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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Well, we did it; sort of. By the time the newsletter is delivered we will have closed a contract to purchase 1405 Fairmount. Thanks to numerous hours put in by Susan Harper and a great Fairmount Restoration Committee, the Fairmount Neighborhood Association (FNA) saved one of its most endangered houses. I hope everyone realizes what a huge accomplishment this is and its impact. Please see Susan's article for more information.

I cannot express how proud and impressed I am by the people in Fairmount that make things like saving a house possible. We have some true movers and shakers among our membership and the results of their influence is being felt, seen and admired throughout Fairmount. I am wonderfully optimistic about the things to come in the next few years due to the confidence I have in them and all the other residents in Fairmount and their abilities. The spirit in our neighborhood and the willingness to overcome differences, work together and work toward a common goal is, in my opinion, very similar to the first settlers in the Plymouth colony who did the same and sparked the beginning of a new nation. Our legacy will never be that of theirs, but the impact people have when they care about their environment, both built and natural, and work to improve that environment, is just amazing. Although it's corny, every time I participate, witness, or hear about another improvement in Fairmount, I can't help singing the theme song to "The Jeffersons," "Movin' on Up." Change the lyrics from East Side to South Side and it fits perfectly!

The members and residents of Fairmount have much to be proud of, much to laud themselves over and much to thank their neighbors for. 2010 has been an eventful year. We've lost some treasured residents and friends, seen some come back after short and long absences, and seen a wonderful influx of new blood into our neighborhood and membership. I'm especially impressed with the new board and all the positive impact they have already had on our neighborhood association. Please be sure to thank them for their time and effort.



I'd like to encourage our residents who aren't yet members of the neighborhood association to join this coming year. We are only as strong as our diversity, and the more members we have the more diverse and the stronger we will be. Please contribute your talents and time to help Fairmount continue to be the BEST neighborhood in Fort Worth.

On the Cover

Kelly (left) and Jason Bowden, Fairmount residents, prepare for the holidays. The Bowdens will host the Fairmount Holiday Party. See more page 6.

Photo by Eric Luecker

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

Is parking a vehicle across the sidewalk and blocking that sidewalk illegal?

Sec. 22-178.

Stopping, standing and parking prohibited in certain places.

(a) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device, no person shall:

(1) Stop, stand or park a vehicle:

- a. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping;
- b. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
- c. On a sidewalk;
- d. Within an intersection;
- e. On a crosswalk;
- f. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless

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a different length is indicated by signs or markings;

g. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;

h. Upon a bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel; or

i. On any railroad track

As you can see from the excerpt taken from the Fort Worth city ordinances, the answer to the question is yes it is illegal to park a vehicle on a sidewalk or to block a sidewalk with a parked vehicle. I know that this issue has been discussed in the neighborhood for several years and

I just want to make sure that everyone is on the same page.

In the last newsletter it stated that you will be fined for doing this and that Code Enforcement is going to be enforcing this policy.

Code Enforcement does have the right to issue citations for this, but typically the police will respond and make the decision to issue citations when parking violations are called in. We do have discretion with regard to issuing parking citations, just as we do with traffic citations.

However, if you have been approached by a police officer or code enforcement officer and been warned not to park on the sidewalk, then a citation will be issued if the problem persists.

I hope that this clears up any questions regarding this matter and/or any frustrations related to this issue. If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Crime Free Multi-Housing Program *by Joel Stary, neighborhood patrol officer*

Program aims to keep illegal activity off rental property

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program (CFMH) began in Mesa, Arizona in July, 1992. The specific goal of the program was to combat crime infested apartment properties.

The program was so successful that it spread across the United States and Canada very quickly. It is now an international program run in many different countries.

The CFMH program is a three-phase certification program for rental properties of all sizes, including single family rental homes.

Phases include: An eight hour class for owners/staff taught by attorneys, police and fire personnel, inspection of the rental property to assess physical security and general appearance and crime prevention social.

A large part of the success of this program is that property owners, managers and staff are taught how to combat crime through securing the property properly and being able to recognize what could be illegal activity.

Another major component is that these individuals are able to take control of their properties by understanding the civil statutes that are needed to evict a tenant that is involved in criminal activity or allow-

ing criminal activity to take place on the property.

The program has a built in Crime Free Lease Addendum that is recognized by the local courts and legal once the property has completed the three phases of the program.

The lease addendum holds all tenants responsible for their actions and the actions of others that they allow on the property.

We are seeing crime reduction on all properties within the city of Fort Worth that have been certified through this program.

If you or someone one you know is interested in having a property certified please contact NPO Officer Mark Russell at 817.991.8472. His office is located at 1289 Hemphill St.



Citizen Theater coming to Fairmount

by Sue McLean, Director of Historic Preservation

James Johnson and Amy McNutt of Spiral Diner fame have announced groundbreaking in the spring on Magnolia between 7th and Fairmount Avenues for The Citizen Theater.

The Citizen will be a two-screen art house theater with the same genre of movies that the Angelica in Dallas shows. They will also have midnight cult films and retrospective series which would feature an afternoon of back-to-back movies of one certain theme, director or actor. Jack Panzeca will be the Citizen's cinema consultant.

Because the location is a part of the Fairmount Southside Historic District,

For more information
visit the Citizen Theater website
<http://thecitizentheater.com>

Fairmount has some control over what the building will look like. After a meeting with Amy, we were very pleased with their ideas for an art deco style building at the street with parking in back. They will also be getting access to more nearby parking.

Architect Joe Self of Firm 817 is the building designer, with interiors by Kara Keith (interior designer of The Usual).

The theater will serve beer and wine

and Spiral Diner desserts.

Ticket prices will be comparable to those at first-run movie theaters.

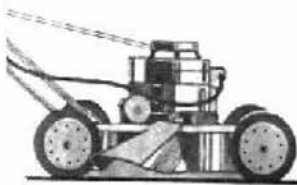
Opening is expected in late 2011, and since this will be an independent theater, not a chain with deep pockets, investors are still needed.

See the Citizen Theater website for more information at <http://thecitizentheater.com>. As soon as the design plans are finalized they will be available for viewing online.

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SOCIETY

by Jane Wedding, Director of Finance



Fabulous party

The social season in Fairmount kicked off with a splendid party that was held on Oct. 23 at the home of Kelly and Jason Bowden. Many a guest was impressed with the beautiful decorating of the home, especially when considering the fact that the Bowden's had just moved into their new home in September. Guests were asked to bring wine and appetizers to share, and what a bounty it was. Some of the more delectable culinary delights were a pizza topped with tomatoes, basil and goat cheese and bowl full of perfectly delicious homemade guacamole. A chocolate

cake that adorned the dessert table provided anyone who chose to partake with a little slice of chocolate heaven. Live music wafted through the home courtesy of vocalists who played an acoustic guitar and stand-up bass. There were small tables throughout the home which provided intimacy for small groups and also made it easy for guests to drift around and mingle.

The Fairmount Neighborhood Association Holiday Party will be held at the Bowden home Saturday, Dec. 18. And although there will be many excellent parties thrown in neighborhood this holiday season, the neighborhood holiday party is "the" social event of the season. The Bowden's home is destined to become one of the crown jewels of the neighborhood, so don't miss your chance to see this beautiful home — one that is such a fine example of a historic tribute.



