.

Contact David Thrapp 817-734-3403 to arrange for the community service guys from Southside Preservation Association to help with your gardening project. The Fairmount Neighborhood association has set aside a small budget for the Green Space if you have a plan you would like to present to continue to enhance Allen Ave. or Fairmount's other parks.

—David Thrapp

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T-Shirts are \$15.00\* Shirt Color: Black Shirt Style: Hanes, 4.6 oz, Cotton

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XXXL\*

(\*Please add \$1.00 for XXL & XXXL Shirts)

Make checks Payable to: Fairmount Neighborhood Association







#### FAIRMOUNT NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

Sponsored by the Fairmount Neighborhood Association wwwhistoricfairmount.com

April 17, 2010



The 11th annual neighborhood yard sale is open for participation to all residents of the neighborhood on their property. You make the sale, you keep the cash. One big neighborhood sale will allow the neighborhood to maximize the number of customers to dear out all our old stuff. Sale will go on rain or shine.

FEE: \$7.00 per sale location

The Fee covers:

- News paper advertising for 2 days city wide for Saturday's sale (size of ad depends on number participating).
- Listing on Craig's list
- Signs on sale day around neighborhood perimeter. I
  will this year be purchasing some new professional
  looking signs to be placed on the neighborhood boundary. You will need a sign in your yard.
- City Permit is taken care of for you.
- Yard Sale announcement flier hand delivered to all 1500 residents in Fairmount.
- Yard Sale Participants receive a list of all sale locations to be given to customers. Your prompt fee payment ensures your address is listed on the master yard sale list.

Sign Contest: To make this fun, each sale location is asked to place a sign in front of their property on the sale day. Be creative! Add balloons, streamers, glitter, or a scare crow. Make it BIG and bright! Prizes will be awarded on originality; display and over-all curb appeal. Please send your fee of \$7 as soon as possible to David Thrapp 1418 Washington Ave. with your name, address, and email address. For more information 817-734-3403 or thrappville@sbcglobal.net.

Any remaining proceeds from this event will go to support the neighborhood flag fund. 28th annual

# FAIRMOUNT HOME TOUR

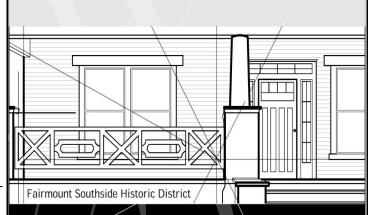
May 8th-9th, 2010 Noon - 6pm Advanced Tickets \$10
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#### 2010 FAIRMOUNT TOUR OF HOMES

Mother's Day Weekend 2010 Home tour benefits the neighborhood Volunteers needed

Home Tour won't work without you. To volunteer, just contact us. We promise that you will have so much fun getting involved with Home Tour! volunteers get a free ticket to the tour and are invited to the Wine Down Celebration.

All proceeds from the Home Tour help revitalize the neighborhood. Don't miss out!

If you would like additional information, please contact our Home Tour Directors, Sara Lynch and Christen White sara.p.lynch@gmail.com—christen.white@gmail.com



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#### MARCH YARD OF THE MONTH: 2256 5TH AVENUE

Seven-foot Bloodgood Japanese Maples flank each side of the brick walkway and frame the red double french doors.

Yellow and purple pansies brighten the wintery landscape, their green tiny leaves crowding and spilling over the moss-covered stones that line the front beds.

The edges of the beds are balanced on the south side by a weeping Crimson Queen Japanese Maple, and on the north side by a crepe myrtle that drips with fuschia blossoms in the late spring.

The beds are filled with unstructured

Indian Hawthorn and Gardenia bushes. Each bed contains trailing Rosemary bushes, adding not only a lovely piney fragrance, but also texture to the landscape.

The front yard trees provide wonderful and much-needed shade in the summer and natural art in the winter. A leaning pecan tree arches toward the house. A Mesquite tree provides branches for the occasional owl and the frequent squirrel. A three-year-old Live Oak happily grows near the street growing several inches taller each year.

Daniel has owned the home since 1997, and is almost a lifelong Fairmount resident—he moved here with his family in 1977. His wife Jennifer joined the Fairmount neighborhood in 2005, and is slowly converting their 105-year-old home into a cozy hobbit hole. The family's two dogs, Samwise Gamgee and Pelon Huelemal, and two kitties, Jewels B. Hairball and Puzzleface K. Copperpot, keep things exciting around the Hernandez household.



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Sue MdLean 817-924-6100
Geri Cotton 817-926-6507
David Thrapp 817-923-4807
FMCops@att.net.

COP meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6pm at the police station 1000 Magnolia Ave.

#### RECYCLING PROGRAM

I am looking for someone who might want to take our recycling program over. At the monthly meetings, I collect cell phones, PDA's and ink cartridges. When I have collected enough, I send them in. Fairmount Neighborhood Association then receives a check. I also recycle fluorescent light bulbs and batteries and take these to the city collection center near I-30 and 820. If this is something you could take on, please contact Serena at serena@bytemap.net or 817-825-3886.

# JOIN THE FAIRMOUNT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION!

Why Join?

- Get this newsletter delivered to your doorstep 11 times a year!
- Know what's going on in Fairmount and the City that will affect you and your property!
- Make your voice heard on neighborhood issues!
- Meet old and new friends at members-only parties!
   Annual dues are \$15 per individual, \$20 per family, or \$20 per business.

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

membership@historicfairmount.com

Name:
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I have lived in Fairmount for years.
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Membership has its privileges—just ask your neighbor!