Halloween

Mother Nature cooperated marvelously and provided an excellent Halloween this year. The weather was perfect — cool with just enough wind to blow the leaves around. Highlights of the evening included the costumes of the Gulde family who dressed as characters from *Alice in Wonderland*. Dad was the Mad Hatter, mom was the Queen of Hearts, their daughter was Alice, their son was the White Rabbit and the baby was the Cheshire Cat. The White Rabbit even recited some lines from the story, "I'm late! I'm late...."

Lynda and Martin Dahl thrilled trick-or-treaters passing by their home on Henderson with flaming pumpkins. Martin meticulously carved lots of pumpkins. And during the evening he periodically placed one on a pedestal and then set it aflame. A truly spooktacular sight to behold!



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IT'S *Party* TIME

JOIN JASON AND KELLY BOWDEN
AS THEY HOST THE FAIRMOUNT HOLIDAY PARTY
Saturday, Dec. 18, 6-9 p.m. — 1714 S. Henderson St.

BYOB and Potluck

by Tabitha Tow Burns

Fairmount is gearing up for the annual neighborhood holiday party, and this is especially true for the 2010 party hosts, Jason and Kelly Bowden. The Bowdens are known for their fabulous parties and their hosting savoir-faire and the neighborhood will surely benefit from this year's preparations. When asked about what inspires them during the holidays, Kelly said, "[We] love décor at Christmas time. We appreciate Christmas trees in all of our rooms and wreaths on every window. We really enjoy decorating and entertaining at the holidays." With five bedrooms upstairs and just as many rooms downstairs, the Bowden house is sure to be a treat for the senses during the holidays.

Be sure to attend the Fairmount Holiday Party. The party will be held at 1714 S. Henderson St., Saturday, Dec. 18 from 6-9 p.m. All Fairmount Neighborhood Association (FNA) members are welcome. Admission is a \$10 donation at the door which will be donated to charity.

Please bring a potluck dish to share and a beverage of your choice. Also, remember to bring money to renew your membership dues which end in December, or sign up if you are not a member. Membership is \$15 per individual and \$20 per family. Cash or checks are welcome.

For more membership information or to download the membership application, click the Join Us link on the FNA website at www.historicfairmount.com.



Photo by Eric Luecker

Kelly (left) and Jason Bowden, Fairmount residents, decorate for the holidays. The Bowdens will host the Fairmount holiday party Dec. 18.

Holiday Decorating Contest

Let Fairmount shine this holiday season by decorating the outside of your home in your own unique style.

Judging will be the night of Sunday, Dec. 19.

The winner will receive Yard of the Month for January and a \$35 gift certificate from CC's Touch of Nature. Photos of the winner will be available online following judging at www.historicfairmount.com.

Santa in the Park

Santa will arrive in Fairmount Park,
(north of Allen Avenue between 5th and Henderson)

Saturday, Dec. 11, 3-4:30 p.m.

The event is free for all neighborhood children.

Children may visit with Santa and light refreshments will be provided. JOIN US!

FNA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010

Call to Order 7:05

New members: new members representing Henderson, Sixth, College and Washington streets were introduced. Welcome!

Safety and Cleanup:

Joel Stary
Joel asked members to let him know what topics should be included for his newsletter columns next year (joel.stary@fortworthgov.org).

Crime stats are up, as seen in the e-mail Joel sent out earlier in the month. Vehicle burglary continues to be a problem, with restaurant parking lots a favorite target.

Joel wants to get business owners together (as Paul Paine is doing) to address crime and crime prevention concerns. Joel anticipates more walk-through activity in the neighborhood resulting from services offered to the homeless (food distribution, etc.) via organizations on Hemphill. Joel reminded attendees that if a person appears suspicious, call it in to 911 to ensure a faster response. Robert added that the FNA has been approached by a church organization to speak with the board concerning their NEZ application for a building to house a food/clothing center, dental clinic and other services.

Announcements

Halloween decorating contest — 25 houses were worthy of note! Winner was 2216 Hurley. 2nd place was 2231 5th, and 3rd place was 2212 Lipscomb. Our Director of Marketing and his wife, Ricky and Ann Pike, won an Honorable Mention (as board member, Ricky could not be considered for an award). Congratulations to all, and sincere thanks to everyone who participated in making our neighborhood a little more fun!

A reminder to everyone to leave their porch lights on, and to report streetlight outages.

Sally announced a Fairmount family activity (see Meetup.com for more information) that currently consists of meeting on Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. to enjoy a walk around Fairmount. This type of networking can grow and result

in new friendships and activities for residents.

Reports from Directors

1. Ricky (Membership) — working on the Christmas party details (Dec. 18, location TBA). Thanks to Paul Allen for the coffee, and thanks to all who brought food last month.
2. Jane (Finance) — discussion occurred regarding budget changes as identified on the distributed budget. Motion to approve budget by Susan Harper, second by Patti Randle. Approved.
3. Greg (Administration) — requested help identifying neighbors who might provide a short presentation during meetings about interesting hobbies, experiences, activities, talents, etc.
4. Geri (Public Safety) — HEAT program is available to put stickers on cars that give police permission to stop the car during specified hours to verify that the individual driving it has permission to do so.
5. Sean (Infrastructure) — look at the website for information about upcoming projects. Allen Ave cleanup will be performed in November before Thanksgiving. Daffodils will be planted along Allen in the next few weeks (what a sight that will be in the spring!).
6. Stacy (Communications) — the next newsletter is the combined November/December issue. Please submit articles and pictures — make the newsletter a real reflection of the neighborhood! Since this issue will be delivered to every home in the neighborhood, please contact Robert if you would like to assist in the delivery.
7. Sue (Historic Preservation) - Citizen Theater is planning construction of an art house theatre on Fairmount and Magnolia, and will show films similar to the Angelica Theater genre in Dallas (www.thecitizenstheater.com). The Landmarks Commission has granted approval for new composite porch flooring material to be used on historical houses. Quarles Lumber can provide treated lumber for porches as an alternative.
8. Brenda (Promotions) — please promote the neighborhood whenever

possible. The next neighborhood social is Wednesday November 17th at Park Place Pharmacy.

Other: Susan (Restoration Committee) — the Committee offered a contract on the Hurley property (2Br, 1B). The city cannot legally rescind their decision to demolish the property, but they have indicated that they will work to give us time to stabilize the property and save it from demolition. We have received a quote to stabilize “watertight” the building and prevent further water damage. The HCI grant is not yet fully developed, but is actively in process. A possible closing date is Nov. 12.

Presentations

- Donna Latta, representing Safehaven, conducted a presentation about her work against bullying. Safehaven offers shelter to victims of abuse; and Donna speaks to educators, counselors and children in local schools about bullying.
- Nikki Cheek from St. Paul Lutheran Church provided a short presentation asking how Fairmount would like to see the church get involved in the community. What kind of outreach would we like to see with respect to the church and the community?

A baked goods sale, coordinated by Patti Randle and benefitting the Tarrant Area Food Bank, netted \$144 for the Food Bank. Add the \$25 raised last month, plus an anonymous donation of \$50, and that brings the total to \$219. Add to that 180 pounds of donated food, and Fairmount has provided about 1300 meals to hungry people in our area. Thanks to Patti for her work coordinating the event, thanks to Jerry for acting as auctioneer, thanks to all who donated the wonderful baked goods, and thanks to those who generously bid on the bake sale items.

Jerry gave out restaurant gift card door prizes from National Night Out, and plants and eggs from this month's regular door prizes.

Meeting adjourned 8:15

FNA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Nov. 2

Present: Geri C, Brenda H, Sean L, Sue M, Ricky P, Greg T, Jane W, Robert W **Unavailable:** Stacy L

Advisory Committee: Mickey B, Fred H, Patti R

Call to Order 7:00

Approve minutes of last meeting

Motion to approve: Sue M

Second: Ricky P

Approved

Director's Reports

Finance (Jane W)

- \$19,629 in checking, \$9,677 in savings, \$15,253 in CD. No outstanding bills. Income 9/1 to 10/31= \$1,949.59, expenses = \$1635.27
- Consider for future activity to request from IRS change in fiscal reporting year.
- Will establish a separate account for use by Restoration Committee to account for all co-mingled funds (BCI, etc).

Administration (Greg T)

- Discussion of FNA member who requested opportunity to speak at a general membership meeting, and was decided that request was for an issue not germane to the mission of the FNA.
- Additional Interesting Fairmount Familiars speakers identified.

Historic Preservation (Sue M)

- 1407 Lipscomb: 2-story 3-car garage
- 1409 Henderson: removing original front door
- 1908 Fairmount: new 2-story house and 2-story 3-car garage

Promotion (Brenda H)

- Identification of magazines for Home Tour advertising is underway, but finding how to advertise in them is difficult.
- Suggestions needed for Yard Of The Month.
- Discussion of replacing Yard of the Month in December with recognition of seasonal decorations. Will advertise that we will have a decorating contest.

Public Safety (Geri)

- Possible Code Blue class before

January, but will have to verify.

- Dates for 2011 Code Blue classes will have to be placed in the next newsletter.
- Discussion of contacting Joel Stary to discuss how to recognize or characterize increase in petty crime due to food handout activity by organizations on Hemphill. Are crime stats available as a benchmark? Can we correlate criminal activity with days on which handouts occur?

Communications (Stacy L)

- No report

Membership (Ricky P)

- no report

Infrastructure (Sean L)

- Allen St. clean up this Saturday (Nov. 6)
- Park adoption plans progressing — working with city to address issues. Still need to address irrigation issues.
- Getting bids from local residents for park upkeep

Old Business

1405 Fairmount — earnest money deposited, closing set for Nov. 19. Approval to receive funding from HCI verified, but details are still to be worked out. Suggested profit split, should there be any profit, is 50/50. Working on getting volunteers to help clean house perimeter and garage area.

Christmas Party — Kelly and Jason Bowden (1714 Henderson) have volunteered to host party. Date set for Dec. 18, 6 to 9 p.m. Board will supply meat. BYOB and pot luck for all other. Admission price of \$10, members only — proceeds will be given to College Ave. Baptist Church. Decided against a silent auction. Will need to verify if blackjack (tables and dealers) is a possibility. Door prizes will require donations. Suggestion to have a piano player, and perhaps an individual to act as DJ. Discussion of need to arrive early to setup.

Home Tour — Chelsea Thorton and Ashley Paz have agreed to act as directors.

1516 Hemphill — 1st Presbyterian has received authorization to operate a food/clothing donation/handout center that will also offer dental care and legal advice. It will not be a shelter. 1st Presbyterian representatives will meet with Robert and other board members to discuss their plans. The Board's discussion centered around impact of traffic and people in the neighborhood, and how the church is prepared to address issues with the operation. Fred H. has volunteered to draft a letter notifying the Presbyterian Synod of the Board's concerns with the center. Need to ensure that we have visibility when other future organizations have plans to develop similar operations.

New Business

Newsletter delivery — need volunteers to help with the neighborhood-wide distribution. Robert has volunteered to coordinate activity.

Signs — will need to order enough signs (Meeting and Trash Collection signs) — two per board member.

Patti Randle, Dana Burgdoff (Ass't Director Planning/Dev. for Fort Worth) and Mistletoe Heights representatives will meet to discuss why it appears that the city has made decisions that appear to prefer demolition of properties rather than attempts to preserve them.

House Colors — discussion of possible need to address regulating house paint colors in neighborhood, similar to regulating construction. Could be accomplished by simple approval of color, or by dissemination of approved color palette. At minimum, need to ensure that Fairmount Historic Preservation Committee is available to assist owners with identifying historically appropriate colors. Need to specifically address houses with unpainted brick — perhaps sending a letter to owners of such houses about not painting brick.

**Motion to adjourn — Sean L.
Second — Brenda H.**

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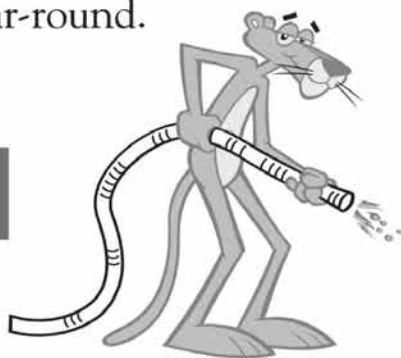


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Neighborhood food drive deemed success

by Patti Randle

Community project provides approximately 1,300 meals to families

During October and November, the Fairmount Neighborhood Association sponsored a food drive to benefit the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

At the October membership meeting, neighbors attending donated 85 pounds of food and \$25 cash. Drop-off locations were available at Old Home Supply, Old Neighborhood Grill, Finn McCool's and 1208 W. Magnolia Building. Our sincere thanks to these good neighbors for assisting in this worthy cause.

At the November meeting, Jane Wedding, Jerry Hawkins, Shirley Gober, Ashley Paz and Patti Randle brought



home-baked goods for the cake auction. Susan Harper brought home-made fudge sauce, complete with ice cream and Caryl Catalde provided a clever wine cake, a great bottle of merlot on a cake plate.

Jerry Hawkins, our auctioneer, did a fabulous job of getting the bids up, and \$165 was raised for the Food Bank from the auction.

An anonymous gift of \$50, additional food brought to the meeting and food collected from the drop-off locations resulted in a grand total of \$240 cash and

170 pounds of food donated to the Tarrant Area Food Bank. These generous gifts will provide about 1,300 meals for hungry folks in our area during the holiday season.

As always, Fairmount residents showed their generosity and dedication to the community. Thank you to everyone who participated.



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TWELVE DAYS of holiday cheer

FESTIVE EVENTS TO KICK OFF THE SEASON

by Tabitha Tow Burns

Welcome Fairmountians to my new column featuring things to eat, see and do in Fort Worth. I love to get out and about, so I'll highlight new restaurants, upcoming events and items of interest for the greater downtown area, including the Near Southside and the Upper West Side. And how lucky we are, since December is a great time to begin.

For me, the holidays bring the beauty of Advent, sparkling decor and lots — *and lots* of family. Now, in the interest of the one who brought me into this world — I'd like to issue a disclaimer before I dive into my usual tongue-in-cheek humor. Family is great. I love my family, and I'm lucky to be surrounded with wonderful loved ones. But even happy families have their, shall we say, light drama — and some folks have full soap operas. Anyone who's been told that your bourbon-soaked uncle is "resting" (even though his Navy tattoo reads 'Born to Party') knows that conversation can turn ugly without a few diversions. This article is for you, diversion seekers, in hopes that your holidays be joyous and drama-free. With Handel's *Messiah* at Bass Hall and A Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place, occurring early in December, what do you do for the next 24 days? Whether you're looking for seasonal cheer or a

seasonal diversion, let Tab's favorites set to the "12 Days of Christmas" be your guide.