#### FORT WORTH CITY CONTACTS



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City Council	817.392.6193
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Oscar.Reyes@fortworthgov.org	
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NPO Joel Stary 817.944.1316	
Joel.Stary@fortworthgov.org	
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#### **ADVERTISE IN THE FAIRMOUNT FLYER**

Contact John Murphy at fairmountnewsletter@gmail.com. Items must be received by the 10th of the month.

#### **Monthly Rates**

Classified Ad Give-A-Ways	Free
Classified Ad For Sale Items	\$5.00
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We're on the Web!

http://www.historicfaimount.com



http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=52455614262



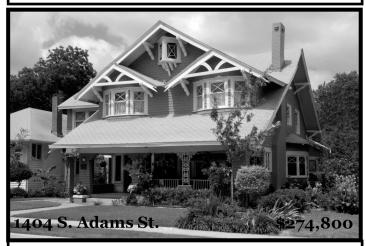
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# Joel Burns' Fairmount Real Estate Report



#### **Real Estate Market is Active with Buyers & Sellers**

Real Estate activity is up, and it should continue to rise with the peak months of March and April around the corner. Considering listing your home? Now is a good time to get it ready before the spring weather brings out interested buyers. Don't forget the tax credit for first time home buyers and current home owners expires April 30th. Call me at 817-RESULTS (737-8587) to talk about the Fairmount real estate market and what I can do to help you get your home ready.



**SIGNIFICANT PRICE REDUCTION:** Don't miss an opportunity to see this Fairmount gem. With 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, and 2731 sq ft, there is ample space inside this Recorded Texas Historic Landmark. The foundation, plumbing, electrical, and more have all been completely redone. Call me today for a private showing or more information: 817-737-8587.

#### Recent Fairmount Sales (03/10)

Call for sales information and comparables.

1969 Lipscomb St.	2488'	5/3	7 days on market
2108 Fairmount Ave.	1354'	3/1	12 days on market
1405 6th Ave.	1688'	3 / 2½	16 days on market
2105 Washington Ave.	1547'	2 / 2½	25 days on market
1315 S. Lake St.	1531'	3/1	29 days on market
2019 Alston Ave.	1425'	2/1	258 days on market

Active Fairmount Listings (03/10)						
1714 S. Henderson St.	4918'	4/4	\$499,000			
1212 S. Adams St.	2039'	4/3	\$339,500			
1208 S. Adams St.	2014'	3/2½	\$329,500			
1202 Lipscomb St.	2351'	2/2½	\$319,000			
1801 5th Ave.	2870'	5/3	\$307,000			
916 Magnolia Green Dr.	2265'	2/2½	\$305,000			
1140 S. Adams St.	2019'	3/3½	\$299,900			
1206 S. Adams St.	1841'	2/2½	\$299,500			
1214 S. Adams St.	1738'	2/2½	\$289,500			
1404 S. Adams St	2731'	4/2½	\$274,800			
1132 S. Adams St.	1726'	3/3½	\$273,000			
1128 S. Adams St.	1726'	3/3½	\$267,000			
1519 Washington Ave.	2100'	2/2½	\$249,900			
1407 Lipscomb St.	2600'	4/2½	\$249,000			
2205 Lipscomb St.	2556'	3/2	\$240,000			
1824 5th Ave.	1983'	3/2	\$239,900			
1720 Washington Ave.	1990'	3/2	\$229,900			
2223 5th Ave.	1820'	3/3	\$225,000			
2216 College Ave.	1858'	2/2	\$220,000			
2242 6th Ave.	3008'	4/3	\$214,900			
1940 5th Ave.	1653'	2/2	\$199,900			
1824 Hurley Ave.	2315'	3/2	\$199,900			
1601 S. Henderson St.	2147'	3/2½	\$198,900			
1419 Lipscomb St.	1888'	3/2	\$198,000			
1727 Washington Ave.	1528'	3/2	\$179,900			
2116 6th Ave.	2353'	4/2	\$179,900			
2252 Washington Ave.	1866'	3/1½	\$175,000			
1956 Alston Ave.	1728'	2/1	\$169,900			
1516 Washington Ave.	1724'	3/2	\$168,000			
2244 Hurley Ave.	1332'	2/2	\$167,000			
1905 S. Adams St.	1204'	2/2	\$149,900			
1607 Hurley Ave.	1792'	2/1	\$149,000			
2230 5th Ave.	1251'	2/1	\$132,000			
2246 Washington Ave.	1442'	3/2	\$127,000			
1808 S. Adams St.	1232'	4/2	\$119,900			
1715 Alston Ave.	1299'	3/1	\$119,000			
1328 5th Ave.	2030'	4/2	\$105,000			
1603 S. Adams St.	1768'	3/2½	\$99,000			
1504 S. Lake St.	1310'	3/2	\$87,000			
1921 Hurley Ave.	1572'	3/3	\$87,000			
1712 Washington Ave.	1422'	3/1½	\$69,900			

#### Fairmount Tour of Homes 2010

The 2010 Fairmount Tour of Homes begins Mother's Day Weekend. The tour highlights anywhere from six to ten houses that have preserved the historic architecture and heritage of the past. Don't miss a chance to tour these beautiful homes.





After starting my real estate career at another brokerage, I joined Virginia Cook because I believed then, as I do now, that Virginia Cook provides me the professional resources to best service my clients and that we comprise the best real estate office in Fort Worth.

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