On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me...a red-nosed reindeer who sings!

Experience the tale of Rudolph and friends as the beloved stop-motion classic soars from the TV screen to the Casa Mañana stage in this live-action world premier.

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Enjoy holiday music, string popcorn and cranberries, spin the dreidel and more! We even expect St. Nicholas to make an appearance. No reservations required. Cost is regular Village admission plus a \$2 craft fee to make a punched tin ornament.

Holidays at the Hearth

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Dec. 18

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www.logcabinvillage.org

On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me...Jolly Saint Nick on Main Street.

Come downtown for a special visit with jolly old Saint Nick on Main Street in Sundance Square. Bring your Christmas list and Santa will have a surprise waiting.

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On the fourth day of Christmas my true love sent to me...western trees with cowgirls plenty!

The trees are thematic and reflect the five categories of honorees in the Hall of Fame. Additionally — local schools are also decorating trees with patriotic, holiday and western themes.

The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame — Christmas Tree Exhibit

Dec. 10-31

1720 Gendy

www.cowgirl.net

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me...lots of sparkling lights to see!

Ride the T to see spectacular light displays in Fort Worth neighborhoods. Admission includes tour, photos with Santa, refreshments and family fun!

The T's Annual Light Tour**Dec. 11-12****Tours depart from Stockyards Station****817.215.8645****On the sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me...a polka band with jingling beats.**

Denton's Grammy-winning nuclear polka band brings its famed holiday show back to McDavid Studio, where the band will jingle your bells with unique takes on classic yuletide anthems, as well as a sleigh full of original Christmas tunes.

Brave Combo Holiday Extravaganza**Performance to be held in McDavid****Studio, 301 East 5th St.****Friday, Dec. 10, 8 p.m.****www.basshall.com****On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me...Scrooge, Tim, and ghosts of three!**

This is a musical version of Charles Dickens' classic tale. Scrooge discovers the true meaning of Christmas as he interacts with ghostly messengers of the past, present, and what is yet to come!

A Christmas Carol at Scott Theater**Fort Worth Community Arts Center****Dec. 17-22****817.737.KIDS****www.fwcac.com****On the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me...a holiday musical from the Jubilee!**

This holiday musical returns to the Jubilee stage for the first time in several years with the original music audiences have grown to love. "God's Trombones" is a musical celebration that will lift your spirits and rock your soul.

Jubilee Theatre presents**"God's Trombones"****Dec. 2-26****506 Main Street****Jubilee Theater****www.jubileetheatre.org****On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me...season's greetings from UNT.**

Get into the seasonal spirit with Holidays with the One O'Clock, the annual holiday-music bash hosted by the One O'Clock Lab Band, the University of North Texas' acclaimed jazz ensemble.

Holidays with the One O'Clock**Performance to be held in McDavid****Studio, 301 East 5th St.****Friday, Dec. 17, 8 p.m.****www.basshall.com****On the 10th day of Christmas my true love sent to me...toys, ballet and Tchaikovsky.**

Bring in the holiday season with Clara and her magical nutcracker prince as they embark on a thrilling adventure. Stunning costumes, dazzling sets and remarkable dancing to holiday music make the nutcracker a favorite family tradition.

Texas Ballet Theater presents**"The Nutcracker"****Dec. 10-24****(matinee and evening performances)****817.763.0207****www.texasballettheater.org****On the 11th day of Christmas my true love sent to me...Sinatra done "Vegas style" on New Year's Eve.**

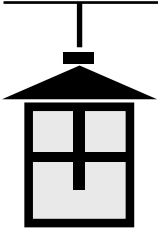
"Come Fly With Me," "My Kind of Town," "Strangers In The Night" — all these hits and more will be a part of the classiest New Year's Eve in town. This concert is the perfect way to ring in the New Year.

A New Year's Eve Tribute**to Ol' Blue Eyes****<http://fwsymphony.org>****Friday, Dec. 31, 8 p.m.****On the 12th day of Christmas my true love sent to me...a celebration of the epiphany!**

Come see a grand musical celebration with origins dating back to the 16th century. The festival celebrates the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus, the power of goodness triumphing over evil, and the blessings of the New Year. Reserved seating \$12, general admission seating is free.

Jan. 8-9**(performances at 3 and 5 p.m.)****University Christian Church****2720 S. University Drive****817.926.6631****www.universitychristianchurch.org**

Operation Porch Light



The Fairmount Neighborhood Association is launching Operation Porch Light once again during the winter months.

We would like to encourage all residents to install energy-saving fluorescent light bulbs in your porch lights and leave them on all night long.

According to crime prevention statistics, increased lighting reduces both petty and serious crimes by as much as 60 percent. Furthermore, increased lighting

makes it safer for our residents to walk and exercise in the evenings despite the early sunsets.

Energy Star qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs use 75 percent less energy than a regular incandescent bulb and can last 10 times longer.

So, please turn on your porch lights at dusk and leave them on until the next morning.

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Photo by Nan Miller

Left to right: Yoshie Ichihara, Gloria Moraes and Clemilde Castro during a recent visit to Fort Worth as part of a Friendship Force International cultural exchange with Belem, Brazil.

Program provides international exchange

Nan Miller recently hosted three guests from Belem and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in her home at 2221 6th Ave.

Gloria, Clemilde and Yoshie visited downtown, the Stockyards and Cultural District and took day trips to Dallas and Granbury. Texas cowboys impressed the ladies, but they also enjoyed Nan's spacious historic home. All are members of local chapters of Friendship Force International (FFI).

The organization's mission is to promote world peace by better understanding other cultures, and thousands of week-long exchanges have occurred during FFI's 35 year history.

Nan has hosted numerous international guests since the Fort Worth club began in 1986. You may have noticed the club's International Garden recently installed in Bluebonnet Circle which commemorates each of the exchanges to Fort Worth.

For more information on the program, visit www.fffw.org.

Outside Your Old House

by Susan Harper

With any luck it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. The kind we like — lots of Christmas lights and short sleeves!

By now all your leaves should be raked and mulched or bagged and gone. Your perennials are all snug in their mulched beds for the winter. If you planted fall crops, you should still be harvesting spinach and lettuce, carrots and parsnips. For gardeners, this is the season to browse the seed catalogs and choose next years annuals. I'm especially partial to Burpee's and Park's Seeds for all the extra information they give you. Bluestone Perennials is a wonderful source for plants you might not find in local nurseries that thrive well with minimal water. And White Flower Farms and Wayside are catalogs to aspire to.

If you didn't get larkspur seedlings last year and want some for spring, let me know in January or February. That's the best time to transplant. Throw an old sheet or light-weight blanket over your semitropicals — the Plumbago and Hibiscus when it freezes and you can often pull them thru the winter. If it's a dry winter, water your beds on the warmer sunny days to keep the roots happy.

And don't forget the birds. Once the flush of fall harvest is over, they'll be grateful for the seed and suet you put out. They also need fresh water.

Enjoy the season! See you in the garden next spring.

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December Yard of the Month by Tabitha Tow Burns



1921 S. Henderson

Photo by Edward Mayfield

Congratulations to December Yard of the Month winners, Bill and Sallie Gerhart, at 1921 S. Henderson. The Gerharts, former residents of Fort Worth's West Side, purchased their new construction home in 2009 after many years of admiring the neighborhood.

The Gerharts' four children all live nearby or in the neighborhood, but the true home owner is Baby Kitty. He is master of all he surveys and wanders randomly all around his domain. He regularly brings mice, birds, or geckos for dinner, and while he may wonder where his gifts are deposited, the Gerharts will never tell.

The Gerharts' yard is anchored by

two lovely white crepe myrtles that flower throughout the summer and frame the house year-round. Along the porch, mounding dwarf Indian Hawthorns yield beautiful pink flowers in the spring. In celebration of fall color, vibrant mums line the front steps and the sidewalk in containers. These replaced the summer-friendly petunias that previously flowered in the same place.

The front porch is covered on the right side by a wild vine (of indeterminate origin) that has lovely small purple flowers all summer.

Annual sweet potato vine and vinca previously welcomed visitors on either side of the front porch, but have now

been replaced with rosemary, cyclamen and pansies. Accenting the front yard is a delightful old wheelbarrow filled with more vinca and a spreading ground cover. A row of showy yellow rose bushes bloom on the south side of the house all summer and offer waves of pastel petunias flowing over the retaining wall.

With beautiful seasonal color the Gerharts (and Baby Kitty) offer a fine example of year-round gardening, and the sumptuous colors of nature's bounty.

Thank you to CC's Touch of Nature for the \$35 gift certificate awarded to our homeowners, and thank you to Bill and Sallie for sharing their beautiful yard of the month with us.

Home tour preparations underway

We're pleased to announce that Chelsie Thornton and Ashley Paz, both seasoned professional event planners, will co-direct the 2011 29th Annual Fairmount Tour of Homes. Chelsie and Ashley have lived in Fairmount since 2004 and 2006 respectively, and are proud to be taking an active role in such a prestigious neighborhood event.

Home Tour Nominations

The committee will soon be making decisions regarding which homes will be featured. The more homes there are to consider, the better the tour will be, so please let them know today if you'd like to nominate a property.

E-mail the address and any pertinent details to HistoricHomeTour@gmail.com.

Get Involved

Want to be invited to the biggest

neighborhood party of the year? In exchange for a few hours of your time, you'll be rewarded with food and fun aplenty at Wine Down.

Every year, the Fairmount home tour requires over 150 volunteers to act as docents and ticket takers, as well as individuals to help set up tents and help clean up the neighborhood.

Volunteering for the home tour is a great way to support the neighborhood. Proceeds from the tour are the primary source of funding for all neighborhood improvement projects, promoting preservation of Fort Worth's architectural history and introducing new people to the area.

Volunteering for the Fairmount Tour of Homes also provides a fun way to get involved in your neighborhood and get to know your neighbors.

Silent Auction and Crafts

Do you provide a product or service for the community? Consider making a donation to the silent auction to be held in conjunction with Wine Down. Donations may be tax deductible.

Are you or someone you know interested in showcasing artisan creations at the crafts fair? If so, please contact us today. Space is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Share Your Thoughts

All are welcome to attend Home Tour Committee meetings to lend support and share ideas. Meetings will begin in January, exact dates to be determined.

If you're unable to attend or would like to share information before then, feel free to e-mail HistoricHomeTour@gmail.com.

Happy Holidays!

RECIPE FOR HOMEMADE SPICED EGGNOG: Serves 8-12 YUMMY!!!

Ingredients- 6 eggs, 1 can sweetened condensed milk, 1 tsp vanilla extract, 1 quart milk, 1/3 pint heavy whipping cream, 1 pinch ground nutmeg, 1 pinch salt.

Directions- 1. Beat eggs, mix in condensed milk, qt. milk & salt
2. Beat the whipping cream until soft peaks form. Fold into egg and milk mixture and sprinkle with nutmeg. Served chilled.

Options- Add 1 1/2 cups dark rum, amaretto or bourbon. Use a blender for a quick method.

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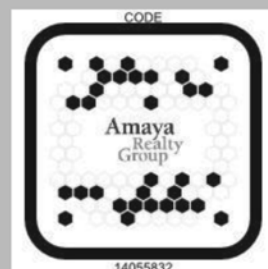
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What style is YOUR HOUSE?

Author Mike McDermott explores house styles and discusses architectural details found in Fairmount homes

by Mike McDermott

There is no simple answer. Everyone who asks me wants a tidy one-word answer, but I see their eyes glaze over as they listen to a more complex answer than expected. If you don't really want to know, don't ask! This is Mike McDermott. You should know better.

So, maybe you'd prefer to read about the subject at your leisure. When you feel overwhelmed, put down the newsletter or turn the page. You can come back to it later.

At the turn of the 20th Century, something began in parts of the U.S. — “organic” architecture, and much of it can be attributed to the American Arts and Crafts movement. This particular use of the phrase is not to be confused with what we think of today — making holiday decorations or macramé or scrapbooking. Instead, the term was part of an overall movement, first in Great Britain, then in the U.S. and abroad. It was a protest against the industrial revolution and extolled the virtues of both reconnecting with the natural world and encouraging

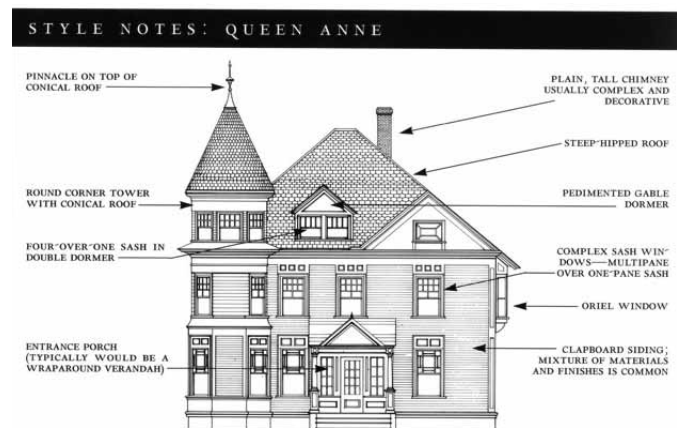
John Ruskin and William Morris in England, and Gustav Stickley, Frank Lloyd Wright and others here, felt all things in the home must be both beautiful in their simplicity and useful.

handmade things. The movement also set forth the idea of simplifying daily life with less bric-a-brac, less furniture and fewer objects meant simply for show. The result was a turn from the more lacy feminine cluttered styles of the late Victorian era to a more hunkered down masculine look, including rich darker colors and lots of exposed rich dark wood inside. The leaders of the movement, John Ruskin and William Morris in England and Gustav Stickley, Frank Lloyd Wright and others here, felt all things in the home must be both beautiful in their simplicity and useful. They felt their movement was one of “sincerity and honesty” and would make us all, as a nation, a better people. The 1917 ad above from my recent book, Fort Worth's Fairmount District, is a good example, explaining how the bungalow will change your very destiny!

At the same time, styles and forms of domestic architec-

ture left over from the latter half or revived from the early half the previous century, such as the Queen Anne or Colonial styles, that were incorporated into the new architecture or still being built were part of the mix. Thus, there are only a few textbook examples of any early 20th century type of architecture. Rather, most are a composite of the many new and old ideas melding at an important time in American history — the beginnings of the first original domestic architecture. Here are the important styles of the day from which the homes in our district are derived:

Queen Anne



This style so associated with all of late 19th century America is named for an English ancestor of the British monarch for which the era in which it evolved is named—the Victorian Era. Victorian is not a style but a time period in which many styles of architecture occurred. The Queen Anne style was initially characterized by multiple gables and half-timbering of English derivation, but evolved somewhat into the form we recognize at left. Usually one or two gables, often multiple surface materials

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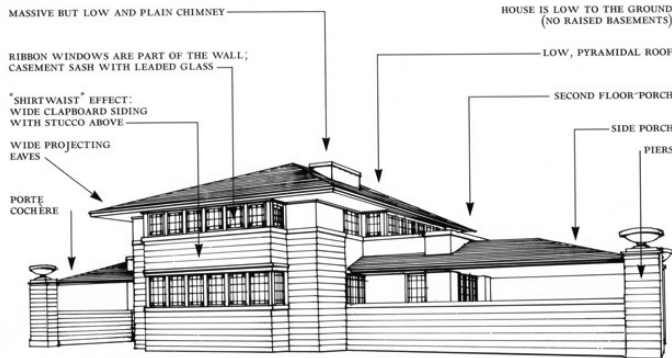
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such as shingles and siding, a square or round turret and a high-pitched hipped roof or roofs. In the south, the first story was usually surrounded by an elaborately decorated porch, punctuated with machine cut scrolls and beaded spandrels known as “gingerbread.”

Prairie Style

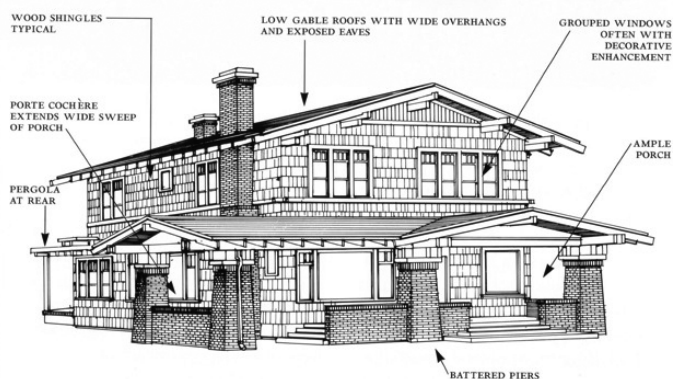
STYLE NOTES: THE PRAIRIE SCHOOL



Characterized by its low profile and more horizontal lines, flat or low-hipped, pyramidal roof lines with wide overhanging eaves, it is clean and simple. Windows were in bands of two or more, casement or one over one and the wood dividers in each sash — known as mullions or muntins — were executed in geometric designs. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright, Prairie movement founder, most often executed these designs in leaded glass enclosed in casement style windows. He strongly believed the overall house should be OF its surrounding landscape, therefore, a low elongated house for the long flat prairie landscapes of the Midwest, hence the name “Prairie style.”

Arts and Crafts

STYLE NOTES: ARTS & CRAFTS

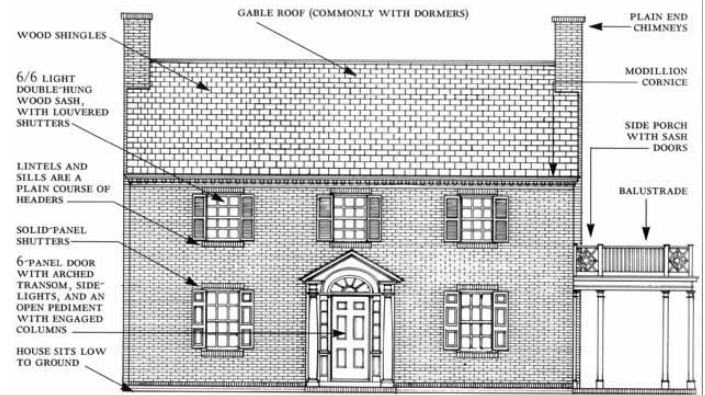


Most often one-story but sometimes two. Like its cousin the Prairie style, the Arts and Crafts version of the bungalow was relatively low in profile, had bands of windows grouped together and was meant to be of its landscape as well instead of in competition with it like the Queen Anne. The greater difference was that the A&C bungalow, though simple, was not as “clean.”

The finishes on this style were siding or shingles cut in straight lines or undulating. The eaves usually were not boxed in but had the ends of the rafters (rafter tails) exposed on the outside as well as tapered or intersecting support posts on the wide expansive porch, which could be topped with one or many low gables.

Colonial and Classical Revival

STYLE NOTES: COLONIAL REVIVAL



The two most revived styles — they hardly ever went away — were Colonial and Classical Revival. These styles include elements that evoke the temples of Greece and Rome and the symmetry of our first colonial homes. Round columns — simple Tuscan, Ionic scrolled or leafy Corinthian — are hallmarks of this category as are dentil molding and the classic closed triangular gable over the entry. This style also includes gambrel, or barn shape, gables and roofs. All these elements are found within our district.

I call the next two categories house “forms.” Both have been called forms, shapes and even styles. They start, at least in Fairmount and many similar neighborhoods, with bungalow and foursquare. The L-plan form, also found in the oldest parts of the neighborhood, is a derivative of the Queen Anne. The bungalow is generally a one or one and ½ story house, low-pitched roof with at least one gable, overhanging eaves, and a wide often asymmetrical front porch. The foursquare starts as a basic two-story box with a pyramidal or hipped roof, often with a central dormer, and deep front porch. The one-story versions, sometimes called a “builder’s bungalow” are also prevalent. To these are added elements of the styles above, sometimes on theme, sometimes a mix of several, and you have the architecture of Fairmount.

If you want help to figure out the style and put a name to the elements, send photos of your home to msmcdermott@sbcglobal.net. A good clear frontal shot taken at a slight angle as to see partly down one side is best. In coming issues, we may use your photo as we discuss these styles. If your home has non-original elements, we can figure that out and maybe help you pick the right look for restoration. Be sure to include the address.

Fairmount residents featured in national magazines

by Patti Randle

Old House Journal

Mike McDermott's book, *Fort Worth's Fairmount District*, is featured in the January 2011 issue of *Old House Journal*. The article shines a national light on our wonderful historic district.

Earlier this year, Mike, Fairmount resident and one of our most dedicated keepers of architectural history, published his long-awaited book, part of the Images of America series. It features photos and stories from Fairmount's glorious, and not so glorious, past.

Mike also submitted before and after photos to the same magazine of the house at 2234 Hurley Ave. which was recently brought back to glory from the

ugly shingled box it had become.

The photos and information about one of the most amazing restoration projects in our neighborhood are the feature of the January 2011 *Old House Journal* "remuddling" article which was renamed "unmuddling" for this particular house. Be sure to get a copy of this magazine on newstands now.

Style 1900

The home of Fairmount residents Stacy and Eric Luecker appears in the Winter 2010-11 issue of *Style 1900* magazine.

Stacy is our Director of Communications and Fairmount newsletter

designer; Eric assists in the production and advertising sales for the newsletter and is a member of the Fairmount Historic Preservation Committee.

Before and after photos of the restoration of the living area of their now beautiful home are featured in the article "Mission Accomplished" which shines light on a truly well-done restoration project in each issue. Be sure to get a copy of this magazine too.

Congratulations to Eric and Stacy on a beautiful restoration and to Mike for his dedication to correct restoration. These neighbors have been instrumental in providing great publicity for our historic district.

Code violations — reminder list Submitted by Frances Look

Below is a list of items that are considered code violations in Fort Worth.

- Air pollution
- Animals, barking dogs, bites, dead, dog tied up in yard, rabid, relieving themselves in yards, stray/loose, too many dogs or cats, unregulated fowl (chickens, turkeys, etc.), unregulated livestock (cows, horses, etc.), unsanitary
- Apartments in disrepair
- Building, without a permit
Building, need code information before building
- Buildings, dangerous/dilapidated
Buildings, inspection of a new building
- Buildings, vacant and open
- Carports, new and existing
- Drug house
- Dumpster, being dumped overnight, people dumping into or around one that isn't theirs
- Fence, falling down (NOT just slats missing), fence too tall, in the right-of-way, or made of unregulated materials
- Garage sale, request a permit, continuous or without permit, illegal signs
- Graffiti
- Harborage for vectors (rats, mice, snakes, insects)
- High weeds and grass over 12 inches average height on yard or vacant lot, in a city park, drainage ditch, side of road, on the median
- Illegal dumping on city property (includes at the curb and on rights-of-way), private property (includes on vacant lots but not at curb)
- Illegal home business
- Junk and debris accumulation issue (NOT trash collection issue), harborage for vectors
- Mosquitoes
- Noise, excessive
- Outdoor storage of discarded, used or broken items
- Pools, stagnant, pools, unsecured
- Signs, illegally posted in the right-of-way
- Trash or recycling cart, not being stored properly, bulky waste that has not been picked up from the curb, missed pick-up, out too early
- Trash, stored on porch or yard (NOT at curb or in cart), harborage for vectors
- Trees, hanging down over the sidewalk or other public property
- Vehicle, broken down/junk in the street, broken down/junk on private property (NOT in street), in the street blocking the view of traffic, oversize parked in the street, oversized commercial in neighborhood (NOT RV and not in street), parked on front or side yard (NOT in street or back yard), stored in the street for more than five days
- Water pollution
- Water service, none to an occupied property
- Water, stagnant or unwholesome on private property, stagnant or unwholesome in a storm drain



Photos by Tabitha Tow Burns

Leah (left) and Ethan Suasnovar help plant daffodils along Allen Avenue. 5th Avenue Greenhouse donated 1000 bulbs for the occasion.

Flower Power



Above: Neighborhood volunteers, including Elders Martinez and Favonella from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on 8th Avenue, plant bulbs.

Right: Brenda Howell, director of promotions, clowns around with a bucket of daffodil bulbs.

The Fairmount Garden Club invites you to a daffodil debut on Allen Avenue next spring. With a donation of 1000 bulbs from 5th Avenue Greenhouse, volunteers planted daffodils along three blocks. In addition to the Flags over Fairmount program that takes place each summer, the garden club hopes to make the planting an annual event until Allen, from Hemphill Street to 8th Avenue, is lined with golden daffodils.



Historic and Cultural Landmark Subdistrict



FAIRMOUNT SOUTHSIDE NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

GUIDELINES REMINDERS

by Sue McLean, Director of Historic Preservation

Historic guidelines are in place to help protect our structures from inappropriate alteration.

Any alteration to the exterior of any structure in the Fairmount Historic District requires approval from the Planning Department or the Historic Landmarks Commission. This includes:

- Alterations to all structures, whether historic (built before 1940) or newer (built since 1940)
- In-kind replacement of features and replacement with other materials which are not in-kind
- Replacement windows, doors, porch flooring, siding and columns
- Demolition of current and building of new: garages, sheds, or additions to the structure
- City approval is not required for paint or repair

Paint

- Paint colors may not be bright fluorescent and should be appropriate to the style of the structure
- Unpainted brick and other masonry like concrete caps, hadite blocks, and stone may NOT be painted!
- Repainting previously painted brick should try to mimic natural brick colors. (Natural brick does not come in yellow, pink, turquoise, black or green)
- Members of the Historic Preservation Committee are available to give advice on paint colors and suggests starting with historic paint color brochures available from most of the leading brands.

Windows

Wood windows should be restored rather than replaced. Members of the Historic Preservation Committee are available to give advice on restoration of your wood windows, and to give referrals to known window restorationists. Restoration of wood windows is actually cheaper than buying new wood windows, and they can be made energy-efficient.

- Windows found to be un-restorable must be replaced in-kind.
- Any type of windows may be replaced with restored

wood or new wood windows but they must be of the same size and configuration as originals such as 1 over 1, 3 over 1, etc.

- Metal windows may be replaced with metal windows or upgraded to wood windows
- Vinyl windows are not allowed (except on commercial non-contributing non-historic structures as an upgrade from metal)

Front Doors

Original wood front doors should be repaired, not replaced.

Original wood front doors found to be un-restorable may be replaced in-kind with a similar style door or one that is appropriate to the style of the structure. Members of the Historic Preservation Committee are available to give advice on restoration of your wood doors, or to help you select an appropriate replacement front door.

Columns

Original columns must be restored or replaced in-kind with columns having the same visual appearance including dimensions and matching brick (if they were brick).

Replacing wrought iron or inappropriate 2x4 or 4x4 lumber columns is encouraged. Members of the Historic Preservation Committee are available to give advice on selecting appropriate replacement columns.

The current guidelines are available online at: www.historicfairmount.com Select Fairmount Design Guidelines from the main menu.

Contacts for the Planning Department:

Jamie Zwolak 817.392.8037

James.Zwolak@fortworthgov.org

Any questions, further explanation, or printed copies of the Fairmount Design Guidelines, contact:
Sue McLean 817.313.6618 or e-mail Sue.McLean@att.net

Resources at your fingertips

Fairmount on the Web

The Fairmount Neighborhood Association website provides a wealth of information for residents as well as those exploring moving into the neighborhood.

If you have not visited online in awhile, be sure to explore the resources available at www.historicfairmount.com.

Some of the things you can find on the Fairmount website are:

- Recent neighborhood announcements and news
- A calendar of upcoming events
- Fairmount design guidelines
- Neighbor recommendations for contractors and businesses
- Links to research historic property
- Community Garden updates and

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- Photos of homes in Fairmount organized by street
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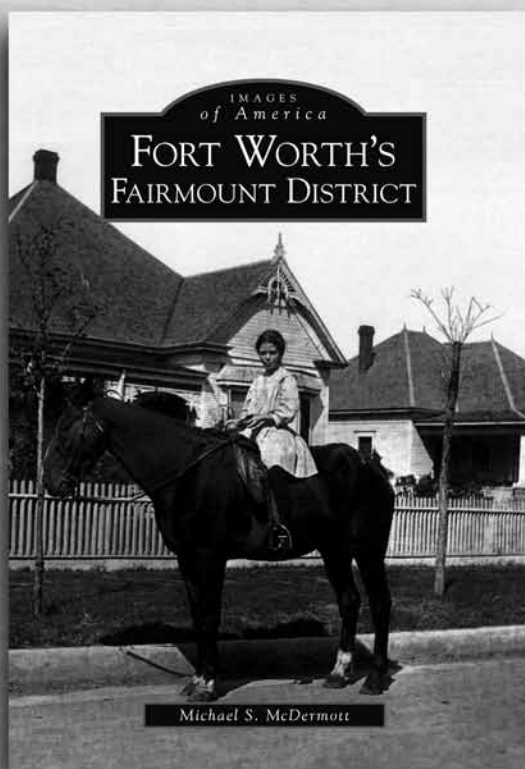
Research Your Home

When beginning to research your property there are many ways to find information about previous owners and the property itself. A few options are:

- **Tarrant County Appraisal District** (www.tad.org) The property data search allows you to perform searches on your property

for previous owners as well as current tax information. Information dates back to 1984.

- **Tarrant County website** (www.tarrantcounty.com/egov) Click on the link for real property records under County Clerk for information on sales and deeds on a property. Records date back to 1970.
- **Deed Card Search** (<http://taxoffice.tarrantcounty.com/TaxDeed.htm>) Research ownership and property history prior to 1984 including original building materials and any additional structures on the property. Find more research links online at www.historicfairmount.com.



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1405 Fairmount

Photo by Eric Luecker

Fairmount Endangered Properties

by Sue McLean, Director of Historic Preservation

A year ago we produced a list of what we considered to be Fairmount's most endangered structures. This past year has brought both good news and bad news for them, and more have been added.

1507 Alston — has been sold and is undergoing major restoration including removing and replacing the brick façade and continuing the interior work that several previous owners had started. Thank you Alyssa Banta!

1425 Alston — sales contract pending, to be restored.

1405 Fairmount — Fairmount Neighborhood Association and Fort Worth South saved from city demolition. To be stabilized and resold for restoration.

1723 Adams — sold and undergoing renovation.

1908 College — actively undergoing restoration again. Go Scott!

1939 Hurley — for sale, deemed restorable by the Fairmount Historic Preservation Committee.

2114 Hurley — demolished, new house being constructed.

2256 College — plan/materials in place to restore front porch.

More Fairmount Endangered Structures:

1316 S. Adams

1700 Alston

1507 Fairmount — for sale

1509 Fairmount

1420 Washington

1612 Lipscomb — for sale

1518 Lipscomb — for sale

804 Morphy

1900 Henderson — for sale

1906 Henderson — for sale

2008 Fairmount

1728 Washington — for sale

1950 Lipscomb

1724 Alston — for sale

1966 Alston — for sale

2004 Alston — for sale

2019 Lipscomb — restored, sold and occupied. Thank you Surinder Gill and welcome new neighbors!



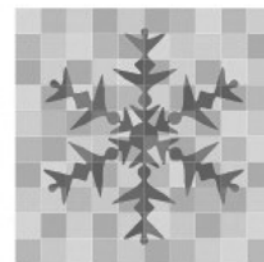
1425 Alston

Photos by Sue McLean



1507 Alston

If you know anyone who would like to restore a house, there are some good deals in Fairmount right now and several are at foreclosure prices. In addition, sale prices for a restored Fairmount house are better than ever.



Greater Fort Worth WELLNESS COMMUNITY

The Greater Fort Worth Wellness Community intends to bring Healers & Teachers of the Greater Fort Worth region together in an organization that expands the community as a whole, raises individual participants and maintains ethical relations between all.

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1907 SUGGESTIONS AND RECIPES

Wrinkles

If you have lost any teeth that will account for the lines, otherwise you should not have wrinkles before sixty. There is no other treatment that will take the place of massage for obliterating the wrinkles.

— H. C.

To Arrest Falling Hair

Scalp massage will arrest falling hair almost immediately. Be sure to get the treatment from someone who understands her profession. Improper massage is worse than none.

— L. B.

To Induce Sleep

When one is overtired or worried and cannot sleep, being gently rubbed all over with a towel wrung out of hot salt water generally has the desired effect. Deep breathing fresh air through the nostrils is also excellent.

— T. O. C.

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Lockheed employees gain points for volunteering

by David Thrapp

If you are an employee of Lockheed Martin or have a friend that is, Lockheed has a great way to log your volunteer hours.

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the year to your group for your time.

This is a great attaboy for you as an employee and you can help the Fairmount Neighborhood Association, Citizens on Patrol or South Side Preservation with a little donation from Lockheed Martin.

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Bourbon Balls (c. 1975)

- 1 c vanilla wafer crumbs
- 1 c chopped pecans
- 1 c confectioner's sugar
- 2 t cocoa
- 1/4 c bourbon
- 1 1/2 c white corn syrup (Karo)

Mix all ingredients well. Roll into balls. Dust with additional confectioner's sugar if desired. Refrigerate.

Great Aunt Etta's Divinity

(Lived in the 1300 block of Fairmount in the 1970s)

- 1/2 to 1 c chopped pecans
- 1/2 c white Karo syrup
- 2 c sugar plus 3 t
- 1 cap full of vanilla
- 2 egg whites

Put Karo syrup and 2 c sugar in sauce pan. Heat and stir until sugar melts. Bring to a boil and cook until sugar threads. In large bowl, beat egg whites. Add 3 t sugar and beat until foamy. Pour sugar mixture into egg whites while beating on high. Shake in some salt, a capful of vanilla and pecans. Stir until stiff. Turn out onto greased cookie sheet.

Lesson learned: Divinity will not set up when there is high humidity or rain.

*Submitted by Nan Miller
From the Foust Family Favorites
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Thank You

The Smith family at 2230 College Ave. would like to thank their relatively new neighbors, Jesse and Jeanette Guadian and their family, for the great improvements they have done to their house at 2227 College Ave. All of your hard work has definitely lifted the look and the property values of the block. It's nice to have good neighbors. Thanks!

Liaison Needed

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

Free Magazines Available

I have back copies of *Old House Journal*, *Old House Interiors*, *Victorian Homes*, *American Bungalow*, and others. Some of these go back 9 or 10 years. The magazines are free to anyone that can use them. Contact Harry Hoyt Lacey at 817-781-0002.

COP Classes in 2011

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

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Sign-up NOW and your membership is good through 2011.

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

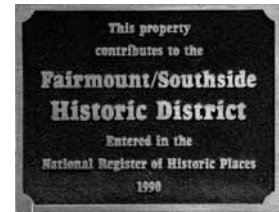
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 6Fairmount Neighborhood Association board meeting
- Dec. 9 Historic Preservation Committee meeting
- Dec. 13 Landmarks hearing
- Dec. 18Fairmount Holiday Party (*See page 6*)
- Dec. 19Fairmount Holiday Lights Contest judging
- Dec. 20 Bulk trash collection (*Third Monday of the month*)
- Dec. 20 Landmarks filing deadline (5 p.m.)
- Dec. 25Christmas Day
- Jan. 1 Happy New Year
- Jan. 10 Newsletter submission deadline

Automobile Window Etching

The Fort Worth Police Department offers free window etching on automobiles. Etched window glass sends a message to car thieves that they don't want to steal the car.

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David Thrapp 817.923.4807

E-mail: FMCops@att.net

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Daggett Paper-Recycling Program

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

Get Your Fairmount Curb Numbers

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

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

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



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

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

Name: _____

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